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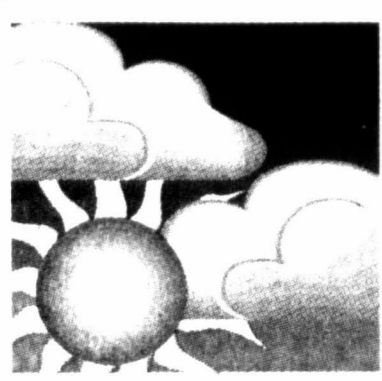
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PAMPA — The Paws Plus 4-H Dog Club will hold an open match Sunday at the Clyde Carruth Pavilion at Recreation Park, with the public invited to attend. Trophies will be presented in the junior showmanship classes, with rosettes for groups and best in show and trophies for obedience classes. Judging events will include confirmation, showmanship and obedience, with awards for best of breed in each breed and best of show. Mixed breeds also will be included. There also will be awards for best puppy and best adult.

Entries will begin at 9 a.m., with judging starting at 10:30 a.m. and junior showmanship at noon. Entry fees are \$5 for the first entry and \$1 for additional entries.

There will be concession stands and booths with doggie items.

For more information, contact Lynn Ledford at 665-5622 or Vicky Ebencamp at 665-3917.

FRITCH — Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates National Monument Superintendent Patrick C. McCrary announced today that the fire danger readings are very serious, with a fire danger rating of 5 Extreme.

Current fire and weather conditions have made it necessary to ban campfires throughout the Recreation Area, except at three designated campgrounds.

"We feel small, attended campfires will be safe at the designated campgrounds at Cedar Canyon, Harbor Bay and Spring Canyon (Stilling Basin)," McCrary said. "Lake visitors can use containerized stoves in the other designated campgrounds. Fires of all kinds are banned outside of the designated campgrounds."

Lake officials will lift the ban when the fire dangers moderate, he said.

PAMPA — The Gray County Republican Executive Committee will meet Monday, Feb. 26, at 6:29 p.m. at the Republican Headquarters, 120 W. Kingsmill, Hughes Building, Suite 101.

ISLA DEL TIBURON, Mexico (AP) — Fishermen have recovered a government plane which crashed off the coast of the northern Sonora state while on a drug reconnaissance mission.

The newspaper *El Imparcial* reported that fishermen used scuba equipment on Thursday to help retrieve the plane, which crashed on Feb. 17. None of the four crew members was injured.

Fishermen rescued the four victims, all working for the attorney general's office.

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Blake Laramore named Citizen of Year

Blake O. Laramore, long involved in Pampa Masonic and veterans activities over the years, was named as the 1995 Citizen of the Year at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's 67th annual banquet Thursday night.

"There are many citizens in Pampa who are deserving to be named the Citizen of the Year," said Ben Shackelford, outgoing chamber president.

"This year's recipient is an unassuming person not seeking recognition, only one who goes about helping others in a quiet manner."

"I didn't think they could catch me without a lot of things to say, but they sure did. ... They took me by surprise," said Laramore as well wishers gathered to congratulate him.

"How can you say? It's awesome. He's just got a servant's heart. This is the first time we've socked it to him," said Laramore's daughter, Karan Cross of Pampa.

Laramore is a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM and received his Master Mason degree in 1958. He is a member of the York Rite, a charter member of the Lubbock Scottish Rite and a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo.

In 1971, he was District Deputy Grand Master of the 98th Masonic District. He has conferred all three degrees of Masonry on his brother, his son, two nephews, his son-in-law, two grandsons and a grandson-in-law.

Shackelford noted that Laramore saw a need for someone to conduct Masonic funeral rites, so in 1969 he learned the services and has conducted over 277 Masonic burial services for Masonic brothers. He has driven several hundred miles, at his own expense, to conduct these services, he said.

Laramore has been responsible for raising thousands of dollars for the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital.

In other activities, Laramore enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, the same year he was married, and was stationed at the Pampa Army Air Field and Ellington Air Force Base. During his years in Pampa, he has been active in veteran activities and with the Pampa Army Air Field Reunion Association. He was instrumental in fund raising that helped create the Freedom Museum USA through the PAAAFRA and the Veterans of the Foreign Wars.

Letters accompanying his

nomination write in praise of his unselfish love he so generously gives his family and to the many people he has helped through the years.

Laramore, at age 13, moved with his family from Arkansas to Sunray and then later to Pampa, where he graduated from Pampa High School. He worked in grocery stores and markets and learned to butcher.

After his discharge from the military in 1945, Laramore worked at a number of different meat markets in Pampa. In 1951, he opened a retail grocery store and meat market and was in the grocery business until 1971, when he opened a meat packing plant in Pampa which he operated until 1981.

In 1980 he went to work for a fund raising company, and in 1993 he became a fund consultant for Kathryn Beich, a Nestle company, involved in fund raising.

He has been an active member of the First Baptist Church, where he has served in many areas from greeter to cooking for special church dinners.

He and his wife, Billee, are the parents of Gary Laramore, Panhandle, and Karan Cross, Pampa, and they have three grandchildren and two great-grandsons.



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Blake Laramore, seated, was honored as 1995 Citizen of the Year by the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce on Thursday. He was joined by his son Gary Laramore, Pampa; his daughter, Karan Cross, Pampa, and his bride of more than 50 years, Billee Laramore.

Texas Natural Resources Commission grants permit for new landfill for city

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Closing and opening; closing and opening; it's the perpetual cycle of trash.

Pampa officials learned earlier this week that a permit to open a new 147.8 acre landfill has been granted by the Texas Natural Resources Commission.

The permit process began in July, 1992 when commissioners authorized EMCON Baker-Shiflett to proceed with preliminary design and the studies necessary to apply for permission to open a Subtitle D landfill.

The permit was approved Dec. 29, 1995, and according to City Manager Bob Eskridge, construction is expected to begin in early 1997.

The landfill, located east of Loop 171, will replace the existing landfill which Public Works Director Richard Morris said may be full within the next 30 days.

Ten-foot berms around four present landfill pits will extend the landfill's use by about 18 months, he explained.

"We have the plan of closure approved and the permit for aerial extension has been approved for the existing landfill," he said.

Estimated cost of closure is \$600,000, which includes the final cover, shaping and moni-



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

toring for 30 years, Eskridge said. The new landfill will be constructed pit by pit with 16 "sectors" planned. Each sector has a four to five year life expectancy. They vary in height between 70 and 80 feet and will be lined with clay three feet thick.

"Subtitle D makes you entomb garbage in a dry pit," explained Eskridge.

Terms of the permit require seven monitor wells around the

perimeter of the site and a leachate collection system for the bottom of each pit, he said.

Eskridge expects it to cost \$1.3 million to dig, line and install the collection system in the first sector.

"When we go out for debt, we have to get money to close the old site, do some roadwork, do design engineering on the site, and we've got to replace our equipment," he said.

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PEDC directors hear consultant's report

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Members of the board of directors of Pampa Economic Development Corporation heard words of praise from a man hired to develop a strategic plan for the city.

"We have been looking for your warts," said Joe White of Pathfinders Inc. "We may have found a few skin blemishes, but not warts."

Pathfinders of Dallas is under contract with PEDC to develop a strategic plan for marketing Pampa. Its employees are evaluating the city now.

Pampa has many salable assets, including a favorable tax rate, electricity and natural gas costs, White said.

He said he judges the labor force to be productive and available, although there are gaps in some skill areas.

"It seems to me the leaders and

people of Pampa have a vision. It's just not been articulated," White said.

A public meeting will be held to describe Pathfinders' assessment in late March, he said.

White said the town does not seem to be divided on what they want.

"The vision most people say ... we need to bring in new jobs to Pampa. They say it over and over," White explained.

The board declined, however, to enter an agreement for Pathfinders' Quick Strike program which aims to jump start economic development.

White told them it is too early to begin the direct mail, telemarketing campaign, but mid-April would be perfect for Quick Strike.

The group agreed to wait until the March meeting to decide on the Quick Start proposal.

During his report, Executive Director Jack Ippel told the board:

- The labor survey is going well with over 450 responses in.

- A company recently toured Pampa and was coming for a second visit.

- Crall Products closed a building sale on Tuesday and representatives are looking for equipment to expand operations.

- Pampa is nearing completion of a homepage which is estimated to cost \$75 per month.

- In other agenda matters, the board:

- Took no action after an executive session to hear a personnel committee assessment of Ippel.

- Accepted the resignation of Ernest Ramirez due to job responsibilities.

- Accepted the audit report presented by Tom Grantham of Grantham, Cory, Call and Heare PC.

PEDC has received \$273,997.18 in sales tax revenue for the fiscal year which began Oct. 1, 1995.

Chamber directors looking forward to new goals for '96

Ben Shackelford was honored as the outgoing president and Bill Wade was recognized as the incoming president of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce during the organization's 67th annual banquet Thursday night at M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

Wade presented Shackelford with a plaque in honor of his service to the Chamber during the past year.

Shackelford reviewed the Chamber's activities during the past year, which ranged from meeting with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce representatives to increase communication between the two agencies to helping provide assistance to those affected by the June 8, 1995, tornado.

Shackelford also noted the Chamber serves as the initial contact for many people and businesses seeking to inquire more about the Pampa community, sending out brochures and information packets and meeting with visitors coming to the city.

In addition, the Chamber oversees the use of the Pampa Community Building.

During the past year, 16 Chamber members went to Austin for the Texas Panhandle Day with state legislators and state agency representatives, helping to inform them of the needs and concerns of the Pampa area, Shackelford said.

The Chamber also has helped with business promotions, the Celebration of Lights project and other continuing community activities such as the Top O' Texas Rodeo and the Christmas parade.

The Chamber remains busy throughout the year, often in ways that the public may not

be familiar with, Shackelford said.

Wade discussed upcoming goals for the Chamber in 1996, including increasing communications with the city, county and Pampa Economic Development Corporation and working with other area entities for the betterment of community relations.

The Chamber also will continue to inform the public of upcoming events through the Community Calendar and work in other ways to publicize the Chamber's activities, Wade said.

Also recognized at the banquet were the retiring directors.

Serving as officers of the Chamber Board of Directors for 1996, in addition to Wade, will be Dr. Joe Lowry, president elect; Randy Watson and Richard Stowers, vice presidents; Billy Smith, treasurer; and Shackelford as immediate past president.

Board directors for 1996 will be Fred Brook, Billie Bruner, Seleta Chance, Ted Dickman, Tom Ethredge, Kerrick Horton, Paulette Kirksey, Jerry Lane, Mary McDaniel, Jerry Moore, Bill O'Brien, Larry Orman, Dawson Orr, Mike Parker, Mary Alice Roberts, Tom Spencer, Wayland Thomas and Doug Ware.

Serving as ex officio board members are Jim Morris, Pampa Industrial Foundation representative; Richard Peet, Gray County judge; and Faustina Curry, Pampa city commissioner.

Also recognized at the banquet for their service were the Chamber staff members: Nanette Moore, executive vice president; Shirley Jernigan, bookkeeper; Aubrey Roberts, administrative assistant; and James Taylor, building superintendent.

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Walking the puppy



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Megan Lewis, left, 9, and her sister Melissa Lewis, 7, take their new two-and-a-half-month old puppy, Odis, 2, for a walk Thursday morning on Somerville. They are the children of Gene and Jannie Lewis.

Clinton nominations expected to go smoothly

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton may have had to engage in a little arm twisting to assemble his trio of nominations for the Federal Reserve, but initial indications are the team will pass muster with the Republican Senate, even in this politically charged election year.

Clinton announced late Thursday that he would nominate Alan Greenspan to a third four-year term as Fed chairman and that he had chosen White House budget director Alice Rivlin for the No. 2 spot at the central bank.

Clinton also chose Laurence H. Meyer, a respected economic forecaster and professor at Washington University in St. Louis, for a third seat on the seven-member Fed board that has been vacant since Boston banker John LaWare resigned nearly a year ago.

First reaction to the new nominations was favorable, in sharp contrast to the strong Republican objections that had forced the withdrawal last week of Clinton's first choice for vice chairman, New York investment banker Felix Rohatyn.

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, promised a speedy consideration of the nominees and said he was "not aware of any impediment" to their approval.

Sen. Connie Mack, a Banking Committee Republican who had led the opposition to Rohatyn, said, "I haven't had an opportunity to review in depth their positions on price stability, but the first indications are positive."

Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, hailed Greenspan's re-nomination as "extremely reassuring" to financial markets and praised Rivlin and Meyer for their "impeccable credentials" as economists.

The financial markets did seem impressed, as the Dow Jones industrial average gained 92.49 points, its biggest one-day advance in five years. Analysts gave part of the credit to market happiness with news reports of Clinton's choices, especially the reappointment of Greenspan.

The selection of Greenspan, a Republican who has good ties with the Clinton administration and Wall Street, had been expected. But Clinton's choice of Rivlin to replace Alan Blinder, who resigned in January as vice chairman, came as a surprise.

Just three weeks ago, she had bluntly signaled her desire to remain as budget director, saying "no way, no how" was she interested in the Fed post.

Asked about this by reporters in the Oval Office, Clinton joked that he hadn't "lost all my powers of persuasion. Battered and bloodied as I may be, I can still, once in a while, make a good argument."

Administration officials said Rivlin had been convinced that she was needed more at the Fed, an agency with vast powers over the economy through its control of interest rates.

Clinton's re-election chances hinge in no small part on how well the economy performs. He had wanted to nominate Rohatyn,

who has been openly critical of Fed policies, arguing that the economy can grow at a faster rate than the Fed's current target of around 2.5 percent without generating higher inflation.

Clinton had complained bitterly last week after Rohatyn removed himself from consideration, saying he had hoped to spur a debate inside the Fed over whether technological changes had made it possible for the economy to grow more rapidly.

Clinton told reporters Thursday he believed Rivlin and Meyer would be able to carry out that debate. He noted that Greenspan during two days of testimony this week had acknowledged it was an issue the Fed already was studying.

Greenspan, who was first picked as Fed chairman by President Reagan in 1987 and re-nominated by President Bush in 1991, has fostered a close relationship with Clinton, extending crucial support to the new president's deficit reduction program in 1993 and last year defending Clinton's Mexican bailout.

Meyer, in addition to his teaching duties, also heads up an economic forecasting firm in St. Louis, and twice has won annual awards as the most accurate private forecaster, a fact Clinton noted.

Administration officials said no decision had been made on who would replace Rivlin as budget director. She took over that job when Leon Panetta was named White House chief of staff in 1994.

Group used representative's name without permission

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman so vehemently denies any connection to a fundraising event for a Los Angeles policeman convicted of beating Rodney King, he's willing to back it with \$1,000.

Both he and a spokeswoman for Legal Affairs Council, which sponsored the Thursday night event on behalf of former officer Laurence Powell, denied any involvement by the Republican congressman from Texas.

Stockman says he'll make a \$1,000 contribution to the campaign of Democratic rival Nick Lampson if he can unearth anything to document his claim that Stockman was connected to the fundraiser.

Lampson seized on the men-

tion of Stockman as a supporter of the fundraiser, calling Stockman a member of the "extremist fringe."

Julie Donnelly, an administrative assistant for the council, said the group would issue a statement today saying it should not have used Stockman's name in promotional material because he never gave his permission.

Cory Birenbaum, Stockman's chief of staff, said Thursday night that no one from Virginia-based Legal Affairs Council ever talked to Stockman about using his name as a sponsor for the event.

"They did not get his permission... This is an event that Steve had nothing to do with," Birenbaum said.

Ms. Donnelly told reporters Thursday that Stockman agreed to be a sponsor, but said in an interview Thursday night she was mistaken and no one from Legal Affairs Council had talked to Stockman.

Ms. Donnelly had told reporters that Stockman wasn't appearing at the Thursday night gala but was among those who sent in videotaped speeches. The fundraiser is to help defray legal bills for former Los Angeles police officer Laurence Powell, who was released from prison in December after two years. Powell was in Washington earlier this week to witness the Supreme Court's consideration of his case.

Legal Affairs Council, a Virginia-based group, also raised money for Oliver North's defense in the Iran-Contra scandal. Stockman ousted 42-year incumbent Democratic powerhouse Jack Brooks in 1994, carving out an upset victory with a platform focused heavily on opposition to gun control. While he has been harshly critical of federal law enforcement — particularly the government's conduct against the Branch Davidians — Stockman is a booster of local law enforcement. Powell and Koon were acquitted in state court in 1992 of charges related to King's beating, sparking widespread rioting in Los Angeles. After they were acquitted, Koon and Powell were prosecuted in federal court for violating King's civil rights.

State briefs

Lion takes five-hour stroll through suburban park

PLANO (AP) — For five hours, Ronald Ross' pet was the king of Shamrock Park.

That was until authorities put a leash on his African lion, Simba, after a morning stroll through the park near Lake Lavon in rural Collin County north of Dallas.

There were no injuries, but park dwellers had a few tense moments.

"The neighbors were ill at ease, to say the least," said Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife Capt. James Wilson. "It's pretty scary to see a 200-pound lion on the loose. But it was not a threatening animal. I hate to say it, but he's just an overgrown kitten."

The cat was first reported spotted in the park about 10:30 a.m. Thursday, sheriff's department spokesman Lt. John Norton said.

Ross joined four deputy units, a veterinarian from nearby Allen, a representative from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and three games wardens on a mid-morning suburban safari.

The cat, apparently calmed by Ross' presence, succumbed to the leash, Wilson said. Ross did not have a permit to own the 14-month-old cat, which should eventually grow to twice its current size.

Member of Thelma and Louise' duo gets 10 years

HOUSTON (AP) — In the movie *Thelma and Louise*, the title characters went down together. The real-life version won't turn out that way.

Joyce Carolyn Stevens, who made up half of the duo accused of using a telephone dating service to meet and rob men, was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison

after pleading guilty to three charges of aggravated robbery.

Ms. Stevens, the 31-year-old daughter of a Houston minister, gave prosecutors a detailed account of her exploits with Rose Marie Turford, 36, as part of the plea bargain.

"She made a written, sworn statement outlining everything that occurred," prosecutor Dan Rizzo said. "The how and the why."

Police believe the two netted some \$250,000 in cash and goods by robbing about 10 men in Texas.

Ms. Stevens could have faced 99 years in prison, defense attorney William Burge said. She won't be eligible for parole for five years.

Border patrol to begin beat on bikes

HARLINGEN (AP) — Some U.S. Border Patrol agents will soon trade four-wheel drive trucks and night vision goggles for bicycles and helmets in intensified efforts to keep undocumented immigrants out of the downtown area.

The use of bicycles is an attempt to stem the tide of illegal workers in rail yards and other areas in Harlingen, police say.

"We have a lot of them, especially around Gutierrez Park and the freight yards," U.S. Border Patrol agent in charge Travis Johnson said Thursday. Agents report catching on average of 60 illegal immigrants a day near the rail yards.

Two uniformed Border Patrol agents will join a Harlingen police officer on bikes beginning April 1, Johnson said.

Drought and worsening economic conditions are driving more Mexicans northward, so the plan is welcomed news to some business owners.

Appeals court rules in father's favor, not school's

HOUSTON (AP) — Robert Lett has fought for nearly three years to see papers relating to his daughter's grades. A court finally has ruled in his favor, but Lett isn't rejoicing yet.

"It's a victory for me, but until I find out whether the school district is ready to quit, I don't have anything to celebrate," Lett said. The 14th Court of Appeals on Thursday upheld the right of parents to obtain documents from a school district regarding the education of their children.

The decision reverses a July 1994 ruling by state District Judge Scott Link, who had said the district was entitled to withhold the documents.

The suburban Houston Klein school district could appeal to the Texas Supreme Court.

The school district's attorney, David Feldman, did not immediately return a telephone call from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Lett sought documents from Klein Independent School District after his daughter, then a seventh-grader, brought home bad conduct marks in spring 1993.

Lett wound up in court after cit-

ing the Texas Open Records Act to see papers he thought contained information on his child's behavior.

He first contacted the school district after his daughter, Crystal, received three poor conduct grades. School officials said they would look into it and they took notes during their investigation. Lett wanted to see their findings but the district refused.

After he sought the papers under the open records law, Klein officials responded by requesting an opinion from the attorney general.

The attorney general sided with Lett and said the district must release the information, but school officials still refused and filed suit in Harris County against both Lett and the attorney general.

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Sunflower vests



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Gwen Douthit, left, of Pampa, and her sister Marlene Bryan of Sunray, kid around while taking a sunflower vest class Thursday morning from instructor Nona McLanson at Sand's Fabric. McLanson instructs classes on seasonal and specialty vests.

California 'freeway killer' executed, third in 30 years

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. (AP) — The man known as the Freeway Killer was executed by injection early today for torturing and murdering 14 boys and dumping their nude, mutilated bodies along Southern California highways. William Bonin, just the third person executed in the state in 30 years, declared in his final statement that the death penalty "sends the wrong message" to America's youth. He said anyone contemplating "anything serious against the law" should first "go to a quiet place and think about it seriously." Bonin, 49, executed in a room that used to serve as the gas chamber, was the state's first inmate put to death by injection. California had not had an execution since August 1993.

David McVicker, who was kidnapped and raped by Bonin, witnessed the execution, and proclaimed: "It is justice. Bonin is gone." McVicker burst into tears while watching the execution and embraced a woman sitting next to him. Relatives of two victims brought photographs of them into the chamber and clutched the pictures closely as the execution proceeded. Later, in the parking lot of a motel a few miles from San Quentin, about a dozen or so friends and relatives of victims gathered to toast Bonin's demise. McVicker passed paper cups around, then filled them with Champagne. "I put this thing to rest a long time ago. He got the easy way out, not like the guys he killed," Steve Kendrick said.

Kendrick's brother Darin was 19 when Bonin kidnapped him from his job as a supermarket boxboy, strangled him and jammed an icepick into his ear. Bonin had been on death row for 14 years for the murders that terrorized Southern California in 1979 and 1980. Bonin's victims, ages 12 to 19, were sexually abused, tortured and, except for one, strangled. The exception was a 17-year-old German tourist, who was stabbed about 70 times. "Justice has finally been done," Gov. Pete Wilson said in a statement. "I hope and pray that the families and loved ones of Bonin's victims may finally find some peace."

Nation briefs

Scandal rocks 'beautiful downtown Burbank'

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — This staunchly middle-class suburb of Los Angeles, built by blue-collar defense workers, has never seen anything like it.

The town that Johnny Carson immortalized as "beautiful downtown Burbank" — home of the Walt Disney Co. and its family-values fare — is rocked by a sex scandal that seems more akin to the soap operas cooked up at neighboring NBC.

A prominent school fund-raiser, 51-year-old Salle Dumm, is accused of seducing a 17-year-old Burbank High School football player last summer after both had been drinking.

At Thursday's preliminary hearing, where Dumm was ordered held for trial, the teenager described an erotic massage, a kitchen-counter note that urged "Meet me in my room," and, before a brief consummation, Dumm's alleged remark: "Do it for the team."

Dumm, her graying hair frosted and in a short coiffure, dabbed her eyes during the boy's testimony. She did not look at him. Outside court, she collapsed weeping into the arms of friends.

Fox news president exits media operation

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News President Joe Peyronnin is leaving the fledgling division he joined a year ago and helped build into a

national news operation. Peyronnin's exit comes less than a month after News Corp. chief Rupert Murdoch's Jan. 30 appointment of former CNBC President Roger Ailes as chairman and chief executive of Fox News. Peyronnin said he had stayed on to smooth the transition period, and to oversee Fox's first-ever coverage of the Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire presidential primary. He said he didn't know what his next job would be.

Goldman attorney investigating new developments

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lawyers are investigating reports that Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman met with a therapist days before they were killed and that O.J. Simpson had threatened Goldman.

It wasn't clear whether Ms. Simpson and Goldman met together with the therapist, Jennifer Ameli, or what impact the reported meeting might have on the wrongful-death lawsuit against Simpson.

Adding to the mystery are police reports showing that files were stolen from the therapist's office and that she was followed and threatened.

Lawyer Daniel M. Petrocelli plans to ask Ameli about a published report that the victims told Ameli that Simpson had threatened Goldman just before the killings, Goldman's father said.

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Religion

Pampa pastor calls clergy conference 'life changing'

Editor's note: The Rev. Roger Hubbard, pastor of the Bible Church of Pampa, attended the 1996 Clergy Conference for Men held last week in Atlanta's Georgia Dome and sponsored by Promise Keepers. Hubbard supplied these observations on the meeting and his response to the "Fan into Flame" conference which recorded 42,000 men in attendance.

There are two great "Goliaths" facing the church today - denominationalism and racism, according to former coach of the Colorado Buffaloes Bill McCartney.

McCartney, who has left college football to lead Promise Keepers, was the first speaker at the "Fan Into Flame" conference Feb. 13 where 42,000 pastors gathered to hear his vision of how God will bring revival to the church in America.

McCartney said none of those now trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation have seen the church united in this nation.

"We have all been born in America after the denominations were in place and were using their doctrine to separate and isolate, even when we were trusting in the same Savior," McCartney said.

As far as racism is concerned, he said prejudice and discrimination were common characteristics of people who claim to know Christ and are seeking to follow Him.

Until we step out by faith and slay these two giants of denominationalism and racism and bring unit to the church of Jesus Christ, then our efforts to fan the flame of revival will be futile, he continued.

Other speakers at the conference included Dr. Tony Evans, a regular on American Family Radio, who challenged pastors to

go back to the burning bush experience when God first called them to the ministry. He said God does not pastors to a partial career, but calls them to a lifetime commitment of preaching and shepherding God's people.

Pastor Jack Hayford encouraged pastors to a consistent time of personal worship which includes Bible reading, prayer and singing. He stressed physical posture such as kneeling or lying prostrate before God as a way to enhance the pastor's personal relationship with God.

Dr. Joseph Stowell, president of Moody Bible Institute, challenged pastors to give their families priority above their ministries.

A favorite target of Satan, he said, is the pastor's family in order to discourage the man of God and ultimately get him out of the ministry.

Quality time and consistent time with the family is essential to enduring the stresses of ministry and keeping your home as a safe haven for rest, Stowell said.

"Be Christ to your wife," Stowell said teaching from Ephesians 5 about how husbands, especially pastors, should love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her.

"Our children are not impressed with our busy schedule," Stowell said, "so we as fathers must get into their world and nurture them there."

Dr. Charles Swindoll, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, spoke from Isaiah 6.

He showed that when God wants to use a man, that man must first be broken.

To close the Wednesday session, pastors broke into small groups and prayed for revival in their own lives and the churches where they serve.



The Rev. Roger Hubbard, left, and the Rev. Tom Ochoa, Ft. Wayne, Ind., became friends during "Fan into Flame," a conference for pastors sponsored by Promise Keepers.

Hubbard said for him the most moving part of the conference was when pastors were asked to take steps toward unity.

These steps were steps of faith toward slaying the Goliaths of denominationalism, Hubbard said. Pastors were given an opportunity to seek out members of other denominations attending the conference.

"Upon finding these brothers in other denominations, we apologized to them for the unkind and judgmental things that we had said about them and their denomination. Then, representing their entire denomination, that brother forgave us for our acts of unkind spirit.

Later, we were given an opportunity to approach our black and brown and yellow brothers in Christ to apologize for our discrimination and prejudice toward them. Then, representing their race, they forgave me for all those unloving things I have said and done. It was a very cleansing experience," Hubbard said.

The conference ended with 42,000 pastors taking communion from a hermetically sealed communion cups, not unlike a Lurchable.

Hubbard said the conference was a life changing experience. His only two fears are that the people of Pampa will not like him as he is now, and the people

will not want to "fan into flame" the fire of revival.

He said denominationalism and racism are so integrated into the culture of Pampa, that Christians in our community will not realize how these two giants have kept us from yielding to what God wants us to do in our lives.

The pastors pledged to refrain from derogatory comments about brothers and sisters in other denominations. The doctrinal statement of Promise Keepers is broad enough to take in all churches dedicated to the Bible and salvation by grace through faith in Christ.

Peripheral doctrinal differences are to be avoided, he said.

LDS Church hosts fireside, open house

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host a satellite "fireside" and open house at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25. The church is located at 29th and Beech.

Several well known members of the church will be featured on a special half hour television special to be broadcast on the church's satellite network.

Host of the program is Elder M. Russell Ballard of the church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, who interviewed his guests about the teachings of Jesus Christ and the impact on their lives.

Those interviewed by Ballard include Dale Murphy, former two-time baseball most valuable player for the Atlanta Braves; J. Willard Marriott, chairman and president of Marriott International Inc.; Ariel Bybee, who sings with the Metropolitan Opera; Stephen Covey, best selling author and chairman of the Covey Leadership Center; Sharlene Wells Hawkes, ESPN sports reporter and former Miss America; Catherine M. Stokes, health care administrator for the Illinois Department of Public Health; the Osmond Brothers, entertainers; Jon M. Huntsman, chairman of Huntsman Chemical Corp.; and Steve Young, quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers.

"The telecast will focus on the Heavenly Father's great plan of happiness that makes families happier and gives them direction," said Ballard.

Vatican lists top films from its perspective

By DAVID BRIGGS
AP Religion Writer

"Ben-Hur" made it. "The 10 Commandments" didn't. "Gandhi," "The Bicycle Thief" and the "Wizard of Oz" all made the cut. Not "Casablanca" or any film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger or Jean Claude Van Damme.

Call it the Vatican's guide to the greatest movies of all time.

In a document marking the centenary of film, a Vatican committee has selected 45 movies — from Charlie Chaplin's "Modern Times" to Ingmar Bergman's "The Seventh Seal" — that represent the best film has to offer from the church's perspective.

For those who view religious groups as unrelenting critics of Hollywood, there are a few surprises.

The movies the Vatican gives two thumbs up to include a number of films that take a critical look at religion, including Roland Joffe's "The Mission" and Luis Bunel's atheistic satire "Nazarin," and the R-rated "Schindler's List," in which nudity and violence are integral to depicting the horrors of the Holocaust.

The faithful are advised to scour their video stores for films ranging from "It's a Wonderful Life" to "The Lavender Hill Mob."

The Vatican list — modestly titled "Some Important Films" — was compiled as part of a larger effort during the 100th anniversary of filmmaking to encourage the faithful to be discriminating viewers of movies, according to Archbishop John Foley, head of the Pontifical Council on Social Communications.

In the United States, the Catholic Communication Campaign last fall launched an 800 movie review line to assist individuals in choosing movies and videos for their families. The church's Office for Film and Broadcasting reviews current movies for the phone-in line, which logged 100,000 calls in its first four months.

Foley and about a dozen other experts on film, including movie librarians and academics, compiled the list, which was sent to bishops' conferences around the world.

Some considerations that entered into the choices included opinion polls and the availability of films. The list is not exhaustive, the committee admits.

"It was not an attempt to canonize films, but it was an attempt to indicate what some good films are," Foley said.

The Vatican committee divided the films into three categories: religion, values and art.

Important films on religion, according to the Vatican list, included such familiar pictures as "Ben-Hur" and "A Man For All Seasons," the story of Thomas More.

Not all the movies selected presented flattering portraits of Catholics and members of the

Quiet Day set for Wednesday

A "quiet day" is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning, with the Rev. Robin Gantz as leader.

It will be followed by a Lenten meditation and soup lunch in the parish hall.

At 1 p.m. the quiet day will continue in the church and end about 2 p.m.

Gantz, parish associate at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, is an ordained Presbyterian minister. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University in Atlanta and a master of divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

She served as pediatric oncology chaplain at Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center in Atlanta and CPE supervisor-in-training at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston.

Prior to her return to Pampa in 1995, she served as associate pastor with a suburban congregation in Roswell, Ga.

She is volunteer chaplain at Coronado Hospital and serves as a retreat leader and supply

church hierarchy. In "Nazarin," hypocritical church members dump their priest for trying to live up to his faith by aiding a prostitute. In "The Mission," heroic missionaries in Brazil are undermined by a cynical church leader.

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DEAR ABBY: At 4 years old, my son John is getting to the age where he's occasionally invited to the homes of his schoolmates.

Last week, a parent I'll call "Mr. Smith" invited John to spend the afternoon at his home playing with his son. John had a great time, but when I picked him up, he described deer heads on the wall — and to my horror, the guns in the house!

Obviously, Mr. Smith is a hunter and there's no doubt that the guns John described were real.

I have decided not to let John go back, but I feel awkward bringing this up with the Smiths. I don't want to appear rude, since both parents are very much involved with the preschool our children attend.

Abby, I don't ever want my children in a home with guns, but how should I handle this without offending the parents?

CONCERNED MOM

DEAR CONCERNED: Your child's welfare must come first. Be up-front about it when an invitation is again extended. Tell the Smiths that your son mentioned the guns in their home, and you prefer that when the children play together, they do it in your home under your supervision.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Jose Fidelino interested me. My



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

wife was born in Laos. Her mother came from China and her father from Vietnam. She also lived in Thailand for several years, so she speaks many languages.

Since we now live in Long Beach, Calif., we're 20 minutes from Chinatown, 20 minutes from Little Saigon and five minutes from Little India. We have two children, and when we are all together, we get lots of stares. When my wife takes the children without me, she is asked lots of questions from strangers wanting to know where she got them (as if she had stolen them), but she takes it as a compliment and moves on.

As for people asking, "Where are you from?" I hear that often, but I do not take it as an insult. In the case of Asians, they are asking, "May I talk to you?" It is simply a sign that they are interested in you and are groping for a starting point. I have started many conversations with, "Where are you from?" And I found out that the best cakes

are from a Filipino bakery in Little India; the best soup is at a Cambodian restaurant in Little Saigon; the best dim-cha is in Chinatown. Also there is a beautiful Chinese temple in Hacienda Heights.

Americans are slowly opening their eyes to the Pacific Rim. While many people are unfamiliar with Asian history beyond the war stories, that is not to say we can't learn. Just give us time.

KENNETH SPICER, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I am amazed at the number of credit card receipts drivers leave behind after using their bank cards at gas pumps. This is very risky business because the account number is on the receipt.

Abby, please warn your readers either to take their receipts with them, or to press the "no" button when the computer asks if they want a receipt so that it won't print one.

CAREFUL ABOUT MY CARDS DEAR CAREFUL: Thanks for the warning. People should also take their receipts with them after using ATMs (Automated Teller Machines), and destroy them before disposing of them.

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

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Sunday, Feb. 25, 1996
Your hobbies might provide you with an additional source of revenue in the year ahead. Take care not to get involved with projects that are too complex or time-consuming.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may get involved unwittingly with someone who might try to impede your progress by means of underhanded methods today. Back off if you sense this development.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you let your ego get in the way today, you may not achieve an important objective. You might make wrong moves deliberately just to prove you're right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Associating with the wrong individuals in a collective endeavor today could produce undesirable results. Try to make rational selections.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Make concessions when dealing with friends and family today as long as they don't ask something out of line with your standards and principles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use common sense regarding the demands you place on yourself today. You will impair your efficacy if you attempt to do two or more things simultaneously.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who is not fond of you might make an attractive proposal today. Examine the package from top to bottom to see if there are strings attached.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're obstinate and inflexible today, you might run into people prepared to test your mettle.

Incidentally, these contests will not have victors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Although you have the ability to recognize faults in others, you find it easy to forgive most people. Unfortunately, you may not have this quality today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take a realistic, prudent stance in your commercial affairs today. Keep a tight hold on your bluff, but don't expect to get a lot for a little.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to lead today, you must first set the proper example for others to follow. If you try to wiggle out of your responsibilities, others will also.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might spend so much time worrying about the reliability of others that no one will be able to depend on you, either.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Try to temper your optimism with practicality today. Poor judgment may lead you to think the odds are in your favor when the opposite is actually the case.

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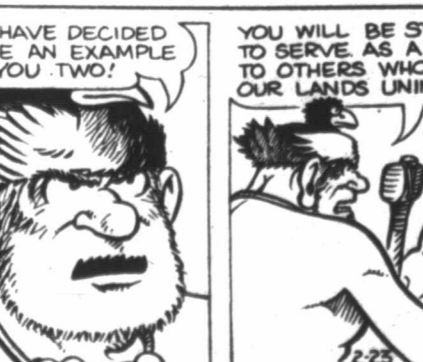
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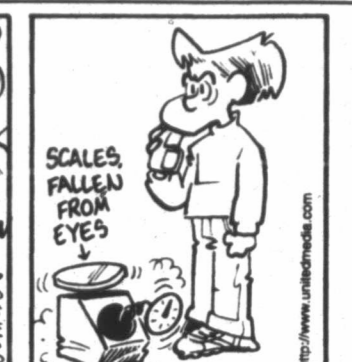
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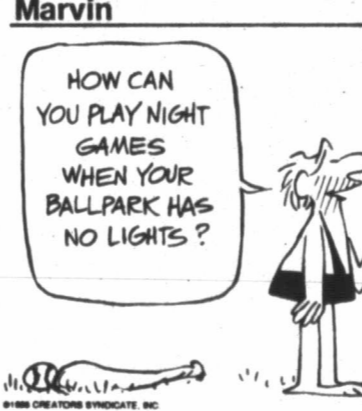
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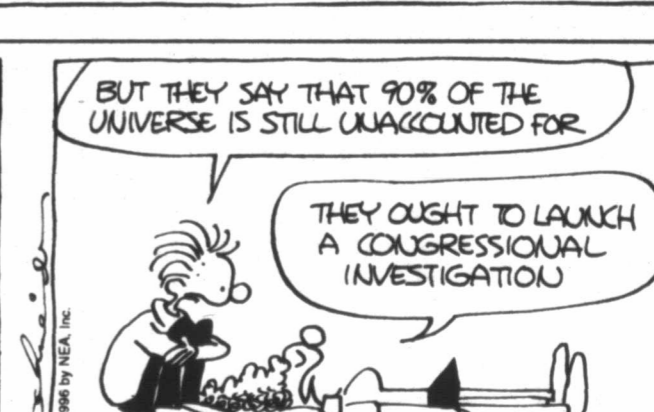
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Low rate of organ donations in Rio Grande Valley to be scrutinized

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Rio Grande Valley residents almost never donate their organs, so the South Texas Organ Bank is conducting market research this spring to try to find out why.

Last year, one person donated organs out of a population of about one million in the Valley. That is far lower than the national average of 20 donors per million people.

The Valley rate never was high but it has hovered between five and six donations per million people back to 1990.

That makes the recent drop even more worrisome, said Jim

Hayes, executive director of the South Texas Organ Bank.

"There is something going on that we just don't have a handle on. ... I honestly don't know what it is," Hayes said in Thursday's *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*.

The South Texas Organ Bank never before has conducted market research in the Valley. It hopes to learn more about prevailing cultural and religious obstacles that will help improve its educational approach.

The organ bank plans to hire a marketing research firm by mid-March.

The bank serves a 56-county

region in South and Central Texas.

Seven or eight people die every day nationwide waiting for a kidney, lung, heart or other organ transplant. As of late 1995, 43,344 Americans were waiting for organs.

In the Rio Grande Valley, headway has been made with doctors and other medical professionals, said Hilda L. Solis, coordinator for the Valley office of the South Texas Organ Bank. But with families, a convergence of cultural, religious and educational influences often blocks organ donation.

"We really think it has to do with the level of education, with them being more willing to accept the prognosis of their loved one," she said.

Despite the Catholic Church's support of organ donation, that message has not reached many people, Ms. Solis said.

"The members aren't aware that it's OK to be donors," she said. "They want to hold on to their loved one. When it's time to go, they want to go whole."

In Corpus Christi, the rate of donation has varied widely since 1990, according to the Southwest Organ Bank, which serves

Nueces and six surrounding

counties. The highest rate of 21 per million was reported in 1990. The lowest rate of nine per million was in 1994.

The high incidence of diabetes,

which is more prevalent among

Hispanics, also makes an adequate organ supply crucial for many South Texas residents, said Geri Carr, executive director of the National Kidney Foundation of the Texas Coastal Bend.

Judge ignores woman's pleas, boyfriend shoots and kills her

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge who ignored a woman's plea for protection and released her ex-boyfriend, who then shot and killed her, once confided to lawyers that he had beaten his wife, the *New York Post* reported today.

"Even I have beat my wife! It happens, and you can't always do something about it," Judge Lorin Duckman allegedly told lawyers in his chambers during an October 1991 trial of a man accused of beating his girlfriend.

The *Post* said the prosecutor in the case,

Bryanne Hamill, told her boss, "We have to get him off the case."

Duckman remained, and the defendant was acquitted of all charges, the *Post* said.

Steven Reed, a spokesman for the Bronx District Attorney's office, confirmed that Duckman had said in his chambers that he had personal experience with domestic violence.

But Reed declined to repeat the judge's words because of a current investigation into Duckman's actions.

After the case, Duckman was moved to a judgeship in Brooklyn and no further action was taken, the newspaper said.

Duckman declined comment Thursday when approached by a *Post* reporter.

The judge has been under fire for freeing Benito Oliver, after questioning how severely he beat his girlfriend, Galina Komar. Three weeks after his release, Komar was slain and Oliver committed suicide.

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