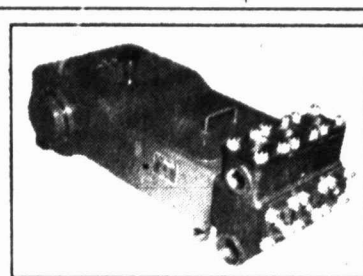


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NEWS

Sales only part of economic picture

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Recent news that Pampa's sales tax receipts this month were up by 16 percent over the sales tax figure for the same month last year, well ahead of a statewide average of 11 percent, is only part of the story.

The sales tax number is an indicator that business is doing well, or at least selling more items that are subject to tax in the Harvester City than a year ago. Due to conservative budgeting on the part of the city commission and city staff, it also leaves Pampa with some extra funds in what was an extremely tight budget.

Sales taxes, said John Horst, the

city's financial director, are paid by people who shop in Pampa, not just by residents of the city. The surrounding area, therefore, adds to the city's revenues.

"We've seen a surge in sales tax receipts," said Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant.

New businesses, such as the new Wal-Mart Super Store, are expected to increase the city's revenue from sales taxes in the future, Grant said.

Even with this good news, however, city officials admit that one of the core problems the city faces is not going away.

Pampa's population is declining, but the infrastructure is not. City streets still have to be maintained. There is

still a fire department and police department and sanitation department and other services, although they have been cut back.

The problem is there's fewer people to pay for these services. There is a smaller group over which to spread the costs, and that's the challenge the city commission has to face each year about this time when they begin developing a budget for the next fiscal year, a process which leads to the establishment of the city's tax rate in order to operate for another 12 months.

Grant said that the decline does not appear to be as much as it has been in the past.

"The numbers go up," he said, "and the numbers go down."

Grant said there is a lot more economic activity in Pampa right now.

He said that proposed budgets from each department are now being compiled. The city commission has asked for a balanced budget, Grant said, and he expects to present that to them for their consideration within the next month.

That balancing will be between cost cutting and expected income. Only part of that income, however, deals with direct taxes. With an almost \$2 million budget, much of the city's revenues come from sources other than taxes, Horst said.

A combination of city sales taxes and property taxes amounts to only

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Rumsfeld apologizes, takes responsibility, for prisoner abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Friday extended "my deepest apology" to Iraqi prisoners abused by U.S. military personnel and told Congress he accepts full responsibility for the shocking events.

"These events occurred on my watch. As Secretary of Defense, I am accountable for them. I take full responsibility," Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Rumsfeld took the witness chair after a week of controversy over the photographs of U.S. captors abusing their prisoners, often forcing them to assume sexually humiliating poses. Several Democratic lawmakers have demanded his resignation.

Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the committee needed to know "who knew what when, what they did about it, and why" were members of Congress not properly and adequately informed.

Rumsfeld had scarcely

uttered his opening apology when protesters interrupted him.

"Fire Rumsfeld," some yelled before they were hustled from the room.

Rumsfeld sat calmly in his seat while the room was quieted.

Moments earlier, he added his personal apology to the one that President Bush made on Thursday.

"I feel terrible about what happened to these Iraqi detainees. They are human beings. They were in U.S. custody," he said.

"To those Iraqis who were mistreated by the U.S. armed forces, I offer my deepest apologies."

Rumsfeld also referred to videos of the abuse, a reference to findings in a military report that there were "numerous photos and videos of actual detainee abuse taken by detention facility personnel."

Though a number of photographs have been leaked to the

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Praying for the nation



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Gloria Robbins, Linda Crawford and Tandra Rogers, from left, join others in bowing their heads in prayer during the noon hour Thursday at the Pampa observance of the National Day of Prayer. The 30-minute event included music by the Calvary Praise Band and short addresses and prayers by several Pampa pastors. Several hundred attended the event, held on the south lawn of Gray County Courthouse. The National Day of Prayer tradition dates back to 1775 and was made an annual event when President Harry S. Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress declaring the celebration. President Ronald Reagan declared the first Thursday in May as the annual day of prayer.

Cargill's doing school board homework

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

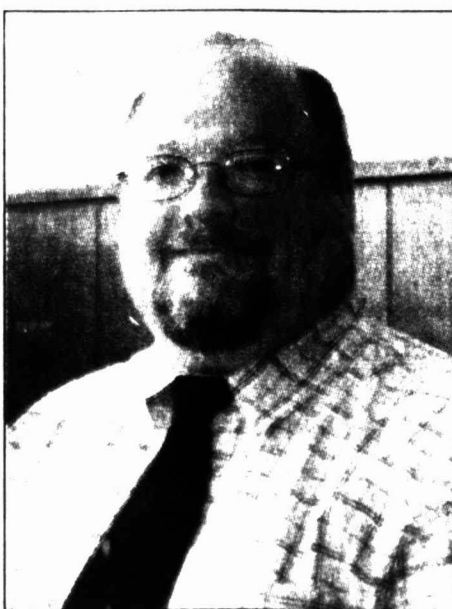
For almost a year now, Ken Cargill has been doing his homework.

He's studying for a tough exam. How well he does will be decided by the people of Pampa in the city/school election on Saturday, May 15.

Cargill and two others, Greg Brown and Willie Nickleberry, seek Place 7 on the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education. Incumbent Joe Martinez is running unopposed for Place 6 on the board.

Cargill began his study by attending school board meetings months ago.

"I've attended the meetings for almost a year," he said. "I'm already aware of the issues the board is facing. I know about the TAKS scores and I'm aware of the things Mrs. Smith (Pampa High School principal) is doing at the



Ken Cargill

high school."

Cargill attended a recent workshop for school board candidates hosted by Region 16 Education Center. He's

studied a guide for school board candidates, too, he said.

"I made sure I'm compliant with the law," he said.

He also reviewed the school calendar for 2004-2005 and arranged his business scheduled so there would be no conflicts, should he be elected.

He's trying to stay on top of the rapidly changing school finance situation in Texas.

"I'm following all the news from Austin, the regular news, plus what I get from the Texas Society of CPAs," Cargill explained. "That way I see it from a business and from legislative viewpoints."

"I already know what's going on so I can be a productive board member," he said.

Cargill said that if elected, academics will be his focus.

"We've got to improve our TAKS

scores," he said. He also wants to work toward making the entire school district exemplary. "That's my main thing," he said.

He supports extracurricular activities, he said. "I feel the better students are involved in extracurricular activities, but I feel we have to have our core curriculum first."

Cargill said he believes that since Governor Perry has taken office, the demands on teachers has increased, but state has not provided teachers with the "tools" they need.

Recognizing that as a school board member, he is limited in what he can do to provide those "tools," he added, "I can make sure we're spending the limited funds we have available in a proper way on the proper things."

As he said at a recent public forum, Cargill reiterated that "there's no fat"

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BLALOCK, Mitzie Carole — 2 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa.
McKEAN, Rena Bouchard — Memorial services, 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
MEDLER, Blanche Baker — Memorials, 2 p.m., Paramount Terrace Christian Church Chapel, Amarillo.
WEATHERBEE, William E. "Bill" — 10 a.m., Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.

BETTY M. KINDLE

FRITCH — Betty M. Kindle, 65, died Wednesday, May 5th, in Fritch.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Westlawn Memorial Park with the Rev. Alvin Ward officiating. Interment will be in "The Garden of Hope" at Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Fritch.

Mrs. Kindle was born Oct. 4, 1938, in

Pampa, Texas. She was a retired clerk for Phillips Petroleum Co.

Survivors include one son, John Sullivan of Houston, Texas; two daughters, Tonya West of Borger and Patty Parker of Amarillo; five brothers, Larry Frost of San Marcos, Texas, Bill Frost of Roswell, N.M., Hubert Wart of Fritch, Norman Frost of Eldorado, Kan., and Alvin Ward of Riverton, Wyo.; one sister, Norma Jean Ellis of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

BLANCHE BAKER MEDLER

AMARILLO — Blanche Baker Medler, 91, died Sunday, May 2, 2004. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Paramount Terrace Christian Church Chapel the Rev. Bob Schroeder, of Paramount Terrace Christian Church, and the Rev. Alan Williamson, Chaplain of Ware Memorial, will officiate. Arrangements are by Schooler Funeral Home.

Mrs. Medler was born in 1912 in Oklahoma City to Louis and Blanche Mades. After the death of her first husband, Leonard Baker, she married William E. Medler in Borger on June 11, 1981. She was an executive secretary, retiring from J.M. Huber Corporation.

She loved golf, bridge, swimming and traveling. She was a member of Paramount Terrace Christian Church. She had been in Amarillo since 1989 and was a resident of Park Place Towers.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Philip Baker.

Survivors include her husband, William E.

"Bill" Medler of Amarillo; a son, Dr. Thomas Baker and wife Sue of Pampa; three stepdaughters, Meredith Hodgkiss and husband John of Irving, Texas, Karla Jenkins and husband Allen of Borger, Texas, and Georgia Medler and husband Dave of Irving, Texas; grandchildren, Aaron Baker, Lane Baker and Landon Baker; stepgrandchildren, Greg Jenkins and Melissa Jenkins, Traci Johnson, Jacki Carlile and Jennifer Towery; and five great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176 or to Ware Memorial Nursing Home, 400 W. 14 St., Amarillo, TX 79101.



WILLIAM E. "BILL" WEATHERBEE

William E. "Bill" Weatherbee, 71, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, May 7, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ with Dr. Dan Powell officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Weatherbee was born Feb. 18, 1933, in Childress, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1963. He was the owner and operator of First Southwest Insurance Agency for the last four years. He married Linda Zeek on March 17, 1976, in Panhandle.

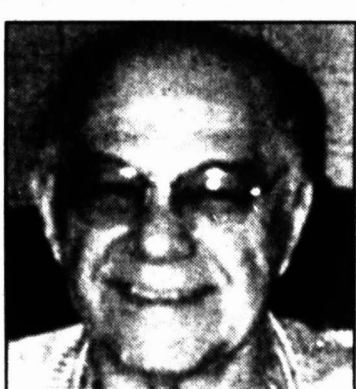
He was a member of the Central Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Weatherbee, of the home; two daughters, DeLana Augustin of Denver, Colo., and Shelli Connick of Lawton, Okla.; three sons, Kelly Zeek of Wahiawa, Hawaii, Kerry Zeek of Amarillo, and Jason Weatherbee of Lubbock; mother, Fay Weatherbee

of Pampa; 17 grandchildren, Bryce Weatherbee, Kyle Augustin, Dustyn Graham, Brittney Graham, Gage Zeek, Ian Augustin, Joryn Zeek, Madison Connick, Travis Zeek, Dakota Connick, Kirstyn Zeek, Dayana Frogge, Brielyn Zeek, Jaxon Chaney, Maegyn Zeek, Jasper Chaney, and Elizabeth Connick; and Special Friend, Jimmy Chaney. He was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce Phipps, and a daughter, Cheryl Harrison.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly sunny then partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, highs in the upper 80s and south winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the lower 60s and south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday should be partly cloudy skies. A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs around 90. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Sunday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60. Monday, partly cloudy.



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Highs in the upper 80s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows around 60.

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MITZIE CAROLE BLALOCK

Mitzie Carole Blalock, 47, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Born July 6, 1956, in Pampa, she was a lifelong resident of Pampa. She married Robert Blalock on Dec. 26, 1973, in Pampa. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

She was employed by IRI in the blueprint department, working until 1981.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Blalock of Pampa; one daughter, Brandy Blalock of Pampa; mother, Dorothy Brewer and husband Troy of Pampa; father, J.P. Wright and wife Wanda of Pampa; three sisters, Vickie

Leshner and husband Tim, and Staci Proctor, all of Pampa, and Angie Brewer of Amarillo; four stepsisters; one stepbrother; and one granddaughter.

Christian Martinez. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmie Blalock on July 12, 1997.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 937 Wilcox in Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.



ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, May 5

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of Gordon.

Jerry Mulanax, 20, 908 S. Wells, was arrested in the 800 block of Locust on a warrant for speeding.

Thursday, May 6

A runaway was reported at Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler.

An information report was taken in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen.

Johnathan Munn, 39, 1156 Varnon Drive, was arrested on a blue warrant to revoke parole on a charge of aggravated assault.

Friday, May 7

Jessica Smith, 23, 1012 Duncan, was arrested at the intersection of Browning Avenue and Ballard Street for possession of a controlled substance greater than four grams and less than 200 grams, possession of a dangerous drug, and *capias pro fines* for failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure to appear.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, May 6

Andres Vasquez, 23, 526 N. Dwight, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Misty Lee, 38, 415 Harvey, was arrested for a probation violation on a charge of forgery.

Keith Franks, 26, Lefors, was arrested for criminal mischief.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Thursday, May 6

5:59 p.m. — A 1995 GMC Sierra, driven by Adam Parks, 19, 1255 Wilcox, and a 1983 Chrysler New Yorker, driven by Oscar Sanchez-Pina, 33, 315 E. Kingsmill, collided in the intersection of Starkweather Street and Kingsmill Avenue. No injuries were reported. Parks was cited for following too closely and expired vehicle registration.

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City begins annual mosquito control program

The City of Pampa has begun spot fogging problem areas for mosquitoes and insects for the first time this year, officials announced today.

"This is just a reminder (that) if citizens do not want

their property sprayed, they need to call 669-5760, extension 3," said Kimberly Lincycomb, public service superintendent.

The product Biomist is dispersed through an ultra low volume sprayer, according to a

city release. Larvacide will be applied to Red Deer Creek. The product is Bacillus thuringiensis, Serotype H-14. Roundup Pro and Pendiflex, herbicides, are being applied to grass and weeds on the streets.

Citizens should keep their grass cut and empty any containers of water around their property, Lincycomb said in the release.

"Stagnant water and high grass are where mosquitoes breed, she said.

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ABUSE

media, no videotapes have been made public.

Fresh disclosures surfaced as Rumsfeld went before the committee, the first of two such appearances during the day.

In Geneva, the International Red Cross said it had warned U.S. officials of abuse of prisoners in Iraq more than a year ago.

"We were dealing here with a broad pattern, not individual acts. There was a pattern and a system," said Pierre Kraehenbuehl, director of operations for the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Answering a question many lawmakers have posed, Kraehenbuehl said the abuse went beyond detainees held at the Abu Ghraib prison in the

Baghdad area.

Despite calls from Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry and other Democrats for resignation, no congressional Republican has called on Rumsfeld to step down. And the defense secretary drew a vote of confidence on Thursday from President Bush, who declared flatly "he'll stay in my Cabinet."

Congressional Republicans made plain their unhappiness that they learned of the abuse from the news media.

Warner and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., both expressed their displeasure that they had not been informed earlier.

Levin noted with "deep dismay" that Rumsfeld and Gen. Richard Myers, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had briefed the panel about Iraq in a classified session last week but

did not mention the scandal the government knew was about to break in the news media.

Consultation with Congress "is not supposed to be an option but a longstanding and fundamental responsibility" of administration officials, Levin lectured Rumsfeld.

The committee session was televised live in the United States and in the Arab world, as well. Both Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya, the most popular television news stations in the Middle East showed the proceedings with simultaneous Arabic translation.

U.S. officials have accused both stations of bias in their coverage of the war in Iraq.

The broadcasts offered Rumsfeld and lawmakers an opportunity to say repeatedly that the abuses by captors in the Abu Ghraib prison outside

Baghdad were an aberration. "It contradicts all the values we Americans learn," said Warner.

The hearing unfolded as The Wall Street Journal reported details from a Red Cross report that found widespread abuse Abu Ghraib, sometimes "tantamount to torture." The previously confidential report delivered to the Bush administration earlier this year raised allegations of prisoners kept naked in empty cells, beaten by coalition forces, and fired on from watchtowers, killing some.

A British tabloid said British soldiers punched and kicked prisoners held in Iraq and one corporal poked a detainee's eye until the man screamed. British authorities are investigating the authenticity of photographs published last week in the tabloid, the Daily Mirror.

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about 25 percent of Pampa's income. The remainder of the city's income for the general fund is derived from franchise taxes on electricity, telephone and cable systems; court fines, and sanitation charges. The city is also paid about \$130,000 by the county for firefighting services outside the city limits.

And there's water, sewage and landfill charges.

Hidden Hills Golf Course is funded by annual memberships, driving range fees, green fees and cart fees.

The budget for the M.K. Brown Civic Center and Auditorium comes from the city's hotel and motel tax, which runs about \$104,000 a year, according to Horst.

Lovett Memorial Library,

by law, gets a three cents per \$100 valuation break on property taxes. While the library is generously funded by the library foundation, it does receive some subsidy from the city's general fund, Horst said.

While the city sets the fees for these operations and services, one of the few real controls Pampa has over its income is the property tax rate, which is set each year by the city commission.

Unlike sales taxes, which include sales on items to people coming to Pampa from outside of town to shop, the city's property taxes impact only local landowners within the city limits.

Part of the property tax the city receives goes to pay off debt, Horst said. The remaining property taxes go into the gen-

eral fund to operate the city.

Horst said the present property tax rate is 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

"Our tax rate hasn't gone up for three years," Horst said.

Individual taxes may have gone up because of reappraisals, but Horst said, some taxes may have gone down because of reappraisals.

In addition to the 69.5 cents the city gets, the county's property tax rate is 49.56 cents per \$100 valuation, and the school district's rate is \$1,554. Pampa landowners pay approximately \$2.65 per \$100 of their property's value to local taxing entities.

Comparing Pampa property taxes to other communities is more complicated than comparing sales taxes, Horst said.

Some cities, Horst said, are

subsidized by companies and plants outside their city limits that might draw on city services.

While he said that he doesn't have any recent studies, the figures that he's seen puts Pampa about in the middle of property tax rates for cities of similar size.

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in the PISD budget.

"But we can be careful where we spend our money and what programs we spend it on," he said.

"I'm a firm believer in reading," he said. "In my experience, the children who have had parents who read to them since they were small do much better."

He'd like to see more programs that encourage parents to read to their children and also continue summer reading programs.

"I've been around education for 20 years — my wife, my sister-in-law, and many friends," he said. "I know what's going on."

Cargill is a certified public accountant and registered representative for New York Life Securities.

He and his wife Dana, an elementary curriculum coordinator for PISD, have two children, Cameron, 19, and Jacklyn, 15. Cameron has just completed his freshman year at McMurry University in Abilene. Jacklyn is a freshman at Pampa High School.

Cargill holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Wayland Baptist University and has worked toward a masters of business administration at WBU-Amarillo campus.

An active member of the community, he is a member and past officer of the Pampa

Lions Club and belongs to the McMurry University Parents Association. He coached soccer with the Pampa Soccer Association and volunteered with the HOSTS Math Program at Wilson Elementary. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve, Texas Army National Guard and U.S. Naval Reserve.

He is a director on the Child Protective Services Board and a past director of the Crisis Pregnancy Board. He is a member, past deacon and treasurer of First Christian Church. He also served as a director and treasurer for Pampa Aquatics Club and as a director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pampa.

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FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, May 6

12:45 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

2:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a reported gas leak in a vacant house in the 1200 block of Duncan. No leak was found.

6:05 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Kingsmill and Starkweather. Firefighters cleaned up vehicle fluids spilled as a result of the wreck.

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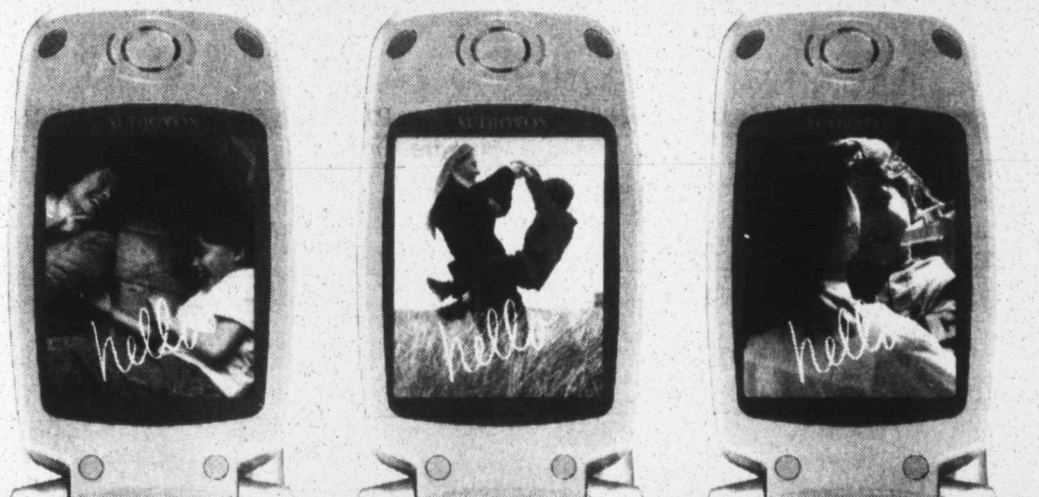
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Fox Family



(Courtesy photo)

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, plans a worship service featuring "The Fox Family" of Nashville, Tenn., shown here, at 6 p.m., Sunday, May 16. The public is invited to attend.

RELIGION IN BRIEF

Second Sunday Gospel Singing set for May 16

The monthly Gospel Singing, usually held on the second Sunday of each month at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, has been changed to the third Sunday for the month

of May, to avoid conflict with Mother's Day activities.

The singing will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, May 16. Everyone is invited.

Rushing Wind Emmaus community to meet

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will be gathering for food and fellowship on Saturday, May 8, at Waka Christian Center in Waka. A covered dish dinner will begin at 6 p.m., wor-

ship at 7 p.m., and sponsors training will follow. A nursery is provided.

Anyone interested in the Walk to Emmaus is welcome to attend.

How can God's book be lost?

Who lost God's book?

Once in Old Testament times, somebody lost God's book. Look at 2 Kings 22:8-13 and 2 Chronicles 34:14-21. These are two different accounts of the same story.

The nation of Israel split after Solomon died in about 930 B.C. The 10 northern tribes began to be referred to as Israel and the two southern tribes were usually called Judah.

In about 640 B.C., after 57 horribly wicked years under the rule of Manasseh and Amon, Judah found an 8-year-old boy named Josiah on the throne. At age 16, he began to seek a deeper walk with the Lord.

Then, at age 20, he began to lead Judah back to Jehovah. He initiated a time of "house cleaning" to rid Judah of the idols and shameful things/ways that had hidden God from His people. At age 26, he commanded that the temple of the Lord should be renovated and restored.

During the work on the temple something incredible happened. Here is the Chronicles account.

"While they were bringing out the money that had been taken into the temple of the Lord, Hilkiah the priest found the Book of the Law of the Lord that had been given through Moses. Hilkiah said to Shaphan the secretary, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the Lord.' He gave it to Shaphan. Then Shaphan took the book to the king and reported to him: 'Your officials are doing everything that has been committed to them. They have paid out the money that was in the temple of the Lord and have entrusted it to the supervisors and workers.' Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, 'Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.' And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the



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king. When the king heard the words of the Law, he tore his robes. He gave these orders to Hilkiah, Ahikam son of Shaphan, Abdon son of Micah, a Shaphan the secretary and Asaiah the king's attendant: "Go and inquire of the Lord for me and for the remnant in Israel and Judah about what is written in this book that has been found. Great is the Lord's anger that is poured out on us because our fathers have not kept the word of the Lord; they have not acted in accordance with all that is written in this book."

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

If that could happen to them, it can happen to us. Where is God's book in your

life? I don't mean in which room you keep your Bible. Where is God's book in your life? How often do you read it? How often do you study it?

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

Devote some time every day to God's book. Your Bible wants to be one of your best friends. But that will require the two of you spending a lot of time together.



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Methodist conservatives propose formal split over homosexuality

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Saying they could no longer endure the dispute over homosexuality that has torn their denomination for 30 years, United Methodist evangelical leaders proposed for the church to split.

However, they immediately met resistance among several like-minded delegates at the national church policy meeting, who said pursuing a schism violated their tradition of honoring diverse beliefs.

"I don't want us to go there. I love this church," said the Rev. Eddie Fox of Hermitage, Tenn., a conservative who led a successful drive to maintain the Methodist stand against homosexuality this week.

The Rev. William Hinson, president of the evangelical Confessing Movement, revealed his plan Thursday. He said he had concluded that opposing sides in the debate could never reconcile their views on what the Bible says about gays.

His proposal reflected widespread frustration that disagreement over the issue has diverted the 8.3 million-member church from its broader mission.

"Our people, who have been faithful and patient, should not have to endure our endless conflict," said Hinson, former pastor of First United Methodist Church of Houston.

No schism is imminent. A

breakup would involve complex negotiations over billions of dollars in assets and 36,000 congregations in the United States alone. Church law prevents any congregation from walking away with Methodist property.

The move also would be opposed by the many Methodists for whom homosexuality is not a central concern, church observers say.

Still, conservative leaders plan to spend the next four years, until the next General Conference, building support for a split among local congregations. This year's national meeting ends Friday.

Hinson's announcement came after conservatives prevailed at the conference in upholding the church ban on ordaining gays.

Delegates affirmed that gay sex was "incompatible with Christian teaching" and made it a chargeable offense under church law for clergy to conduct same-sex marriages and for unmarried ministers to have sex.

However, evangelicals expect that those who want a broader role for gays and lesbians will continue to defy church law and ordain sexually active homosexuals.

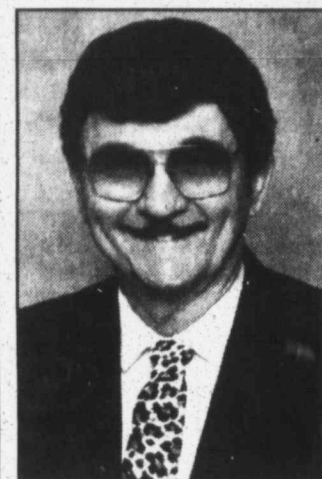
More than 200 people protested church teaching on gays by disrupting the Thursday morning session. Demonstrators sang hymns and waived rainbow

streamers and posters for about 20 minutes. Some wept.

Dozens of delegates and bishops stood in a sign of solidarity with the protesters before business resumed.

Conservatives pitched the idea of a split as beneficial for gay advocates. They said it would "set people free in their convictions to pursue the ministry to which they have been called."

Evangelist



(Courtesy photo)

Lyndon Petty, pictured, will be guest evangelist at Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love. Petty will present his ministry in word and song, at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services on Sunday, May 9.

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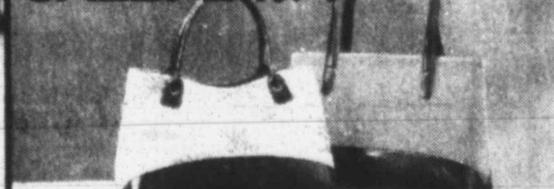
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Bomb explodes in mosque

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — A bomb exploded at a Shiite Muslim mosque packed with worshippers in this southern port city Friday, killing 13 people and wounding more than 200 others in a suspected suicide attack, police and witnesses said.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf condemned the blast as a "heinous act of terrorism" and ordered an investigation.

The attack occurred shortly after 1 p.m. at a mosque inside a government-run religious school, shattering windows and peppering the walls with shrapnel. The wounded lay screaming for help on bloodstained carpets in the mosque while dazed worshippers stumbled out.

The Sindh Madrassah tul Islam school, which houses students ages 4-18, has separate mosques for Sunni and Shiite Muslim faithful. Witnesses said the school had let out early, as usual on Friday. Most of the victims were adults who came to the mosque for prayers.

There was no word on the motive. Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and home to several radical Islamic groups, has been hit by frequent acts of terrorism and sectarian violence.

Dr. Razar Ali said 12 dead were brought to Karachi's Civil Hospital, and 215 wounded, of whom 45 were still hospitalized. Most of the others were either released after treatment or had been transferred elsewhere. Another death and five more injuries were reported at Jinnah Hospital, an official there said on condition of anonymity.

Sadir Durrani, a police explosives expert, said he had found no timing or radio devices, indicating it may have been caused by a suicide bomber.

Chief investigator Manzoor Mughal said no crater was found at the blast point, suggesting a person was carrying the bomb. Several injured people had described a man in a black robe and black turban who was sitting near the column where the bomb exploded.

"We are still investigating, but it seems it was a suicide bombing," Mughal said.

Kalb e-Abbas, 23, told The Associated Press that he was in the mosque for Friday prayers when he heard "a big bang."

"Something hit my arm, and I saw blood all over my body," he said, adding that he could hear the cries of the wounded around him before stumbling out of the building.

Aftab Sheikh, a senior politician responsible for law and order in Sindh province, where Karachi is located, blamed anti-state elements for what he called "a barbaric act."

"Today's bomb attack was carried out by those people who were behind other terrorist attacks in Karachi," Sheikh said. He would not elaborate.

Muslim clerics appealed for blood from mosque loudspeakers throughout the city.

Taped voice offers rewards for killing U.S., U.N. officials

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A new audiotape with the purported voice of Osama bin Laden offers rewards of gold for the killing of U.S. and United Nations officials — from 10,000 grams for top U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer to at least 500 grams for citizens of U.N. Security Council nations.

The CIA analyzed the recording and believes it is authentic, a CIA official said on condition of anonymity.

It appeared to be the first publicized offer by Bin Laden for rewards for the deaths of his enemies. He had never been known to offer rewards for missions he had described as followers' religious duty to carry out.

The 20-minute recording, dated Thursday, appeared on two Web sites known for militant Islamic messages. The voice sounded like that of bin Laden and the words were heavy with Quranic verse.

"You know that America promised big rewards for those who kill mujahedeen (holy warriors)," the speaker said. "We in al-Qaida organization will guarantee, God willing, 10,000 grams of gold to whoever kills the occupier Bremer, or the American chief commander or his deputy in Iraq."

The United States has offered rewards of its own for information leading to the captures or deaths of bin Laden and his top lieutenants, as well as for top figures in the former Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein. The price on bin Laden's head now stands at \$50 million — far more than the nearly \$125,000 that 10,000 grams of gold is worth.

The speaker on the tape promised a lesser prize to anyone killing a citizen of countries he called "the masters of the veto like Americans and Britons."

And he offered 500 grams

of gold to anyone killing citizens of countries he called "slaves of the Security Council who are in Iraq, like Japan and Italy."

The context indicated the rewards applied to citizens of those countries who are in Iraq.

With gold selling Thursday on London exchanges for \$387.60 a troy ounce, 10,000 grams of gold was valued at \$124,630, 1,000 grams at \$12,463, and 500 grams at \$6,231.

Whether the tape would further fuel a wave of hostage-takings or killings of civilians in Iraq wasn't clear.

A U.S. joint congressional intelligence panel said in a report two years ago that bin Laden had agreed in 1998 to allocate \$9 million in reward money for the assassination of top U.S. intelligence agency officers.

The recording promised the same 10,000-gram reward for the deaths of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and his envoy to Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi.

"The United Nations is nothing but a Zionists' tool, even if it worked under the cover of providing humanitarian aid," the voice said. "Whoever kills Kofi Annan or the head of his commission in Iraq or a representative like Lakhdar Brahimi, he will be awarded the same prize of 10,000 grams of gold."

It also said that if attackers died killing the targets, their families would get the reward.

The U.N. headquarters in New York said it was working with the United States to improve security.

"We're taking this (threat) seriously, and we are in consultation with the host country (the United States). We are moving to enhance the security of the secretary-general," a U.N. statement issued in New York said.

North Korea agrees to military talks, accepts help from South

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea agreed Friday to hold rare high-level military talks with the South aimed at easing tensions on the world's most heavily armed frontier, and a convoy of South Korean trucks rumbled over the border carrying aid for victims of a recent train disaster.

The two Korean militaries, still facing off across the Demilitarized Zone, seldom hold talks, although the two governments have expanded economic and political exchanges in recent years.

Earlier Friday, the two sides had ended three days of Cabinet-level meetings in the North's capital, Pyongyang, without any agreement on increasing economic exchanges or reducing military tensions along their border. But in a reversal after the meeting's closure, the North's People's Army agreed to hold talks "soon" with the South Korean military.

South Korean Unification Minister Jeong Se-hyun expected the meeting to take place in May, as his delegation has demanded. The countries made a similar agreement during their last Cabinet-level talks in February, but no date was set then and the North later refused to meet.

North Korea, repeating its decades-old position, earlier insisted it would open military talks only if South Korea halts routine military exercises with the United States, which it calls preparations to invade the isolated country. South Korea rejected the North Korean demand.

Instead, the South called for

high-level military talks later this month to discuss ways of avoiding naval clashes that sometimes occur along the poorly marked western sea border as fishing boats jostle for position during crab-catching season in May and June.

For decades, however, the North has shunned the South Korean military, dismissing it as a stooge of U.S. forces.

The defense ministers of the Koreas met in September 2000, following that year's historic inter-Korean summit, but the North has since rejected the South's proposal for talks involving generals. It has only allowed colonels to meet and limited their discussions to aiding economic exchanges across the border.

A brief joint statement said the next round of Cabinet-level talks will take place in Seoul on Aug. 3-6.

In a rare breaching of the inter-Korean Demilitarized Zone, North Korea on Friday opened the border to accept South Korean aid for the victims of the deadly April 22 train explosion.

A convoy of 20 South Korean trucks rumbled through military checkpoints and across the DMZ to deliver school supplies to victims of the blast.

The 8-ton trucks and their cargo of 50 blackboards and 1,500 desk-and-chair sets are part of a \$25 million aid package South Korea promised last week to help rebuild the North Korean town of Ryongchon, where the train blast killed 169 people, nearly half of them children, and injured 1,300. About 8,100 homes were destroyed.

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St. Matthew's Day School students celebrated Springtime during their annual May Day Celebration recently. Highlight of the celebration was circling the bright ribbons on the May Pole. (Courtesy photo)

AP Survey: Public school top choice for legislators

By KELLEY SHANNON
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas legislators, charged with creating a better way to pay for education, typically turned to public school for their own children, according to a survey by The Associated Press.

Out of 181 legislators, 97, or 53 percent, responded to the survey, conducted during the first two weeks of the special legislative session on education funding.

Thirty-seven lawmakers, or 38 percent of respondents, said their children who are either school age or grown attended only public school. Six percent, or six lawmakers, said their children attended only private schools.

Thirty-three percent, or 32 lawmakers, selected both public and private school for different children in their families, or for the same child at different times in their elementary and secondary years.

"We exercised our option to move them around based on their academic and social needs," Rep. Elizabeth Ames Jones, R-San Antonio, said of her children's public and private school enrollments. "I am lucky to have had the choice."

Of those who chose only private school, all but one were Democrats. Most said they made the decision because they wanted their children to get a Catholic education.

Democrat Leticia Van de Putte was among those, but the

San Antonio senator said just because she sent her six children to private Catholic school doesn't mean she can't make education policy decisions based on her district's needs.

"I stay very, very close to the education and school groups in our community," she said.

Only 5 percent, or 227,645 of the approximately 4 million school-age children in the general population of Texas in 2000, attended private school for the 1999-2000 school year, the latest statistical year available from federal and state agencies.

Only one lawmaker, Republican Rep. Fred Brown of College Station, said his child was home schooled. He has two grown children; the other attended public school.

Of those surveyed, 75 legislators, or 77 percent, said they had school-age or grown children. Twenty legislators, or 21 percent, had no children or children under school age.

A questionnaire was distributed to all 181 state lawmakers April 19-20 as they returned to Austin for the special session. Legislators had two weeks to return the survey to the AP.

The survey did not ask lawmakers their political views on specific education issues, although some offered their opinions on taxpayer-funded private school vouchers, teacher salaries and school discipline.

"My wife is an active Texas certified teacher. I'm a Texas

certified teacher. We support public schools — oppose vouchers," said Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, whose grown children attended public and private school.

Republican Rep. Tony Goolsby, a former public school teacher, said his three grown children attended public school. He said when voting on education policy, he determines what is best for the Richardson School District, noting that he represents 48 percent of the students in that majority-minority district near Dallas.

Goolsby said he does not support using state money for private school or home schooling.

"Nothing against private schools; I'm not a voucher person," he said. "I just think that you get a more well-rounded education going to a public school."

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, chose public school for his school-age children, except when his oldest daughter briefly attended private school. At the heart of his education decision-making at the Capitol is the philosophy his parents taught about the importance of a "solid education," he said.

"As a legislator, I want to ensure that every Texas child has the same — or even better — opportunity to get a quality education that I had growing up," Ellis said.

Lawmakers from small towns, suburbs or rural areas

were more likely to send their children to public schools than were those living in major metropolitan areas.

Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick sent his children, Christi, 33, and Tommy, 30, to private school through some of their elementary years, but both graduated from public high schools in Midland.

"We did what was appropriate for our children during their formative years," Craddick said.

Several legislators on the House Select Committee on Public School Finance responded to the AP survey. For example, Republican Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas said his five children, ranging in age from 9 to 17, have attended a mixture of public and private school.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry, a former legislator, sent his two children, Griffin and Sydney, to the public Austin High School. Griffin has graduated, and Sydney is still at the high school.

Perry considers school choice a personal matter and not something that controls lawmakers' decision-making. Perry spokesman Robert Black said.

He believes legislators are "going to be focused on what's best for their district, and that includes both public and private schools," Black said.

Associated Press reporter Natalie Gott in Austin contributed to this report.

Federal government restructures medical services for veterans

LAS VEGAS (AP) — When it comes to health care, Johnathan Abbinett thinks the Veterans Affairs Department doesn't do enough for him and his fellow veterans. And what it does do, it doesn't do soon enough.

So it's no surprise that Abbinett is less than enthusiastic about the news that Las Vegas, a city with one of the fastest-growing veterans populations in the nation, is getting a hospital as part of a VA restructuring of medical services nationwide.

"It always seems too little too late for the veterans," said Abbinett, 51, who served in Vietnam. "I welcome the news, but we needed a hospital here 10 years ago."

Details were to be released Friday by VA Secretary Anthony Principi at a news conference here.

The plan calls for building two hospitals, in Nevada and Florida, and closing three hospitals, in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Mississippi. The agency also will add or remove medical services at dozens of other hospitals and clinics nationwide.

Principi backed off plans to transfer major operations out of the Waco, Texas, hospital to VA facilities in Temple and Austin. Principi said more study and financial information was needed before a decision is made.

U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards said he was asked by Principi not to comment about the future of the Waco hospital until Friday. In an earlier release, Edwards, D-Texas, said he had received a pledge from Principi in March not to close the hospital.

"There is no doubt that the hard work of the Waco community has made a positive difference for the Waco VA, and I am honored to work alongside them," Edwards said in the statement, issued Wednesday.

The move had been heavily opposed in Waco.

Acute care services would also be closed at Kerrville under the plan, as soon as the VA can line up contracts for care through a community contract or space is available in San Antonio. A community based clinic will be moved from Brownsville to Harlingen. The VA will continue study of whether to close the Big Spring hospital and what type of facili-

ty should be built in the Odessa-Midland area.

The Lutz Veterans Medical Center in Saginaw, Mich., will stop inpatient care, according to several congressional officials who had seen the report.

"In the end, we need to do more for our veterans, not less," said Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich. "It is especially distressing that in a time of war we are eliminating services for our veterans here at home."

The department undertook the restructuring two years ago to shift services to areas where veteran populations are increasing and to modernize buildings and shed vacant space.

The VA expects to reduce costs for maintaining vacant space from \$3.4 billion to \$750 million by 2022 but predicts spending \$6 billion on construction during that time.

A draft plan last summer recommended closing seven hospitals; an independent commission examined that plan and narrowed the list of closings.

After reviewing the commission recommendations, Principi decided to close three hospitals, in Pittsburgh; Brecksville, Ohio, and Gulfport, Miss. The hospitals must have a plan for closure by September.

Veterans group were reluctant to comment on the report, saying they preferred to wait for its official release. The groups said they tried to ensure the restructuring didn't hurt veterans.

"We have been concerned about trying to take things too fast," said John Brieden, American Legion national commander. "We didn't want the VA to make decisions based on only partial information."

The VA plans to continue studying ways to cut costs. Representatives from veterans groups who met with Principi on Thursday were told the agency would not close or eliminate services at any locations before new or replacement services were available elsewhere in the area.

Congress will review Principi's decision. It cannot change the plan but does have authority to determine whether to fund the changes. Congress had been unwilling to approve money for construction until the department offered a restructuring plan.

Husband whose wife killed children files for divorce

By LISA FALKENBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A man whose wife beat two of their sons to death with rocks has filed for divorce, citing "discord and conflict of personalities" and the best interest of the couple's toddler, who was severely brain damaged in the attack.

Keith Laney, 45, seeks sole custody of Aaron, 2, according to the divorce petition filed Thursday with the Smith

County Court at Law in the East Texas town of Tyler.

Deanna Laney, 39, was acquitted by reason of insanity last month in the deaths of Joshua, 8, Luke, 6, and the beating of Aaron. Psychiatrists said Laney didn't know her actions were wrong at the time of the May 2003 beatings because she suffered from psychotic delusions that God told her to kill her children.

The divorce filing comes weeks after the state notified

Keith Laney that he would have to help pay for his wife's psychiatric care at the state mental hospital where, by law, she could remain committed for the rest of her life.

Laney, an air compressor repairman, could be forced to pay up to thousands of dollars a month for his wife's care, which costs \$462 per day, nearly \$14,000 per month.

Unlike prison, Texas doesn't cover all the costs for confinement in a state mental hospital. It pays for the poor but requires other patients or their relatives to pay what they can using a sliding scale — based on insurance, income, benefits and property.

The divorce petition did not mention finances as a reason for the filing.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girlfriend is Eager to be Wife
But Not Stepmother

DEAR ABBY: I'm engaged to marry "Kurt" in August. He has a 3-year-old daughter, "Krystal," from his first marriage. We didn't meet until a month after his wife, "June," left him, so I'm not a home wrecker.

I moved in with Kurt several weeks after we began dating and have been cleaning his house, taking care of Krystal when she's here, doing his laundry, cooking for him -- just like a wife would do.

Abby, June doesn't want Krystal. She remarried six weeks ago and has asked us to take her. June's husband is loud, mean and abusive, so I don't think it would be safe for Krystal to stay there.

My problem is I can't stand Krystal. She's a spoiled brat. I don't want to be a full-time mother, although at some point I'd like to have a child of my own.

I haven't told Kurt how I feel because I'm afraid he'd kick me out. Now I'm wondering if I should tell him I'm leaving before he sends me on my way. I don't think we can work this out because he loves Krystal, and I don't think he'd understand why I don't want to be her stepmother. What should I do? -- UNWILLING STEPMOTHER IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR UNWILLING: Level with Kurt, the sooner the better. Unless you can accept that he and Krystal are a package deal and learn to love her, to marry him would be a mistake and a disservice to all of you. That little girl has already struck out once in the mother department. Kurt needs a wife who is ready to embrace not only him, but also the child who will always be a high priority in his life.

DEAR ABBY: Our 20-year-old daughter was suspended from a small private university. We offered her tutors, lessons or a transfer to any

number of other schools around the country to help her find the right field of study. She refused. She can do the work; she was just not motivated.

She now wants to attend a large university in another state to be near her boyfriend. We suspect that they want to live together. He smokes dope and lives on welfare, and this is unacceptable to us.

She says she's finally finding her backbone and becoming independent. We told her that being independent means assuming financial responsibility for oneself, and that we will no longer provide anything beyond medical and dental coverage for her. She thinks we're cutting the purse strings on her new "college lifestyle" because we don't like her boyfriend, which is true.

Are we being unreasonable? Also, any advice on the fastest way to get that oaf out of the picture would be appreciated. -- MAD-AS-A-HORNET MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR MOM: Refusing to subsidize her "live-in" lifestyle is not being unreasonable. It's your money, and you can spend it -- or not -- as you see fit.

Let her know that as an adult, her choices are her own. If she chooses to get a job and work her way through school in order to be close to her boyfriend, that is her choice. It would be nice if she had a self-supporting, upwardly mobile love interest -- but since she doesn't, and she's determined to live with him, she must pay the price.

As to the fastest way to get "the oaf" out of the picture, here's what NOT to do: Do not bad-mouth him. It will only make her defensive and drive them closer together.

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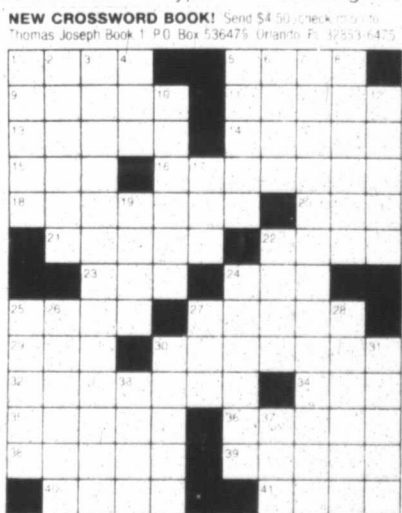
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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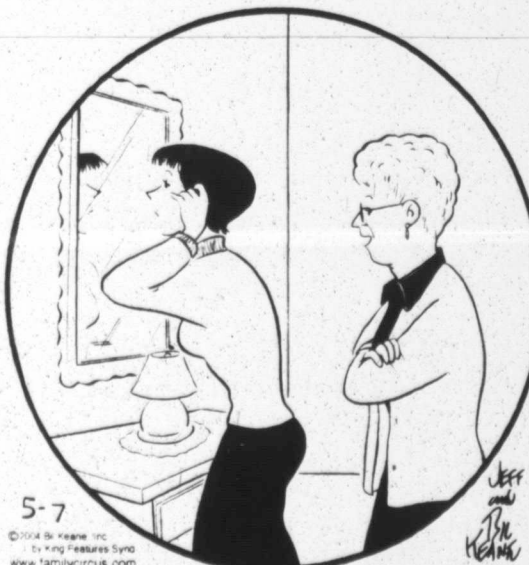


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SPORTS

Young swimmers impressive at state meet

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — With youngsters like Nicki Cole, Dustin Neef and Stephanie Stephens on the way up, the Pampa High swim program is in good hands for years to come. This talented trio was part of the middle school team which made a historic journey to San Antonio last month to compete in the Texas State Middle School Swim Meet. It was the first time the Pampa Middle School swim program had taken part in the state meet.

Cole, Neef, and Stephens had the best results of the 11 Pampa Middle School swimmers who entered the meet, which was divided into 6th-7th Grade Divisions and 8th-9th Grade Divisions.

"Everyone did well, but these three were the only ones who scored in the top eight, and they're all seventh graders," said Pampa coach Gregory Miller. "I'm

looking forward to the coming years. The future looks great with all this talent coming up."

In the overall team standings, Pampa was an impressive 12th in the 55-team field.

In the girls division, Cole placed fourth in both the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke, and Stephens was seventh in the 50 freestyle. Neef was fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Like true competitors, none of them were satisfied with how they placed.

"I want to go back and place higher," said Stephens, who is 14. Cole and Neef, both 13, echoed her statement.

All three grew up around the water.

"My dad and mom took me swimming a lot when I was little," Cole said. "That's how I got started."

Both Neef and Stephens said they started swimming at an early age.

All three will stay active

with their teammates in swim meets during June and August. They will be going against the top youth swimmers from Texas, Oklahoma

and Kansas. In between those meets, the swimmers will have plenty of practice sessions at the youth center pool.

"July is the big vacation month. We'll take off then, but we'll be back on schedule in August," Miller noted.



Nicki Cole (l-r) Dustin Neef and Stephanie Stephens give the Pampa swim program a bright future.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association is sponsoring a 9-hole golf scramble on Monday. Starting time is 6 p.m.

There will be men's teams, women's teams and combined teams.

Entry fee is five dollars.

For more information, call 669-5866.

OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate agreed to release to Olympic officials and anti-drug monitors evidence that a committee has collected on banned performance-enhancing drug use among athletes.

The Senate approved release of the evidence without debate.

Officials with the U.S. Olympic Committee and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency met privately on Wednesday with the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

The officials want the committee to turn over information received from the Justice Department regarding the BALCO steroids case.

Four people have been indicted in the grand jury investigation of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, on charges of illegally distributing steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs to elite professional athletes.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans safety Marcus Coleman was charged with driving while intoxicated early Thursday after his damaged car was spotted partially on a curb and within a lane of traffic on a Houston street, police said.

Coleman, 29, was booked into the city jail and within hours was freed on \$500 bond.

Police spokesman John Cannon said an officer was dispatched to a reported traffic hazard about 1:30 a.m. Thursday. When he arrived, he found Coleman's car and identified the driver.

A DWI task force unit was called to the scene and field sobriety tests were performed. Cannon said the tests determined the driver was intoxicated and he was "offered the breath test, which he refused."

Coleman, who late last month was moved to free safety from cornerback, faces a misdemeanor DWI charge.

Attorney Rusty Hardin is representing Coleman but said he has not discussed the facts of the case with his client. The two have a meeting planned for Monday.

"All I can ask for the present is for people to keep in mind the kind of person and player Marcus has been since arriving in Houston, and give him the benefit of the doubt until he has his day in court," Hardin said.

Flashback

1973: Halfback Chuck Reeves scored two touchdowns as Pampa defeated Canyon 21-7 in a high school football game.

Quarterback Chuck Charles scored Pampa's other touchdown.

Hotel group won't back Cowboys stadium proposal

DALLAS (AP) — Funding a new stadium for the Dallas Cowboys would create the nation's highest hotel occupancy tax, says the city's hotel association in voting to oppose the plan.

Dallas County commissioners have also balked at the team's proposal for a new \$650 million, retractable-dome stadium near downtown, with \$425 million to be financed by taxpayers.

Cowboys owner "Jerry Jones has the means to pay for his own stadium," said Frank Naboulsi, chairman of

the Hotel Association of Greater Dallas.

County officials late last month rejected the Cowboys' opening proposal to build the stadium at Fair Park, saying it required too much taxpayer money and needed to be negotiated further. The Cowboys want to return to Fair Park, home of the Texas State Fair and the place where the team started out in 1960. They moved to Texas Stadium in Irving in 1971.

Cowboys officials said they would contribute \$225 million and proposed that the

rest be funded by up to 3 percent in hotel occupancy taxes and up to 6 percent car rental taxes.

"We're not opposed to the stadium," Naboulsi, general manager of the Fairmont Hotel, told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions. "We just don't want to pay for it."

Boosting taxes would drive the hotel rate to 18 percent in a city which is struggling to reverse a drop in convention business. Cowboys officials say the type of stadium under discus-

sion would draw high-profile events, attracting visitors to the area who would stay in local hotels.

"We believe that the venue has the ability to drive business to the Metroplex," Cowboys spokesman Brett Daniels said, citing potential such as a Super Bowl, an NCAA Final Four, political conventions and major religious events.

However, hotel owners and others in the tourism and travel industry feared that if the rate hike goes through, they would drown in a sea of

unused rooms.

"You're talking about a hotel community that's desperately struggling to bring new convention business into Dallas," Steven Hacker, Dallas-based president of the International Association for Exhibition Management, said. "The worst possible thing you could think of, short of SARS, would be to slap an additional 3 percent on those hotels at this time. It's the best kamikaze plan that I can imagine, and there wouldn't be any survivors."

All-district players



Pampa's Weston Teichmann (left) and Taylor Fatheree were named to the All-District 3-4A Golf Team for 2004. Teichmann placed seventh in the medalist standings and was named second-team. Fatheree was 13th and made honorable mention.

Seniors Golf Scramble

Hidden Hills Seniors Regular Scramble
(May 5)

1. Pat Montoya, Carl Johnson, Charlie Terrell and Troy Bennett, 60.
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3. Willie Nickelberry, Carroll Pettit, Jack Davis and Gabe Crossman, 63.
4. Bill King, Joe Mabry, Bob Lyle, Dale Hawkins and Richard Abbott, 63.

Closest to pin: Jack Davis, No. 8.

Closest to pin: Troy Bennett No. 15.

Pacers win second-round opener against Heat, 94-81

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Miami Heat did so many things they wanted to against Indiana.

They outrebounded the Pacers 47-39, outscored them 14-0 on fast breaks and held MVP candidate Jermaine O'Neal to 13 points on 5-of-17 shooting.

It still wasn't enough in a 94-81 loss Thursday in Game 1 of their second-round playoff series.

Ron Artest had 25 points and six rebounds to help the Pacers shake the rust from an 11-day layoff. Jamaal Tinsley added a playoff career high of 17 points, including 5-of-6 shooting from 3-point range.

"I thought we did a decent job on Jermaine, but (Artest) was just a monster," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. "He's just got a knack. He makes seemingly very difficult shots. He was fabulous." Artest and Tinsley keyed a 25-6 run spanning the second and third quarters that essentially put the game away, despite the Heat's best efforts

to rally.

The Pacers were playing for the first time since wrapping up their first-round sweep of Boston way back on April 25.

"It was a shock to be playing any competition," O'Neal said. "We've been off for awhile. We weren't as sharp, the decision-making wasn't as sharp, but it's a plus because we were still able to control the game."

Game 2 is Saturday in Indianapolis.

In the other series, New Jersey is at Detroit on Friday night, with the Pistons leading 1-0. Sacramento, ahead 1-0, is at Minnesota on Saturday, while San Antonio, leading 2-0, is at the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday.

The effects of the long break showed early, with the Pacers committing 10 turnovers in the first half and struggling to execute their offense for much of the game.

Miami, on the other hand, was just two days removed from a grueling seven-game series against New Orleans and

couldn't come up with the energy to force the game into its preferred up-tempo style.

Miami shot just 38 percent from the field, missing countless layups and coming up short on jumpers, a sign of fatigue.

"When we run, we're a good team," Heat center Brian Grant said. "When we have to settle for a halfcourt game, we're playing into Indiana's hand."

Rookie Dwyane Wade led the Heat with 22 points and seven rebounds. Caron Butler added 14 points and nine rebounds for Miami, which got the fast start it wanted before Tinsley buried the Heat with his shooting from the outside.

The Pacers went on their big run after Lamar Odom's jumper brought the Heat within 34-32. Artest got things started with two jumpers and a free throw and Tinsley took over from there.

With the Heat aggressively double-teaming O'Neal in the post, Tinsley was wide open.

DFB notches another victory in Optimist league

PAMPA — Duncan, Fraser & Bridges defeated Rotary 11-3 on Tuesday in Optimist baseball action.

In the top of the first, DFB scored two runs. Corbin Clifton walked and scored on Braden Hunt's triple. Hunt scored on a single by Zach Doan.

In the top of the third, DFB scored another run when Clifton walked and scored on a double by Hunt.

Rotary got on the board in the bottom of the third. Cole Wilson walked and Raul Zarate reached base on an error. Channar Clendennen lined a

double that scored Wilson and Zarate.

In the bottom of the fourth, Robert Douglas hit a two-out double for Rotary and took third on an error. Back to back walks to Zarate and Clendennen scored the tying run. With the bases loaded and two outs, Hunt was brought in to pitch and struck out the only Rotary batter he faced to leave the score at 3-3.

In the top of the fifth, DFB exploded for eight runs. Rotary committed three errors and walked three batters. Clifton singled and and Hunt tripled to

help put the game out of reach.

Rotary had two hitters reach base in the bottom of the fifth, but a game-ending double play ended the threat.

For DFB, Corbin Clifton pitched 3 and 2/3rds innings, giving up three runs on five hits while striking out five and walking five. Braden Hunt pitched one-third of an inning, striking out the only batter he faced.

Zach Doan pitched the fifth inning and didn't give up a run or hit while striking out one and walking two. With one out and runners at first and

second, Doan caught a line drive, turned and threw to DFB first baseman Zach Murray for a game-ending double play.

For Rotary, Wesleigh Hannah pitched three strong innings and gave up three runs on four hits while striking out four and walking two. Braxton Reagan pitched one inning, giving up no runs, no hits, striking out one and walking one. Tye Powell pitched one hitting, giving up eight runs on three hits while striking out three and walking three.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Discussions take you into another realm. Perhaps, if you give up your overly serious manner, you will flourish. Sometimes others don't understand why you are so serious. Reach out for others. You will lighten up soon enough. Tonight: Try something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might feel a bit tight financially. Being with someone you enjoy and care about doesn't take the National Reserve to finance. Make a picnic and take a walk in the country. Find a favorite spot to relax. Tonight: Togetherness feels good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Don't allow your seriousness to stop you from enjoying your life. Others seek you out, wanting your company. Come on -- it's the weekend. Let go of worry, and greet those who care about you. You might be surprised by how renewed you are. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

How you handle a friend or loved one could change substantially. Let go of worry and greet friendliness with a more open attitude. You don't always need to be the center of attention; you can do something nurturing and caring for someone else. Tonight: Flow with the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Letting go could be a bit more difficult, as a friend or key person could be challenging you left and right. Find the apple of your eye, who might be a child. Enjoy and play away. Seriousness might not have a place here. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You could be pushed by a family member who sometimes handles you as if he or she is superior. Follow through on what you see as important. Relax at home; be with the ones you love. Don't make anything difficult. Tonight: Rent a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Reach out for a friend at a distance, but don't take his or her unavailability personally. What is happening is

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're up for nearly anything, but others could rain on your parade. Please don't let this happen. Remember, it is your weekend, too. Find someone who wants to enjoy him- or herself as much as you do. Tonight: Wherever you are, there is a party.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Take your time deciding on your plans, especially if you feel sick or tired. You might need some time to recharge your batteries. You cannot always be on high or ready to play. Give yourself what you need first. Tonight: A little mystery intrigues others. Just do your thing.

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Strange, but true

WHITEFISH BAY, Wis. (AP) — Burglars beware: a bathroom break on the job can get you busted.

That's how Otha Smith got caught.

Dewey Coulson went to the bathroom in the middle of the night, only to find an intruder using the toilet.

"When I turned the corner ... I saw the light was on, and I thought someone had just left it on so I opened the door, and there was this guy sitting on the toilet," said Coulson, 19. "So I said, 'What are you doing in my house?' And he said, 'I just had to use the bathroom.'"

Coulson ran upstairs to get his stepfather, and when they returned they saw the man trying to leave.

"He was walking really slowly, and then he saw us, and he started running toward these doors and he grabbed the handle and my stepdad and I closed on him," Coulson said.

He and stepfather Dave End wrestled with the man to subdue him until police arrived.

Coulson's mother, Cathy End, said the intruder likely wasn't in the house long before heading to the bathroom.

"There was some money out of my wallet, but that's as far as he got, I guess, before nature took over. The toilet part just blows my mind," she said.

Smith, 42, who police said apparently entered through an unlocked door, was charged Wednesday with burglary to an occupied residence, a felony.

Because of two prior burglary convictions, he could face 21 years in prison if convicted.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Crime is so rare in the tiny Alaska Native community of Deering that police say the theft of two fossilized mastodon tusks shouldn't be a behemoth case.

But the 131 residents in this tight-knit community have been tight-lipped about the robbery, stymieing investigators.

"It's only a limited number of people who could do it, and even a smaller number who would do it within the community," said Sgt. Karl Erickson of the Alaska State Troopers in Kotzebue.

Fossil hunting is a popular pastime in Deering, a village of mostly Inupiat Eskimos on the Seward Peninsula at the mouth of the Innachuk River.

Locals hunt for the bones and tusks of mastodon, giant elephant-like beasts that roamed the earth millions of years ago.

"You can find stuff every year," said resident Jim Moto. "But if it doesn't flood, you don't find anything at all."

Tusks in good condition can fetch \$100 per pound or more, Moto said.

Last month, Deering resident Gilbert Barr noticed that two tusks, valued at \$30,000, were missing from a warehouse he shared with the local grocery.

Police say there were no signs of forced entry or evidence at the warehouse, Erickson said.

"Until new evidence comes up with other potential suspects, we don't have any other avenues," he said. "There must be people who knew what took place but are afraid to come forward. That is a problem with a small community."

Former Oregon governor admits sexual relationship with 14-year-old girl in 1970s

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A former Oregon governor and transportation secretary under President Carter has admitted to a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old girl in the 1970s, when he was mayor of Portland.

Neil Goldschmidt, 63, who served as governor from 1987-1991 and earlier as Carter's transportation secretary, told The Oregonian about the relationship for a story in Friday editions.

Earlier in the day, citing only heart arrhythmia and blocked arteries that put him at risk of a heart attack, Goldschmidt relinquished his posts from the Oregon Board of Higher Education and a firm that has been trying to acquire Portland General Electric.

Goldschmidt told the newspaper he came forward after learning that a weekly paper was on the verge of reporting the relationship. Before The Oregonian account surfaced, the Willamette Week, which publishes Wednesdays, reported on its Web site that it told the governor a day earlier it was preparing a story about his affair.

According to Oregon laws in 1975, sex with a girl under 16 constituted third-degree rape, but the statute of limitations expired in 1979.

Goldschmidt, who served only one term

as governor, said he has lived with "enormous guilt and shame" in the 30 years since the nine-month affair, which started in 1975 when he was 35. He was married at the time.

Goldschmidt said he agreed to a financial settlement with the woman in 1994. He did not identify her.

"How can such behavior be erased when the damage to others and to myself lives on?" he said in a statement to The Oregonian. "I have sat in places of worship each year at Yom Kippur, the day of atonement in my religious tradition (Judaism), reading in silence, searching for personal peace. And I have found that the answer to that question is that it cannot be erased."

"The pain and damage that I have caused have been with me constantly. I have known all along that my private apologies and actions, deep and true though they were, would never be enough. I apologize now, publicly and completely."

Goldschmidt and his lawyer did not return several phone calls from The Associated Press.

Rumors of extramarital affairs were hinted at during Goldschmidt's political career, and he decided against a second term as governor after his first marriage ended.

Low-carb diet craze takes big bite out of Krispy Kreme stock

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The low-carb diet craze is taking a bite out of Krispy Kreme.

The doughnut company's shares tumbled 23 percent Friday in early trading after it lowered its earnings forecast by 10 percent for the year, in part because of increasing consumer interest in the popular weight-loss approach.

The changing dietary habits has hurt makers of bread, cereal and pasta, said Scott Livengood, president and chief executive of the Winston-Salem-based company.

"This trend had little discernible effect on our business last year," he said. "However, recent market data suggests consumer interest in reduced carbohydrate consumption has heightened significantly following the beginning of the year and has accelerated in the

last two to three months."

In March, Krispy Kreme unveiled plans to offer a low-sugar doughnut.

One of Krispy Kreme's Hot Original Glazed doughnuts has 200 calories. More than half those calories come from fat, which gives the fried doughnut texture and flavor.

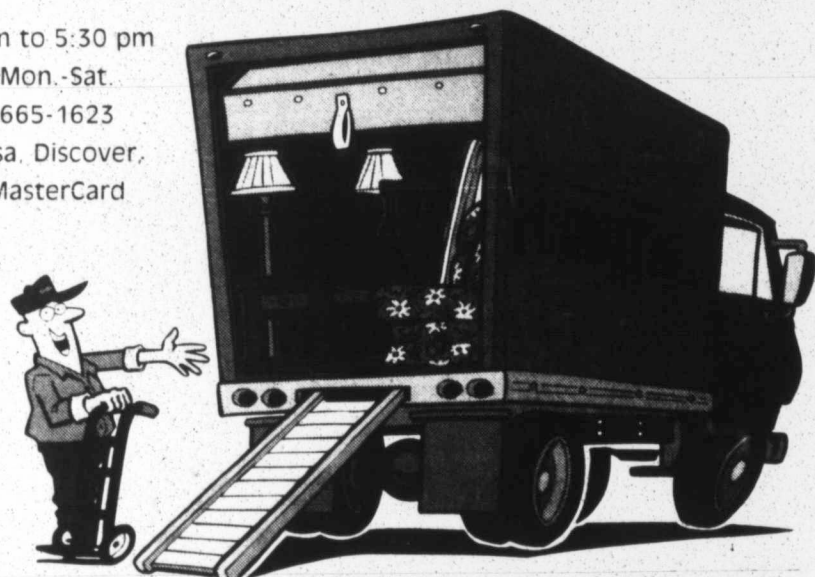
Livengood said the company estimates earnings from continuing operations before charges will be about 23 cents per share in the first fiscal quarter that ended May 2.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call had expected earnings of 27 cents a share.

For the fiscal year ending in February 2005, the company expects to earn \$1.04 to \$1.06 a share before charges, which is about 10 percent lower than projections. Analysts expected \$1.17 a share.

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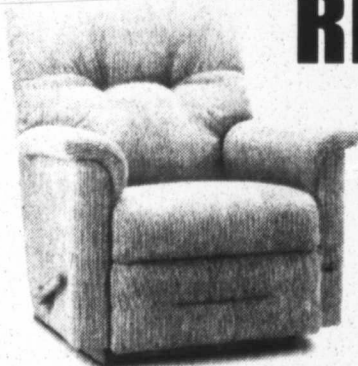
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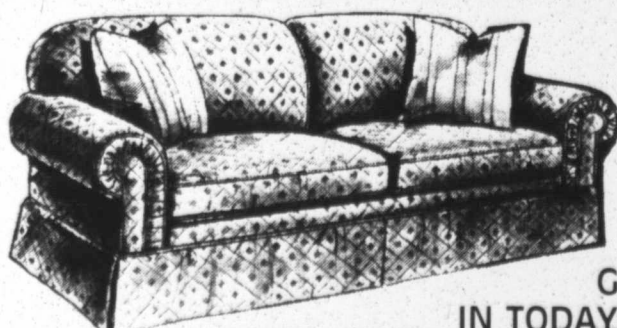
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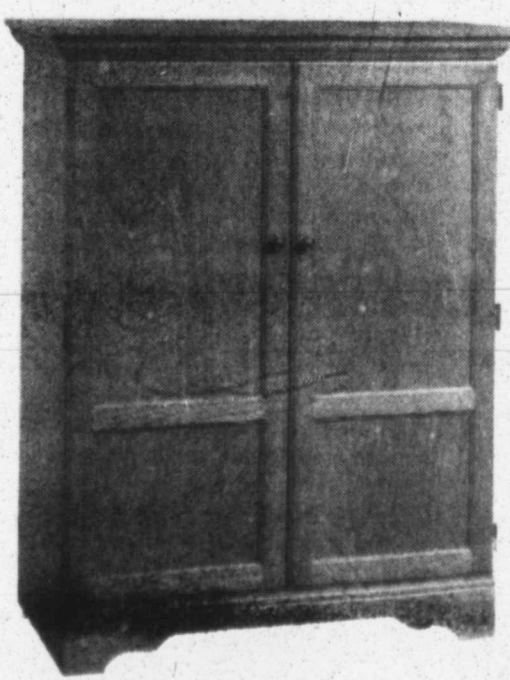
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