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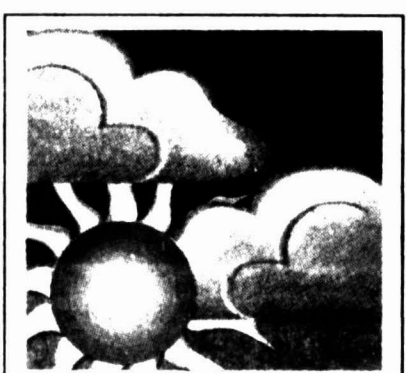
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Dallas group to perform here
 The Dallas Children's Theatre will present three performances of "Heidi" for local school children in third-through sixth-grade Thursday, Feb. 1 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Outlying school districts have been invited to attend the program as well.

The project is being sponsored by Texas Commission on the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts, Pampa ISD and other small independent school districts and the Nona Payne and H.E. and Inez McCarley Foundations.

Texas roadblocks part of manhunt

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The manhunt for seven escaped convicts now includes roadblocks set up in South Texas and near the Mexican border.

While a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter flew overhead, heavily armed Nueces County sheriff's deputies with assault rifles and body armor lined a checkpoint along U.S. Highway 77 near Driscoll and several other areas.

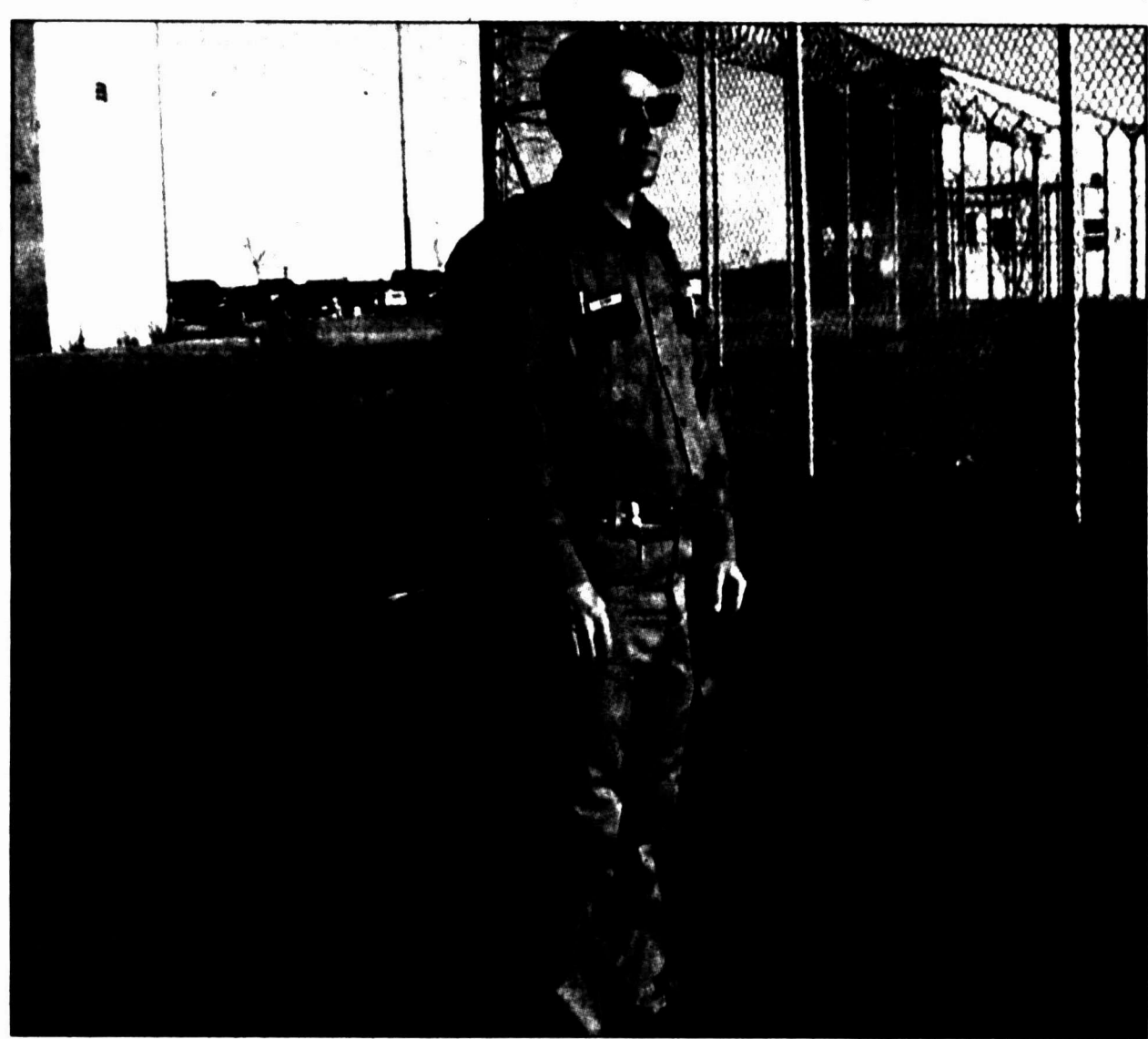
Officers also checked vehicles near Robstown, where reports but no confirmed sightings were received. As officers examined driver's licenses and insurance papers, K-9 unit dogs stood by at the roadblocks.

At a checkpoint in Kingsville, about 100 miles from the border, U.S. Border Patrol agents also are on the lookout for the convicts who escaped from the Connally Unit on Dec. 13, said Ricardo Lopez, a supervisor at the checkpoint.

No deaths were reported to The Pampa News today.

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Officials review Jordan, Baten security



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Captain Paul Sloan of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice gazes over the admitting yard, surrounded by a high chain link fence topped with razor wire, at the R.H. (Rufe) Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa. Behind him is a watch tower housing an armed guard who monitors everyone entering and exiting the prison.

'A lot of turnover' cuts guard numbers

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

(See related story Page 10)
 Officials have reviewed procedures at the Jordan and Baten prison units east of Pampa in light of the recent escape of seven inmates from a maximum security unit in South Texas, but say they feel current security measures are sufficient.

"We looked at our security, the way we let people in and out," Senior Warden Renaldo Castro said. "We have good procedures in place. We just refreshed our memories."

The Jordan Unit is designed to hold 1,008 inmates, but presently has a population of 988, Castro said. The smaller Baten Unit located behind the Jordan Unit has 386 prisoners, but can house as many as 420, he said.

The local prison units are minimum and medium security. Prisoner population changes weekly with each "chain" that comes in of new prisoners, and each chain that leaves with prisoners who have completed their time, the warden said. He explained that a "chain" is a prison term for groups of prisoners. He said the number in the group fluctuates, but generally consists of from 20 to 40 prisoners.

The Senior Warden Renaldo Castro attributes staffing problems to "a lot of turnover," explaining that the upturn in oil production has drawn prison workers to higher paying oilfield jobs.

There have been no escapes from either unit since the prisons have been operating, Castro said. Several years ago, he said a trusty doing community service at Letors schools escaped for a brief period of time before being captured.

"One of the employees left a window down (of a school vehicle) and the keys were in the ignition," he said. Seeing the vehicle was unattended, he said, the inmate got in and "took a little joy ride." The inmate was soon captured, he added.

Like other prisons throughout the state, the local units are experiencing a staffing shortage, Castro said.
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City police seek to unravel series of occurrences

Pampa police are continuing to unravel a series of incidents last night and early today that led to the arrests of a Pampa man and woman this morning.

At 6:10 p.m. Thursday, city officers were called to 1224 E. Foster to investigate a report of aggravated assault with a motor vehicle.

Deputy Chief Terry Young and Jeanne Lynn Lauderdale, 27, 1224 E. Foster, and Brantley Trev Lauderdale, 23, 1776 E. Harvester, were apparently involved in a domestic dispute. A third person, Chad Lee Augustine, 27, 406 E. Kingsmill, tried to intervene, he said. Augustine had reportedly been hired to protect Jeanne Lauderdale, Young said.

Trev Lauderdale allegedly got into his vehicle, threatened to run over Augustine, and moved the vehicle toward Augustine several times, according to the police report. The report also stated that Lauderdale got out of his vehicle holding an empty beer bottle and threatened Augustine.

A complaint alleging aggravated assault with a motor vehicle has been signed and the information will "probably" be turned over to the district attorney's office for further disposition, Young said today.

Shortly before the incident on East Foster, police reports show that at 5:39 p.m., Trev Lauderdale was one of the drivers involved in a two-vehicle collision in the 1400 block of Duncan. The driver in the second vehicle was cited for making an illegal U-turn, according to the police report.

Police were called to a domestic disturbance at the 1224 E. Foster address again this morning while executing a search warrant in the 1000 block of East Foster about 6:30 a.m., Young said.

This time, Trev Lauderdale was arrested for criminal trespass of a habitation and on outstanding warrants, Lt. Fred Courtney said today.

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Woman suspected in scam told to stay away from Pam

Pampa police said today that their investigation of a possible scam earlier this week at the Pam Apartments complex did not yield enough evidence for an arrest, but a suspect has been warned to stay away from the property.

Pam Bolton, Pam Apartments manager, told The Pampa News Thursday that approximately 90 percent of the 96 residents living in the 10-acre complex were approached Sunday and Monday by a woman claiming that her grandmother who lived there had run out of gas and was stranded and needed money to buy gasoline.

Most of the residents gave the woman, identified as medium height, thin, with stringy brown hair, from \$1 to \$10. Some residents described a woman as being medium height, "well-

endowed," and having auburn hair, Bolton said. Pampa police received a report that a woman entered the apartment of one resident asking for help. The resident gave her \$3, and then went to check her front door because the doorbell had supposedly rung. However, no one was at the door. When she returned, the woman was gone and \$20 missing from her purse, police said.

"There's not enough evidence to arrest anyone, but a person has been warned to not go near the Pam Apartments or risk being arrested for criminal trespass," Deputy Chief Terry Young said today.

"The main thing is, if anybody comes to your door begging for money, close the door and call police," he added.

Gray County joins organization

By NANCY YOUNG
 Managing Editor

Gray County will join the National Association of Counties following recent action by the commissioners court.

Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright said it will benefit Gray County to join because so many of the changes that will affect counties are begun in Washington, D.C. He said large number of counties across the nation are members of the national organization, and said membership in NACO will give Gray County as well as the other counties a stronger voice.

"Many issues involving counties begin at the

federal level," said Wright. "Often times these issues result in unfunded mandates." He explained the local counties are mandated by law to implement actions by lawmakers and the local taxpayers are required to fund them.

"NACO can help stop laws before they begin," said Wright, citing possible waste water drainage legislation which he said will greatly affect Gray County and other rural areas.

Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley said the storm water drain project will greatly affect everyone. "It is going to put a burden on the county that we can't handle," he said.

Wright said while the Texas Association of
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Pampans reach out, help disabled veteran

By DAVE BOWSER
 Staff Writer

A Lubbock man was on his way to Minnesota today thanks to a number of people in Pampa.

It was about 5 a.m. Sunday, when a 53-year-old man from Lubbock dressed only in a tee shirt, jeans and a well-worn coat wandered into the reception area at the Pampa Police Department. An army veteran living on disability, he said he was walking to Minnesota to see his 79-year-old mother who lives in a nursing home there.

Dispatcher Mike Ehrle and Pampa Police Officer Andy Alaniz got him some coffee while Sherry Lang called the Salvation Army. Officer Scott LaRue bought the man a breakfast burrito at Emily's.

"He just kept saying it was the best burrito he'd ever eaten," Pampa Police Sgt.

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Stephanie Raymond said. After checking his story, Officer Cade Logue contacted Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who's the benevolence minister at Mary Ellen Church of Christ. The church came up with the money to buy the man a bus ticket to Pine River, Minn.

"Pine River, where his mother is, is in the middle of the state with no big towns around it," Triplehorn said. "I think it has a population of 831."

The Salvation Army got the man a room at the Star Motel for Sunday night. Sgt. Raymond contacted Linda Town, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center, and together they went to Tralee's resale shop and were able to find some clothes and toiletries for the man.

Raymond called John Triplehorn with VFW Post 1657, who went to Wal-Mart and got the man a cap and gloves, and arranged for him to have a Sunday dinner of chicken and dumplings at Chaney's Restaurant.

"He was hungry," John Chaney said.

Triplehorn said he kept saying how good the chicken and dumplings were. Chaney packed a take out order for the man to have for supper.

"He loaded him up," Triplehorn said of Chaney's takeout order. The VFW post picked up breakfast, lunch and supper at the Black Gold Monday and another night's lodging at the Star Motel Monday.

"He's a nice guy," Triplehorn said, "and very appreciative."

In visiting with him, Triplehorn said he learned the man had suffered a nervous breakdown while in the army in the 1960s, and has had several more since then.

"He's one of those people who has just tallen between the cracks of our society," Triplehorn said.

Triplehorn, himself a Vietnam veteran, said there was a certain camaraderie between the man and the veterans who helped him. Worried about whether the man would be able to make it back to his home in
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Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. LL. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION
Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

SHRINE CLUB
Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this spring beginning Jan. 9. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

RED CROSS CLASSES
Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer CPR/First Aid Classes from 5-9 p.m. Jan. 24 and 25 and again from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21 and 22 at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A fee will be charged to all participants and is available by calling the ARC office at 669-7121. Registration is required.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION
A Parent/Teacher Organization meeting is scheduled at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 16, in the library of PHS. Counselors from the high school will be discussing enrollment procedures for students. All parents are urged to attend.

ACS LOOK GOOD ... FEEL BETTER
The American Cancer Society will present the program "Look Good ... Feel Better" from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 13 at the ACS office at 3915 Bell Street in Amarillo. The program is aimed at helping cancer patients cope with the unpleasant side effects of cancer treatments. Cosmetology professionals will demonstrate techniques how to compensate for hair loss through the use of turbans and scarves. To register or for more information, call the ACS at (806) 353-4306 or 1-800-ACS-2345.

CPC LUNCHEON
The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo will sponsor a business luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Luby's Cafeteria, 4530 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. The guest speaker will be David D. Terry, director of Client Services with West Texas A&M University, Office of Business Services. For reservations or for more information, contact Edmond Esparza, (806) 372-3381.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
During January, Lovett Memorial Library will offer four introductory hands-on computer workshops: "Computer Comfort I" for beginners; "Computer

Comfort II" for individuals who can open and close files and use the mouse; "What is the Internet?"; and "Introduction to E-Mail," for individuals who wish to learn how to establish a free web-based e-mail account. All classes are free but registration is required. Class size is limited to 10, so space is limited. For information, contact the library at 669-5780. The workshops will continue monthly through the spring.

BSA TRAINING
BSA Hospice in Pampa will conduct a "Winter Volunteer Training and Community Education Class" from 6-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, Jan. 15-Feb. 15 at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive course is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, who want to learn more about hospice care or who desire personal growth and enrichment. The program is free of charge to residents of Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities. CEUs will be awarded through the college. For more information or to preregister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice, at (806) 665-6677.

THC PRESERVATION AWARD
Texas Historical Commission is seeking nominations for individuals, groups or organizations meriting recognition for outstanding contributions to historic preservation. Awards are divided into several program areas and will be presented at the statewide Annual Historic Preservation conference slated April 19-21 in Austin. To request an awards packet, write: THC History Programs Division, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711-2276; or call (512) 463-5853. The deadline is Feb. 28.

HPEA FUND-RAISER
High Plains Epilepsy Association will hold its 18th Annual Spring Art Soiree fund-raiser March 16-18 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. The annual fine art sale will feature artwork in many different mediums created by a variety of artists. For more information, call (806) 352-5426. A cocktail buffet will get under way at 6 p.m., Friday, March 16 followed by the live art auction at 7:30 p.m. Show hours are: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 17, and 12-4 p.m., Sunday, March 18.

GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE
Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an online service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Jan. 9, Lovett Memorial Library, 302 N. Main, McLean; Jan. 15, Family Care Center, 1010 S. Main, Shamrock; Jan. 17, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Jan. 23, First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

DIALOGUE
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:30 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

NSF TEACHER AWARDS
National Science Foundation is seeking applications for the 2001 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The program, which honors outstanding science and mathematics teachers in kindergarten through 12th grade, is the highest award the nation presents to these teaching professionals. Application deadline is Feb. 12. Divisions of competition include:

elementary mathematics, elementary science, secondary mathematics and secondary science. For more information or to obtain entry forms, call NSF at (703) 292-5096 or visit <http://www.nsf.gov/pa> on the Internet.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONTEST
Embassy Music of Nashville, Tenn., is currently conducting its Seventh Annual Artist and Song Talent Search. The contest will offer over \$50,000 in prizes including a publishing contract for the grand prize winning song. The grand prize winning artist will receive a recording which will be distributed nationally to Christian radio stations. Deadline for entry is Feb. 28. For more information, visit www.embassymusic.com or call the Ultimate Hotline at (615) 345-2500.

FIFTH ARMY TOUR
World War II veterans of the United States 5th Army will tour battlefield sites in Italy in June 2001. For more information, contact: Sy Canton, executive director, 5th Army Association, 465 Shore Rd., Ste 7P, Long Beach, NY 11561 or call (516) 432-3022.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP'S
President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcep.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

MSAA
A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com on the Internet.

FAN BOOKLET
The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The

first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

FHRC BOOKLET
Family Health Research Council recently published the booklet "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176. For additional information, visit the Council's website at www.FamilyHealthResearch.org.

AIYSE
American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

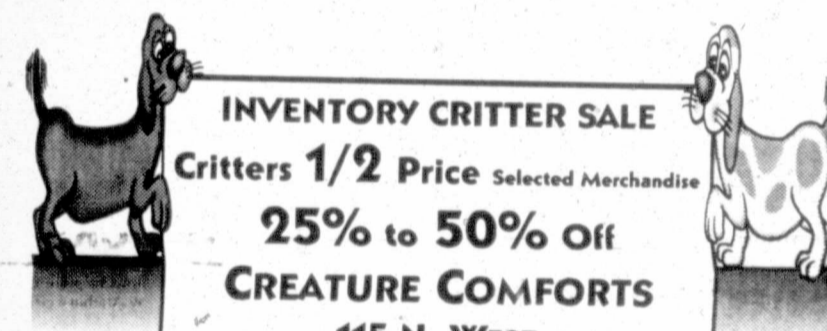
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**Translation: The Lone Ranger wishes he had a cell phone.*


RRC posts December oil and gas statistics

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently reported a total of 1,031 original drilling permits were issued in December 2000 compared to 848 in December 1999. The December total included 782 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 to re-enter existing well bores, and 214 for re-completions. Permits issued in December included 282 oil, 278 gas, 454 oil and gas, 11 injection and six other permits. Total drilling permits for 2000 totaled 12,021, up from 8,430 recorded on 1999. Texas preliminary October 2000 crude oil production averaged 1,036,485 barrels daily, down from 1,062,069 barrels daily average of October 1999. The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for October 2000 is 32,131,047 barrels, a decrease from 32,924,145 barrels reported during October 1999. In December 2000, operators reported 222 oil, 376 gas, 29 injection and no other completions, compared to 186 oil, 310 gas, nine injection and two other completions during December 1999. Operators reported 362 holes plugged and 58 dry holes in December 2000 compared to 618 plugged and 86 dry holes in December 1999. The total number of well completions for 2000 totaled

7,947, up from 5,804 in 1999. Texas oil and gas wells produced 445,787,712 mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for October 2000, up

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St. Mary's (Groom)
Father Neal Dee.....400 Ware
St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
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Minister's musing ...

The Risen Christ

The vast majority of the people around the world are looking to politics, science, and education for the solution of life's problems and not to Jesus Christ. Why is this? What is happening?

I believe that part of our dilemma is due to the fact that we have preached a weak, watered-down Christ. We have preached a watered-down gospel. We have caused young people to doubt the authority of the scriptures. We have taken this authority away from them. And so many of them are saying "What is the use of it all?" God has become less than the God of the Bible. We have given our young people a God of our own imagination. Christ has been robbed of His deity. The supernatural has been eliminated from our faith.

Even the lost do not object to this kind of Christianity. They are quite content if we have only a social Christ. The dialectical materialists do not object even to Christ on the cross. It is there that they would keep Him-dying, bleeding and incapacitated. What they do object to is a living, risen Christ. Just as long as Christ doesn't come down and smash the falseness of their ideology, they don't mind. Before we blame any-

By Dr. Jimmy Flynn

Iglesia Bautista Emanuel Church

body too much, however, we had better look at our own individual lives. We don't want to be disturbed either. We do not want to meet the moral conditions which Jesus Christ demands so we try to rationalize away the full deity of Christ which includes His resurrection.

He is a Disturber

It was the fact of the resurrection of Christ that called the disciples to go out as burning young revolutionaries to change the world of their day. They preached that Christ was alive. This should be our message not only on Easter but on every day of the year. The risen Christ want to come into our hearts today.

But beware-He is a disturber! He did not come to bring peace: He came to bring a sword (Matthew 10:34). He came to divide even families. We reject that kind of Christ because it costs us too much to follow Him in this materialistic, secularistic, pleasure-mad,

prejudice-filled age. We Christians must share the guilt. We have limited Christ to the sanctuary, to the temple, to the religious area of our lives. We have not practiced applied Christianity. We have restricted to a Sunday affair. We worship Him behind thick church walls. We tuck Him away in quiet little recesses. From Sunday to Sunday He is rarely mentioned. We spend very little time reading His word or praying. We Christians act and live as though Christ were dead.

This kind of a Christ will never make an impact on the revolutionary world in which we live. This is not the Christ of the Bible. He is too weak and small, He is irrelevant. The weak, emaciated, impotent Christ of the church of today bears little resemblance to the Christ that Isaiah the prophet talked about. He bears little resemblance to the Christ who is found in the early church that dared to challenge the world and turn it upside down.

When Christ was upon the earth He went to the temple, but He did not stay there. He went out into the streets where the sick, the needy, and the dying were.

His love and compassion broke the bounds of class, race, creed. The common people heard Him gladly (Mark 12:37).

Larry Ford concert Jan. 14 in Wheeler

Larry Ford, frequent Grand Ole Opry entertainer, will perform at 7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the Country Chapel Church in Wheeler. The bluegrass country gospel concert is open and free to the public. Accompanying Ford will be some of the church members and other local talent.

Ford is currently working on his fourth CD and is scheduled to perform again on the Opry on March 10. He will also be playing at

the Ernest Tubb Record Shop that week. He is among the Top 10 on the country music charts in Europe, the UK, Argentina, Australia and worldwide. Bluegrass music has gained much popularity in the overseas markets and has touched the souls of even the heavy classical performers.

Larry Ford's home is in Leedey, Okla., where he has a body shop business. He played at Wheeler High School back in April

at a benefit concert for the student "Drug Free" party.

After the concert, there will be a fingerfood fellowship and those who would like to "jam" afterward can bring their instruments for and join right along. So bring your favorite fingerfood, your instrument or just a love of music. For more information, call Jerry Jewel, pastor, at (806) 826-3511 or Jill Harvey at (806) 826-0502.

Pipe organ firm owners see work as ministry

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Just before Pope John Paul II's visit to the United States in 1987, workers at a Miami cathedral had made all the preparations, including spray-painting the grass green. The only problem was the pipe organ.

Sometimes it played, sometimes it didn't. Sometimes it played by itself when notes stuck.

So the Miamians called Phil Minnick and Robert Bunn, who started a pipe organ business in a basement in Columbus, to make the repairs.

"It was a speechless moment," Minnick says about seeing the pope. "I could tell that he loved the sounds of the organ by the expression on his face, the way he applauded the organist. I can't even describe it."

The two owners of Bunn-Minnick Company Pipe Organs wish that everyone showed the kind of excitement the pope did at hearing the boom of a centuries-old pipe organ.

They and some of their 25 employees say working with instruments of worship brings together their jobs and faith.

"It's a relief from the modern world," says Minnick, speaking of the organ's unique, medieval sound.

Some churches opt for electronic or digital organs, but the sound is not the same. Besides, electronic components and plastic keys wear out over time.

So some churches still opt for pipe organs, even though they can cost \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Bunn and Minnick's 31-year-old company has long since moved out of Robert Bunn's basement and into a large, three-story building cluttered with hunks of poplar and lead pipes. The company, one of about 100 pipe organ makers of its size nationwide, is booked with orders and restoration work nearly two years in advance.

Religion plays a central role in their work, Bunn and Minnick say. They call it a ministry.

Above the entrance to the building is written: "Soli Deo Glori," a Latin phrase that Bach inscribed on his manuscripts. It means, "To God alone, the glory."

The building even has a chapel. The cross above a small altar is made of the wood from a utility pole that carried power into the building, which in the early 20th century housed a company that made steel oil derricks.

Bunn worries about finding younger workers to continue the

craft. "I hate to think that Phil and I built all this up and it would go to pot," Bunn says. "There are not a lot of young people interested at this point."

One younger worker drawn to the spiritual craft is Scott Gorsuch, 38, a rock guitarist and cabinet maker who showed up on the company's doorstep about four years ago.

"Ninety percent of my friends sit in front of a computer at their jobs," Gorsuch says. "They can't grasp what it is that I do."

Gorsuch sets the pitch of the pipes, making slight adjustments in their openings to give them their voice.

He sees himself as an ambassador as he introduces his rock audiences to an older sound.

"Pipe organs are not terribly hip," Gorsuch acknowledges.

Other workers say they don't worry about the music catching listeners' attention. Some of them say that God has always helped.

Karen Freudigman, 43, sometimes prays in the building's chapel in the mornings. She has worked for the company for 11 years repairing the small leather pouches that allow air into organ pipes when the keys are pressed.

Religion briefs...

Macedonia Baptist, Trinity sponsor service

Standing Together In The Gap for Christ, the Macedonia Baptist Church and Trinity Fellowship Church are sponsoring Making a Positive Statement: While the political world is marching for its political agenda, the Church of God is marching for God's agenda. A Time Of Praise And Worship an Anointed Word by Dr. John Kelley.

Prayer For Healing, Sick, Unsaved. Monday, January 15, 7 p.m. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm Street. Everyone is welcome.

Barnetts featured in meeting series at HiLand Church

HiLand Church will host Barney and Muriel Barnett in a series of meetings to be held Jan. 14-17 at the church on the corner of 18th and Banks Streets. Service times will be 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

In 1976, Barney and Muriel Barnett were born again within a few minutes of one another. They have since been involved in various ministries, ministering through street missions in San Diego, Calif., serving as Sunday school teachers, founding and directing two "People that Love Centers" and establishing and directing a campground ministry called "Joy in the Camp" for travelers. As evangelists, they have shared their testimonies in many churches and Christian organizations in California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, Florida and Mississippi.

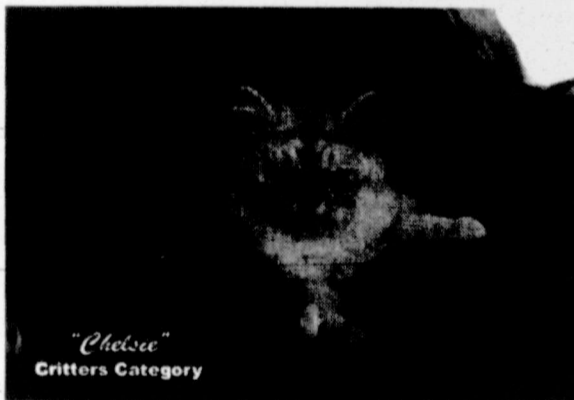
Barnett was a career naval officer when he attempted to commit suicide. At a time in his life when he was physically weak from a workaholic lifestyle, he suddenly saw everything that he had worked so hard for and towards begin to crumble. Alone at work one evening, he received word that he was being accused of a wrongdoing with seemingly no way to prove his innocence. Within a few months, he was found innocent of all charges. God delivered him from all those terrifying circumstances and inspired him to become involved in the ministry.

Pastor Nathan Hopson and the congregation of HiLand Church extend a cordial invitation to all.

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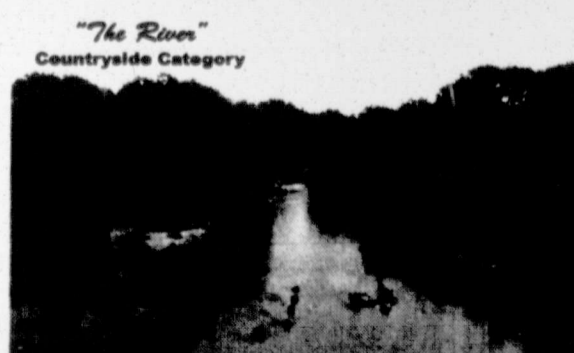
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Pampa educator joins Christian Institute

Longtime Pampa educator Raymond Thornton recently joined the Leadership Team of Christian Institute of the West, the panhandle's first Christian college.

Dr. Kyle Huckins, president of the institute, said keys to Thornton's appointment were his experience in education and his understanding of the concerns of Pampa and the northeastern panhandle. "With three decades in the classroom and administration, serving at all scholastic levels, he will be invaluable to the institute. His many years in Pampa will help CIW to understand the needs of Gray County and the surrounding region."

Christian Institute of the West — scheduled to begin classes in the fall of 2002 — will be an interdenominational school serving the entire Texas Panhandle from Amarillo. Established as an educational non-profit corporation a year ago, the institute, when it opens to students, will emphasize a strong campus life, faculty-student mentoring, and access to education for the entire Body of Christ. Leaders are targeting \$100 per credit hour for initial tuition, comparable to state schools.

Thornton, in accepting the appointment, underscored panhandle residents should have the opportunity to receive an education at a Christian college, not be restricted to a secular institution of higher learning, school.

The Pampa educator will serve on the institute's Academic

Council. He is the second Pampa resident named to the institute Leadership Team. The Rev. Harold Eggert, pastor of New Life Assembly of God, also serves on the Academic Council, due to his years teaching English at the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Louisiana

Tech University. More information about CIW is available at www.aboutchristian-college.org on the World Wide Web; by calling (806) 373-7490; or by writing: P.O. Box 9693, Amarillo, TX 79105. The institute's offices are at 112 W. 8th Avenue in Amarillo.

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Teacher's Hurtful Words Set Bad Example for Class

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two daughters, one of whom is 9 years old. The other passed away eight years ago just before she turned 3.

My daughter who died had Down syndrome and many other health problems. However, that is not the reason for this letter.

My other daughter is in fourth grade, and at open house for her class, her teacher used a word in her talk to parents that I found deeply offensive. She used it not once, but twice. Demonstrating for the parents a stretching exercise she has the children do midmorning to break the monotony in their routine, she said, "I know this makes me look retarded, but this is the way to stretch." My daughter reports that this teacher uses the word "retarded" often, as if it were an adjective.

I am unsure how to handle this. I don't want whatever I say to be



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

used against my daughter in the classroom, and yet I feel strongly about the poor example this teacher is setting for the children. I considered sending an anonymous letter to her with a copy to the principal of the school, but I would like you to address this subject in your column. If you print this, I just might mail her a copy.

TWICE A MOTHER IN SOUTH DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

DEAR MOTHER: It is deplor-

able that the word "retarded," as a synonym for "dumb" or "stupid," has become common slang (i.e., "That is so retarded!!"). It shows a lack of respect for those who are chal-

lenged, and the person to whom the remark is directed may have a sibling or relative who is developmentally or mentally disabled.

Rather than anonymously mailing this to the teacher or penning an unsigned letter, I urge you to meet with the teacher and tell her how hurtful her comments were to you and the reasons why. If that doesn't teach her a lesson she'll never forget, nothing will.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Be responsive. Others respond to your authenticity. Playing games backfires, whereas clarity draws results. Join with friends and loved ones in a favorite pastime. Another seems nearly magical. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

This week: Say what you mean and mean what you say. Confusion strikes on Wednesday. At least you know what is going on!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** A discussion inspires you. You feel as if anything is possible. Be careful about how much you decide to invest in an untried idea. Brainstorm with someone who has much more experience in these matters. With this person's help, you'll make excellent decisions. Tonight: Your treat.

This week: Think through financial options. Investigate the true story in the midst of confusion on Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your smile is enough of a thank-you to a special loved one who clearly adores you. Don't question so much. Simply enjoy the moment. If single, someone you meet today could be very special. Just be yourself. Tonight: Do what you want.

This week: Make your magic felt in your immediate crowd. Grab an unusual opportunity. Steer clear of any financially confusing schemes late in the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might need some time off from friends and socializing. Schedule a day to do what you want. Pick and choose your company with care. Don't overdo it. Just be with those you love or, if you want, curl up with a good book. Tonight: Forget plans. Play it by ear.

This week: You might not feel up to snuff until Tuesday night, when you become a force to be reckoned with. Others might be confused, not you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Join friends. Partners are clearly enthusiastic about getting together. Share your time and interests with those close to you. A discussion brings you one step closer to what you want. Demonstrate your social nature. You know how to get a party going. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

This week: Reach out for friends. Groups

feed success. Assume a low profile on Wednesday and Thursday.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Listen carefully to someone you respect and whose opinions you value. Your creativity and vision with your work and finances keep you in a leadership position. Brainstorm with a buddy. You feel inspired by another's feedback. Tonight: All eyes turn to you. This week: If there is a problem, others will find you. Count on being a viable force all week. You have a lot to smile about by late Thursday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Reach out for someone at a distance. Caring evolves to a new level. Another has a lot to share. Be open to another's ideas, especially if it has anything to do with your plans. Let go and enjoy. Take time to think about what someone wants. Tonight: Use your imagination.

This week: Your visions of what could be feed your reality. Sort through confusion and create more of what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Work with someone one-on-one. Your ability to understand another emerges as you share more. Your instincts help you to make choices that will make someone happy. Make plans close to home. Tonight: A great night for two.

This week: Someone has his eye on you. You might not like this, but you need to detach and deal with this person. Be understanding. Seek out facts, not theories.

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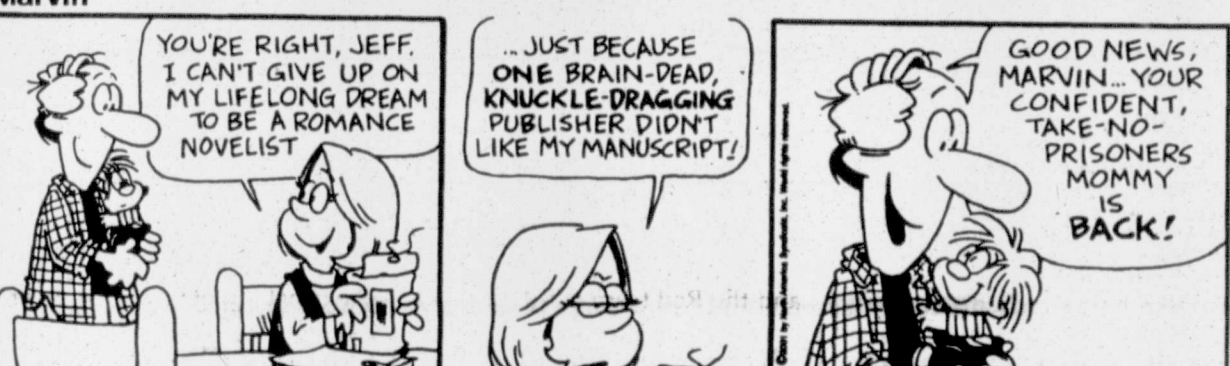
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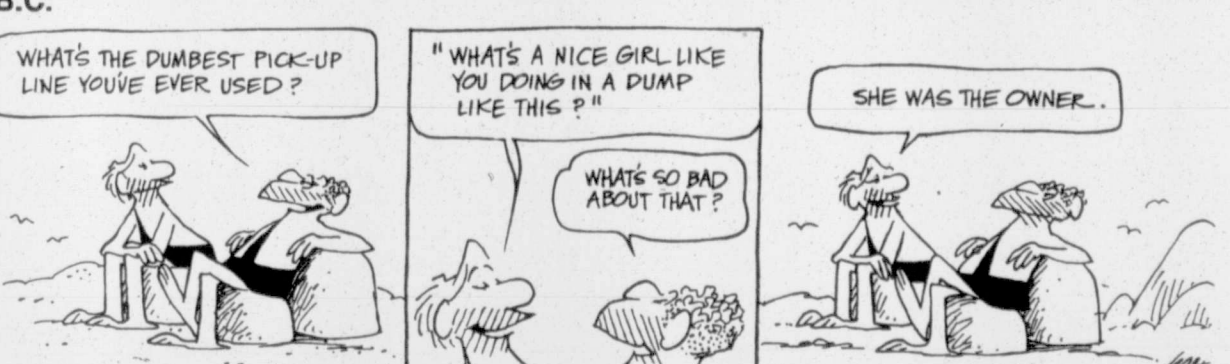
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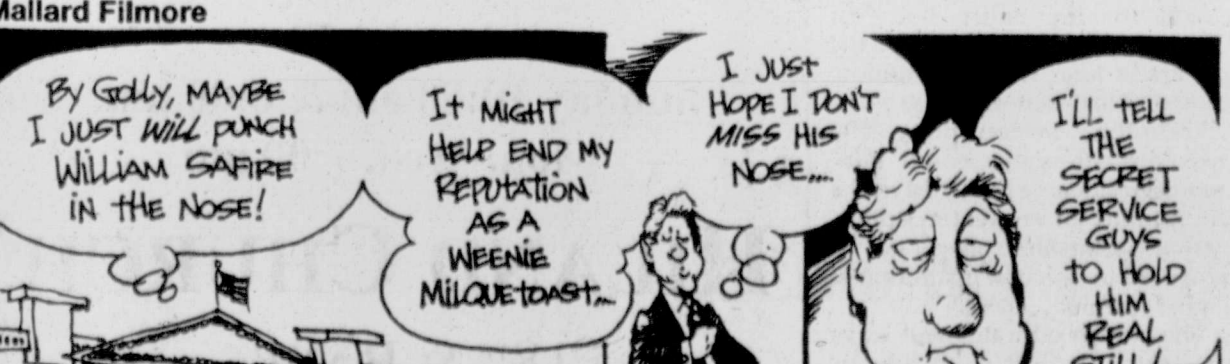
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Horoscope

SUNDAY, JAN. 14, 2001

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** You wake up smiling as others share with you. Good feelings surround you at every twist and turn. Someone makes an offer that might be difficult to turn down. Get together with a favorite friend or loved one. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

This week: Expect the unusual, but don't press your point. One-on-one relating brings success toward the week's end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Sometimes you need to do for yourself. What would be the ultimate treat? Don't withhold. Pencil in that special happening. Another clearly has a lot to share. Pay homage to an older relative or friend. Make time for a walk or exercise. Tonight: Luxuriate in your favorite way.

This week: Dig into work. You might not be able to make waves, but you will get the job done. From Wednesday on, you are delighted to have some free time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Someone thinks that whatever you do is super. How can you lose, with all this positive energy? Use your creativity and do something unusual but fun. Make it OK to hop in the car and take off. Explore a new place. Tonight: Opt for very different.

This week: Use the imagination that your sign is noted for. You will be on cruise control at work as well as personally.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Your good intentions emerge, despite yourself. Adore and indulge, a family member, whom you put on a pedestal anyway. A lot happens from out of the blue. You could be touched by someone's efforts. Stay close to home. Tonight: Let another coax you.

This week: Deal with what is important to you. Another might distract you, or at least try to. Here is where priorities do count.

Crossword Puzzle

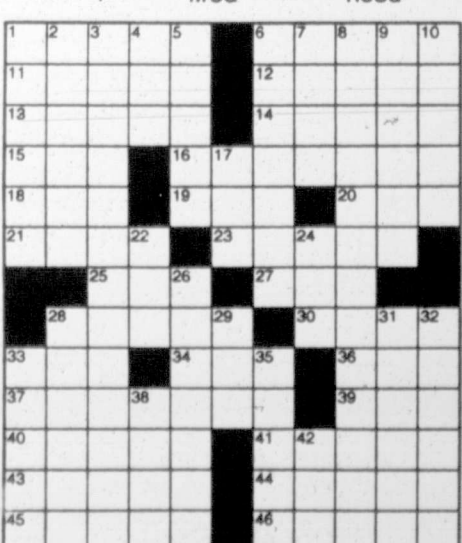
By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 27 Mythical bird
 - 28 Radiant
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 - 37 Sprinkle
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 - 40 Kayak's kin
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 - 9 Island rings
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 - 17 Plant
 - 22 Zero
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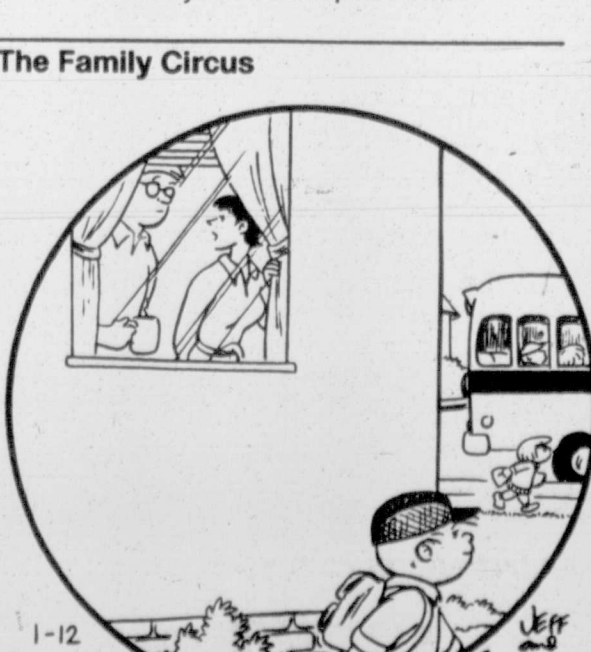
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Guards get blame in prison escape report

AUSTIN (AP) — Coming to after he had been knocked unconscious, prison worker Mark Burgess felt a sharp point behind his neck, another in his back and another below his armpit.

And he heard frightening, threatening words. "This is no joke," a man said. "We go home and you go home, or not, it's up to you."

The voice was attributed to inmate George Rivas, believed to be the leader of a seven-man band of escaped convicts who carried out a well-planned escape Dec. 13 from the Connally Unit in South Texas.

Before racing through prison gates in a pickup truck, the inmates and their hostages provided signals that trouble was brewing. But guards and employees missed the warnings, according to a Texas Department of Criminal Justice report released Thursday.

"The system has failed," said Gary Johnson, director of the TDCJ institutional division. "It is our responsibility to discover how and why this tragedy occurred."

The gang of convicts remains on the loose and is charged in the Christmas Eve murder of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins.

The inmates were able to break out of the maximum-security prison southeast of San Antonio because of mistakes by employees, including an officer who ignored a silent fire alarm tripped by guards being held hostage, the state report said.

Another prison employee at one point noticed

the inmates were unsupervised but didn't report it, also a violation, the report said.

Some prison employees may face disciplinary action, including dismissal, Johnson said. Warden Tim Keith also may be disciplined.

Calls to Keith were referred to state prisons spokesman Glen Castlebury, who said all prison staff must stay alert to prevent mistakes "such as the series of errors that led to this escape."

Johnson, addressing TDCJ board members Thursday, explained the breakout took place from 11:20 a.m. to 1:58 p.m., much of it during the quiet lunch period.

Armed with knives made from screwdrivers and flat pieces of metal, the inmates subdued prison guards and maintenance employees practically one by one, often after distracting them.

Eleven employees and three other inmates were held in an electrical room in the maintenance department, gagged and bound in duct tape.

Most of the hostages managed to untie themselves and barricade the door. They set off a fire alarm.

But an officer at the central control picket turned off the alarm signal on her control panel after calling the maintenance department and getting no answer.

Some inmates shed their prison clothes and disguised themselves as maintenance workers. Then they gained unchecked access into the prison's exit area.

Once there, an inmate was allowed into the back gate picket tower, where he grabbed a gun and threatened an officer as he demanded to know how to open the prison gates. The inmate also took other weapons from the tower, including a 12-gauge shotgun, an AR-15 rifle and 14 .357-caliber revolvers.

As the gates opened, some of the inmates drove a pickup truck from the maintenance area. The others jumped in, and off they went.

Jayne Hawkins, mother of slain Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins, chastised top prison officials after hearing the report.

"I should hope that you would be terribly embarrassed," she said. "My heart is already broken."

TDCJ chairman Mac Stringfellow and other officials expressed their condolences.

Alejandro Marroquin, one of the guards taken hostage, was kept from asking questions during a news conference and he tossed his security badge at top prison officials.

Marroquin said prison leaders are "scapegoat-

ing" some employees. "I wouldn't doubt if some of the guards are so terrified to go to work," he said. "The guards that they had there were properly trained, they were good guards."

Johnson said a prison guard shortage may have indirectly played a role in the escape because understaffing reduces the number of weapons searches and causes employees get tired from working overtime.

Meanwhile, Gov. Rick Perry said that the Texas Rangers are conducting an independent review of the escape.

"Texas will spare no expense or energy in locating those seven individuals and bringing them to justice," he said.

On the Net:
Texas Department of Criminal Justice at www.tdcj.state.tx.us
Irving Police Department: <http://www.irving-pd.com/>

Oshman's employee says fugitive threatened to kill all in the store

DALLAS (AP) — A clerk at a suburban Dallas sporting goods store told a Dallas television station that he remembers the leader of a group of robbers holding up the store on Christmas Eve as very precise.

"Just be calm and do what we say, and no one's gonna die," he recalled the robber saying as the bandits prepared to steal firearms and ammunition. "If we have to shoot one person, everyone's gonna die."

According to authorities, the bandits holding up the Oshman's Superstore USA in Irving were at least three of the seven fugitives who broke out of the Connally Unit state prison, near Kenedy, on Dec. 13.

The escaped convicts are charged with fatally shooting Irving police Officer Aubrey Hawkins, 29. Hawkins was shot 11 times — six times in the head — and his body was run over by a car as they made their getaway.

The clerk identified fugitive George Rivas as the bandit's leader. He also identified fugitive Jesse Garcia as one of the robbers.

"I feared for my life. I think everyone in the store feared for their lives," the teen-ager told WFAA-TV, who concealed the youth's identity.

He said he and the other young workers were the bandits' captives for an hour Christmas Eve night.

"We realized how serious this was and how our lives were hanging. He (Rivas) was in charge of our lives," he said. "I was definitely scared. I closed my eyes and I just prayed."

He said Rivas was calm and cool, and he knew all the managers by name. They forced the workers to their knees in a break room and bound them hand and foot.

"It was very frightening. It would be a horrible way to die," the teen said.

He said a few of the workers cried a little, but mostly they were silent and behaved well. He said the coolness of managers helped save their lives.

The escapees told them, "don't move, we're leaving now. Just don't move."

"They left and about a minute later, we heard many gunshots," the teen-ager said.

Those were the gunshots that killed Hawkins.

Texans' inaugural ball will be definitive Texas excess

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cardon the shopkeepers if the cowboy boots are in short supply. The Texans are back and fixin' to party.

With one of their own about to take up residence in the White House, there's been no scrimping on the shindig that has been and continues to be the consummate Texas event during inauguration — the Texas Black Tie & Boots Ball.

Phones haven't stopped ringing with calls from ticket hunters since the Supreme Court opened the White House door for George W. Bush. And they continue to ring even, though the Jan. 19 ball has been sold out for weeks.

"When it (the election) was really official, the ball just took on a whole new life," said Rick Meyers, the Texas State Society's ball co-chairman. "Everybody wanted to come to this party. It's always been a hot ticket but this year it is the hot ticket."

It would be redundant to say this party put on by Texans is big, but is it big enough to meet the definition of Texas excess? You bet.

— This party is so big the door prize is a Chevy Suburban — the so-called Texas Cadillac — val-

ued at more than \$40,000.

— It's so big that a pair of tickets that would cost \$175 each were auctioned on eBay for \$3,650.

— It's so big that 6,000 pounds of brisket, 6,000 pounds of smoked ham and 60,000 pieces of jumbo shrimp have been ordered as food for the masses.

"Tickets are very, very hot. I think I could finance my son's college if I could lay my hand on some extra ones," joked Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, the society's second vice president. "This is the election night victory party that no one had."

Corporate sponsorships offered at \$50,000 came with 50 ball tickets. They were sold out by the time ticket order forms were mailed. The society also sold \$25,000 and \$10,000 sponsorships, which came with 25 and 10 tickets each. They society got so many calls it expanded its corporate sponsorships, which sold out again.

The society's Web site, last updated in October, lists seven \$50,000 sponsors, 39 at \$25,000 and 43 at \$10,000. That would total \$1.755 million. But more have been added.

Watchdog groups have been

critical of the donations, saying corporations make them to get close to people in power.

But Meyers and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, counter that the society's lineup of entertainment including Texas swing band Asleep At the Wheel, country stars Tanya Tucker, Clint Black and Gary P. Nunn, mixed with the scheduled appearance of Bush and first lady Laura Bush have made the event popular.

"This has become traditionally the most fun event of the whole inaugural weekend," said Hutchison, society president. "It's just an integral part of inaugural weekend and it's our time to be outrageously Texan."

Corporate sponsors and other VIP's also will get a sit-down dinner an hour before the ball. Texas musician Lyle Lovett is the featured entertainment and prime, grain-fed beef ordered from Texas will be served. The guest list includes Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman and former Cowboys' quarterback Roger Staubach. Actors Chuck Norris, Robert Duvall, Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger, golfer Ben Crenshaw and some of Texas' political glitterati.

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