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City defers purchase of laptops

Editor's note: This is the second of two stories on Tuesday's Pampa City Commission meeting. Wednesday's story dealt with the possibility of creating a new Economic Development Corporation for Pampa.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners deferred authorization Tuesday of

the purchase of laptop computers needed to implement a paperless agenda program after some commissioners requested more information.

The purchase proposal presented to commissioners for approval was for nine laptop computers at a cost of \$1,543 each.

"This would make the city more accessible to the public," said Ward 1 Commissioner Brad Pingel.

The \$14,500 in restructured data

processing cash which was mentioned by City Manager John Horst at commissioners' July 12 meeting was set aside for such uses as the proposed paperless agenda system, he said.

"This money has been there several years," Horst said at Tuesday's meeting.

"How many of these \$15,000 funds do we have laying around?" asked Ward 2 Commissioner Ray

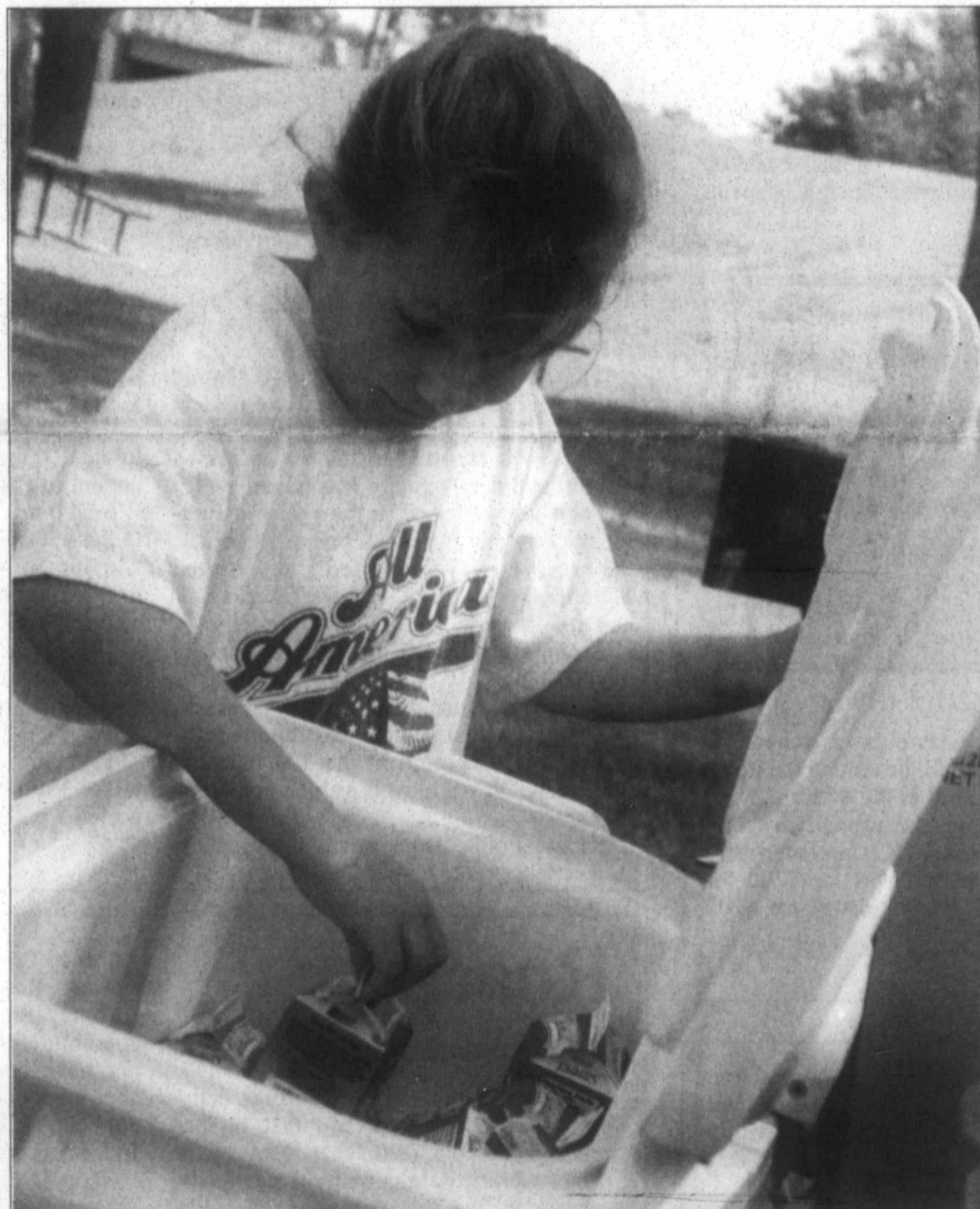
Boring. "I'm wondering why past commissions haven't taken this money and used it, given past decreases in revenues.

"People have come to us with needs, and so in some ways I think it's self-serving to spend it on us when someone else needs it," Boring said.

Mayor Lonny Robbins asked if

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Lunch in the Park



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Ali Norris reaches for some chocolate milk to have with her chili dog at the Lunch in the Park program recently, which offers free meals to students during the summer. According to one volunteer, the program serves from 20 to 40 children each weekday.

Scott dismisses motion as not relevant

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Perryton attorney David T. Scott filed a response July 11 to a motion by Canyon attorney Bill Kelly to have him removed as special prosecutor in the state's cases against Richard Roach.

Scott said in the response that he was appointed by Judge William Smith as special prosecutor, which means that any question of Judge Steven Emmert's propriety in appointing Scott to that position is not relevant.

Kelly said in his motion that Scott was one of the defense attorneys who agreed not

to contest a money forfeiture case in exchange for Roach returning a portion of the money. Scott said in his response that "this is a common practice in the handling of these cases" and that the FBI listed civil cases in the Roach case which are not the subject of criminal liability.

"The undersigned settled a case in 2002 with Mr. Roach. The mother of the defendant was the owner of \$8,500.00. The entire sum of \$8,500.00 was returned to her. The undersigned received none of the money returned," Scott said in the response.

"Counsel for the Defendant has used this issue in an attempt to compel a plea in this

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Roach case

Motions in Roach case seek removal of judge, attorney

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Canyon attorney Bill Kelly, court-appointed counsel for former 31st District Attorney Rick Roach, has filed motions to have Perryton attorney David T. Scott and 31st District Judge Steven Emmert removed from the state's case against Roach, which involves charges of drug possession and perjury.

The motions are stamped as having been filed in the 31st District Clerk's office on July 8. A response by Scott was filed July 11.

"It is the Defendant's position that Judge Emmert was disqualified from taking any action in connection with Defendant Roach and therefore, that Judge Emmert's appointment of Mr. Scott is void," the motion states, referring to Scott's appointment as special prosecutor in any state charges which might be filed against Roach.

"It is further Defendant's position that David Scott cannot act as special prosecutor or district attorney pro tem because of his involvement in conduct alleged to be improper or illegal," the motion states.

The motion states that Emmert personally took an active role in the investigation and prosecution of state charges against Roach, and lists six events which reportedly constitute evidence of his involvement in the state cases against Roach.

The six events listed in the motion are:

- On Dec. 18, 2004, Emmert expressed to Lynn Switzer his concern that Roach was using drugs.
- On Jan. 7, Emmert

instructed his bailiff to verify that Roach had delivered methamphetamine to a K-9 handler.

- On Jan. 12, Emmert reported to FBI agents that he believed Roach may have had a substance abuse problem, according to the motion.



Rick Roach

- Also on Jan. 12, Emmert contacted the Wheeler County Sheriff to request an audit of drugs Roach had provided to a K-9 handler. Emmert was present at the audit.

- On Jan. 14, FBI reports indicated that Emmert's court reporter had related to Emmert certain statements made by Roach's wife concerning Roach's alleged drug use, drug possession and domestic violence. FBI reports indicate that Emmert passed on this information to a Texas Department of Public Safety officer.

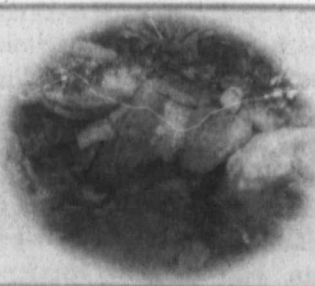
- On Jan. 14, Emmert contacted an FBI special agent and told the agent that Emmert had checked the quantity of drugs released to Roach to be delivered to canine handlers, for training, that he

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Police arrest nine in connection with failed London attacks

LONDON (AP) — Anti-terrorist officers arrested nine men in dawn raids Thursday in connection with the botched July 21 attacks on London's transit system, bringing to 20 the number of people police have in custody, including one of the alleged bombers.

With three of the suspected attackers still at large, Britain's most senior police officer warned of more possible attacks and thousands of officers patrolled the country's rail network to reassure the public.

"There are many thousands of police officers trying to ensure the safety of Londoners," said Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir Ian Blair.

He said it was a "race against time" to find the suspected bombers.

"It does remain possible that those at large will strike again," he added. "It does also remain possible that there are other cells who are capable and intent on striking again."

British Transport Police said it had scrambled the "largest ever

deployment of police" to patrol the country's rail network.

"It is a time of heightened tension, and we have this deployment of police to give reassurance and deterrence," said spokesman Simon Lubin. He declined to say how many officers had been deployed.

Scotland Yard said the nine men were arrested under the Terrorism Act at two properties in the neighborhood of Tooting, south London, early Thursday. They were being held in a central London police station.

One of the four men suspected of carrying out the failed attacks July 21 was arrested in Birmingham, central England, on Wednesday. Yasin Hassan Omar, 24, was being questioned at a top-security police station in London.

Blair said the botched attacks, in which four bombs only partially detonated on three subway trains and a central London bus, was not a sign the terrorists had been weakened in any way.

"This is not the B team. These weren't the amateurs. They made a mistake. They only made one mis-

take, and we're very, very lucky," he said.

Blair said he was confident that police would find the bombers.

"The carnage that would have occurred had those bombs gone off would have at least been equivalent of those on July 7, and therefore it is absolutely imperative that we find those responsible," Blair said.

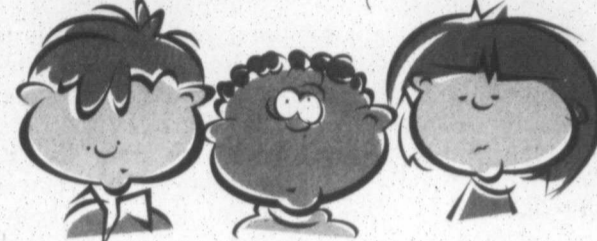
Residents in Tooting said police had arrested three Turkish men who worked at and lived above a fast food restaurant selling halal burgers.

Nature walk



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House poised to vote on six-year highway and transit legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House is set to approve what could be the biggest public works program of the decade, a \$286.4 billion highway and transit bill that will get construction projects moving and create jobs across the country.

With passage of the six-year bill, lawmakers will be able to return home later this week for the August recess with bragging rights about new roads, bridges, bus terminals or bike trails they have secured for their constituents.

The Senate will also vote on the measure before the end of the week, ending what has been a nearly two-year deadlock over legislation that everybody wanted but no one could agree on.

The 1998-2003 highway bill, funded at \$218 billion, expired in September 2003. Congress on Wednesday had to approve the 11th temporary extension of the old act to keep programs running until a new plan could be approved.

Slowing the legislative process was a White House veto threat over congressional ambitions to spend well over \$300 billion on the nation's infrastructure, as well as dissension among the states over the fair distribution of federal highway money.

The president has agreed to the \$286.4 billion price tag and has said he will sign the bill.

The final product, for the 2004-09 period, includes more than \$50 billion for transit projects and \$6 billion for safety programs. States will be guaranteed, by 2008, a return of at least 92 percent of their contributions to the federal Highway Trust Fund through gasoline taxes. Under current law, states are

'We're basically filling holes.'

— Stephen Sandherr
Associated General Contractors of America officer

assured a 90.5 percent return on contributions.

The bill, said Sen. Jim Jeffords, I-Vt., who heads the minority on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, "will make our nation's roads and bridges safer and less congested and create thousands of jobs from coast to coast."

Stephen Sandherr, chief executive officer of the

Associated General Contractors of America, praised congressional negotiators for coming up with the best possible bill during a time of tight federal budgets, but said more spending is needed to meet the nation's pressing infrastructure needs. "We're basically filling holes," he said.

Even before the final list of new projects was officially announced, lawmakers were lauding the benefits they would bring their constituents. Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., spoke of a new \$50 million fund to lessen congestion on Interstate 95 in his state, while Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., said he had secured \$50 million for Kansas City's Paseo Bridge.

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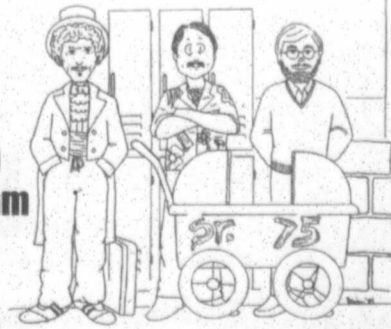
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Viewpoints

The lowdown on a High Court nomination

In the question of the upcoming hearing on the Supreme Court nomination of Judge John Roberts, one thing is certain: Dick Durbin, the Illinois senator who never wore the uniform of a member of our armed services yet compared American soldiers to Nazis, Pol Pot's death squads and other unsavory characters will be among those doing their best to derail President Bush's choice for the high court.

He's already told us that he would oppose any nominee who is, in his words, "outside the mainstream," a place where in his warped view only conservatives such as Judge Roberts can be found.

As Laura Ingram asked, isn't Dick Durbin aware that

in mainstream America there is nothing wrong with displaying the Ten Commandments in the public square, and a lot wrong with banning such displays?

Or for that matter, unlike Dick Durbin, mainstream Americans are appalled by the very thought of having babies drawn down the birth canal, having scissors thrust into their skulls and their brains sucked out while they are still alive — a gruesome procedure Durbin voted against banning.

In mainstream America same-sex marriage is a no-no. In mainstream America only far-out liberals such as Dick Durbin want judges to improvise from the bench, imposing laws never enacted by any legislative body and often against the will of the

people expressed in referenda.

In recent years the national Democratic party hasn't merely moved farther and farther left, it's gone farther and farther into cloud-cuckoo-land, with top party members uttering insanities such as those that have become the hallmarks of Howard Dean's frenzied rhetoric. To put it bluntly, the Democrats have gone "round the bend."

We can expect to see example after example of that craziness on display as the party's lunatic wing in the Senate holds forth during the questioning of Judge

Roberts. Teddy Kennedy will rant and rave, the sanctimonious Charles Schumer will attempt to portray Judge Brown as being a threat to the life and liberty of women and minorities and endan-



Michael Reagan
Columnist

g e r e d species such as a Democratic office holder facing re-election in 2006, and the oleaginous Patrick Leahy will make believe he is involved in a sober examination of the nominee he is really determined to crucify.

Listen to Schumer trying out his interrogative technique, reminding us that the last time he questioned Judge Roberts when he was

up for appointment to the District of Columbia Federal Court of Appeals he wanted him to name three Supreme Court decisions with which he disagreed. Roberts declined and will do so again, giving Schumer an opportunity to declare him unfit to serve on the Supreme Court for having done what judicial discretion required him to do.

John Roberts is a Roman Catholic and as such can expect to be grilled by Durbin and his colleagues on whether he would let his religious beliefs color his opinions on abortion. When Judge William H. Pryor was first nominated to the Court of Appeals, Durbin, who describes himself as a "practicing Catholic," said that "many Catholics who

oppose abortion personally do not believe the laws of the land should prohibit abortion for all others in extreme cases involving rape, incest, and the life and health of the mother."

That statement led Denver's Archbishop Chaput to scold Durbin for 'distorting' most Catholics' beliefs.

As Ramesh Ponnuru pointed out in the National Review, Pryor's opponents adopted "a viewpoint test... that has the effect of screening out all Catholics faithful to their church's teachings on abortion. The only way a Catholic can pass it is by 'ceasing, on the decisive issue, to be Catholic — by breaking from his church's teaching.'"

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 28, the 209th day of 2005. There are 156 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 28, 1945, a U.S. Army bomber crashed into the 79th floor of New York's Empire State Building, killing 14 people.

On this date:

In 1540, King Henry VIII's chief minister, Thomas Cromwell, was executed, the same day Henry married his fifth wife, Catherine Howard.

In 1655, French dramatist and novelist Cyrano de Bergerac, the inspiration for a play by Edmond Rostand, died in Paris.

In 1821, Peru declared its independence from Spain.

In 1868, the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing due process of law, was declared in effect.

In 1896, the city of Miami, Fla., was incorporated.

In 1932, Federal troops forcibly dispersed the so-called Bonus Army of

'All youth is bound to be 'misspent'; there is something in its very nature that makes it so, and that is why all men regret it.'

— Thomas Wolfe
American author
(1900-1938)

World War I veterans who had gathered in Washington to demand money they weren't scheduled to receive until 1945.

In 1945, the U.S. Senate ratified the United Nations Charter by a vote of 89-2.

In 1965, President Johnson announced he was increasing the number of American troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.

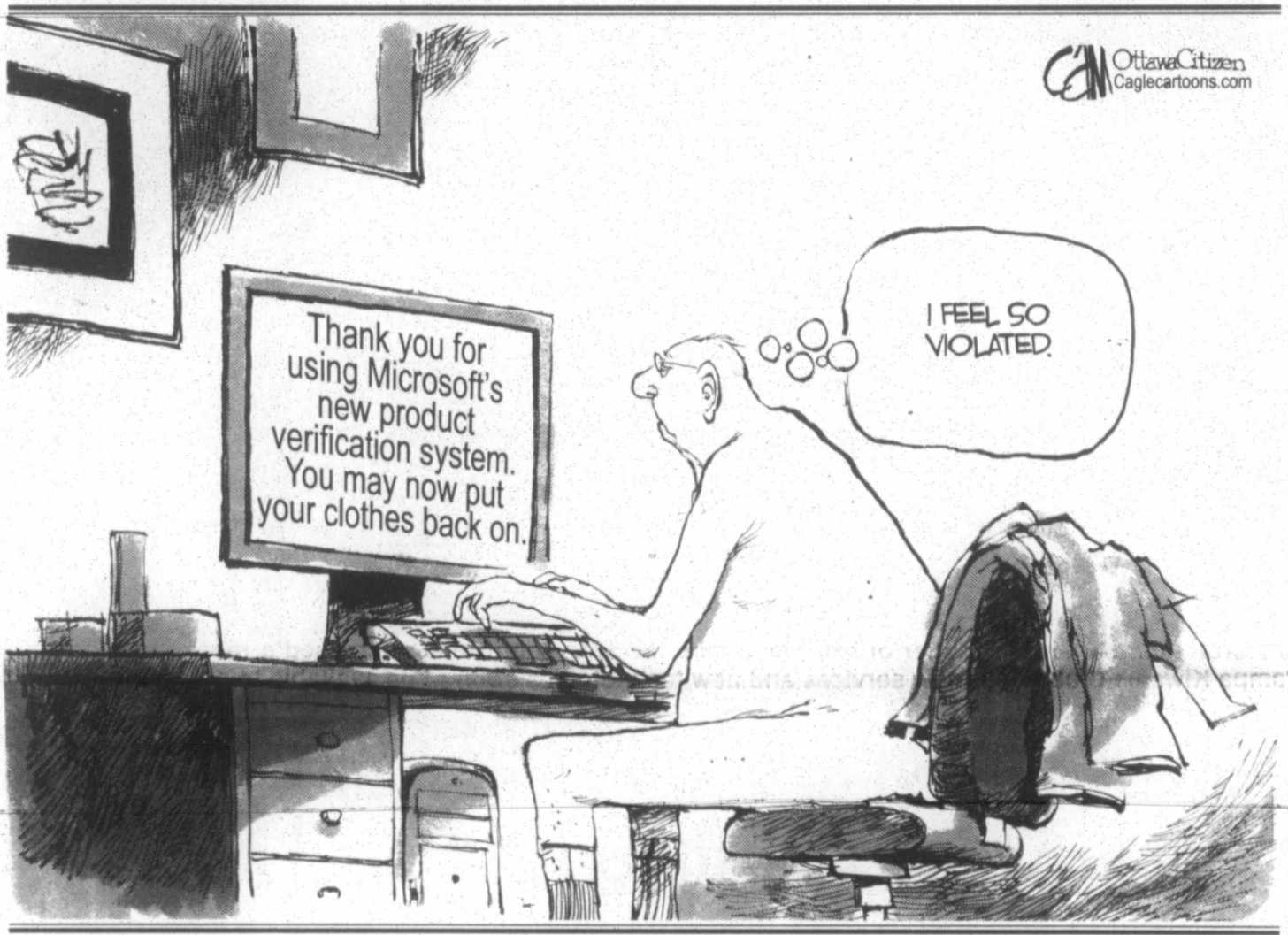
In 1977, Roy Wilkins turned over leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to Benjamin L. Hooks.

In 2002, nine coal miners trapped in the flooded Quecreek Mine in Somerset, Pa., were rescued after 77 hours underground.

Ten years ago: A jury in Union, S.C., rejected the death penalty for Susan Smith, sentencing her instead to life in prison for drowning her two young sons. (Smith will be eligible for parole in 2024).

Five years ago: Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was sworn in for an unprecedented third term of office, infuriating demonstrators who set government buildings ablaze.

One year ago: The Democratic National Convention in Boston formally nominated John Kerry for president. A car bomb exploded outside a police station used as a recruiting center in Baqouba, Iraq, killing 70 Iraqis.



Cyber-tools: Search the hidden Internet

While Google (<http://www.google.com>) is the most popular search engine on the Internet, it is by no means the ONLY search tool available. Many sites offer specialized searches that allow you to delve beyond the pages indexed by Google's spiders; into that realm known only as the "hidden Internet."

The Basics

I know I sound mysterious when I use that phrase, but it is the best description for that ocean of information that exists beyond the reach of most search engines. The only way in to these massive databases is to use the search tools on their owner's site. My favorite portal to these information troves is Yahoo. One of the oldest and most respected Web sites, Yahoo has become the defacto starting point for

many specialized searches. Take a look at some of these amazing archives:

Education

<http://education.yahoo.com>

Most people visit this site to take sample SAT, GRE, GMAT, and LSAT tests.

However, you'll find the best gems by scrolling down to the "Reference

Section." Here, you can search every word of Shakespeare's plays and sonnets, Gray's Anatomy, Bartlett's Quotations, the Encyclopedia Britannica, Roget's Thesaurus, the American Heritage Dictionary, and the World Factbook. This site also has some incredible resources

for K-12 educators.

Maps and Directions

<http://maps.yahoo.com>

Planning a vacation? Instead of pulling out that huge, unfoldable, roadmap, simply surf over to Yahoo's Map section. Enter any street address in the U.S.,

Canada, or Europe, and the site will instantly show you a zoom-able graphic

with your location pinpointed. Enter a beginning address and it will give you turn-by-turn directions on how to get there. If you plan to take a paper copy of your map, be sure and click "printable version." It will give you a larger map minus all of the ads. Recently on a trip, I discovered a great fea-

ture of this site: To the right of the map, you'll see a section labeled, "Nearby Businesses." I put in the address of my hotel and then clicked on "Restaurants." It showed me every eatery within walking distance!

People

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Want to search the entire United States for a person just using their name? This is where you can do it. You'd be surprised at the number of people that share your name around the nation. I've used this tool to find old high school and college friends. If you are planning a reunion, this site can be invaluable. As a plus, once you do find the address of your friend, you can simply click the "map" link for directions to their house. I know that may

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War: Death toll most dramatic sacrifice

In war, the death toll is the most dramatic measure of the sacrifice soldiers make. It is not the only one.

Some soldiers return home with scars that civilians can't see.

They are psychological wounds so deep that some of them, contemplating suicide, wish they had died in Iraq.

According to a report recently released by the Army Medical Command at Fort Sam Houston, the military is struggling to cope with the mental health problems afflicting the men and women in Iraq, including an increase in suicides that

caught officials off guard.

Since the invasion two years ago, however, the study cites improvements in battlefield treatment programs, progress that has led to a drop in suicides,

the **Texas Thoughts** Express-News reported.

The survey focused on more than 2,000 soldiers from August to October 2004.

While the Army reported a "significant drop in the percentage of soldiers who

screened positive for anxiety, depression or acute stress," the struggle to improve the emotional well-being of the soldiers is, like the war itself, far from over.

"I think it would be foolhardy to think that we're going to eliminate the problem in a highly stressful

combat environment," Col. Joe Curtin, an Army spokesman, told the Express-News.

The report documents one

of the many tragedies of war: For many soldiers, the battles continue to rage long after they have left the combat zones.

It also points to the huge debt we owe our soldiers, not only when they fight in faraway lands, but when they come back home.

Both politicians and citizens must remember the veteran when it comes to benefits, whether medical, educational or retirement.

The nation owes them that and more.

U.S., N. Korea envoys meet over nuclear standoff

BEIJING (AP) — U.S. and North Korean envoys held their third one-on-one meeting Thursday, with the American delegate saying talks on the communist nation's nuclear program still had a long way to go despite points of agreement.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill told reporters after the two-hour session with North Korean Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kye Gwan that the six nations involved in the nuclear negotiations were expected to start drafting a joint statement "in the next 24 hours."

"We've had a lot of discussions with a lot of the delegations so we'd like to see if we can put some of these thoughts down on paper and see where we are," Hill said. "We have a long way to go still."

"There's certainly some points of agreement, but there continues to be points of disagreement," he said without elaborating.

A news report said North Korea hasn't

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U.S. Assistant Secretary of State

assembled a working nuclear bomb but that the country has acquired all the components necessary to build one.

The North claimed to have nuclear weapons in February. However, a diplomatic source close to the arms talks told Russia's Interfax news agency that Pyongyang informed China that the announcement meant the North was able to build a detonator for an atomic bomb.

North Korea has avoided spending to

build up a nuclear stockpile, but the source told Interfax that the country would begin to do so in the face of unacceptable demands or a lack of security guarantees from the United States and its allies.

At the morning meeting, the Americans proposed an international inspection of North Korea's nuclear facilities in September, Interfax reported, citing a North Korean source.

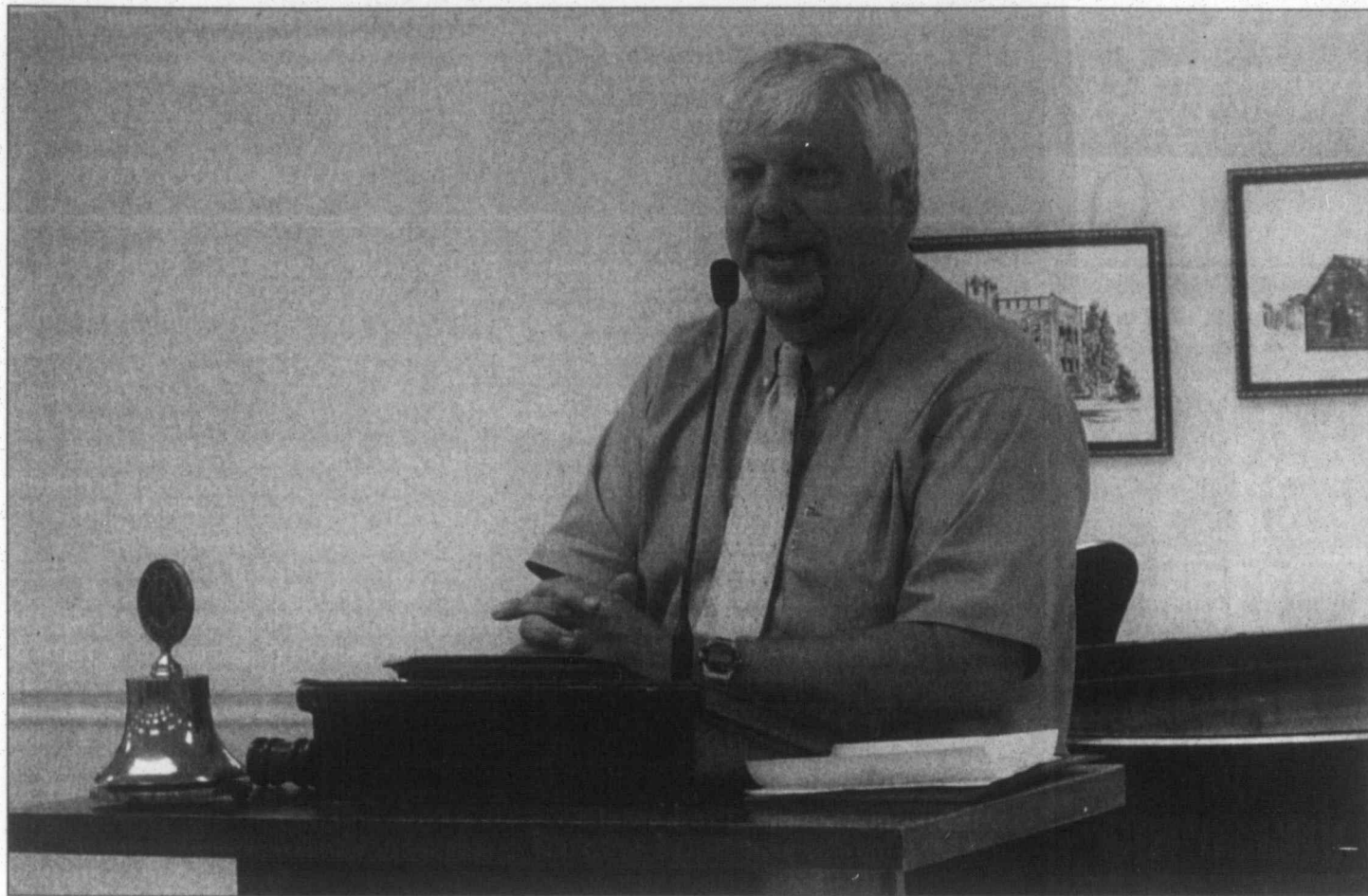
Hill denied the report.

"I have absolutely no idea what they are talking about," he said.

The U.S.-North Korean meeting was a "very difficult, concrete talk and maybe the first time both sides talked so deeply, so concretely and for such a long time," said the chief Russian delegate, Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Alexeyev.

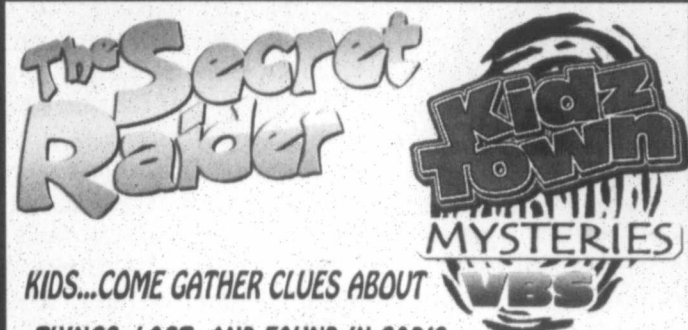
Alexeyev said he planned to return to Moscow on Saturday but would leave his deputy in Beijing to continue the talks. The Russian negotiator said he would return to China if necessary.

The increased contacts between the Americans and North Koreans are a change from the previous three rounds of nuclear talks, where Washington mostly shunned direct contact with the communist nation. The last round of the six-nation talks was in June 2004 and the latest began this week after the North ended a boycott over what it called "hostile" U.S. policies.



Kiwanis speaker

Cameron Monroe, area manager of external affairs for SBC Southwest, addressed a recent meeting of Pampa Kiwanis Club about new services and new technologies soon to be available to customers.



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Father Richard John Neuhaus put it this way: for the liberal elites, the only

"good" Catholic is a bad Catholic.

None of these guys — not Kennedy, not Schumer not Durbin not Leahy is going to vote to confirm John Roberts, unless he becomes a "bad Catholic." I don't think the rest of us want a

"bad" anybody on the Supreme Court

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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sound a little creepy (from a stalking perspective), but all of the information is publicly available. Yahoo just makes it easy to search and link. The only drawback to this site is the lack of a "reverse phone number search." But I found another site for that purpose: AnyWho (<http://www.anywho.com>).

Health
<http://health.yahoo.com>

Do you have one of those "Pill Encyclopedias" on your shelf? Well, get rid of it. You don't need it anymore. One of the most popular areas of the Yahoo Health site is the incredibly huge drug index. Find a prescription bottle, but forget what it's for?

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Movies
<http://movies.yahoo.com>

For a little fun, check out this site at Yahoo. Not only can you find the current movie times at your local theatres, you can search for almost ANY movie in the history of cinematography. I've used this site to settle bets: "How many movies did John Wayne make?"

The hidden Internet is constantly growing, so keep your eyes peeled for new sites. I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Events calendar

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a certified nurse's aide course Aug. 1-12 with Francis Sims, RN. The class fee is \$275 plus the cost of a textbook (\$43.56) and NACES testing fee (\$76). To find out more or to register, call 665-8801.

• **Panhandle Regional Planning Commission** and other sponsors will present "Bridging the Gap Between State and Federal Programs," a free business seminar open to the public, on Aug. 3 at Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. Registration deadline is Aug. 5. To register or to find out more, call (806) 372-3381 or e-mail eesparza@prpc.cog.tx.us. The seminar will explore the following topics: Government contracting, registration requirements, and other programs for small businesses, veteran-owned/service disabled veteran-owned business, women-owned businesses, and minority-owned businesses.

• **The 13th Annual Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar** will be held Friday and

Saturday, Aug. 5 and 6 at Ranch Market Building in Dalhart during the 69th Annual XIT Rodeo and Reunion Celebration. Hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** at the Big Texan in Amarillo will be Aug. 13 with Bill Crenshaw, a former Matador cowboy, as the headliner. For more information, contact the Big Texan.

• **Coffee Memorial Blood Center** will conduct a blood drive between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. Each donor will receive a free T-shirt and hot dog. To schedule an appointment, call toll-free 1-877-574-8800.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a **CPR course** from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20. The class fee will be \$35. Size will be limited to 24 students. Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 19.

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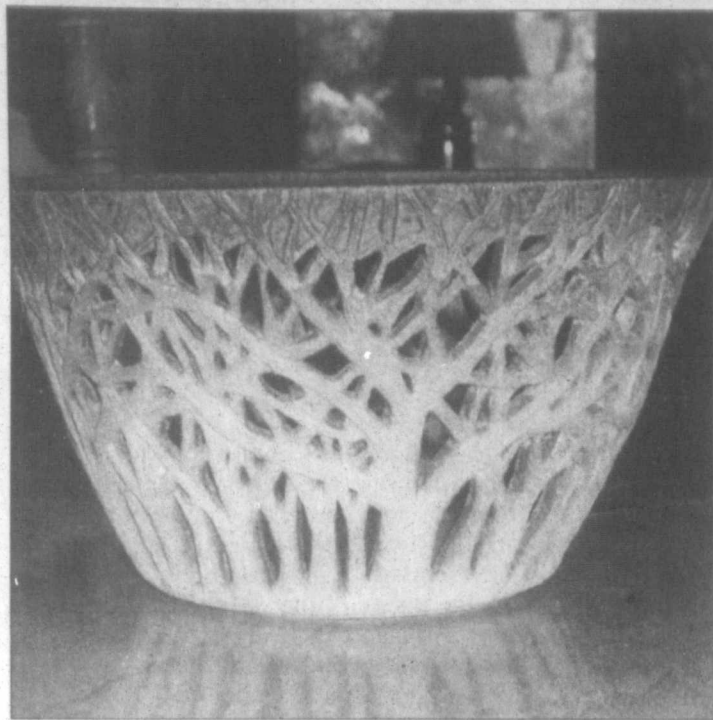
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Art display



Pampa artist Linda Nowell and Amy Winton of Lipscomb will be exhibiting their art through Aug. 25 at the Baker Art Center in Liberal, Kan. A reception is planned between 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, July 31, at the art center, 624 N. Pershing, Liberal. The pottery pictured above is by Nowell. Nowell produces fine pottery that is functional and artistic. She was Pampa Fine Arts Association Artist of the Year in 2001 and has received numerous awards. Winton is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and the American Plains Artists. She has received numerous awards. Her work hangs in collections in Austria, Russia, Mexico, Canada, Texas, and both Coasts.

Don't Tell ...

Better Business Bureau: 'Sworn to secrecy' type correspondence not usually a good sign

AMARILLO — According to the Better Business Bureau in Amarillo, some area residents have recently reported receiving "winning prize certificates" for more than \$3 million dollars as part of what appears to be a sweepstakes giveaway.

The company in question, the BBB said, sends out an authentic-looking certificate, complete with an official seal. The title reads "You are Definitely Sworn to Secrecy." The phrase "absolutely confidential" follows. Additional warnings throughout the document encourage secrecy.

The recipient is told he or she has won \$3 million. The catch, the BBB said, is a required \$20 processing fee. Other so-called "winners" are listed on the document(s) to make it look even more credible.

The certificates, the BBB said, are being mailed by Lapham, Vargas & Cornell, a Las Vegas-based company. This outfit, the BBB reports, does business under a number of names including, among others, Bureau of Public Relations, LVAAP, and Las Vegas Actionable Award Program.

Consumer complaints allege no prize money is forthcoming. The company's literature, the BBB said, states there is \$3,604,006 in recorded and reported awards from sweepstakes. After first paying the \$20 "processing fee," the company literature tells the targeted consumer to call a certain phone number (possibly 702-000-0312) to find out what part of the prize money they are entitled to and how to go about obtaining it.

Upon calling the number listed on the document, however, consumers have found a recording at the other end of the line that starts out by saying

"your call cannot be completed as dialed ..."

"When you are sworn to secrecy, that's a major red flag," said Janna Kiehl, CEO of the BBB. "If it's such a great deal, why the secret? Wouldn't they want to tell the world?"

Another Las Vegas-based sweepstakes company is targeting Shamrock residents, the BBB said.

The company, USA Direct, Inc., (also known as American Direct Sweepstakes and USA Mega Million Jackpot) is sending checks from a Connecticut company. Initial investigations, the BBB said, show the address and the numbers on the bottom of the check to be bogus.

Lapham, Vargas & Cornell has an unsatisfactory rating with the BBB due to one or more unanswered complaints.

According to the BBB, the company literature also states:

"LVAAP is a service offered to our customers that provides information on available sweepstakes that are open to the public for entry. Subscribers are solely responsible for investigating, viewing and complying with any and

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"Remember, 'if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is too good to be true' — make that your motto and save yourself time and money," said Kiehl.

BBB offers the following tips that should serve as red flags to consumers:

—If you have to pay to win, it's a purchase not a prize;

—Being asked to keep a deal a secret is never a good sign; and

—If you haven't entered a contest, then you probably didn't win.

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Check with the BBB before doing business with any unknown company.

For additional information about the "sweepstakes" and its legitimacy, contact BBB online at www.amarillobbb.org or by phone at (806) 379-6222.

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Record-breaking rains in India kill 450 people

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Rescuers searched for survivors buried under debris Thursday and rushed aid to villages cut off by record-breaking rains that paralyzed Bombay and its surrounding state, leaving more than 450 dead.

At least 267 people died in Bombay, India's financial hub after being crushed by falling walls, trapped in cars or electrocuted when the heaviest rains on record swept through the city late Tuesday. Phone networks collapsed, highways were blocked and the city's airports, among the nation's busiest, were closed.

At least 452 people were reported dead in different parts of Maharashtra, said D.M. Kulkarni, the deputy secretary in charge of the state's emergency control room in Bombay.

In the northern Bombay suburb of Saki Naka, relief workers and survivors sifted through rubble Thursday after a small hill crumbled onto a group of huts, leaving more than 45 people missing and presumed dead.

"I was scared the hill would fall. I kept telling my cousin, 'Lets leave,'" sobbed Aslam Khan. "But he wouldn't listen. Now it's too late."

Bodies were piled onto trucks and private cars were flagged down to carry the injured to hospitals.

"People ran as soon as the hill started crumbling. But the old people had no chance," said Shabana Shaikh, who lost her parents in the landslide. She said authorities had asked shanty dwellers each year to vacate their decrepit homes.

'I was scared the hill would fall. I kept telling my cousin, 'Lets leave.' But he wouldn't listen. Now it's too late.'

— Aslam Khan
 Survivor

Officials said parts of Bombay had been hit by up to 37.1 inches of rain Tuesday, the highest one-day total in India's history. Much of it came over a few evening hours.

Bombay's residents responded by opening up their homes and distributing food to motorists stuck in traffic and people wading through water.

"They were just angels. Women and children were giving food, biscuits to people on the road and even assuring us that it was home-cooked," said G. Sawant, a manager at a private infrastructure company.

R.I. woman lies to get on jury duty

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Some people want to get off jury duty so badly they will consider stretching the truth to do so.

Not Celeste Johnson — she lied to get on a jury. Now she's paying the price.

Johnson, 39, was sentenced Tuesday to 90 days of home confinement for lying about her criminal record during jury selection in January for an armed robbery trial. She was also

ordered to pay a \$250 fine.

Johnson was convicted last month of criminal contempt.

The armed robbery trial ended in a hung jury in February, and Assistant Attorney General Bethany Macktaz said she saw Johnson smiling and nodding to the defendant when the verdict was announced.

The defendant in the case was later convicted on 16 counts.

New fire ant control given thumbs up by authority

By ROBERT BURNS
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

OVERTON — Dr. Charles Barr remembers when he got a call from organizers of a July 4 picnic for country singer Willie Nelson.

The picnic was two weeks away and the organizers' legal team wanted something to be done about the fire ants. So they called Barr, a rangeland ecologist and fire ant control expert with Texas Cooperative Extension.

"There wasn't time for baits to give anything near 100 percent control, and all the contact insecticides available at the time would make a dangerous mix with sweaty people and alcohol," Barr said.

'Like a Trojan racehorse. Just a little play on words to emphasize the product's speed, which is what differentiates it from other products. Other baits are essentially Trojan horses, too.'

— Dr. Charles Barr
Extension expert

Barr made the best recommendation he could with the fire ant control products available then. The result was a labor-intensive process without the promise of full control. But things would have been a lot simpler with a new product called Advion, he said.

Barr has been testing the product in the field since early 2002. Most recently, he tested at a public park in

Overton in preparation for a bluegrass festival to be held the coming weekend.

Barr enlisted the help of Extension agents from Rusk and Smith counties and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station staff from the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at Overton.

Before the test, dozens of bits of snack wieners were spaced throughout the park on the ground about 70 feet apart. The ant infestation was such that within 30 to 45 minutes most of the wiener baits were covered in fire ants. Barr broadcast Advion at the labeled rate shortly after a brief shower.

The next day, less than 24 hours after the treatment, the wiener-bait test was repeated.

"There were practically no fire ants found on the baits," said Bryan Triplett, Extension agent, Smith County, who helped with the test.

Manufactured by DuPont, Advion utilizes a different type of chemistry from older products.

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Military exhibit



Andy Epps, director of Freedom Museum USA in Pampa, looks over some of the history of World War II featured in a military exhibit at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa. The museum encourages all war veterans to come and see this extensive collection of war memorabilia at the museum, 112 S. Cuyler.

About 300 fall ill from heat at jamboree

BOWLING GREEN, Va. (AP) — The Boy Scouts marched onto the field singing, plopping down in the grass to wait for President Bush. But hours later, the news that Bush couldn't make it was drowned out by sirens and shouts as hundreds fell ill because of the blistering heat.

About 300 people, most of them Scouts, suffered from dehydration, fatigue and lightheadedness Wednesday — just days after four Scout leaders were killed at the national Jamboree while pitching a tent beneath a power line.

Temperatures at Fort A.P. Hill, an Army base where the 10-day event is being held, reached the upper 90s and were intensified by high humidity.

"This is hot for me," said

'This is hot for me. Where I'm from if it's 75, we think that it's a heat wave.'

— Chad McDowell
Boy Scout

Chad McDowell, 16, who lives in Warrenton, Ore. "Where I'm from if it's 75, we think that it's a heat wave."

Half of the 300 who fell ill were treated at the fort's hospital and released. Dozens more were sent to surrounding hospitals, where they were in stable condition Wednesday night, Jamboree spokesman Gregg Shields said.

The more than 40,000 Scouts, volunteers, and leaders attending the event had been standing in the sun about three hours when word

came that severe thunderstorms and high winds were forcing the president to postpone his appearance until Thursday.

At the last jamboree four years ago, Bush's trip was also canceled because of bad weather, in which lightning strikes caused minor injuries to two Scouts.

He spoke to the group a day later by videotape.

This time, Bush was expected to talk about the importance of Scouting and touch on the Monday deaths of four Scout leaders.

Many Scouts ate dinner at

2 p.m. and stood in long security lines to get a good spot in the open field to see what for most would be their first glimpse of a president in person.

Volunteers distributed water and ice by the case-load, and the Scouts were told they could remove their uniform shirts if they had another shirt underneath — a rarity for an event as important as a presidential visit, most Scouts said.

Soldiers carried Scouts on stretchers to the base hospital, located about three miles from the arena stage. Others were airlifted from the event while Jamboree officials called for emergency help from surrounding areas to transport Scouts during the storm, which brought high winds and lightning.

Judge chides administration's anti-terror tactics while sentencing would-be bomber

SEATTLE (AP) — The sentence itself was fairly straightforward: An Algerian man received 22 years for plotting to bomb the Los Angeles airport on the eve of the millennium. It was what the judge said in imposing the term that raised eyebrows.

U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour said the successful prosecution of Ahmed Ressay was not only a warning to terrorists, but as a statement to the Bush administration about its terrorism-fighting tactics.

"We did not need to use a secret military tribunal, detain the defendant indefinitely as an enemy combatant or deny the defendant the right to counsel," he said Wednesday. "The message to the world from today's sentencing is that our courts have not abandoned our commitment to the ideals that set our nation apart."

He added that the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks have made Americans realize they are vulnerable to terrorism and that some believe "this threat renders our Constitution obsolete ... If that view is allowed to prevail, the terrorists will have won."

Critics of the Bush administration — mostly human-rights groups and Democrats — have long accused the U.S. government of unjustly detaining terror suspects at the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba, as well as a small number of American citizens who have been designated enemy combatants.

U.S. Attorney John McKay said he agreed with the judge's comments that U.S. courts are equipped to handle terrorism cases. He would not comment on the judge's criticism of military tribunals and the handling of enemy combatants.

The comments were only the latest surprise in a terrorism case that began on the

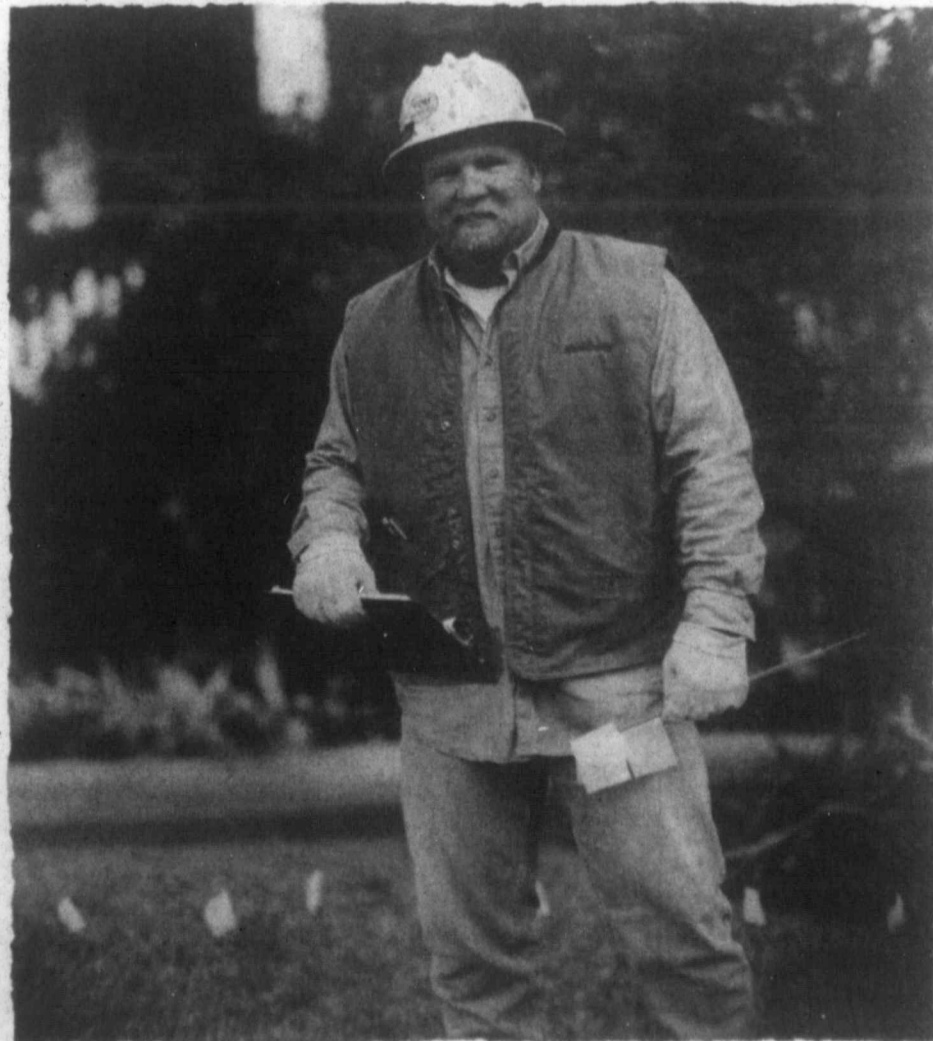
eve of the millennium when Ressay was arrested as he drove off a ferry from British Columbia with 124 pounds of bomb-making materials. Prosecutors said he had attended terrorist training camps in Afghanistan and was intent on bombing Los Angeles International Airport.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Arnold," and I have lived together two years. During the four years that we've known each other, we have had only five or six really bad, screaming, door-slamming, crying fights about relatively important subjects like children and money.

Arnold told me yesterday morning that he would be playing soccer with friends after work, and to expect him home a little later than usual. Well, when he wasn't home by 10:30 p.m., I panicked because he's usually home from games by 7. His cell phone was turned off, so I called a co-worker to try to locate him. Ten minutes later Arnold walked in the door. When he heard I had called a co-worker trying to locate him, he got very angry. He raised his voice, called me "psycho," and said I had no right to know where he was every minute.

Abby, we live in a bad neighborhood where innocent people getting shot, run over and killed isn't unusual. I am very upset because I have no idea why he got so angry. We have since made up, but I'm still hurting and feel his reaction was undeserved. Did I overreact? Is this a bad sign for our future? -- **LOVES ARNOLD IN OAKLAND**

DEAR LOVES ARNOLD: Your boyfriend may have been embarrassed because his co-worker was called, or he may have been angry because he was somewhere other than a soccer game. I don't know him, so I can't read his motivation.

However, now that you both have cooled down, it's time to explain to Arnold again how worried you were when he didn't show up or call, and ask him why he reacted the way he did. Suggest that, in the future, he give you a call when he's going to be more than an hour late.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and just finished the seventh grade. I recently got my belly button pierced, and everything was fine until

about a week ago. This sounds weird, but a red bump showed up at the top of my piercing, and it seems to keep swelling. I've had my belly button pierced for only a month, so I'm sure I started changing my jewelry too soon. I'm worried this bump will stay on my navel forever.

Do you have any idea what it is, and how I can get rid of it? I love my piercing and don't want to take it out. Any information would help. -- **PIERCED IN MONTANA**

DEAR PIERCED: You may have an infection at the site of your piercing, or be allergic to the metal in some of your navel jewelry. My advice is to ask your mother to schedule a doctor's appointment for you so the problem can be diagnosed and treated. The doctor can determine whether or not you will have to "take it out." Keep your fingers crossed and hold a good thought.

DEAR ABBY: You have asked readers to share their pet peeves with you. Well, here's mine. Please help me get the message out. When an elevator door opens, please allow the passengers who are getting off to get out of the elevator before you get on! I don't understand why people must push their way into an elevator while folks are trying to get off. -- **ELIZABETH IN MEDFORD, ORE.**

DEAR ELIZABETH: Neither do I, unless they are so determined to be first on the elevator that they have forgotten their manners. It's only common sense that the elevator be allowed to empty before passengers begin to enter -- otherwise they're jostling each other at the door.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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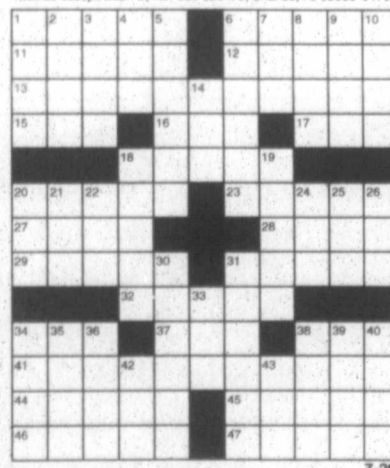
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Joe Gonzalez	76	154	2
Grover Wade	77	154	2
Eddie Rice	76	155	4
Jay Sherrard	77	156	5
Eddie Veroza	78	157	6
Thomas Murphy	78	160	7
Merle Terrell	82	160	7
Pat George	79	162	9

President's Flight	Round Two Scores	Total	Place
Roy Harman	82	164	1
Gary Don Bowe	83	164	1
Bob Brent	81	164	1
Scott Mack	85	164	1
Bill Bridges	77	164	1
Glen Adams	78	166	6
Ray Morgan	87	169	7
Lewayne Hogan	85	170	8
Bill Allen	84	172	9
Dewayne Kuntz	82	173	10
James Collinsworth	82	173	10

Super Senior Flight	Round Two Scores	Total	Place
Stan Harris	76	154	1
Gene Hall	82	162	2
John Pettit	85	162	2
Eldon Dudley	84	163	4
Frank Howell	80	163	4
Bob Pigg	82	166	6
Harrold Salmon	79	166	6
Kenneth Pierce	83	168	8
Don Riffe	84	168	8
Vern Johnston	86	170	10
Tuffy Zellars	8	170	10

Women's Flight	Round Two Scores	Total	Place
Judy Rice	—	173	1
Janie Phillips	—	182	2
Sherma Brown	—	187	3
Sharon Wilson	—	188	4
Faye Cunningham	—	205	5

Brown to be introduced as Knicks coach

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Brown is employed again, and the New York Knicks might just become a team to watch after nearly a half-decade of malaise and mediocrity.

Brown's "dream job" became a reality Wednesday when his agent and the Knicks wrapped up contract negotiations. Brown will sign the documents Thursday before a news conference at Madison Square Garden.

Not since Pat Riley took over the team in 1991 has there been a summertime buzz surrounding the Knicks to match what's been transpiring lately. Brown has made the Knicks relevant in the local sports scene again, and the fans who have

watched the franchise stumble and slump into insignificance finally have something to give them some promise.

Sure, the Knicks' roster is sub-par compared to the top echelon of teams in the NBA's Eastern Conference. But with Brown's proven track record of turning losers into winners, those feelings of hope have some legitimacy behind them.

"I want badly for this thing to turn around," Brown told The Daily News in Thursday editions. "I'm going to do my very best. It's not going to happen because of me. It's going to happen because of all the people Isaiah has in place."

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SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOOTBALL

Spurrier, Meyer should make SEC conference fun to watch

There's an exciting season of college football ahead, especially in the always tight and tough SEC. Four new faces will lead their teams onto the field of battle in just a matter of weeks.

Among them, Urban Meyer at Florida, and former Gator Coach Steve Spurrier, who takes over at South Carolina. Ole Miss and LSU also welcome new leaders this year.

Of them all, it will be Meyer and Spurrier who will most likely net the most attention. In fact, the first sign of how much focus will be placed on his program came yesterday during Spurrier's first real Gamecock media day, for which 700 press credentials were issued. It is my understanding this was a school record. Meyer had a similar experience shortly after arriving in Gainesville, Fla.

Both men are still relatively unproven. OK, Spurrier was nothing short of brilliant at Florida, but only managed to embarrass himself during his 2-year stint with the NFL's Washington Redskins. He took all of last season off. Hopefully, it was enough to humble him and rekindle the fire that once made him the most sought after football coach in the country.

And be honest now, up until the middle of last season, did you have any idea who Urban Meyer was? Did you know what the University of Utah's

mascot was? Did you know Utah even had a team, let alone a mascot? Heck, I might have a hard time pointing Utah out on a map. But Meyer put together a program that culminated with a school record 12-0 season in 2004, including a 35-7 thumping of Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. The Utes set a myriad school records along the way. It was this stage that allowed Meyer to become known not just to football fans across the country, but athletic directors as well.

However, what he has accomplished to this point in his career means nothing. Sure, it got him noticed. But Meyer will need fast and early success in Gatorville. If his program cannot produce almost instant results, he may become what Spurrier did in Washington — expendable and easily forgotten.

Spurrier faces the same obstacles in South Carolina. But he needs to succeed for himself first. To prove to himself he still has that certain something that so many once offered piles of money to get.

Cross that bridge and the Gamecocks football program could become a player in the SEC.

Spurrier and Meyer. Two coaches intertwined by fate. Both will have giant targets on their backs this season. It will be fun to see who better escapes the verbal arrows by season's end.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Registrations begin next week for inaugural Pampa Optimist Club flag football league

"We want kids to fall in love with the game of football," explained Dru Chidester, the Commissioner of the new Pampa Optimist No Contact Flag Football League for boys and girls in the first and second grades. Registration is August 1, 2 and 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club.

"This is a recreation league," Chidester continued. "We want the game to be really fun."

Each team will have 10 players, but only seven will be on the field at one time. A tackle will be made by pulling out the ball carrier's flag. Blocking will be by screening out defensive players, but it will be no contact blocking.

"The league will be divided into two divisions," Chidester continued. "There will be a second grade division and a first grade division. The teams will be named for college teams. So, for example, we are expecting two teams from Miami. Both the first grade team and the second grade team will be called the 'Miami Hurricanes.'"

The field will be 60 yards by 30 yards. Passing will be encouraged. "A referee will count, 'One Mississippi, two Mississippi, three Mississippi,' before the defense can rush," Chidester went on. "That will allow the offense to set up their plays. The ball must

be centered directly to the quarterback. The quarterback must be at least two yards behind the center."

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Flag Football

Explaining how the offenses will be set up, Chidester said, "There will be four people on the line and three in the backfield. Everybody is eligible for a pass except the two guards. There will be no kickoffs. Play will begin on the 14-yard line. The offense will only need to make six yards on the first series to make a first down. Whenever a team passes a first down line, the team gets a first down. We will have a down marker, but we do not need first down chains."

When asked about punting situations, Chidester explained, "A

coach has to tell when he is going to punt. There is no rushing of the punter. The ball is dead on a fumble."

Chidester continued, "We are going to use pee wee footballs so that they will be easier for the players to handle. A touchdown will be six points. For the extra point, the coach has to decide. His team may start at the three-yard line and have a one-point conversion. It would be a two-point conversion if the team starts at the 10-yard line. If the team starts from the 20-yard line, it would be a three-point conversion."

Games will be played on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays with each team expected to play twice a week for the four-week regular season. "Then we will have a tournament to crown an Area Champion," Chidester said.

"We want kids to learn that it is OK to win and OK to lose," Chidester stressed. "They will learn a little about life through the game of football."

A team of six officials who will be well versed in the rules will pair off to call all of the games. The registration fee is \$35. Scholarships are available.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



Rodeo duo

Local rodeo standouts Kalynn Jones and Hawk Tucker both competed at the Texas High School Rodeo State Finals last month at the Taylor County Expo Center in Abilene.

Cheyenne Frontier Days results

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Leaders after Monday's performance at the Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo, courtesy of U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company:

Steer Roping (second round) 1, Kim Ziegelgruber, Edmond, Okla., 13.2 seconds. 2, Rocky Garnett, McAlester, Okla., 13.9. 3, (tie) Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan., and J. Paul Williams, Burbank, Okla., 15.5. 5, Merritt Harris, Douglas, Wyo., 15.9. 6, Scott Stickley, Whitesboro, Texas, 16.7. (total on two) 1, **Hadley Reed, Spearman, Texas, 38.2.** 2, Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, Texas, 43.4. 3, Will Youkum, Llano, Texas, 45.1. 4, **Shandon Stalls, McLean, Texas, 45.5.**

Bareback Riding (first round) 1, Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., 88 points. 2, Scotty Drennan, Buffalo, Texas, 82. 3, Paul Jones, Elko, Nev., 81. 4, Kyle Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, 80. (second round) 1, Jason Havens, Bend, Ore., 79. 2, Cimmaron Gerke, Fort Worth, Texas, 79. 3, Tigh Anderberg, Moberge, S.D., 78. 4, Bobby Mote, Redmond, Ore., 77. (total on two) 1, Havens, 160. 2, Anderberg, 156. 3, Drennan, 152. 4, Ryan Stutes, Sulphur, La., 151.

Steer Wrestling (first round) 1, Ryan Jarrett, Summerville, Ga., 7.7. 2, Cody Glover, Marana, Ariz., 8.2. 3, Leon Garrett, Pierre, S.D., 8.4. 4/5, Joe Buffington, Wheatland, Wyo., and Birch Negaard, Buffalo, S.D., 8.7.

Saddle Bronc Riding (first round) 1, Matt Hebbert, Hyannis, Neb., 82 points. 2, Lawrence Bishop, Monroe, Ohio, 79. 3,

Jake Costello, Newell, S.D., 78. 4, Josh Reynolds, Corvallis, Mont., 77. (second round) 1, Shaun Stroh, Glendive, Mont., 80. 2, (tie) Ramos Benny, Fredonia, Ariz., and Jeremy Elshere, Quinn, S.D., 79. 4, Justin Washburn, Corona, N.M., 77. (total on two) 1, (tie) Stroh; Costello; and Washburn; 148. 4, Jamie Willert, Kadoka, S.D., 147.

Tie-Down Roping (second round) 1, Cody Good, Midland, Texas, 11.2 seconds. 2, Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., 11.9. 3, (tie) Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, and Nathan Steinberg, Conroe, Texas, 12.1. 5, Jerome Schneeberger, Ponca City, Okla., 12.4. 6, Carter Edmondson, McCaulley, Texas, 12.7. (total on two) 1, Good, 25.9. 2, Myers, 27.1. 3, Justin Macha, Needville, Texas, 27.3. 4, Edmondson, 29.0. 5, Clay Long, Stephenville, Texas, 31.1. 6, Kolby Ungeheuer, Columbus, Kan., 31.2.

Team Roping (second round) 1, Patrick Smith, Midland, Texas, and Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont., 7.2 seconds. 2, Alfred Hansen, Dickinson, N.D., and Seth Seishaar, Belle Fourche, S.D., 7.9. 3, Lane Milligan, Torrington, Wyo., and Dennis Walter, Wray, Colo., 9.0. 4, Rich Skelton and Speed Williams, Llano, Texas, 9.1. 5, Wayne Folmer, Whitesboro, Texas, and Bubba Strait, San Antonio, Texas, 9.4. 6, Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., and Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash., 9.8. (total on two) 1, Skelton and Williams, 19.2. 2, Zach Bracewell, Bedias, Texas, and Tyler Hinton, Dayton, Texas, 21.2. 3, Bucky Campbell,

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Swim practice

Lucas Elmonzia swims freestyle during practice for the Pampa Aquatic Club.

Heat wave sizzles East before arrival of cold front

By JEFFREY GOLD
Associated Press Writer

As Richmond, Va., residents sweltered in 100-degree heat — just one degree short of a 1940 record — radio station WKHK played Christmas carols.

"The phones just went bananas," said Jim Tice, the country-music station's program director. "People really appreciated the cooling effect."

Lower temperatures seemed light years away Wednesday as the East Coast soared into the upper 90s for a fourth straight day.

The stubborn, dangerous heat wave sickened hundreds of people at the Boy Scout Jamboree in Virginia, forced the Navy to cancel battleship tours and kept workers in their air-conditioned offices.

At Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, about 300 people — most of them Boy Scouts — fell ill while waiting for President Bush to arrive for the Jamboree.

Soldiers carried some on stretchers to the base hospital.

Some relief arrived Wednesday evening as a strong cold front moved into the East.

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Number of heat related deaths in Phoenix

Ants

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horse," Barr said. "Just a little play on words to emphasize the product's speed, which is what differentiates it from other products. Other baits are essentially Trojan horses, too."

"Advion is a great product, but its Achilles' heel is that though it works very quickly; it's gone in a week. There's no long-lasting control, and it's a bit expensive," Barr said. "At the other end of the spectrum are products like Over 'n Out, which takes a few weeks work, but lasts close to a year and is rather expensive. In between, there are products like Extinguish Plus which are much less expensive, work in a few weeks, and may give control for a few extra months."

Advion's active ingredient is indoxacarb, which in its native form has very low toxicity. Foraging worker ants transport the bait back to the mound and feed it to the rest of the ants. The insect's metabolism activates the indoxacarb, turning it from a relatively benign substance into one that is highly toxic to ants. With the indoxacarb distributed throughout the colony, the queen and workers quickly die.

"That's how it gets by their defenses. If a product works too quickly, the worker ants appear intoxicated and the colony will sense something is wrong and stop feeding," said Barr, who tests more fire ant control products than anyone else in Extension.

Advion's advantages are that it's quick; it's low in toxicity, even to aquatic life; and it's easy to use. But most of all, it's highly effective.

In another test near Palestine, Barr used 3.6 acres infested with more than 600 fire ant colonies. All the acreage was treated with one or another formulation of indoxacarb. After one week, Barr found only seven active colonies, and their ant populations were sick and dying.

"Seven sick colonies in over three acres; you'd be hard-pressed to find that few fire ants anywhere in the eastern two-thirds of the state without treatment, and even (weeks after) with some treatments," he said.

Indoxacarb is a new class of chemicals that replaces older materials such as organo-phosphates, carbamates and pyrethroids.

"These older chemicals posed varying degrees of risk to people and aquatic life, and are gradually being restricted or eliminated by the EPA," Barr said. "As the labeling for older products expires, chemical companies have conducted a flurry of research activity to replace them with safer products."

Advion is the version of the product licensed for professional pest managers. Another product is also available for home use. Cost of the professional product is about \$30 per acre; the retail version costs about \$20 for an average-size yard, Barr said.

Barr cautioned that although fire ants will be gone after an Advion treatment, nothing will keep the pests away permanently. Fire ants will eventually re-invade the treated area. The same is true of any bait treatment, he said.

"The beauty of this stuff is that it's quick, effective and once it's done what it's supposed to do, it goes away," he said. "But it won't solve your fire ant problems forever. Nothing will."

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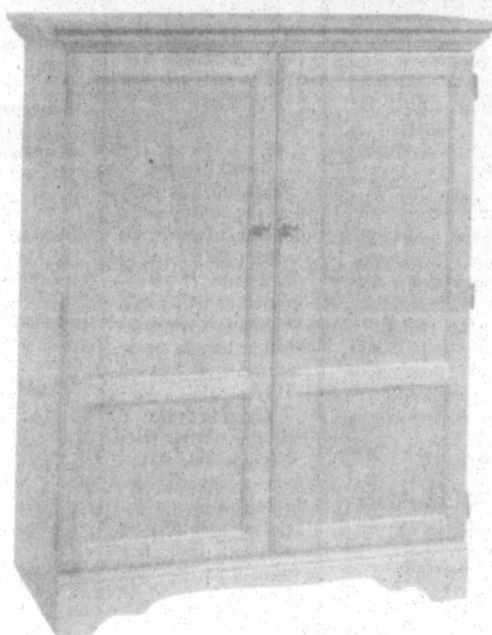


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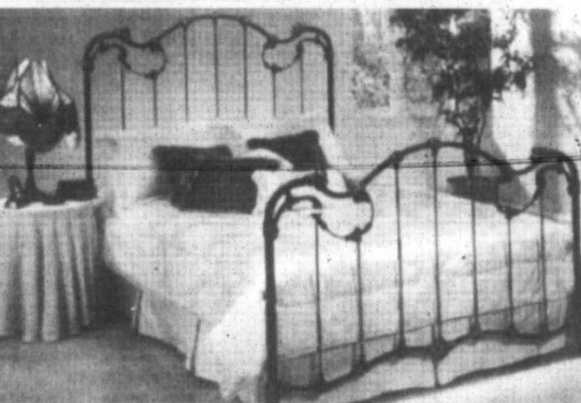
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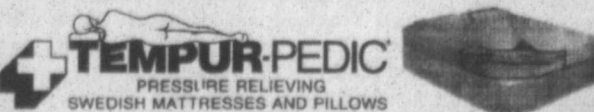
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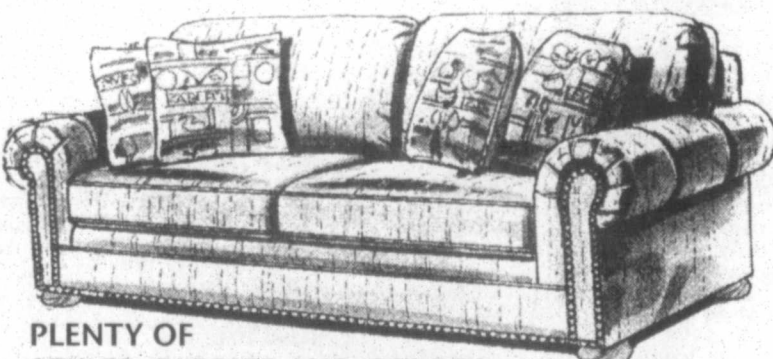
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