

Comptroller Sharp hires his assistant to run new Texas lottery

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AUSTIN (AP) — Hiring one of his own top assistants to run the new Texas lottery will help the numbers game get off to a fast start, Comptroller John Sharp says.

Sharp on Wednesday hired Nora Linares, 37, for the \$79,500 a year post. She has headed his lottery task force in recent months.

"We're light years ahead of where other states were at this time," Sharp said, reiterating that he wants instant-win games to begin by July 1.

Ms. Linares is a San Antonio native who chaired the Mexican-American Democrats of Texas for the past two years. Besides heading Sharp's lottery study group, she served as his liaison to the Legislature.

In placing her in charge of the lottery, Sharp said her being a Texan is more important than her lack of lottery

operating experience. "Texas is a whole other country. There's literally not anything like it," Sharp said.

"I'm sure it comes as no surprise that somebody from 1,000 miles away doesn't know the difference between Cut-n-Shoot and Houston. But in putting up an operation this size, it becomes important to know what Texas is about," he said.

Sharp also announced that a \$1.3 million contract had been awarded to the Georgia-based company Lottery Support Group Inc., to be the state's consultant on lottery start-up.

The company will advise the state on all aspects of launching the numbers game, including equipment, tickets, security and marketing, he said.

Voters approved a constitutional amendment Nov. 5 to allow the lottery, and Gov. Ann Richards certified those results Wednesday.

Sharp said he received more than 650 applications and met with finalists before asking Linares on Tuesday to apply for the top lottery job.

"No two lotteries are the same, and it's critical that a lottery director understand the state to make the games work. You need someone who understands the cultural and geographic diversity of Texas, someone who understands what Texans expect from their lottery," he said.

The comptroller also said he didn't worry that hiring Linares might look like a political appointment. "I don't think that anyone would think I would jeopardize a division this important for politics," he said.

Linares holds a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State University. Before taking a job with the comptroller's office, she spent six years in the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Linares said she had supervised 22 employees at the agriculture department and 111 at the comptroller's

office. The lottery division is expected to employ 186.

She said she would consider some of those who applied for the lottery director's job to become her deputy.

"It's important to bring people onto the lottery that have lottery experience. At the same time, I think it's very important that we hire Texans. I don't think you'll find a whole lot of Texans with lottery experience. I think with a good combination we can achieve our purposes of managing a good lottery," she said.

Sharp said Lottery Support Group's consulting bid was much lower than the \$2.9 million bid by the accounting firm of Ernst and Young.

LSG, headed by John C. Pittman, was begun in 1988. Sharp said the company has helped start 14 new lotteries, including Kentucky, Indiana and Louisiana. Consultants who will be working in Texas have worked with lotteries in numerous states, including California and New York, he said.

Positive Parade



(Staff photo by Stan Pollard)

Horace Mann Elementary School Principal Tom Lindsey leads a group of students around the school Wednesday afternoon in a "Positive Parade for Good Behavior." Lindsey said the parade through the school halls and around the grounds was held to honor those students who did not receive a report for bad behavior during the past six weeks period. He said the students seemed to enjoy the parade, given as an incentive for good behavior, and added that the parade will become a regular six weeks period activity. The principal said he hopes the parade, held for the first time Wednesday, will become even bigger and better in the future.

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"It comes down to a bottom line of industry looking at several factors like quality of life and their costs of doing business," Alhenius explained. "If you can do something to help their bottom line, they will tend to be attracted. Workers comp is killing business in Texas. We need to do something to try and offset that."

Alhenius also confirmed something said by Randy Hamby, owner of Randy's Jack and Jill in Pampa:

"Once you pass the tax and go on, it doesn't even cross peoples' minds what portion of the sales tax money is going for economic development."

He said there is no evidence that customers from Pampa, Dumas and other area cities are more reluctant to shop Amarillo because of the tax.

Hamby stated, "There are still plenty of Pampa people going to Amarillo to shop. And every time they do, they support that city's economic development. I think it's time we help ourselves."

Pampa City Commissioner Ray Hupp said every Saturday there is a solid stream of cars heading west on Hwy. 60 to shop and eat in Amarillo, in spite of the tax.

Gary Gattis, owner of Gattis A&E in Pampa, said another "Shop Pampa First" campaign won't stop them.

"People want to know you're giving them a good deal and they want to see something happening," Gattis said. "It's up to the retailers to show them we want their business by offering competitive prices. But hopefully we can make things happen with this sales tax."

Proponents of the tax say Pampans will benefit from a wider range of shopping here as a byproduct of industrial development.

As more jobs come in, they point out, more restaurants, retail outlets and entertainment opportunities will locate in Pampa.

While most existing industries in the Pampa area are petrochemical-related, Alhenius said, "As far as recession-proofing your economy, you must diversify. Not all markets

are in a downturn at the same time. Oil and gas and agriculture are our cornerstones. You build on those and use them and diversify from there.

"You have also got to have businesses, though, that are not tied to those. You might want to bring in the plastics industry because they rely on natural gas and that is abundant here."

Many of the companies that have left the Panhandle over the last several years were simply given enough economic incentive to relocate, Alhenius and Bruce Barton of the Georgetown Industrial Development Foundation said in separate interviews.

"A surprising number of technology companies are moving from California to Indiana, Illinois and Michigan," Barton said of current business migration trends. Why? "They are offering tremendous incentives and working closely with colleges in instigating cooperative programs that see a lot of new companies moving in."

Alhenius observed that with

Pampa's location, off an interstate and with no university or high-visibility college, citizens must be willing to overcome that with other incentives.

"If we were sitting outside Dallas/Fort Worth, industries would be falling all over themselves to locate here," he said of the Panhandle.

"Economic development is long-term effort to secure your future. You see it in Lubbock, Amarillo, all across the state. They will go two or three years with all these plans and money and don't hit a home run. Then they will get a new company."

"What we need is stabilization," Alhenius summed up. "Jobs provide stability. And we have to be in a position to bring in new jobs."

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Education Committee chairman says, 'Let courts devise school finance plan'

By PEGGY FIKAC
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AUSTIN (AP) — If the Texas Supreme Court scraps the state's latest school finance system, then the justices should devise a new one, says the Senate Education Committee chairman.

"A ruling against the county education districts will, in effect, mandate massive school district consolidation, an income tax and possibly a statewide property tax. None of these three options are politically viable at this time," Sen. Carl Parker said in a Wednesday letter to Gov. Ann Richards.

"This leads me to recommend that, in the event the court overturns the Legislature's recent effort, there not be a special called (legislative) session to address this issue," he wrote. "I believe that it would be far better for the court to meet its own mandates and to make provisions for the necessary funding mechanisms."

The new law is designed to shift hundreds of millions of local property tax dollars from wealthier to poorer school districts within new

education taxing regions, each made up of one or several counties.

It was enacted this year in response to a Supreme Court order to even out school districts' access to funding. The court has twice ruled previous school funding laws unconstitutional.

Parker, D-Port Arthur, referred to pointed questioning by several justices at a hearing Tuesday on the constitutionality of the new law.

Among the queries was whether the law is a back-door way of implementing a statewide property tax, which is prohibited by the state constitution. The system is being challenged by property-rich school districts and several taxpayers.

"I believe that the questions asked at the hearing yesterday are indicative of the leaning of some members of the court towards their perceived constituency. The fate of Texas children is too important for petty political agendas," Parker said.

Parker said that when lawmakers were working on the plan this year, "The one thing that appeared clear ... was that the Legislature had a court mandate to pursue tax base

consolidation to the extent of superimposing one taxing authority over several school districts."

Parker was referring to a 5-4, supplementary opinion issued by the court on the subject.

Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary, said of Parker's call for no special session, "We understand his sentiments exactly."

Cryer said that whether to call a special legislative session is something that Richards will consider if the court overturns the new law, adding, "We all fervently hope that it does not."

Lawyers for the state and a number of poor school districts have defended the new tax structure as constitutional, although some poor districts have cited concerns about other parts of the law, such as whether it includes enough state funding.

The property tax system was upheld in August by State District Judge F. Scott McCown of Austin.

But he added that other challenges, such as whether the law's funding level is adequate, had yet to be considered in court.

Father denied attendance at service for starved boy

FORT WORTH (AP) — About 30 family members and friends bid a final farewell to a 13-year-old boy whose parents are accused of starving him to death.

"It was a very well-done ceremony attended by people who really cared," said Cindy Thompson of Harveson & Cole Funeral Home, where the 45-minute service was held.

Stephen Hill, of White Settlement, died Saturday.

About four hours prior to the 12:30 p.m. service Wednesday, a Fort Worth judge denied the boy's father, Jay Hill, entry to the service.

Attorneys connected with the case and the Texas Department of Human Services declined to release any information about the service.

Burial is planned in Ucon, Idaho, later this week.

Wednesday morning, Tarrant County Criminal Court Judge Bill Burdock rejected a motion by Jay Hill's court-appointed attorney,

Larry Moore to attend the ceremony.

The boy's father, charged with injury to a child and aggravated kidnapping, is being held in Tarrant County Jail in lieu of a \$200,000 bail bond.

"It looks like he is not going to get to go to his son's funeral. That's sad," Moore said.

Linda Hill, Stephen's mother, did not ask to attend the service. She has been charged with injury to a

child and is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

The 55-pound boy, who weighed about half what a child his age should, died of a heart attack Saturday at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center, almost two weeks after being found.

State officials said they have not decided whether to try to terminate the couple's parental rights to their 12-year-old son, Douglas, who has been placed in state foster care.

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Group of Seven nations agree to defer Soviet debt

By CLINTON O'BRIEN
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MOSCOW (AP) — The world's richest democracies agreed today to defer \$3.6 billion in Soviet debt payments and give eight republics a \$1 billion loan, while dropping a demand for up to half the nation's gold as collateral.

Ivan Silayev, the Soviet central government's top economist, said that the Soviet Union could not bring itself to put up the gold as collateral for political and social reasons.

The Group of Seven industrial countries had demanded Wednesday that the Soviets put up 104 metric tons of gold as collateral for the debt relief package, or about \$1 billion worth at current world prices.

The group — the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — is trying to help the disintegrating Soviet Union stay on its feet financially and eventually pay back its foreign debt, which one Soviet bank official estimated this week at more than \$100 billion.

Silayev said substitute collateral would be put up in foreign currency, possibly by using the proceeds from the sale of some raw materials. He did not give any specifics.

And a communique issued after four days of talks between G-7 officials and eight of the 12 Soviet republics said: "The debt agreement leaves open the possibility that the Soviets may have to put up their gold if other foreign currency sources are not sufficient."

"In this case, the gold will have to be deposited in locations acceptable to the G-7," the communique said.

The Group of Seven agreed to defer payment on the principal of the Soviet Union's medium- and long-term foreign debt for a year. Interest payments on the debt — estimated by a Soviet banker this week at \$100 billion — would continue.

The loan deferral is to be reviewed March 31 to determine if the Soviet Union is making the necessary changes in its economic system to service its debt, the communique said.

Today's talks ran longer than had been scheduled as the Soviet republics fought against using the gold as collateral. On Wednesday, the negotiator for the Byelorussian republic, Viktor Danilenko, said, "Nobody can decide to give 104 tons, and we aren't going to do this."

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who met with the G-7 finance experts Wednesday, went to Siberia and left the republics to conclude the final round of negotiations. His absence illustrated that real control over the Soviet Union's resources — and debt — now rests with the republics following the August coup attempt by Communist hard-liners.

The \$3.6 billion in debt payments covered by the agreement would be put off until 1993. The \$1 billion loan is intended to help the Soviets meet short-term debt obligations during the painful shift to a market economy.

The Soviet Union has had increasing difficulty paying off its foreign loans because of the collapse of the centrally directed economy of the former Communist regime. The Aug. 18-21 coup added to the problem by accelerating the breakup of the union.

The communique said the Group of Seven

agreed to help the Soviets raise foreign currency through direct investment by foreign companies, other loans with natural resources as collateral, and the sale of "certain commodities and goods."

Eight of the 12 Soviet republics agreed Tuesday to accept responsibility for the nation's mounting foreign debt, estimated at \$68 billion to \$100 billion. And the agreement specifies it is still open for signature by the four republics that balked — the Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Uzbekistan.

British and American officials threatened economic sanctions against republics that do not join in the debt agreement and said the debt relief package would not apply to them.

Silayev said he expected Georgia and Azerbaijan to sign the agreement, but he said the Ukraine and Uzbekistan refused in principle to accept collective responsibility for repaying the foreign debt.

"This process of change throws up extremely difficult problems," said David Mulford, the U.S. representative at the talks.

"At the head of the list is the problem of debt, a problem that must be solved if there are to be further developments, if the sovereign states are to continue to command credit from the rest of the world," he said.

In the agreement, both the Group of Seven and the republics acknowledged that the Soviet Union is facing "a critical situation in the economic and financial field."

It also said the republics asked for "additional emergency external assistance, going beyond the food aid and other programs under consideration or already in place."

'Suicide doctor' loses license

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A lawyer for Dr. Jack Kevorkian said the loss of his medical license doesn't prevent the suicide-machine inventor from helping others kill themselves.

"Dr. Kevorkian can do anything that any unlicensed human being can do if asked for advice," Michael Schwartz said after the Michigan Board of Medicine voted 8-0 to suspend Kevorkian's license for helping three women commit suicide.

The board acted Wednesday despite Kevorkian's repeated insistence that he would go on assisting suicides anyway.

"I think it would behoove us to let the world know we do not consider this as an acceptable practice of medicine," said Dr. Emma Jane Conklin.

Board members said that without his license, the 63-year-old retired pathologist dubbed "Dr. Death" couldn't buy drugs but would still be free to buy carbon monoxide or other common lethal substances.

Kevorkian can appeal his suspension. Calls to his Royal Oak home went unanswered Wednesday.

In 1990, Kevorkian hooked an Alzheimer's patient to a machine that gave her a lethal injection when she pressed a button. A murder charge against him was dismissed by a judge who ruled Michigan has no law against assisted suicide.

In October, Kevorkian called police to a cabin where he had helped two women — one with multiple sclerosis and the other with a painful but not terminal pelvic disease — commit suicide. One gave herself a lethal injection using the suicide machine; the other inhaled carbon monoxide through a mask.

Prosecutors said they are weighing charges against Kevorkian in those two deaths.

Board member Dr. Philip Margolis abstained from Wednesday's vote.

"I think, at least from my point of view, there is no immediate menace to his activities," he said. "This is a very complex issue, which will take a lot of thought on everybody's part, whether it be the Legislature or us or whomever."

Yeltsin seeks cooperation between Russia, Germany

BONN, Germany (AP) — Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin, making his first foreign trip since the failed August coup, arrived today seeking aid for his republic's sagging economy.

"I expect a beginning of cooperation between the new Germany and the new Russia," Yeltsin said at the Bonn-Cologne airport.

He said before leaving Moscow that he would be signing documents on economic, scientific, technological and cultural cooperation between Germany and his republic, the Tass news agency reported.

Yeltsin and Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has long been on intimate terms with Yeltsin's rival, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, smiled broadly as they met for the first time, shaking hands in the courtyard in front of Kohl's office.

They then reviewed a 90-member military honor guard and stood at attention as their national anthems were played.



Boris Yeltsin

Though Yeltsin does not head an independent country, he received full protocol honors for a working visit by a head of state.

Some European observers see

the visit as a sign of new constellations forming after the unification of Germany and the disintegration of the Soviet Union.

Germany is paying more attention to Yeltsin in recognition of his increasing power since he stood up to Communist hard-liners who staged the August coup. Previously, Germany had been dealing mainly with Gorbachev, who helped end the Cold War and reunify Germany, but Gorbachev's power has waned since the coup.

Before returning home Saturday, Yeltsin is to visit Soviet troops in eastern Germany, tour headquarters of the Daimler-Benz conglomerate in Stuttgart and meet with heads of major political parties.

Yeltsin told German television on Wednesday he would not "become a supplicant" begging for German aid. However, he added, "We will not turn it back, since millions of our people live in a pitiful condition."

Germany was a leading foreign backer of Gorbachev in gratitude for

the way he accepted German unifications after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of communism in East Germany two years ago.

The Soviet leader made several visits to Germany, and happy crowds cheered, "Gorby, Gorby."

Bonn poured aid in to support Gorbachev's attempts to restructure the Soviet economy. Germany's aid to Gorbachev's Moscow since 1989 and including commitments to 1994 totals \$37.5 billion.

But with the unraveling of the Soviet center, Yeltsin has emerged as the man to support.

Germany wants Yeltsin's influence in bringing former East German leader Erich Honecker back from exile in Moscow to face trial for allegedly issuing orders to shoot people trying to flee East Germany. However, Gorbachev is sheltering Honecker, and Yeltsin said in the TV interview it would be better if Germany agreed to Honecker's plea for safe exile in Chile.

Afghan president says rebels must talk to his government

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Najibullah, a survivor of war and coup attempts, says sooner or later the U.S.-backed rebels will have to sit with his government at the negotiating table if peace is ever to return to Afghanistan.

"Such tendencies for monopolizing power are not in line with the present global atmosphere," Najibullah said today in an interview with The Associated Press.

The Muslim guerrillas have refused to talk with Najibullah about a settlement in the 13-year-old war. They blame the president and his government for the war and the nine-year occupation by Soviet troops, the deaths of 1.5 million Afghans and the flight of another 5 million others into exile.

Moderate rebel leaders pushing for an end to the war say they will only talk to the Soviets, who have supported successive governments since a Marxist coup in 1978 and have supplied billions of dollars in weapons to the Afghan military.

Moscow has said it would act as a mediator, but not as a negotiator.

"The establishment of an interim government is only possible through an intra-Afghan dialogue," Najibullah said today.

Moscow has promised to cut off all arms shipments to Kabul by the end of the year and has started to pull out its military specialists who stayed behind after the last of the Red Army troops left in February 1989.

Now, as Kabul braces for its

14th winter of war, the guerrillas are confidently boasting that Najibullah and his government will quickly collapse.

They confidently made the same prediction when the Soviet soldiers left.

But Najibullah remains in power, and the self-proclaimed government-in-exile set up by the rebels in neighboring Pakistan has all but collapsed.



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Miami police uncovered another death plot two weeks before JFK was killed, officer says

By RICHARD COLE
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MIAMI (AP) — Two weeks before President Kennedy was assassinated, Miami police taped a conversation about a plot to shoot him from an office building with a high-powered rifle, a retired intelligence officer says.

Alarmed at the information, police advised the FBI and Secret Service, and Kennedy's motorcade in Miami was canceled, says former Miami police Lt. Everett Kay.

The president then flew on to Texas on his Southern tour — and was shot to death in a Dallas motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963.

Kay, who keeps a tape of the conversation about the plot in a safe deposit box, believes Kennedy would have escaped death if federal authorities had acted in Dallas as they did in Miami.

"They were very much on the ball here," says Kay. "If it had been that way in Dallas, I don't think it would have happened."

In 1963, Kay, now 70, worked for an intelligence unit that answered directly to Miami's police chief. He specialized in penetrating right-wing hate groups.

Kay's top informant, William Somerset, traveled freely in white supremacy groups, giving weekly reports on their activities. With Somerset's help, Kay solved a bombing attack on the home of an editor of The Miami Herald after the newspaper wrote in favor of racial integration.

In the weeks prior to Kennedy's visit to Miami and Texas, Somerset reported there were rumors in right-wing circles of an attempt on the president's life.

"It wasn't safe for him," Somerset told Kay.

Then the informant heard Joseph Milteer, a wealthy Georgia man associated with the White Citizens' Council, was visiting Miami in early November. Curious about his mission, Somerset set up a meeting with Milteer, and Kay arranged to tape the encounter in a Miami apartment building.

Under prodding from the informant, Milteer says on the tape that Kennedy is a "marked man," and Somerset asks how it would be done.

"From an office building ... with a high-powered rifle," answers Milteer. "Oh yes, it's in the working."

Somerset says tight security would make such an attempt difficult.

"You wouldn't have to take a gun up there — take it up in pieces," answers Milteer. "All those guns come knocked down and you can take them apart."

Later Milteer adds, "Oh yes, it's coming."

When Somerset says an assassination would cause a furor, Milteer dismisses his concern.

"Hell, they'll pick up somebody within hours after, if anything like that would happen ... just to throw the public off," Milteer says.

Kay says Miami police called in the FBI and Secret Service immediately after listening to the tape. The federal investigators listened and left, he said, and security around Kennedy's trip to Miami was tightened.

Only two weeks later, eerily similar events occurred in Dallas, says Kay.

Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's alleged assassin, did carry a disassembled rifle into the Texas Book

Depository building the day of the assassination, according to authorities at the time. And he was picked up within hours after the assassination.

"That's the part that chilled me — that's the way it supposedly happened," Kay says.

As soon as the assassination news broke, Kay's unit again called the FBI and this time gave them a tape of the Milteer conversation. Neither the FBI nor the Warren Commission ever talked to Somerset, however, nor did they contact Kay again.

When Miami police inquired about the progress of the Milteer investigation, they were turned away, he said.

"Our contacts in the FBI said 'it's been turned over to our superiors,'" Kay says.

Milteer died several years later in a fire in his home in Georgia, and Somerset also is dead, says Kay. The officer himself was interviewed by the House assassination committee in 1978, but said nothing came of his report.

The FBI and the Secret Service refused to discuss the case with The Associated Press.

FBI Washington spokesman Carlos Fernandez dismissed the report as that of "a civilian," and said any information from the agency would require a formal Freedom of Information request that would take six months to a year.

The lack of response does not surprise Kay. He does not believe, as some conspiracy theorists do, that the FBI intentionally covered up evidence that more than one person was involved in Kennedy's assassination.

But he believes they are unwilling to acknowledge that they could have stopped the assassination if they had tightened security in Dallas.

Kay — who only since his retirement has begun talking publicly about the case — told his story to the British Broadcasting Company in a series shown in the United States on the Arts and Entertainment network this fall.

As to whether Milteer was simply boasting, or really had knowledge of a plot against Kennedy, Kay says he is unsure himself.

"Whether it's coincidence or the truth, we'll never really know," Kay says. "But it should never be forgotten."

Work crews remove cluster bombs from site of derailed train

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Workers gingerly moved a boxcar filled with cluster bombs away from the site of a train derailment that sparked a fire and prompted the evacuation of 3,000 people.

Meanwhile, with the fire out but still smoldering, authorities planned today to remove a tanker car carrying 30,000 gallons of the highly flammable liquid propylene oxide.

It wasn't known how soon people living within a mile of the area would be allowed to return to their homes.

"We just want to be very careful," said Dick Bussard, a spokesman for CSX, the company that operated the freight train. "We don't expect prob-

lems because things are going smoothly. But we don't want to take any chances."

The car carrying the bombs flipped over during Tuesday's derailment. Workers used bales of hay and other materials Wednesday to cushion its interior as they sat it upright before moving it away from the wreck.

The tanker with the flammable liquid was coupled to another car that was dangling off the railroad bridge over the Salt River that partially collapsed during the derailment.

"The position it's in, if it were to fall, we would have a breach and I'm sure we would have a fire and-or an explosion," said Everett Roberts, a

deputy state fire marshal.

Early this morning, four firefighters for the Zoneton Fire Department became ill while working to keep smoldering wood pulp at the derailment site from flaring up again.

"They became ill, apparently from carbon monoxide that was produced by burning wood pulp," said Bullitt County Disaster and Emergency Services Director Mark Kaiser. The four were treated at Methodist Evangelical Hospital and released. Their identities were not immediately available.

Railroad officials said the accident was caused by a garbage truck that struck the bridge and knocked the railroad bed several inches out of

alignment. Two people in the truck suffered minor injuries, but no one else was hurt.

A spokesman for Waste Management Systems of Kentucky, which owns the truck, said the crash occurred when the driver tried to take the 11-foot-6-inch high vehicle under the bridge, which has a clearance of only 10 feet, 9 inches.

The spokesman, Bill Plunkett, said the driver had a good safety record but was taking a substitute route when the accident occurred.

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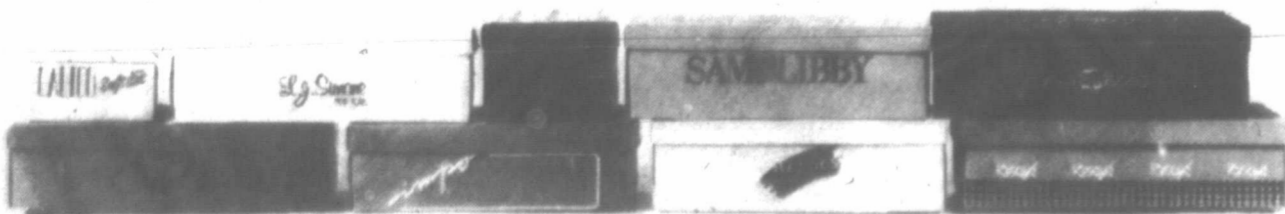
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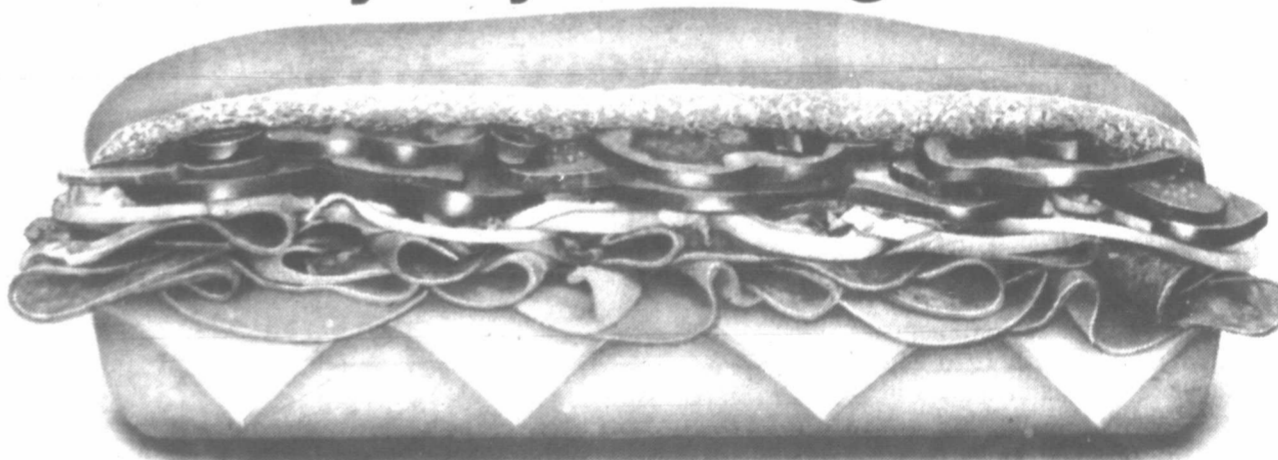
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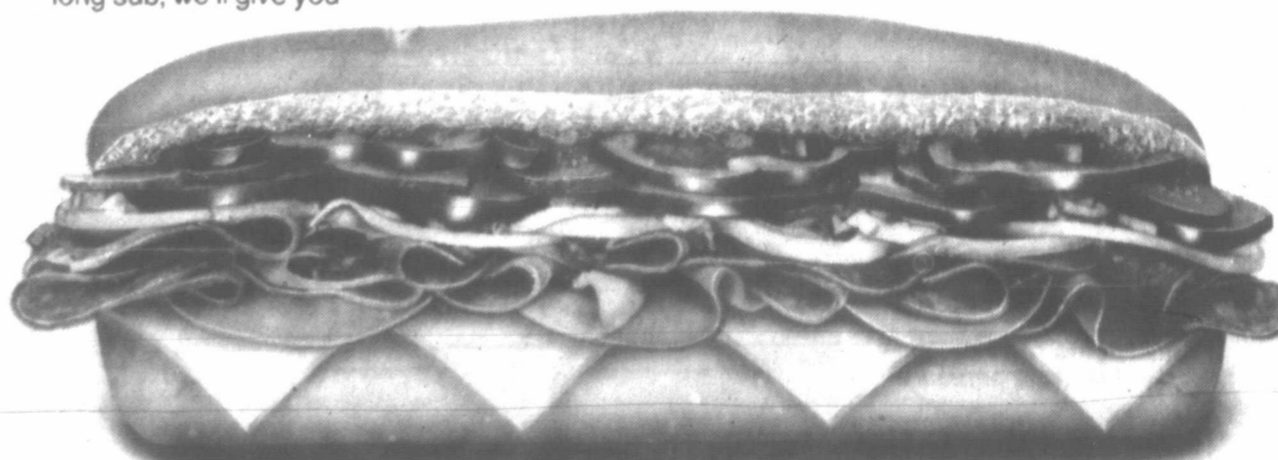


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Sen. Cranston accuses Senate of double standard in Keating case

WASHINGTON (AP) — At once contrite and defiant, Sen. Alan Cranston suggested his Senate colleagues were hypocrites in a final, emotional defense against accusations that he had unethical dealings with savings and loan mogul Charles H. Keating Jr.

The angry last stand by 77-year-old California Democrat, who was formally rebuked Wednesday for his part in the "Keating Five" case, provoked an outraged response from one of his jurors on the Senate Ethics Committee, Republican Sen. Warren Rudman of New Hampshire.

Rudman called Cranston's defense — that he did nothing that other senators don't do — "arrogant ... and a smear on this institution."

"Everybody doesn't do it," Rudman said.

The exchange brought down the curtain on the Senate's two years of anguish over the Keating case.

Cranston and Rudman vowed to continue their battle. Rudman promised to issue next week a point-by-point rebuttal to Cranston's claim that he was unfairly singled out. Cranston, aided by celebrated defense lawyer Alan Dershowitz, said he'd fight back loudly.

But for the Senate, the Keating affair came to an end with two hours of debate and passive acceptance of a resolution. It said the Ethics Committee "on behalf of and in the name of the United States Senate, does hereby strongly and severely reprimand" Cranston.

By prior agreement there was no vote — a compromise between committee Republicans, who favored a vote of censure, and Democrats, who sought a lesser sanction.

The Senate floor was nearly at capacity, a rare occurrence, as senators heard committee members read the resolution charging Cranston with "improper and repugnant" dealings with Keating.

In a report summarized by Sen. Howell Heflin, D-Ala., the ethics panel said it found Cranston "substantially linked" his official actions on behalf of Keating's failed Lincoln Savings and Loan with his fund-raising activities.

Keating and associates contributed \$1.3 million to the campaigns and causes of five senators, with the bulk of it, \$900,000, going to groups affiliated with Cranston.

The report accused the four-term senator of "an impermissible pattern of conduct in which fund raising and official activities were substantially linked."

"His behavior significantly deviated from the norms governing this body and from principles senators

are expected to, and do, adhere to," Rudman said.

Cranston, who is ill with cancer, is leaving the Senate next year after 24 years. Rudman said those were mitigating factors in the committee's decision to let him off with a milder punishment than censure or expulsion.

Cranston began his response by reluctantly accepting the findings: "I rise with deep remorse in my heart to accept the reprimand of the committee."

But he at once turned combative and denied he was guilty of many of the committee's accusations.

"It is clear that I have not been

reprimanded for doing anything improper for Mr. Keating," Cranston said. "I have been reprimanded because there was, or appeared to be, a proximity in time between legitimate charitable donations I accepted for bona fide charities and legitimate official actions I took."

Looking at his colleagues, Cranston said his fund-raising efforts and the easy access he granted to Keating was no different than the behavior of other senators.

"So let me ask: Since I have been singled out for a reprimand on access today, who among you can be sure you will not be singled out for a reprimand on access tomorrow? Here, but for the grace of God, stand you."

There is only one way out: get money out of politics. Enact public financing (of campaigns), and enact it now," he said.

The committee voted 5-0 Tuesday night to approve its report, with a sixth member, Jesse Helms, R-N.C., voting "present," Heflin said. Helms favored censure of Cranston.

Had the panel recommended any stronger punishment, one requiring action by the Senate, "I would have

fought it tooth and nail," Cranston said later.

Dershowitz said the committee's charges against Cranston amounted to only a question of "appearance of impropriety," and he said he recommended Cranston challenge the resolution.

The lawyer said there was "no actual linkage" between Cranston's help for Keating and the contributions. "All you're left with is a linkage in perception, and it is for that Senator Cranston has

apologized," Dershowitz said.

The committee concluded last February that the conduct of Sens. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., and Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., in their dealings with Keating "gave the appearance of being improper."

It said Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and John Glenn, D-Ohio, "exercised poor judgment" in their relationship with the financier, whose S&L failure will cost taxpayers a record \$2.6 billion to bail out depositors.



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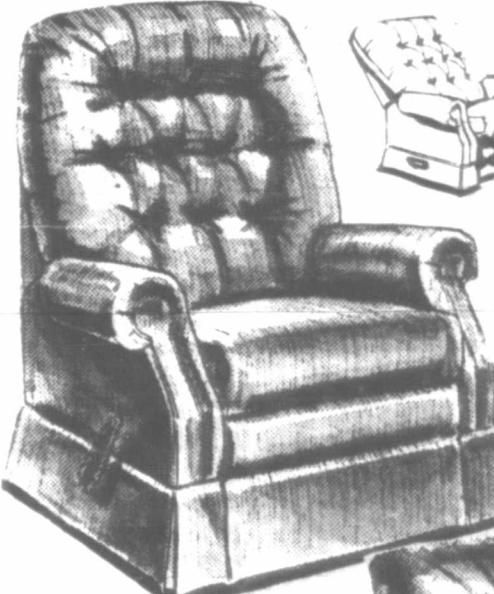
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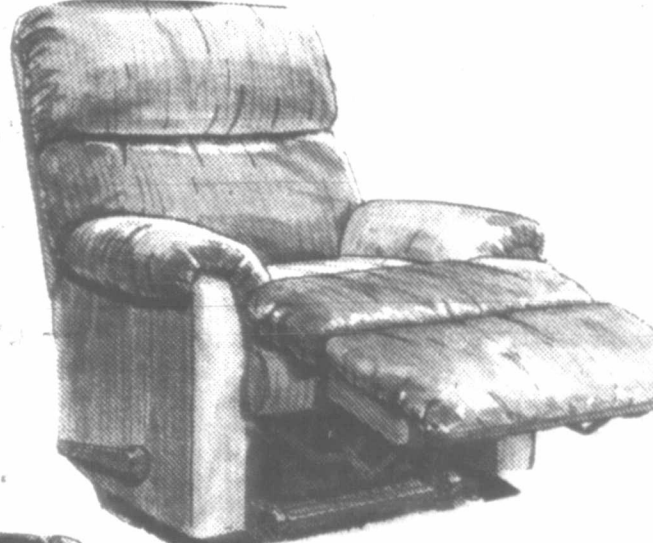
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U.S. postpones troop cuts in South Korea to pressure North on nuclear issue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The United States today stepped up pressure on North Korea to stop developing nuclear weapons by postponing plans to withdraw thousands of troops from South Korea.

The announcement by Defense Secretary Dick Cheney indicates increasing impatience in Seoul and Washington over North Korea's refusal to open its secretive nuclear and reprocessing facilities to inspections.

The communist north denies any nuclear weapons program, but U.S. officials say Pyongyang is nearing completion of an atomic bomb.

North Korea reportedly agreed in principle Wednesday to a call to rid

the Korean peninsula of nuclear weapons. But the reported accord, in working-level talks between the two Koreas, was not binding.

About 40,000 U.S. troops are stationed in Korea under a mutual defense pact. A plan to reduce troops to 36,000 by the end of 1992 will continue, Cheney said. But reductions for 1993-1995 will be postponed, he said.

"We are convinced that North Korea is developing the capability to build a nuclear weapon," Cheney said.

The number of troops to be pulled out in 1993-95 was to be discussed during Cheney's visit. The number suggested was between 5,000 and 7,000.

A postponement of U.S. troop reductions shows Washington's commitment to its ally South Korea and its resolve in pressuring the north, which has long demanded a U.S. withdrawal.

Major powers have expressed grave concerns over intelligence reports that North Korea is nearing capability to produce crude nuclear weapons and atomic bombs.

Cheney and Defense Minister Lee Jong-koo said they would "pursue all available means" to halt North Korean nuclear development. Lee ruled out military action but said multinational diplomatic, political and economic pressure would greatly increase.

The defense ministers told a news conference they would ask the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency to cooperate and urge China and Japan to intensify pressure on neighboring North Korea.

They said North Korea's nuclear development threatened Northeast Asia and urged the north to submit immediately and unconditionally all of its nuclear related materials and facilities to inspections.

Cheney said that of particular concern is North Korea's suspected construction of a nuclear reprocessing plant. "Such a facility would give Pyongyang the capability to produce weapons-grade plutonium," he said. Cheney said the plant was unne-

cessary if the objective of North Korea's nuclear development was peaceful. He said other nations have proven that reprocessing is not a necessary prerequisite to a legitimate civilian nuclear energy program.

The Korean minister said he expected North Korea to complete construction of the reprocessing plant within a year and be able to produce nuclear weapons one to two years later, perhaps as early as 1993. U.S. officials have said it could be sooner.

In other developments, Korean news reports said President Roh Tae-woo would announce during President Bush's Jan. 5-7 visit that South Korea was nuclear-free. This would indicate U.S. nuclear weapons had

been removed, eliminating as a political issue the north's major condition for opening its own facilities to inspection.

Korean news reports also said the United States had agreed to deploy in South Korea 16 Patriot missiles, the ground-to-air defense systems used in the Gulf War to counter Scud missile attacks.

A high-ranking U.S. official, requesting anonymity, confirmed that Patriot missiles and F-17 Stealth fighters would be brought into Korea for joint U.S.-South Korean military exercises in 1992. However, the official said the missiles and the fighters would be removed when exercises ended.



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These are the officers for Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Standing, left are Kim Keeton, president, and Brandi Wyatt, executive officer. Sitting, left, are Angie Cotton, treasurer, and Celine Ford, recording secretary. Not pictured are Kim Winegeath, vice-president, and Robbie Kirkham, corresponding secretary.

Hib vaccination now available for young children

By Dr. KEITH KRASINSKI
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
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For AP Special Features

The Hib vaccination, which guards against Hemophilus Influenza B infection or "H flu," is now available for children under 2 years of age. About 20,000 cases of the disease, with 3,000 resulting deaths, are reported each year.

The vaccination became available in 1985, but it was not effective in children under 2 years of age and therefore missed more than half the preventable cases of serious H flu infections.

Now an improved version of the vaccine, first given at 2, then 4, and then 6 months of age, can protect children when they are most vulnerable. It is expected to avert 85 percent of preventable cases of Hemophilus Influenza B infection.

Hemophilus Influenza B bacteria may cause infections of the membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord, the blood stream, the lungs, the larynx, the outer walls of the heart, the joints, and the skin and soft tissues.

The peak incidence of infection is between the ages of 1 year and 15 months; most children over the age of 5 are not susceptible because they have developed antibodies to it.

Other routine vaccinations are also recommended in young children.

The combined diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus vaccine and the oral polio vaccine are first given at 2, then 4, and then 6 months of age.

The measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine has often been given at 15 months of age, but nationwide outbreaks of measles have led to recommendations that the vaccine be given first at 1 year of age. These immunizations all require boosters at varying intervals.

Other vaccinations should be given to certain groups of children.

Children with heart or lung disease or weakened immune systems should be vaccinated for influenza A and B before the start of the flu season.

Children living in a household with a carrier of hepatitis B have

been candidates for hepatitis B vaccination. Prenatal screening of pregnant women for active hepatitis B infection is recommended so the vaccine may be given when the baby is born.

Complete prevention of hepatitis B among adults is a goal that could be accomplished by universal childhood vaccination against that disease.

Vaccines for smallpox, pneumococcal pneumonia, and tuberculosis are not routinely given to children in the United States. However, pneumococcal vaccine is sometimes given to children with weak-

ened immune systems.

There is a great deal of concern in the lay public about bad reactions to vaccines, but I think this attention is improperly focused. The focus should be on the terrible illness and death associated with these vaccine-preventable diseases.

Routine vaccinations are very strongly recommended in young children. These diseases, if not prevented through vaccination, can cause serious harm to children, and the vaccines that have been developed are generally safe and effective in preventing disease.

Mom's devotion to her boss looks questionable

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been married for 16 years. I am 21. My first mother died. Mom and Dad have always had a trusting relationship.

Mom has been working for a law firm for the past seven years. Lately she's been spending a lot of time with her boss. It's gotten to the point where "Pete" — her boss — will pick her up and drive her to work every morning, then he brings her home after she has worked late. They go out to lunch together nearly every day.

For the past two weeks, Mom has worked late every night and she's gone in on Saturday to "help him out." Pete is married, too. Yesterday he gave her a single long-stemmed rose.

I don't dare say anything to either of my parents, so I'm asking for your advice. My younger brothers have both asked me if I thought something was going on between Mom and her boss. I've always said, "No way," but now I think differently. I hate feeling this way. I love both my parents dearly, but I think Mom is taking advantage of Dad's trust in her. What should I do?

CONFUSED DAUGHTER

DEAR CONFUSED: You and Mom are overdue for an adult-level mother/daughter chat. Do not make accusations; confide your feelings, and explain that your brothers are uncomfortable with the amount of time she has



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

been spending with her boss — and they are asking questions for which you have no answers.

It is possible that your mother's relationship with her boss is strictly business. And, since no attempt was made to hide the rose, it is also possible that it was given as a token of gratitude — nothing more. So give your mother the opportunity to set the record straight.

DEAR ABBY: Three years ago, my husband died of cancer. He was only 39 years old. We had a wonderful marriage, but so many times the comment was made by individuals who had gone through a divorce, "It has to be much easier losing your husband through death than losing a mate by divorce."

How cruel and wrong could anyone possibly be! This comment was made several times shortly after my husband had died, and I still hear it today.

What do you make of it, Abby? You may use my name.

MYRA WATKINS,
GOODLAND, KAN.

DEAR MYRA: Those who would make such an insensitive comment probably intended to comfort you. (Like those who would say to a woman who had recently experienced a miscarriage, "Don't be sad — you're better off; maybe something would have been wrong with the baby had you carried it to term.")

However, losing a cherished mate through divorce is oftentimes similar to a death — the death of a dream that was too short-lived, or didn't work out.

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Club News

Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met in the home of Mrs. Jack White. The regent, Mrs. Tom Cantrell led in recitation of the DAR ritual.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Otto Mangold, American History Month chairman reported on plans to promote an essay contest in the local schools for students in the 5-8th grades on American History. The subject will be "Famous Women of the American Revolution."

An announcement was made of a tea and reception honoring Mrs. Billie Mae Lovett, a former Texas State Regent to be held December 9 at First Christian Church, Amarillo. She is seeking a national office.

Mrs. Maryl Jones presented a program on "Defense in Our Future." Her remarks were made on an address by the Hon. Margaret Thatcher, prime minister of Great Britain, 1979-1990.

The Heritage Art Club met Nov. 4 for a workshop and made angels for Christmas decorations. Virginia Archer gave the program.

Johnnie Price called the meeting to order. Secretary Dianne Sanders read the minutes and Jo Ann Welch gave the treasurer's report. The members voted to buy gifts for four children at Christmas.

Archer won the door prize. Hostesses were Bonnie Schaub and Lois Bryant with 13 present and two guests.

The next meeting will be at the Pampa Country Club on Dec. 3.

Preceptor Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met on Nov. 18 in the home of Retha Jordan. Ruth McBride, vice-president presided. Plans were discussed for the New Year's Eve Scholarship Dance, planned for the M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Woman of the Year tea will be Mar. 22 at the Starlight Room. Guest Debbie Hogan collected information on the Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship.

Betty Fletcher showed Southwest motif hand painted and suede appliqued jackets, vests, handbags and shirts.

The next meeting will be Dec. 2 in the home of Carol Martin.

The Worthwhile Extension Homemakers Club met Nov. 15,

in the home of Myrtle Smith with seven present. Belle Lee presided and called the meeting to order with the thought "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Lee presented the program on home appliance update, emphasizing shopping before making purchases.

The club voted to meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m., beginning in January.

The next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon noon, Dec. 13, in the home of Beulah Terrell.

Xi Beta Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Tena Conner on Nov. 11. Plans were made to help a needy family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the New Year's Dance was discussed.

Cal Ferguson brought his Vietnamese pot-bellied pig to show to the club members, as well as giving a report on the animal.

A smorgasbord was enjoyed by the group.

The next meeting will be in the home of Helen McGill, 2133 Lynn, on Nov. 26.

"Children Helping Children" theme of Festival Tree

Girl Scouts troops in Pampa are planning a tree for display in the Festival of Trees celebration. This decorated tree is a service project with the theme "Children Helping Children."

The focus of this service project is meeting the basic needs of children birth to one year.

During Christmas and Girl Scout Week, presentations will be made to Tralee Crisis Center,

Good Sam's and the Pampa Learning Center, all of which deal with needy children.

All items will be distributed locally. To make a donation call, 665-7774 or 669-6862.

Thanksgiving dinner set for Southside Center

The Southside Senior Citizens' Center annual Thanksgiving banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 22, at the Center.

Charles King, building maintenance employee for Pampa Independent School District, will be the speaker. The menu of turkey,

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- Unnerve
- Ever (poet.)
- Irate
- Plant firmly
- Speaks
- Ireland
- Companion of odds
- Animal garden
- Detest
- Teeming
- Lily genus
- Frog genus
- Pertaining to dawn
- Hawaiian food fish
- Mislaid
- the night before Christmas
- Lemon — pie
- No more than
- South of Ala.
- Continent
- Becomes slim
- Official proclamation
- Scottish skirt
- Two-toed sloth
- Baby's bed
- Biblical garden
- Architect — Saarinen
- Floor covers
- Unclose (poet.)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Conditions that have a direct effect upon your career could be unsettling today, so proceed cautiously, especially in matters where funds are exchanged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Time you spend today brooding over real or imagined problems is wasted time. Immersing yourself in your work is the only thing that will pay real dividends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There's a possibility you might put yourself in a position today where those you associate with could take advantage of you. Don't be your own worst enemy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Partnerships could prove to be more counter-productive than constructive today. If you team up with anyone, be sure there is parity in the union.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Strive to spend your time on endeavors today that gratify your sense of achievement. If you are idle or unproductive, it will have a depressing effect on your attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It's best not to discuss your present financial affairs with anyone today, not even a close friend. There's a possibility something detrimental might unwittingly be repeated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) This is one of those days where you might not be able to please anyone, no matter how hard you try. Don't waste your resources as a tool of appeasement.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Individuals you'll deal with today might not operate in accordance with your high standards. Be very careful with whom you place your trust.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid gambling with either romance or dollars today. Your performance in these areas might not be up to par, and you could end up a loser.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Even after you've achieved an important objective today, don't take your success for granted. Your underpinnings might not be strong enough to sustain a victory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a possibility today that what you think you want, you won't, and what you have, you may not be happy with. Be grateful for your present circumstances.

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By Dick Cavalli

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By Bill Keane

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By Bill Watterson

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By Art and Chip Sansom

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By Bob Thaves

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By Charles M. Schulz

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By Jim Davis

Quayle to Cuomo: 'If comedians like me...'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle says New York Gov. Mario Cuomo might get to share the spotlight with him on late-night comedy shows.

Quayle, warming up a \$1,000-a-plate crowd at a fund-raiser for himself and President Bush, opened with a couple of Cuomo jokes, poking fun at the governor for his much-publicized angst over whether to jump into the Democratic presidential race.

Quayle said the Bush campaign sent Cuomo an invitation to the Wednesday banquet two weeks ago.

"We checked with his office just a few minutes ago, and he still hasn't made us his mind," Quayle said. He followed up with another one-liner, saying Cuomo has just now gotten around to deciding between Beta or VHS video recorders.

"If comedians like me, they're going to love Mario Cuomo," the vice president said.

Quayle's comments came just hours after Cuomo shot back at Quayle for repeatedly calling him just plain "Mario." Cuomo dubbed Quayle "Danny" the cabin boy on the Titanic.

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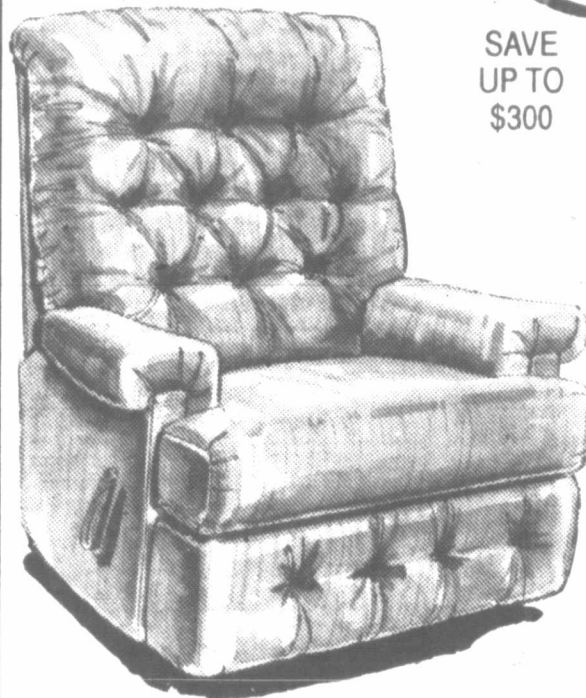
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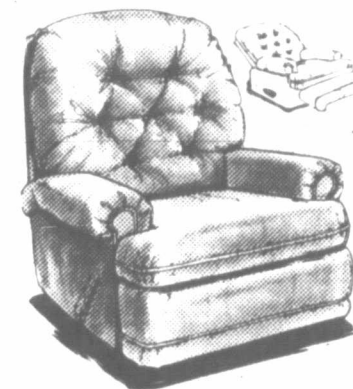
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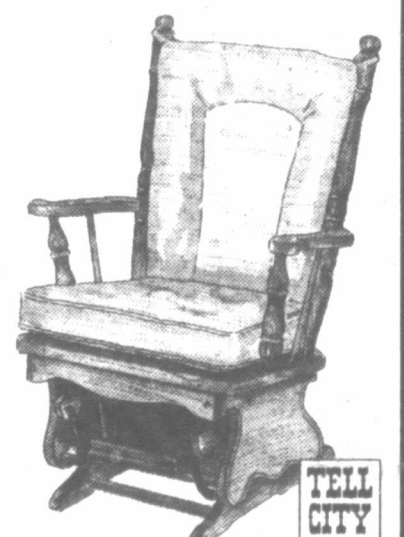
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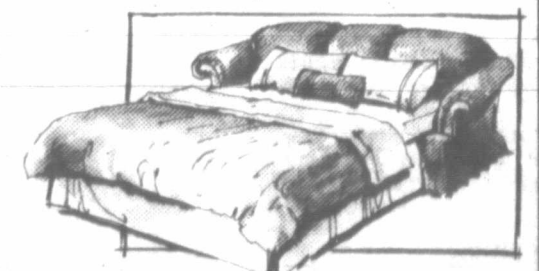
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