

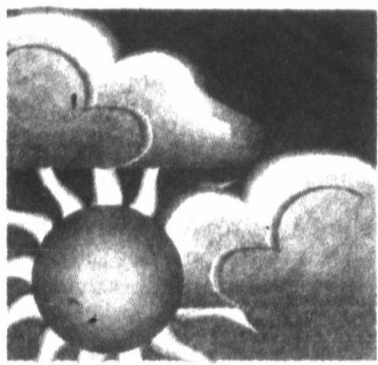
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Gray County, state voters reduce taxes

By STAFF REPORTS and the Associated Press
Gray County citizens joined other Texans and voted resoundingly Saturday to cut local school property taxes by \$1 billion over the next two years.

Although the Gray County numbers won't be made official until Friday, of the 1,333 votes counted this weekend, 1,262 citizens voted for the tax cut and 63 voted against it.

"The turnout this year was about average," County Clerk Wanda Carter said. "I was hoping it would be bigger, but amendment elections are always lower."

Of the 15,193 voters registered, about nine percent of Gray County voters went to the polls.

Statewide, however, voting was similar. With all the votes counted, 690,678 Texans voted for the tax cut; only 45,493 voted against it. That was a margin of 94 percent to 6 percent in the state.

Secretary of State Tony Garza, the state's chief elections officer, said he believes it to be the largest margin of victory for a constitutional amendment in

Texas history.

"I am pleased to have the endorsement of the people for a tax cut," said Gov. George W. Bush, who made tax reform his top legislative priority this year.

"A lot of us worked very hard — members of the Legislature and myself — to convince the people that we had met the basic needs (of the state) and that there was enough money left over to cut people's property taxes. The voters agreed, and I'm very pleased."

The property tax cut was the only question on the statewide ballot. It increases the minimum school property tax exemption from \$5,000 to \$15,000, a tax savings of about \$12 a month for most homeowners.

Homeowners' savings will roughly equal their school property tax rates multiplied by 100, about \$140 a year, Bush estimated.

The measure also allows homeowners 65 and older to transfer from home to home a proportionate amount of property tax freezes should they move.

"I'm trusting Gov. Bush that it will be some kind of benefit,"

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T'storms gone; clear skies back

Thunderstorms early today brought more rain to the Texas Panhandle.

Early morning showers had cleared over Pampa by dawn. Wheeler reported a light rain early this morning. Hemphill County officials said they received rain from about 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Heavy rain was reported at 6 a.m. today around Childress. They also reported fog and 70 degrees. Light showers were reported in western Carson County and in Potter County. Flash flood watches had been issued for the northern half of the Texas Panhandle and all of the Oklahoma Panhandle. Heavy rains were reported late Sunday afternoon from Panhandle to Pampa, north through Roberts County on into the Oklahoma Panhandle. The rain had ended in Dalhart by 6 a.m. Dalhart reported cloudy conditions and 63 degrees at 6 a.m. Skellytown reported clear skies and 67 degrees.

Pampa reported 0.27 inches of rain over night. It will be cloudy today with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms this afternoon. The high today should reach 88 degrees. Skies should be clear by noon with a chance of late afternoon or early evening showers today.

Tonight's low should be around 67 degrees. The forecast for Tuesday in Pampa is for clear skies and a high of 92 degrees. The low temperature for Tuesday night should be about 67 degrees under continuing clear skies.

Clouds return Wednesday with chance of thunderstorms Wednesday through Friday. The high temperatures should be about 90 degrees for the rest of the week with lows about 65 degrees.

The low in Pampa this morning was 66 degrees. At 6 a.m., it was 65 degrees and raining in Amarillo. The National Weather Service in Amarillo recorded an official 0.39 of an inch of rain overnight. They reported 0.16 up through midnight Sunday. They recorded another 0.23 of an inch of rain from midnight to 6 a.m. There was a report 15 miles east of Paducah of six to eight inches of rain.

Parts of the western Texas Panhandle reported up to three inches of rain Sunday. Boys Ranch reported two inches of rain. Sunday's high temperature Sunday in Pampa was 85 degrees.



(Pampa News photo by Miranda Bailey)

Altrusa is hosting its annual fundraiser "Garden Party" Saturday, August 16 at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Room at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. Open to the public, the party will feature food, fun and a fashion show to help raise money for various community projects. Sarah Alexander (left) and Carol Cofer visit the Cuyler Clothing Company and begin to pick out fashions for Saturday's style show.

Area crashes kill two Both one-car accidents

DALHART — A Houston woman was in serious condition today in an Amarillo hospital following a one-car rollover south of Dalhart that killed her husband.

John W. Eilert, 70, of Houston, was killed Sunday afternoon on U.S. 87 about three miles south of Dalhart when the 1992 Mitsubishi he was driving overturned.

Phoenicia Eilert, 54, was reported in serious condition today at Northwest Texas Hospital with leg injuries suffered in the crash.

Department of Public Safety officers said Eilert was north bound on U.S. 87 about 1:45 p.m. Sunday when his car ran off the road into the west bar ditch. Officers said Eilert apparently overcorrected and the car went across the highway, rolling one and a half times, coming to rest on its top in the east bar ditch.

Eilert died at the scene about 2:15 p.m. Sunday, authorities said.

Officers said neither Eilert nor his wife were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident. Eilert was thrown from the car.

DPS troopers said there was a light rain falling at the time of the accident and the road was wet.

GROOM — Two Californians were in an Amarillo hospital today following a one vehicle accident Sunday west of Groom that killed the driver.

Justin Silva, 16, of Cypress, Calif., died at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo shortly after 6 p.m. Sunday of injuries suffered when the 1995 Chevrolet Blazer he was driving rolled in Carson County Sunday afternoon.

William Silva, no age available, of Cypress, Calif., was reported in good condition at Northwest Texas Hospital today.

Phillip Wannebo, 16, of Cypress, Calif., was reported in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital with scrapes and bruises.

Department of Public Safety officers said the Blazer was west bound shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday on Interstate 40 near mile marker 109, when it veered onto the median. The driver apparently overcorrected and the sport utility vehicle rolled six and a half times.

Officers said both Justin and William Silva were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident. Wannebo was not.

"One vehicle crashes are our number one killer in the Texas Panhandle," DPS Trooper Wayne Beghly said.

Bummer... Only one parade entry shows

Louis James and his grandsons were all set for Saturday's National Night Out parade against crime and drugs but there was a problem — they were the only ones who showed.

"It kind of perturbs me," James, of 939 E. Albert, said after the parade was canceled. "Someone should have called me."

Entry blanks for the event were due at the police department on

Thursday and James says he should have been called after that and notified the parade was off because of lack of interest.

James and grandsons Dakota Shane Davis, 3, and Hunter Shay, 4, had "worked together" to get their entry ready. They had a lawn tractor pulling a cart that was decked out with signs. "We called it the crime wagon," he said, "Dakota was going to ride

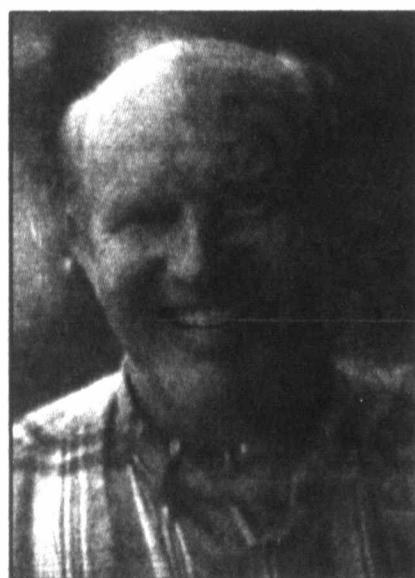
in the cart."

Upon arriving at M.K. Brown Auditorium Saturday shortly before the 11:30 a.m. start of the parade, James said, "Nobody else was there."

After contacting police and finding out there would be no parade, James and the little boys had their own parade.

"We just rode through the neighborhood," he said.

Snapshot



Name: Melvin Dennis
Community Activities: White Deer Lions Club, Prison Ministry
Occupation: Retired research engineer
Birth date and place: San Diego, Calif.
Family: Wife, three daughters, one son
If I had a different job, I'd be a: Travel guide, traveling around the world
My epitaph should read: He can tell you how to build a watch
The four guests at my fantasy dinner party would be: Former President Ronald

Reagan and his wife; former President George Bush and his wife

My hobbies are: RV traveling. The last book I read was: She's from Venus, he's from Mars

The biggest honor I've ever received is: Being elected Lions Club president

My favorite performer is: John Wayne

My trademark cliché or expression is: Smells good for a goat
My worst habit is: Talking too much

I would never: snore
My all-time favorite movie

is: Grouchy Old Men
My all-time favorite TV show is: Gilligan's Island

drive a: Ford Bronco II, Mazda Miata, Nissan pickup, Lincoln Towncar

If I could, I'd drive a: Porsche 911 roadster

My favorite junk food is: Almond Hershey

My favorite restaurant is: Steak and Ale

For my last meal, I would choose: T-bone steak

I'm happiest when I'm: Traveling with my wife and grandchildren

I regret: Not saving for retirement earlier

I'm tired of: The modern movie language and themes

The electrical device I couldn't live without is: Microwave oven

The biggest waste of time is: Watching television

If I won the lottery, the most extravagant thing I would do is: Travel around the world

If I had three wishes they would be: Lower taxes, more jobs for people and more tolerance toward others

If I could change one thing about Pampa, it would be: Promote Pampa more so businesses would move to Pampa.

- Debbie Kay Carter, 42, Thriftway employee in Clarendon.
- Ernest C. "Shorty," Gordon, 89, rancher.
- Dorris Marie Houck, 69, retired assistant administrator of Pampa Nursing Home.
- Mary Knorpp, 89, homemaker.
- W.C. "Fred" McClurg, 87, operator McClurg Rentals in Lubbock.
- Norma Lee Parsons, 66, former postal clerk.

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Circle of Friends gears up for fund raiser



Betty Hallerberg, Martha Campbell and Katie Cree put the finishing touches on their terra cotta pots to be auctioned off at the annual Circle of Friends party on Aug. 16. Tickets are \$25. The public is cordially invited. The organization helps Pampa area cancer patients meet financial obligations. Tickets may be purchased by calling Janyth Bowers at 665-8006.

(Special photo)

Peace talks resume: U.S. envoy brings Israeli, Palestinian security officials together

JERUSALEM (AP) — U.S. efforts to restart the Mideast peace process saw their first fruit early today: Israeli and Palestinian officials sat down to discuss how to make the region safer.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross succeeded in bringing together Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli security officials around midnight in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Earlier Sunday, Ross met separately with Arafat and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Ross said his goal was to re-establish security cooperation, which also is Israel's primary concern.

"There has to be a security underpinning, but the political issues also have to be addressed," he said today. "What we are doing at this point is trying to lay that basis."

Netanyahu blames Arafat for not doing enough to eradicate the infrastructure of militant anti-peace factions such as Hamas, the Islamic group Israel blames for the attack.

The emphasis on security initially prompted protest from the Palestinians, who feared their issues would be ignored.

But Ross appeared to mollify Arafat by telling him that restored security cooperation would be followed by a far-reaching political initiative by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Israeli-Palestinian relations deteriorated in March after Israel began building a large Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, where Palestinians hope to establish the capital of a future state.

Today Israelis are bitter over bloody sui-

cide bombings and Palestinians livid over Israel's travel bans and settlement-building in disputed territory.

Ross attended Arafat's talks with Ami Ayalon, the head of Israel's Shin Bet security service, and other security officials.

The reaction to the talks was skeptical — on both sides.

Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan said

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such meetings — which have occurred occasionally during the past five months of crisis — alone did not satisfy Israel's demand for security cooperation.

"The question will be, 'Did we get the intelligence that we need and that we know they have?'" Bar-Illan told The Associated Press. "We don't want it to start and end in meetings with or without the Americans."

Israeli Cabinet Secretary Danny Naveh also was wary.

"We have spoken of the revolving door of Arafat arresting terrorists and immediately releasing them," he told Israel Radio today. "The first test if you ask me is if the revolving door will stop... Such meetings in themselves bring no results."

Hanan Ashrawi, a minister in Arafat's Cabinet, called Ross' focus on security "the wrong approach."

"President Arafat has always been willing to address security issues within the context of the political process," she told The Associated Press today. "Security cooperation did not emerge suddenly from a vacuum."

Ashrawi said Palestinians were waiting to see whether Ross would deal with "the real issues" — such as Israeli settlement building.

In his meetings with Ross, Arafat rejected Israeli charges that his police force wasn't helping search for those responsible for a double suicide bombing July 30 that killed 15 people in an open-air market in Jerusalem.

He said he also complained about the strict closure Israel imposed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, which prevents them from going to jobs in Israel, traveling abroad or, in some cases, even leaving their towns.

Meanwhile, Israeli security forces arrested nine Palestinians in the West Bank overnight, and the Jerusalem Post said Israeli authorities are close to identifying the two suicide bombers.

Team begins reconstructing human remains found in backyard

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Police and scientists are attempting to identify human remains found in the backyard of a man who authorities say is a suspect in a homicide investigation.

Investigators believe they can create a nearly lifelike portrait of the person whose skull was found at the home of Leonard Rizzo Sr. He shared the home with his wife, Monika, who disappeared May 5.

Rizzo told reporters Sunday that he has done nothing wrong and is being persecuted.

"I feel like O.J. Simpson. I feel like all of a sudden there is a nightmare all around me and it's completely beyond my control," Rizzo said. "I wake up in the morning, and the nightmare is still here. Surreal isn't the word for it. It's like something you read."

Rizzo is particularly upset that authorities think he may have abducted or killed his wife of 26 years.

"I can only pray to God she is alive, well and under her own

control, not in an abduction situation," he said. "My wife and I have been together for 26 years."

"There are no two people. There is one. We are that tight."

Homicide detectives, medical examiner investigators, anthropologists and archaeologists began the reconstruction on Saturday.

Archaeologists from the University of Texas at San Antonio turned up dozens of small bones during a six-day excavation of the grounds behind the house. Police earlier found part of a skull at the house.

The searchers completed their work Friday and turned over the evidence to the Bexar County medical examiner.

Rizzo has said through his lawyer that he doesn't know where his wife went or how bones and other human remains got on his property. DNA tests of tissue found in a July 4 search determined those remains were not from the body of Mrs. Rizzo, 44. No tests have been performed on bones and other remains

uncovered in subsequent searches, police said.

Rizzo has not been charged with any crime, but Deputy Chief Albert Ortiz has said Rizzo is a suspect in a homicide investigation centering on the human remains.

Investigators say the remains are from two or possibly three

people. Some of the bones are in such small pieces they appear as though they were chopped up, police said.

Steve Hanson, the medical examiner's chief investigator, said the team hoped to identify the remains and determine the cause and manner of death.

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World briefs

Study: Protected whale meat being sold in Japan

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A New Zealand survey of whale meat for sale in Japan points to illegal whale hunting and commercial exploitation, anti-whaling groups said.

The study, by Auckland University researchers who analyzed DNA in 30 samples of whale meat bought commercially in Japan, found protected humpback, killer and finback whales among the meat being sold.

Hunting those species is banned by the International Whaling Commission.

The Dominion newspaper on Sunday quoted an unnamed official at Japan's Fisheries Agency as saying the meat in question had probably been caught when it was still legal to do so and then frozen.

But World Wide Fund for Nature New Zealand executive director Chris Laidlaw suspected illegal whaling was the source of the meat, and said the research appeared to confirm "rumors we've heard for a couple of years."

A nonbinding, worldwide moratorium on commercial whaling has been in effect since 1986. The ban permits a limited number of whales to be killed for scientific research.

Japan annually hunts whales under a government program that it says qualifies as scientific research. Norway resumed commercial whaling in 1993 after a six-year hiatus and is allowed to do so because the country had objected to the moratorium originally.

Workers also were trying to remove the remaining bodies from the crash site. So far, 162 complete remains and 41 partial remains have been recovered from the rocky hillside where the plane went down, Black said.

At least 19 bodies have been identified, said Clifford Guzman of the Guam Governor's Office. Officials earlier said 39 bodies had been identified, but Guzman said that number included victims whose families have not yet been notified or whose identity was only tentatively determined.

Arrangements were under way with the victims' families to send the identified bodies home. Guzman said that should start Tuesday.

Signs of renewed fighting in Republic of Congo

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — Gunfire crackled in the capital of the Republic of Congo, renewing an exodus of frightened civilians fleeing the Central African country.

Boats carrying civilians streamed across the river separating Brazzaville from Kinshasa, capital of Congo.

The fresh fighting Sunday followed a lull of almost two weeks. Its cause was not immediately known. A statement issued by the government of Pascal Lissouba accused rebel forces led by his rival, former dictator Denis Sassou-Nguesso, of instigating the clashes.

The clashes came just two days after the U.N. Security Council refused to send a peacekeeping force to the country until the warring sides agreed to a cease-fire and guarantees for the country's main airport, and to participate in a "political process."

Forces loyal to Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso began fighting June 5, leaving hundreds of civilians dead and uprooting thousands of residents of the capital.

In a declaration broadcast on national radio Sunday, Col. Suka Suka, spokesman for the army's high command, warned the rebels "against any new provocation that might result in reprisals." It said the government remained open to dialogue.

Sassou-Nguesso has denounced Lissouba's moves to extend his term in office indefinitely. His term was to end this month, and elections scheduled for July 27 have been postponed.

Investigation of plane crash in Guam winding down

AGANA, Guam (AP) — The investigation at the site of a Korean Air jet crash in Guam is nearly over, federal agents said today, and families prepared to take victims' bodies home to South Korea.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board say they are months away from figuring out what caused Wednesday's crash, which killed 226 people. But they have found that an airport warning system that might have prevented the accident was not working at the time of the crash.

Much of the crash data already has been to Washington for analysis.

"Our operation here is winding down," said NTSB member George Black.

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Hairdresser's Heavy Hints Are Enough To Curl Customer's Hair

DEAR ABBY: My hairdresser (whom I have patronized for 14 years) recently started a conversation about tipping. It began with his telling me how much his previous customer had tipped him. It was a very large amount. Then he started talking about how cheap some people are and how little they tip. He said he wouldn't put himself out for people who don't tip him appropriately.

The conversation left me feeling uncomfortable and I ended up tipping him more than I would usually tip, which, of course, made me angry.

Abby, do you think this was an appropriate conversation for a hairdresser to have with a client? I would also be interested in hearing what your readers think is an appropriate amount to tip. Please don't use my name or location. Thank you for your help.

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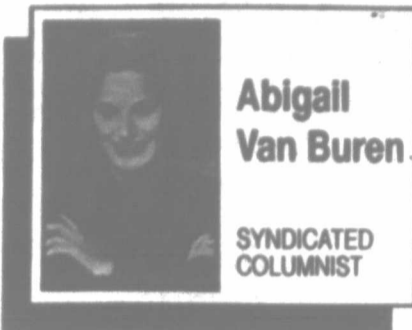
DEAR CURIOUS: According to Letitia Baldrige's "The New Manners for the '90s" (Rawson Associates, N.Y.):

"At an expensive, posh place, you would tip:

"20 percent of the total bill to your hairdresser if you're having a cut or color or perm; 15 percent of the total bill if you are just having a wash and set or a wash and blow-dry.

"\$2 to the shampoo person.

"\$2 minimum or 15 percent of



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

the cost of the manicure to the manicurist.

"At a modest establishment, you would tip:

"10 percent of the bill to the hairdresser.

"\$1 to the shampoo person (if your hairdresser and shampoo person are one and the same, \$1 more for the shampoo).

"\$1 to \$2 to the manicurist."

For a hairdresser to tell a client how much (or little) the previous customer tipped is inexcusable — and also stupid. If you like him, give him this "tip" from me: never discuss how much (or little) other clients tip.

DEAR ABBY: Have you considered a book of the many "How We Met" stories your readers have sent you?

I particularly love how Cupid arranges for people to get together! I have clipped items whenever you

have printed them — they are uplifting, each with an element of unsuspected chance.

If you already have such a book, please let me know. I would love to buy it.

KAREN DREW, RUSSELLVILLE, ALA.

DEAR KAREN: I do not have such a book, and at this time I haven't the time to compile one. However, your idea is a good one, and one which I'm sure would make several interesting columns. So, Dear Readers, if you met your mate in an unusual way, please let me know.

CHUCKLE FOR TODAY: A man came into a bar and ordered three shots of whiskey, which he quickly drank, one after the other. When he finished the last one, he ordered three more.

The bartender said, "You know, that isn't good for you."

"I know," the man replied, "particularly with what I have."

"What do you have?" the bartender asked.

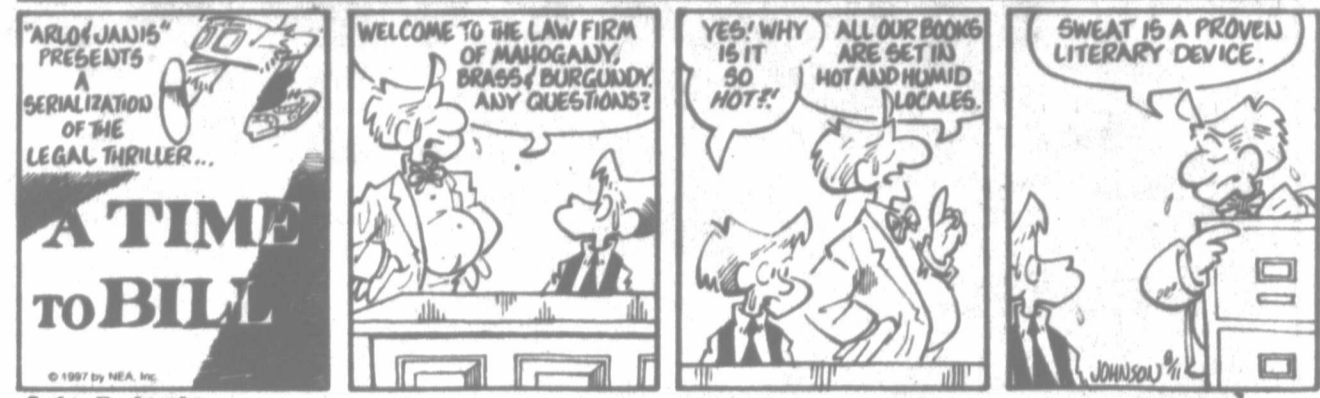
"One dollar," the man replied.

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In the year ahead, you'll be more ambitious and enterprising than you have been in the past. You might even take on an ancillary endeavor to provide additional earnings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others will instinctively know today that if a job needs doing, you're the one who'll get it done. Your responsible attitude has earned others' respect.

LIBRA (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today you

might find yourself in a business arrangement where you can use confidential information advantageously to create a unique package.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Associates who turned a deaf ear to you yesterday are likely to be compliant and receptive today. It is to your advantage to restate your presentation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions that bear directly upon your work or career are more favorable than usual today. Step out boldly and take charge of these venues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your ideas will be best expressed through others today. Present your thoughts in a way that will permit them to think they are the authors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Family members will turn to you to solve a problem today. You will provide solutions with which they are totally unfamiliar.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You're a very good salesperson today, and will be able to sway others to act in compliance with your suggestions. Use your gift con-

structively. **PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Knowledge you've acquired through personal experience will contribute to your expertise today. What you know is superior to what your competition knows.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to take an early recreational break today. Select activities that stimulate you mentally and physically — if they are also competitive, all the better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) The concerns and needs of family members will be a priority consideration today. You'll be the one who'll make sure that their requirements are gratified.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be ambitious and industrious today, especially if you're embarking on an exciting new endeavor. Much can be accomplished. Get an early start.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You're in a good cycle for promoting your own interests without being offensive. If you favor personal causes today, associates aren't apt to mind.

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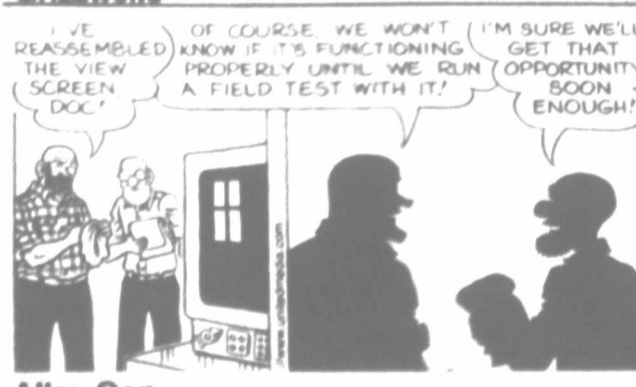
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The Family Circus

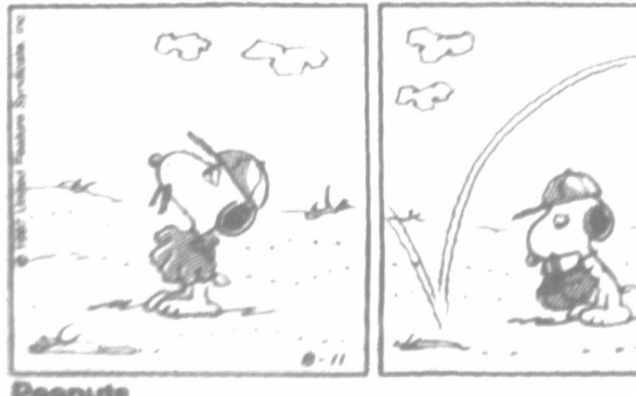


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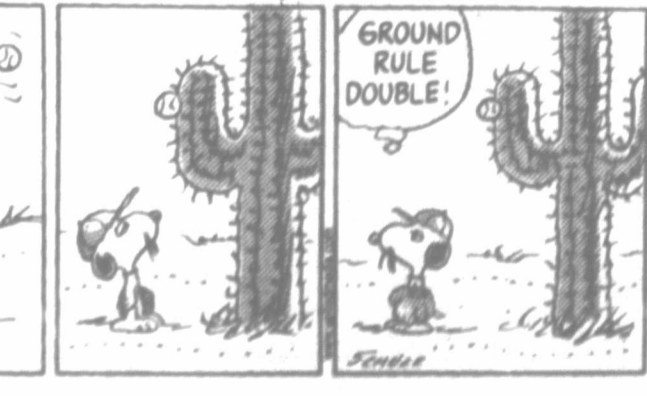
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Nation briefs

Firefighters make progress containing four blazes

PIRU, Calif. (AP) — Residents preparing to escape a fire burning outside town relaxed as the flames moved away, and officials said they had the blaze mostly contained.

The fire has charred 23,000 acres of unincorporated land and Los Padres National Forest property since starting last week. Crews had it 70 percent contained Sunday, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Steve Kerpan.

Some residents who could see the flames were packing to leave Friday. But Sunday, chances of an evacuation order were "next to nil," said Mary Guokas, a Forest Service spokeswoman.

High humidity and lower temperatures kept the blaze from expanding as furiously as it did last week, she said. The towns of Fillmore and Piru were to the south of the fire, which was moving east.

More than 1,900 firefighters aided by 15 water-dropping helicopters battled the Piru blaze. Five firefighters suffered minor injuries. Firefighters also set fires to deprive the blaze of fuel.

JFK Jr. calls cousins 'poster boys for bad behavior'

NEW YORK (AP) — Buy George — at least the publishers of the political magazine are hoping readers will — to see a bare John F. Kennedy Jr. and read his thoughts on recent Kennedy family scandals.

In the September issue of George, the magazine he founded and edits, JFK Jr. pillories his own clan, whose marital and extramarital activities have long provided tantalizing grist for the tabloids.

In a signed article, the slain president's son speculates that his cousin Michael Kennedy, accused of an affair with an underage baby sitter, "was looking for a hedge against mortality."

Michael "fell in love with youth and surrendered his judgment in the process," John Kennedy writes.

Michael Kennedy has only acknowledged "serious mistakes" in his dealings with the former baby sitter, now 19 and in college.

John Kennedy suggests that Michael and another cousin, Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, D-Mass. — whose ex-wife said he asked for an annulment of their marriage for political reasons — "chased an idealized alternative to their life."

He calls them both "poster boys for bad behavior."

Often described before his 1996 marriage as one of America's most eligible bachelors, John-John posed, apparently nude, for a photograph that accompanies his article. Artfully seated, he shows only limbs, chest and face as he ponders a dangling apple.

Gas prices jump at least a nickel, survey says

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gasoline prices, which had been falling, rose by more than a nickel during the most recent survey of the nation's gas stations, an industry analyst said.

The jump in Friday's survey represented an abrupt turnaround from the previous survey in July 25, analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

The average retail price of gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.29 and 23/100ths of a cent Friday, up 5.22 cents from two weeks prior, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide.

"The two main causes are powerful demand and higher costs," she said. "The higher costs do not have to do with crude oil, but anti-smog additives."

Overall, prices are about a penny below what they were a year ago.

Administration steps into UPS, union fray

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a week of keeping its distance from the Teamsters strike against UPS, the Clinton administration stepped into the fray today. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman called on both sides to meet with her and find a way to get "back to the bargaining table."

Federally mediated talks broke off on Saturday and sent the strike — which is crippling the nation's busy package delivery system — into a second week with little sign either side will budge.

President Clinton has been following the strike, Herman said Sunday. "But we don't believe that this situation has reached the state of what we define as a national emergency."

Early today, she said in a statement, "I've asked the leaders of the Teamsters union and the United Parcel Service to meet with me today at the Labor Department and they have both agreed. I intend to talk with each party individually to find out what it will take to move these talks forward and to urge greater flexibility and a willingness to compromise to get back to the bargaining table."

Herman told NBC's *Meet the Press* on Sunday, "The president recognizes that these are serious issues: the nature of part-time work, pension protection for American workers. These are all issues that we care about."

The issue of striker replacement has threatened to escalate tensions.

"I can't promise anything," UPS Vice Chairman John Alden said today on ABC's *Good Morning America* when asked if UPS would hire replacements for strikers. "Right now we have no plans to hire people. We would like our people to come back to

work. I can't promise what the future will bring."

Herman had cautioned the parties not to "escalate this strike" and said hiring replacements for the 185,000 striking union members "does contribute to that escalation."

"I think he would have a problem" if the company did hire replacements, Teamsters President Ron Carey said on CBS on Sunday. He did not elaborate.

"I'm convinced that there is still room here for a settlement," Herman said Sunday. "If they will redouble their efforts and commit to taking these issues back to the bargaining table, we can settle this strike."

UPS normally handles 12 million parcels and letters daily. The work stoppage's damage to small businesses operations throughout the country has governors and business leaders clamoring for White House intervention.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act, the president must determine that the nation's safety and health is imperiled before he can intervene to force an end to the walkout. Herman said the administration is sensitive to the plight of small businesses and is monitoring the strike's

impact on the economy. "The question of Taft-Hartley ... is one that seems to me lies in the future, not now," Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said in analyzing the strike's economic implications.

Rubin said on ABC's *This Week* that the law "has very stringent requirements. It hasn't been invoked in over 20 years. In fact the last time a president tried to use it, he was rebuffed by the courts."

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UNT professors tout pollution-free 'care of the future'

DENTON, Texas (AP) — It has some drawbacks, this "car of the future" that's on display at the University of North Texas.

It has a 9 horsepower motor; its maximum speed is 25 mph; and it can go only 15 miles before it needs more fuel.

On the other hand, the vehicle created by three UNT professors has an engine that will never overheat and will start in the coldest of weather.

Their car, named CoolLN2Car, runs solely on liquefied nitrogen at minus 321 degrees Fahrenheit. The vehicle consists of a large nitrogen tank and several new mechanical parts attached to the frame of a 1973 Volkswagen Beetle.

The surrounding air temperature heats the liquid nitrogen, converting it to nitrogen gas.

There is no need for any added heat, and no combustion occurs. Simply exposing the

liquefied nitrogen to the temperature of the air, which is significantly warmer, is enough to force a physical change and create an energy transfer.

The difference between the temperature of the liquefied nitrogen and the nitrogen gas creates energy in much the same way that combusted gasoline powers today's cars, the scientists said.

"Even if you're at the coldest place on earth, the temperature of the liquid will always be much colder," said Carlos Ordonez, an assistant professor of physics who helped design the roadster. "It will always combust. You will always have transportation."

The engine remains cool to the touch, although the idea is to warm up the gas as much as possible, Ordonez said. The vehicle can utilize its own exhaust as air

conditioning for the interior, he noted.

Although the car is not legal for street use, the researchers hope to develop it further and eventually make practical models.

"We have proof that the concept works, but not proof that it could be commercialized," Ordonez said. "That would be the next stage of the research."

The UNT team — whose leaders also include Mitty Plummer, associate professor of engineering technology, and Richard Reidy, assistant professor of materials science — received a two-year, \$98,000 grant from the Texas Advanced Technology Program in December 1995 to develop a working model of what had been theorized on paper.

They hope to receive another grant or enter into a partnership with a company that will fund more research and development.

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