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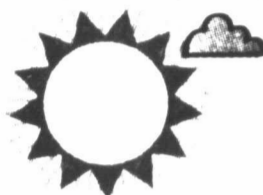
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Human Race Machine draws mixed responses

HOUSTON (AP) — While some University of Houston students marveled at the Human Race Machine exhibit on campus, others said the machine, which morphs a person's image to reflect age, race, ethnicity and sex, only furthers stereotypes.

LOTTERY

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 4-6-18-37-51-53.
Estimated jackpot: \$6 million.
Number matching six of six: 0.
Matching five of six: 31. Prize: \$3,456.
Matching four of six: 1,972. Prize: \$134.
Matching three of six: 43,143. Prize: \$5.
Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.
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Suicide bomber kills 11 on bus

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian man wearing a bomb belt blew himself up Thursday on a Jerusalem city bus packed with high school students and soldiers, killing 11 passengers and wounding dozens in a morning rush hour attack.

Seven of those killed were adults and four were children, ages 8 to 16, police said.

First TV reports said the Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility. The bomber came from Bethlehem, Israel confirmed, raising the possibility Israel might retake the West Bank town

from which it withdrew in August. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened his security Cabinet for an emergency meeting.

Islamic militants said attacks would continue, despite efforts by Egypt and the Palestinian Authority to negotiate a freeze in attacks at least until Israel's Jan. 28 election. A continuation of bombings and shootings — there have been scores in the past 26 months of fighting — would strengthen Israel's right-wing parties.

President Bush condemned the bombing, but said it remained the

United States' goal to see two independent states — Israel and Palestine — living side-by-side in peace.

The assailant, wearing a bomb belt around his waist, set off the explosives in the middle of the bus at about 7:10 a.m. as it was stopped in Jerusalem's residential Kiryat Menachem neighborhood, police said.

Maor Kimche, 15, said he had just boarded the bus when the blast went off. "Suddenly, it was black and smoky. There were people on the floor. Everything was bloody. There was glass everywhere and body

parts," Kimche said.

The 10th grader who had been en route to school in downtown Jerusalem jumped out of a bus window and was scooped up by a tax driver who took him to nearby Hadassah Hospital. Kimche was lightly injured in the left leg.

The youngster said the bus was crowded with high school students, soldiers and elderly passengers. He said he'd ride the bus again once he was well. "How else will I get to school?" he asked.

The blast blew out the bus windows.

Rainbow Room: In case of emergency

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Abused and neglected children live in Pampa. Elderly residents who are abused and neglected also live here.

Both the children and elderly are in need of help. A group of local residents are providing assistance, but additional volunteers are needed.

Many of the calls caseworkers receive to help come in the middle of the night. These victims frequently need necessities, and stores are closed.

Top O' Texas Community Partners (TTCP) formed in 2000 to assist these victims at the time they need it. Composed of people in area communities in Gray, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler counties, the group works together to help these vulnerable children and adults.

Patterned after the successful Dallas Community Partners established in 1989, the group meets a need of the abused and neglected victims.

The local group coordinates volunteer programs to provide the needed supplies and services, said Eva Isbell, who chairs the TTCP.

The Rainbow Room is a store-like setting where caseworkers with the local Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services programs of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services can obtain items in an emergency situation for those who have been victims of abuse or neglect.

This public/private relationship helps frontline caseworkers assist abused and neglected citizens, young and old, and their families.

Caseworkers have access to items such as new clothing, diapers, formula and cleaning supplies — free of any overhead or administration costs. The Rainbow Room is a ray of hope for these victims who need emergency assistance.

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(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Eva Isbell, Top O' Texas Community Partners chair, stocks the baby food shelf at the new Rainbow Room, an emergency supply pantry for children and elderly victims of abuse and neglect.

Scouting for food



(Courtesy photo)

Boy Scouts Cole Guyer, Tucker Brown and Chase Guyer get a head start on the Scouts' annual food drive by collecting canned goods from Tucker's mom, Toni Brown. Local Boy Scout packs and troops distributed fliers recently asking Pampans to support the Boy Scouts of America's oldest community service project. This year's drive will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 23. Residents wishing to donate canned goods to local agencies are asked to place them in a grocery bag and set it on the front porch by 9 a.m., Saturday. No glass items will be accepted. Collection boxes are also planned on Friday evening, Nov. 22, and Saturday morning until 12 noon at United, Frank's and Albertson's food stores. Persons wishing to participate, but who did not receive a flier, can bring their donations to one of these grocery stores.

2 U.S. soldiers hurt in Kuwait shooting

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — A Kuwaiti traffic policeman shot and seriously wounded two U.S. Army soldiers Thursday on a highway south of here, the Kuwaiti government said. The incident was the latest in a string of attacks on American troops as the United States prepares for a possible war in Iraq.

A statement by the Kuwaiti Interior Ministry said the policeman, who was identified only as a junior officer in the highway patrol, fled to Saudi Arabia after the shooting.

Officials said they had no details about the policeman's motive. One Kuwaiti official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the policeman apparently flagged down the Americans' car, ostensibly for speeding.

The shooting took place about 10:30 a.m. while the victims were traveling between the U.S. military base of Camp Doha and the town of Oraifijan, some 35 miles south of Kuwait City, a U.S. military spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

One soldier was shot in the face and the other in the shoulder, the spokesman said. Both victims, who remain unidentified, were airlifted to a Kuwaiti military hospital where their conditions were said to be serious but not life-threatening.

The U.S. spokesman said the soldiers, who were wearing civilian clothes and riding in a civilian vehicle, did not return fire. The victims managed to drive to Oraifijan, where they had been headed on "official business," before being flown to hospital. The U.S. military maintains a camp in the Oraifijan area.

In Prague, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said the attack was "not necessarily linked to the U.S. military buildup in Kuwait in anticipation of possible military action against Iraq."

"There have been terrorist attacks in that region for my entire adult lifetime, and that's a long time," said the 70-year-old defense secretary, who was attending the NATO (See KUWAIT, Page 3)

Did You Know...

When Was The First Baptist Church Organized?

Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241

April 6, 1907

State seeks new prison health clinic evaluators

AUSTIN (AP) — All but one of the doctors being considered to evaluate Texas' embattled prison health clinics have been dropped after a newspaper informed officials about the troubling backgrounds of several of the initial candidates.

The Austin American-Statesman reported in Thursday's editions that two of the seven doctors recommended to conduct the evaluation have had their medical licenses revoked or suspended for sexual misconduct, and another was cited this year for negligent care.

The other four candidates are either graduates of University of Texas medical schools or have professional ties to Texas prison officials or the UT System, despite a pledge to make the study independent of the state prison system or any ties to the UT System, which runs most of

the clinics.

"We are going to start over," Dr. James Guckian, the UT System's acting executive vice chancellor for health affairs, said after the Statesman informed him about the doctors' backgrounds. "If there is some good news here, it is that none of these people, no one, (had) been appointed."

UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof last month asked Texas Health Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez to appoint an impartial, three-member team of experts with "laudable records in correctional health care" to conduct a special evaluation of prison health care.

His action followed continued complaints about the quality of care from convicts, their families and advocates for prisoners.

UT's Medical Branch provides health care to 80 percent

of Texas' 146,000 inmates. The Texas Tech University System cares for the rest.

Yudof offered to provide a list of possible candidates for Sanchez to consider for the team. The names came from UT Medical Branch officials and from others familiar with prison medicine, Guckian said.

Health Department officials said they added two names after consulting with UT.

On the UT list: Dr. Gail Williams, whose medical license has been revoked in two states for alleged sexual misconduct and other charges; and Dr. Beltran Pages, whose license was suspended for three years after a state board found he had sexually abused a female patient.

Williams, a psychiatrist, lost his first medical license in 1985 after Michigan's Board of Medicine found him guilty of having sex with a patient

and fraudulently billing an insurance company for sexual encounters as therapy sessions. Michigan officials denied Williams' requests for reinstatement in 1987, 1989 and 1990.

He later lost an Oklahoma license and a job as chief of mental health services for Oklahoma prisons after being accused of sexually battering and harassing a prison nurse and other female staffers.

UT officials noted in their list of suggestions that Williams "served as chief psychiatrist for the Alabama Department of Corrections for the last nine years."

Alabama prison officials said Williams worked for two private contract-care providers, not the state.

Williams did not return a phone call for comment Wednesday. In earlier interviews, he denied the allegations in Michigan and

Oklahoma.

Pages, also a psychiatrist, had his license suspended in 1988 for three years after the Florida Board of Medicine said he had sexually abused a female patient. He denied the accusation.

The board reinstated his license in 1992, restricting him for a while, to only treating men. Pages did not return a phone call Wednesday.

Another recommendation, Dr. Richard Garden, medical director at the Utah State Prison, received in June a nondisciplinary public warning and admonition for alleged negligence in treating a 62-year-old convict who died of pneumonia in 1998, Utah records show.

Garden did not return phone calls for comment.

UT and Health Department officials acknowledged that they did no background checks, but expressed surprise that the doctors with past licensing problems came so highly recommended.

"I would have thought, given the titles and positions of some of these people, that their backgrounds would have been reviewed by their existing and current employers," Guckian said.

The lone remaining candidate is Dr. Steven Shelton, a nationally known correctional physician who has been medical director for the Oregon Department of Corrections for the past decade.

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ROOM

Isbell provided a typical scenario:

"A call is made to Child Protective Services caseworker Mary Smith at midnight. She is asked to check into a report on three children, ages 2, 5 and 7. Their mother had left them with a baby sitter three days earlier while she was looking for work in another city. The baby sitter stayed only one night and left the next morning. The children have been home alone since.

"Mary discovers the home contains rotting garbage and is infected with bugs. There is no food and Mary finally gives up her search for a dry diaper for the 2-year-old. Mary realizes that in order to protect the children she must remove them from their home. She gathers the children's meager belongings in the only container she can find — a black plastic garbage bag — and drives away with the three frightened children in her car.

"Luckily for Mary there is a source of immediate help. The Top O' Texas Community Partners provides a Rainbow Room, an emergency resource room that stocks items such as diapers, formula, car seats, clothing, lice shampoo and other necessities

for caseworkers who find themselves in Mary's situation. Just a few years ago, this wasn't the case. Mary would have searched for an all-night convenience store and bought the necessary items with her own money.

"The most basic needs of a family in crisis are often unavailable, and caseworkers typically cannot provide the necessities from their personal resources. With the Rainbow Room, assistance with basic needs becomes available. This helps keep families together through traumatic times and can be equally critical in developing a helping relationship between caseworkers and the families they serve."

The Rainbow Room motto is "Abused and neglected children and adults do not deserve abused and neglected things," she said.

Isbell said TTCP needs volunteers to keep The Rainbow Room stocked and organized. She said everyone from individuals to large corporations, churches or community groups can get involved, using gifts and talents in meaningful and rewarding ways.

"Everyone has a unique contribution they can make," she said. Both volunteering time in the Rainbow Room and/or making a cash or in-kind donation will help the

victims of abuse and neglect.

Isbell serves as chair of the volunteer board. JoAnn Adams is vice-chair, Sam Shields is treasurer and Brienna Isbell is secretary.

Anyone interested in work-

ing with TTCP on a volunteer basis or as a donor can contact any of the officers, volunteer Kathy Hammer or Shonda at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services at 669-1888.

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KUWAIT

summit in the Czech capital.

The attack is the latest in a series of incidents involving U.S. troops in this oil-rich nation which borders Iraq: On Oct. 8, two Islamic fundamentalists shot and killed a U.S. Marine and wounded another on the island of Failaka. Both attackers were killed by other Marines.

Six days later, the U.S. military reported that shots were fired at its troops from two civilian vehicles in Kuwait's northwest, which the government closed off to civilians early this month.

On Nov. 1, shots were fired in the vicinity of U.S. soldiers training near Oraifijan but

there were no injuries. U.S. and Kuwaiti officials downplayed the incident, suggesting the shots were fired by hunters and were not directed against the Americans.

About 10,000 U.S. military personnel are based in Kuwait under a defense pact signed between both countries following the 1991 Gulf War, during which an American-led coalition drive Iraqi invaders from the country.

While Kuwait owes its independence and security to U.S. forces, anti-American sentiment is rising here and elsewhere in the Middle East because of U.S. support for Israel, the war against terrorism and threats of an American attack on Iraq.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Weida: Texas next choice for commercial hog farms

Pampa Chapter of ACCORD, Inc. (Active citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture) recently received the following e-mail from Dr. Wm. J. Weida, agricultural economist, after advising him that the construction crew for National Pig Development had arrived in Pampa from Utah and were seeking places to rent. This crew will also do work at Vall Farms (recently acquired by Smithfield) at locations in the northern Panhandle.

You will recall that Dr. Weida made appearances in Pampa, Dumas and Stratford in connection with the controversy over commercial pig factories, and in his comments below, he details the experiences of a community in Utah with the hog industry. We feel that this should be shared with the residents of Gray County and all of this area in view of what is at stake, keeping in mind that National Pig Development is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Smithfield Foods. We quote:

"Smithfield purchased Circle Four after it was started by Utah folks who were initially looking for a source of employment to match the jobs created by a giant power plant a few counties over. Thus Circle Four was actually recruited to locate in Milford, Utah. It started out as a 50,000 sow farrow to finish operation (1 million hog throughput) with plans to expand to 70,000 sows. I don't think they ever achieved that expansion goal for both technical and market reasons. They purchased all the land in a 5 mile radius around the CAFO and moved folks out - but Circle Four still created such a smell that it put one dude rancher out of business over 10 miles away. At a hearing I attended in Iron County last year, folks said that the owners of Circle Four had, in good faith, done everything they could to stop the smell, but nothing had worked or even made a noticeable difference. Almost every home in Milford, the little town closest to the hog factory, is for sale - with no buyers. Almost all the workers at the CAFO live in another county - away from the smell.

"After several years of this, Iron County was finally motivated to put some regulations on these kind of operations. They never were able to get the regulations they wanted, but in spite of this, the citizens and local government in the area showed some resistance to Smithfield. The result of all this, in my opinion, is that Smithfield is looking for someplace else where they can pollute with impunity and without local government resistance - and that place is Texas. It has been my feeling for a long time that the hog industry is looking for three or four places to concentrate all of their operations in the US. Utah was clearly going to be one of those places until the folks in Iron and Beaver counties got upset. Now, Texas is the location of choice." - BILL WEIDA

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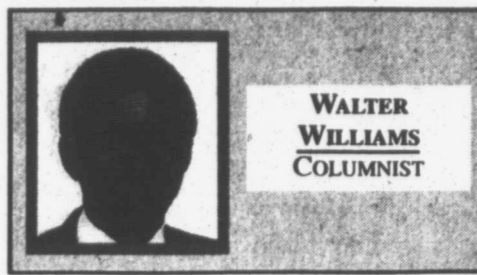
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Airing the "family's" dirty laundry in public can qualify one for less-than-flattering descriptions. That's particularly applicable to a black person, and even more so when he questions the civil rights gospel that the problems black people encounter are rooted in racial discrimination and a legacy of slavery.

To argue that most of the problems black people confront today have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination risks being labeled everything but a child of God, not to mention accusations of having "sold out" and "letting white people off the hook." One need not deny the existence of racial discrimination to ask the policy-relevant question: How much of what we see can be explained by discrimination?

The black illegitimacy rate is close to 70 percent. Less than 40 percent of black children live in two-parent families. This produces devastating socioeconomic consequences, but is it caused by racial discrimination? Or, might it be a legacy of slavery? In the early 1900s, black illegitimacy was a tiny fraction of today's rate. Roughly 75 percent, and in New York City 85 percent, of black children lived in two-parent households. The fact of lower illegitimacy and more intact families, at a time when blacks were much closer to slavery and faced greater discrimination, suggests that today's unprecedented illegitimacy and weak family structure has nothing to do with



WALTER WILLIAMS
 COLUMNIST

discrimination and slavery. It's explained better by promiscuity and irresponsibility, and as such it's not a civil rights problem.

To point out that black people are the primary victims of violent crimes is OK. Some of the statistics are staggering. FBI reports on arrest data show that blacks committed half of all homicides, nearly half of rapes, 59 percent of robberies and 38 percent of aggravated assaults. Suggestions about causes and solutions can get you into trouble.

It's clear sailing if you argue that the high crime rate is caused by poverty and discrimination, and the way to get rid of crime is to eliminate these root causes. But there's a problem with that theory. It doesn't explain why black communities were far safer in earlier times, such as in the '20s, '30s and '40s, at a time of far greater poverty and discrimination, and fewer opportunities. Crime imposes devastating economic and personal costs on many black neighborhoods, but it's not a civil rights problem. The high crime rate represents political choices made by

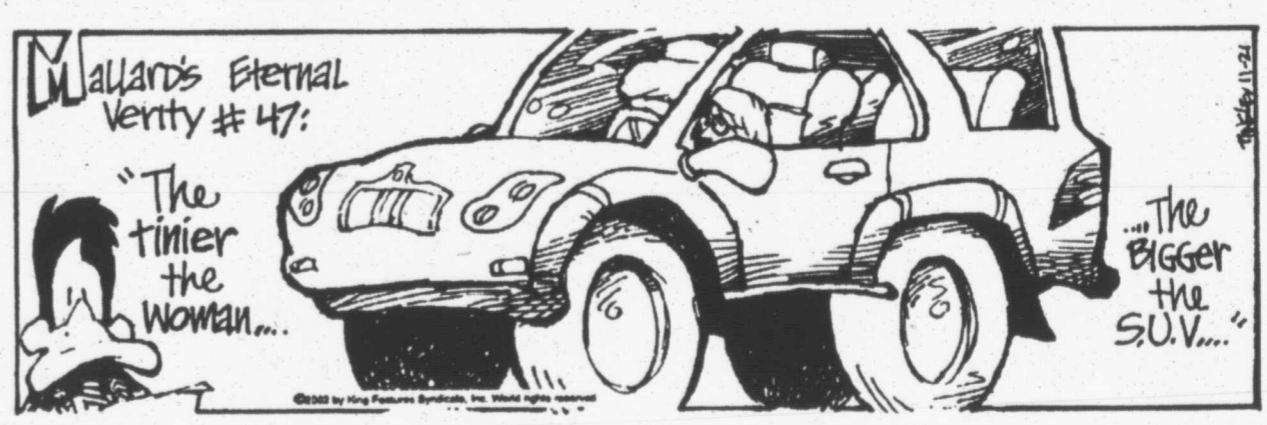
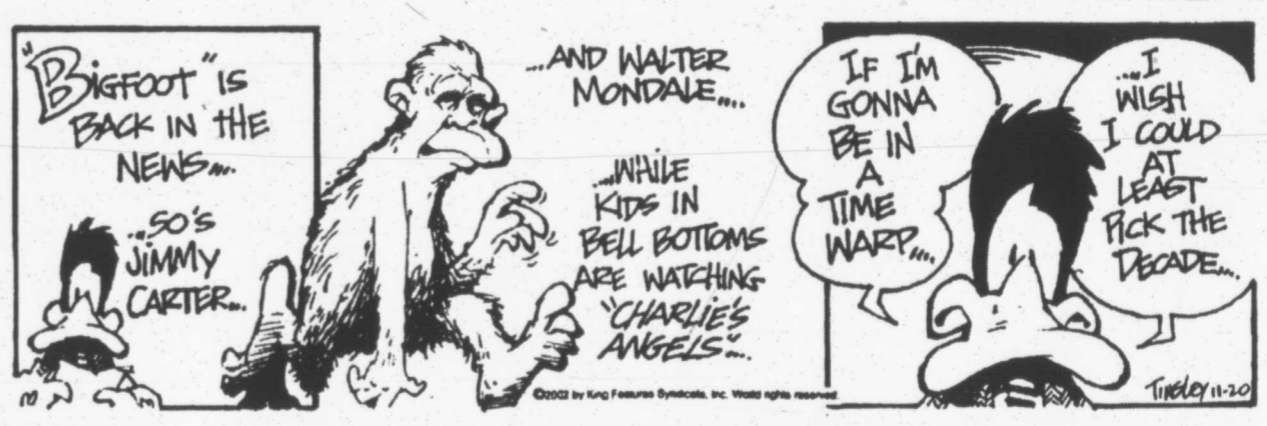
black politicians, civil rights organizations and many black citizens to tolerate criminals.

Another family secret is that black academic achievement is a national disgrace. Many youngsters who manage to complete high school do so not being able to perform at the eighth- and ninth-grade levels. Standards that others have to meet for employment or college admission which many blacks cannot meet are labeled racist. Demands are made to lower standards using face-saving euphemisms such as affirmative action, diversity and multiculturalism.

The standard civil rights vision of the solution to these problems for blacks is to vote more Democrats into federal, state and local offices, and to elect more blacks to city mayorships and city councils. That theory suggests that cities run by Democrats and black politicians must be the very cities where illegitimacy and violent crimes are the lowest and black academic achievement is the highest - cities such as Washington, D.C., Detroit, Philadelphia, Newark and East St. Louis. In these cities, blacks hold mayorships and have representation on city councils. That's a nice theory, but the result is the exact opposite.

In medicine, misdiagnosis leading to mistreatment and further injury can lead to malpractice suits. Unfortunately, in politics, misdiagnosis, mistreatment and further injury lead to re-election.

Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



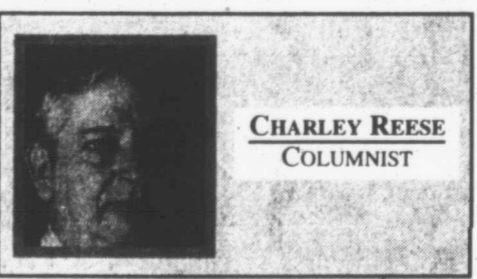
Security elusive; loss of freedom real

What we call today "liberalism" was born in New England. In 1864, Orestes Brownson, a New Englander himself, wrote an essay contrasting Southern and Northern societies. His description of the New Englander describes exactly the modern liberal.

"The New Englander," Brownson wrote, "has excellent points, but is restless in body and mind, always scheming, always in motion, never satisfied with what he has, and always seeking to make all the world like himself, or as uneasy as himself."

This desire to make everyone like himself is a major characteristic of the modern liberal. This is what paradoxically leads him to be anti-democratic, for the desire to make others conform to his opinion causes him to cast dissidents into the outer darkness. He is so self-righteous that he honestly believes that anyone with a different set of opinions must be either stupid or evil.

Brownson continues his description of the New Englander: "He is smart, seldom great; educated, but seldom learned; active in mind, but rarely a profound thinker; religious, but thoroughly materialistic: His worship is rendered in a temple founded on Mammon... he is philanthropic but makes his philanthropy his excuse for meddling with everybody's business as if it were his own, and under pretense of promoting religion and morality, he wars against every generous and natural instinct and aggravates the



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very evils he seeks to cure."

We can certainly agree with that. Five trillion dollars spent to eliminate poverty has, of course, not eliminated it, and if you look at the great liberal cities of the North, where every conceivable liberal social scheme has been enacted and funded, what do you find? Slums, crime, high taxes, less freedom. Alas, the liberal nirvana continues to elude its busybody seekers.

Some old-time Southern preachers say the New Englander became a busybody meddler after he lost his faith in god. No longer believing in a heaven after death, he was compelled to create a heaven on earth. As Brother Dave Gardner used to put it, a Northern Baptist says there ain't no hell, and a Southern Baptist says, "The hell there ain't!" I have read learned papers from high-toned academics making this same point, so if you want to investigate the proposition, the information is out there.

Liberalism, new or old, fails for the same reason that its logical conclusion, socialism, fails. It flies in the face of human nature, and human nature can't be

changed. Some years ago, on a visit to a kibbutz in Israel, Yitzhak Rabin's sister told me that the kibbutz - theoretically a perfect communist society - hadn't changed anything. There were natural leaders and natural followers and a certain percentage of folks who were just parasites. A few people did most of the work. They were equal according to the rules, but in little else. And so it is in every society and country. Even socialist countries develop a rich elite.

Coming from a conservative Southern family, there were three phrases I heard extremely often - phrases one almost never hears today in our liberal society. They were: "Mind your own business"; "It's none of your business"; and "Don't stick your nose in other people's business." The chief characteristic of the true conservative is a willingness to let other people be what they are, for good or ill, just as the chief characteristic of the modern liberal is the compulsion to make others conform to his ideas of what's good for them.

It should be obvious which of the two is the friend of liberty. We are enormously less free today than when I was a boy, and in every instance, the loss of freedom has been justified as "good for us." It's too bad more people aren't concerned about that loss of freedom. They will find that security will prove illusory, but the loss of freedom will be quite real.

(Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802)

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Today is Thursday, Nov. 21, the 325th day of 2002. There are 40 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Nov. 21, 1922, Rebecca L. Felton of Georgia was sworn in as the first woman to serve in the U.S. Senate. (Felton, a Democrat appointed

by Gov. Thomas Hardwick to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas E. Watson, served only a day before Watson's elected successor, Walter F. George, took office.)
 On this date:
 In 1789, North Carolina became the 12th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.
 In 1877, inventor Thomas A. Edison announced the

invention of his phonograph.
 In 1899, Vice President Garret A. Hobart, serving under President McKinley, died in Paterson, N.J., at age 55.
 In 1942, the Alaska highway across Canada was formally opened.
 In 1964, New York's Verrazano Narrows Bridge opened.

In 1969, the Senate voted down the Supreme Court nomination of Clement F. Haynsworth, the first such rejection since 1930.
 In 1973, President Nixon's attorney, J. Fred Buzhardt, revealed the existence of an 18-and-a-half-minute gap in one of the White House tape recordings related to Watergate.

NATO invites seven new members into alliance

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — In a historic eastward shift, NATO expanded its membership beyond the borders of the former Soviet Union on Thursday amid a makeover designed to answer new threats of global terrorism.

The Western alliance — which for decades confronted the U.S.S.R. across the barbed-wire divides of Central Europe — invited seven former communist countries under its security umbrella as part of reforms that President Bush called the most significant in NATO's 53-year history.

Barely a decade since they regained independence from the Soviet Union, the Baltic nations of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania joined Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia in receiving a call to become NATO members at the alliance's first summit behind the old Iron Curtain.

"By welcoming seven members," Bush said, "we will not only add to our military capabilities, we will refresh the spirit of this great democratic alliance. We believe today's decision reaffirms our commitment to freedom and our commitment to Europe which is whole and free and at peace."

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said the expansion "deepens the stability for Europe, which is the historical mission of the alliance."

"It marks a profound step in improving European security. It is also a reaffirmation of our values. When sometimes people question the relevance of this alliance ... I would say talk to the new members and they will tell you why it matters."

French President Jacques Chirac said, "We are dropping the gaps and cleavages of the past. Europe and North America are reaffirming the indivisible nature of their security. The vision of security for our continent is now shared by all."

The seven new countries will formally join the alliance in May 2004 after the U.S. Senate and the parliaments of the NATO member countries ratify the expansion.

"This day is a milestone on our way to lasting security," said Slovak Prime Minister Mikulas

Dzurinda. He said it was a day of remembrance for "generations which suffered behind the Iron Curtain."

As well as extending NATO's territory into the Balkans, Baltic states and Central Europe, leaders were approving an overhaul of the way the alliance does business and try to silence critics who say it has drifted into irrelevance in the post-Warsaw Pact, post-Sept. 11 world.

Among the decisions before the summit was one to pool crack troops in a 20,000-strong rapid-response force to tackle threats anywhere around the world, burying NATO's old reluctance to act outside its established European and North Atlantic spheres of influence.

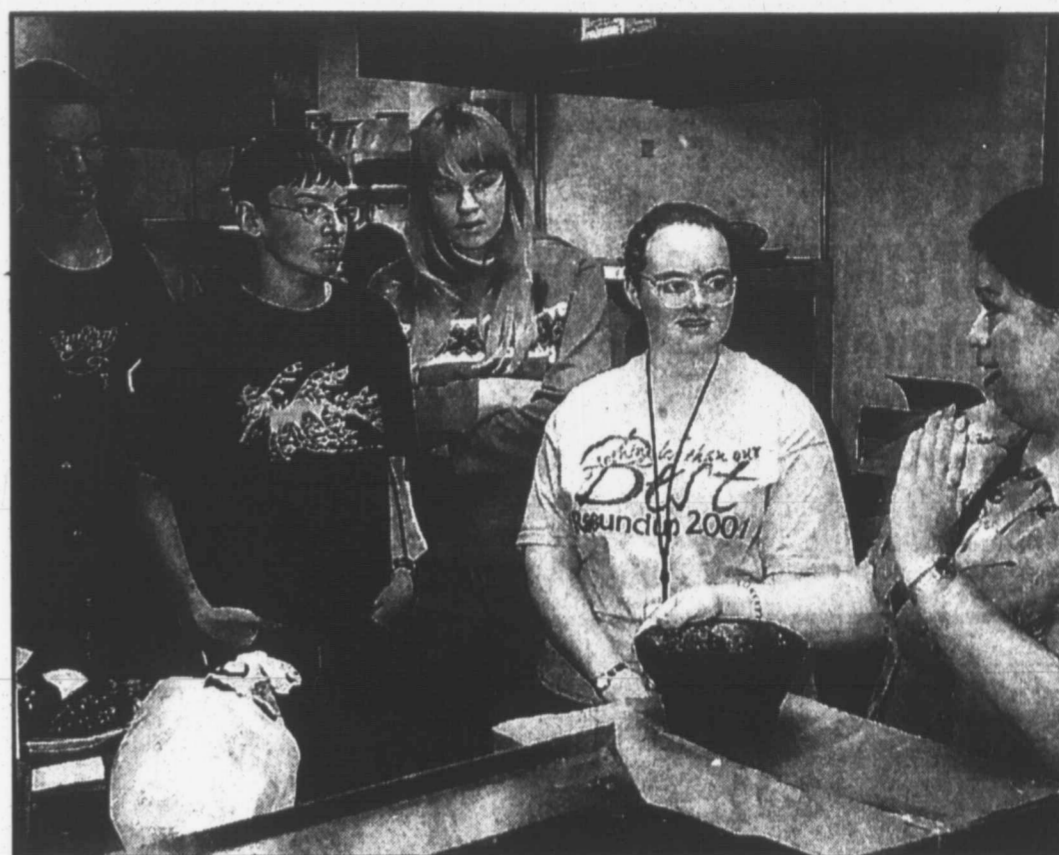
European allies also will pledge to beef up their outdated militaries with smart bombs, anti-germ warfare gear and heavy-lift planes to get troops and equipment to trouble spots quickly. NATO will also streamline its command structure under a U.S. general in a new post as strategic operational commander.

The aim is to give the alliance the flexibility to respond immediately to today's unpredictable dangers and close the gap between America's military might and European armies weakened by years of defense cuts.

NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson said the summit was "a truly defining moment for the Atlantic Alliance. We will reinforce that essential trans-Atlantic bond on which our security and defense still depends. We have the organization, the military capabilities and the will to deal with threats to our people wherever and whenever they may come."

Bush, in a speech on the eve of the summit, said the new NATO members will have to pull their own weight in the alliance like the Poles, Hungarians and Czechs who joined in 1999 as the first ex-communist members. But once in, they will enjoy the protection of the all-for-one, one-for-all security guarantees that come with membership.

4-H senior tour



(Courtesy photo)

Senior 4-Hers (left-right) Cory Jackson, Drake Jackson, Emily Elliott, and Sarah Schwab listen carefully as Consuelo Martinez explains the many uses of the Mexican grinding stone in the preparation of authentic Mexican dishes. Martinez, owner of Consuelo's Mexican Restaurant, shared with students the traditions surrounding the foods of her native county, Mexico, and the important role food preparation plays in Mexican family life. The 4-Hers toured the establishment recently and ate dinner there as part of their foods and nutrition project. They will compete in the Gray County Food Show on Saturday. Winners will advance to the District 1 Food Show Dec. 14 in Amarillo.

Explosion rocks Ecuadorean base

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — A grenade accidentally detonated in the ammunition depot of an Ecuadorean army base, setting off 20 minutes of explosions that killed six people, injured at least 200 others and caused chaos in the surrounding city.

Fire and shock waves from Wednesday's blasts in the Galapagos Mechanized Army Base spilled into Riobamba, a sedate Andean city of 100,000, blowing out windows a mile away.

"It was like an earthquake, windows blew out and the panic was irrepressible," Riobamba Mayor Fernando Guerrero said.

Riobamba, 100 miles south of the capital, Quito, is home to most of Ecuador's tank units and about 1,500 soldiers.

The blast cut telephone

and power lines. By nightfall rescuers were left in the dark to seek out survivors. People living near the base were evacuated.

Army spokesman Col. Arturo Cadena told local television that the first explosion was caused by a hand grenade and that five people were killed in the blasts.

Later, the Red Cross issued a statement saying six people, including two soldiers, had been killed and 200 people others injured, most of them from glass shards.

The Red Cross said the number of victims inside the base was not known because rescue teams were being held back by the danger that more munitions might explode. The statement also said that buildings in the surrounding blocks had received considerable damage from the blasts.

Military patrols cruised the city for hours after the explosions began and as the city sank into darkness, asking people living near the base to evacuate the city, El Comercio, Quito's leading

paper, reported Thursday from Riobamba.

Hundreds of people wandered the streets, screaming each time a thunderous roar ripped from the base. Many were looking for missing relatives.

Many people who lived near the base refused to evacuate until they learned what had happened to their loved ones, the paper reported.

"I thought it was an eruption of Tungurahua volcano and suddenly the doors and the windows blew out," said Jorge Nager, a retired military man who lives just across the street from the base.

"A piece of glass 30 centimeters (one foot) long fell on the main avenue," Nager said.

The streets for blocks around the base were covered with broken glass and metal fragments, El Comercio reported.

Many of the people who were taken to hospitals for treatment had received cuts from flying glass and many of them were children, the paper said.

Jazz concert slated at WT

CANYON — West Texas A&M University will get a bit jazzed up when the Department of Music and Dance presents a concert featuring the WTAMU jazz ensembles at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 in Mary Moody Northen Recital Hall.

The program, under the direction of Russ Teweleit, instructor of music, will begin with the WTAMU Jazz Band II performing "Back Bacon Blue" by Ian McDougall, "North Shore Morning" by Matt Harris, "Maxwell D. Cat" by Paul Baker and "Someone To Watch Over Me" by Gershwin/McDougall and featuring Lesley Zorn, senior music major from Brenham, on trombone.

The WTAMU Jazz Band I will follow with "Message From Art" by LaBarbera, "Hard Hearted Hannah" by Sammy Nestico, "Hey That's My Bike" by Brad Turner and "Hidden Agenda" by Eric Richards. Carmen Rodriguez, a local guest vocalist, will join the WTAMU Jazz Band I for "Blue Skies" by Irving Berlin/Holmes, "Teach Me Tonight" by Cahn and DePaul/Wolpe and "Stupid, Stupid Man" by Carmen Rodriguez.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 806-651-2840.

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Two Americans wounded in Kuwait highway attack

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Two U.S. Army soldiers were seriously wounded Thursday on a highway south of here, the latest in a string of attacks on American troops as the United States prepares for a possible war in Iraq.

Details of the incident were sketchy but a Kuwaiti official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it appeared the two, who were dressed in civilian clothes and traveling in a civilian vehicle, were flagged down by what they thought was a police car.

The shooting took place about 10:30 a.m. while the victims were traveling between the U.S. military base of Camp Doha and the town of Oraifjan, some 35 miles south of Kuwait City, a U.S. military spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

One soldier was shot in the face and the other in the shoulder, the spokesman said. Both victims were airlifted to a Kuwaiti military hospital where their

conditions were said to be serious but not life-threatening.

The U.S. spokesman said the soldiers did not return fire. The victims managed to drive to Oraifjan, where they had been headed on "official business," before being airlifted for medical treatment.

The U.S. military said one assailant was involved, but a senior Kuwaiti official, speaking on condition of anonymity, spoke of two attackers. The official said the assailants were in a gray-colored car like some used by Kuwaiti police and may have stopped the soldiers on the pretext that they were speeding.

The attack is the latest in a series of incidents involving U.S. troops in this oil-rich nation which borders Iraq. On Oct. 8, two Islamic fundamentalists shot and killed a U.S. Marine and wounded another on the island of Failaka. Both attackers were killed by other Marines.

Early Deadlines For Thanksgiving

Classified Line Ads and City Briefs

Insertion Date	Deadline
Wed., Nov. 27th.....	Tues., Nov. 26th, 11:00 am
Fri. Nov. 29th.....	Wed., Nov. 27th, 10:00 am

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Mon., Nov. 25th.....	Fri., Nov. 22nd, 10:00 am
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Wed., Nov. 27th.....	Fri., Nov. 22nd, Noon

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Fri., Nov. 29th.....	Tues., Nov. 26th, Noon
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Thursday, November 21

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Aunt's Plea for Compassion Won't Heal Family's Wound

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old woman facing a tough dilemma. My parents divorced when I was 7. My father was a drunk and a wife beater and refused to pay the \$5 a week that Mom asked for the four of us. He spread nasty rumors around town, which caused my mother untold stress. He brought his drunken friends into our bathroom when I was in the tub with no shower curtain. He would drag me out of bed in the middle of the night and make me take off my nightgown while he whipped me with a belt. I do not hate the man — I have no feelings for him at all.

The problem is my aunt — his sister — who always remembered each of our birthdays with a \$20 bill. We lived far below poverty level with no welfare because Mom didn't want us to grow up expecting a handout. Last week my aunt sent me a birthday card and asked me to do her a personal favor by sending my father the get-well card she had enclosed, as he just had surgery for cancer. She said it would mean the world to him and to her.

I love my aunt — she's recovering from cancer, too. She has never asked me for anything, but her request is very hard for me. My aunt has always thought her brother was the victim of my "mean" mother — who, by the way, raised three good kids who never tried drugs, have high morals and strong work ethics. In her letter, my aunt said that someday I would find out my parents' "whole story" — the true one. Abby, I know the true one. I lived it!

Should I write to my aunt and tell her the "true story" of her abusive brother? Or should I grant her wish and send a get-well card to my father — the wife beater and child abuser? Please help.

LOSING SLEEP
 IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR LOSING SLEEP: By all means, write to your aunt. Tell her how much you appreciate her kindness and all she has done for you and your siblings over the years. Be sure to assure her that you know she means well, but make it clear that you are unable to do as she requested — and tell her exactly why.

DEAR ABBY: My 19-year-old son just lost his best friend to suicide. He is deeply hurt and torn over this, and I don't know what I can do to help him. He has been getting drunk ever since it happened.

I went to the funeral with my son, but he didn't want to sit with me. He sat with his friends. After the service, he rode with them to the cemetery, but they somehow got lost in traffic and arrived too late for the burial. I know that's what is hurting him most right now, since he was asked to be a pallbearer and didn't get to do the last thing he could do for his best buddy.

All this took place on Friday; I have not seen my son until now. It is early Sunday morning; he just came home drunk and crying. He

went straight to bed, and I could hear him crying himself to sleep.

When I ask him if he's OK, he says yes — but I know he's not. I'm afraid he is going to get worse, because he's taking this so hard. The boys were as close as brothers. In fact, he was closer to his friend than his own brother.

My heart is breaking for my son, Abby. What can I do for him?

BROKENHEARTED MOM
 IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR BROKENHEARTED MOM: Get him into grief counseling immediately. Your son is in pain and needs professional help. Drowning his sorrows in a bottle will not help your son, and could put him in a dangerous situation. He needs a safe place to express his sadness, his anger and his loss. Your family physician or clergyman can help you locate a therapist or a support group.

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

Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD
 By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer

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The Family Circus

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Flo & Friends

So that's my problem, Flo. Should I or shouldn't I? I can't make up my mind!

Well, sir, I honestly don't know. But I can tell you this...

Almost everything in life is easier to get into than out of!

For Better or For Worse

ELIZABETH, THE PIZZA YOU ORDERED IS HERE.

THANKS, KEEP THE CHANGE. 53¢!! NOW THE GENEROSITY I COULD BUY A WHOLE POTATO WITH THIS!

I'M SORRY, THAT'S ALL I CAN AFFORD!

HEY, DUDE...

HIT THE ROAD OR I'LL FLATTEN THE UGLY SIDE OF YOUR HEAD!!!

HEY! THEY SAID THESE BIG TEXT BOOKS WOULD BE USEFUL!

JEREMY, EITHER TURN THAT DOWN, OR PUT YOUR HEADPHONES ON!

DID YOU HEAR ME? I'M NOT KIDDING, YOUNG MAN! I'LL—

HE IS WEARING HIS HEADPHONES.

THANK GOODNESS FOR SMALL FANCIES.

Garfield

YOU'RE STANDING IN MY FOOD!

SORRY

Beetle Bailey

I'VE ALMOST SAVED ENOUGH MONEY FOR THE BIG DAY, HONI!

OH, LUTE! I'VE WAITED FOREVER TO HEAR THOSE WORDS!

YES! IN ANOTHER MONTH I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO BUY A REALLY GOOD MANDOLIN!

Marvin

REMEMBER... YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!

DID YOU EVER HEAR ANYTHING SO RIDICULOUS, BITSY?

B.C.

PETER'S KWICK LUNCH

WE'RE OUT OF HAM AND EGGS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY A BREAKFAST BURRITO?

PETER'S KWICK LUNCH

NO, THANKS. I TRY TO POSTPONE INDIGESTION UNTIL LUNCH.

Haggar The Horrible

I WAS STARVING! I'M ON A VEGETARIAN DIET

SO YOU ATE MY FERN!

IT WASN'T TOO BAD WITH RANCH PRESSING

Peanuts

HAPPY THANKSGIVING, OL' PAL!

IN HONOR OF THE OCCASION, I USED MY FINGER TO DRAW A TURKEY IN YOUR DOG FOOD..

I DARE YOU TO LICK IT OFF!

Blondie

I HAD TO GO DOWNSTAIRS TO CHECK OUT A NOISE

WHAT SORT OF NOISE WAS IT, LAMB CHOP BREATH?

SPORTS

Sideline reporting brings new dimension to high school football

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Virginia Tech tailback Lee Suggs set an NCAA Division I record by scoring a touchdown in his 24th consecutive game, breaking the record by Bill Burnett, who scored in 23 consecutive games for Arkansas from Oct. 5, 1968 through Oct. 31, 1970.

GOLF

MIYAZAKI, Japan (AP) — Tiger Woods struggled to save par while Darren Clarke shrugged off rainy conditions for a 7-under 64 and a two-stroke lead in the Dunlop Phoenix.

England's Justin Rose and Japan's Kaname Yokoo and Tsukasa Watanabe opened with 66s, and Spanish star Sergio Garcia topped a five-player group at 67.

BASKETBALL

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After their first 19 shots, it looked like the San Antonio Spurs were reverting to old form Wednesday night against the Los Angeles Lakers — even as Shaquille O'Neal watched in street clothes.

The Spurs had made only one of those shots — a 3-pointer by Tony Parker — and trailed by a dozen points late in the first quarter.

Then, Stephen Jackson came in off the bench hit a 3-pointer. And another. And another.

By the end of the night, Jackson had a career-high 28 points in 29 minutes, including eight baskets from behind the arc, and San Antonio had their second win of the season over the Lakers, 95-88.

"I just felt really good tonight," said Jackson, who made seven 3-pointers in a row. "I've never felt better — not in high school, not on the playground, not ever. You ever feel blessed? That's how I feel tonight."

David Robinson said it was easy to tell what helped the Spurs recover.

"His first couple of 3s were the difference in this game," Robinson said. "He was just in a zone."

Tim Duncan finished with 16 points, nine in the fourth quarter, and 18 rebounds for the Spurs, and Parker added 14 points.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 24 points on 8-for-25 shooting, but scored only nine in the second half. Rick Fox added 16, Robert Horry 14 and Derek Fisher 11.

The defending NBA champion Lakers, playing without the injured O'Neal, are 3-9 this season.

After making half of their 38 shots in the first half, the Lakers managed only 12-for-38 (31.6 percent) in the final two quarters.

Still, Los Angeles was only three points down to start the final period. But the Spurs went on a 22-8 run to build up a 93-81 lead in the closing minutes.

The Lakers struggled late when Horry, Fox and Samaki Walker were all in foul trouble.

"We had bench players (on the floor) and we were undermanned against Tim," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "That's when they got the game back in order."

KGRO's radio broadcast crew has taken a page from the college and pro football media, adding sideline reporter Ray Boring for the Pampa High games this season. The response from Harvester fans has been overwhelming.

"All in all we've received a huge amount of compliments," noted play-by-play announcer Donny Hooper. "It's all been positive feedback."

At the beginning of the season, Boring joined Hooper and color commentator-statistician Sam White as the newest member of the football broadcast crew.

Boring is a perfect fit for the job. Being a veteran football official, he has a special insight into the game the average fan or broadcaster doesn't have.

"When there's a penalty, it's fun to watch people in the stands who have radios. They cover their ears to block out other sounds so they can hear Ray's interpretation of what happened on the field. It's something we've never seen before."

It's safe to say KGRO Radio got the jump on other stations in the area, if not across the state, in bringing this unique approach to high school football coverage.

Hooper has always had an interest in the intricacies of sports broadcasting. Looking for a way to bring the high school game closer to the listening audience, he noticed that colleges and the National Football League were going more to sideline reporters in communicating with the press

box. Why not high school football?, Hooper thought.

"Wouldn't it be great for someone on this side of the world to do something that hasn't been done before," Hooper added. "Before, there hadn't been anyone knowledgeable enough or interested in getting it started."

That's where Boring — a local insurance man who for several years has officiated football, basketball and baseball games — enters the picture.

"Ray had been helping me with the baseball games and on our trips we discussed how he could be part of our football crew on the sidelines," Hooper said. "We wanted to make it as professional as possible, and I wanted someone who was qualified to give us information that was accurate. Ray, as a long-time football official, was just the right person. It's (sideline reports) been a huge blessing to our broadcast."

For Boring, sideline reporting has been both fun-filled and different.

"It's the first time in 12 years I've been able to keep up with the Harvesters and watch them play. I've always been somewhere else on Friday nights calling a football game. I picked a good year to do it. These players are fun to watch," Boring stated.

Boring is employed by Farm Bureau Insurance, which sponsors the halftime show at each Harvester game.

Equipped with a wireless microphone, headset receiver and walkie-talkie, Boring stalks the sidelines — passing on interesting tidbits on penalty calls, outstanding plays, offensive formations and defensive alignments to Hooper and White in the broadcast booth

upstairs.

"By seeing what the penalties are about and listening to the coaches, you get another feel for the game. It's an added feature and it's been a positive thing," Boring said. "We had to get permission from coach (Dennis) Cavalier to do this and he was very gracious to let us be on the sideline. We just can't bother the players or try

to interview them. That's UIL rules."

The radio trio may try their hand at another sport when football is over.

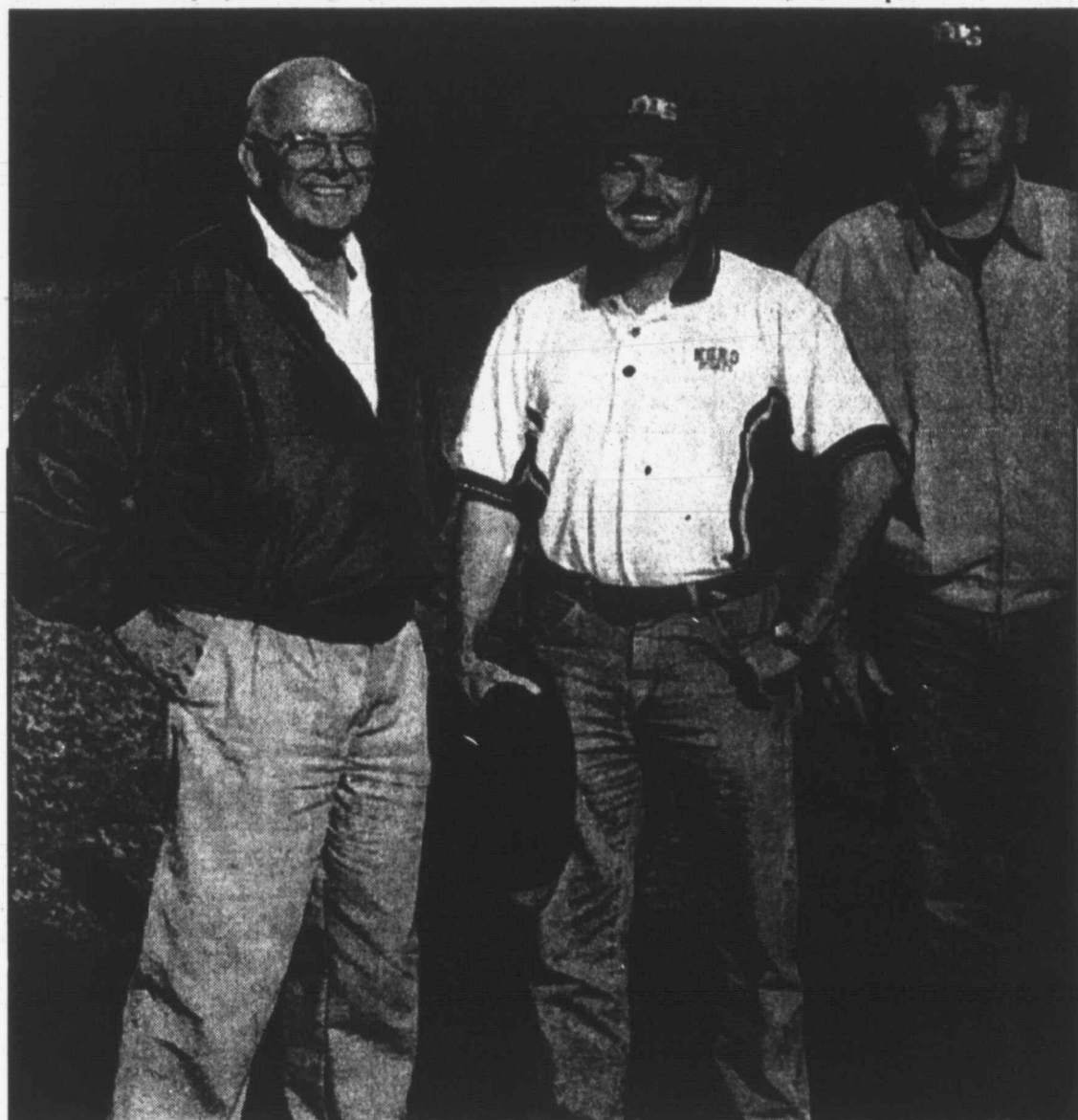
"We're hoping to carry this over into basketball if we can figure out how to make it work," Hooper said.

Meanwhile, it's still football season and Hooper, White and Boring will be at

their respective stations when Pampa meets El Paso Riverside this weekend in the area round of the playoffs.

The broadcast crew goes on the air for the pre-game show at 7 Saturday night at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

That's KGRO Radio (1230 AM) in Pampa.



(Photo by Grover Black)

KGRO Radio crew (l-r) Sam White, Donny Hooper and Ray Boring will be on the air at 7 Saturday night when Pampa meets El Paso Riverside.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

League Results at Harvester Lanes National Oilwell League (Week 2)

Team	Won	Lost
Team Five	6 1/2	1 1/2
Team Six	5 1/2	2 1/2
We Won One!	5	3
Team One	3	5
Regulators	3	5
Team Three	1	7

Week's Top Scores Men
High scratch game: Jim Cirone 187; High handicap series: Jim Cirone 529; High handicap game: Jim Downey 243; High handicap series: Wendell Ledford 686.

Women
High scratch game: Carrol Yearwood 148; High

scratch series: Carrol Yearwood 385; High handicap game: Angela Roby 239; High handicap series: Angela Roby 682.

Generation Gap (Week 11)

Team	Won	Lost
Slithering Snakes	10	2
Why Are We Even Out Here?	8	4
The Dickey Bowlers	7	5
The Young & the Old	7	5
Whoopin' Wintons	6	6
Rootin' Tootin' Texans	6	6
Bald Eagles	6	6
2 Balls, No Strikes	6	6
Team One	6	6
Team Ten	6	6
K.O. Average	2	10
Team Four	1	11

Season's Top Scores Men

High scratch game: Gary Winton 265; High handicap series: Gary Winton 781; High handicap game: Jesse Cannon 276; High handicap series: Gary Winton 781.

Women

High scratch game: Tonya DeArman 214; High handicap series: Tonya DeArman 477; High handicap game: Tonya DeArman 270; High handicap series: Tonya DeArman 642.

Boys

High scratch game: Zach Wilson 300; High handicap series: Zach Wilson 617; High handicap game: Zach Wilson 324; High handicap series: Zach Wilson 743.

Girls

High scratch game: Laraine Hess 174; High handicap series: Laraine Hess 482; High handicap game: Wendy Clark 235; High handicap series: Wendy Clark 687.

Lamar Hot Shot Contest set for Saturday

The 2002 Lamar Hot Shot Contest will be Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pampa High School MPAC Building.

Cost is three dollars to enter and each contestant will receive a Wacky Pack Coupon from Sonic Drive In. There will be only one entry allowed per person.

Prizes will be awarded to the first three places in each grade level.

A concession stand will be provided all day by Lamar teachers.

Hot Shot T-Shirts will be sold for ten dollars apiece.

For questions, contact Rose Steel at Lamar, 669-4880.

Saturday's Hot Shot schedule is as follows:

- 8:30-9: Late registration or you can still enter up until your scheduled shooting time for four dollars.
- 9-9:45: 2nd grade girls & 4th grade girls.
- 9:45-10:30: 2nd grade boys & 4th grade boys.
- 10:30-12 noon: Finals for 2nd grade & 4th grade.
- 12-12:15: Lunch break.
- 12:15-1: 3rd grade girls & 5th grade girls.
- 1-1:45: 3rd grade boys and 5th grade boys.
- 1:45-3: Finals for 3rd grade and 5th grade.



(Pampa News photo)

Lamar 5th grade students prepare to practice for Saturday's Lamar Hot Shot Contest. They are (front row, from left) Tiffany Solis, Dustie Degner, Mikaela Flores, Cindy Meza and Kaylin Pearson; (back row, from left) Rianne Smith, Tessa Walker, Jemal Wheeler, Jessica Ramirez, Kristie Davis and Jessie Jimenez.

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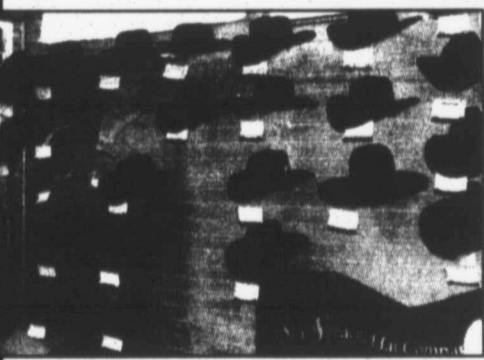


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