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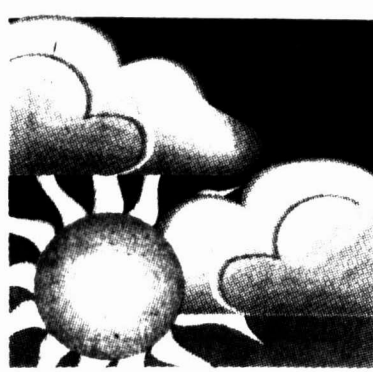
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MIAMI — Superintendent Allan Dinsmore has announced that he will retire from public education after the expiration of his contract in June 1997.

He related his feeling that budgets have become more important than the educational process.

"The education profession is changing somewhat. We used to be more concerned about educating students, and now we're more worried about what it costs," Dinsmore explained.

"The school, the community and the area have been very positive to me and my family," Dinsmore said, but added that he plans to move south "to get away from cold winters."

At the end of his contract, Dinsmore, 51, will have worked 30 years in public education, enough to qualify for benefits from the Texas Teachers Retirement System.

After his move, Dinsmore said he plans to "start a different vocation," likely in a business field.

The Miami school board will likely begin looking for replacement candidates in the next school year, he said.

Dinsmore, who made his retirement announcement on Monday, is in his 11th year as Miami superintendent.

PAMPA — Marylou Fraser of Amarillo, staff nurse with the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, will be presenting a program in Pampa on Saturday morning.

Fraser will be speaking at the Pampa MS Self Help Group meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at Panhandle Health Services, 408 W. Kingsmill. Her topic is "Taking Control: Options to Maximize Your Health."

The program will include a short videotape, followed by a question and answer session. Fraser also will discuss the new drugs for MS treatment.

Anyone interested in learning more about multiple sclerosis is invited to attend.

AUSTIN (AP) — No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$9 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 7, 11, 15, 28, 41 and 43.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$14 million.

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## White House tries to avoid subpoena fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House today made a last-minute effort to avoid a subpoena fight, offering to turn over to senators Whitewater notes it previously withheld. Republicans asserted the offer came with too many conditions.

The Senate Whitewater Committee chairman, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., told his colleagues they have a right to the information "with no strings attached." The panel debated whether to enforce a subpoena for the records, setting up a likely court showdown.

President Clinton and his wife have invoked attorney-client privilege in refusing to turn over notes taken by former associate White House counsel William Kennedy at a Nov. 5, 1993, meeting on Whitewater between presidential aides and the Clintons' private lawyers.

The White House relented this morning, faxing an offer to the Senate committee just as it prepared to vote.

The White House said that while it would still maintain the meeting was covered by privilege, it would turn over the notes and also let senators question the four presidential aides who attended the meeting hosted by private lawyer David Kendall.

It stated the Clinton's private attorneys at the meeting could not be questioned, the committee would have to agree the

meeting was privileged, and senators would have to get other investigative bodies, including Whitewater prosecutors, to agree to the terms.

The White House insisted the committee's Republicans and Democrats agree before taking up future matters covered by attorney-client privilege.

"We have ... been working from the beginning to devise a solution both in the committee's interest in disclosure and the president's right to confidential communications with counsel," White House lawyer Jane Sherburne wrote.

Michael Chertoff, the committee's Republican counsel, said the White House conditions had "institutional problems," particularly the notion that Congress should get prosecutors to agree to the terms.

The idea that the meeting was privileged "is the height of nonsense," asserted Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo.

Democrats pleaded to delay the vote, saying the White House offer gave signs for hope. "The American people are looking at this, saying is this politics or is this for real," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said.

The Republican-led committee and the administration narrowed their dispute Wednesday from five documents to two: Kennedy's notes and a Whitewater chronology prepared five days later by Kendall.

## Reny the cat goes home

Reny's home. Just hours after a story in Wednesday's edition hit the streets, the mother of Reny's owner called Animal Control Director Sandy Burns in tears.

Reny's "grandmother" described the cat and gave Burns the owner's number.

About 5:30 p.m., Karen met Burns at the pound to claim her cat. Burns said Karen did not wish to give her last name.

"She was ecstatic. She couldn't say thank you enough and she couldn't stop crying," Burns said.

"You could see it — that cat was happy to see her too," she added.

Burns found Reny in the night

drop cage at the pound Nov. 30. The cat's owner left a letter with an emotional appeal.

"I don't know if you can help her or not, but if you can please do then adopt her out. If not please put her to sleep. If at all possible could someone please hold her as she goes," the letter read.

The appeal touched Burns, who decided to take Reny to local veterinarian Kenneth Royse. Royse diagnosed the cat with a severe urinary infection and treated her free of charge.

Burns said her phone "has been ringing off the hook" this morning with local residents asking if Reny had made it home yet.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Tammy Dudley enjoys decorating for the holidays, for children as well as everybody else. From left are Samantha and Amanda Kilcrease, Dudley's nieces; Marcus, Mathew and Gracie Dudley with their mother Tammy; and Katie and Lacy Kilcrease, nieces.

## Decorated home becomes 'the house where Santa Claus lives' for children

By MELINDA MARTINEZ  
Lifestyles Editor

A child once remarked that she wanted to visit the house where Santa Claus lived. And this house is in Pampa — at 2220 Hamilton.

"We just do this for the kids and everybody," said Tammy Dudley about the way she vividly decorates her house for Christmas in a way adults and children would find playfully appealing.

"We go all out for Christmas," she said. "I always do this."

Dudley said she has been going all out for Christmas ever since she has been married for the past 13 years. Even so, she said her family used to do the same while she was growing up. Christmas, she said, is their favorite holiday.

"It doesn't take long," said a modest Dudley about how long it takes to decorate her house and tree in Christmas decorations, though it looks like a lot of time and careful planning were done to make it look like "The house where Santa Claus lives."

The tall tree which sits in her living room is decorated with various ornaments in dif-

ferent shapes and sizes. On it are special ornaments which she and her husband Gary buy for their children every year. Still remaining reserved about her decorating, Dudley admitted that the ornaments on the big, colorful and lighted tree were just thrown on.

Even so, the tree obviously gets its share of admirable attention.

"I get a lot of drivers-by who stop by to look at it," she said pointing to the glass door from where the tree can be seen from the street.

"It's neat to watch them do that," she said of the people who stop just to get a glimpse of the inside of her house and one of the tree. The outside of the house is also nicely lighted with Christmas lights and ornaments around the house.

She has friends and family who make most of her other decorations, such as Denise Darnell, who made a wooden wall plaque which has three children's heads painted on. In addition, the friend who made the plaque for Dudley's children, Mathew, 12, Gracie, 6, and Marcus, 8, used their old winter hats and scarfs. The children on the plaque are supposed to be the Dudley children.

It looks like a lot of time and careful planning were done to make [the house] look like 'The house where Santa Claus lives.'

Her sister Debbie Kilcrease also makes Santa Claus heads using cut pieces of bleach bottles covered with cloth and yarn which she said are also given to their friends.

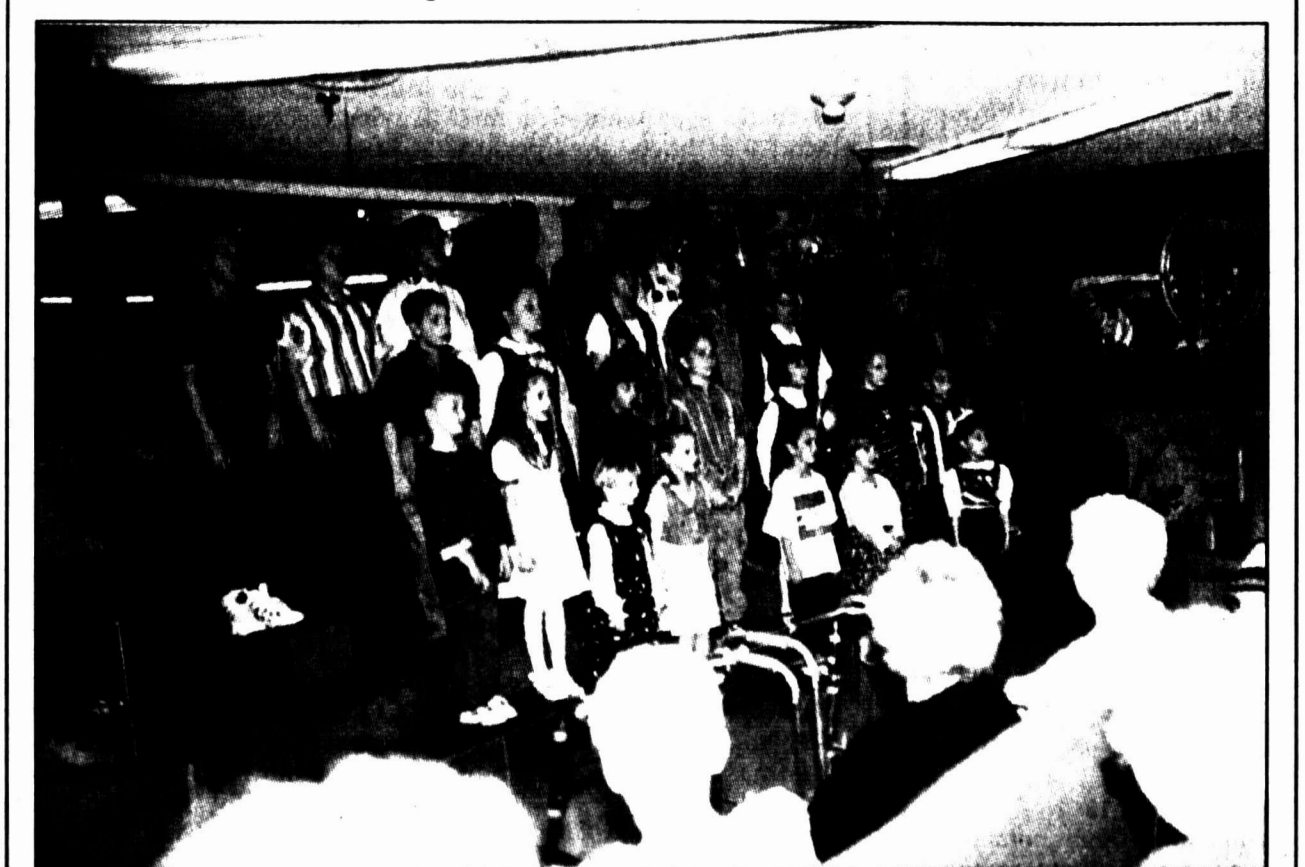
"I think they're cute," said Dudley about her sister's Santas.

She, Debbie and their other sister Kim Moore also share their own special kind of gift giving. "My two sisters and I exchange angels," she said. They have done this since their mother died a few years ago. "That's something special we do every Christmas."

Dudley has nine nieces and nephews and likes for them to come over to the festively decorated house for Christmas.

"We just enjoy the season," said Dudley.

## Grandview-Hopkins carolers



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Pampa Nursing Center residents were treated to Christmas caroling from students of Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District on Wednesday. The students were in town caroling at various other places including FirstBank Southwest, Boatmen's First and Coronado Nursing Center.

## Testimony continues in estate dispute case

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

Testimony continued Wednesday in District Court in a dispute over an estate in which a man claiming to be the common law husband of a woman who died in 1994 and the woman's sister both seek to become administrators of the estate.

Nancy Frasier died intestate at age 56 following a stroke in April, 1994. Merle Frasier, 75, claims he was Ms. Frasier's common law husband. Ms. Frasier's sister, Shirley Lehnick of Canyon, maintains the common law marriage did not exist and she is entitled to letters of administration for the estate.

A six-man, six-woman jury is to decide the question of whether Merle and Nancy Frasier were in a common law marriage in Texas. Testimony has shown they obtained an Arizona divorce in July 1987.

Earlier witnesses told the jury Mr. Frasier and Ms. Frasier introduced one another as "my wife" or "my husband" during the

time Ms. Frasier lived in Pampa at 1314 E. Frederic and when Mr. Frasier would visit her.

Mr. Frasier also testified the Arizona divorce was a "paper divorce," that when Ms. Frasier asked him for a divorce, she told him nothing would change in their relationship and she would continue to be his wife. He said she feared that his financial difficulties might effect ownership of her gas wells and Pampa property, and that's why she sought the divorce.

Mr. Frasier recounted for the jury the time of Ms. Frasier's stroke and subsequent death. He told them he cared for Ms. Frasier in the hospital and stayed at the home of the Lehnicks to save the daily drive back and forth from Pampa to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He testified that during Ms. Frasier's hospitalization, Lehnick was named her temporary guardian. Mr. Frasier said his attorney, Phil Vanderpool, filed a response to Lehnick's application.

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# Consultants present economic vision plan to city, business leaders

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS  
News Editor

A pair of competing economic development consultants presented their pitch for Pampa's business in preparing visions and strategies for city leaders to follow in an effort to boost the local economy.

Joe M. White, Dallas, of The Pathfinders, and Dr. Iris Hicks, of The PACE Group, Tupelo, Miss., addressed the 40-member audience about their plan to learn about Pampa and devise a plan to set Pampa on the road to prosperity.

In the audience Tuesday night were Pampa city commissioners and city employees, board members from Pampa Economic Development Corporation, representatives of Coronado Hospital, Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce,

Clarendon College Pampa Center and Pampa Independent School District.

Both groups are expected to present proposals in 10 days.

"I think it was a tremendously positive meeting with good community involvement," said PEDC board president Vic Raymond.

He said he believes the presentations were an opportunity for PEDC and city commissioners to hear from professional facilitators.

"I think Pampa has some assets. I think we have to change our mindset about what we want from the past to the present," said Jerry Lane, counselor at Clarendon College Pampa Center.

"I want to see Pampa as a viable community with all businesses being productive and successful and our community uniting and supporting one another and I think it can because of what the community has done for the college," Lane said.

"The lady (Hicks) was right. There's big dreams but we have to deal with reality," he said.

In other city business:  
• Passed on first reading an ordinance prohibiting concealed weapons in a city building, even when carried by a duly licensed person (except a peace officer.)

• Took no action on a St. Mark CME Church request to purchase three lots near the church in exchange for the maintenance done on them in the past. One lot belongs to the city and tax suits have been filed on two others, but they have not been taken to the sheriff's sale. Commissioners agreed to reconsider the proposal once it becomes trustee for the other lots.

• Passed on second reading an ordinance providing for signage and dimension for handicapped parking and providing for its enforcement on private property.

• Passed on second reading an ordinance revising city personnel policies and procedures.

• Reappointed Virginia Green and Sharon Haynes to the Lovett Memorial Library Advisory Board and appointed Tom Mechler to the board.

• Voted to cancel the Dec. 26 meeting. Dec. 26 is the fourth Tuesday of the month - the usual meeting day for the commission.

• Raised landfill tipping fees to \$19.50 per ton effective Jan. 1, 1996.

• Took no action following a 23-minute executive session concerning the city manager's performance evaluation.

## State briefs

### Bible passage inspires minister to sit atop billboard

**GALVESTON (AP)** — The Rev. Mike Logan has been sitting atop a 75-foot billboard along Interstate 45 to dramatize his effort to raise \$175,000 for Son Light Mission, the homeless shelter he operates.

He was reading his Bible when he came across this passage in Habakkuk 2:2, Logan said Wednesday:

"Write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Or, as it's told in The Living Bible: "Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell the others."

Logan has been sitting in a small chair bolted to some scaffolding at the base of the billboard from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., through today.

### Defense alleges jurors swayed in murder case

**DALLAS (AP)** — Lawyers for a man sentenced to death in connection with one of East Texas' worst mass killings allege that jurors in his case were swayed by the improper behavior of the judge, court staff and members of the prosecution team.

Daroyce Mosley, 20, a former athlete and member of the student council at Kilgore High School, was sentenced to death in October for killing Patricia Colter. She was one of four customers fatally shot during a robbery in Katie's Lounge on July 21, 1994.

Prosecutors say that he and two accomplices forced the patrons of Katie's Lounge to lie on the floor, where they were shot in the head.

Mosley's lawyers have filed a motion asking for a new trial, alleging several errors were made in the trial.

### DA's secretary indicted in DWI bribery scheme

**BROWNSVILLE (AP)** — An ongoing investigation into Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz's office has resulted in charges against four people, including his secretary and a state representative.

Saenz's secretary, Norma Warner, and a Harlingen car salesman were indicted Wednesday on charges that they accepted bribes for reducing or dismissing DWI offenses.

In a related case, state Rep. Rene Oliveira, D-Brownsville, and district attorney investigator George Gavito were charged with illegally obtaining a rap sheet.

Saenz has not been implicated in the alleged bribery scheme, but special prosecutors overseeing the case said the investigation remains open.

## Candy cane treats



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Pauline Young, a Coronado Healthcare Center resident, admires the smile on four-month-old Ashlyen Jones, as Young and other residents of the center were treated to singing by Pampa Community Day Care Center students on Tuesday. D. Clerkley, holding a candy cane given to him by one of the Healthcare Center residents, checks on how Young and little Ashlyen are doing. Coronado Healthcare Center residents visited the day care students Tuesday to give them candy canes for Christmas.

## Grand jury returns indictments

A Pampa man accused of a July sexual assault was indicted Tuesday by a 223rd District Court grand jury.

Jody Edward Brunson, 24, Mineola, was indicted on a charge of aggravated sexual assault which occurred July 24. Brunson was arrested in Love County, Okla., on July 25, following a chase and manhunt. It is alleged he kidnapped a woman and her two children from their southwest Pampa home and subsequently raped the woman before fleeing.

Brunson also faces two indictments for aggravated kidnapping and a single indictment for burglary of a habitation in connection with those events. He remains in Gray County jail in lieu of bond.

Also indicted were a trio accused of engaging in organized criminal activity which occurred Nov. 3 after police confiscated bottles of Tylenol with codeine, Valium and Tylex with codeine.

Indicted were Vestle Leon Mansell, 61, Duncan, Okla.; his daughter, Tina Marie Crossman, 33, 427 Naida, and Gerald Don Schulz, 62, 640 N.

Wells. Mansell also faces an indictment alleging controlled substance tax violation. Mansell and Crossman remain in Gray County jail. Schulz is free on bond.

Also indicted were:  
• Hermon Michael Sides, 46, Sayre, Okla., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance alleged to have occurred Oct. 10. His bond is \$10,000.

• Edward Lee Briley Jr., 17, Memphis, on a charge of theft \$20,000 to \$100,000 which allegedly occurred Sept. 27. His bond is \$10,000.

• James Doss, Dumas, on a charge of theft \$20,000 to \$100,000 which allegedly occurred Oct. 13. His bond is \$10,000.

• Richard Capalello, 43, Steger, Ill., on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle which allegedly occurred Dec. 31, 1994. His bond is \$5,000.

• Edward Wayne Rothlander, 38, Porter, on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle which allegedly occurred March 10. His bond is \$2,500.

• Dale Murry, 32, Pampa, on

a charge of forgery by passing which allegedly occurred July 26. His bond is \$2,500.

• Wendell George Mayberry, 26, 411 N. Starkweather, on a charge of assault on a peace officer which occurred Oct. 19. His bond is \$4,000.

• Melissa Boyd, 24, Lubbock, on a charge of forgery by passing which allegedly occurred Oct. 3. Her bond is \$1,500.

• Dora Jimenez, 21, 1010 Duncan, on a charge of theft \$1,500 to \$20,000 which allegedly occurred Oct. 5. Her bond is \$2,500.

• Timothy Dail Pritchard, 25, 1017 S. Christy, on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which allegedly occurred March 17, 1994. His bond is \$2,000.

• Cesario Aldaba Hernandez, 34, 937 Murphy, on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which allegedly occurred Nov. 10. His bond is \$5,000.

• Ricky Glenn Markham, 38, Borger, on a charge of driving while intoxicated, subsequent offense, which allegedly occurred Nov. 19. His bond is \$5,000.

## Street upgrade project continues

Pampa city commissioners learned Tuesday the comprehensive street improvement project is 26 percent complete.

According to information from Public Works Director Richard Morris, Foster Street construction is progressing well. Morris is recommending additional curb and gutter on the north side of Foster Street, estimated to cost \$12,900 or about 9 percent of the cost to rebuild the street.

Proposed improvements will improve drainage and appearance of the area.

Changes to other streets have been kept at three to four percent of reconstruction costs, according to the information.

By street, construction plans are:

— Base material is being placed on Russell Street this week. The contractor plans to prime base this week and place seal coat this week or first of next week.

— Base material will be placed on Browning Street at the end of this week with plans to complete seal coat by the middle of next week.

— Prime coat and seal coat will be placed on Sumner this week, weather permitting.

— Subgrade is being processed this week on Foster Street with placement of base material scheduled to begin the first of next week. South side of the street will be made available for traffic before construction is started on the north side of the street.

## Mexican cattle imports increase

**SANTA TERESA, N.M.** — More than 47,000 head of Mexican feeder cattle crossed the border into Texas and New Mexico during the first full week of December.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials said Tuesday 47,249 feeder cattle crossed the border

from Mexico to Texas and New Mexico for the week ending Dec. 8. No slaughter cattle were reported.

Authorities said that brings the year-to-date totals for feeder cattle to 1,479,300 for 1995, compared to 1,011,840 head for the same period in 1994.

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Opinion

Budget battle fires up all over again

As the budget wars heat up once again since both Republicans in Congress and the administration face a Dec. 15 deadline to put some flesh on the bones of a balanced-budget-in-seven-years promise that ended the last government shut-down - it might be important to review a few fundamentals about government spending and the federal budget.

A balanced federal budget has moral and symbolic significance as evidence of a determination to slow down the process of requiring our children and grandchildren to pay for services, conveniences, subsidies and special favors that we want here and now. But the most important aspect of federal spending, frankly, is not how it's financed, but how much of the national treasure it consumes.

From the standpoint of economic growth and the development of a prosperity that reaches to corners of our society that presently don't participate in prosperity, government spending is a lot more like an anchor than a sail. The greater the percentage of national income consumed by government, the less is available for more productive uses, including investment and job creation.

While a balanced budget is not to be sneezed at, and would be especially welcome because it would force politicians to make more visible choices rather than promise everything and send the bills to future generations, the more important goal of a sensible reformer is outright reduction of federal spending, in absolute terms and as a percentage of national income or gross domestic product.

Balancing the budget in seven years, then, will help the majority of Americans most noticeably if the process involves serious spending cuts and significant tax reductions, rather than tax increases. From that standpoint, both the detailed Republican plan and the administration's scribbled-on-a-cocktail-napkin plan are sadly inadequate - and much closer to one another than you would think in light of all the heated rhetoric on both sides.

The congressional plan anticipates real GDP annual growth of 2.3% for the next seven years, while the administration's sketch plans on 2.5% per year. The congressional plan calls for spending increases of 2.9% per year, while the administration wants spending to increase by 3.8% a year.

Both plans, in short, call for government spending to grow faster than they expect the economy to grow. At the end of both plans, the federal government would be spending significantly more than it is spending now, both in absolute terms and as a share of the national economy.

This is hardly progress. The congressional Republican plan calls for the federal government to spend \$1.857 trillion in 2002, while the administration wants to spend \$1.966 trillion. Over seven full years, the Republicans want to spend a grand total of \$436 billion less than the administration wants to spend.

Some revolution. To be sure, both plans are mostly fantasy, especially insofar as they project various factors in an unimaginably complex economy beyond a few months. All economic forecasts are inaccurate, and the longer the period they try to forecast, the more inaccurate they become.

But even though the two plans are based largely on vapor and imagination, their shapes tell us what our political masters have in mind for us. Both parties, including the "heartless" Republicans of the fabled "savage cuts," want government spending to increase, not decrease.

If that's the only way these Beltway denizens can imagine getting to a balanced budget, especially when deep cuts in corporate welfare and other special interest spending would actually get us there faster, then neither party is serving very well the long-term interests of the American people in economic growth, prosperity and the cultural, philanthropic and social benefits that would flow from such growth.

Thought for today

"So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend."

Robert Louis Stevenson,  
*Lay Morals*

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From tolerance and liberty to strife

The United States is one of the most religious nations on Earth, with an atmosphere of tolerance and liberty that is without peer. So it may come as a surprise to learn that here, religion routinely gets the shaft. "Generations of students, parents, ministries and working Americans are deprived of their basic civil right to religious liberty," lamented Steven McFarland of the Christian Legal Society hearing this fall.

That is the view not of some crackpots on the fringe but of the religious right in general, whose allies in Congress have offered two different constitutional amendments to end this alleged mistreatment. One is sponsored by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), the other by Rep. Ernest Istook Jr. (R-Okla.). Hyde's proposal is bad, and Istook's is worse.

Hyde calls his the "Religious Equality Amendment," but mere equality is not what his supporters want. Religious people in many instances get preferential treatment from our laws and courts, and conservatives do not object. A teenager who wants to drop out of school after eighth grade on his religious beliefs may leave. Smoking peyote for fun is illegal; smoking it in a bona fide religious ceremony is not.

The idea that true religious liberty sometimes requires special treatment for religion is a sound one, enshrined in several Supreme Court decisions and in the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993. It says the government must exempt believers from complying with laws that conflict with their important religious obligations, unless it has a very powerful reason not to.

So religion is not exactly the red-headed stepchild of public policy. It has plenty of vigilant guardians in Congress and the courts. But Hyde and Istook



Stephen Chapman

see only the instances where believers don't get their way - like a recent case that the Supreme Court declined to review, in which a lower court rejected the plea of a high school student who was not allowed to write a research paper on her preferred topic, Jesus Christ. In truth, the cases in which the courts unjustly shortchanged believers are rare, and you don't amend the Constitution just because the judiciary is right only 99% of the time.

The flip side of the special treatment often granted to religion is the special limits that apply to religion in the government realm. The First Amendment guarantees religious freedom, but it bans government promotion of religion. That has generally meant strict limits on providing tax funds to churches and on allowing religious devotionals in the public schools. But under these constitutional amendments, those limits would be summarily demolished.

The Hyde proposal is mostly about money. It bans "discrimination" against any person or group on the basis of "religious expression." That may sound harmless, but the effect would be to force the government to subsidize avowedly religious activities.

If the measure is ever passed, a school district

that wants to provide vouchers usable at private schools will not be allowed to exclude religious schools whose chief mission is sectarian indoctrination. If it provides grants to non-profit groups to combat hunger or homelessness, it must allow churches equal access to the money - even if they provide such services in a thoroughly religious setting, complete with religious proselytizing.

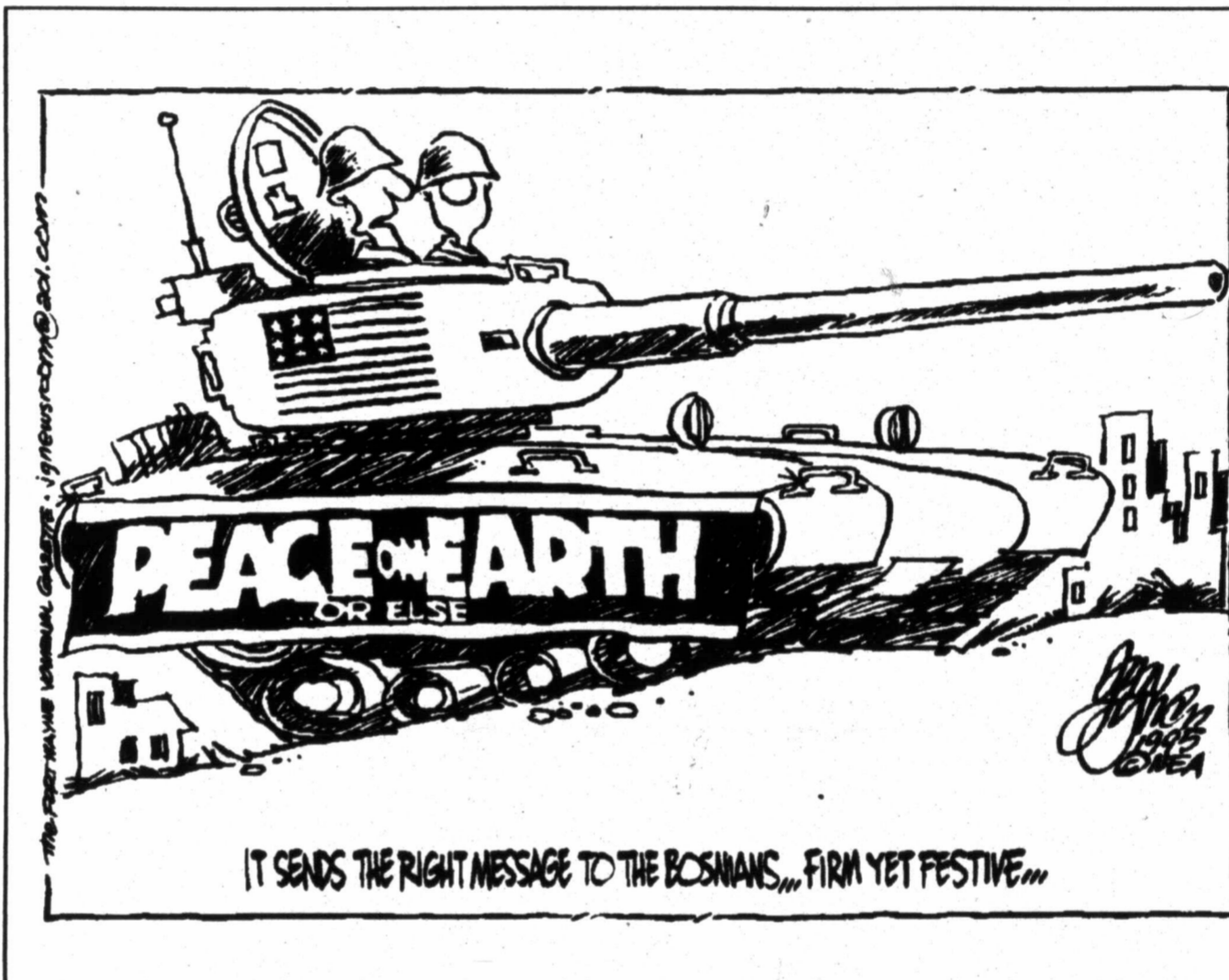
Personally, I think parochial schools ought to be included in voucher programs. But it's one thing to say that policy is reasonable and quite another to say it should be constitutionally mandatory. Subsidies to religion are different from other subsidies - more divisive, more dangerous and more at odds with our fundamental traditions. To treat them differently is not discrimination but a recognition that church and state flourish best in separate gardens.

The Istook amendment would go beyond mere money to encourage public institutions to align themselves on the side of one faith or another. It would allow government "acknowledgments of the religious heritage, beliefs or traditions of the people" - which could mean crosses on state capitols, a Star of David on a Jewish suburb's city hall or a congressional resolution declaring America a Christmas nation. It would sanction "student sponsored prayer in public schools," which is an unsuitable way to let those in the majority force their form of faith on the minority.

Both amendments would guarantee years of litigation over matters that are now settled law, not to mention countless political battles at every level of government. The separation of church and state has managed to foster both religious vitality and religious peace. These measures will not be good for either.

Today in history

- By The Associated Press**  
Today is Thursday, Dec. 14, the 348th day of 1995. There are 17 days left in the year.  
Today's Highlight in History:  
On Dec. 14, 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon home at age 67, nearly three years after leaving office.  
On this date:  
In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.  
In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen became the first man to reach the South Pole, beating out an expedition led by Robert F. Scott.  
In 1939, the Soviet Union was dropped from the League of Nations.  
In 1945, Josef Kramer, known as "the beast of Belsen," and ten others were hanged in Hameln for crimes committed at the Belsen and Auschwitz Nazi concentration camps.  
In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish the U.N.'s headquarters in New York.  
In 1962, the U.S. space probe Mariner II approached Venus, transmitting information about the planet's atmosphere and surface temperature.



Liberals mistake 'diversity' as good

Charley Reese

"Diversity" is a favorite word among liberals these days, and they often recite it like a chant or mantra. "Diversity" is good, the liberals say, expecting everyone to agree with them.

Actually, I don't agree. A diverse lot of fools, incompetents and malcontents is hardly a good thing. Moreover, diversity is simply a coverword for affirmative action, quotas, double standards and not doing anything about runaway immigration.

So let me tell you why "homogenous" is better than "diverse." The more diverse a population is, the more difficult it is for representative government to work.

Suppose, for example, you've been elected to represent the people in a large congressional district. Whose views do you represent - those in favor of abortion or those opposed to it? Those in favor of cutting off immigration or those who support immigration? Those who want less government spending or those who want welfare reform or those who want welfare expansion? Those who oppose sending troops to Bosnia or those who support sending troops to Bosnia?

You get the drift. The more diverse the population is, the more divided it is over issues, and the more difficult it becomes to maintain a representative form of government because it becomes impossible to reconcile all the differences. That's

one reason politicians develop the art of saying nothing and straddling issues.

One of the roles of state-sponsored education is to develop a consensus and to provide each generation with a core set of values. American public education in recent decades has failed to do that.

Quite often, some elements of public education have waged open warfare on the values of parents, literally pitting children against their own families. Some elements in public education wage open war on the traditional American values and European civilization from which America and its institutions evolved.

In the January/February 1983 issue of *The Humanist*, John Dunphy wrote, "The battle ... must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith.... The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new - the rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery, and the new faith of humanism."

Oddly enough, the same year, the Michigan

State Board of Education launched its own multicultural program. Its report contains this interesting statement:

"For many years the melting pot theory or ideology of assimilation has been predominantly promoted by school systems. Thus, it will be necessary for teachers and administrators to change their outlook about the diversity of American society and teaching, which focuses on the pluralistic nature of the United States rather than the 'melting pot' theory."

Then you have the ethnic, gender and racial jingoists, bitterly opposing any effort at assimilation and consensus, forever pursuing some advantage to their faction at the expense of the whole. It seems sometimes that no one wishes to be a plain American anymore. Everyone wants to be a hyphenated American.

Well, I hereby declare my own little rebellion. Henceforth, politically correct stylebooks and editors notwithstanding, I will not refer to anyone as a hyphenated American. Henceforth, I will write only of Americans and of people who are not Americans. If we do not put a stop to the Balkanization of America, we will soon have the same problems they have in the Balkans.

"There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism," said the better of the two Roosevelts, Teddy, in 1915. He was right.

The underdog smartly breaks the mold

Sara Eckel



When Prince Charles introduced the world to the quiet Lady Diana Spencer 14 years ago, who could have imagined that she would eventually bring down the house of Windsor?

A shy kindergarten teacher who was really little more than a girl, Diana was selected as much for her plianthood and timidity as for her grace and beauty. Camilla Parker-Bowles, the prince's long-time mistress, encouraged Charles to marry Diana because she thought Diana was stupid, says Richard Parker-Bowles, Camilla's brother-in-law.

"Camilla knew that as a woman with a past, she would never be accepted as Charles' wife. But she thought Diana was someone whom she could manipulate," Parker-Bowles told the British press.

But Diana played a dirty trick on Charles and his mistress. She grew up. And in doing so, she learned not only how to fight, but how to win.

And win, she did. Her surprise interview with the BBC gained her the support of 85% of the British people and an assured position in the monarchy.

It was a brilliant PR move, and as she told her woeeful tale, slowing looking upwards with those big, sad eyes, she very quietly, but ever-so surely unraveled her husband's character.

"Hell hath no fury like Di the Destroyer," columnist Tom Brown wrote in the *Scottish Daily*

*Record*. "And the beauty of it was that she did it so sweetly. She came across as caring, understanding, supportive and almost saintly in her tolerance of Charles' defects."

It was completely manipulative, and I loved it. Now, I know that isn't very sporting. I know there is too much dirty laundry being aired these days. I know there is too much psycho babble, too much self absorption. And I know there are too many people who deserve our sympathy more than this very wealthy princess. But I can't help myself. It was great.

There is just nothing like seeing someone who has been completely underestimated get the last word. Most everyone knows how it feels to be underestimated, but women understand this particular-

ly well. We know what it's like to be taken for a receptionist when we are actually an account executive. We know what it's like to see clients and customers prefer to do business with our male partners. We know what it's like to see someone surprised that we can pitch a tent, fix a car, weld a pipe. And we know what it's like to deal with people who think they can treat us like ciphers.

The royal family thought they could walk all over Diana, and for a long time they could.

"As far as I was concerned, I was a fat, chubby 20-year-old and I couldn't understand the level of interest (in me)," she said.

The royals thought they could ignore the princess' despair at her husband's infidelity. They thought they could scold her for her depression and bulimia, rather than help her. They thought they could keep her in a box. Oh, how they erred.

If they were smart, they would have realized that with Diana's overwhelming popularity came power. They would have realized she was redefining the monarchy with her warmth and her heartfelt smiles. And they would have realized that she was molding the monarchy into a shape into which they did not fit.

But instead, Diana realized it. And thus she struck her blow, ensuring that she would never be underestimated again.

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**Nation briefs**

**Black-majority districts eliminated in Georgia**

ATLANTA (AP) — Two of Georgia's three black-majority congressional districts were dismantled in a court remapping that angered black officials but gave both Republicans and Democrats some reasons for cautious praise.

The action Wednesday by a three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is likely to be appealed. The new map puts two of the state's black Democratic members of Congress into newly drawn districts already held by white Republicans.

Georgia is the first of several states forced into a judicial redistricting by a U.S. Supreme Court decision against the practice of drawing odd-shaped districts solely to help ensure blacks get elected.

**Man suspected of vandalizing rare books at colleges**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The FBI is searching for a man suspected of vandalizing rare books in college libraries across the country for the last 18 months.

A list left behind at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland tipped the FBI to search for Gilbert Joseph Bland Jr., who also used the name James Perry, officials said.

Bland, 45, who claims to be a graduate student, was caught last week at a Johns Hopkins library slicing a map from a book dating to the 1700s, but police let him go after he paid to repair the book.

In a bag Bland left behind, university officials found 12 other maps that had been removed from 18th-century books, along with a list of libraries including those at Duke University in Durham, Brown University in Providence, R.I., and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Bland is suspected of ripping pages last week from three books at the Wilson Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The books are worth \$3,900 and one dates to the 17th century.

**Life on Mars? Man is going back to look again**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Scientists have revised their thinking in the more than two decades since the Viking missions to Mars sent back no signs of moisture or life on the red planet.

Many now believe that perhaps Mars had life that became extinct. They are pinning their hopes on new missions that will once again look for signs of water, underground hot springs and the potential for life.

In the next round of explorations, scientists are heading out in search of an ancient biosphere that could be obscured in underground oases that Viking missed or in mineral deposits of now-dry lakebeds and channels.

**Breast cancer screening clinic set for Lefors**

LEFORS — The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, on Dec. 29.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

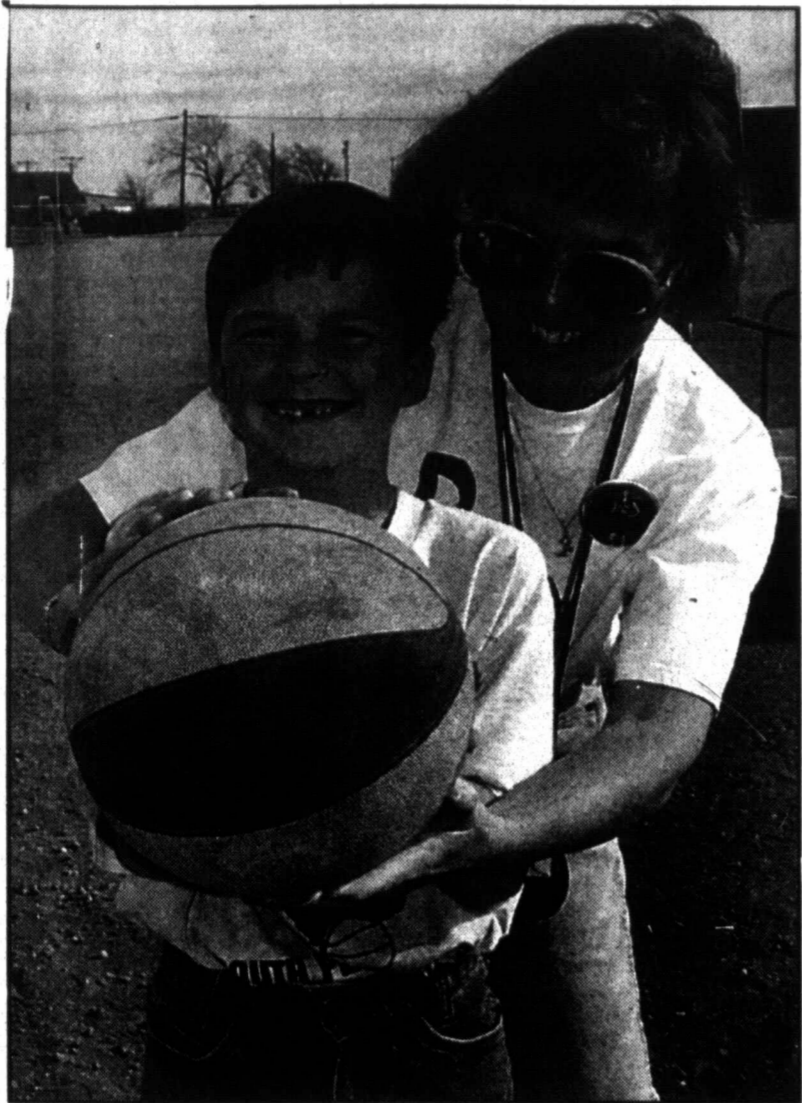
Breast Cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month, Harrington Cancer Center officials said.

The total cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

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**Basketball pointers**



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Enjoying the warm weather in mid-December, PE teacher Dana Duncan gives pointers to White Deer first grader Jared Johnson about shooting a basketball on the school's outdoor courts on Tuesday. Duncan's husband, Tom Duncan, is White Deer's basketball coach and her two daughters, Traci and Terri, both play basketball.

**White Deer grade school classes to have program**

WHITE DEER — White Deer kindergarten through eighth grade will have their Christmas program Monday.

Scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday in the White Deer elementary gym, the kindergarten through fourth grade will have a musical program while the fifth, sixth and seventh grade bands will perform. The eighth grade will produce a Christmas play.

"We're going to have a little bit of it all," said Tom Johnson, school principal.

Band director Pat Daniel said Monday will be the debut performance of the fifth grade beginning band. He said they will perform an arrangement of "Jingle Bells" by Michael Sweeney.

The sixth and seventh grade intermediate band will perform "First Christmas March," a march based on several musical themes from Christmas songs, Daniel said. They will also perform "Frosty the Snowman," by Steve Nelson and Jack Rollins, arranged by Michael Sweeney.

**School headmaster hit-and-run victim**

AUSTIN (AP) — Authorities are investigating whether a hit-and-run driver may have acted intentionally when her car struck the headmaster of a private Austin school, breaking his arm.

Fred Weissbach, headmaster at St. Stephen's Episcopal School in northwest Austin, was hit by a car Friday night after asking more than 100 students trespassing on St. Stephen's property to leave, school officials said.

No one has been charged, said Chris Orton, a detective with the Travis County Sheriff's Department.

"We don't know if it's accidental or intentional," he said. Witnesses told investigators

that the driver was a teenage girl in a white or gray Toyota Land Cruiser, with as many as three passengers.

Sheriff's deputies were attempting to identify the driver at one of four high schools in the area.

Weissbach, 42, was in good condition Wednesday at Seton Medical Center, recovering from a second surgery on a compound fracture of his right arm.

In a telephone interview with the Austin American-Statesman, Weissbach said he was injured when he got caught between his truck and the passing car. "It could have been an accident," he said.

**Appeals court rules jurors may be exempted on religious grounds**

AUSTIN (AP) — A sharply divided Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has ruled it's OK to exclude people from a jury because of their religion.

The majority in Wednesday's 5-4 decision said "discrimination on the basis of personal belief has always been considered appropriate in the jury selection context."

Dissenting, Judge Charles Baird said the majority "sanctions, even encourages, the discrimination of our citizens on the basis of their religion."

"When citizens are excluded from participating in our democratic processes because of such invidious discrimination, the promise of equality dims and the integrity of our judicial system is jeopardized," Baird wrote.

The case involves peremptory challenges, by which lawyers can exclude prospective jurors without stating a reason. The challenges cannot, however, be used to eliminate jurors because of their race or gender.

In Wednesday's case, a man convicted of aggravated sexual assault in Tarrant County object-

ed to the prosecutor excluding two black prospective jurors.

George Toby Casarez contended the move was racially motivated and forbidden by the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

The prosecutor said he removed them because they were members of the Pentecostal Church, according to the court opinion. He said he'd found that "people from that religion often have a problem in passing judgment on other persons."

Casarez appealed, citing the Pentecostals' exclusion. The state's highest court for criminal cases initially found in his favor. But on Wednesday, it reconsidered.

While the U.S. Supreme Court has said prosecutors can't exclude potential jurors solely based on race or gender, the full court hasn't yet addressed religion, the state court said.

To forbid potential jurors' removal because of religion would amount to holding they can't be excluded based on their beliefs, said the majority opinion by Judge Lawrence Meyers.

"If pursued with even modest rigor, such a holding would undercut the essential features of our jury selection system altogether because our form of government protects not only religious belief, but all manner of political, moral, social, and scientific conviction as well," he wrote.

Meyers' opinion said such a holding on religion "cannot rationally be distinguished from a similar treatment of persons on account of their Libertarian politics, their advocacy of communal living, or their membership in the Flat Earth Society."

Baird's dissent said all members of a particular religion don't necessarily hold the same beliefs. He said the court should focus on the right of potential jurors not to be discriminated against.

"By allowing peremptory challenges based on religion, we violate the Equal Protection Clause's fundamental guarantee that our government will treat its citizens as individuals rather than stereotypical components of a religious class," he wrote.

**Pampa Home Health honored with national award**

Pampa Regional Home Health was recently honored at a national awards ceremony in Dallas for growth in 1995. The home health agency, founded in 1994 as department of Coronado Hospital, received the Agency Growth Award for increasing physician and patient support of home care in the community by more than 25 percent.

As a member of the nation's largest home care provider network, the hospital-based home health agency is evaluated annually for performance standards. The award criteria, presented and established by Dallas-based KeyStone HomeHealth Management, Inc., the home care division of Columbia/HCA Corporation,

encourages the network of more than 180 agencies to better serve their community through expansion of services which exceed national standard requirements. As an award recipient, Pampa Regional Home Health demonstrated the ability to deliver high quality care to a large patient base in an efficient manner.

Delivery of patient care has continually increased at Pampa Regional Home Health which now serves patients within a 50-mile radius of Coronado Hospital. The home health agency staffs highly trained health care providers who act as an extension of the physician to provide ongoing patient assessment at home and to administer

techniques which demand expert skill and judgment.

Pampa Regional Home Health offers a wide variety of services that include skilled nursing, home care aide services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, IV therapy as well as countless other services.

Located at 2931 Perryton Parkway, Pampa Regional Home Health is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to patients in Pampa and the surrounding communities who qualify for home health services. If you or anyone you know could benefit from receiving medical care in their home, speak to your physician or call Pampa Regional Home Health at 665-7085.

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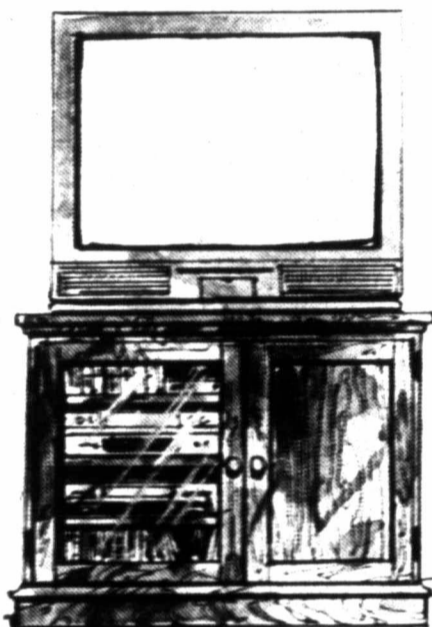
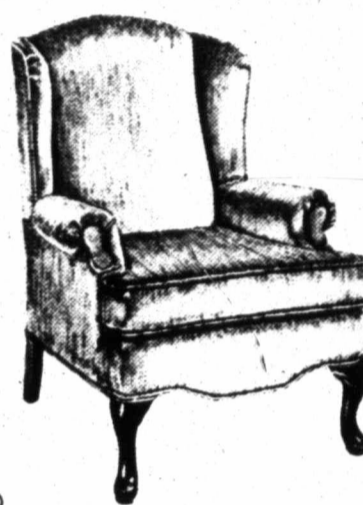
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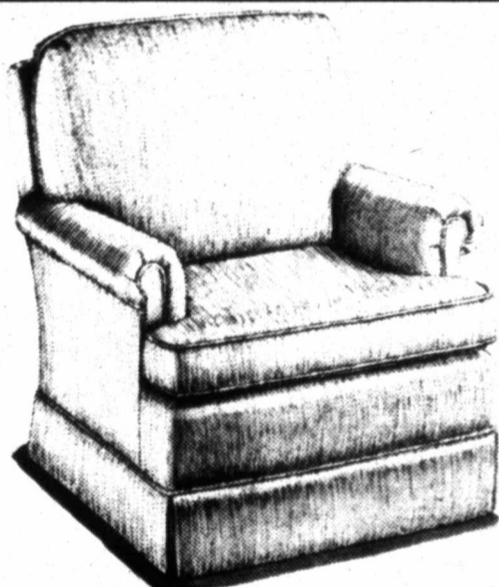
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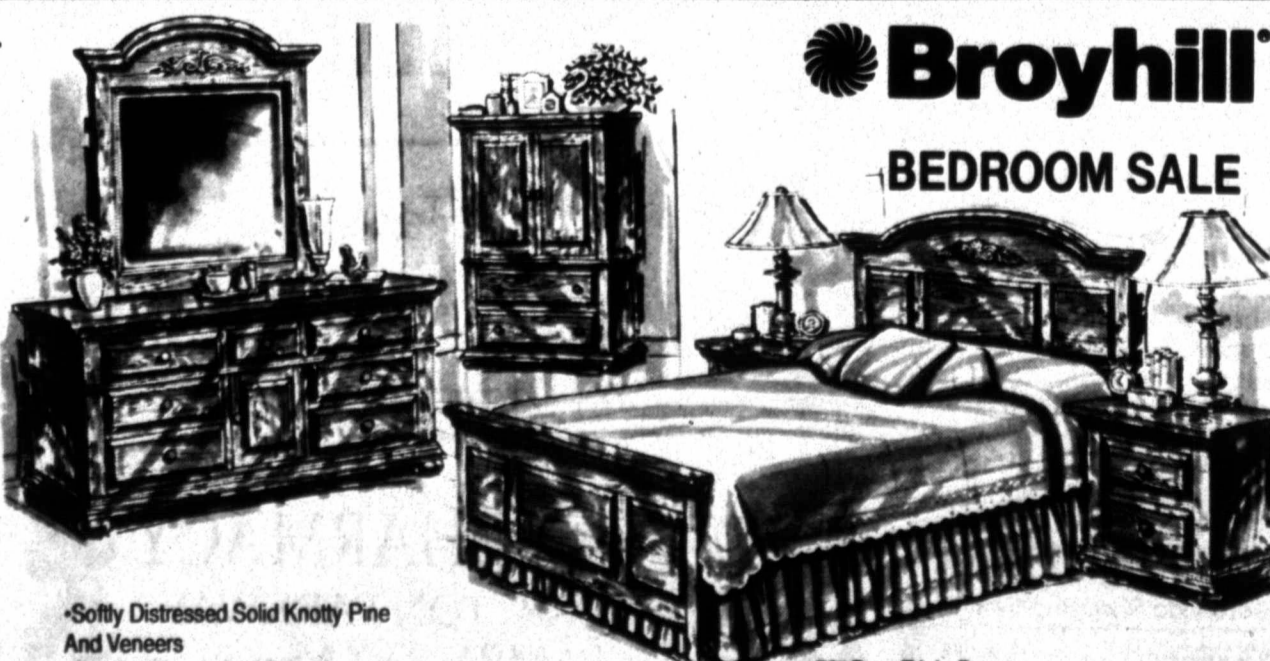
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**Senate refuses to cut off funding of U.S. troop deployment in Bosnia**

WASHINGTON (AP) — With U.S. troops already in Bosnia, the Senate Wednesday refused to cut off funds for the deployment. The vote on the eve of the Bosnia peace accord signing was a victory for President Clinton but fell short of a clear endorsement for his policies.

In a 77-22 vote, the Senate defeated a House-passed measure that would have cut off funding for the deployment of 20,000 U.S. ground troops as part of a NATO peacekeeping mission in the former Yugoslavia. "I believe that action to cut off funds for this deployment is wrong," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. "It is wrong because it makes our young men and women bear the brunt of a decision that was made not by them but by the president, who is the commander in chief."

The vote reflected the acceptance among lawmakers that the troop deployment will go forward whether they support it or not. It left unresolved whether the White House would win passage of a resolution supporting the troop deployment decision. Clinton press secretary Michael McCurry said the White House was gratified "at what was a very strong vote against shutting off funding for the deployment. That

was probably the strongest statement of support they could possibly make. Having voted overwhelmingly not to shut off funding is, in a sense, supporting the president's judgment."

The administration had been pinning its hopes on both the House and Senate passing the proposal by and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., that offers qualified support for the mission.

Republican leaders said the House would not even consider the Dole-McCain resolution, which was expected to be approved in the Senate.

"I believe that at even this late date Congress can play a constructive role, supporting the troops by enhancing their prospects for a timely and safe withdrawal and ensuring there is a military balance upon the departure of our forces," Dole said.

The Senate Wednesday was debating the Dole-McCain proposal, as well as a measure opposing the policy but supporting the troops.

After a meeting of House Republicans Wednesday morning, Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who chairs the party caucus, said the House would debate three proposals: cutting off funds for the mission, opposing the deployment but supporting the

troops, and a Democratic proposal backing the President — but not the Dole-McCain measure.

Dole likened the funding cut-off, originally proposed by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., to the marathon debates during the Vietnam War over blocking funding for the conflict.

"The effect would be to cut off funds to our troops who are on the way or already on the ground in Bosnia," said Dole, who led an unsuccessful filibuster in 1970 against a Vietnam funding cutoff. "I do not believe we should limit the funds for food, supplies and ammunition for our troops. It was wrong during Vietnam and it's wrong now."

Some U.S. troops are already setting up camp in snowbound Bosnia. But the signing of the Bosnia peace accord in Paris today would set in motion the dispatch of thousands more — up to 20,000 American soldiers in Bosnia alone and as many more outside the country in support roles.

In remarks at the White House, Clinton said he was still pushing for an acceptable version of the Dole-McCain proposal.

"It's not clear to me where it's going," Clinton said. "In the end, I just can't believe that Congress won't support our troops in this mission."

**Backers of defeated flag desecration amendment promise fight in elections**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stung by a narrow Senate defeat, backers of a constitutional amendment to ban desecration of the American flag are promising to carry the fight into next year's elections.

The Senate fell three votes short Tuesday of passing the amendment, which would have given Congress authority to outlaw flag burning and other forms of desecration of the Stars and Stripes.

The defeat was jarring to supporters, who had expressed confidence in Senate approval. The House last June approved, 312-120, a broader amendment that would have given both Congress and the states the power to determine what is unlawful desecration of the American flag.

The amendment started gaining momentum after the Republican takeover of Congress last January. Forty-nine states — all but Vermont — have passed resolutions urging Congress to support the amendment, which would have effectively negated two Supreme Court rulings, in 1989 and 1990, that flag-burning was a protected form of expression under the First Amendment.

But Tuesday's 63-36 Senate vote was three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for

an amendment to the Constitution. The 100-member Senate has one vacancy.

"It unraveled this morning before our eyes," said Susan Ridge, spokeswoman for the Citizens Flag Alliance, a coalition of about 100 groups lobbying for the amendment. "This is a disappointment."

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said President Clinton's opposition to what proponents hoped would be the 28th Amendment to the Constitution was a decisive factor in its defeat.

A few hours before the vote, the White House said Clinton would be open to a federal law banning desecration of the flag, but that he opposes a constitutional amendment that would alter the Bill of Rights. "The guys in the powdered wigs had it about right in 1792," press secretary Mike McCurry said.

"This amendment is not going to go away," Hatch said. But he also said he did not think it could pass the Senate as the chamber is now constituted — 53 Republicans and 46 Democrats — and said it likely will have to await action by the new Congress that will be sworn in after next year's elections.

Ridge agreed that Clinton's

opposition played a role in the amendment's demise. She also pointed to a substitute proposed by Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the leading Republican critic of a constitutional amendment, that would have barred desecration by legislative means rather than changing the Constitution.

Some senators were able to take "political cover" by voting for McConnell's substitute and against the amendment, Ridge suggested. Before the final vote, the Senate rejected McConnell proposal, 71-28.

Ridge said the Citizens Flag Alliance, which includes the American Legion, would concentrate its efforts on the 1996 election campaigns by talking up the amendment to candidates and releasing public opinion surveys showing support.

Some opponents who had charged that the amendment would trample free speech rights under the First Amendment continued to express concern, despite its defeat.

"Although today's vote is a vindication for free speech, the fact that it was so close is deeply troubling," said Ira Glasser, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

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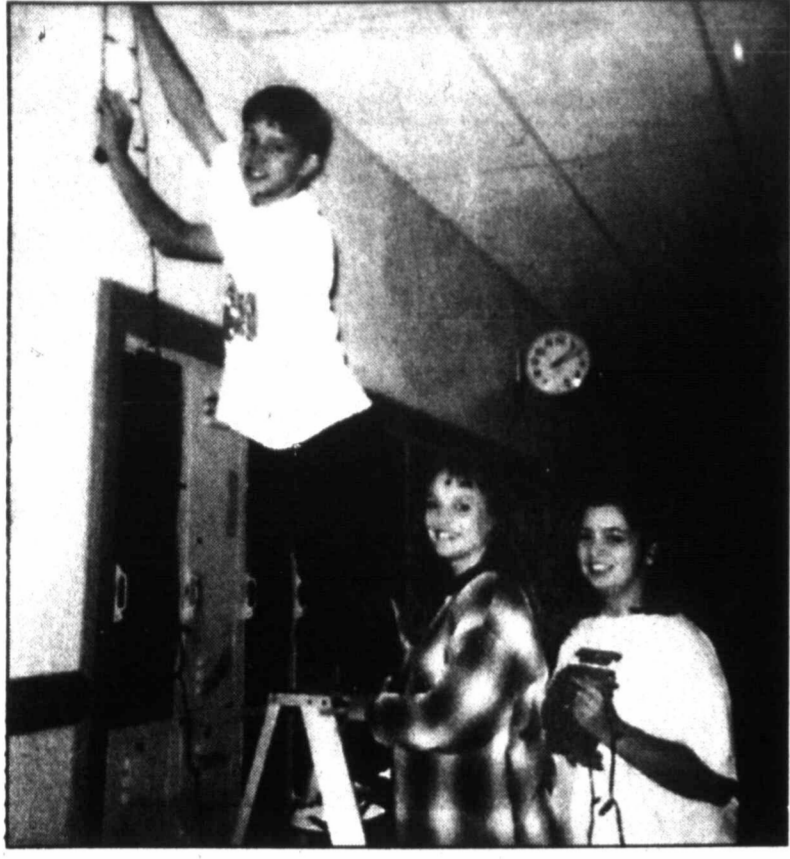
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**White House, GOP agree to 'serious negotiations'**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to energize stalled budget talks and avert a new federal shutdown, the Clinton administration and Republicans planned to swap fresh offers Friday and exulted that earnest bargaining may finally be under way.

Word of the agreement came during the third week of a bipartisan hunt for a compromise blueprint for balancing the budget by 2002. Until now, little progress has been reported in the bargaining, in which the GOP's ability to deliver its paramount priority and President Clinton's ability to work with the opposition party are being tested.

The announcement also preceded a potential second wave of furloughs for many federal employees that would begin after midnight Friday — unless lawmakers agree to temporarily extend spending authority for nine Cabinet agencies and dozens of other programs.

"We want to get this done, and we're pleased that we're going to come together on Friday and work as long and as diligently as we can," Senate Budget Committee

Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told reporters. "We expect serious negotiations on Friday," said Barry Toiv, spokesman for White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta. "That's what the president has wanted."

Domenici said bargaining would continue through the weekend, and some expressed hope that a budget deal could be struck before Christmas.

"My own view is that on the 22nd (of December), it looks like something is going to happen," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan.

The agreement was reached after a long day of meetings and discussions among Republicans and Democrats, including two telephone calls between Dole and Clinton before the president flew to Paris for the signing of the Bosnian peace accord.

But no one would say achieving a budget pact would be easy. The two sides still disagree heatedly over how much to extract from Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and many domestic programs; how deeply to cut taxes;

and how dramatically welfare and Medicaid programs should be revamped.

The expectation was that if serious bargaining was under way, Congress would send Clinton a stopgap bill financing federal agencies whose budgets have not been enacted for a few days. This would avert furloughs of an estimated 280,000 civil servants — about one-third of the 800,000 idled during the six-day partial shutdown last month.

Although the two sides were united in their characterization of Friday as an important day of bargaining, they disagreed over precisely what they had agreed on.

Several Republicans, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they expected White House bargainers to offer a new seven-year balanced budget as calculated by the Congressional Budget Office. That would force the president to find big additional savings because his current budget-balancing plan is based on more optimistic economic forecasts than CBO's — and hence smaller projected deficits.

**Twelve days to Christmas: Man kills wife, child — burns house**

SMYRNA, Ga. (AP) — To outward appearances, John Frye had many things going for him: a loving wife and daughter, a good job and a house in the suburbs.

Neighbors described him as jolly and family oriented, and police said the couple, married 25 years, had been "delightfully happy."

But on Wednesday, 12 days before Christmas, something snapped.

Frye, 51, killed his wife and daughter, burned their home and

put a bullet in his head, police said.

Frye left behind a suicide note, but it gave investigators few clues. The note made reference to illness but did not say who was sick or the nature of the illness, Smyrna Police Chief Stanley Hook said.

"He just talked about different pressures of different things," Hook said. "According to family members ... there was no great illness in the family. I don't know

what makes people click like this."

There were no apparent signs of problems at work or at home or with money, Donald Purcell, Mrs. Frye's brother, told *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Inside the house with the three burned bodies, Frye left a 38-caliber revolver he'd fired three times and three canisters of gasoline used to set the blaze, police said.

Frye wrote his note on the back of an envelope left in his pickup truck in the driveway, away from

the fire. The envelope contained bank records, stock certificates, a will, family photos and other documents, authorities said. Two other cars in the garage were destroyed.

Frye shot his 11-year-old daughter, Amanda, in the chest in a bedroom early Wednesday morning, police said. His body was also found in the room. His wife, Madge, 52, a homemaker, was found in the basement with a bullet in her torso.

**Oil firms move to deeper water, pushing demand for bigger rigs**

HOUSTON (AP) — There's a rush to drill in deeper waters and companies are hurrying to meet the demand for bigger rigs and ships.

Legislation signed last month by President Clinton was designed to encourage the move to deeper waters by providing a royalty break for companies developing prospects farther out in the Gulf.

However, while the rates charged by drilling contractors for the most advanced rigs have doubled or tripled this year, the rates still won't provide enough revenue to justify building new ones, insiders say.

So the offshore drilling industry and large energy companies have come up with new strategies to ensure that they will have the equipment to meet the demand, the *Houston Chronicle* reported Wednesday.

They are signing longer con-

tracts, guaranteeing access to drilling rigs for two or three years, with options that could extend the contracts to five years.

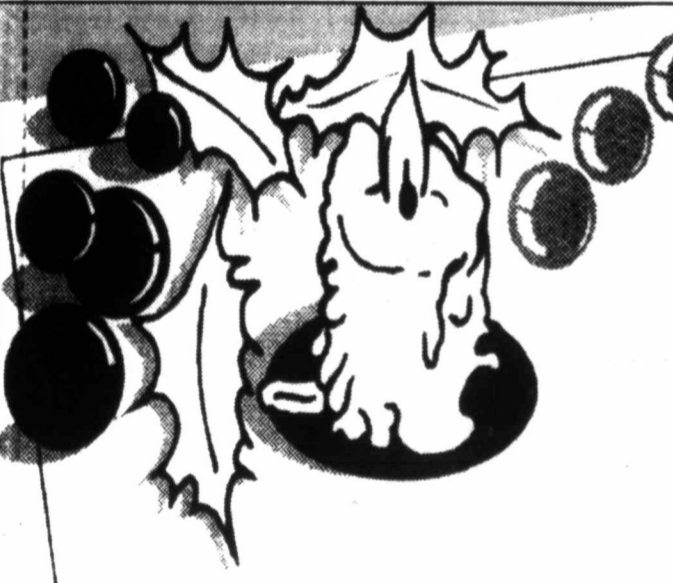
The drillers are upgrading some of their older rigs — vessels built about 20 years ago to operate in 800 feet to 1,500 feet of water — to handle drilling in waters up to twice as deep and the harsher environment west of Scotland's Shetland Islands.

The leader of the deepwater play in the Gulf, Houston-based Shell Oil Co., plans to drill 10 exploratory wells in the region next year.

Houston-based Diamond Offshore Drilling, which owns the largest fleet of semisubmersible rigs, has sent two of its "Victory" class semisubmersibles rigs to Texas Drydock's facility in Sabine Pass for transformation into rigs capable of operating in water depths of 3,500 feet and 4,200 feet.

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# Night at the Waldorf: Malcolm Forbes taps friends for campaign cash

NEW YORK (AP) — Someone wanted to kiss him on the cheek, and Steve Forbes obliged, standing still for its delivery. Someone wanted to pose with him. Someone slapped him on the back. Someone pulled along a spouse to introduce.

Awkwardly, shyly, with an open-mouthed grin, Forbes entered a new domain in the education of a millionaire who wants to be president — the fundraising banquet.

One of the richest people in America, over the years he has been asked to contribute aplenty — an undergraduate college is named after him at Princeton, bespeaking the Forbes philanthropic instinct — but now he was asking money from his friends to help finance his off-the-beaten-path candidacy.

Boy Scouts in uniform led "Yankee Doodle" to the accompaniment of a flute. No balloon drops. No searchlight. No stream of testimonials from statesmen of yesteryear. No packs of PACs at the

grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria, three stories high, chandeliered and balconied.

Instead, there was Malcolm S. Forbes Jr. — Steve to his friends, and their numbers seemed to be legion — squeezing from table to table, ducking the occasion tray full of roast beef dinners.

Later he delivered his standard speech, emphasizing hope, growth and optimism. "This new American awakening can touch every corner of our lives," he said.

What was different was that everyone seemed to know him. In his years as companion, then heir, to his famous magazine-publisher father, he has filed away 14,000 names, friends say, and a fair sampling came across Wednesday night with a check. Tickets sold for \$1,000 or \$500 or \$250. The dinner drew 1,460 people and raised over \$1 million.

The campaign, which has laid out an estimated \$7 million, mostly on television, mostly in New

Hampshire and Iowa, and has gotten Forbes in second place in the polls in both places, heretofore had been financed from the Forbes wallet.

Few said they thought it odd to be tapped by so rich a friend. Each had a story to tell about a Forbes connection, if not with Steve then with Forbes brothers, Tim, Kip or Bob.

Printer Hank Simon was there with wife Patricia. When Steve Forbes started a magazine, *Business Today*, while still at Princeton, Simon made a deal: He'd set the type in his print shop, and if there then was a profit, he'd get a share.

The magazine, a collegiate product for a collegiate audience, built a circulation of 200,000 and Simon has been getting Forbes business ever since. Funny thing, he said, was he didn't know then he was dealing with a Forbes; thought he was just an entrepreneurial student with a gutsy idea.

Ben Kaiser was there. He is chairman of Baume & Mercier of Geneva, Switzerland, maker of jeweled watches. He told a story of being invited to cocktails and lunch on the Forbes yacht. Found out he was the only guest. Wonderful time, he said, with the father and all the sons. No one talked advertising. Now he's a Forbes magazine advertiser.

The Rev. Paul Ischi, in black robe and gray beard, known as "Shepherd of the Streets," told of his own Forbes family friendship, arising from his work with New York's poor. Had he bought a \$1,000 ticket? "No, no," he said, "I made \$600 in all of last year." His ticket was free.

The Forbes campaign said it would stage five more fundraisers around the country. Forbes won't say how much of his own money he is willing to spend. Not a penny more, he says, paraphrasing a famous line from Joseph Kennedy, father of Jack, than is necessary.

## World briefs

**Two injured in blast at meat inspection company**  
MUNICH, Germany (AP) — A car bomb seriously wounded the chief of quality control at a Bavarian meat inspection company, authorities said today.

The 47-year-old Dutchman was hospitalized with serious wounds to both legs after the explosion Wednesday evening as he was leaving the nearly deserted company grounds in Aichach for home.

Neither police nor a secretary at the company, Eurocontrol-Breitsamer, would name the injured man.

A second employee of the company, which is contracted by the European Union to inspect locally butchered meat, suffered hearing damage and shock, police said.

Police said they were investigating the personal and business life of the injured man in search of a motive for the attack.

"We also don't know why and would like to know what was behind this," said a secretary at Eurocontrol-Breitsamer who would not give her name.

Police said the bomb had apparently been placed beneath the BMW sedan but they did not yet know whether it exploded when the Dutchman turned on the engine.

The secretary said the Dutchman was one of very few foreigners among the company's more than 150 employees.

### Kasparov beats computer: 'I believe in my superiority'

LONDON (AP) — As Garry Kasparov sees it, chess computers have many weaknesses. And the highest-ranked player in history proved it Wednesday, beating a machine that can analyze more than 10 million chess positions in a minute.

"I believe in my superiority and human superiority," said a delighted Kasparov, savoring his 2-1 victory over the computer in the three-match contest.

The score was 1-1 going into Wednesday's final match, and Kasparov's reputation was at stake. He admitted he was worried that he might lose his nerve and control of the game.

But the world champion of the Professional Chess Association proved that brain power can still triumph over computer power.

Each of the three matches consisted of two games in which Kasparov and the computer had 25 minutes to complete each move.

### Forty-nine bodies recovered from downed plane

VILLAGRANCA, Italy (AP) — Authorities said today they have recovered all 49 bodies from a Romanian airliner that crashed into a snow-covered orchard and burst into flames minutes after takeoff.

Paramilitary police at Verona's Villafranca airport said the dead were 30 Italians, four Serbs, one Dutch citizen and 14 Romanians, including a crew of eight. Police said they had erred earlier, and that one of the victims thought to be Italian was actually Dutch.

Airport officials said they hoped to recover the flight data and cockpit conversation recorders to aid investigation into the cause of the Banat Air jet crash. The twice-weekly flight primarily serves Italians doing business in Romania following the fall of Communism there.

The Soviet-built Antonov 24, bound for Timisoara, Romania, crashed shortly after takeoff Wednesday evening, narrowly missing several farmhouses. Since Wednesday, much of Italy has been gripped by a winter storm, and residents of the crash area reported heavy winds at the time the plane went down.

Romania's transport minister, Aurel Novac, told the Romanian state news agency, Rompress, that the charter plane exploded three minutes into the flight.

Italian authorities would not confirm there had been explosion.

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## Mom Fears Kids' Exposure To Media's Barrage Of Sex

DEAR ABBY: As the mother of a 10-year-old daughter, I am concerned about the statistics I've read on teenage sex. Of course, morality and self-respect are things I want to instill in my child, and I must warn her about sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy. She has been taught that sex is a wonderful and pleasurable thing to be shared by husband and wife.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
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Because we believe the media have a direct effect on children's thoughts and actions, her father and I monitor the TV shows she watches and do not allow her to attend parties that we deem unsuitable. However, a situation we cannot control occurs when my daughter and I stand in the grocery store checkout line, sandwiched between rows of magazines — all with provocative covers. The following headlines appeared during the week of Oct. 23, 1995:

READERS DIGEST: "Sex After 50: Why It's Different, Why It Can Be Better"

COSMOPOLITAN: "The Health Benefits of Sex"

MADEMOISELLE: "Men & Sex: Then & Secret Wishes"

LADIES HOME JOURNAL: "How Our Sex Life Was Saved"

GLAMOUR: "Major New Sex Survey — What You Don't Know, But Need To"

NEW WOMAN: "The Sexual Games of the American Male"

MARIE CLAIRE: "He Wants to What? Men's 6 Biggest Sex Fan-

tasies"

REDBOOK: "The Sex Skill Men Adore (& How to Do It Well)"

McCALL'S: "The Hugh Grant Syndrome — Why Nice Guys Pay for Sex"

Y&M (Young & Modern): "Five Total Turn-ons Men Can't Resist"

I realize that many factors lead to teen-age sex, but responsible adults in the magazine industry should take a hard look at the messages they are sending — or perhaps these magazines should not be so prominently displayed where children can see them.

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**DEAR CONCERNED:** It's unrealistic to hold the media responsible for your daughter's morality, and you cannot keep her in a protective cocoon forever.

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Help your daughter understand that just as dessert is saved for after dinner, sex should be saved for marriage.

DEAR ABBY: You wrote something many years ago that I carried in my wallet for years. Well, my purse was stolen and your column explaining the difference between making love and having sex was in it.

If you know which item I am referring to, will you please run it again?

DIXIE

**DEAR DIXIE:** Here it is: In "having sex," the name of the game is sexual gratification. It is a selfish, physical exercise in which the partner can be a faceless object. (Anyone will do.)

In "making love," one is motivated by the desire to give pleasure, express deep affection and communicate one's feeling of caring. It is the ultimate in sharing. In "making love," the partner must be a very special person. (No one else will do.)

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** A number of bright ideas might come to you today. Each will have merit, so try to singularly and collectively assess their value.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You should be more competent in business matters today than you were yesterday. If you've made any errors, take measures to go back and correct these mistakes.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** A constructive development may result from one of your social contacts today. Make a point of having a smile and a kind word for everyone you encounter.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In your business dealings today, you might achieve better results if you use an indirect approach. Do not prematurely announce your intentions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** It will be your responsibility to organize your friends during an event today. Your peers will not object to your taking over and running the gig.

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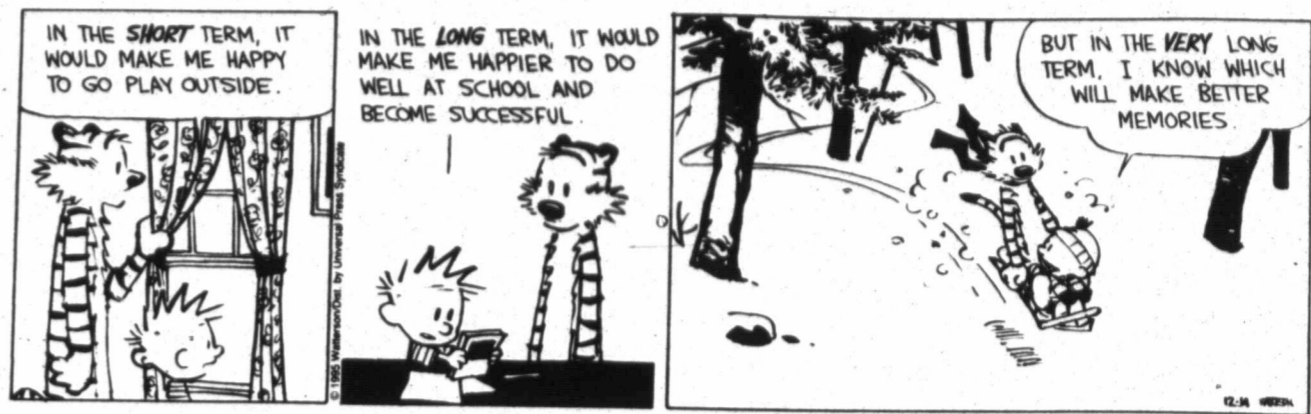


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Friday, Dec. 15, 1995

Both luck and chance could play favorable roles in your affairs in the year ahead. Remain alert for opportunities that come in unique guises.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Do not procrastinate when pursuing an important objective today. Your chart shows that achievements come through consistency and expectations. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.



Calvin & Hobbes



Arlo & Janis



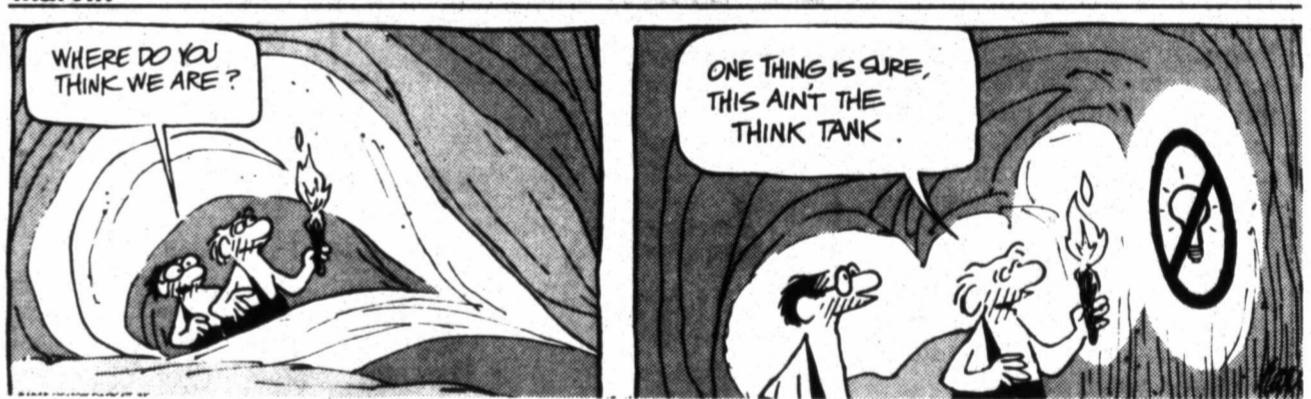
Garfield



Walnut Cove



Marvin



B.C.



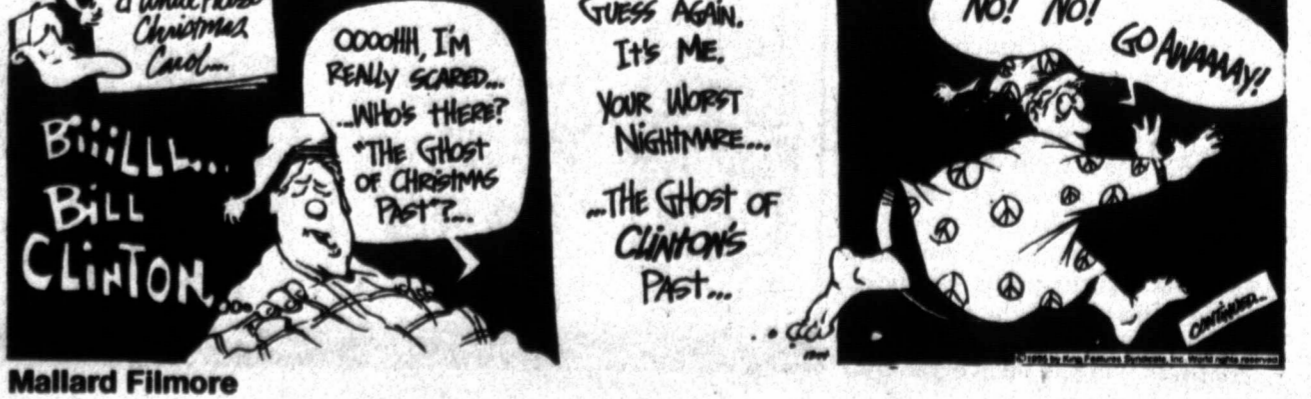
Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



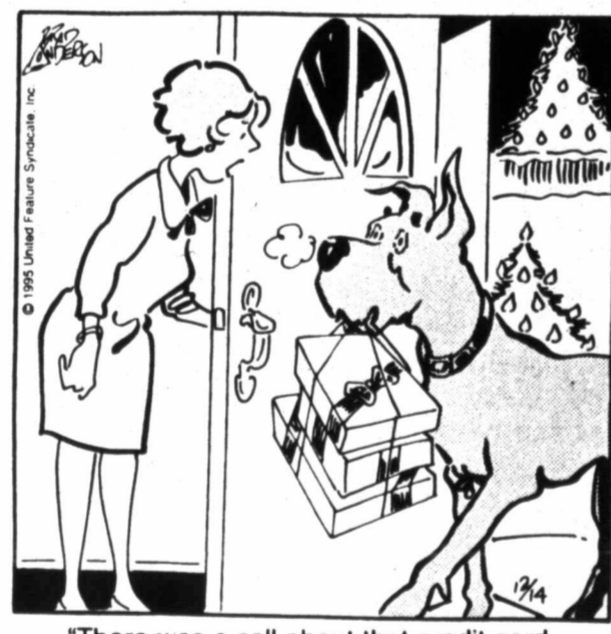
Frank and Ernest



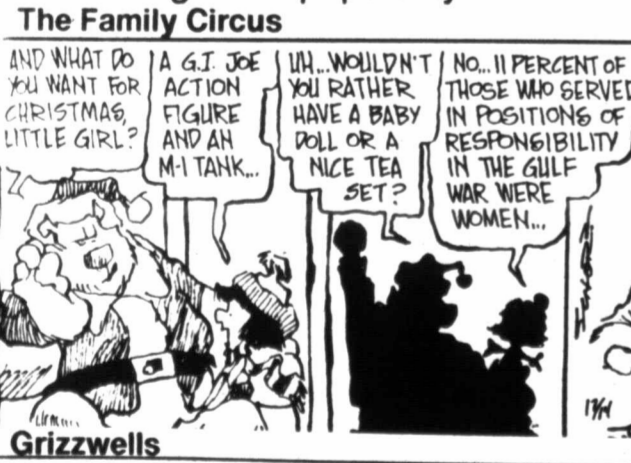
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2<sup>nd</sup> - Taylor Meyer  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Daniel Myers  
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1<sup>st</sup> - Brett Ferrel

2<sup>nd</sup> - Tanna Stowers  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Daniel Myers  
**8-9 YEARS**  
1<sup>st</sup> - Brittany Walters  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Kori Dunn  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Leanne Westermark  
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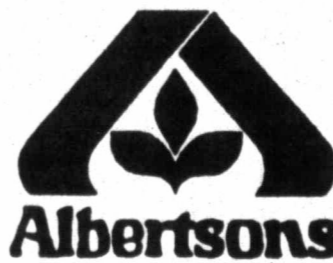
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