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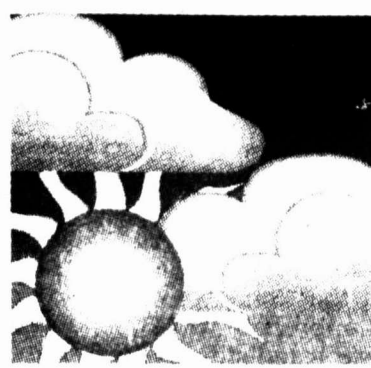
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AMARILLO — State lawmakers from the Panhandle announced Monday their intentions to run for re-election in 1996.

Rep. Warren Chisum joined with Rep. David Swinford, Rep. John Smithee and Sen. Teel Bivins at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Pharmacy for the announcement.

The Panhandle team stressed that they are efficient as a group because they work well.

"Together we've been much more successful than we could have ever been speaking as single voice," Chisum said in a press release.

PAMPA — Three local school bands will perform tonight in the annual Nona Payne Christmas concert at M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center.

The high school band will perform "Brazilian Sleigh Bells," "Thirteen Days of Christmas," "On a Hymn Song of Philip Bliss," and "Sleigh Ride," director Bruce Collins said.

Also performing will be the Patriot Red Band, composed of seventh and eighth graders, and the sixth grade Patriot Blue Band.

The concert begins at 7 p.m.

PAMPA — The Community Awareness and Emergency Response committee will meet in regular session Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in the M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center's Heritage Room.

Items on the agenda include training committee report, community project update and ID badge/office equipment project.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the TRAN-SCAER program by Pampa Hoechst Celanese employees Jerry Hunt and Randy Zimmer.

Meetings are open to the public.

PAMPA — Hans Klingler, West Texas regional director of Sen. Phil Gramm, will make a brief appearance here Thursday afternoon to unveil the senator's new tax credit plan.

Klingler will speak at Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, Thursday at 2 p.m., according to Sondra Ziegler, a spokesperson in Klingler's Lubbock office.

Klingler will discuss Gramm's proposed \$500 per child tax credit, telling how many children in the county qualify for the cut and how many local dollars would not be sent to Washington, Ziegler said.

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Lefors OKs signs for Neighborhood Watch

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

LEFORS — City council members voted Monday night to allow the placement of Neighborhood Watch signs on street signs in town after a number of questions from local Girl Scouts member Angie Turpen.

A spring community meeting sponsored by the local 4-H chapter started the process of organizing a Neighborhood Watch, but orders for signs requested at that meeting were not ordered until Monday morning.

After the initial order of signs arrives, a community meeting will be held at City Hall for distribution and other organizational matters, said Molly Turpen, an organizer of the project.

Also after the first signs arrive, the Girl Scouts will take over the project.

Mayor Derl Boyd said that the Lions Club will purchase three large signs announcing the Neighborhood Watch project for the main entrances into town.

In other action, the council tabled discussion on a request from Southwestern Bell Telephone to allow Pampa residents

to pay phone bills in Lefors.

Lefors has a billing machine that allows personal payment on phone bills, and SWBT has said that the town needs to build up the volume of usage of the machine.

The council tabled action until a contract arrived.

At the start of the meeting, City Attorney Rick Harris announced his retirement from his position and recommended County Attorney Todd Alvey as his replacement.

The council retired into executive session to discuss the possibility of employing Alvey, but took no action when they reconvened. Alvey said that he would check with the state attorney general's office on the legality of his serving as both Gray County attorney and Lefors city attorney.

In other business, Boyd reported that a number of pumps at the city sewer plant were wearing out and needed replacement soon. The process could be expensive, he indicated, but the pumps are now "hanging on for dear life."

City Marshal Rocky Stewart discussed a number of grants the community could apply for through the Panhandle Regional

Planning Commission, including grants to help prevent juvenile delinquency, for crime prevention and for narcotics intervention.

Stewart also reported on a private company, Operation Alliance in El Paso, which seeks out surplus law enforcement equipment companies are willing to donate.

He indicated that Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge has worked with success with the company.

Among the equipment that can be located by the company for drug intervention are all-terrain vehicles, uniforms, flak jackets, gas masks and communication devices.

Stewart also said the city needs to review and update city ordinances. He cited one law that had been on the books since 1929, apparently not enforced though, that taxes people for owning dogs. Residents, according to the ordinance, should be charged \$1 for each male dog and \$2.50 for each female.

The council returned to executive session on the request of Fire Chief Eddie Joe Roberts for discussion of lots owned by the city. They reconvened and took no action.



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Michael Martin Murphey talks with the audience during his Cowboy Christmas Concert at the M.K. Brown Auditorium Monday evening. Murphey told the audience that he liked Pampa and intends to return again.

Murphey says he will come back to Pampa

By MELINDA MARTINEZ
Lifestyles Editor

"Pampa is still really Texas." That is what a smiling Michael Martin Murphey said about Pampa at the Silver Anniversary Gala for the White Deer Land Museum on Monday night.

And he would like to return again to this place which he said reminded him of the Texas in which he grew up. The big cities in Texas, Murphey explained to his concert audience at the M.K. Brown Civic Center and Memorial Auditorium earlier in the evening, have lost the traditions and values of the Texas he used to know.

"The Panhandle is still one of the greatest Texas spots," said Murphey. "People here still have a strong tradition with the land."

Murphey announced his decision to return during his Cowboy Christmas Concert held Monday evening at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

"I like Pampa, Texas," Murphey told the audience. "We're going to come back."

At the gala following the concert, Murphey said he made that decision "right then and there" while he was on stage. He said he was impressed with the auditorium, which he had never seen before.

And towards the end of his concert, the audience, very delighted with Murphey's performance, responded by giving him a standing ovation.

Murphey was warm and light-hearted during the concert, talking with the audience about the values which he holds. For him, he said, Jesus Christ and family are most important.

He feels that most of today's country music holds more negative messages such as couples breaking up and drinking. He sang two of his hit songs, "What's Forever For" and "Long Line of Love" which both reflect the positive sides of loving relationships and family.

He also recited a few cowboy poems. And, in keeping with the holiday spirit and the theme of the concert, Murphey entertained the audience with "The Cowboy Christmas Ball" which was written over a century ago as well as other seasonal country Christmas carols.

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Appraisal Review Board hears protest, approves corrections

The Gray County Appraisal Review Board members met Monday, signing off on a settlement agreement on a protest of the appraisal of property formerly owned by Parker and Parsley and now owned by KN Energy.

At issue was the value of property originally missed by appraisers, who were later notified of the property by the new owners.

In other action, the board approved minor changes and corrections in a number of accounts.

Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley told board members during his report that a notice for appeal to district court had been filed by lawyers for Dobson Fiberoptics.

Dobson Fiberoptics had in November disagreed with Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley's estimation of value of a fiberoptics line running to Pampa from Interstate 40.

Dobson, represented by Oklahoma City attorney John

Savage, argued that the line should be taxed on no more than its replacement value, a number they set at \$15,000.

Bagley disagreed, citing information gathered from California placing the value of the line closer to \$34,000. With standard depreciation, the value would now be about \$25,000.

The review board decided to set the value at \$16,817, a figure almost half of Bagley's figures, but higher than Dobson asked for.

The notice for appeal, Bagley said, is the first step toward a lawsuit. He added that he believed suits had been filed by Dobson in Wheeler and Donley counties.

In other appraisal district news, the Gray County Appraisal District office will hold a Christmas open house Thursday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. All taxpayers and representatives from the taxing entities are invited, Bagley said.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Debbie Brame, left, and Terri Cone reach for the last Sugar Plum tag on the Christmas tree at the Skel-Tex Credit Union. The program is to adopt a Skellytown child, a Sugar Plum, and see that the child has a merry Christmas.

Skellytown residents adopting Sugar Plums

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

SKELLYTOWN — Thirty-six children here will have a brighter Christmas because of the school secretary and three of her friends.

Debbie Brame, secretary for the Skellytown school, initiated a Sugar Plum program this year with Terri Cone, Becky Ulmer and Rob Lackey.

"It's a program we started this year," Brame said, "with a committee of four."

She described it as being like the Salvation Army's Adopt an Angel program in which people take the names of children hanging on a Christmas tree and buy presents for them.

The Adopt an Angel program, she explained, was county-wide while Skellytown's program is just for the community.

"Instead of angels," she said, "we call ours Sugar Plums."

The tree is at the Skel-Tex Credit Union on Main Street. The group started out with 36

children and by Monday, all had been taken except one.

"We felt like we needed it here," Brame said. "So far, it's worked great."

Donation jugs proliferate throughout Skellytown filling with donations that will be used to buy presents for local children, Sugar Plums, that otherwise might have a slim Christmas.

"If people don't want to adopt a kid," she said, "they can give money. That will help if a kid is not adopted."

Jury hearing testimony on estate dispute

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

Six men and six women heard testimony today in a dispute over the estate of a Pampa woman who died without a will.

She did, however, leave a sister and a man claiming to be her common-law husband, both of whom believe they are the proper administrators of her estate.

It is for the 223rd District Court jury to decide whether Merle Fraser, 75, is the common-law husband of the late Nancy Fraser.

Ms. Fraser's sister, Shirley Lehnick of Canyon, maintains they were not married.

Mr. Fraser has applied to be administrator of Ms. Fraser's estate. Lehnick has contested that application.

Ms. Fraser died June 15, 1994, following a stroke earlier that year. She was 56 when she died.

Testimony began Monday afternoon. District Judge Lee Waters is presiding over the trial expected to last all week.

In opening statements, jurors learned from Mr. Fraser's attorney, John Warner, that Merle and

Nancy Fraser were ceremonially married Dec. 20, 1980 and received an Arizona divorce in July 1987. Ms. Fraser moved to Pampa in April, 1988, and later purchased property at 1314 E. Frederic.

Warner told the jury to expect to hear there were times when the Frasers held themselves out as married and other times when Ms. Fraser claimed to be single.

Whatever the decision of the jury, he said, Lehnick will receive one-half of Ms. Fraser's separate property.

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Clinton confident of congressional backing in Bosnia peace campaign

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — With advance forces already filing into Bosnia, President Clinton predicted he would win congressional backing for the full deployment of 20,000 U.S. peacekeepers. He called that support crucial to maintaining morale.

In a sign that the White House was leaving nothing to chance, Clinton sent Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole a memo Monday assuring him that the Bosnian government would be able to defend itself after NATO forces leave.

The Senate planned to begin debate today on three proposals on sending U.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia: one cutting off funding; a second expressing disapproval of administration policy but support for the troops; and a third giving qual-

ified support. The House planned to wait for a Senate vote before acting.

The peace accord setting in motion the deployment is to be signed in Paris on Thursday, with the president attending.

Easing concern that the treaty signing would be disrupted, rebel Serbs today freed two French combat pilots shot down during a NATO raid. "Our initial reaction, of course, is of great joy for the people of France," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

Clinton, speaking to reporters Monday, said, "I believe that when it is all debated and all is said and done that Congress will find a way to support our troops."

The administration has maintained that the president has the constitutional authority to approve the one-year deployment with or without congressional support.

In a letter Monday to Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., Clinton said, "I believe congressional support for U.S. participation is immensely important to the unity of our purpose and the morale of our troops."

Dole, R-Kan., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., continued to work with Democratic counterparts on the wording of their resolution supporting the deployment. According to a draft of the Dole-McCain proposal, the Senate would empower the president to "fulfill his commitment" to send troops to Bosnia.

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said the language should match the wording of the 1991 Persian Gulf War resolution, which said, "The president is authorized" to send troops.

"We should be willing to step up to the plate and vote one way or the other," Byrd said in a Senate

floor speech. "We have a constitutional duty to do so."

Dole predicted the Senate would defeat the House-passed measure to cut off funding for the deployment, that Senate Republicans would support the measure criticizing administration policy but backing the troops and that a majority would support the Dole-McCain proposal.

Dole and McCain want to ensure that the Bosnian government is armed and trained so it can defend itself when the 60,000 NATO troops depart in about a year.

Trying to appease the majority leader, Clinton's memo to Dole reiterated the U.S. commitment to "take a leadership role in coordinating an immediate international effort" to equip and train Bosnian Muslims, said an administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Nation briefs

Man arrested after attempting to help police

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — When sheriff's deputies told Scott Plumley they needed proof to shut down drug dealers in his neighborhood, he got it for them. But when Plumley called deputies to his home and showed them the \$4 bag of marijuana he said he'd bought just down the street, they arrested him — not the seller.

"After I bought it, I thought 'There it is. Boom! Now get him off the street,'" Plumley said. "I never thought I would get in trouble."

Plumley, 39, has a Dec. 18 court date and is facing up to a year in jail on a charge of possessing less than 6 grams of pot. He was arrested Nov. 27.

Denny's discrimination settlement payments to begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 290,000 people who joined two class-action lawsuits alleging racial discrimination at Denny's restaurants should begin receiving checks this month for their share of a \$46 million settlement.

Denny's agreed to the sum in May 1994 to settle the Justice Department lawsuits filed in San Jose, Calif., and Annapolis, Md. The Maryland case involved six black Secret Service agents assigned to guard President Clinton.

Court-approved administrators reviewing the claims have determined that 294,537 individuals deserve to share in the settlement, for allegations of racial discrimination at Denny's before May 24, 1994. C. Ronald Petty, the chain's president and chief executive officer, said Monday.

Checks for \$177.71 will be mailed to 158,483 claimants in the California case, while 135,996 petitioners in the second case will collect \$132.28.

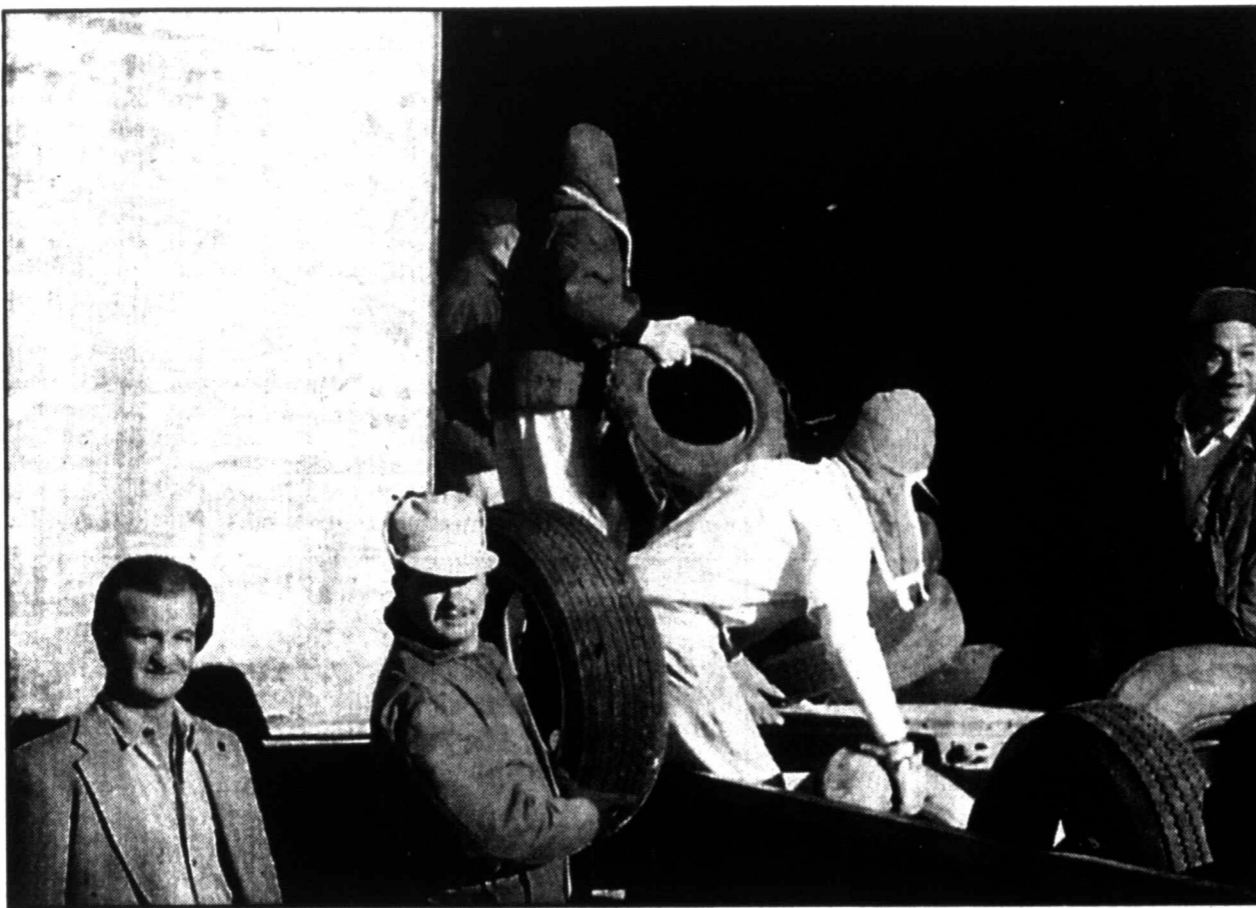
Rodney King hopes to meet with attackers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rodney King says he hopes to meet two of the former police officers who beat him when they finish serving time for violating his civil rights.

"I just think it would be healthy for me," King told Fox affiliate KTTV in an interview Monday night. "There's a lot of positive that can come out of it."

Laurence Powell was scheduled to be released from a halfway house on Wednesday, and Stacey Koon on Thursday. The U.S. Supreme Court is reviewing their sentences, which still could be extended.

Tire Amnesty Week



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Rufe Jordan Unit inmates Domingo Prieto, James Cartwright, Calvin King, Greg Cass and Bennie Boyd load a trailer with old tires brought to the Pampa landfill by Jackie Martindale, second from left. Martindale is hauling tires to the landfill for residents who cannot do it themselves during Tire Amnesty Week. The week, held in conjunction with the Jordan Unit, will hopefully prevent a number of tires being sent to the local landfill, Sanitation Superintendent Rick Stone said. He added that he anticipated between 3,000 and 5,000 tires by Saturday. The tires are being taken to Odessa for recycling by Safe Tire Disposal.

Man sentenced for killing wife's companion

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A 40-year-old man who tortured his estranged wife's companion for four hours before killing him, tying an anvil to his body and throwing him into Lake Worth has been convicted and sentenced to life in prison.

Gary Stanfield of Arlington must serve 40 years before he becomes eligible for parole. The sentence Monday by State District Judge Everett Young was automatic because prosecutors waived the death penalty in the slaying of Michael Barnes, 41.

"Of all the capital cases I've tried, I probably had more evi-

dence in this case than in any other that I could think of," Tarrant County Assistant District Attorney Mike Parrish said.

Stanfield's wife, Tanya, said she was sexually assaulted several times by her husband during the incident, which began last March 18 when he ambushed her and Barnes at Barnes' residence in Parker County.

Stanfield tormented Barnes for four hours, shooting him in the legs and in the head at close range, before tying an anvil to him and throwing him into Lake Worth, prosecutors said.

Tanya Stanfield, who was tied

to a bed by Stanfield during the incident, later flagged down a Tarrant County sheriff's deputy when her husband allowed her to go by herself to pick up her daughter from a previous marriage.

After the verdict, she wiped away tears and hugged family members as her husband was led out of the courtroom in shackles.

The eight-man, four-woman jury handed down the guilty verdict after 80 minutes of deliberation in which it requested to review a photograph of Tanya Stanfield's injuries and several fingerprint cards.

Study shows green grass means cool cash for the state

HOUSTON (AP) — Texans spent more than \$6 billion clipping, mowing and watering their grass.

According to a study by Texas A&M University, the state's turfgrass industry, which involves the business of maintaining grass, is flourishing.

The study found that \$4.13 billion was spent in 1993 to maintain turfgrass in the state. Adding other factors, including

expenses for state highway roadside maintenance, sod producers and unpaid labor, expenditures totaled more than \$6 billion.

"That's impressive, especially when compared to the \$11.8 billion spent by Texas farmers and ranchers that same year on other agricultural commodities," said Dr. Curtis Lard, an agricultural

economist for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station who helped do the study.

Single-family households — managers of 58 percent of the turfgrass in the state — spent \$2.55 billion to maintain their lawns, the study showed. That doesn't include the cost of family labor, Lard said.

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Inmate executed for slaying; he said devil ordered crime

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Clay Laird says he can forgive the killer of his mother but can't forgive a federal judge whose rules governing Texas prisons he believes allowed the parolee to commit the murder.

"The real person that murdered is still sitting over in Tyler, Texas," Laird said, his voice breaking Monday evening moments after Esequel Banda was put to death for killing Laird's mother, Merle, in 1986.

Laird said William Wayne Justice, a Tyler-based federal district judge, imposed population restrictions on crowded Texas prisons that enabled hundreds of inmates like Banda to be freed early.

"Quite frankly, I regard Willie Wayne Justice as a traitor to the state, a traitor to his neighbors," Laird said. "If I could have seen Mr. Justice strapped on that gurney, I would have shaken Mr. Banda's hand and opened the door for him. The real killer wasn't here tonight. I will never forgive Mr. Justice. I could forgive Mr. Banda."

Justice long has been regarded with disdain by some in Texas for his handling of controversial issues. Spurred by an inmate lawsuit filed in Justice's court, Texas eventually initiated a multi-billion-dollar prison construction program. Justice returned control of the prison system to state authorities in December 1992.

Banda in 1983 was given a four-year sentence for burglary and five years for auto theft. He

was paroled less than a year later but returned to prison as a parole violator after only three months.

In May 1986, he was freed under mandatory supervision, meaning his prison time and so-called "good time" earned while locked up equalled his sentence and his release was required by law to ease crowding. Mrs. Laird's death, during a break-in of her house, occurred 10 weeks later.

Banda on Monday was a volunteer for execution, firing his attorney last month and refusing appeals that authorities said almost certainly would have spared him at least for the immediate future.

"I think it was an expression of the dignity of his life, so he had the decision rather than the state," his former attorney, Randy Johnston, who witnessed the execution, said.

Banda would have turned 32 next week. He was condemned for the Aug. 3, 1986 rape, stabbing and strangulation of Mrs. Laird, a 74-year-old widow, at her home in Hamilton about 50 miles west of Waco.

According to prison records, Banda told friends he stabbed the woman and then sucked the blood that was coming from her mouth because he had sold his soul to the devil and that the devil had told him to kill six people.

Banda was the third inmate executed in Texas in six days and the sixth in the nation in the past week. At least eight of the 102 men put to death in Texas since capital punishment resumed in 1982 volunteered to die.

Transit van driver accused of rape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Over a period of several days in November, a van driver inappropriately touched a woman with Down's syndrome, then raped her, struck her and threatened her, according to a lawsuit filed in her behalf.

The lawsuit, filed on Monday, seeks \$10 million in punitive damages from VIA Metropolitan Transit and Star Shuttle, which

has an exclusive contract with VIA to help serve the disabled.

"VIA has an absolute duty to protect our mentally disabled citizens," said Michele Petty, attorney for the woman.

Star Shuttle president John Walker said his company did an investigation based on route logs and statements from other riders, but found no evidence of wrongdoing.

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Opinion

The trucking law battle heats up

The battle over Texas trucking laws, which go into effect on Dec. 15, continues to heat up.

Produce distributors, particularly those in the Rio Grande Valley, complain the added restrictions will make it too difficult for Mexican growers to bring their goods into the United States. Safety advocates insist the measures don't go far enough.

Groups like Citizens for Reliable and Safe Highways, which is based in San Francisco, say they will fight any efforts to ease legislation that has been enacted to better ensure safety on America's roadways.

Many people, particularly those who stand to benefit from increased truck traffic from Mexico and Canada, are lobbying to ease restrictions on the trucking industry, including new regulations in Texas that go into effect next month.

The new regulations stem from increased truck traffic coming from Mexico as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. The agreement opens U.S. highways to truck freight from Mexico and Canada, effective Dec. 18.

The debate over the trucking laws stems from the fact that U.S. regulations are more stringent than those of its two neighboring countries. Freight lines in Mexico and Canada may have to endure additional expense to make their vehicles comply with U.S. standards in order to take advantage of the new freedoms provided by NAFTA.

It's a balancing act on the border and Texas business interests have legitimate concerns about the negative effects the regulations might have. Some state business leaders and growers have called for a buffer zone near the border in which some laws would not apply. They say the cost of buying liability insurance and upgrading trucks to meet safety standards could be prohibitive for many Mexican truckers who bring produce and other goods into the United States for distribution.

A waiver of all regulations might not be wise. Texas motorists deserve the same efforts to ensure their safety as anyone else in the state. Mexican trucks should be held to reasonable safety standards as dialogue continues on the regulations.

Now that NAFTA effectively extends trucking throughout North America, officials should consider the possibility of streamlining some road standards and regulations in all three countries. Overland haulers would then not have the burden of learning three entirely different sets of rules.

Texas Gov. George Bush has offered a common-sense suggestion on this issue. He supports the extension of some existing provisions — such as the allowance of temporary registration and license plate waiver for foreign trucks. This seems appropriate since vehicles that only come into the United States a few days out of the year — and for only hours at a time — shouldn't be required to buy licensing for the whole year.

The same logic should apply to insurance coverage. The planned 72-hour minimum for trucker's insurance is excessive to those who cross into the state only to unload produce or merchandise, and then return to Mexico just a few hours later.

No one should be forced to buy insurance for which there is no need. Daily policies have been available for years to insure both vehicles coming into this country and going into Mexico. Such policies have proven popular and successful, and should remain available for those who don't need three-day coverage, including commercial vehicles.

People who have lost loved ones on Texas highways justifiably want the best assurances possible for drivers' safety. Those who fear that prohibitive regulations will hurt trade and increase consumer prices want as few restrictions as possible.

Officials should weigh arguments of each, and search for middle ground. The most prudent course is one that works toward ensuring both our safety and our freedoms.

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Is 'trash TV' civilization's enemy?

On my TV screen is a middle-aged white man in a dark suit commenting on some adolescent girls who have appeared on a talk show bragging about their abundant sexual experience. He inveighs against teen sex. He harks back to the days when "family, church and community" worked together to prevent such behavior. He says it is time to return to "old-fashioned morality."

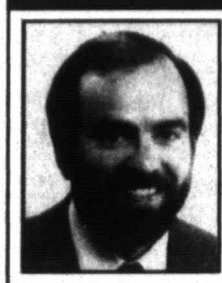
No, this is not Newt Gingrich denouncing trash TV. It is trash TV host Jerry Springer, concluding a show about "Wild Teens." His commentary couldn't sound more prim and proper if the Republican National Committee had written it.

Conservatives are currently on a crusade against Springer and Co. Former drug czar William Bennett, who heads the conservative group Empower America, has joined with Sen. Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.) in denouncing a number of daytime TV talk shows whose sordid topics allegedly promote "cultural rot." They argue that "men and women should not be celebrated when they debase themselves."

Gingrich went so far as to implicate these programs in the murder of a pregnant Illinois woman whose live baby was cut out of her womb. "We've had soap opera-like television shows where people get on and describe the most disgusting behaviors," he said recently, complaining that for two generations "we haven't had the guts to talk about right and wrong."

These talk shows may have many flaws, but a refusal to talk about right and wrong is not one of them. The critics assume that the shows invite people who have done disgusting and contemptible things in order to make them seem appealing and normal. In fact, they are invariably treated as prime examples of how not to behave.

Springer's segment on sexually active youngsters



Stephen Chapman

followed the well-worn script of a morality play. Several mothers came on to lament their daughters' habit of sleeping around; the young strumpets explained, with spectacular incompetence, why there was nothing wrong with it. Then, questions and comments came from people in the audience, who all made it plain they thought the girls should keep their knees together and listen to Mom.

Whenever one of the girls tried to defend herself, the crowd hooted. Whenever someone upbraided the girls, cheers erupted. Springer was concerned and fatherly, but his questions invariably began from the premise that these youngsters ought to have their heads examined.

That program was the norm, not the exception. These shows do often feature weird people who, as Bennett and Lieberman complain, "debase themselves" by admitting to shameful things on camera. But the hosts don't "celebrate" them — if anything, they try to embarrass them. Ricki Lake is regarded as one of the worst of the lot, but her recent segment on pregnant but promiscuous girls was titled "You're Pregnant... Stop Sleeping Around!" Her tone was as strait-laced as Springer's.

Obviously, these hosts are not in the business of moral crusading. They are mainly entertainers, and

they choose subjects designed to get attention — some of them sensational. But TV talk hosts are not exactly the first entertainers to dwell on illicit sex and dysfunctional families, which can be found in Shakespeare's plays, countless operas and most of the world's great and not-so-great novels.

Most people prefer to live non-sordid lives. But today as always, when they look for diversion, they generally want a little sex or violence, if not both. They may also want something strange. Carnivals used to have their freak shows, complete with bearded ladies, fire-eating dwarves and two-headed sheep. Many of the talk show guests are latter day freaks — people who engage in aberrant conduct and are willing to talk about it.

These programs satisfy our curiosity about matters outside our own experience, but they also let us reaffirm traditional mores by joining with the audience and the host in rejecting the sort of behavior being discussed. They serve as titillating, cautionary tales.

Maybe we would all live more upright lives if this stuff were not on TV. But conservatives forget that the collapse of values in those awful 1960s occurred despite the squeaky-clean popular entertainment of the time. If clean TV made for clean living, the *Leave It to Beaver* generation wouldn't have spent years wallowing in sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll.

Our lives and moral convictions have changed since the Eisenhower administration, and it should come as no surprise that our TV shows have changed as well. All the social ills cited by conservatives, however, emerged long before anyone had ever heard of Montel Williams or Sally Jessy Raphael. These shows may not make good TV. But if you want to find the source of our "cultural rot," you'll have to look elsewhere.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Dec. 12, the 346th day of 1995. There are 19 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 12, 1917, Father Edward Flanagan founded Boys Town outside Omaha, Neb.

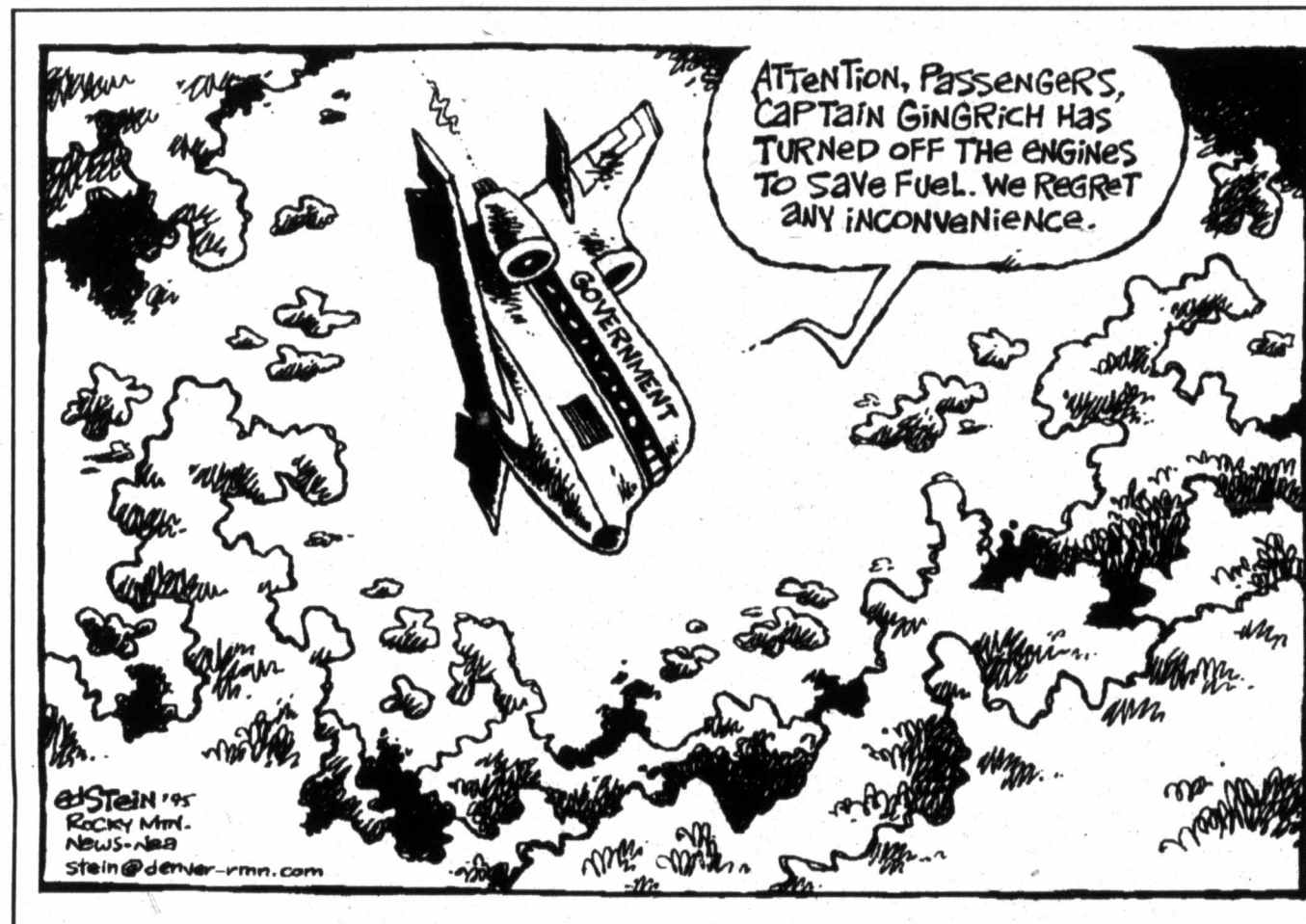
On this date:
In 1787, Pennsylvania became the second state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1870, Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina became the first black lawmaker sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In 1901, the first radio signal to cross the Atlantic was picked up near St. John's, Newfoundland, by inventor Guglielmo Marconi. (The signal was transmitted from a point some 2,000 miles away.)

In 1913, authorities in Florence, Italy, announced that the "Mona Lisa," stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris in 1911, had been recovered.

In 1925, the first motel — the "Motel Inn" — opened in San Luis Obispo, Calif.



Judges have power to nullify votes

It's funny how people characterized the temporary shutdown of the government as everything from a train wreck to a farce.

Actually, it was perfectly normal. The government, in that instance, was working exactly the way the Constitution intended it to work.

Our forefathers deliberately created three separate and independent branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial — for the specific purpose of their acting as a check on each other.

There is nothing in the Constitution that says or even implies that Congress and the president must agree on anything except obeying the Constitution. That document gives Congress the responsibility for the nation's purse strings, now commonly referred to as the budget. It gives the president the authority to veto a specific piece of legislation. It gives Congress the authority to override the president's veto by a two-thirds vote of each house.

Thus, Republicans are quite correct in insisting on their budget plans and if they had enough votes to override a veto, which they don't, there would be no need to compromise at all.

In recent years, it has become customary for the president to submit a proposed budget to Congress, but it is not required that Congress pay any attention to it. The president has no legislative function. He can only execute the laws passed by

Charley Reese

Congress. The notion that Congress and the president ought to be lovey-dovey and do everything with promptness and efficiency is a contemporary notion dreamed up by people who are fundamentally socialist and more interested in economics than in liberty.

The inefficiencies built into the American system of government by its founders were put there to protect liberty, which to them, was the only purpose for having a government in the first place. They also viewed government as the most likely abuser of liberty. That's why they put so many monkey wrenches into the basic plan. The less efficient government is, the less likely it is to abuse the liberty of the people. The more government is at war with itself, the more unlikely it is to be at war with the people.

The men who wrote the Constitution did not see government as the people's banker, doctor, business partner, father-confessor, social worker, employer, pension-payer and all-around counselor and ruler. They saw the duty of government

as simply to maintain order and to protect the liberties of the people.

The modern view of Big Mamma Nanny Goat government arose with the administration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, which began the job of dismantling the Republic created by the Constitution. They dismantled it by twisting the words of the Constitution to mean whatever the current politicians wanted it to mean. Thomas Jefferson was prophetic in predicting that the usurpation of the people's rights would come from the federal judiciary, a process which continues to this day.

Whenever the people, either by public initiative or through the actions of their elected officials, do something the centralized power hogs don't like, a federal judge declares it null and void.

But this practice of federal judges nullifying the democratic process is not in the Constitution. It contains no doctrine of judicial nullification. The practice is an outright usurpation of power.

By preventing the people from reforming their government, federal judges have rendered local and state governments virtually powerless.

We should amend the Constitution to force their reconfirmation every six years and to explicitly limit their jurisdiction and powers. Otherwise, voting will become an exercise of self delusion.

Wake up and smell the navy bean soup

The Curmudgeon has been occupied lately with trying to figure out what his column ought to smell like.

Put down your pens, critics and Philistines. I'm talking about food smells here — like the Magic Scents Crayola crayons that kids were eating because they had the odor of coconut, licorice and chocolate. I think it would be neat to write a column that smelled so delicious people would want to eat it. I have heard from a few readers who regularly chew it up and spit it out, but I don't think they do it for the nutritional value.

The Curmudgeon will ponder it. Meanwhile, your inquiries:

Dear Curmudgeon: What do you make of the latest Newt Gingrich flap? The House Speaker said he and Bob Dole closed down the government in part because Bill Clinton ignored them on an Air Force One flight for Israel. Is he also blaming this ruckus on the "socialists" in the newsrooms? — *William in Wichita*

Dear WNW: He implied it was the media's fault by denying he said what he said, but it didn't wash because his comments were taped. Several of his political buddies tried to claim his words were "taken out of context." And Newt's spokesman said reporters ignored the real story, which was the GOP's admirable effort to balance the budget. Clearly, in the interests of truth and accuracy, the media should let pobs edit their own remarks.

Dear Curmudgeon: Another Jesse Helms story for your file: Old cottonmouth is so fond of holding up ambassadorial nominations that he even



Joseph Spear

held up the appointment of a former Senate colleague, James Sasser of Tennessee, to be the U.S. envoy to China. Jesse said Sasser was a "nice guy, but I'm not sure he knows a chopstick from a tuning fork." — *Ralph in Raleigh*

Dear RNR: This comes from a man, mind you, who once referred to North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il as "Kim Jong Two" and introduced Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto as the "distinguished prime minister of India." Old Jes is a nice guy, but he probably thinks Panama was named after the hat.

Dear Curmudgeon: I heard that Jimmy Carter has a new book out with a weird title. What is it? — *Dallas in Dallas*

Dear Dallas: It's a children's book, written with his daughter Amy and based on stories he used to tell his children about a sea monster. It's called *The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleeger*. I hear there have been numerous complaints from bookstore customers who thought they were buying his memoirs.

Dear Curmudgeon: Did you read about the

baby cougar that bit Newt? I'm serious. A zoo director from Ohio brought a bunch of animals to the Capital, and Newt picked up the cougar and it took a nip out of one of Newt's chins. — *Colleen in Columbus*

Dear CNC: Damn socialist cats.

Dear Curmudgeon: Did you know that officials at a Miami courthouse have created a "Voodoo Squad" to clean up dead chickens and entrails after the trials of Cubans and Haitians who call on their gods for help? I think you need something like this up in Washington to clean up the blood after Newt and Bill and the rest have one of their fights. — *Mimi in Miami*

Dear MNM: We have something similar already. We call it the Doodoo Squad.

Dear Curmudgeon: I am deeply chagrined by the results of the recent Education Department survey which showed that 60% of American high school students lack even a basic knowledge of our own history. — *Barbara in Boston*

Dear BNB: As a college teacher myself, I am not surprised. I quizzed a class the other day about politics and found six students who think Newt is a salamander, four who think Bob Dole grows pineapples, three who think Richard Lugar is a pistol and one who thinks Phil Gramm is a metric measurement.

Going back to the beginning, I'm kind of leaning toward a beef jerky smell. You know — tough, chewy and full of protein.

My wife says the column should have the aroma of navy bean soup. She didn't say why, and I don't care to pursue it.

Flag vote anticipated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is casting a crucial vote on what could become the 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a measure giving Congress the power to prohibit physical desecration of the flag.

The vote scheduled for late today was expected to be close, with supporters saying they had the two-thirds majority, or 66 senators, needed for approval, but opponents saying it was too close to call.

The House last June approved, 312-120, a broader amendment that gives both Congress and the states the power to determine what is unlawful desecration of the national symbol.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chief sponsor of the amendment, deleted reference to the states Monday in a bid to overcome objections that the states would enact conflicting laws. "We have made a major concession" to help pick up the needed votes, he said.

Hatch's new version reads: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

If the Senate adopts that language, the House and Senate will have to work out a final version in a conference committee.

Congress has proposed more than 10,000 amendments since the Constitution went into effect in 1789, but only 27 have been ratified. The Bill of Rights comprises the first 10.

The 26th Amendment, passed in 1971, lowered the voting age to 18. The 27th, stating that at least one election must take place before congressional pay raises go into effect, was ratified in 1992, more than 200 years after Congress proposed it as part of the original Bill of Rights.

House swallowed by giant sink-hole

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The skies opened up and so did the ground, as a busted sewer line blasted enough water to carve out a house-swallowing sinkhole as deep as a 10-story building.

In an exclusive neighborhood overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, a home slithered down into the gaping hole Monday and dozens more were evacuated. Two homes were teetering on the brink of the hole early today.

No one was injured; the owners were apparently on vacation.

A neighbor's garage, a huge palm and a chunk of the street also dropped into the hole. At least 25 other houses in the swanky Sea Cliff neighborhood were evacuated, including the childhood home of photographer Ansel Adams, which was built in 1902.

The city was trying to stabilize the Adams house, owner Peter Winkelstein said. He and his wife, Barbara, were staying with a neighbor.

Driving rains hampered efforts to shore up the threatened homes and plug the broken sewer line that burst with extra runoff, officials said. Crews placed sandbags and plastic tarp on the sides of the hole, while water was diverted into other sewers before reaching the broken pipe.

Pampa Middle School Art Show



Pampa Middle School art students will have their work on display throughout the school tonight. Here, sixth grade artists pose underneath a row of paintings, including, front, Ryan Bradley, Desiree Vigil and A.J. Smith, and back, Andrew West, Jessica Burns and Nicki Gallagher. The show will be held 6-8 p.m., with the public invited to drop by and view the art works.

Pastor, wife acquitted in child sex trial

WATERVILLE, Wash. (AP) — It began with the ugliest of accusations — a pastor and his wife holding orgies with children in the church.

It ended with acquittals, sobs of joy and a federal probe into whether youngsters were coerced into making it all up.

"I've said all along, we're not guilty and we're not guilty," Connie Roberson, clutching a prayer shawl and a Bible, said after she and unordained Pentecostal Pastor Robert Roberson were cleared Monday.

The Robersons contended the charges were in retaliation for their criticism of investigators' motives and methods in a larger investigation of what authorities say are two child-sex rings in the Wenatchee area that have operated since 1988. Twenty-eight people have been charged.

It's a controversy that has split this central Washington town of 35,000 residents.

On one side are those who say they believe dozens of children have been raped. On the other are those who say a rogue police officer

and obsessed social workers created a sexual hysteria, bullying adults into confessions and coaxing children into accusations, in part, through "recovered memory" therapy.

A few children — including one who testified at the Robersons' trial — said they didn't initially remember the abuse, then recalled details while in therapy.

Gov. Mike Lowry asked the Justice Department to review the case. Department officials said they have finished, but have not said what their investigators recommended.

Roberson, 50, and his wife, 46, could each have faced up to 20 years in prison if convicted on charges of child rape and molestation.

The jury heard 53 witnesses during the three-week trial, including a 13-year-old girl who said children were taken into the basement of the East Wenatchee Pentecostal Church of God House of Prayer and ordered by Roberson to undress before they were tied up and raped.

At least four children that the

girl listed as participants testified they never encountered any sexual activity at the church or the Robersons' home.

Three children testified that they had been sexually abused by the Robersons. But seven children and seven adults, all of whom attended the church, testified that no sexual activity occurred there.

Medical experts testified that at least one girl showed some evidence of sexual abuse, but interpretations varied on the other children.

The defendants claimed the prosecutions were based on testimony from a girl whose foster father was the lead detective in many of the cases. Wenatchee police Detective Bob Perez was in a meeting Monday and could not be reached for comment.

"We're disappointed," Douglas County Prosecutor Steve Clem said after the verdicts. "Child sex abuse cases are probably the hardest ones to prosecute. You usually have a child as the only witness ... and adults testifying that the abuse never happened."

Questions arise over regent's assistance

LUBBOCK (AP) — Red Raider athletes who run afoul of the law have turned to Texas Tech regent John C. Sims, an attorney with expertise in banking and transportation, since at least 1988.

"Tech is a love of life for me," Sims said when Gov. Ann Richards named him to the university's governing board four years ago.

Now a weekend report in the *Houston Chronicle* has raised questions about whether players paid for the legal advice from the law firm Sims, Kidd, Hubbert & Wilson.

Interviews and documents examined by the *Chronicle* indicated a practice of providing free legal assistance to athletes. In criminal matters — from rape to traffic tickets — more than a dozen current and former Tech athletes have been represented by Sims or his firm's one-time associate, Marta Rosas Mahoney, the newspaper said.

Former Lubbock County district attorney Travis Ware said his office encountered Tech athletes five

or six times during his tenure from 1986-1994.

"The same attorneys always represented them. It was always John Sims or Marta Rosas," Ware said last week. "The only question mark I ever had about any of this was whether he did this pro bono for the athletes. I always wondered who was paying for the legal fees."

Sims, the vice chairman of the Tech regents, told the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* that he never represented any athlete for free.

He did not return a telephone call Monday. "I'm not making any comments about that," Ms. Mahoney said.

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules allow an attorney to work pro bono for players only if the attorney also provides such service for other needy students.

Deniece Jones, attorney for students at Tech, maintains a referral list of about 80 attorneys who indicate their availability to work for students, possibly for a reduced fee or on a payment plan.

Candidates to state opinion of hog lots

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential hopefuls campaigning in Iowa have staked out their views on taxes and welfare and abortion and, of course, big hog lots.

Big hog lots?

"It's hotter than a pistol in Iowa," said Marty Strange, of the Center for Rural Affairs in Walthill, Neb. "From a rural perspective, it's probably a more dramatic issue than anything we've seen in a long, long time."

For most of urban and even suburban America, the closest brush with pig production comes at the breakfast table and worries about the waistline.

But Iowa — the biggest pork producing state and home to about a quarter of the nation's hogs — is going hog wild over the issue of big, factory-size pig farms.

Another big industry in the state is a round of leadoff caucuses that launch the presidential nominating season in February. This year, in addition to their stands on Bosnia or abortion, GOP candidates in Iowa are being forced to confront changes in pork production that shatter any quaint notions of Grant Wood-style rural America.

In search of the efficiencies of scale, hogs are being raised — not in the backyard lot — but in huge, computerized buildings that can house as many as 50,000 animals and are often owned by giant companies like Premium Standard Farms.

"It's an issue in a lot of states," said Strange. "In Iowa the pork industry is not only so big, it's everywhere in the state. It permeates the economy throughout the state."

With thousands of animals under one roof, the potential for trouble is

clear. Industry backers refer to one byproduct as "organic nutrients," while critics are less kind. Thousands of gallons of animal waste is produced, spread on nearby farmland and stored in big lagoons.

Odors can waft for miles, and there have already been instances where millions of gallons of waste have found their way into rivers and streams.

That's ignited a political debate pitting environmentalists against livestock interests and big farmers against small farmers. Protesters at one point briefly chained themselves across an entrance road to one construction site in a 1960s-style demonstration.

"There seems to be a proliferation of the facilities, so it's coming up across the state," said Iowa Republican Chairman Brian Kennedy.

The prominence of the issue was highlighted at a convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, the state's largest farm organization. Six of the GOP contenders addressed that overwhelmingly Republican group, and all were forced to grapple with the issue.

"They're not really farms at all," said commentator Pat Buchanan. "They're giant factories. They're giant corporations."

Significantly in that generally conservative group, the only spontaneous applause came when Buchanan attacked factory farms.

But most presidential hopefuls are more circumspect. Former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander says he'd simply leave the issue up to the states to decide, while Texas Sen. Phil Gramm said he wants no part of telling farmers how many pigs they can raise.

Slain model was sexually assaulted, asphyxiated

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nightmarish as their ordeal has already been, the parents of a slain model learned through autopsy reports that their daughter was legally drunk, sexually assaulted and asphyxiated.

"The nights are rough," said Linda Sobek's father, Robert. "You wake up sometimes and that's all you can think about is your daughter. You can't go to sleep a lot of times."

The Los Angeles County medical examiner's office on Monday released some of the findings from the autopsy and officially ruled Sobek's death a homicide.

Photographer Charles Rathbun, who has said he accidentally ran over Sobek during a shoot, has been charged with murder. He led authorities to her body in the Angeles National Forest on Nov. 24, claiming that he panicked and buried her.

Tests revealed that Sobek's blood alcohol level was .13 percent. A driver is considered legally drunk in California with a .08 percent level.

The autopsy found that Sobek was "sexually assaulted prior to her death." Coroner spokesman Scott Carrier refused to elaborate.

"I don't know the nature of the sexual assault," he told reporters. He would not discuss why authorities portrayed it as an

assault rather than consensual sex.

The autopsy confirmed reports that Sobek died due to asphyxiation as a result of pressure on the neck and body. "It's consistent with somebody sitting on somebody or somebody laying on somebody," Carrier said.

Sobek family lawyer Joe Moch told reporters Monday night that he doubted the coroner's blood alcohol findings and was "disheartened and displeased" that such details were made public. Sobek didn't drink heavily, according to those who knew her.

Sobek, 27, a former Los Angeles Raiders cheerleader, left her Hermosa Beach apartment on Nov. 16 for a freelance modeling assignment and never returned. Her body was exhumed from a shallow grave in the remote San Gabriel Mountains, 25 miles north of Los Angeles.

Rathbun, 38, has pleaded innocent to murder and is being held on \$1 million bail. He twice tried to commit suicide, once shortly before his arrest and again while in jail.

Rathbun's lawyer also criticized the coroner's report.

"How can Charles Rathbun get a fair trial, when the coroner is whipping up hysteria in a totally inappropriate manner," attorney Mark Werksman said.



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Christmas food drive participants



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

Austin Elementary students Alan Arzola, Max Simon, Brian Watts and Angie Williams pose with the more than 1,800 food items brought in during the school's Christmas food drive held in conjunction with The Salvation Army. Watts and Williams are fifth graders in Sara Carmichael's home room class, the class that brought in the most food. Simon is in Kathy Flume's fifth grade class, the second place class; Arzola is in Lori Wilson's fourth grade class, third place.

Utah congresswoman refuses to resign, prepares to face grand jury investigation

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Now that Rep. Enid Greene Waldholtz's tearful explanation of her tangled personal and campaign finances is behind her, she must make another accounting — this time before a grand jury.

The freshman Republican's 4 1/2-hour news conference Monday could serve as a trial run to testimony she expects to give a federal grand jury in Washington on Thursday.

Assuming her account is the same, it will do her estranged husband, Joseph Waldholtz, no good. For Mrs. Waldholtz's story is one of love betrayed by a common husband with no scruples.

"We have been subpoenaed and we plan to testify," said Mrs. Waldholtz's lawyer, Charles

Roistacher. "We are not a target." The grand jury was assembled following a federal investigation into a \$1.7 million check-kiting scheme involving two of the couple's bank accounts.

The congresswoman maintains the husband she married in 1993 duped her with lies and forgeries, and may have embezzled tens of thousands of dollars from her 1992, 1994 and 1996 campaigns while working as her unpaid treasurer. She also claims he stole more than \$4 million from her father.

"I loved Joe Waldholtz and trusted him with all my heart," she said through tears. "I now know from the past four weeks that the person I loved and trusted never existed."

Mrs. Waldholtz, 37, said she won't resign from Congress because she didn't do anything wrong. She said she hasn't decided whether to seek re-election.

"I believe I was tricked. I don't believe I was negligent," she said.

It was an extraordinary bid to save her career, from a congresswoman whose integrity had been questioned by even her most ardent supporters. Recent polls also found a majority of voters doubted her earlier claims of innocence — which had been made only in news releases.

While she got high marks for the way she handled herself, many predicted the marathon performance won't put to rest nagging questions.

FDA panel recommends ultrasound to detect breast cancer

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Women may soon be offered a powerful ultrasound exam to try to tell without surgery if lumps in their breasts are cancerous or just benign growths.

Advanced Technology Laboratories contends its High-Definition Imaging, or HDI, ultrasound will cut by 40 percent the 700,000 breast biopsies performed every year.

Scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration weren't sure the number would be that high. But they unanimously agreed Monday that HDI was 99

percent accurate in helping doctors diagnose benign lumps so that women could safely skip a biopsy. The panel urged the FDA to approve HDI ultrasound.

Added Dr. Brian Garra of Georgetown University: "It went against the grain of prevailing medical opinion," but clearly worked.

The FDA is not bound by advisory panel decisions but usually follows them.

Some 182,000 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed every year after a biopsy, while

hundreds of thousands of other biopsies discover benign growths. Doctors want to cut the number of unnecessary biopsies, to save women anxiety, pain and money. A biopsy, an outpatient surgical procedure, costs \$2,500, while ultrasound costs \$75 to \$300, Seattle-based ATL said.

State briefs

Restaurant employees lose three weeks' pay

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — With Christmas only two weeks away employees of four Kettle Restaurants in San Antonio have lost three weeks' pay in an ownership shuffle.

The employees also lost money because the shuffle caused the restaurants to be closed two days last week.

It all started when Kettle Restaurants Inc., based in Houston, took possession of the San Antonio restaurants that were being operated by S.S.J. Inc. under a franchise agreement with the Kettle corporation, employees said.

Also affected were Kettle restaurants that S.S.J. operated in the Central Texas towns of Killeen and Copperas Cove. The six restaurants employ about 100 people.

Fire forces evacuation of Fort Worth stockyards

FORT WORTH (AP) — Crews today were to begin vacuuming up possibly contaminated water used to help put out a five-alarm fire that destroyed two old pesticide warehouses and caused at least 16 people to be treated for exposure to possibly toxic smoke.

At least 16 people, including 13 police officers, were taken to local hospitals for smoke inhalation. They were expected to be treated and released, authorities said Monday night.

The blaze at the abandoned buildings began at dusk and quickly prompted five alarms when it was discovered that the north Fort Worth warehouses once contained pesticides.

About 500 people from the historic Stockyards area and nearby neighborhoods were evacuated as winds spread a thick cloud of apparently toxic smoke.

Report: Texas spends less on adult literacy

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas spends dramatically less on teaching illiterate and under-educated adults than other states, according to a report by a State Board of Education task force.

The report was presented to a conference of teachers, supervisors and directors of education programs for adults, the homeless and children from low-income families.

Texas, ranked No. 2 in the United States in the number of under-educated adults, allocates \$9 million annually to the Texas Education Agency for adult education and literacy services, the report said.

California, with the highest number of under-educated adults, appropriated \$450 million for the 1995-96 fiscal year.

Massacre suspect saw black, white and red

NEW YORK (AP) — In a world of racial gray areas, Roland Smith saw only black, white and, in the end, red.

The white man, Smith apparently thought, had tried to make him fight for a colonialist cause in Vietnam. The white man had driven Smith and other black vendors from Harlem's main thoroughfare, 125th Street. And, most recently, the white man was cheating blacks out of jobs and retail space in a store on the same busy street.

Smith, a 51-year-old black laborer and handyman, chose the Jewish-owned store as the place to settle the score, police said Monday.

A crazed Smith burst into Freddy's Fashion Mart on Friday. He let black people out before shooting fleeing whites, setting the place ablaze and shooting himself to death. Seven others were killed in the fire.

Cruel ironies rose from the ashes:

—Though it appears Smith tried to spare his own race in the attack, the fire killed a young black security guard, along with five Hispanic women and a dark-skinned Guyanese man, all store employees. The men he shot — the store's Jewish manager, two white construction workers and a dark-skinned Guyanese guard — survived.

—Not only was the burned building owned by a black Pentecostal church, but it was the church that had asked the owner of Freddy's, Fred Harari, to evict his longtime subtenant, a black-owned record store. The eviction

effort led to a boycott that attracted Smith — first as a demonstrator, later as a killer.

—Smith's apartment in the Bronx had gone up in flames two weeks before the Harlem massacre. Lost in the suspicious fire were Smith's collection of African and political literature, his poems, his diaries and his scant peace of mind, said Glen Stupart, a close friend for more than two decades.

"He lamented on the burned house," Stupart, 65, told the *Daily News*. "He told me to let him go on with his life. ... He never spoke like that to me before. I knew there was something very wrong."

At his Bronx apartment Monday, Stupart declined to talk to a reporter from The Associated Press.

Smith's fuse was lit in the 1960s, when he first began butting heads with authorities. In 1966, he was arrested for gun possession in New York City.

A year later in Philadelphia, as a 23-year-old, he was sentenced to four years in federal prison for resisting the draft during the Vietnam War.

"I deny my citizenship," Smith told a federal judge at his sentencing in 1967. "I, my people, and my race are treated like slaves here."

Shortly after his release from prison, Smith landed a job as a custodian in a Bronx building where Stupart ran an electronics store. The pair developed a close friendship based on a love of Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto* and of books about African and black American heritage.

UCLA regains ownership of Stradivarius

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In 1967, a college musician borrowed an \$800,000 Stradivarius violin and lost it from his car while riding between a liquor store and a restaurant.

It was found last year, but it wasn't until Monday that the question of who owned the 263-year-old instrument — named the Duke of Alcantara after an

obscure Spanish nobleman — was settled.

The University of California, Los Angeles, agreed to pay Teresa Salvato \$11,500 for the famed violin, one of 1,200 handcrafted by Antonio Stradivari.

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World briefs

More than 220,000 Belarussians affected by Chernobyl

MINSK, Belarus (AP) — Almost a quarter of Belarus remains contaminated by radiation from the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, a government report has found.

The report issued Monday said more than 220,000 Belarussians have suffered physical ailments as a result of the 1986 explosion — the worst commercial nuclear power accident in history.

Belarus' Emergency Situations Ministry said the number of cases of leukemia, thyroid cancers and tumors in the former Soviet republic is still climbing, a direct result of the disaster in neighboring Ukraine.

In Ukraine, doctors have also reported increases in thyroid and other cancers in children. Last spring, Ukraine's Health Ministry said more than 125,000 people had died by 1994 as a result of the accident.

Official Soviet accounts put the number of deaths at 32, mainly plant operators and firefighters who were exposed to heavy doses of radiation immediately after the nuclear plant exploded and caught fire.

The new Belarussian report found that the worst contamination is along Belarus' southern border with Ukraine, an area with 1.8 million people, the Interfax news agency said.

Town of Christ's youth to get facelift

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — Nazareth, the Galilee town where Jesus spent his youth, is undergoing an ambitious facelift aimed at making it into a major pilgrimage site for the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus' birth.

Over the next four years, the government will invest \$100 million to widen streets, renovate the old market and preserve scores of 19th-century homes that will be turned into cafes and hotels.

"Today, about half of the tourists who come to Israel visit Nazareth, but they stay here for only a few hours visiting the historical and religious sites," Mayor Ramez Jarrisi said during a tour of Nazareth, Israel's largest Arab city.

The city's main site is the Church of the Annunciation, commemorating the spot where Christians believe the angel Gabriel told Mary she would give birth to Jesus.

The "Nazareth 2000" project, devised last year, will add over 3,000 hotel rooms to the existing 600 and develop attractions to keep visitors busy "for a few days at least," Jarrisi said.

About 2 million tourists currently visit Israel each year.

Peres strengthens ties with Clinton, Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres is strengthening ties to the Clinton administration, Congress and American Jews as he tries to build a coalition to support territorial concessions to Syria in exchange for a peace accord.

The reviews so far are glowing. President Clinton called Peres a visionary on Monday, and Jewish leaders are praising his campaign to heal a rift among American Jews over the wisdom of trading land for Arab recognition.

"Peace is our mission," Clinton said after a two-hour meeting with Peres Monday at the White House. The president renewed a pledge to minimize any risks Israel takes in making peace with the Arabs.

American Jewish leaders gave Peres high marks.

"I think Shimon Peres will enjoy quite strong support from the American Jewish community," said David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee. "He's known and respected. He's a very effective communicator."

Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said American Jews want to show their solidarity with the Israeli government. "Even those who may not agree with a particular policy are coming together in the wake of the tragedy" of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, he said.

Rabin was slain by an ardent opponent of his strategy of giving up land that many Jews consider to be part of Biblical Israel. Peres, as foreign minister, was a key architect of that policy.

Now, as prime minister, Peres refuses to make a public commitment to give up the Golan Heights, the key Syrian demand. But his chief negotiator, Itamar Rabinovich, is promising significant concessions, and Secretary of State Warren Christopher is going to the Middle East on Friday to find out what Syria would give in return.

The land-for-peace formula brought Israel peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan as well as accords with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which is taking control of most of the West Bank. But it has also divided the Israeli public and American supporters, and there is fierce opposition to returning to Syria all of the Golan Heights, a strategic border enclave.

Peres is meeting today with key members of Congress, addressing a joint meeting of the House and Senate and holding a news conference.

The assassination of Rabin is a "fundamental new reality" that may spur Syria to make peace with Israel, Clinton said Monday. "The atmosphere is better than it was before."

But Peres, declining to promise a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, said peace with Syria cannot be reduced to a single issue. "We were talking about the Syrian-Israeli peace process in its totality," he said.

Clinton conferred with Syrian President Hafez Assad on the telephone for 20 minutes between a formal Oval Office meeting and a lunch with Peres.

"President Assad told me he was committed to do his best to move the peace process forward," Clinton said.

Committee focuses on three of Vincent Foster's files plus confidential meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drawing on two themes — Vincent Foster's files and a confidential Whitewater meeting — the Senate Whitewater Committee is finding the focus it has been searching for since its hearings began.

Committee chairman Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., characterized as "a smoking gun" the fact that four months after Foster's death in July 1993, three files belonging to the deputy White House counsel turned up in the custody of the Clintons' personal attorney, David Kendall.

Kendall got the files two weeks after a Nov. 5, 1993 meeting in his office for which President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, are invoking attorney-client privilege. The participants were four White House aides and three personal attorneys for the Clintons.

A committee subpoena demands that notes of one of the participants be turned over to the Senate by 5 p.m. EST today. Once the deadline passes, the committee and the full Senate could vote to enforce the subpoena, which would set the stage for a court battle.

The three Foster files at the center of Monday's hearing outline the involvement of Mrs. Clinton's Little Rock, Ark., law firm with

the failed savings and loan owned by the Clintons' partners in the Whitewater real estate venture. The files weren't on any inventory taken of Foster's White House office contents after his death.

Kendall suggested the files had been in the custody of then-Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell since the 1992 presidential campaign, and never went to the White House.

But that didn't deter D'Amato, who said they might have been in Foster's office. He vowed to find out for sure where they'd been at the time of Foster's shooting death, which was ruled a suicide.

The three files, released by Kendall and the White House after Monday's hearing, detail the efforts of the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock — on behalf of its client Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan — to persuade state regulators in Arkansas that the S&L was in sound financial condition.

Madison wanted to sell its own stock and become a broker in other stocks.

As of Dec. 27, 1985, the plan for Madison Guaranty appeared to be on course, with the Rose Law Firm sending a Madison executive an application for reg-

istration as a broker dealer. Federal bank examiners entered the institution in early 1986 and the plan never went forward.

A series of letters to state regulators, one of them referencing Mrs. Clinton as a contact, came from Rose Law Firm lawyers, Madison executives and the S&L's auditing firm. The correspondence attested to the financial soundness of Madison and promoted the plan to deal in stocks.

Less than a year later, federal regulators had kicked the Clintons' Whitewater partners out of the institution because it was on the edge of insolvency. It eventually failed.

On Monday, committee Republicans zeroed in on inconsistencies in testimony by Mrs. Clinton's chief of staff and another of the Clintons' personal lawyer in the handling of Foster's files.

Attorney Robert Barnett said that in the presence of chief of staff Margaret Williams, he did a quick review of 24 file folders of Foster's papers seven days after Foster's death. Williams said she didn't recall being present during Barnett's review, which took place in the White House family residence.

Father responds to burglar alarm, daughter killed

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP) — A man responding to a burglar alarm in his home shot and killed his daughter as she was hiding in a closet playing hooky. Sheree Abner, 16, a high school sophomore, was shot once in the chest Monday. Police were leaving it up to a grand jury to decide whether her father, Samuel Walker, 39, should be charged.

Walker, a house painter who was working about a mile away, was called to his home in this Houston suburb after a security company reported that the burglar alarm had been tripped. He grabbed his gun in the house after finding his front door unlocked, police said.

"As the homeowner checked the house, he opened an upstairs closet," police Sgt. Gerald Broussard said. "He opened the door, saw movement, saw something in there and just reacted with the weapon."

At the time of the shooting, Walker was on a

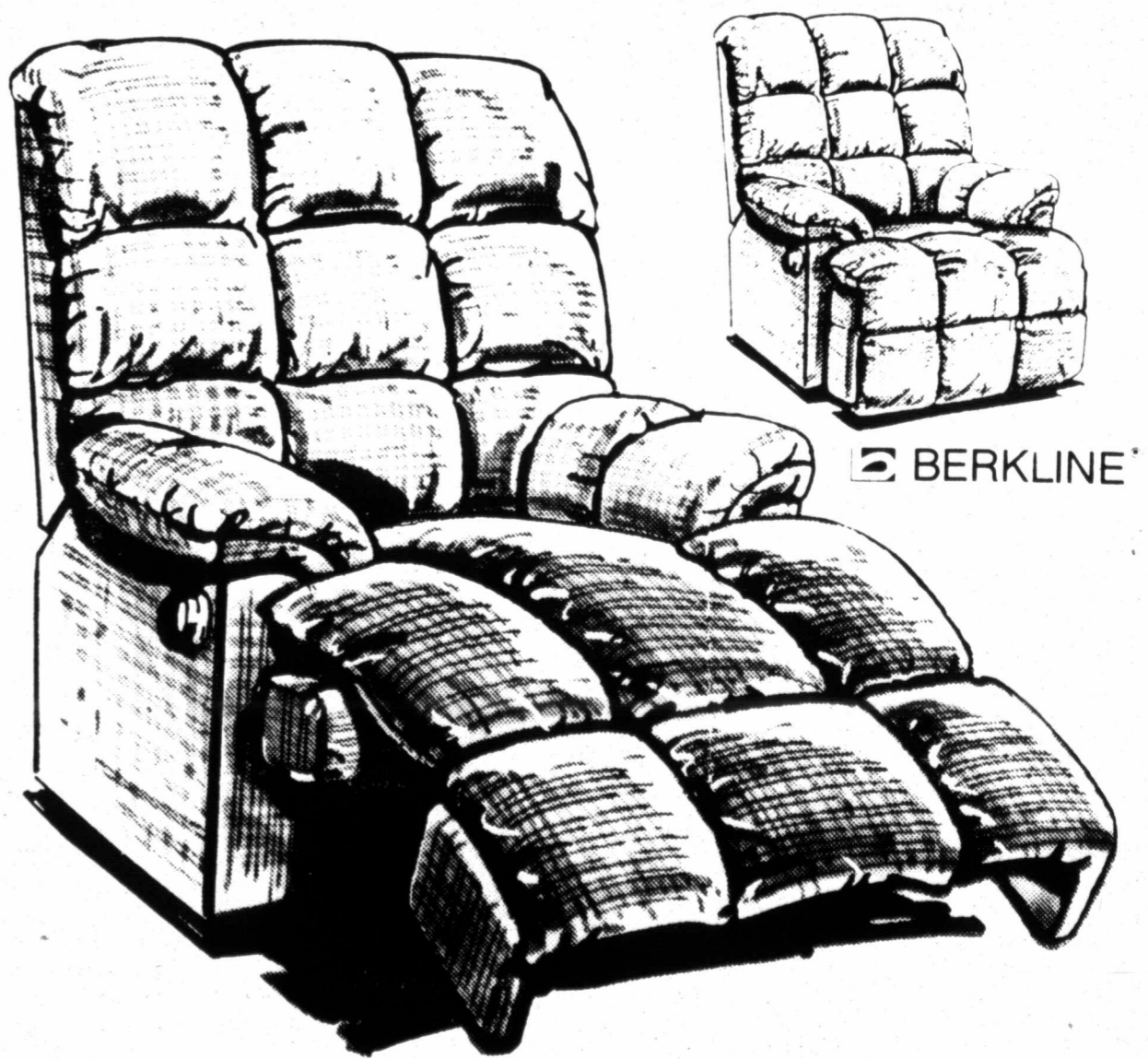
portable phone talking to his wife, Linda. "He screamed something to the effect, 'My God, I've shot Sheree!' into the phone," Detective Roy Smith said.

The shooting came a week after a similar case in the Fort Worth suburb of Saginaw, when a man shot his teenage daughter outside his bedroom door after mistaking her for a prowler.

Sharon Hegwood, 15, remained in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the stomach, and police said James Hegwood's shooting appeared to be accidental.

In November 1994 in West Monroe, La., 14-year-old Matilda Kaye Crabtree jumped out of a closet and surprised her father by shouting "Boo!" Her father reacted with a fatal gunshot. The shooting was ruled accidental and Robert Crabtree was not charged.

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Parents With Soft Touch Must Get Tough With Kids' Debts

DEAR ABBY: Please give me your opinion of adult children who borrow money from their parents but don't pay it back. The money was loaned to them with the understanding that it was to be repaid.

These are adult "kids" with steady jobs, but they have made no effort to repay us.

I have dropped many hints, but it has done no good whatsoever. Do these kids think that because they borrow money from their parents, they don't have to repay it?

MOM AND POP

DEAR MOM AND POP: If you've let them get away with it in the past, they probably do. And without an IOU, you have no recourse.

Parents should never lend money to adult children without asking them to sign an IOU. This protects the parents' interests and serves as an important reminder that the "kids" are obligated to repay the loan. It also instills a sense of financial responsibility for young adults that will serve them well.

However, a signed IOU may not be sufficient if the parents are a couple of "softies" — as I suspect you are.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother and my family are having a difference of opinion.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

A girl in my high school — I'll call her Betsy — is 7 1/2 months pregnant. She's 17 years old and plans to keep the child. The father-to-be will accept no responsibility for the baby.

Betsy's mother is having a baby shower to which many of Betsy's high school friends are invited — myself included.

My grandmother believes it is improper to hold a baby shower for an unwed mother. My family disagrees.

What do you think? If you print this, sign me ...

QUESTIONING

DEAR QUESTIONING: I wholeheartedly disagree with your grandmother. A baby conceived out of wedlock has no less need for clothing, blankets, diapers, bottles, etc., so why deprive the infant because the mother is not married?

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Playing second fiddle will not suit you today. Anyone who attempts to usurp your authority will discover this very quickly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Bold tactics might be required today in commercial or financial dealings if you think someone is deliberately taking advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can contribute to everyone's good time today if you indicate a willingness to go along with the majority. Others will follow your example.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Even though friends might waste their time today on things that are insignificant and unproductive, they will not influence you or your ambitions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This will be a good day to get in shape if you haven't had proper exercise this week. Climb out of the easy chair and do something physical.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If your efforts

DEAR ABBY: Many years ago you printed a letter in your column that gave the names of songs that could be played at anniversaries.

It also contained the number of years married with a different song for each anniversary.

Will you please run it again? I want to use it to toast a couple who are celebrating their 50th.

B.J. IN DENVER

DEAR B.J.: Here it is:

DEAR ABBY: I am a bandleader who frequently gets requests to play a song in honor of a wedding anniversary. I always get a laugh when on the occasion of the first anniversary, I play "Night and Day."

For the fifth anniversary, I play "Saturday Night."

For the 10th anniversary, I play "Once in a While."

For the 25th anniversary, I play "Now and Then."

For the 50th anniversary, I play "Thanks for the Memories."

Have you any suggestions for anniversaries over 50?

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are properly guided, the end results will be desirable. It would be wise to leave a small margin of error.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your sense of logic and reason will be quite sharp today. Your snap judgments may be superior to the decisions carefully weighed and balanced by others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today, two complementary elements will enhance the probability of material gain. One factor will be ambition, the other will be luck.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your organizational skills may be unequalled today, especially if you're promoting a complex, fun activity in which tasks have to be delegated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) This will be one of those unusual days when the more you do for others, the more you will get back in return. What you receive will be unsolicited.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your best asset today will be your ability to make your companions feel significant and important. Sincerity will prove essential.

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Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1995

Experience has sharpened your attributes as a leader. The year ahead could be extremely successful if you can apply the knowledge you've acquired.



Filling in for Bill Keane, little Billy sketches Daddy plugging his book on TV.



"Marmaduke helped decorate the tree."

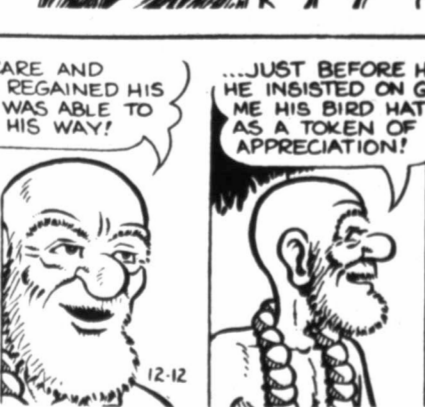
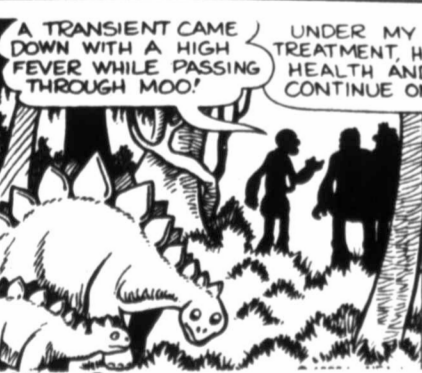
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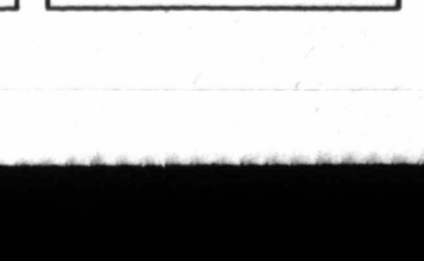
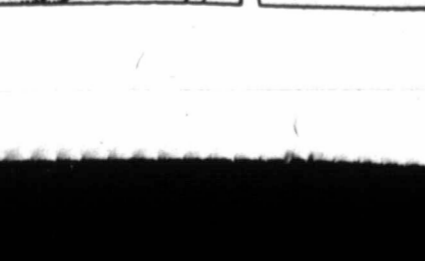
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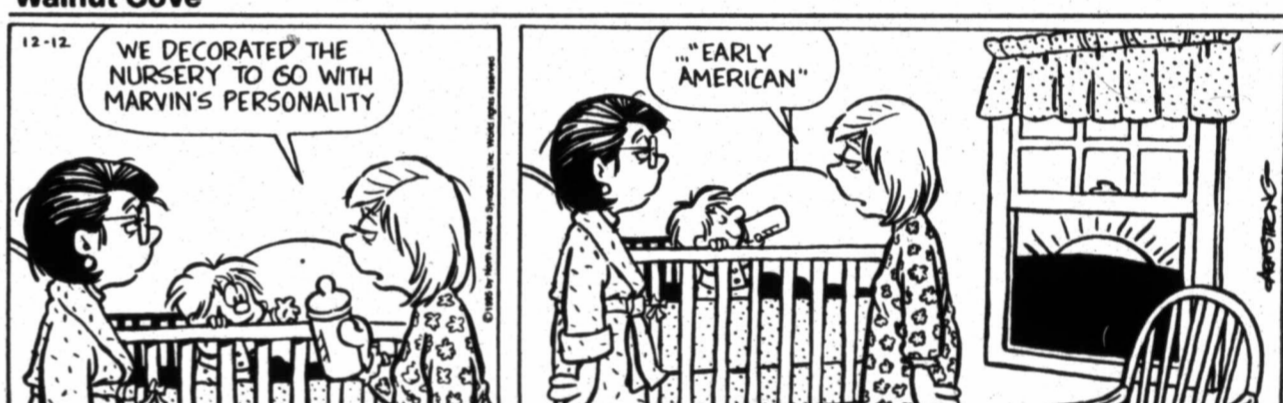
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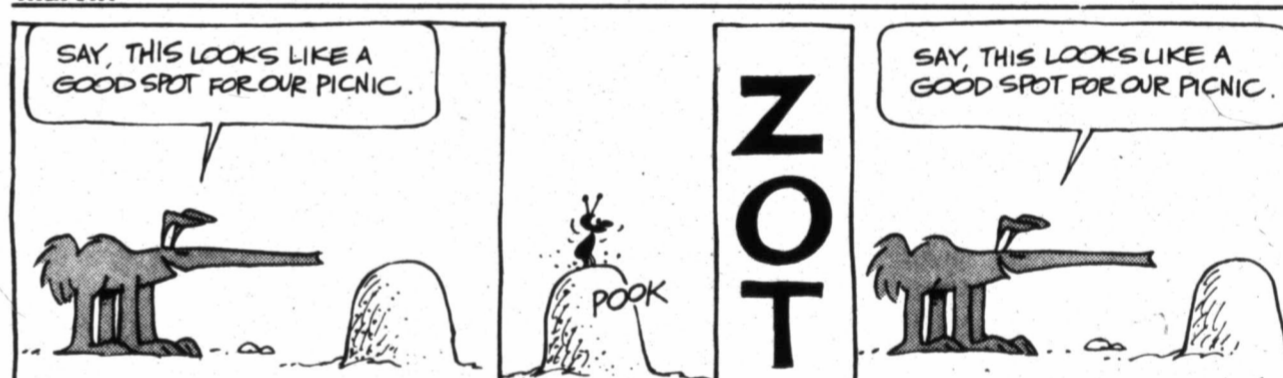
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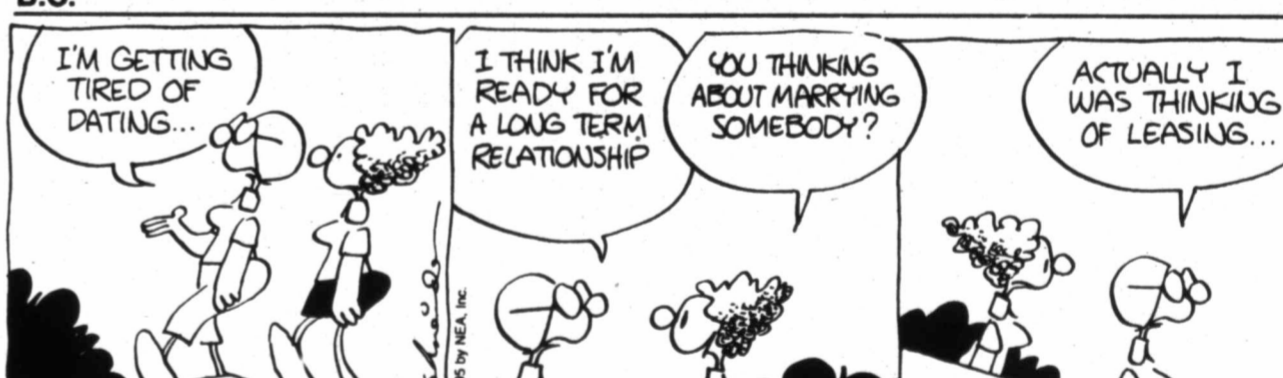
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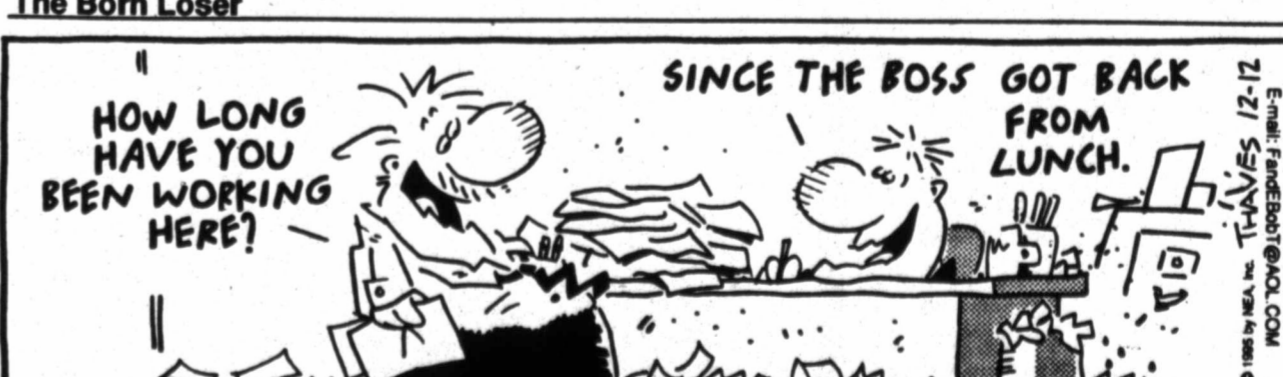
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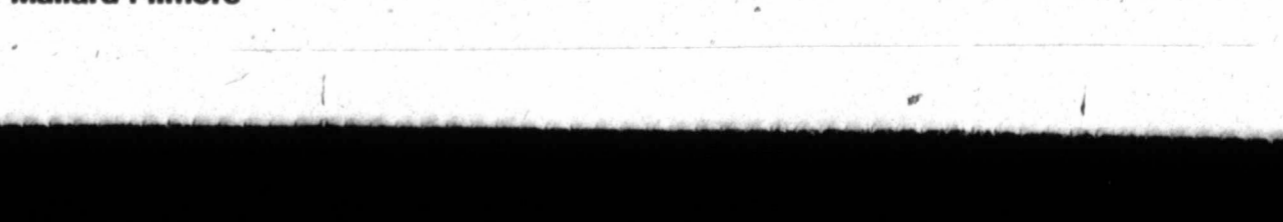
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Sports

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BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa defeated White Deer, 57-21, in the finals to win the Spearman 9th Grade Girls Tournament title over the weekend.

Lori Lindsey led Pampa in scoring with 14 points while Jennifer Ross had 11, Jenny Fatheree 9, Jennifer Quintana 8, Kelsey Yowell 7, Kellen Waters 4 and Kimberly Clark 2.

In the first-round game, Pampa won over Spearman, 33-27, with Jenny Fatheree leading the way with 10 points. Lindsey and Quintana added 6 points each.

Pampa defeated Wheeler, 55-26, in the second game. Fatheree and Quintana had 12 points each to lead Pampa in scoring while Yowell had 10, Lindsey 7, Lindsey Scribner, Ross and Waters 2 each.

Quintana and Fatheree were outstanding throughout the tournament, said Pampa coach Hope Henson.

The Pampa 9 grade girls have a 7-4 record.

SPEARMAN — The Pampa junior varsity girls' team are the winners of the Spearman Junior Varsity Basketball Tournament.

Pampa team members include Melissa Butcher, Erin Cobb, Deidre Crawford, Faustine Curry, Lisa Dwight, Keli Earl, Kaysi Fueglein, Lisa Kirkpatrick, Sarah Maul, Tiffany McCullough, Heather Petty and McKinley Quarles.

Pampa defeated Spearman JV in the finals.

SAMNORWOOD — It was quite a basketball battle, but the Fort Elliott girls prevailed to win the Samnorwood Tournament.

The Lady Cougars slipped by Allison, 45-44, in overtime of the championship finals Saturday night.

Fort Elliott let a five-point lead (36-31) slip away after three quarters as Allison rallied to tie the score at 39-31 to send the game into overtime.

Leading the way for Fort Elliott was Amanda Shields with 19 points. Mi Yowell led Allison with 14 points.

PAMPA — Pampa Middle School teams won three of four games against Dumas in basketball action Monday night.

Pampa defeated Dumas, 48-31, in the 8th grade A game. Justin Barnes was high scorer for Pampa with 11 points while Kevin Osborne added 9.

Pampa also won the B team game, 36-31. High scorer for Pampa was Sean Stowers with 6 points and Jason Kogler 5.

Pampa A team has a 4-2 record while the Pampa B team is 5-1.

In the 7th grade division, Pampa won the B game, 37-32. Heath Keeton had 11 points and Ryan Black 8 to lead Pampa scorers.

Dumas won the A game, 57-50. Gary Alexander led Pampa in scoring with 13 points and Brandon Albus followed with 11.

The Pampa A team has a 5-1 record and the B team is 2-4.

GROOM — Groom's Kay Case turned out to be unstoppable in the Patriot Tournament last weekend in Valley.

The 6-1 senior tossed in 30 points as Groom downed Motley County, 56-49, in the finals. Teammate Sandie Conrad added 13 points.

OLYMPICS

PRAGUE, Okla. (AP) — A plan to honor Jim Thorpe backfired when Olympic organizers decided to send torch runners through the wrong hometown.

Now, they're trying to fix the blunder with a visit to Prague, Thorpe's real birthplace, and a meeting with Oklahoma leaders.

The town of 3,000 was indignant when the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games wrongly named Yale — a town 50 miles away where Thorpe only lived briefly — as his hometown and included it on next year's 321-mile relay through Oklahoma.

Dallas fans howling mad over Switzer's gamble

By KEVIN O'HANLON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — All Dallas Cowboys fans wanted a month ago was a Super Bowl championship. Now, after the Cowboys dropped their second straight game and fourth of the season, they want coach Barry Switzer's head on a pike.

"I think he'd make a great high school coach — but not in Texas," quipped Joe DeLaurier, who works for a Dallas movie distributor.

What has Cowboys fans foaming at the mouth?

First came a loss to the hated Washington Redskins, who entered the game favored to lose by about two touchdowns.

Then came the loss to the hated San Francisco 49ers, when the Cowboys watched all-universe receiver Jerry Rice line up in the slot position and race 81 yards for a first-quarter touchdown and

they still didn't make a defensive adjustment until the third quarter.

Next came another loss to the Redskins, this one before a packed house at Texas Stadium.

Then came Sunday.

Switzer ordered his offense to try for a first down on a fourth-and-short play with just over two minutes left, even though the game was tied at 17 and Dallas was on its 29-yard line. Emmitt Smith tried and failed on a run up the middle, but officials ruled the play didn't count because the two-minute warning had been whistled.

Switzer decided to stick with his decision during the two-minute timeout, but Smith again failed on what almost looked like an instant replay of the first attempt. Philadelphia's Gary Anderson kicked a game-winning 42-yard field goal 30 seconds later.

"What a smart move that was!" DeLaurier said. "If at first you don't succeed, and don't succeed again ... my God!"

Steve Hamilton, a computer programmer from Garland, was equally steamed.

"What was he thinking? Twice?" Hamilton said. "That was a grade-school play! You don't go for that in Pop Warner (football)."

Out at The Main Street Liquid Co. in Richardson, one man sat at the bar stirring his drink and said he was too angry with Switzer to talk about it.

Monnique Pangilinan, a Dallas receptionist, was not at a similar loss for words.

"We got a chance after that two-minute warning call and then he did it again," she said. "That made it twice as bad."

The play calling sent the local media into a frenzy.

A banner headline in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram screamed: "Dumb and Dumber."

Columnist Gil LeBreton, who called the play choices "Switzericide," said: "There may have been worse decisions made in the annals of time. The Edsel. The leisure suit. Adam biting on the apple."

The headline on a Dallas Morning News column by Randy Galloway cried: "Get Barry Out of Here Immediately."

The host of a home finance show that aired after the game on radio station KRLD-AM was forced to implore callers not to comment on Switzer, no matter how angry they were.

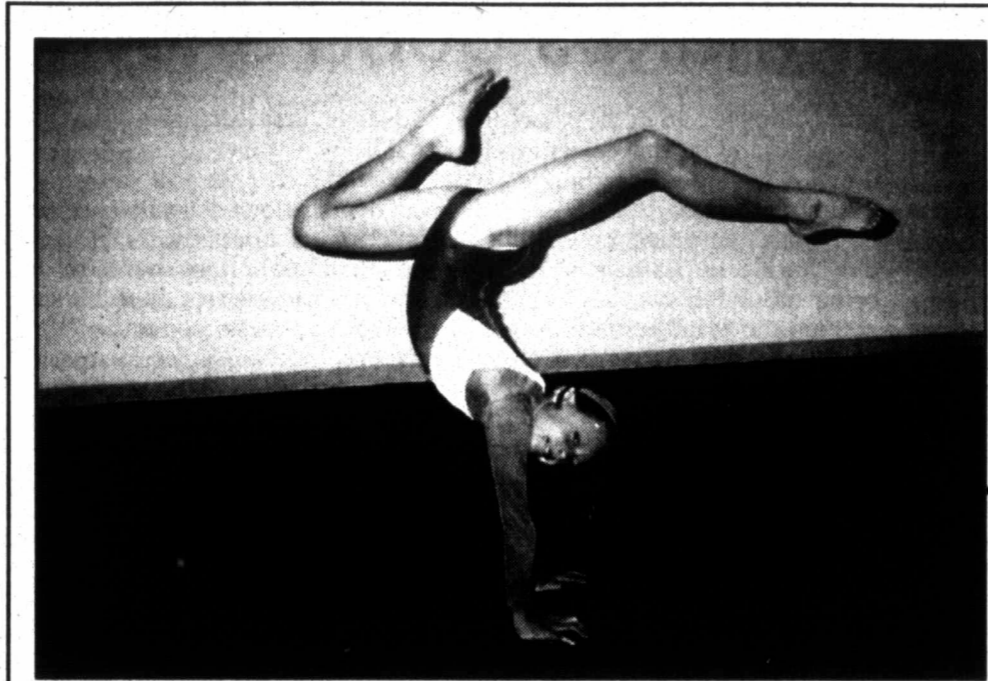
Despite the avalanche of howls, Switzer stubbornly stood by his decision. "I knew we weren't going to win the ballgame if we didn't make the plays," he said. "If we would have had the wind, we would have kicked the football. The wind was a factor."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who gave Switzer a vote of confidence earlier this season after the loss to San Francisco, stood behind his coach and the call.

"We usually make those kind of plays," Jones said.

Should Switzer be sent packing?

"Well, if he keeps it up, he definitely should go," Pangilinan said. "I don't see him bringing the team together. They seem to be falling apart."



(Special photo)

Pampa's Erin Coffey advanced to the North Texas State Championships in her first year in the gymnastics program.

Pampa gymnast wins district title

PAMPA — Erin Coffey, a first-year competitor for Gymnastics of Pampa recently competed in the 1995 Level 5 North Texas State Championships.

Erin won the District Championships to qualify for North State, which was held in Fort Worth.

Erin performed well for her first major meet and placed on two events. She was 18th on balance beam with an 8.9 score and tied for 9th on floor exercise with a 9.0. Erin just missed qualifying for the Texas State Championships by .025.

"Erin had an excellent season and

we're very proud of her," said coach Fred Hughes. "Most first-year gymnasts don't even qualify to the District Championships, much less win it. We're hoping the experience that Erin has gained from the season and from North State will help her become a more confident gymnast and competitor."

The Pampa gymnastics team will continue competing in meets in Oklahoma and West Texas to gain experience for their next major competitive season. They are scheduled to compete in Oklahoma in early January.

Dolphins hold off Chiefs

MIAMI (AP) — Fans are showering Don Shula with confetti instead of criticism, and he's moving toward the playoffs rather than retirement.

Shula's Miami Dolphins made three defensive stands and forced three turnovers Monday night to beat the Kansas City Chiefs 13-6.

The Dolphins (8-6) posted their second consecutive victory, muting Shula's detractors and setting up a showdown Sunday at snowy Buffalo. Miami trails the AFC East-leading Bills by one game with two to play.

A vast majority of those responding to recent unscientific newspaper polls wanted Shula replaced. But as he left the field after beating Kansas City, he waved to fans who threw confetti on him, then walked through a tunnel and under a sign reading, "Shula Is God."

The 65-year-old coach turned feisty at the postgame news conference when it was suggested that he seemed more intense.

"I seem more intense?" Shula said. "Are you depicting me as being more intense? Why don't we take a poll on it?"

No one questioned the intensity of Shula's defense, which stopped Kansas City on downs three times, once in the final moments after Tamarick Vanover dropped a potential touchdown pass. The Dolphins also came up with their first three turnovers in the past five games.

"Our defense held them when we had to hold them," Shula said. "It was a great effort."

The Chiefs (11-3), who have already won the AFC West, missed a chance to clinch a first-round bye in the playoffs, but still have the NFL's best record.

"You can't turn the ball over and win," Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "That's how you get beat. And if you can't make fourth down and a foot, the other guy should win."

Schottenheimer lost to good friend Shula for the fourth consecutive time in the past three seasons.

"I feel awful right now personally because of the result," Schottenheimer said. "But I think everyone knows how I feel about Don Shula."

Kansas City, 3-0 in overtime this season, had a chance to tie or win the game when George Jamison recovered Bernie Parmalee's fumble at the Miami 36 with 3:12 minutes left. But Vanover dropped a potential 9-yard touchdown pass on third down, and Bono's fourth-down pass was broken up by Terrell Buckley with 1:31 to go.

"We didn't make the plays," Bono said.

Buckley said the Dolphins wanted to win for Shula.

"He's our leader, our general," Buckley said. "Any time you mess with our general, you're messing with us. We have to stand up and fight for our general."

Dan Marino threw for just 156 yards and one touchdown, but the Dolphins' defense shut out the Chiefs for nearly 55 minutes. Miami's first takeaways in five weeks set up two first-quarter field goals, and the Chiefs were stopped on fourth-and-1 in the third quarter at the Miami 4- and 27-yard lines.

Tackle Tim Bowens led the charge. He was in on both fourth-down tackles, forced two fumbles and recovered one for the Dolphins.

"People have to learn not to run at Tim," defensive end Jeff Cross said.

Going into the game, the Chiefs had been 14-for-17 on fourth down.

Bono, playing with a bruised throwing hand injured in the Chiefs' previous game, completed just 15 of 37 passes for 180 yards. He threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Webster Slaughter with five minutes left to cap a 75-yard drive.

"We started terrible and it took us three quarters to get going," Bono said.

After failing to come up with a turnover in the past four games, Miami forced three in the first quarter. Each takeaway gave the Dolphins possession in Kansas City territory, but they converted the chances into just six points on a pair of 33-yard field goals by Pete Stoyanovich.

PHS basketball teams host Hereford, Tascosa tonight

PAMPA — The Pampa High boys' and girls' basketball teams, back from tournament action over the weekend, play host to two different schools tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

The Pampa girls open District 1-4A play against Hereford with the tipoff at 6. The Lady Harvesters have a 7-3 record and won one of two games at the Duncan, Okla.

Tournament last weekend.

Like Pampa, Hereford is off to a good start with a 9-1 record. The Lady Whitefaces are ranked No. 11 in this week's Texas Association of Basketball Coaches top 20 poll.

The Harvesters, 10-1, for the season, swept three games in the Texoma Classic, and will meet Class 5A Tascosa for the second time this season. Pampa never had the lead for

four quarters against Tascosa in the first contest, but wound up beating the Rebels in overtime, 55-49.

"Tascosa has a good bunch. We're hoping to do well enough where they have to chase us this time," said Pampa head coach Robert Hale.

The Harvesters are ranked No. 6 in the TABC's weekly poll. Lancaster is ranked at the top.

Shaq slated to return to action Friday when Magic meets Jazz

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal pushed through the crowd of reporters surrounding coach Brian Hill to stage a mock confrontation over his impending return to the Orlando Magic.

"Wednesday," the injured All-Star center declared.

"Friday," the coach fired back.

Hill probably is closer to right, even though the defending NBA scoring champion left with the team Monday and will be in uniform for road games Tuesday night at New Jersey and Wednesday night in Chicago.

The coach said O'Neal, sidelined the past seven weeks with a broken right thumb, definitely will not play against the Nets. He more than likely will sit out against the Bulls, too.

If all goes well in workouts Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, though, look for Shaq to play about 15 to 20 minutes Friday night at home against the Utah Jazz.

"We, and when I say we I mean Shaquille and I, have targeted Friday from a conditioning standpoint and everything else," Hill said after O'Neal practiced with the team for the first time since being injured in an Oct. 24 preseason game against Miami.

"We'll take it day by day. If he gets a lot of work in (Tuesday) up in New Jersey and more work Wednesday (in Chicago), there's an outside chance he could appear in the game Wednesday. But

as of right now, the most realistic time for him is probably Friday night's game against Utah."

O'Neal and his teammates slipped out of a rear entrance to the team's practice facility while Hill was speaking to reporters. He wore a protective splint and didn't appear to favor his hand or have trouble handling the ball during the half-hour of practice that was open to the media.

Hill liked what he saw — spin moves, dunks and strong moves to the basket — but stressed that the fourth-year pro is still not in good enough shape to play substantial minutes in a game.

"He's got to pick some things back up again — conditioning and some things from an offensive standpoint that we really didn't do when he was on the floor (in preseason)," Hill said.

"But his presence is obvious when he gets out there — the space that he takes up, and every once in a while coming through with a power move inside. It's nice to see that back. But we just want to make sure he's ready to go before we put him back out on the floor."

The Magic is off to a 16-4 start without O'Neal, who averaged 29.3 points along with 11.4 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game in leading Orlando to the NBA Finals last season.

Anfernee Hardaway, Dennis Scott and Nick Anderson have raised the level of their offensive games to make up for the absence of the 7-foot-1 center, who originally had been

targeting a Christmas night return against the Houston Rockets.

The cast on O'Neal's hand was removed last Friday and doctors were surprised at how strong the thumb was in spite of the layoff.

O'Neal said then that he wanted to return for Wednesday night's nationally televised game against the Bulls, who have the NBA's best record. His thinking changed after working out over the weekend with David Vaughn, the Magic's top draft pick.

"We talked and Friday is really the target date. He agreed that he might not be ready by Wednesday," Hill said.

The coach said he felt no pressure to rush O'Neal back to make the Magic-Bulls game an even more attractive matchup for television. The teams met last month in Orlando with the Shaq-less Magic beating the Bulls without Dennis Rodman, who has since returned to Chicago's lineup.

"If we don't feel he's ready, I think it would be an injustice to him to do that. Any time a guy is injured, you don't want to bring him back to play against a particular team or a particular individual to see a matchup or help TV," Hill said.

"The bottom line is we have to do what's best for Shaquille O'Neal. I'm not going to rush him back on the floor and risk another year-threatening or career-threatening injury when another game or two without him is the best thing for him."

Giants feel they're walking into hornets' nest

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — If the New York Giants thought the Dallas Cowboys had something to prove when they played them in the season opener, imagine what they're thinking now.

The Cowboys are riding a two-game losing streak with the playoffs scheduled to start in three weeks, and some people are even wondering if Dallas is still the team to beat.

That leaves the Cowboys (10-4) on the spot Sunday, and makes Dallas probably the last place the Giants (5-9) want to be as they go after their third straight win.

"They are going to be an

angry, angry crowd, but so are we at this point in the year," said quarterback Dave Brown, whose 40-yard touchdown pass with 72 seconds to play Sunday gave the Giants a 20-13 win over Washington. "They have a lot more at stake than we do, but it will be fun to go down there and see how we compare to them at this point in the year."

The game should have a circus atmosphere since Dallas is coming off a much-discussed loss to Philadelphia on Sunday when a fourth-down gamble by coach Barry Switzer failed.

Compounding the problem

might be the Cowboys' desire to stick it to the Giants because of Dan Reeves' preseason prediction that New York was capable of posting an 11-5 record and challenging Dallas in the NFC East.

Dallas showed that wasn't going to happen, beating the Giants 35-0 here on the opening weekend of the season.

Reeves likes the idea of playing Dallas when it has so much at stake.

"It's a chance for us to go in there and gain some respect because I don't know if a team that beats you 35-0 respects you a lot," Reeves said.

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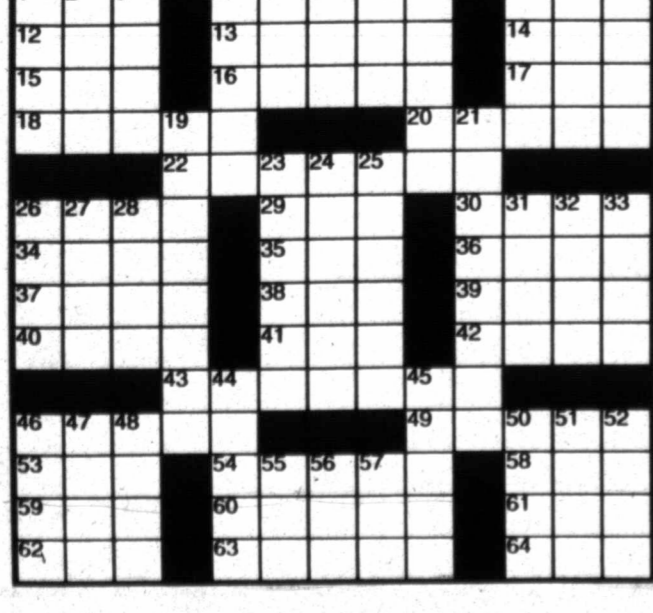
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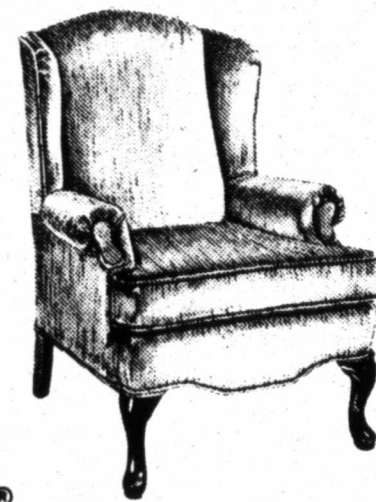
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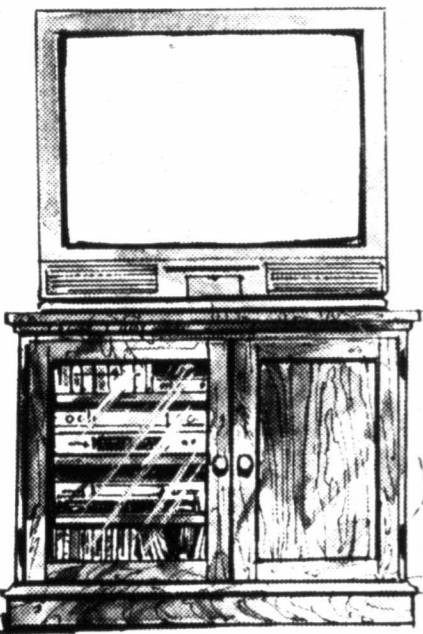
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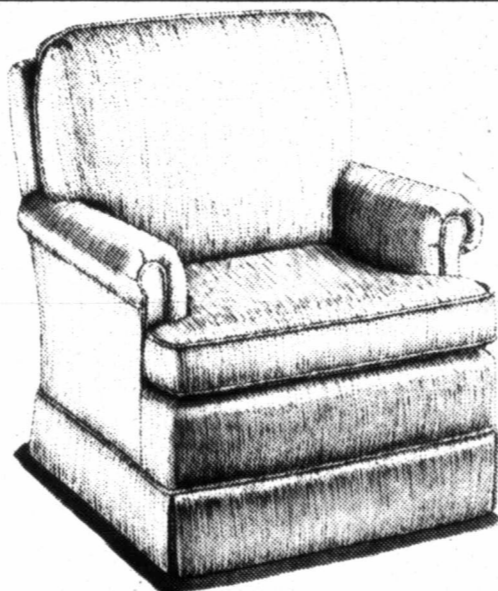
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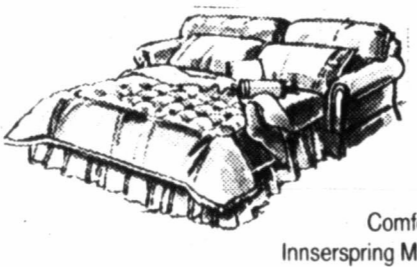


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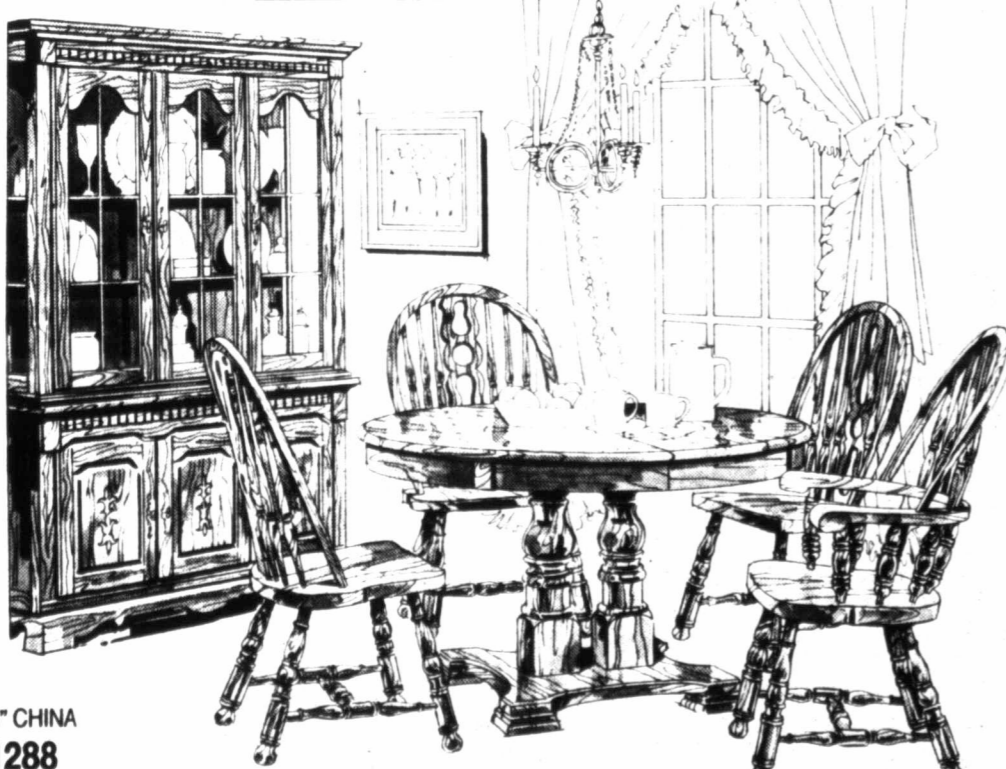
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