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Good Evening!

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PAMPA — Thirteen items of new business will occupy Gray County commissioners when they meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the county courthouse.

Like city leaders last week, commissioners will consider the ramifications of listing the Arkansas River shiner, a minnow size fish, on the federal endangered species list. The commissioners court will also hear from City of Pampa Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall, who plans to ask the county to pay \$1095 toward a personal computer purchased for emergency management.

In other business, the court will consider an update on deferred compensation, a request to replace an employee at White Deer Land Museum, purchase of ceiling fans for the annex building and sale of delinquent tax property.

Commissioners will also consider approving a contract for expansion of White Deer Land Museum.

SHAMROCK — The Shamrock City Commission will consider buying a landmark service station for use as a tourist information center Thursday night, Feb. 2.

The commission will consider buying the Tower Fina Station at U.S. 83 and Historic Route 66 in Shamrock at its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The building would also serve as the Shamrock Chamber of Commerce office and the Shamrock Economic Development office and house the Southwestern Bell Telephone Payment Center and Wheeler County Tag Agency Sub Station.

Economic Development Director Jim Triplett said the building would cost \$100,000 and could be bought on a four percent loan for 15 years. He estimated renovation of the building to be \$11,700. The restaurant in the building could be rented for \$6,000 a year, he said.

"We hope they'll make a decision Thursday night," Triplett said. "We've been working on this for six months."

CANADIAN — The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Hemphill County Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Each participant at the screening, scheduled from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, will be given a breast exam and individual instruction in breast self-examination, according to cancer center officials.

American Cancer Society guidelines call for all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Women with relatives who have had breast cancer should have one earlier.

For more information, call the Women's Center at Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE.

STATE

By The Associated Press

One Texas Lotto ticket purchased in Fort Worth and another bought elsewhere in North Texas correctly matched all six numbers drawn for the latest game, state lottery officials said Sunday.

The jackpot is worth \$28 million.

Numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 in the twice-weekly game were: 5, 21, 22, 33, 43 and 44.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$4 million if sales continue as expected.

Clinton defends Mexico aid package

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton acknowledged today that a \$40 billion rescue plan for Mexico was unpopular. But he predicted Congress would approve the measure in the nation's interest once it sees specific legislation.

He said he hoped a bill could be crafted by day's end.

"This is something we have to do," Clinton told reporters, while conceding, "time is not a friendly factor."

Some lawmakers have said support for the package of loan guarantees has begun to evaporate over the past few days, despite a heavy lobbying push by the President and senior officials and initial support for it by GOP leaders.

Clinton worked the phones over the weekend seeking to build support for the concept. He said specific legislation, being negotiated by Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and con-

gressional leaders, was almost ready to be introduced.

Asked if it would be ready today, Clinton said: "We certainly hope so."

Of the erosion of support, Clinton said, "I think it will increase again once we have a bill out there. The bill needs to go in ... I think they're ready for a bill to go forward."

The plan would help Mexico weather a financial crisis touched off by the Dec. 20 devaluation of the peso. "It isn't a bailout for Wall Street," Clinton said at an Oval Office picture-taking session, answering criticism that the rescue plan would benefit banks and U.S. investors with stakes in Mexico's most.

He reiterated the administration's argument that hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs are at stake and that, if Mexico is not helped now, the financial crisis could spread to other parts of the hemisphere.

Even though Republican leaders have criticized Clinton for failing to line up adequate Democratic support for the plan, Clinton said "I worked (Sunday) for several hours and

secured again their affirmation of the commitment of the leadership in both parties in both houses to go forward."

"I'm optimistic that we'll pass it," he said.

The peso has plunged 42 percent in value compared to the dollar over the past month. The president has been criticized by some lawmakers who say he has not made a good case for the rescue package.

"I realize it is not politically popular back home," the president said earlier today in a speech to the nation's governors. "It's a rather complex issue but it is clearly in the interests of American workers, American businesses and the United States as a whole."

To stress the bipartisan nature of the backing for the rescue package, the Treasury Department today released a letter of support signed by former Presidents Bush, Carter and Ford, six former secretaries of state and five former secretaries of the treasury.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said Clinton has asked House leaders to introduce the rescue package by tonight. House Banking

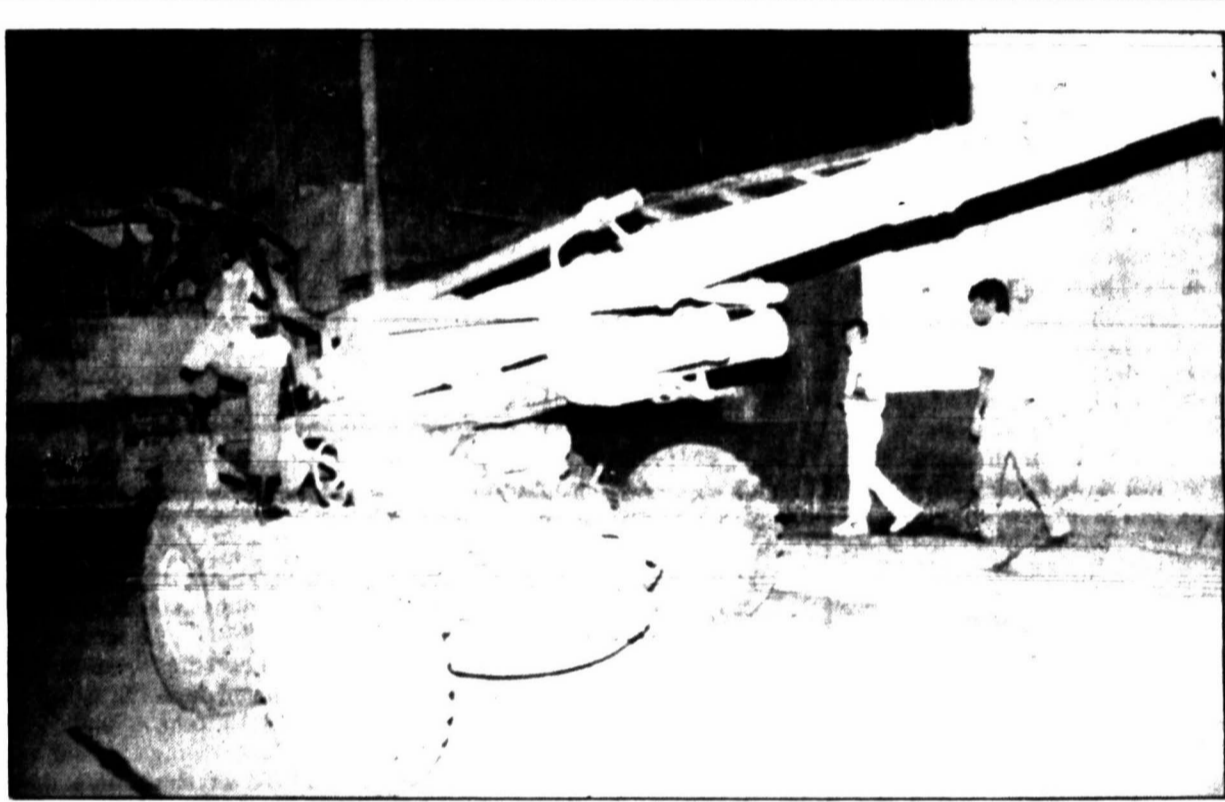
Committee Chairman Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said "three or four minutes" remain to be worked out among Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

Clinton told the governors the vote could affect cooperation with Mexico on critical issues such as immigration and drug control efforts.

"It is not a gift, not a loan, not a bailout," Clinton told the governors. "It is a loan guarantee. We're cosigning a note. We'll have good collateral."

Clinton worked on the issue over the weekend. He talked Sunday by telephone with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Minority Leader Richard Gephardt and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole.

In the last week, Clinton has plugged his rescue plan repeatedly in speeches and interviews, and dispatched senior officials, including Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, to testify at congressional hearings.



(AP photo)

Peruvian troops transport an anti-aircraft cannon to the border Sunday night in the town of Tumbes as combat continues with Ecuadoran forces.

Ecuador announces new war tax

MACAS, Ecuador (AP) — Foreign leaders appealed to Ecuador and Peru today to negotiate a peaceful end to a half-century dispute over a mineral-rich region where there have been four days of border skirmishes. But Ecuador today announced a new tax to pay for the war.

Ecuador's government ordered state employees to contribute two days of their annual salaries to help pay for the cost of renewed dispute, which centers over a 50-mile portion of southern Ecuador and northern Peru near the Cenepa River.

"These are urgent and necessary economic measures," Ecuador's government spokesman, Enrique Proano, said in announcing the new tax. A vehicle tax of 2 percent is being proposed to Congress, he said.

On Sunday, Peru and Ecuador traded charges over which was the aggressor in fighting that has claimed dozens of lives. Each country said it was fighting on its own territory.

Sunday was the 53rd anniversary of the Rio Protocol that ended a war between the two countries over their sparsely populated border. Ecuador has never reconciled itself

to the settlement, arguing it was robbed of half its territory when a map delineating the region was agreed to in 1942.

The latest fighting is centered along a portion of the border that has never been marked. The disputed jungle area known as the Cordillera del Condor has gold, uranium and possibly oil reserves.

Ecuador staked out its claim to the area with military posts. It was the site of bloody clashes between the two countries in 1981.

Paraguay President Juan Carlos Wasmosy told reporters today at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher would travel to Ecuador and Peru soon to try to mediate. There was no confirmation of that report in Washington.

Wasmosy said more than one country would be needed to resolve the conflict, which he described as both political and economic, and offered the help of Latin American governments. Uruguay overnight offered to mediate as well under the auspices of the Organization of American States.

In Quito, Ecuador's capital, President Sixto Duran-Ballen said

Sunday that his country would not retreat and insisted four bases under attack with planes, helicopters and mortars "are on Ecuador's soil."

On Saturday, President Alberto Fujimori said Peru "firmly maintains its position to defend the boundary line." He insisted the fighting was taking place within Peruvian territory.

But he added: "We are making efforts, both governments, I understand, to keep this from escalating."

Ecuadorian officials said their forces shot down two Peruvian helicopters, and that seven Peruvian soldiers were killed and two taken prisoner in fighting Sunday. They said one Ecuadorian was killed and another wounded.

Ecuadorian field commanders said 20 Peruvian and three Ecuadorian soldiers were killed in skirmishes Saturday.

Peru's government alluded indirectly Sunday to "the loss of human lives for political ends" but gave no casualty figures. Lima's Channel 4 television reported Sunday evening that 30 Ecuadorian and six Peruvian soldiers had been killed.

Judge Ito denies request for delay in Simpson trial

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The O.J. Simpson judge today refused to delay the murder trial because of belatedly disclosed evidence, but ruled that Simpson's defense purposely hid the identity of witnesses to gain an "unfair tactical advantage."

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said he would instruct jurors to disregard the mention of 14 separate witnesses in the defense opening statement and forbid defense attorneys from calling any of those people as witnesses until the end of their case.

Ito also said he would consider barring the defense from using some of the witnesses at all if the prosecution doesn't have time to investigate them properly.

He ordered the defense to disclose immediately statements and reports of all expert witnesses, expressing skepticism about the defense's contention that some experts didn't provide written reports.

"It seems implausible that such experts' statements or reports are not presently in existence, given the complexity of this case, the pre-eminence of the experts involved, the number of attorneys involved and the court's experience with the presentation of expert witnesses," Ito said in a five-page written ruling.

The judge harshly criticized defense attorneys for violating a "reciprocal discovery" law by holding back the identity of the 14 witnesses and failing to disclose other claims before opening statements.

"Defense counsel, recognizing the obvious value of some of these witnesses and their belatedly disclosed statements, featured them prominently in the first segment of the defense opening statement," the judge said.

Ito particularly cited Mary Anne Gerchak, a woman who claimed to have seen four men speeding away from the area where victims Nicole

Brown, Simpson and Ronald Goldman were killed June 12.

"The court finds, as to these 14 witnesses, whose statements were belatedly disclosed, that such belated disclosure was intentional, and for the purpose of gaining an unfair tactical advantage," the judge said.

The jury will be instructed to disregard mention of the witnesses.

The ruling came as defense attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. prepared to complete his opening statement, which began Wednesday but was interrupted by the fight over the last minute defense disclosures.

The judge drafted a strong admonition to the jury, which told them the defense had violated the law and caused a two-day delay in the trial.

He will tell the jury to disregard some of the most important defense witnesses, including Gerchak, two of Simpson's former attorneys, a former maid who was allegedly struck by Ms. Simpson and a passenger on Simpson's return flight from Chicago.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent to charges he murdered Ms. Simpson, his ex-wife, and Goldman, her friend, outside Ms. Simpson's Brentwood condominium.

Ito delayed a ruling on whether the prosecution can give another opening statement, saying prosecutors would have to tell the judge what they planned to talk about.

Prosecutors, who gave their opening statement Tuesday, asked to talk to jurors again to address the issues revealed by the defense.

Deputy District Attorney Chris Darden contended the surprise defense witnesses were "heroin addicts, thieves, felons ... and a court-certified pathological liar."

The prosecution had requested a 30-day delay in the trial to investigate them further.

A *Newsweek* report, citing a defense source, said Simpson's lawyers were divided over Cochran's decision to use the witnesses in his opening statement, with one defense team member calling it "blatantly unethical."

Texas schedules multiple executions for same night; appeals pending

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — For the first time in almost 45 years, Texas officials this week are preparing to execute two convicted killers in a single night.

Appeals are pending before the U.S. Supreme Court for Clifton Russell, 33, condemned for the robbery-murder of an Abilene man in 1979, and Willie Williams, 38, sentenced to die for a robbery-murder in 1980 at a Houston convenience store.

Each man is scheduled to die by injection in the early hours of Tuesday and state authorities said the executions are likely to take place.

Texas has executed 87 convicted murderers since capital punishment resumed in 1982 — the most in the nation — but never has carried out two lethal injections back to back on the same day.

"It's just a coincidence," Ward

Tisdale, a spokesman for the Texas Attorney General's office, said of the scheduling. "There is no predetermined method."

Execution dates are set by local trial court judges who may not be aware of similar actions being taken by judges in another of the state's 254 counties. Russell's execution was set by a judge in Taylor County; Williams by a court in Harris County 350 miles away.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume in 1976, only Arkansas has carried out multiple executions, killing two murderers May 11, 1994, and three Aug. 3, 1994.

The Russell and Williams executions in Huntsville would be the first in Texas since April 5, 1950, when two men convicted of murder in Harris County, James Blackmon and William Smith Jr.,

were sent to the electric chair.

The practice earlier this century was not that unusual. Prison records show at least 28 instances of multiple electrocutions in Texas, including five convicted killers executed Feb. 8, 1924 when the state inaugurated the electric chair in Huntsville.

"I'm not going to be concerned if there's one or 20 being executed," Russell said in an interview last week.

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Pilot Eileen Collins, from Elmira, N.Y., talks to the media this morning after arriving at Kennedy Space Center in preparation for Thursday's shuttle launch.

First female shuttle pilot ready to soar

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The lesson came early in astronaut Eileen Collins' flying career: One slip and women who follow will suffer.

She learned that 17 years ago when a woman in her Air Force pilot-training class failed a check ride, a flight to check pilot proficiency. Because it was the first group of women at the base, everyone knew. Everyone talked. A woman failed a check ride!

"All of a sudden, I realized there is a lot of pressure on me. I can't afford to fail because I will be hurting chances for young women who want to come here some day," Collins says.

Collins never failed in the sky; she became the Air Force's second female test pilot. And this Thursday, she is scheduled to become the first woman to pilot a U.S. spaceship.

The 38-year-old Air Force lieutenant colonel will be second in command of space shuttle Discovery and its crew of six. If all goes well, she'll move over to the left seat — that of space shuttle commander — by the end of the decade, breaking the final sex barrier.

Collins feels less stress going into her first space flight than she did during her test pilot days when female military aviators were rare. After all, American women have been flying in space since 1983 as working passengers.

The first American woman in space, Sally Ride, used the shuttle robot arm to release and retrieve satellites. The first American woman to perform a spacewalk, Kathryn Sullivan, practiced techniques for refueling satellites; the country's second female spacewalker, Kathryn Thornton, helped fix the Hubble Space Telescope.

Collins will be a pioneering pilot

on a pioneering flight — NASA's first trip to Russia's space station.

She will take with her reminders of the women who flew ahead:

A scarf that belonged to Amelia Earhart ... a pilot's license that belongs to 1929 female flight endurance champ Bobbi Trout and was signed by Orville Wright ... items belonging to Women Airforce Service Pilots who ferried military aircraft in the United States during World War II and women who applied to NASA's Mercury program but were turned down because of their sex.

"This mission I believe — I know — has some significance to many people, women in particular," Collins says.

Collins knows the world will be watching her during the eight-day flight. She also knows: One slip and women who follow will suffer.

"In some ways, I appreciate the stress," she says. "I want to do better and I work harder."

As Collins sees it, the pressure of being the first female space shuttle pilot comes from outside NASA. The curiosity is evident with all the letters and interview requests she receives.

Inside the space agency, Collins insists she's treated the same as the 33 other shuttle pilots, all men.

NASA flight director Phil Engelauf says it's "completely invisible" to him that Collins is a woman because she performs her job as well as any pilot. In fact, he says, all of the female astronauts — 18 of NASA's 95 astronauts are women — carry the same workload as their male counterparts.

Collins will monitor Discovery's radar and other navigation systems and handle the crew checklist while commander James Wetherbee flies the shuttle to within 35 feet of the orbiting Mir station, a dress rehearsal for the first shuttle-Mir docking in June. She'll get a chance to fly Discovery at other times.

Clinton says states should have more power to reform welfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton told governors today he wanted to give states more power to fashion welfare reforms, but cautioned against heartless changes. "We do have a national interest in protecting ... our children," he said.

Opening a White House meeting with the National Governor's Association, the former Arkansas governor said, "We must pass welfare reform this year, but it ought to be the right kind with the right results."

Asserting their new power, Republican governors are pushing a welfare reform proposal that would replace hundreds of federal programs with block grants and set aside emergency funds for states hit by disaster or recession.

The GOP proposal is being used as the framework as the NGA tries to adopt a consensus welfare policy and put its stamp on the deliberations in the new Republican Congress.

But it is unclear whether enough Democratic governors will sign on to the plan for it to win the three-fourths support needed to become NGA policy. The sentiment of the Democrats could be swayed by the views of the Clinton administration, which has voiced reservations about giving governors so much leeway.

The president did not specifically address the GOP proposal, but said Republicans and Democrats agree welfare reform must foster responsibility, reduce dependency, crack down on parents who don't pay child support and give states more flexibility in reforming their systems.

But he suggested a division exists over what "the national interest is in preserving the welfare of the chil-

dren in this." Clinton has criticized GOP plans in Congress that he said would punish children for the mistakes of their parents.

The governors were treated to a White House dinner Sunday night and returned today for a two-hour working session with Clinton likely to be dominated by welfare, the balanced-budget amendment and efforts to pass legislation making it harder for Congress to impose mandates on states without sending the money.

Welfare reform is a top priority of the administration and the GOP Congress, and House Republicans already have promised to substantially rewrite their plan to take suggestions of Republican governors into account.

Current law makes welfare an individual entitlement, meaning those eligible are guaranteed federal benefits, as with Social Security or Medicare. Most Republicans prefer eliminating the individual entitlement and replacing it with block grants to the states.

"Entitlement is government on auto-pilot," Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., a key architect of the House GOP welfare plan said Sunday on CBS' *Face the Nation*.

Under the block grant approach, states would have broad powers to decide eligibility standards, set time limits on benefits and set work requirements. Now, states have to apply for federal waivers to implement these and other welfare experiments.

"Why do we have to come to Washington to get permission to serve the people better and more effectively?" asked GOP Gov. Arne Carlson of Minnesota.

The block grants would carry gen-

eral federal guidelines, but just how specific and strict these restrictions would be is the subject of considerable debate, within the GOP ranks as well as between Democrats and Republicans. Shaw, for example, said guaranteed benefits to the poor need to be reexamine.

In the weekend jockeying, the administration and many Democratic governors sought public support for their position by arguing that giving states too much power might mean that some eliminate the social safety net for poor children.

"I believe there is a national interest in making sure that children don't starve," Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the NGA chairman, said in an interview.

"It's a debate about values, about how we take care of our children," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala said Sunday on CBS.

How influential the administration will be in the welfare debate remains to be seen. While Clinton was a major national voice in welfare reform efforts when he was governor of Arkansas, the new GOP Congress has vowed to work from Republican plans.

And if Clinton was looking for help from his friends in the governors' association, the November elections made things considerably more difficult: Nineteen governors were Republicans last year, but 30 are now. And many are in no mood to share credit with Clinton.

"President Clinton wouldn't have even asked the Republican governors about welfare except for the election," said GOP Gov. Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin.

Baylor to mark 150th anniversary

WACO (AP) — The bunting is up on the Baylor University campus this week as it prepares to mark its 150th anniversary, but some troubling memories linger.

In the century and a half, the university has become Texas' oldest in continuous service and largest in the Southern Baptist faith, the world's biggest Protestant denomination.

But its history is as turbulent as it is long, especially the past five years. During the late 1980s and early '90s, the university weathered a struggle for its soul in the strife-torn Southern Baptist Convention.

"I think it's had to resist the pressures of both the (Southern Baptist) left and the right and move toward a secular model," said Dr. Russell Dilday, a professor of homiletics at Baylor's new George W. Truett Theological Seminary.

Today, Baylor is inextricably entwined with the social fabric of Waco. Its 12,500 students, 640 faculty members and legion of alumni generate \$400 million a year for the Waco-area economy, and its faculty and staff members are found on just about every city council and governing board in the area.

Five governors, including Mark White and Ann Richards, were Baylor students.

Baylor has come far in time and development from 1845. In one of its last actions before disbanding, the Texas Republican Congress awarded two Baptist ministers a charter for a university to educate young Texans who didn't want to go East for a higher education.

In 1886, the university moved to Waco from the Brazos County settlement of Independence, in an area

where the Baptist faith first took root in Texas.

At the time, Waco was a Wild West town on the Chisholm Trail with a reputation that earned it the nickname, "Six-shooter Junction."

For a while, Baylor fit right in.

William Cowper Brann, a journalist who wrote of Baylor often and scathingly, was shot and killed in a Waco street in an 1898 ambush by the father of a Baylor student. Brann managed to kill his assailant.

The gunfight had a sobering effect on the university and Waco, said Baylor historian Eugene Baker.

"I think that caused people to take a look at themselves and the community," Baker said. "I think shortly after that, Baylor got a new president. It was almost the 20th century, so they knew they couldn't go on like this."

During the first 20 years of the century, Baylor leaders tried to make the school a "university" in more than name only.

A law school, medical and dental schools, a nursing school and business and education and music programs were begun. Baylor spun off its original theological seminary in 1905.

But running throughout the school's history has been the tension of keeping high educational standards in its science and humanities programs while remaining true to the Baptist faith.

With the end of World War II and the GI Bill came massive enrollment increases and a major building program to go with it.

The war veterans yielded to the Baby Boomers. But even during the turbulent '60s, Baylor retained its

reputation as the kind of place where it's hard to get wicked.

Although relatively clean over the years, even Baylor athletics could not escape controversy.

In 1985, basketball coach Jim Haller resigned after a tape recording made by a player showed the coach had discussed steroid use.

Last Nov. 28, basketball coach Darrel Johnson resigned and was indicted on federal fraud charges the next day in the wake of a cheating scandal involving correspondence-course exams. The scandal led the university to impose two years of probation on its program.

But in 1991 came the final showdown with Baptist hard-liners for control of the university.

Until 1990, the Baptist General Convention of Texas had appointed members to Baylor's governing board. But in the face of growing pressure from hard-line conservatives, Baylor trustees created a board of regents in 1990 to shield the school from fundamentalist control.

In November 1991, the hard-liners took their battle to the floor of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. But delegates crushed the insurrection as 59 percent voted to limit the convention's control over the school's governing board.

The plan allows the convention to elect 25 percent of Baylor's board, while the remaining 75 percent would be elected by the trustees.

"I think Baylor finds itself established in the mainstream," Dilday said. "It's not only a comfort, it's an excitement."

A Sesquicentennial convocation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Waco Hall.

Boy barricades himself in Dallas school with gun

DALLAS (AP) — A student, carrying a gun, barricaded himself at a Dallas-area school today for about 1 1/2 hours. The incident ended peacefully with no injuries reported.

The eighth-grade boy was taken into custody about 9:45 a.m., officials said.

Police sent a tactical team to the Fred F. Florence Middle School in the Pleasant Grove area to help evacuate students and to try and talk the student out of hiding. The student's parents also assisted.

Some students and teachers had remained in the building, locked in their

classrooms, throughout the incident.

Detective Edwin Ruiz-Diaz of the Dallas Police Department said investigators received a call from the school that a juvenile was running around with an unknown caliber pistol, firing shots.

No shots were fired, officials later determined.

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Opinion

'New New Math' defies all logic

Remember the "New Math" craze of the 1960s? It kept many Americans from learning the basics. Now it's back - under the guise of "constructivist" education that supposedly avoids the dreaded "rote memory."

But in real disciplines, the basics must be learned, sometimes by rote, before higher planes of cognition can be managed. Except in its own failed schools, even the government recognizes this. Just to get a driver's license in California, a motorist must learn, by rote, dozens of laws.

The "New New Math," as it's called, is being shoved onto unsuspecting public school students and parents as part of the 1992 Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools.

It's set to be implemented by the California Department of Education in 1995.

Columnist Debra Saunders cites one example. Students were asked to figure out a simple geometrical progression for planting trees. One student got a low grade for the right answer because he "didn't address the school master, gave a cursory explanation as to the logic behind his calculation, and failed to note the ecological issue at hand." By contrast, a student who gave the wrong answer, but wrote a politically correct explanation, was given the top grade.

The New New Math really comes from George Orwell's 1984, the only place where 2 + 2 = 5. In the novel, after Winston Smith is brainwashed, he admits, "Anything could be true. The so-called laws of nature were nonsense. The law of gravity was nonsense."

Enough Orwellianism. California's government-run educators clearly can't teach. School choice is needed.

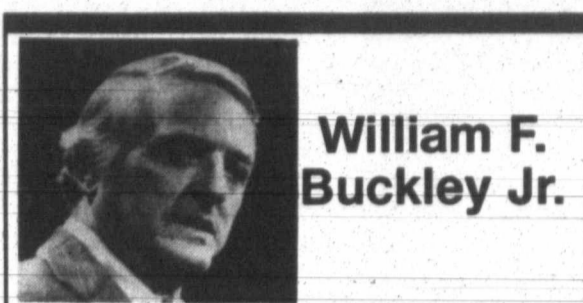
A question of limitations

They - the sponsors of the counterrevolutionary new Congress - are everywhere asking themselves whether the Gingrich Congress is going to go through with it. Suspicion rests not so much on weakness of will as on the force of inertial bureaucracy. The Wall Street Journal on Jan. 17 carried the story of the fading effort to sell off a congressional annex. It turns out that it won't be easy to find a buyer since it is in utter disrepair, and that much of it that isn't, is being used to house congressional pages.

So it goes. Are there invisible walls that rise athwart the will to true reform, and the realization of true reform? Thirty years ago, Sen. Paul Douglas of Illinois, who in what one used to call "real life" had been an economics professor, rose on the floor of the Senate to report that he had spent the entire month of December studying the federal budget. There are only two people in the world who have read this budget, he said, the man who wrote it, and me. He then sat down and wept uncontrollably at the inscrutability of the document by which the Congress was being guided.

But here and there is what seems a little dilution of purpose. Stephen Moore of the Cato Institute writes a withering analysis (in the current National Review) of the flagging spirit among some Republican legislators for term limits: Sen. Orrin Hatch, for instance, is simply opposed, noting that to retire legislators after a few terms is to take from Congress its most experienced legislators. Sen. Phil Gramm is lukewarm on the whole idea.

Mr. Moore makes several points, among them that the seniority of our governing legislators didn't do very much for us in recent years. How sea-



William F. Buckley Jr.

soned were the Congresses that gave us a \$4 trillion debt and the \$250 billion savings and loan debacle? Or, for that matter, the House Bank scandal and Dan Rostenkowski's postage stamp crisis?

We are given the research of the Cato Institute, marvelously revealing in that it documents that the younger congressmen were on the right side of the fence in critical votes during the past five years. The freshmen and junior representatives voted preponderantly in favor of the balanced budget amendment, in favor of the line-item veto, in favor of Rep. John Kasich's spending cuts, against President Bush's 1990 budget and against Clinton's budget bill of 1993. In those issues, the majority who gave us the spendthrift alternative were the seniors - so to speak, Tom Foley, Dan Rostenkowski types. The proposition is that younger congressmen are more keenly aware of what the voters want, more sensitive to what is good for the country.

The political process in America has a severe adverse selection bias, since those who devote their lives to elected office are likely to have a ruling class mentality. As one board member of the

public action group U.S. Term Limits puts it: "The kind of people in public office today are the same people who volunteered to be blackboard monitor in the sixth grade."

Newt Gingrich wants a limit of six terms, not three for congressmen. But the political signs are that three terms is generally thought by the voters to be sufficient to regenerate the idea of the citizen legislator. It is everywhere accepted that last November we had a "record turnover" in the election. It felt that way, but in fact 91 percent of all incumbents running for re-election made it back to Washington. But only 47 percent of anti-term-limit incumbents were re-elected. That would suggest a deep commitment by the voters to the idea of term limits. And 22 states have voted in term limits.

If Mr. Gingrich abandons or severely dilutes the term limits plank, then he will have problems two years from now, as will his party. U.S. Term Limits spent \$1.3 million on voter education in 1994 to help evict 23 anti-term-limit Democrats. They are prepared to spend twice that to advertise the records of men and women running next year who voted against term limitation.

Then, too, there is always in prospect for us the possibility of a Supreme Court ruling on the term limits voted in by the individual states. It isn't doubted the Congress has rights in the matter of service ("Each House shall be the judge of the elections, returns and qualifications of its own members"), but it is not an open-and-shut question whether such rights are pre-emptive. The issue might come to a head before the Contract With America comes in for review in 1996.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 1995. There are 335 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 30, 1968, Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese provincial capitals in what became known as the Tet Offensive, named for the Lunar New Year.

On this date:

In 1649, England's King Charles I was beheaded.

In 1798, a brawl broke out in the House of Representatives in Philadelphia, as Matthew Lyon of Vermont spat in the face of Roger Griswold of Connecticut.

In 1882, the 32nd president of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, N.Y.

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.

In 1933, the first episode of *The Lone Ranger* radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.



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With 20 percent of high-school graduates functionally illiterate, unable even properly to comprehend a TV Guide, Prof. Rose Cordell came along just in time.

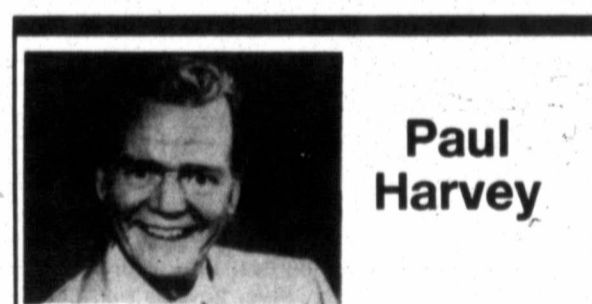
I have watched Cordell's accomplishments with awe since her first experiments at Oklahoma City University. She has created a special alphabet for children that allows them to learn to read in two weeks, and they can learn to read all the words they will ever need to know in nine months.

"Forget the ABCs," says Cordell. "Those can be put aside until later. Let's first learn the letters by their sounds." With phonics, a child learns to read as readily as a child learns to talk "by sounds" instead of by "letters."

Dutifully, you and I learned our "ayz" and "beeZ" and "ceez." But then, we had to learn them all over again when we discovered that "a" is pronounced again of three ways, as in "mat" and "day" and "father." So, learning the alphabet hadn't really helped much.

Rose Cordell's "Children's Alphabet" teaches that "t" is pronounced "tuh," "l" is pronounced "uhl" — and so forth.

When the symbols become sounds, when vowels



Paul Harvey

and consonants are not differentiated, when letter names are not used, when phonic rules are omitted, and when word memorizing is not applied, reading, writing and spelling become infinitely easier. In hundreds of schools now using the Children's Alphabet, students are scoring 200 percent to 500 percent higher than their counterparts.

With no training, any parent can now teach children to read at home. Parents with no formal education can learn as they teach to "rrr-eee-duh."

Recently, the Children's Alphabet was expanded through the use of video and audio cassettes to include instruction in Russian, Spanish, French and Japanese.

Daily lesson plans are arranged for home-schoolers.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Tallerico adopted a boy, age 9, from Guatemala. He could speak only some Spanish and could neither read nor write. After seven months of tutoring with the Children's Alphabet, he speaks and reads English at a fourth-grade level.

Marija Topalovic, 14, lost her legs in a mortar attack in her native Bosnia. She was flown to Oklahoma to be fitted with artificial limbs. While recuperating, she is learning English with Rose Cordell's tutoring.

I have never encountered any other educational tool that is 100 percent successful in teaching youngsters to read with unlimited capability.

A baby first learns his or her own name by responding to the sound of "Roy" or "Bobby" or "Betty" or "Jane." If required first to learn to spell, the educational process would be interminably retarded.

For classroom and home-study lesson plans and any further details, write to Children's Alphabet, 701 South Kelly, Edmond, Okla., 73003, or call 405-340-0900.

Teaching children how to read

In Haiti, a squandered American life

When the U.S. Third Special Forces Group was ordered to Haiti to help restore Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power there, Sergeant 1st Class Gregory D. Cardott packed up and went with his unit.

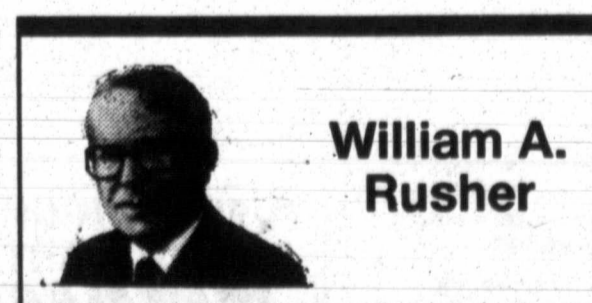
I don't suppose he gave much thought to the wisdom, let alone the legitimacy, of the mission. He was a soldier, and his commander in chief had ordered him to march, so he marched.

He could not know that he would become the first American soldier to be killed in that wretched little country, or that his death would end forever Mr. Clinton's boast that his policy in Haiti was a "success."

Yet that is what happened on Jan. 12, when an armed Haitian resisted Sgt. Cardott's order to let his vehicle be inspected.

It cannot be repeated too often that, under the doctrine that prevailed in this country until the Clinton administration, the lives of American soldiers were not to be put at risk unless some vital American interest required it. Unfortunately this happens all too frequently - as in the Persian Gulf in 1990, where President Bush briskly put an end to Saddam Hussein's plan to seize control of the oil of the Middle East and bring the economies of Europe and Japan to their knees.

But Mr. Clinton, who led demonstrations in front of the U.S. embassy in London in 1968 because he couldn't see any vital American interest in preventing a Communist takeover



William A. Rusher

of Southeast Asia, now sees them everywhere. Almost every month the American people learn that American fighting men and women have been dispatched to some newly unstable corner of the world: to Bosnia, to bomb Serbian airstrips; to Macedonia, to curb the aggressive tendencies of its neighbors; tomorrow, perhaps, to the Golan Heights, to underwrite the demilitarization of that key region.

But not one of the above hot spots is as little worth the expenditure of a single American life as Haiti. This miserable country, the poorest in the Western Hemisphere, with little to export but AIDS, can be judged best by the behavior of its own citizens. For years they have been abandoning their country in any boat they suspected of being able to float as far as Florida.

Once here, they quickly declared (as they were told to) that they were "political refugees," fleeing Haiti's despotic military regime. But now that democracy has been

"restored" to Haiti, the refugees have had to be dragged back to their homes under armed escort, kicking and screaming. They weren't refugees from despotism at all; they were - and who wouldn't be? - refugees from Haiti itself.

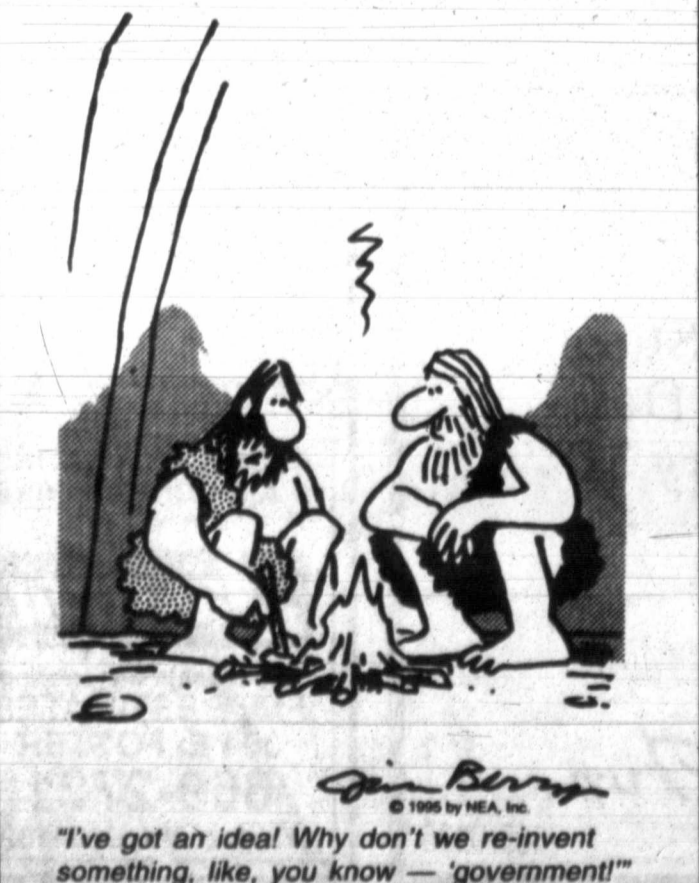
But where was the vital American interest in all this? Since when must American soldiers die to impose democracy on such inhospitable alien soil? (And, by the way, what a triumph for democracy it was: the imposition by force, as president, of a locally popular, mentally unstable, defrocked priest with a long history of hating America, favoring Communism, and encouraging the "necklacing" of his enemies!) But liberal hysteria must be served, so the restoration of democracy to Haiti was solemnly proclaimed a "vital interest" of the United States, and Mr. Clinton turned over to the military, which he once "loathed" so intensely, the job of imposing it.

Well, the job was done. And, until Jan. 12, the Clinton White House and State Department were noisily congratulating each other that they had gotten away with it without loss of life.

No more. The New York Times couldn't find space to report Sgt. Cardott's death on page one: after all, there was "only" one American killed.

But it was one too many. And there are millions of others who won't forget Sergeant 1st Class Gregory D. Cardott - or the Beltway fools who squandered his life in Haiti.

Berry's World



"I've got an idea! Why don't we re-invent something, like, you know — 'government!'"

Lifestyles

Helping kids learn about fire safety

By SALLY WILLIAMS COOK
For AP Special Features

Children are fascinated by firetrucks, fire stations and the people who fight fires. Just watch the face of a child as a firetruck roars down the street, its sirens blasting, the firefighters suited up, ready for action.

Given a child's natural curiosity, it's never too early to introduce the concept of preventing fires at home. The following books can be read aloud. Be sure to allow ample time for questions.

"Firehouse" by Katherine Winkleman, with illustrations by John Winkleman. An emergency call comes in: A house is on fire and the family needs help. This is how this informative — yet whimsical — book about firefighting begins for children of all ages.

Volunteer and paid firefighters, different kinds of fire equipment and a brief history of firehouses are discussed in clear, concise writing. In the back of the book, there's a detailed diagram of a house marking potential danger spots and offering fire prevention tips.

"Clifford the Firehouse Dog" by Norman Bridwell. Clifford, the lovable big red dog, goes to a firehouse to visit his friend, Nero, a firefighting dog. When the firefighters meet Clifford, they realize he's just the right color for the job. Later, they understand he's just the right size.

After demonstrating the technique of Stop! Drop! and Roll! to

a group of schoolchildren visiting the firehouse, Clifford comes upon a real fire. Clifford happily assists the firefighters by rescuing people from a tall building, unrolling a heavy hose and opening up a fire hydrant that is stuck.

"The Little Fireman" by Margaret Wise Brown. Pictures by Esphyr Slobodkina. The vivid colors and small size of the original book, published in 1938, have been restored in this edition. Written for very young children, it is the tale of two firemen, one big, one little, and how they each save 15 fat ladies from a fire. While this book offers no practical safety tips, it follows a fireman sleeping in the station, receiving an emergency call, performing his duties and then returning safely.

"Taming Fire," a Voyagers of Discovery book. This information-packed book explores the origins of fire, how the early people captured fire, what fire is, what fire is used for, celebrating with fire and fighting fires. With beautiful illustrations and photography, this book for older children reads almost like a "fire dictionary."

"Fire Engine Shapes" by Bruce McMillan. The firetruck is explored as an art object, one that will help young children learn such shapes as squares, rectangles, ovals and hexagons. Color close-ups of the windows, lights, doors and steering wheels kindle a child's sense of wonder about the big truck.

Pettin' the law



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Edith Osbourne, 17, gives Czar, a K-9 with the Gray County Sheriff's Department, a little pat on the head that he appears to like. Czar, along with his partner Paul Sublett, were on hand at the Community Health Fair Saturday which was sponsored by Hoechst Celanese. The event was well attended and featured over 50 health and community service organizations with door prizes given away by more than 70 businesses.

Keep your home safe from fire

By The Associated Press:

Parents magazine recommends these fire safety tips for the home:

—In the kitchen, dish towels, oven mitts and potholders should be kept at least 3 feet from the stove. Keep the stovetop clean; grease and food residue can catch fire. If a cooking pan catches fire, carefully slide a lid over it to smother the flames and turn off the burner. Do not carry the pot to the sink or outside; the flow of oxygen will feed the fire.

—In the basement, get rid of rubbish like old newspapers and oily rags. Do not store flammable liquids in the basement or anywhere in the house. They should be kept in the garage or outside in a storage shed, out of children's reach.

—Throughout the house, make sure space heaters are at least 3 feet from walls, curtains, furniture and papers. Fireplaces and woodburning stoves must have screens to keep sparks flying out, and should be cleaned regularly to prevent the buildup of creosote, a byproduct of burning wood that can coat chimney flues and cause fires.

Don't plug too many appliances in the same outlet. Overloaded outlets can cause electrical fires. Replace extension cords that are worn or frayed, and don't tuck them under rugs or loop them over doorways.

If you do smoke, never smoke in bed; have plenty of large, deep ashtrays on hand; and keep matches and lighters out of sight and reach of children.

Essential Safety Equipment

—A home should have at least one smoke detector on every level, including the basement. Remember to replace the battery every year. Check at least once a month that the smoke detector is still working.

—Escape ladders may be necessary if your house is more than one story, especially if bedrooms are on the second or third floor.

—Fire extinguishers are not essential but can be excellent tools. However, they should be used only on small, confined fires and only after the room has been evacuated and the fire department has been called. Good places to put extinguishers are the basement or work-

shop area and the kitchen. Extinguishers should be installed in plain view but out of reach of children, near an escape route and away from stoves and heating sources.

Fireproof Your Family

—Figure out an escape route for each room by walking through your house. Note which rooms have windows that could also work as exits. Determine which windows, if any, need escape ladders. Make sure that windows designated as fire exits have not been painted shut, and that doors can be easily unlocked.

—Make sure your house number is clearly marked so that firefighters can find you quickly in an emergency.

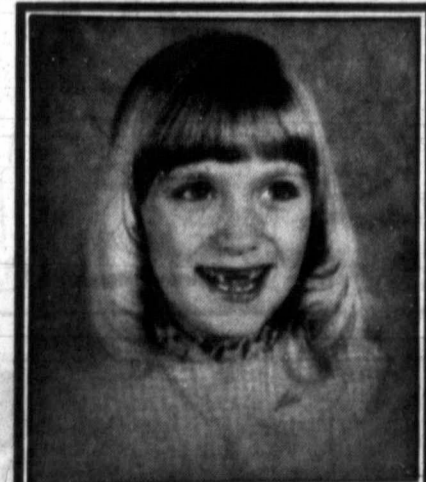
—Hold a family fire drill at least twice a year. Everyone in the family should practice how he or she would escape if the smoke alarm went off in the middle of the night. Children as young as 2 years of age can participate in the drill.

—Teach children to meet at a designated spot once they are out of the house, and to stay out of the house until firefighters give the OK.

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Udder Chaos

What do cows like to listen to on the farm? The answer: Music!

Researcher Alicia Evans discovered that music can help dairy cows produce more milk. But it seems they don't like just any kind of music.

For example, after listening to Beethoven's Symphony No. 5, a herd in Indiana upped the milk production by 5.5 percent. Country music, though, caused no change in the amount of milk they produced.

Heavy metal music did even worse. The cows didn't want to enter their stalls when it was playing. And when they did, the cows reduced their milk output by 6 percent. Maybe they were too busy slam-dancing!

Art experts restore the San Xavier Mission

TUCSON (AP) — An international team of experts is about to begin refurbishing the artwork on the main altar at the San Xavier Mission as part of a six-year restoration effort.

The crew will include five specialists from a Rome-based art conservation firm directed by the chief conservator with the Guggenheim Museum in New York, said Lorraine Drachman, spokeswoman for Patronato San Xavier, the group organizing the effort.

The church, which Spanish Franciscan friars started building in 1793, features ornate decoration, including paintings and figures of saints. It is located on the Tohono O'odham reservation south of Tucson. When work begins at the end of the month three apprentices from the Tohono O'odham's San Xavier District will also be on the job.

The restorers will work on the upper half of the retablo mayor, the

main altar, cleaning, repairing, and regluing flaked paint, Drachman said.

This year's work is the fourth phase of a six-year project scheduled for completion in 1997. Patronato San Xavier has raised the \$225,000 to \$250,000 needed to pay for each of the refurbishing segments accomplished thus far through grants from corporations and other organizations and through private donations,

Drachman said.

The group also is exploring the possibility of setting up a permanent endowment that would provide ongoing funding to maintain the mission. The plan calls for the local American Indian apprentices to continue the work, and perhaps ultimately hand down their knowledge to family members and friends to assure that the expertise is available locally.



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Postage Stamp to honor Nixon has much first-class support

DEAR ABBY: G. Johnson of Duluth asked you to poll your readers about whether or not the U.S. Postal Service should honor President Nixon with a postage stamp. Count me with President Clinton, who said at President Nixon's funeral: "May the day of judging President Nixon on anything less than his entire life and career come to a close."

Abby, anyone wandering through the Nixon Library and Birthplace will see what an amazing career he had.

As president, it included opening the door to China; dramatically improving our relations with Moscow; ending U.S. involvement in Vietnam; beginning the Mideast peace process; sending military aid to Israel in the 1973 war, which Premier Golda Meir said saved her country; establishing the EPA; peacefully desegregating Southern public schools; and launching the war on cancer.

Abby, all we worry about here in Yorba Linda is how they're going to get all that on one little postage stamp!

JOHN H. TAYLOR,
DIRECTOR, RICHARD NIXON
LIBRARY AND BIRTHPLACE

DEAR JOHN TAYLOR: Thank you for writing. Your stationery indicates that the Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif., has a most



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

prestigious board of directors, comprised of such luminaries as Walter H. Annenberg, Dwayne Andreas, William E. Simon and W. Clement Stone.

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your answer to "Firstborn, California." I was at a boy's soccer game when a little girl who looked to be 2 1/2 or 3 years old ran onto the field during the game — and into the arms of her 10-year-old brother!

The game stopped, he picked her up, brushed the hair from her eyes and kissed her face as he carried her to the edge of the field, talking to her all the while.

After setting her down, he bent over, tied her shoelaces, kissed her again, and returned to the field.

Now there was a young man who had obviously had some responsibility for the care of his little sister. The result of which was so much

love and tenderness between them, and not a dry eye from any adult who witnessed this magic on the soccer field.

BERNICE HEADLEY,
FRANKLINVILLE, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: We are three women who work for physicians. We confirm appointments, and are fed up with people who put their children on their answering machines. The latest was a complete rendition of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

It is time-consuming and irritating to have to listen to this drawn-out greeting. Unfortunately, in order to leave a message, we must suffer through it.

Please tell moms to save the cuteness for grandmothers and grandfathers. They love it. We don't.

LIVID IN SALEM, MASS.

DEAR LIVID: I think you expressed it very well. Let's hope moms are listening.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995

Your social schedule will probably be busier than usual in the year ahead. Also, this year could prove rather romantic for unattached Aquarians.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If will be imperative today to extend as much consideration and tolerance to your mate today as you do to other people. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will probably be very generous to those not making any demands today, but you might turn down those who do have requests. Ask yourself why.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might try using some high-pressure tactics to get friends to do as you wish today. Those who comply will resent you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You will have a highly productive day if you get to call all the shots. However, if others enter the picture, the quality of your performance might deteriorate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Avoid playing favorites with co-workers today. You could alienate a potentially valuable ally through thoughtless indifference.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Only assume additional financial obligations today if you can handle them comfortably. If you can't, they could become very weighty later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you are not careful today, you might let some people get away with too much while dealing too

harshly with those who deserve your compassion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Follow your inclination to show kindness to others today, but resist the urge to attach strings to your good deeds.

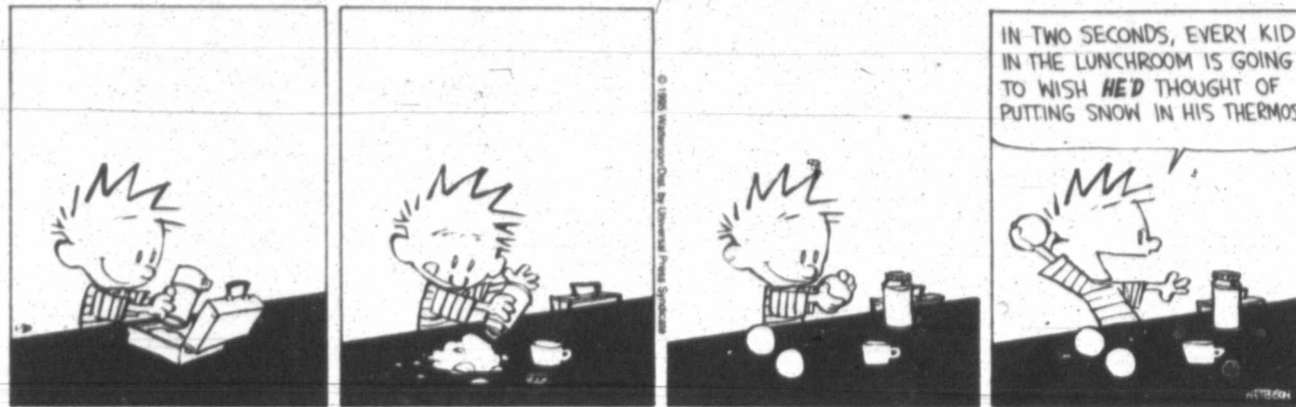
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though you'll feel sociable today, being around giddy friends could dampen your spirits. Seek companions with more substance and less volume.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You will be able to get what you want today, but unfortunately, you might not know exactly what to pursue. You might attain something you'll later reject.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might lack faith in your good ideas today. A forceful critic could convince you to abandon or change them if you don't guard against it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Endeavors you personally control should turn out profitably today, but if you must comply with others' wishes, it could end up being costly to all.

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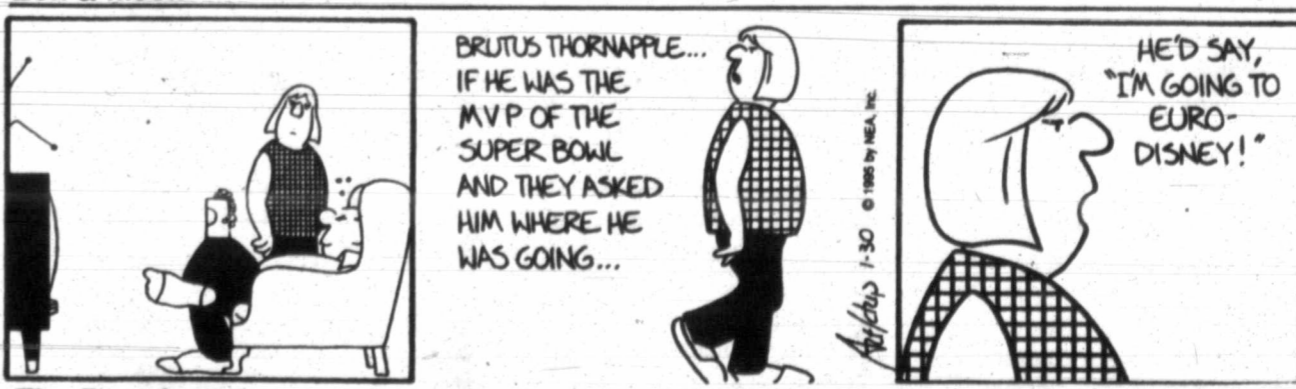
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Eek & Meek



The Born Loser



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Mallard Filmore



"Cost of Living is still increasing. The Tooth Fairy just went up again."



"Well...how did obedience school go?"

The Family Circus



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts

Terrorism trial begins in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — The largest terrorism trial in U.S. history gets under way today with opening statements and a judge's warning that religion is not on trial.

Prosecutors will try to show that Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other Muslims planned a "war of urban terrorism" that could have killed hundreds if not thousands of people.

Security at the courthouse was tight, and jitters were evident elsewhere in the city today when an abandoned briefcase on a subway platform prompted transit officials to divert subway service away from Grand Central Terminal for an hour at the height of the morning rush hour.

"Mindful of a terrorist trial beginning in Manhattan this morning," police decided to be extra cautious, said transit police spokesman Al O'Leary. The bomb squad was called in and the briefcase turned out not to be dangerous.

Lawyers for Abdel-Rahman, the 56-year-old blind cleric alleged to have headed the conspiracy, charge that he's being prosecuted for his

beliefs. If convicted, he could face life in prison.

After the attorneys speak, the judge has his own statements for the jury.

"There is no religion on trial here," U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey said in a preliminary draft of instructions he would make to the jury.

If someone breaks the law, "the fact that it is undertaken in the name of religion is no defense whatsoever," the draft states.

The trial is the second chapter in the prosecution of a group allegedly responsible for the 1990 assassination of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the founder of the Jewish Defense League, and the Feb. 26, 1993, World Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured hundreds.

Three followers of Abdel-Rahman and a fourth man were convicted in the trade center bombing last year and were sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Prosecutors said the motive was to punish the United States for supporting Israel.

The judge in the first trial said the bomb was meant to topple the 110-story towers, a symbol of America's economic might, and kill tens of thousands of people.

One defendant in the current trial, El Sayyid Nosair, was acquitted in the 1990 assassination of Kahane. He was convicted on related weapons charges.

Four months after the trade center bombing, the FBI raided a safe house in Queens where five defendants now on trial allegedly were mixing explosives to blow up the United Nations, two tunnels connecting Manhattan and New Jersey and FBI headquarters in New York.

They also allegedly plotted to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and kidnap former President Nixon and Henry Kissinger.

Most of the proof to be offered by prosecutors about the plots consists of transcripts of secretly taped conversations between defendants and a former Egyptian Army officer who became an FBI informant and infiltrated the group.

Rhythm strips



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Chad Griffith, 4, of Pampa, is shown his EKG by Nancy Newhouse, paramedic with American Medical Transport. The EKG — electrocardiogram — shows heart rhythms. American Medical Transport's exhibit on "Rhythm Strips" was one of the many exhibits in the Community Health Fair sponsored Saturday by Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group-Pampa Plant at the Pampa Youth and Community Center.

Smithsonian may scuttle Enola Gay exhibit

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Smithsonian Institution has learned that some issues are too close to home to comment upon, even after the passage of 50 years. The atomic bombing of Japan — an event that brought joyful relief to America but still darkens Japan's memories — is one.

The governing regents of the Smithsonian were summoned today to decide whether to scuttle an exhibit of the events wrought when the Enola Gay, a B-29, delivered its weapon over Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, leading to the swift conclusion of a war many feared would consume hundreds of thousands of American lives.

Plans for the 10,000-square-foot exhibit have drawn fire for a year, ever since veterans' groups demanded to see the script and concluded that the Smithsonian, under the influence of "revisionist" historians, had taken a viewpoint that depicted the United States as the aggressor and the Japanese as the victims.

Now the critics want the Enola Gay to be displayed alone, without commentary.

Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman visited some of the regents last week. Some said later they were left with the impression the exhibit would be drastically scaled back or canceled altogether. Heyman avoided reporters' calls.

Congress provides much of the Smithsonian's money, and 81 congressmen in a letter last week deplored the way the Smithsonian was handling the exhibit. They said it stressed Japanese suffering, ignoring the consequences to Americans if U.S. forces had been required to invade the Japanese islands.

After Martin Harwit, director of the National Air and Space Museum, lowered the estimated American losses from an invasion on the advice of a historian, the congressmen and the American Legion demanded his removal. The exhibit was to have opened in that museum — the world's busiest — in May.

Some historians think the Smithsonian acted too hastily in trying to make any historical commentary on the bombing.

"I know a gentleman in his early 70s who was waiting off the coast ready to go in and do house-to-house fighting," said Jack Hurley of the University of Memphis in Tennessee. "Try telling that guy that it was a big ethical mistake."

"If I had been director (of the museum), I would have said, 'Let's wait another generation before we put that plane out there.'"

Another historian, Kirk Jeffrey of Carleton College in Minnesota, said he regretted that feelings are so strong that the Smithsonian might have to be "mute on this important event."

But he noted that the issue has always been emotional. In a poll in 1945, he said, a sizable minority of Americans said they favored postponing the official surrender of Japan so more atomic bombs could be detonated over the islands.

Horses stampede at meat packing plant

KAUFMAN (AP) — Seven people were injured and eight horses were killed when someone released two dozen horses from their stalls at a meat-packing plant and stampeded them onto a nearby highway.

"There were horses everywhere," said Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Kevin Pederson. "It was a mess."

Officers said stall locks had been severed and traces of firecrackers believed to have been used to stampede the horses onto the west-bound lanes of U.S. 175 early Sunday were found near the stalls.

Chad Evans, 17, of Kaufman, was reported in serious condition

today at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. He was flown there by helicopter for treatment of head injuries early Sunday.

The horses were freed from Dallas Crown Inc., which slaughters the animals for use as dog food and for export. The plant is located about 200 feet from the highway.

Kaufman Police were joined by Kaufman County officers, the DPS, Kaufman firemen and Texas Highway Department employees in clearing the horses from the area around the highway.

By Sunday night, authorities had found 15 of the 24 horses, eight were dead and one was still missing, officers said.

Arthur Fierens, the plant's general manager, said he couldn't understand why anyone would want to cause the horses to stampede.

"It's unbelievable that someone could do that," he said. "Not only were there eight horses killed, but people could have been killed."

Pedersen said three horses struck Evans' car. One suffered two broken legs and had to be destroyed, another was run over by the car and a third horse, which smashed through the car's windshield and peeled back the roof of the car, was killed almost instantly.

Kaufman is located about 35 miles southeast of Dallas.



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