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Good Evening!

AREA

AMARILLO — Authorities were hoping today to identify a man burned beyond recognition late Sunday in a two-car crash that killed one and injured another.

The badly burned body of a driver of a Honda Accord was in Lubbock today for an autopsy ordered by Randall County Justice of the Peace Phil Woodall. Department of Public Safety officers said the driver of the other car involved in the crash, Shelby Neugebauer, 30, of Stanton, was in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital today with cuts and broken bones.

Officers said the two cars collided head-on shortly before 6:30 p.m. Sunday on Loop 335 about 2.4 miles south of Amarillo.

The four-door Honda was southbound on the loop, officers said, and the 1989 Pontiac two-door driven by Neugebauer was northbound. Troopers said the Pontiac crossed the center stripe and the two cars collided in the southbound lane of the highway.

The Honda sedan was knocked in the west bar ditch, rolling onto its right side, and burst into flames.

Officers said Neugebauer was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident. Law enforcement officers said they were unable to determine whether the driver of the other car was using a seat belt.

STATE

By The Associated Press

Tickets bought in Northeast Texas and the Dallas area correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot is worth \$10 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 3, 10, 16, 22, 35 and 50.

In addition to the two jackpot winners, there were 159 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,528. There were 8,348 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$105. And there were 156,617 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$4 million.

WORLD

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran has signed an \$800 million deal with Russia to finish building a nuclear facility halted by the 1979 Islamic revolution. The agreement heightens concerns that Tehran is developing nuclear weapons.

Although state-run Tehran television said the facility will produce only electricity, Iran is thought to be less than five years away from producing nuclear arms.

Sunday's agreement was signed by Russia's atomic energy minister, Viktor Mikhailov, and the head of Iran's nuclear agency, Reza Amrollahi, according to the television report, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corp.

The report said the deal would enable Iran "to make proper and peaceful use of nuclear energy and to provide part of the country's required electricity" within the next four years.

Russia's participation in the deal was condemned by Iran's largest opposition group in exile, the Baghdad-based Mujahedeen Khalq.

"Such undertakings only assist the religious-terrorist dictatorship in Iran to pursue expansionist goals to acquire nuclear weaponry," the group's spokesman, Ali Safavi, said today.

Suspect Salvi ordered held without bail

By MARTIN FINUCANE
Associated Press Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. (AP) — The man accused of opening fire on two abortion clinics, killing two women and wounding five other people, was ordered held without bail today after pleading innocent to two murder charges.

John C. Salvi III, 22, wearing a bulletproof vest, also entered innocent pleas to five counts of armed assault with intent to murder.

In arguing for no bail, Assistant Norfolk County District Attorney John Kivlan said Salvi had planned the killings for months, purchasing weapons and making himself familiar with the layout of abortion clinics. He also noted that one of the two receptionists killed, Lee Ann Nichols, had been shot nine times.

Kivlan described the shootings as acts of "extreme atrocity and cruelty."

J.W. Carney, Salvi's court-appointed attorney, asked for bail, but District Court Judge Herbert Goodwin denied the request. The judge said he would hear arguments for the setting of bail at a later date.

A pretrial hearing was set for Feb. 1.

Salvi stared vacantly throughout today's hearing, his eyes often cast down.

Neither prosecutors nor the defense would comment on possible strategies in the case, which is being investigated by a grand jury.

In particular, Carney would not comment about Salvi's possible use of an insanity defense.

"I think that this case will turn to be much more complicated than people look at it now," Carney added. "He's had extraordinary beliefs based in large measure on his sincerely held religious feelings."

Salvi is a devout Roman Catholic. "The essential question will not be what happened, but why," said Carney.

Salvi, a student hairdresser from Hampton, N.H., allegedly killed the two clinics' receptionists and wounded five other people Dec. 30. Salvi has already pleaded innocent to federal firearms charges in Boston, and is charged in Virginia with shooting out the glass doors of a building where abortions are performed in Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 31. He was arrested shortly thereafter.

There were several pro-choice advocates outside the courthouse today, but there were no demonstrations by any abortion opponents.

Abortion rights activist Bill Baird, whose work played a role in the Roe

vs. Wade decision allowing abortions, held a placard listing a number of demands, including safe zones around clinics, an investigation of what he termed a national anti-abortion conspiracy, and assignment of more federal marshals to clinics.

"It's not just a war of words, it's a war of violence and it's a one-sided war," Baird said.

Meanwhile, the clinics where the shootings occurred were starting to see patients again. Preterm Health Services told patients seeking gynecological exams to come in today, but was not yet offering abortions. The other clinic attacked in this Boston suburb, Planned Parenthood, reopened Friday behind metal detectors and extra guards.

Most of the staff and volunteers at Preterm Health Services have a "spirit of renewed dedication," said a spokeswoman, Sue, who would not give her last name for security reasons. Still, "there are some who may be taking some days to think about whether they'll return," she said.

Sue wouldn't say when the clinic would resume abortions.

Planned Parenthood already has performed abortions, officials said. Workers were scared, but the patients appeared to be reassured by the increased security, said Nicki Nichols Gamble, president of the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts.

At Sunday Mass, the Rev. J. Dale of St. Pious X Catholic Church in Norfolk urged his parishioners to stop protesting outside the Hillcrest Clinic, where the Virginia shooting occurred, or taking part in any demonstrations "which might be perceived as supportive of the violent elements in the pro-life movement."

Cardinal Bernard Law in Boston also called for a halt to clinic protests in response to the killings. But in New York, Cardinal John O'Connor said during Sunday Mass that nonviolent prayer vigils outside clinics should continue.

Also Sunday, six members of Congress demanded increased federal funds to protect abortion providers and investigate violent anti-abortion groups.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, the group called for an investigation of 22 organizations whose members signed a petition referring to the murder of abortion providers as "justifiable homicide."

The petition was circulated by Paul Hill, convicted of killing a doctor and his escort at a Pensacola, Fla., abortion clinic last July.



(Pampa News photo by Cheryl Berzanskis)

Pampa firefighters use hydraulic cutting tools to extract Frank Arnzel of Borger from the front seat of a 1989 Oldsmobile which was in collision with a police cruiser in the 800 block of North Hobart Sunday morning. Arnzel was admitted to Coronado Hospital for observation and released Sunday.

Car crash damages police car

By CHERYL BERZANSKIS
News Editor

A car crash about 1:30 a.m. Sunday caused massive damage to a Pampa police car, totaled the car that struck it and sent four men to the hospital, police officials say.

Police officer Larry Dodd was completing a routine traffic stop along Hobart Street when his 1992 Chevrolet Caprice was struck from behind by a 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass, sending the cruiser about 40 feet forward and landing the Olds across the street in the yard of 900 N. Hobart.

Driving the Oldsmobile was German Martin Anguileira, 27, of Borger, according to Lt. Shawn Fullagar, who is leading the investigation.

Anguileira's passengers included Frank Arnzel, 25, and his brother

Juan Arnzel, 25, both of Borger.

All four were taken to Coronado Hospital by American Medical Transport. All were treated and released except Frank Arnzel, who was kept for observation and released Sunday, said hospital spokesman Terry Barnes.

Dodd was legally parked along the west side of Hobart Street in front of Culberson Stowers Chevrolet when he had climbed into his patrol car after completing the traffic stop when the cruiser was struck by the southbound Oldsmobile, causing massive damage, Fullagar said.

Whether Dodd had put his seat belt back on at the time of the accident is not known; however, the car's lights in the grill and back dash were turned on, Fullagar said.

The patrol car was hit by the passenger side of Anguileira's car. Front seat passenger Frank Arnzel

had to be cut out of the Oldsmobile using Pampa Fire Department's hydraulic cutting tools. According to Fullagar, no occupants of the Oldsmobile were wearing seat belts.

The Oldsmobile left over 300 feet of skid marks, Fullagar said. Beer was discovered in the car, though due to possible injuries no field sobriety tests were administered, he said.

Witnesses placed Anguileira as driver of the Oldsmobile, the man has neither U.S. driver's license nor insurance, Fullagar said.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Johnny Carter reports the Oldsmobile's speed as "excessive" though he declined to name the number. DPS does not investigate accidents in towns whose population exceeds 2,500 because local police departments have available personnel, he said.

Terrorism conspiracy trial begins

NEW YORK (AP) — Jury selection in the trial of 12 Muslims accused of plotting a "war of urban terrorism" began today with the judge warning potential jurors that the case is not based solely on the defendants' religious beliefs.

"No one is charged here with having opinions or simply expressing opinions," U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey warned 100 jury prospects.

He began the process of finding jurors with the time, background and fairness to decide whether a blind Muslim sheik plotted to bomb New York City landmarks in a holy war campaign against the United States. Potential jurors were to fill out questionnaires on their views on religion, ethnicity and the Middle East.

Prosecutors will argue that the 12 defendants were part of a seditious conspiracy aimed at blowing up the World Trade Center, the United Nations, the FBI's New York headquarters, two tunnels and a bridge, and at killing Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and other politicians and judges.

Defense lawyers will argue that the blind cleric, Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman, and 11 others were unwittingly enlisted to perform seemingly innocent tasks that contributed to alleged crimes, or were entrapped by an overzealous, careless informant.

The trade center was bombed Feb. 26, 1993, and four people have already been convicted in that case. The other attacks weren't carried out.

During the trial, a bomb-sniffing dog will regularly check the federal courtroom, and the courthouse is guarded by barricades and a 24-hour a day police guard. Mukasey and the prosecutors are being protected by federal marshals.

From today until probably next week, potential jurors chosen from a pool of thousands will be brought into the courtroom 100 at a time to fill out the questionnaire, which defense lawyers and prosecutors worked together on. Among the questions:

"Have you read, seen or heard anything about the World Trade Center case?"

"Do you read any newspaper or other publications in any language other than English?"

"Do you know anything about or have any opinion about, the teachings or doctrines of Islam?"

"Have you ever experienced violence against you because of your religious beliefs?"

"Is there anything about a case where all the defendants are Muslims, which means they practice Islam, that would make it hard for you to serve as a juror?"

The judge said some of the questions on the jury questionnaire concerned religious beliefs or ethnicity but he assured them, "We do not pick jurors in this country nor are we going to pick jurors in this case based on ethnic backgrounds."

He said jurors would not be sequestered during the case, which he expects to last six to nine months.

Peso value rises after U.S., Canada bailout deal

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The peso rose in trading today after Mexico began drawing on a North American bailout package from the United States and Canada as part of an international effort to help strengthen the battered currency.

The Banco de Mexico, the nation's federal reserve, said it made the first withdrawals of \$500 million from U.S. monetary authorities and \$83 million in Canadian dollars from the Bank of Canada.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Federal

Reserve said it was intervening in the foreign exchange market at the request of its Mexican counterpart, buying pesos and selling dollars.

As a result, the peso in Mexico City morning trading strengthened to 5.2 to the U.S. dollar after falling 6.1 percent to 5.7 to the dollar on Friday.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the arm of the U.S. central bank that conducts market activities, did not disclose the size of its intervention.

The Banco de Mexico also said foreign currency reserves dropped by \$602 million since the crisis escalated from \$6.148 billion at the end of 1994 to \$5.546 billion Friday.

The bank said it mostly spent the money to make payments on short-term debt.

For the first time in memory, the Banco de Mexico said that from now on it "will announce on a regular basis the amount of its international reserves." Until now, the bank detailed reserves around twice a year.

Signs for school visitors



(Pampa News photo by David Bowers)

Pampa Police officer Bryan Hedrick, left, and Floyd Sackett with the Pampa Independent School District were busy today putting up signs reminding visitors to Pampa High School to check in with the school's office upon entering the building. The stickers, Hedrick said, would be put on each entrance to the building.

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Legislators wait for court's ruling on school finance

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — As the Texas Legislature prepares to convene Tuesday, the potential looms for a wrench to be thrown into the gears of an otherwise smooth-running session.

The question is whether Texas Supreme Court justices will toss it. The wrench is public school finance. But the justices have yet to rule on whether the Legislature's latest school funding system is constitutional.

If the high court rules against the current law, "we're starting all over again," says House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center.

"We did that (writing finance laws) twice last session. It's not something I think that anyone in the Legislature would like to do, but they're all here to do the work," Laney said.

School finance is just one of the issues facing legislators. Others include casino gambling, concealed weapons, welfare reform and juvenile justice.

And there's the biennial budget. Estimates say about \$6 billion more will be needed over the current, \$71 billion budget. But Comptroller John Sharp says additional revenue, plus a surplus and budget cuts should cover the increase.

During their last 140-day regular session, in 1993, Texas lawmakers passed two school finance plans.

The first was a proposed constitutional amendment, dubbed "Robin Hood" for its take-from-the-rich approach.

That plan would have allowed the shifting of about \$400 million in property taxes from wealthier to poorer school districts. But voters overwhelmingly rejected it in a May 1, 1993, election.

The second was a hurried-up plan written after the voters spoke. Democratic Gov. Ann Richards signed it into law on May 31.

Under that plan, which remains in effect, the 96 wealthiest of the 1,045 public school districts were given several options for shifting some of their money. If they didn't choose one, they faced either forced detachment of property or consolidation with another district. Residents in all the districts voted for one of the wealth-sharing options.

The Supreme Court, which struck down school finance laws in 1989, 1991 and 1992, heard arguments for and against the latest law on May 25, 1994.

Every Thursday since, when the court hands down its written opinions, observers have been watching for a school finance decision.

There hasn't been one.

Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, is

chairman of the budget-writing House Ways and Means Committee. He says that if the high court throws out the latest law, the judges should recommend an answer. "If they're so smart, let's just let them do it."

If the court throws out the law without saying what solution would be constitutional, "I think they have done a disservice to taxpayers and schoolchildren and the Legislature," Junell said.

He said the only other options would be a constitutional amendment to get the courts out of school funding; replacing the property tax with state funding (a new tax could take many forms), or massive consolidation of school districts.

Regardless of the court, however, education funding remains an issue with school spending totaling about \$16.5 billion a year in state and local dollars.

First, the state judge who upheld the basic school funding law also has ordered lawmakers to go further and find an equitable way to fund school construction needs.

Secondly, the number of students in Texas schools is growing. That means more money must be found.

"We have about 150,000 new students entering the public school system over the next two years that provisions have to be made for," said Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"Last time, the education bill was not fully funded, so you've got the enrollment increases and you've got the tax response — local school districts have raised their taxes and Texas must now respond," Bullock said.

And then, Gov.-elect George W. Bush has pledged to reverse the state's growing reliance on local property taxes to pay for schools.

During his campaign, the Republican said he wanted the state to determine the cost per pupil of providing an "excellent" education in literature, math, science and social science and then fund it.

Changing to such a system, Bush said, "depends on the state's willingness over time to redress the balance between the state (funding) and (local) property taxes."

That balance currently is about 45 percent state and 55 percent local.

Bush also said that even if the Supreme Court upholds the current finance system, that doesn't mean Texas is out of the courts for good. Property values rise and fall, he said, so today's balanced equation could be lopsided tomorrow.

"So long as there's heavy reliance on property taxes, we'll forever be in jeopardy of going to the courthouse again. Texas has to recognize that," Bush said. "A confirmation by the Supreme Court of the current funding system could be viewed as only temporary."



Mike Flaa, rear, helps unidentified residents evacuate an apartment complex on Fife Creek in Guerneville, Calif., Sunday after major storms created flood conditions in the area.

California river areas evacuated in floods

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Several hundred people were forced from their homes as rivers overflowed and strong winds downed trees and power lines in Northern California.

In Guerneville, about 60 miles northwest of San Francisco, the rapidly rising Russian River reminded some residents of the big Valentine's Day Flood of 1986, when it reached a record 49.5 feet.

Shirley Sullivan, 76, was plucked from the roof of a house during that flood. Authorities didn't call for mandatory evacuations this time, but she wasn't taking any chances — she grabbed her cat and headed for a Red Cross shelter.

"I'll just have to make do," she said Sunday. A section of the river near Guerneville hit 38 feet Sunday night, 6 feet over flood stage. It was expected to reach 48 feet today. The Petaluma and Napa rivers also were near flood levels.

The floods were the result of a string of blustery winter storms that have pounded northern California with heavy rain and gale-force winds, saturating the soil. More rain was forecast for this week.

The National Weather Service issued flash flood and mudslide warnings for Marin, Napa, and Sonoma counties today. Authorities in Sonoma and Napa coun-

ties declared states of emergency.

In Napa County, home to much of California's vineyards, about 40 people left their homes in Calistoga, and evacuations were planned for about 75 elderly people in a mobile home park in Yountville near the Napa River. Residents left about 200 homes and 75 mobile homes in Petaluma, about 35 miles north of San Francisco.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co. said customers were experiencing scattered power outages along the coast, and 9,000 people in Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino and Lake counties were without power Sunday night. About 1,500 customers in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of San Francisco also had no electricity.

Wind gusts of up to 70 mph were reported on the Mendocino Coast. The winds downed trees and power lines, and tore the roof off a 60-foot mobile home in Fort Bragg.

Another powerful storm brought more heavy snow, high winds and highway closures Sunday to the Lake Tahoe, Nev., area. It dumped up to 18 inches of snow at higher elevations by Sunday night, and another 2 feet was expected today.

In eastern North Carolina, tornadoes and powerful winds with gusts up to 145 mph left two people dead, dozens injured and hundreds homeless.

Democrats want facts on balanced budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats trying to slow the rush toward passage of a balanced budget amendment are demanding that Republicans first provide real numbers on how they are going to cut federal spending.

Passing a balanced budget amendment without showing who gets hurt is a "very irresponsible act," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said Sunday. "We are once again doing what Washington loves to do and that is to duck the decisions," he said on ABC.

Vice President Al Gore, appearing on CBS, said Republicans pushing the constitutional amendment are "the same group that quadrupled the national debt the last time they had the reins of government all the while talking the same game."

Republicans have promised a House vote as early as Jan. 19 on an amendment to balance the budget by 2002. The Clinton administration, which opposes the amendment, is urging Democrats to pressure the

GOP to explain what programs — particularly social, educational and health programs — they will have to cut to achieve that goal.

Republicans, however, argue that Democrats are merely trying to scuttle a constitutional change favored by 80 percent of Americans. "It's an attempt by a party that wants to preserve big government to stop the balanced budget amendment," House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, said on ABC.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., supports the amendment but said Americans must be told how it will be achieved.

"They're flipping around like fish on a deck right now, not willing to be specific with regard to how they're going to do it," Daschle said on NBC, referring to the Republicans.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, was quick to respond. "That's trollying with red herring, and I ain't taking the bait," he said. "Nobody can now tell me what are the budget cuts that are

most workable five, six, seven years from now. They can't do it and we can't do it."

Armey added that "once members of Congress know exactly, chapter and verse, the pain that the government must live with in order to get to a balanced government, their knees will buckle."

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said on CNN that balancing the budget would require additional spending cuts of as much as \$600 billion, half the amount of some government estimates.

Americans have a right to know, generally, where those cuts are coming from, but "we can't spell out everything, because much depends on what happens to the economy," he said.

Most Republicans argue that they can balance the budget without undue hardship by reducing the rate of growth in government spending, streamlining the bureaucracy and reforming welfare and other programs.

Morales begins steps to reduce frivolous lawsuits

ODESSA (AP) — Attorney General Dan Morales has begun steps to reduce frivolous lawsuits by inmates that he says have been wasting the time of judges and clerks in Texas' state district courts.

How frivolous? — One inmate filed a lawsuit complaining because jail officials gave him only one serving of dessert, refusing his request for a second after-dinner treat.

— Another inmate filed a lawsuit claiming his 1st Amendment rights were violated because his newspaper was delivered without the Sunday magazine.

— Another inmate sued because jailers served him chunky, instead of smooth, peanut butter.

— And another inmate sued hoping to retrieve confiscated fireworks and pornographic magazines.

Most of the lawsuits are promptly dismissed, but Morales says the cases are clogging the courts, have cost taxpayers hundreds of dollars and have forced judges and their clerks to spend time on the cases that could have been better spent.

While Morales' changes would only apply only to state courts — and officials say most cases are filed in the federal system — an attorney gen-

eral's spokesman said it's hoped the proposals will give inmates alternative means for airing their grievances.

Morales has said he would like to form some type of administrative procedure within the prison system to resolve inmate complaints before they become lawsuits.

Several of Morales' proposed changes already are in effect in federal courts. One proposal would allow state judges to dismiss automatically any frivolous or malicious lawsuit. Another would force inmates to pay filing fees and court costs unless they prove themselves to be indigent.

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Wolf dies during restock roundup

HINTON, Alberta (AP) — Biologists accidentally killed a female wolf with a tranquilizer dart during an operation to capture Canadian wolves for resettlement in Idaho and Yellowstone National Park.

"Everyone feels real bad about this. It was the downer of the day," Sharon Rose, spokeswoman for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said Sunday.

The dart punctured the wolf's lung, killing it instantly.

U.S. and Canadian biologists have captured seven gray wolves and hope

to get 30 more over the next two weeks. The seven were curled up in holding pens in a provincial park near this town in western Alberta.

The controversial \$7 million plan is to restore wolf populations to Yellowstone and central Idaho, where they were wiped out by the 1930s for the benefit of ranchers.

It calls for placing 15 wolves in Yellowstone and 15 in the Frank Church Wilderness Area in central Idaho each year for the next three to five years.

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Opinion

It's just more farm business as usual

In choosing a new secretary of agriculture, President Bill Clinton has demonstrated yet again that he is in a state of severe denial about the election results in November.

Not only did he pick a candidate — outgoing Kansas Congressman Dan Glickman — who was rejected by voters in his district in November, but he picked a politician wedded to the status quo in agricultural policy, a man who is essentially committed to keeping the gravy train running for politically-connected farmers. We can expect little in the way of "reinventing government" from Dan Glickman.

There are Democrats who, despite a fondness for the general idea of subsidies for farmers, have shown some healthy skepticism about the way the Department of Agriculture has operated. Glickman, although he has supported modest reforms that promise the closing of almost 1,100 of the department's 3,600 county offices, has hardly been in the forefront of thoughtful critics of agriculture policy. Indeed, although elected as an outsider and a reformer in 1976, he has become a consummate insider and political generalist, devoting more attention to his position as head of the House Intelligence Committee and to gun control, telecommunications and campaign finance in recent years than to agriculture policy.

A possible silver lining is that Glickman, a former lawyer whose only personal experience with agriculture has been as a politician courting votes with taxpayers' money, will make a tempting target for those among the new Republican majority who are genuinely interested in reforming agriculture policy and reducing direct subsidies and other policies that cost consumers money. The Department of Agriculture, which has grown in size, cost and unwieldiness as the number of farmers has declined, is ripe for reform. Glickman could become a useful symbol of the bad old ways.

With Glickman as a foil, House and Senate Republicans should move quickly with far-reaching proposals to end agricultural subsidies as quickly as possible. The peanut, sugar and tobacco programs should be good first targets since they represent little in the way of direct taxpayer subsidies but cost consumers a bundle (\$3 billion extra each year for sugar) through indirect subsidies and marketing quotas. The cotton and rice subsidy programs are also vulnerable. And even though Sen. Robert Dole (also of Kansas) is Senate majority leader and will resist, an effort should be made to end wheat subsidies.

Republicans have proposed changing public feeding programs (which now consume \$35 billion of the Department of Agriculture's \$60 billion annual budget), such as food stamps and school-lunch programs, into block grants to the states, with lower funding levels. They should move forward aggressively with these proposals, taking advantage of the fact that the new secretary of agriculture is likely to be a weak and transitional figure, coming into office too late in the preliminary maneuvering over next year's farm bill to have much of an impact.

As we've noted before, farm programs will pose a telling test of how serious Republicans are about cutting the size of the federal government. While they have long talked about trimming government, congressional Republicans — especially those from Midwestern states — have traditionally supported farm subsidy programs. If Republicans cannot muster the political will to cut farm programs now, the federal budget monster may never be tamed.

Meanwhile, on the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, President Clinton's choice for secretary of Agriculture betrays a commitment to the old, discredited philosophy of heavy government control and fat subsidies rather than to a "New Democrat" agenda. But if congressional Republicans are smart they can make some lemonade out of this appointment while proving their own budget-cutting credentials.

Thought for today

"One's lifework, I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too."

— Theresa Helburn,
American theatrical producer (1887-1959).

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Are Democrats quotacrats?

Does President Clinton's proposed middle class tax cut indicate a "move to the center"? Can he go all the way, to issues tougher than taxes? It won't be easy, as readers of the *Louisiana Law Review* know.

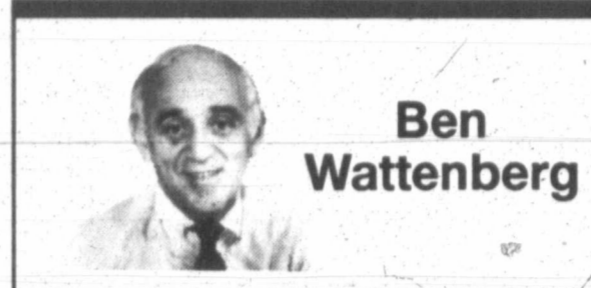
There is a startling passage in the July 1994 issue, appearing in an article dealing with the fight about the Civil Rights Act of 1991. The author is C. Boyden Gray, then counsel to President Bush. Gray tells about meeting William Coleman, distinguished Washington attorney, black Republican, former secretary of Transportation and civil rights leader:

"There were private indications that a desire to codify a quota regime was the principal motivation behind the legislation. William Coleman, the bill's principal author, was quite candid with me about what he wanted. 'What I need is a generation of proportional hiring, and then we can relax these provisions,' he told me in my office."

Although ritually denied by civil rights activists, the issue is indeed "proportionalism," a fat word for "quotas," the antonym of "merit." It is a tortuous but transcendent topic that may well haunt Clinton as and if he seeks re-election. Voters are massively against quotas. And Clinton's record is difficult to defend.

It was not ever thus. The Democratic Leadership Council, with Clinton as chairman, staged a floor fight at their Cleveland convention in May 1991 to pass this proposition:

"... We believe in guaranteeing equal opportunity, and in affirmative action and developmental programs to assure that opportunities are in fact equal. But government should not mandate equal outcomes; therefore, we oppose quotas that create racial, gender or ethnic preference."



Ben Wattenberg

But as president, Clinton changed course. His pledge of a Cabinet that "looked like America" turned into a slot system with jobs earmarked by race, ethnicity and gender. He saluted black and Hispanic quota voting districts for Congress. His assistant secretary for civil rights, Deval Patrick, described the Supreme Court's ruling against such districts as "venal," and vowed to fight "every single challenge"; a new seven-member legal team at Justice does that.

Patrick formerly worked at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Other key civil rights officials also come from organizations often supporting pro-quota positions: the ACLU, the National Women's Law Center, the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund. As chairperson of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, Clinton chose the quintessential queen of the quotacrats, Mary Frances Berry.

Of these appointments, Clint Bolick, of the Institute for Justice, says: "These appointments mark an historical milestone: For the first time an entire

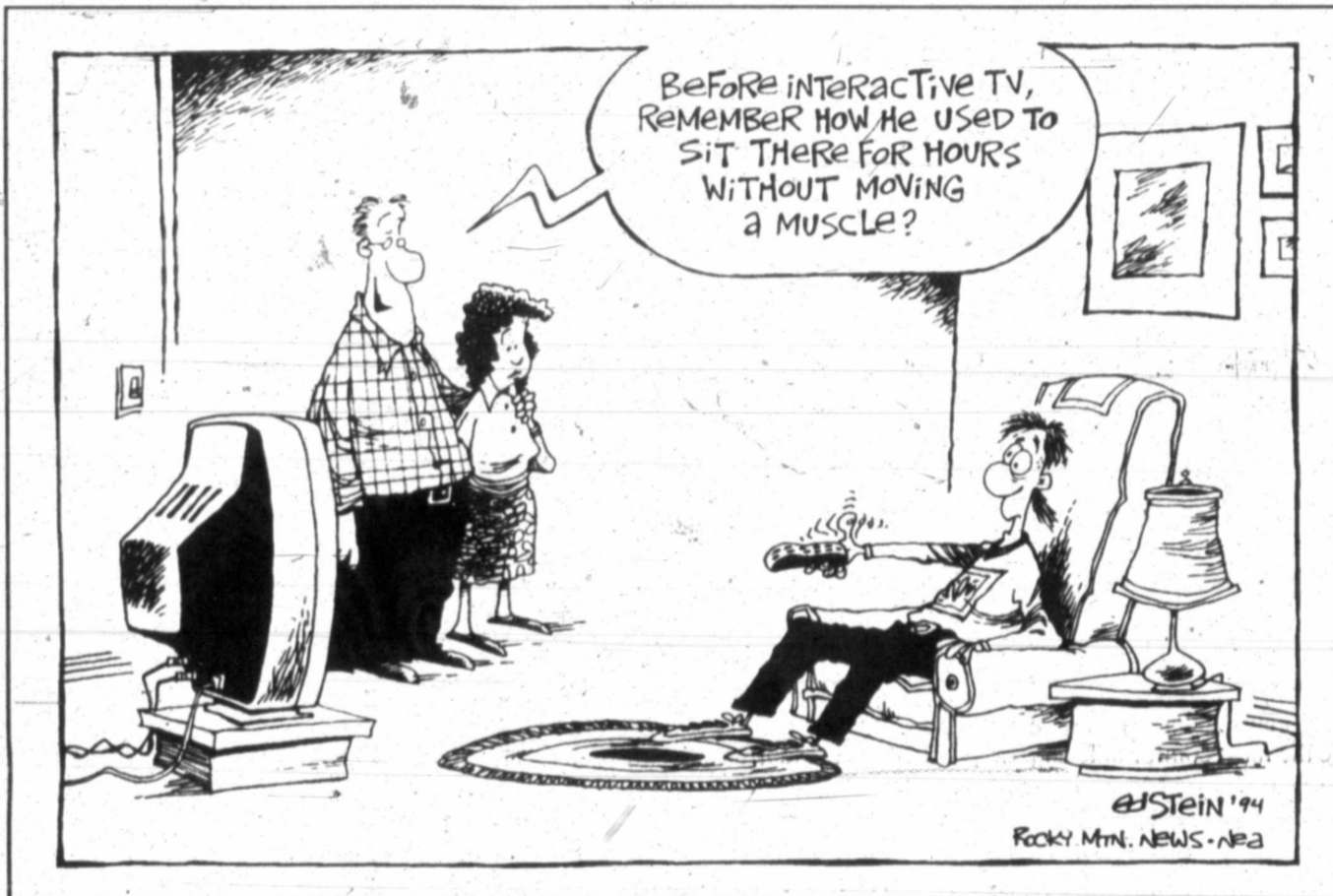
area of federal policy — ... civil rights — has been handed over wholesale to a special interest lobby."

Now, the IJ is a conservative/libertarian organization. Such a charge needs verification. What sort of policy did these activists, and the president, and his administration, actually pursue?

We now have a rough 50 percent women/minority quota for 1,000 new licenses from the Federal Communications Commission, at 60 percent below market value. The administration supported retroactive enforcement of the 1991 Civil Rights Act (rejected by the Supreme Court, 8-1). The Chevy Chase Savings & Loan was forced to approve loans for minorities at below-market rates, with grants to cover down payments. The Department of Housing and Urban Development tried to muzzle activists who opposed the siting of a homeless shelter in their neighborhood. The Clinton health care plan endorsed policies whereby minorities would get preferential opportunity to train for medical specialties while others would more likely be tracked into general practice. And so on and on ...

The quota issue has never surfaced frontally in national elections. It will this time. There will likely be congressional hearings on the matter. Legislation is being crafted to cut federal preferences to "protected groups," which include set-asides for Sri Lankan and Tongan immigrants. An anti-quota referendum will be on the ballot in the big March 1996 California primary.

It happened with Clinton as president and Democrats controlling Congress. It is a matter that defines the kind of nation American will be. And Clinton, and liberal Democrats, have a long way to go to get back to the center.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 1995. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Fifty years ago, on Jan. 9, 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines, with most units encountering little resistance from the Japanese.

On this date:
In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1861, the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, S.C., retreated after being fired on by a battery in the harbor.

In 1913, Richard M. Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Telemedicine may set us free

American cities are suffocating. Why do we persist in piling ourselves on top of one another? In the beginning, we congregated for security. Now, the cities are our least-safe environments. Historically, cities flourished where transportation was convenient. Transportation is now convenient everywhere — and communication is instantaneous.

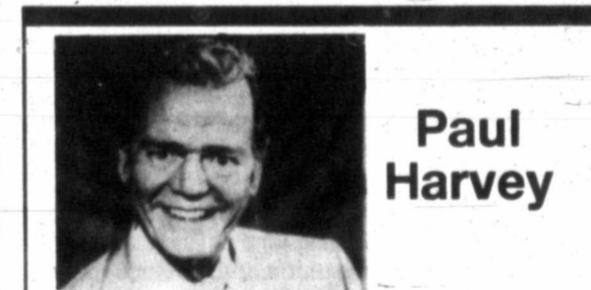
Then why does our population not redistribute itself out there in the clean air, sunshine and less-trafficked countryside? It's "security" again.

This time, it is the availability of major-league doctors and well-equipped hospitals that reassure city dwellers and lures more.

New technology may set us free! "Mayberry U.S.A." would be a happy environment in which to live, work and rear a family — if only the Mayo Clinic were there. It will be.

Already, the specialists of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., are available for consultation with doctors in two sister facilities — in Jacksonville, Fla., and Scottsdale, Ariz.

Up the road ahead, the doctor or nurse in Timbuktu will have the same advantage of communicating by satellite with Mayo, where vital signs and symptoms of an ailing patient will be diagnosed by computer.



Paul Harvey

Telemedicine consultation will one day be available to the most isolated doctor or nurse in the most remote village.

The fictional Joel Fleischman — with his computer in Cicely, Alaska — will be able to communicate puzzling symptoms to Mayo for the present best judgment of experts in specific diseases.

Ninety-plus percent of human ailments can now be categorized so specifically that diagnosis can be made by long-distance consultation. Only for the more complex ailments would you have to travel to be examined at a major medical center.

Does this suggest that one day you might be able to type your symptoms into your own home computer for evaluation by Mayo's specialists? Conceivably, you would have to be a subscriber to

the service, so the more immediate access will be from the office of a country doctor in the Colorado mountains, in the fishing village in Nova Scotia or on the Indian reservation in South Dakota.

Indeed, a boy patient named Pedro, age 8, on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation was taken to the reservation hospital. His local doctor, using a new diagnostic tool called a dermascope, gave physicians at Mayo a close-up televised picture of Pedro's rash. It was a more detailed picture than could be seen with the naked eye.

The two doctors discussed Pedro's unusual rash while Pedro participated, volunteering symptoms and asking questions. The Mayo specialist was thus able to prescribe appropriate treatment. Pedro's rash has since cleared up completely.

That was a test. There have been similar tests involving patients in small-town Kenyon, Minn., and Amman, Jordan.

Telemedicine's potential applications involve teaching, updating textbooks and seminar participation.

As rural electricity turned off the dark, telemedicine will distribute better care at greater convenience and lower cost everywhere.

Not all that we call progress is progress. This is progress!

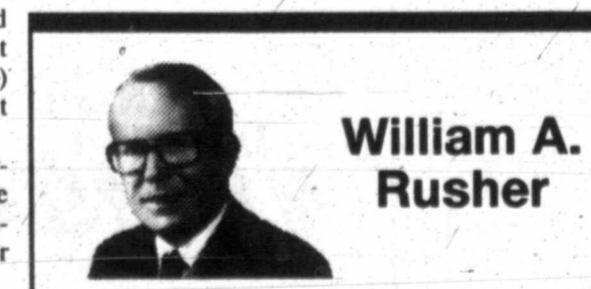
Liberals' war on hypocrisy bites back

Back when I was in high school before World War II, a cutting personal remark about President Franklin Roosevelt (and I made my fair share) would often be met with the response, "If you can't respect the man, at least respect the office."

It is testimony to the high standards of those far-off days that I was chastened by the reproach. The office of president was hedged with a sort of divinity that protected its incumbent against the cheaper kinds of trashing.

Yet a few months ago Jay Leno convulsed the nation by noting that President Clinton wanted to extend the Head Start program, and adding, "From now on the women in Clinton's hotel room will get a 20-minute head start." And more recently David Letterman responded to Mr. Clinton's complaint about the intense scrutiny a president must undergo by saying crisply, "Bill, if you don't like scrutiny, stop dropping your pants!"

What has happened to the presidency? Well, a good many things. It must, for one thing, accept its share of the consequences of the wholesale collapse of standards of decency engineered by our liberals in the name of eliminating "hypocrisy." We can't move words like "penis" and "masturbation" onto television and the front pages of newspapers and then wonder whatever happened to reticence when some woman files a lawsuit describing in graphic detail her encounter with Bill Clinton.



William A. Rusher

Then too, Clinton is, to put it delicately, a child of his time, and his standard of personal behavior probably represents a new low among occupants of the Oval Office. FDR may have enjoyed the favors of a good many women, but no one has yet publicly accused him (let alone Herbert Hoover or Harry Truman) of dropping his pants and saying "Kiss it" to a total stranger in a hotel room.

But the chief reason for the collapse of the barriers that used to protect presidents from obloquy is the changing role of the media. About 30 years ago the dominant media, which had fallen almost entirely under liberal control, dealt themselves a hand in our national politics by greatly increasing the use of anonymous leaks to damage politicians they disliked.

The first presidential victim of this new technique was Lyndon Johnson, of whose war in Vietnam the liberals disapproved. Johnson didn't even bother to

run for re-election in 1968. The second was his successor, Richard Nixon, with whom the media had a long-running feud. Nixon foolishly rendered himself vulnerable by briefly "obstructing justice" in a futile effort to protect various aides implicated in the Watergate break-in — and paid for it with an impeachment proceeding that he forestalled only by resigning.

That was the triumph that really put hair on the chests of the liberal media. Since then, "advocacy journalism" has swung in ever-wider spirals, attacking all sorts of toothsome targets and developing ever-nastier techniques of destruction.

As Pete Hamill conceded in a recent article, it was the liberals who started this new game, but the conservatives soon discovered that two could play at it. They have gotten so good that thoughtful liberals, who had only wanted to impeach a president or two and destroy a couple of Supreme Court nominees, are now seriously beginning to fear for the foundations of the republic.

As well they might. What goes around comes around — or, in the words of an older saying, those who live by the sword perish by the sword. But I see no easy way for this nation to retrace its steps. Having flushed decency and restraint and a saving sense of proportion (along with much else) down the toilet, our liberal media are coming to value some of the uses of that "hypocrisy" they once were so quick to scorn.

Lifestyles

Make way for the new length of the spring season

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

In 1947, Christian Dior rocked the fashion world with a bouffant skirt and tiny waist, touted as The New Look.

Nearly half a century later, here comes The New Length.

The fashion industry so dubbed it after leading designers began testing hemlines mid-knee-length and below in their fall collections previewed last April. Long and lean, the skirt is shaped to the body, not straight. It's often lean and mean like a hobble skirt, it's '40s retro ... and it's the latest look.

Naturally, where Calvin and Donna (and Isaac Mizrahi and Marc Jacobs and Prada in Milan) tread, others follow. So, more and more designers will be lowering skirts for spring.

"Any designer who wants to sell clothing now has his hemlines going toward the floor," says Bud Konheim, vice president of Nicole Miller in New York.

"We're still above the knee, but we came down 2 inches for fall-winter, and now for spring '95, we're coming down another 2 inches. We think of it not as a revolution, but as an evolution. Why should a hemline always be the same? It's not like men's trousers. There's an influence of longer because it couldn't get any shorter."

And it's coming soon to store racks near you.

"Anytime Calvin Klein, Donna Karan or Giorgio Armani shows something new, we will carry the look, since we're a fashion-forward company," says Nancy Husted, fashion director for Neiman Marcus in Denver. "But it will be very interesting to see where across the country the acceptance is. And that will probably be on both coasts."

But retailers agree that The New Length is a tough sell. It's an in-between hemline that women can't relate to: it requires the right top and footwear. Some say it's a plain-Jane length masquerading as chic.

Besides, having made friends with short

skirts, women are accustomed to baring their knees.

"It's going to take a while for our customer to view the longer length as a fashion direction that she will want to adopt," says Kathie Betts, Sears trend manager in Hoffman Estates, Ill., near Chicago. "It will take at least until spring to get into our market."

Long and lean, the skirt is shaped to the body, not straight. It's often lean and mean like a hobble skirt, it's '40s retro ... and it's the latest look.

It took a long time for women to go very short, but once they accepted that length, they embraced it, says Husted.

"So we're still selling short," she says. "I see short on the streets, out at night in restaurants and it's selling above the knee and way above. Considering the whole business of working out, women are very anxious to show off what they've worked so hard to achieve."

Just who is the most likely candidate to slip into the new longer skirts? She's a fashion groupie who will feel stylish, not dowdy, when miniskirted women pass by, flaunting their legs.

"Our younger, more fashion-aware junior customer who currently prefers a very short length will be looking for the longer length," says Betts. "But she needs to first see it in other stores and on the street so she accepts it."

Then again, maybe she's the one without perfect legs who swears by pants. Or a

woman of a certain age who resonated to Good Housekeeping magazine's "Thank you, Calvin Klein!" layout. After all, there are plenty of women who never stopped wearing the length.

But buyer beware. "It's a very difficult length for people to adjust to because it's so in-between," says Konheim of Nicole Miller.

"It looks cumbersome and ungainly. It's daunting to people, and they don't quite know how to wear it."

The smack-at-the-knee hemline changes the proportion of your entire outfit, so beware frumpiness. The chunky shoes and boots and oversized jackets you wore last season will look dowdy.

"It's the way you wear it that makes it new," says Lavelle Olexa, vice president of fashion merchandising at Lord & Taylor in New York. "A fashion-conscious woman will view it as a new direction when she has the new proportion, created by a higher heel, a shrunken sweater or shorter jacket, or a longer jacket with a skinny belt."

Your shoes will need some lift. Pumps and stilettos will do fine. Your waist needs a bit of definition, in the form of a cropped twin sweater set or fitted bolero. Boyfriend jackets will be sitting this dance out.

To avoid heaviness, legs should be nude or sheer. The fabric of the skirt should likewise be buoyant; a stiff wool risks looking matronly. The new silk Charmeuse skirt that so many designers are advocating adds a little movement when you're walking.

Moral of the story: Don't hem your skirts just yet.

Right: Designer Calvin Klein created this black wool crepe dress with a hemline that falls just below the knee. It was shown in Klein's fall collection, which previewed last April.



(AP photo)

Babies and breast-feeding

By DR. PAULA PREZIOSO
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For AP Special Features

Breast-feeding requires time and patience, but many pediatricians consider it to be the best way to feed an infant.

Pediatricians recommend breast-feeding since it allows new mothers to pass on protective antibodies to their babies.

Studies have shown that breast-feeding decreases the incidence of allergies in babies born to mothers with a strong tendency toward these problems.

Nursing also offers mothers the chance to bond with the infant. The food provided is natural, ready-made and does not need to be supplemented. Formula is recommended in those instances when a mother must take certain medications or an infant is intolerant to lactose, a sugar in milk.

A mother who prepares for breast-feeding before the baby is delivered and who has a positive attitude is most likely to succeed.

Breast-feeding can be started as soon as the baby is born, even in the delivery room if mother and baby are both doing well.

Delaying breast-feeding until several hours after the birth may be necessary when the mother has had a Cesarean section.

Nursing can be undertaken in a variety of different positions. An

individual consultation with your pediatrician or nurse may determine the most comfortable and successful position for mother and baby.

Breast milk generally comes in around the third to fifth day after the baby is born. Before that time breast-fed babies are taking in colostrum — a highly concentrated substance that contains protective antibodies.

Feeding time for infants varies. Infants are generally fed when they cry, usually every two to four hours. On average, babies feed for about 15 to 20 minutes on each breast.

The reflex for milk release is strongly linked to the mother's emotions. Making feedings a time for mother and child to bond can help ease the process.

If possible, sit in a quiet room, take the phone off the hook, lock the door and relax while feeding the infant.

New parents are often concerned about whether their breast-fed infants get enough food intake.

Signs of well-fed babies include swallowing sounds while feeding, having bowel movements and wetting five to six diapers within a 24-hour period.

Breast-feeding does not always go smoothly. Instances in which babies have problems feeding are common and frustrating.

These problems are usually not grounds to discontinue breast-feed-

ing. Instead, consult the pediatrician. He or she may suggest an office visit to help address the problems.

If the baby is not satisfied between feedings, has few or no wet diapers, and limited stooling, contact the pediatrician immediately.

There is a tendency for new parents to focus solely on baby's needs but breast-feeding mothers must also pay careful attention to their own diet.

While breast-feeding, it is important to drink plenty of fluids, continue taking prenatal vitamins and take in at least 500 extra calories per day.

Mothers should consult their pediatrician or obstetrician regarding a balanced diet while breast-feeding.

Museum purchases Grant Wood's 'self-portrait'

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP) — Grant Wood's "Self-Portrait," 1932, has been purchased by the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. The museum has been tracking the chalk-and-pencil piece for more than 12 years, said executive director Joe Czestochowski.

The portrait was purchased from the Hirsch & Adler Gallery of New York. Czestochowski said the price was "substantially less than \$230,000," the amount another New York art dealer wanted for it in 1991.

It's the first Wood self-portrait the museum has purchased, and was one of the artist's earliest, Czestochowski said. The museum's collection of Wood's works totals 235.

Czestochowski said the chalk portrait is special because it represents the confidence Wood had following his rise to fame after creating "American Gothic" in 1930.

Wood won first prize for "Self-Portrait" in a self-portrait competition sponsored by the Iowa Federation of Women's Clubs. The Des Moines Register reproduced the work at the time. According to the museum, the only other time the portrait has been publicly exhibited was at the Elvehjem Museum of Art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1985.

Lefors School Menu

- TUESDAY**
Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits, gravy, cereal, juice, milk and peanut butter.
Lunch: Soft tacos, cheese, salad, fruit, milk and salad bar.
- WEDNESDAY**
Breakfast: Oats, cereal, muffins, juice, milk and peanut butter.
Lunch: Steak fingers, potatoes, potatoes/gravy, blackeyed peas or corn, cobbler, rolls, milk and salad bar.
- THURSDAY**
Breakfast: Flapsticks, waffles, juice, milk, cereal and peanut butter.
Lunch: chicken nuggets, potatoes/gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk and salad bar.
- FRIDAY**
Breakfast: Breakfast burritos, juice, milk, cereal and toast.
Lunch: Hamburgers or barbeque, HB salad, pickles, oven fries, fruit and milk.

Fluoride builds bone strength

ATLANTA (AP) — Fluoride may build strong bone mass if given intermittently in a slow-release form with calcium citrate supplements, according to a recent study reported in Arthritis Today, a publication of the Arthritis Foundation.

The publication said doctors at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas compared the effectiveness of two treatment regimens on two groups of post-menopausal women with osteoporosis.

Both groups — a total of 110 women — took calcium citrate supplements, but one also took slow-release sodium fluoride, and the other took a placebo.

After two 14-month cycles, the group receiving both fluoride and calcium citrate showed a significant gain in bone mass in the lower region of the spine and the femoral neck compared to the group receiving placebo and calcium.

The group treated with fluoride also had fewer vertebral fractures than the other group.

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Woman of experience lacks partner to help build a life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old, college-educated woman with a successful career. I have traveled all over the world and enjoyed a variety of life experiences. You are not going to believe this, but I have never been asked out on a date!

I have gone out socially — I asked the son of a family friend to the junior prom — and have gone out with groups of friends for years. I have even used escort services for business functions. But I have never had a boyfriend, or the chance to turn down someone I didn't like.

Mother and Father told me there is a lid for every pot. Lately, they haven't mentioned the subject.

I have a good sense of humor and have been told I'm interesting to talk to, but no man has ever shown a romantic interest in me. I dress well, and some people have told me I am pretty. I have seen some extremely unattractive people who are part of a couple.

Two years ago, I adopted a child. I live a full life and don't sit at home or get depressed. However, what I really want in life is to meet a man who shares my interests and wants to build a life with me and my daughter. I can be alone, but I would rather not. Do you have a solution?

SINGLE IN SEATTLE

DEAR SINGLE: I disagree with your parents. I have seen many pots without lids, and lids



Abigail Van Buren
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

without pots. However, life is not a housewares department.

You have already taken the first step in resolving your problem by acknowledging that a problem exists. Step Two is a series of "truth sessions" with your most trusted male and female friends to find out why you are unapproachable, and if an image makeover or a personality adjustment is in order. (Try not to be defensive.)

And last, I see nothing wrong with a woman asking a man out, or letting friends know that she is interested in meeting a gentleman who shares her interests.

DEAR ABBY: I am an infantry soldier in the U.S. Army, presently assigned to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Macedonia. Our job is tiring, and at times we don't see civilization for weeks on

end. Many of the men and women here feel that they are serving our country proudly by being a part of this mission; yet we don't receive much praise or acknowledgment for doing our job.

I would like to thank you and all those who participated in Operation Dear Abby for making us feel important and our jobs worthwhile.

Public support of our troops is a major morale booster. I'm proud to be an American and to have friends like you.

PFC JAMES F. WOODLEY
DEAR JAMES: I acknowledge with gratitude your efforts and the efforts of all who participated in Operation Dear Abby X — they number in the millions.

DEAR ABBY: You are not going to believe this, but my dentist has had breath. For obvious reasons, I cannot sign my name.

GUTLESS
DEAR GUTLESS: It would be a kindness to tell him. If you lack the courage, mail this to him — before his patients lose their patience!

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Tuesday Jan 10 1995

You might enter into an unusual partnership arrangement through a social connection in the year ahead. Financially, it could turn out to be quite fortunate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something material that you've been wanting might come through for you today from a source you'd least expect. Lady Luck will be on the steering committee. 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

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your hopes have an excellent chance of being fulfilled in this cycle. Today might be an indicator of what awaits you in the near future.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You can find the answer to something that has had you stymied by seeking serene surroundings today. Shut out the turmoil of the world to see things clearly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Plans you presently have under way stand a good chance of succeeding today. This is because you've steadily infused them with broader, logical input.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone you haven't counted on might go to bat for you today. This ally could turn the tide in your favor in a critical situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your first impressions are very reliable today, so don't overanalyze your decisions. Think first, act fast and expect optimum, fast results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone's unique concept might not only solve an

immediate problem, but also produce some fringe benefits. Be a good listener when others speak today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An unusual involvement with a close friend might develop into something very fortunate for both of you. Luck will be a big factor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A bothersome situation could work out to your benefit today, despite the hazardous way in which things appear to be moving. Keep the faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Before the day is over, you might be the recipient of some good news. It will pertain to something that's been a burr under your saddle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could be unusually lucky today in your commercial and financial affairs. Give precedence to matters involving big money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today might start sluggishly, but this shouldn't last long. Something interesting is stirring that could put an ear-to-ear smile across your face.

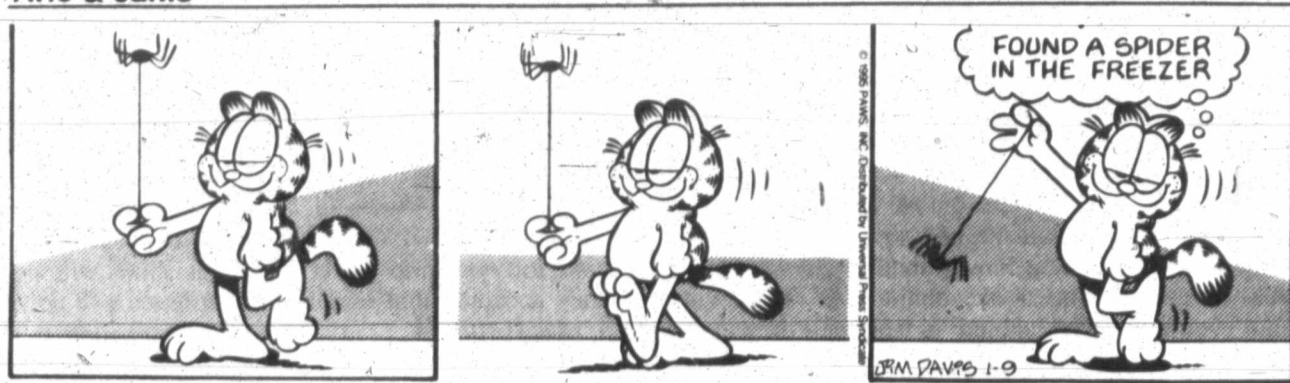
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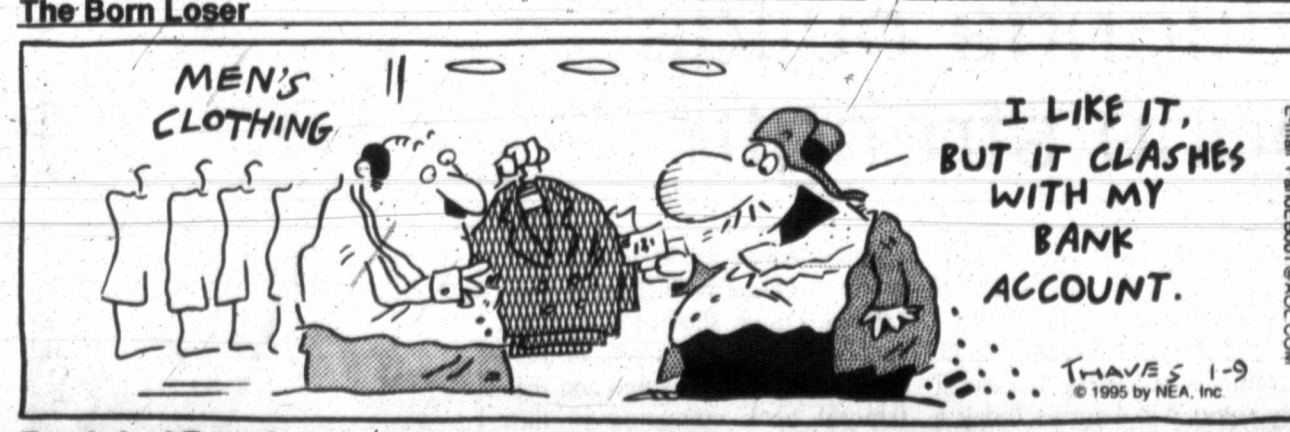
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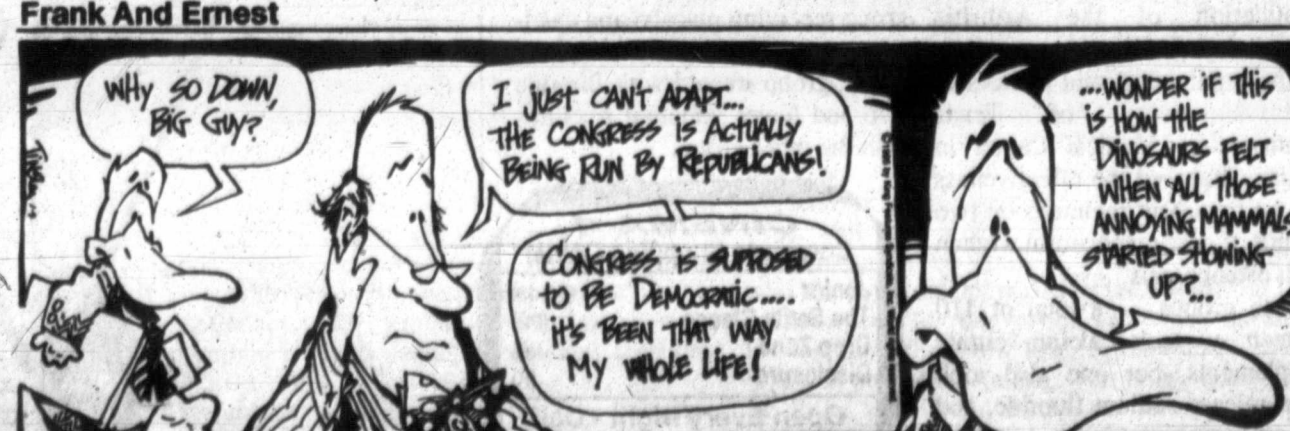
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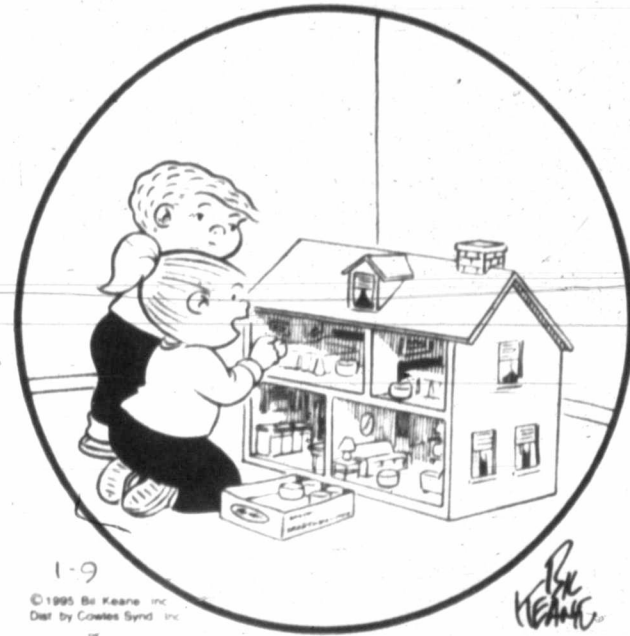
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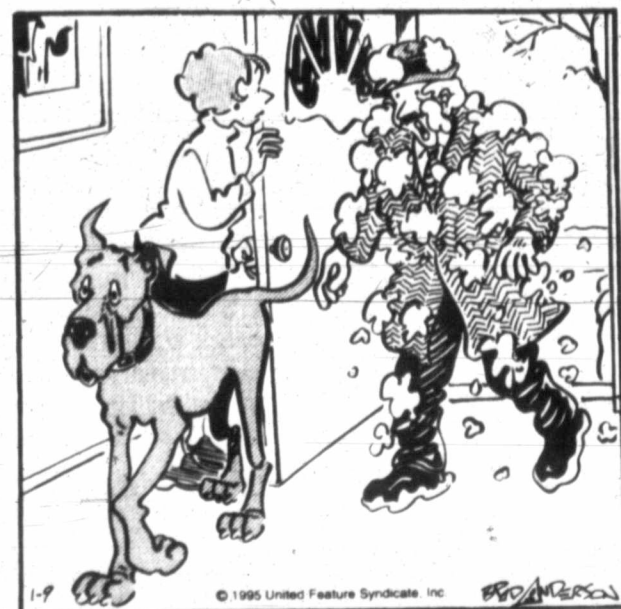
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"I'm using marshmallows for pillows."



"He outran the kids' snowballs. I didn't."

The Family Circus



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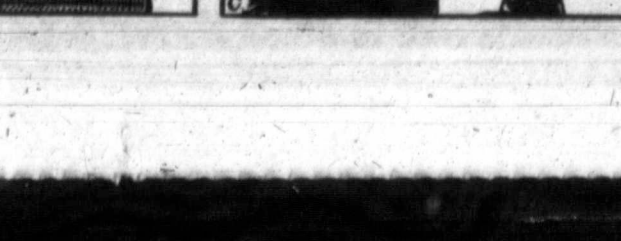
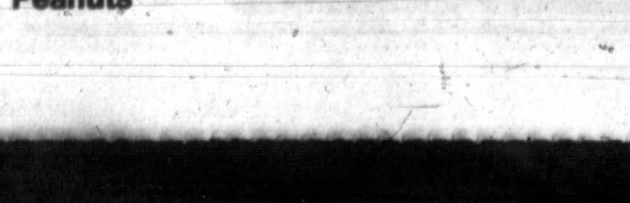
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Scoreboard

PRO FOOTBALL National Football League Playoffs At A Glance

Wild Card Playoffs: Cincinnati 16, Detroit 12; Miami 27, Kansas City 17; Cleveland 20, New England 13; Chicago 35, Minnesota 18.

Divisional Playoffs: Pittsburgh 29, Cleveland 9; San Francisco 44, Chicago 15; Dallas 35, Green Bay 9; San Diego 22, Miami 21.

Packers-Cowboys, Stats: Green Bay 3, 0, 0, 0; Dallas 14, 14, 0, 7.

Individual Statistics: Rushing - Green Bay, Bennett 11-34; Receiving - Green Bay, Brooks 8-138; Passing - Green Bay, Favre, 18-35-1-21.

SKI REPORT

WOODSTOCK, Vt. (AP) - Latest skiing conditions as supplied by Sno Country Reports (Copyright, Sno Country Reports) are subject to change due to weather, skier traffic and other factors.

NORTHWEST Connecticut: Mohawk Mtn. - loose granular 10-25 base 13 trails 4 lifts am 8:30a-10p.

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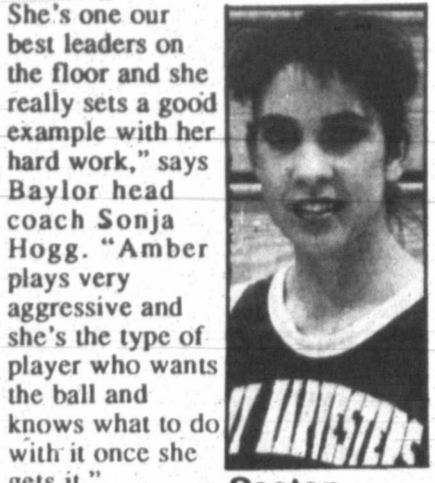
WESTERN CONFERENCE Midwest Division: Utah 21, 10, 677, 1; Houston 20, 10, 667, 1/2; San Antonio 18, 10, 643, 1 1/2.

PRO BASKETBALL National Basketball Association By The Associated Press All Times EST EAST BAY CONFERENCE Atlantic Division: Orlando 26, 8, 813, 1; New York 18, 12, 600, 7.

Pampa's Seaton leads Baylor to best start ever

By L.D. STRATE Sports Editor

Amber Seaton has been the go-to player for the Baylor Lady Bears basketball team this season. According to the latest statistics, the 1992 Pampa High School graduate is leading Baylor in scoring with a 15.6 average and is the Southwest Conference's second-leading rebounder with 9.7 average per game.



Seaton

Seaton, a 6-0 junior, is a three-year starter for the Lady Bears, who enter Southwest Conference play with a 9-3 record. Since her freshman year, Seaton has displayed steady improvement. She averaged 12.5 points and 6.8 rebounds and was the only Baylor player to start all 28 games.

Seaton has set single game career marks in both points and rebounds this season. She had 27 points against UT-San Antonio on Dec. 10 and pulled down 17 rebounds against UT-Arlington on Dec. 3. Seaton has scored in double figures in 10 games and has a half-dozen double-doubles (double figures in both scoring and rebounding in one game) this season.

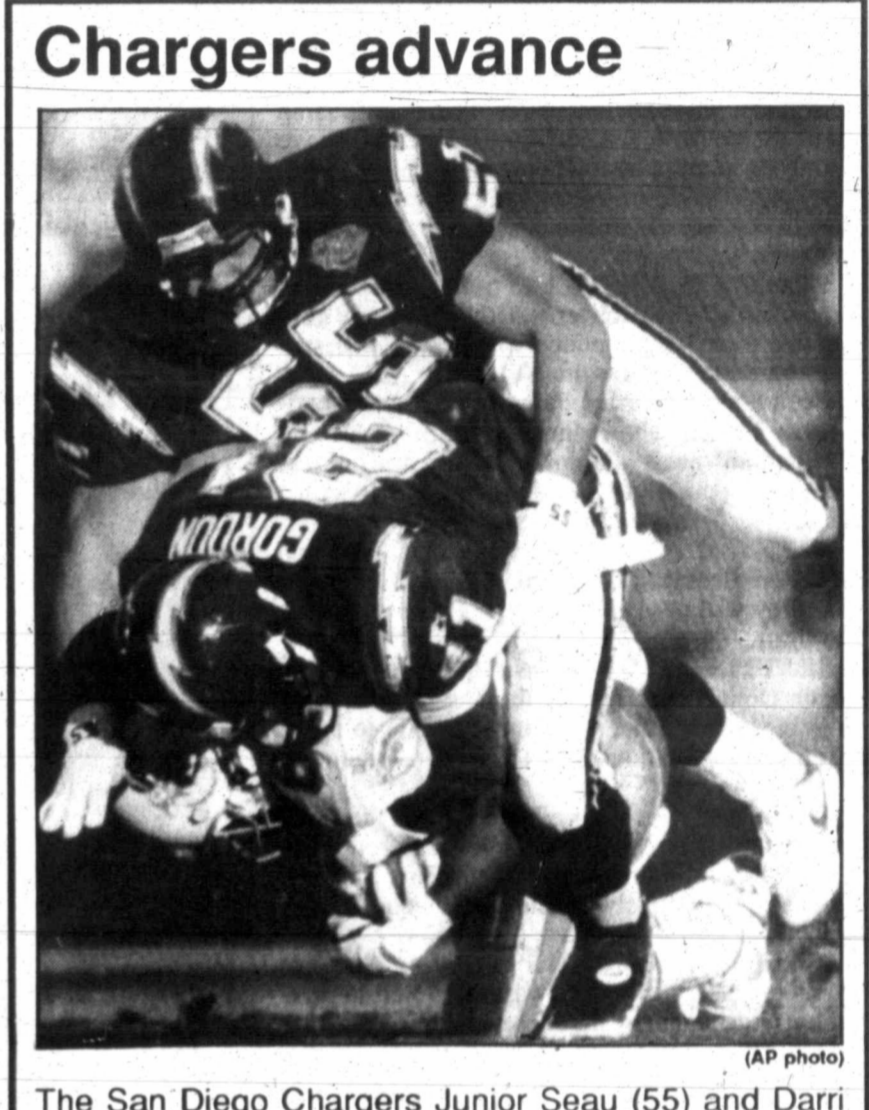
Broncos search for new coach

DENVER (AP) - Denver Broncos owner Pat Bowlen will start the search for a new head coach today by interviewing offensive coordinator Jim Fassel, whom he fired last month.

Bowlen also has scheduled a meeting later this week with Buffalo Bills assistant Elijah Pitts. Fassel spent the weekend at Copper Mountain in preparation for his interview.

Chargers advance

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Owners, players make final effort to save hockey season

By MIKE NADEL AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - It's no longer months, no longer weeks, no longer days.

It's now just a matter of hours before NHL owners either come to contract terms with their players or scratch a season that never began. "Is it possible to reach agreement? If I didn't think it was possible, I wouldn't try," said NHL Players Association executive director Bob Goodenow.

101st day, each side regularly said it was playing its final card.

"It's like a poker game," New Jersey's Scott Stevens said. "Now maybe there can be a compromise so maybe we can get to playing again. Now we call each other's bluff."

Philadelphia Flyers owner Ed Snider would like nothing more than to see the negotiating games end this week and the hockey games begin next week. "None of the differences between the sides is major," he said. "Any reasonable person would see this, find a happy meeting ground and end this ridiculous situation."

But clubs would have the right to walk away from two arbitration decisions annually. The proposal also would cap rookie salaries at \$825,000 and would give only the owners reopen rights after the 1997-98 season.

For players who enter the NHL at age 18, the owners' plan would make players wait too long to be unrestricted free agents, NHLPA president Mike Gartner said. "We think 12 years is restrictive enough," he said. "Fourteen years without finding out what true market value might be is too long, considering the average career length is five years."

Today's meeting in New York - the first face-to-face encounter between the dispute's two central figures since Dec. 6 - was necessitated by the weekend's events. On Saturday, the league's Board of Governors rejected the NHLPA's "final" offer and presented their own "final" plan.

Even Roenick, one of the most militant players, believes there might be some wiggle room. Moments after saying, "The season's done," Roenick added: "You see our proposal, you see their proposal. Who knows that there's not something in between?"

New Jersey's John McMullen, who reluctantly voted to present the proposal, said: "If they don't accept it, we're willing to accept the consequences." The consequences apparently don't scare most players, either. If there's no agreement and no season, there's always Europe - where Roenick played last month - as well as North America's minor leagues.

Earlier in the lockout, now in its

hockey - at least not NHL hockey," Roenick said. "Everybody will find some place to go."

Russians closing in on presidential palace; rebels try to knock out armor

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian tanks and soldiers closed in on the presidential palace today while Chechen rebels darted from house to house, trying to knock out the Russian armor.

Russia's rocket and mortar barrage on central Grozny gave way to tank fire and intense machine-gun and small-arms attacks.

The area around the presidential palace, the symbol of Chechnya's independence drive and Russia's main target, was a whirlwind of exploding shrapnel, bullets and shells.

The Russian government said troops it sent into the breakaway republic on Dec. 11 had advanced to within a few hundred yards of the palace on two sides by mid-afternoon and claimed they had the building "completely blocked."

Bands of Chechen fighters ran, trying to halt the armored advance with rocket-propelled grenade launchers. Some have been able to sneak around the Russians and attack from behind.

Facing overwhelming firepower, the Chechen mood was increasingly somber, with none of the dancing or shows of defiance of recent days. The Chechens say they are determined to fight for every inch of the city, but the area they held seemed to be shrinking.

Russian reinforcements continued to arrive today. A battalion of 30

tanks moved toward the city on one road.

The fighting could be heard in villages outside the besieged Chechen capital. It came three days after President Boris Yeltsin demanded to know why the city was being bombed despite his orders to halt.

Government statements in Moscow have differed sharply from reality in Chechnya, prompting U.S. leaders to ask whether Russia's commander-in-chief was fully in control.

"If he tells people the bombing has stopped and the bombing is still continuing ... he's not in charge," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said Sunday.

President Clinton and other world leaders have urged Moscow to settle the Chechnya uprising through negotiation.

Instead, Yeltsin has sent tens of thousands of troops into Chechnya. The mostly Muslim region of 1.2 million people in the Caucasus Mountains declared independence in 1991.

Thousands of people have been killed and wounded since the Russian offensive began. The Red Cross estimates there are 350,000 refugees.

Today, Russia's Mayak radio said Chechens had proposed a three-hour halt in the fighting so both sides could collect their dead, but the Russians rejected the proposal.

The latest fighting is driving out

even the stalwart remaining residents of Grozny, once home to 400,000 people.

Rebels on Sunday pushed an elderly woman in a wheelbarrow from the city center. Another family packed their belongings into a baby carriage and headed south, with no idea where they'd go.

Russian troops were positioned in a rough arc in the city running from northwest to northeast of a key prize — the presidential palace in central Freedom Square.

A regular procession of battered cars brought wounded Chechen fighters from the palace. The Chechens claim they still hold the multi-story building, but it has taken several direct hits and was gutted by fire on its top floors.

One fighter, 26-year-old Yusup Magomedov, claimed the fire had been put out and "all our officials are still working there. (President Dzhokhar) Dudayev is in full control of the situation."

Russian tank and paratroop units were trying to move in from the east near the central market and the west from the railway station in a bid to encircle the palace.

The heaviest attack Sunday came from long-range rockets, artillery and mortar fire. Small craters, burned-out rocket nose cones, contorted steel and a sea of smashed glass marked a Grad missile attack on Grozny's main bus station.

MacArthur landing anniversary



(AP photo)

A Philippine Marine trooper plants an American flag on the beach of Lingayen Gulf on the main Philippine island of Luzon during a re-enactment Monday of the amphibious landing of allied forces led by the United States to liberate the northern Philippines from Japanese forces during World War II. U.S. and Filipino veterans witnessed the 50th anniversary of the landing led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Twins born on different days, in different years

DALLAS (AP) — Doctors recommended that twins Nicole Rae and Daniel Ray be separated at birth. Their mother reluctantly agreed, but didn't know that she would have to wait until the following year to see her second baby.

After delivering Daniel about 14 weeks early, Donna Dudley heeded the advice of her doctors at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, and her own body, and put off Nicole's delivery for a week.

Although it's not rare to have twins delivered at different times, Mrs. Dudley's doctors say her case —

in which the twins were born seven days apart and in different years — is extremely unusual.

Dr. Kenneth Trimmer and his partner, Dr. Michael Cavenee, delivered Daniel Dec. 27, 1994. Twin Nicole arrived Jan. 3.

"It was very strange," Mrs. Dudley said. "I was scared when it happened but I knew I had to keep my cool — for seven days."

No signs of complications arose after the first birth.

So Mrs. Dudley and her husband, Jubal, decided that she would stay in the hospital and allow nature to

take its course with the second birth.

"When she stopped contracting, there was an obvious benefit to let the other one stay in there," Trimmer said.

Besides, doctors said, Nicole's chances of being born healthy improved as long as she waited.

"That's what kept me from going completely ballistic," said Mrs. Dudley. "That's what kept me from going completely out of my mind. If it was going to do her any good, I would have stayed up there for three months."

One suspect arrested in mass killing in condo

NEW YORK (AP) — Police arrested a man and are searching for at least two others in the weekend slaying of six people in an apartment. The sole survivor couldn't speak because her throat was slashed, but wrote a note leading to the suspect, according to published reports.

Police found \$30,000 hidden in the kitchen, and said drugs, revenge and robbery were possible motives.

Detectives charged Saul Angulo, 20, with murder, assault and weapons possession, police spokesman Sgt. John McCluskey said today.

The victims, including three teenage girls, were found stabbed or shot

early Saturday in a condominium in a quiet neighborhood in the borough of Queens.

The bodies were found after a seventh victim escaped by jumping from a second-floor balcony. The woman, who was shot as well as slashed, was in critical condition; her name was not released.

"A drug-related crime is one theory," said Officer Scott Bloch, a police spokesman. "Also revenge or robbery. Nothing is being ruled out as of now."

No drugs or drug paraphernalia were found in the apartment, but neighbors told police there were many people coming and going, a

possible indication of drug dealing. Police responding to a 911 call at 3 a.m. found the wounded survivor on the front lawn of the apartment building.

After she managed to write police a note, investigators found the bodies of the slain in various rooms of the five-room apartment, said Queens Chief of Detectives Ray Abruzzi.

The victims were a woman, her two daughters, her common-law husband, his cousin and a 15-year-old friend of the younger daughter. The family was from Colombia.

Neighbors told police they heard no shots or other strange noises coming from the apartment.



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