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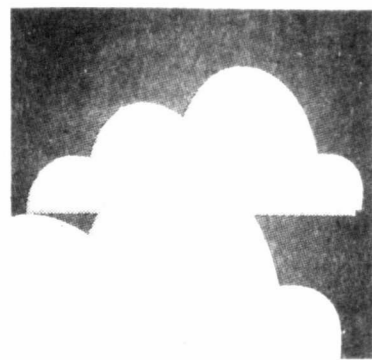
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PAMPA — Special Olympics sport partners will take on Amarillo radio station Z-93 in a benefit basketball game Thursday evening.

The game, set for 7:30 p.m. at McNeely Field House, pits the partners — who played with Special Olympians at area and regional tournaments — against the rock station's disk jockeys.

At halftime, Special Olympians will play in exhibition, and a drawing for a variety of prizes will be held, as will a cake auction.

Tickets are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Money raised will go to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens to be used for Special Olympics, organizer Imogene McMinn said. Doors open for the event at 6:30 p.m.

PAMPA — Parents hoping to take advantage of the Texas Tomorrow Fund have until March 31 to sign up, Pampa Independent School District spokesperson Ramona Hite said.

Applications must be post-marked by the end of the month.

The fund allows parents to prepay their child's tuition and required fees with a single lump sum payment or with monthly installment payments over a number of years.

The contract must be paid up by the time the child graduates from high school.

Applications and detailed information about the program are available at each school in the district, Hite said.

The first payment would be due by May 1.

PAMPA — The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will meet in regular session Thursday at 6 p.m. in the City Hall commission chambers.

Items on the agenda include reading of ordinance #1004, report on Texas Recreation and Park Society Conference, survey and playground equipment recommendation.

Staff reports will be given by Reed Kirkpatrick and Shane Stokes.

LEFORS — The Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a special called meeting Friday night to recognize Chip Chandler, reporter for The Pampa News.

The board unanimously passed a resolution placing Chandler on the Texas Association of School Boards Statewide Media Honor Roll. The resolution expresses the appreciation of the Lefors ISD for "the balanced and accurate approach" which Chandler has taken in his reporting of the activities of the Lefors schools.

A copy of the resolution has been forwarded to the Texas Association of School Boards.

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Texas to appeal court ruling on UT admissions

AUSTIN (AP) — The state will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court a decision that struck down the University of Texas Law School's affirmative action admissions policy, Attorney General Dan Morales said today.

Morales' office said Harvard Law School Professor Laurence Tribe has agreed to assist in representing the state in its appeal. Tribe is a well-known constitutional scholar.

On Monday, hundreds of students marched on the Capitol and met with Morales to object to last week's federal appeals court decision overturning the affirmative action programs.

Minority students say they will remain focused on protesting the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision.

The appeals court ruled the UT law school's race-based admissions policies were unconstitutional. Minority students are demanding further appeals of that decision.

Chanting, "We won't go back," the crowd gathered on campus Monday and marched several blocks to the Capitol's north steps. From there, they moved to Morales' office, where five students met with the attorney general in a closed, 40-minute meeting.

About 300 other students waited outside Morales' office in the cold weather, waiting for word from him.

"As good attorneys, they said, they need to weigh their options," said Kevin Michael Foster, a graduate student who was among those who met with the attorney general and his staff. "They said they stand for the same principles as we do."

Students booed the lack of decision, but promised to return to Morales' office if he opts against further appeals.

Before the meeting, Foster said students objected to eliminating race as a component of admissions.

"The decision said race can not be a part of the (admissions) decision," he said. "We want it to be one of many factors. What we are arguing is that there is a need for diversity."

Earlier Monday, Morales told reporters that the case is likely to end up before the country's highest court, but he warned that an appeal has not been decided.

"I think it would be irresponsible for us to attempt to deal with this case on the assumption that it was only going to impact upon the University of Texas or only impact upon the states in the 5th Circuit," he said. "There are some in the national civil rights community for example who ... are not comfortable that this is one of the stronger cases with which to present the U.S. Supreme Court with the issue of affirmative action in higher education."

The 5th Circuit's ruling reversed a decision by an Austin federal judge who had upheld in 1994 the law school's policy of letting some minority applicants enter law school under lower standards than whites.

Four white students had sued, claiming they were denied admission by an unlawful policy based solely on race.

The university system has suspended admissions to all 15 of its campuses in Texas as it re-evaluates its policies. Texas A&M on Monday began a 10-day freeze on all applications systemwide.

University of Texas President Robert Berdahl assured students last week that the school will take whatever steps necessary to protect affirmative action.

Historic hat research



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Audrey Donn, left, helps Rita Wilhem try on one of the historic hats kept on display at the White Deer Land Museum. The hat belonged to Mrs. John McKerney around 1900. The two women from Colorado Springs, Colo., were at the museum this morning doing research on historic clothing. Mrs. Wilhem does reproductions of historic clothing in modern sizes; Mrs. Donn is an antique collector specializing in Victorian jewelry.

'Apollo 13' top choice in space

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — *Braveheart* may be the best picture on Earth, but *Apollo 13* is the unanimous choice in space.

The eight film buffs in orbit — the joint U.S.-Russian crew aboard space station Mir and shuttle Atlantis — said today they're big fans of the movie about the troubled moon mission.

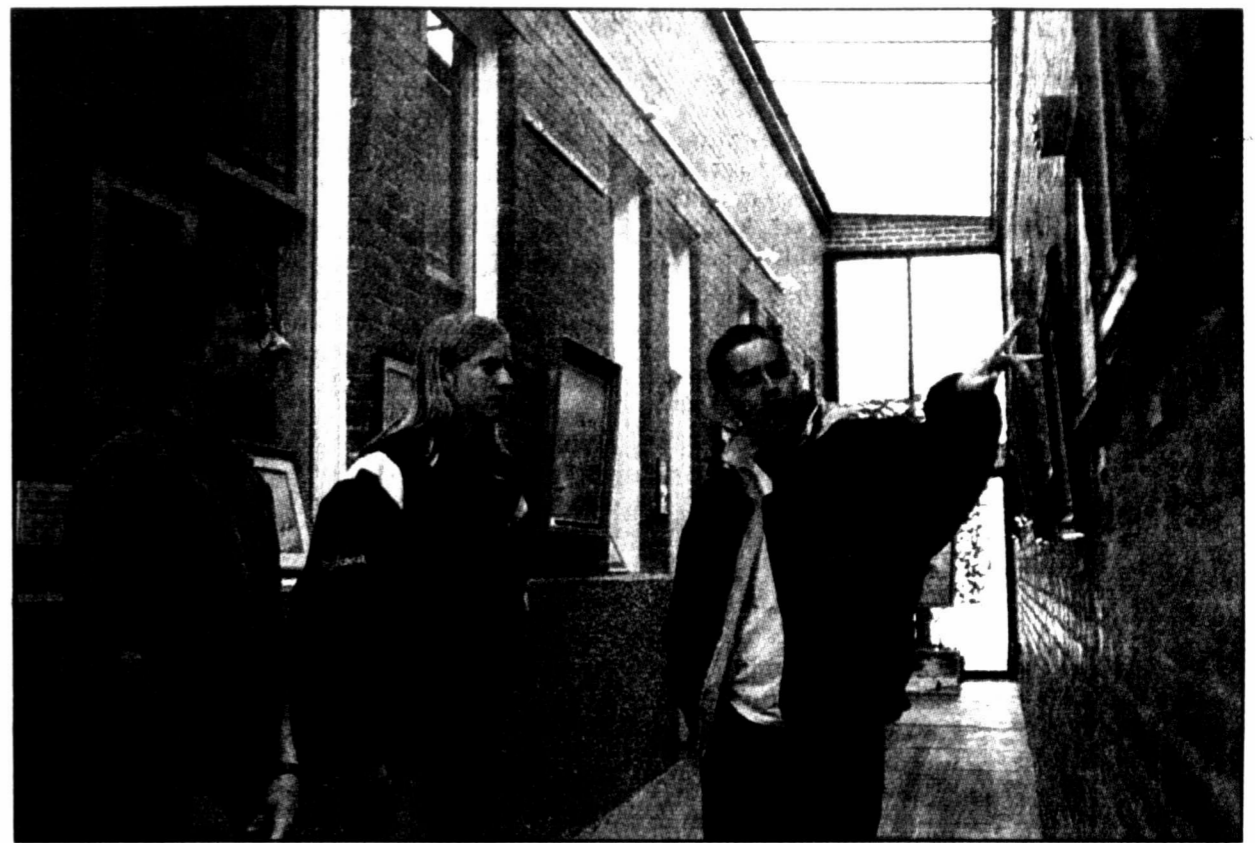
During a space-to-ground interview with ABC's *Good Morning America*, Atlantis commander Kevin Chilton said he was disappointed that Mel Gibson's epic won the best pic-

ture Oscar over the film based on former astronaut Jim Lovell's book *Lost Moon*.

Mir's two Russians have seen the film, and the American astronauts presented them with autographed copies of the book when the spaceships docked last weekend.

Chilton said both his crew and the cosmonauts would have voted differently than the academy, "although we watched *Braveheart* in quarantine just before we launched, and that was a good movie, too."

Museum art gallery



(Pampa News photos by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa High School ninth grade students Boyd Yates, David Radcliff and Danny Contreras look at paintings on display at the White Deer Land Museum Art Gallery this morning. The gallery features works by Gray County artists, china painting and Easter crosses. With the volunteer assistance of a local art club, the gallery will change out approximately every three months. It will feature works by local artists, including high school and middle school students, contemporary artists and past artists of the year. The gallery is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Fed to hold interest rates steady

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with evidence the economy has overcome a weak spot early this year, the Federal Reserve today decided to hold short-term interest rates steady.

The announcement came just 15 minutes before Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan sat down before the Senate Banking Committee, which will pass judgment on whether he should be confirmed to a third four-year term in a job that many consider the second-most-powerful in government. (See related story, Page 7.)

"The economy seems at this particular stage ... to be running at a reasonably good clip," Greenspan said. "The unemployment rate is lower than at any time in the recent past."

And, citing the Fed's perpetual concern with containing inflation, he said "price stability ... is an essential element in enabling the economy to reach its full potential."

Just before his appearance, a spokesman for the central bank, Joseph Coyne, said the Fed's monetary policy-making panel had ended its meeting at 9:35 a.m. CST and that, "there is no further announcement."

Usually the announcement comes at around 1 p.m., but it was made earlier today to accommodate the timing of Greenspan's Capitol Hill appearance.

When Greenspan appeared before Congress a month ago, he was able to hold out the tantalizing hint that he might soon trim interest rates to pep up the faltering economic growth.

Since then there's been a spate of positive economic reports, including a surprising surge of job creation in February that pushed the nation's unemployment rate to 5.5 percent from 5.8 percent.

Republican senators praised Greenspan lavishly. The commit-

tee chairman, Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., promised to move his and two other Fed nominations expeditiously to the full Senate, where a vote was expected this week.

"His wisdom and experience have helped avert several global financial crises. In fact, Alan Greenspan is properly known as the world's pre-eminent central banker," D'Amato said.

Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., said Greenspan has his "wholehearted endorsement," adding, "Under his adept leadership, the U.S. economy has achieved an unprecedented level of stability."

Panel members also indicated their support for the other nominees: Alice Rivlin, to be vice chairman, and Laurence H. Meyer. Rivlin is director of the Office of Management and Budget. Meyer is a respected economic forecaster and professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Pampa student wins study tour to Germany

Sarah Landry, a Pampa High School sophomore, will spend three weeks in Germany for an all expense paid study tour through the Daimler-Benz Award of Excellence program.

PHS was among 50 grand prize winners of the award, a global awareness program sponsored by the Goethe-Institut and Daimler-Benz.

Landry was chosen by a committee at the school.

The 241 students who participated from PHS and Pampa Middle School faced competition from over 220,000 students from the United States and Canada. The contest tested students' knowledge of contemporary Germany, dealing with educational, political

and everyday issues of modern Germany and its reunited capital.

The students viewed a video, hosted by Olympic champion skater Katarina Witt, on sports in Germany, different German regions and customs and differences between the German and North American sports scene.

They then answered questions about the video and accompanying poster.

Of the more than 2,200 schools which took part in the Be a Sport: Join In! contest, 50 were chosen to select one of their students to be a grand prize winner of the study tour to Germany. Landry and the others will be accompanied by six chaperones.

The program begins June 16 in

Washington, D.C., where the winners will visit their congressional representatives on Capitol Hill and attend briefings on U.S.-German relations at the State Department and at the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in preparation for their trip.

In Germany, the group will spend time touring famous German landmarks and institutions, meeting their counterparts, participating in a German class at the Goethe-Institut and visiting some of the Daimler-Benz Group's extensive automotive and aerospace facilities.

They will also spend one week with host families of Daimler-Benz employees, taking part in the family's daily activities.

Borger man arrested after high speed chase

A Borger man was arrested late Friday following a high speed chase which took Pampa police to Miami before the pursuit ended.

Donnell Hurd, 22, was released on \$8,000 bond Sunday charged with deadly conduct and evading arrest in connection with the convoluted chase which looped and turned through residential Pampa before heading east to Roberts County and through Miami before ending.

Officer Doyle Finstad attempted to stop Hurd's 1986 Oldsmobile in the 900 block of South Barnes for a speeding violation, according to Lt. Steve Chance.

When Hurd refused to stop, Finstad — later joined by three other city officers — followed the man east on Frederic, west on Frederic, east on Frederic and southward on Barnes, finally pursuing Hurd on Campbell, Reid, Albert, Gray, Crawford, Octavius, Maple, Thut, Gray, West, Russell, Ballard, Ford, Scott, Ignor, Denver, Murphy, Henry and finally back to US 60.

Hurd continued east on US 60 and into Roberts County before finally being stopped by the deputies, said Chance.

Sheriff Bill Britten said today Deputy Curtis Dalton arrested Hurd at Clyde Street and US 60 when the Olds slid into the ditch as its driver attempted to turn from the highway to the street.

"We was very very lucky — no injuries, no damage," said Britten.

Three Roberts County deputies — two them clearing the highway of other vehicles — were involved in the chase, Britten said.

Husband's Mementos Are Nobody's Business But His

DEAR ABBY: I have been reading your column for years. A letter in your column today really caught my eye. It reminded me of a conversation I had with one of my sisters years ago.

The letter was written by a woman who was irritated that her husband of 12 years still kept old letters from a former girlfriend.

My sister and I were looking through some old picture albums when she came across a picture of my husband and a pretty girl, taken before we were married. She looked puzzled and said: "How come he still has pictures of his old girlfriend? I sure wouldn't let my husband keep pictures of his old girlfriends!"

I replied: "Listen, I didn't find him under a cabbage leaf. He wasn't born the day before he married me. He had a life, and she was part of it. I also had a life before him and I have mementos of that life. Our experiences make us what we are, and any and all memories he chooses to preserve are fine with me."

"We have been married almost 40 years. He has stood by me during good times and bad, and has been a loyal and loving husband always. He's been a wonderful father to our daughter and a wonderful grandfather as well. And the best part of all is that he chose me to marry. So he can keep as many pictures, letters and souvenirs from his past as he cares to. I have him!"



Abigail Van Buren

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PAT IN ST. HELENS, ORE.

DEAR PAT: Wow! What a sensible attitude. My congratulations to both of you. You are lucky to have found each other.

DEAR ABBY: Concerning "Distraught Middle Child," whose sister and brother refused to attend her wedding if the other one was going to be there.

You were right on when you said it was unfair to have put her on the spot. However, Abby, I believe "Distraught" would find less grief with these petty people if she were to extend the invitation to both of them, and let them wrestle with the decision of whether or not to attend the sister's wedding.

By forcing them to make the decision, she is removing herself from their game. If she doesn't invite either one, they will undoubtedly haunt her with that for the rest

of her life.

SHARON L. RUDD, EUGENE, ORE.

DEAR SHARON: Your suggestion to invite both of them and let the brother and sister make the decision to attend the wedding or stay home was the intelligent way to handle it. Why didn't I think of that?

DEAR ABBY: Is it proper at bridal or baby showers to place a thank-you note at each luncheon plate instead of sending individual thank-you notes following the gift opening?

I should think if a person had cared enough to spend the time and money for a gift and attend the shower, a personal note of thanks (which would take five minutes at the most) and a 32-cent stamp aren't too much to expect.

Your opinion, please. **MIFFED IN MICHIGAN** DEAR MIFFED: You are justified in feeling miffed. In my opinion, such blanket expressions of thanks are cheap and tacky.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope



Wednesday, March 27, 1996

In the year ahead you might have the good fortune to establish a relationship with your ideal type of friend. Good things will happen as a result of this alliance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You will have an ample supply of determination today, but you might not use it to your advantage. If you try to overcome an obstacle, make sure the end result will be worth the effort. Anes, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) No one will think less of you today if you confess your mistakes, even if they are larger than usual. Acknowledging your errors will help you to move on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you have a little surplus to work with at this time, don't invest just for the sake of investing. The market will be fickle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you disagree with your mate today, it might be more difficult than usual to resolve your differences. Both of you will want to have the last word.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may not reach ambitious objectives today if your motivation to succeed is weaker than your will to win. Wait until you feel stronger.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A good friend may inadvertently put down your ideas today. Proceed with your plans, and realize that your friend's influence will not be helpful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The probability of finishing what you start is slim today, so don't make things worse by adding

more assignments to your agenda.

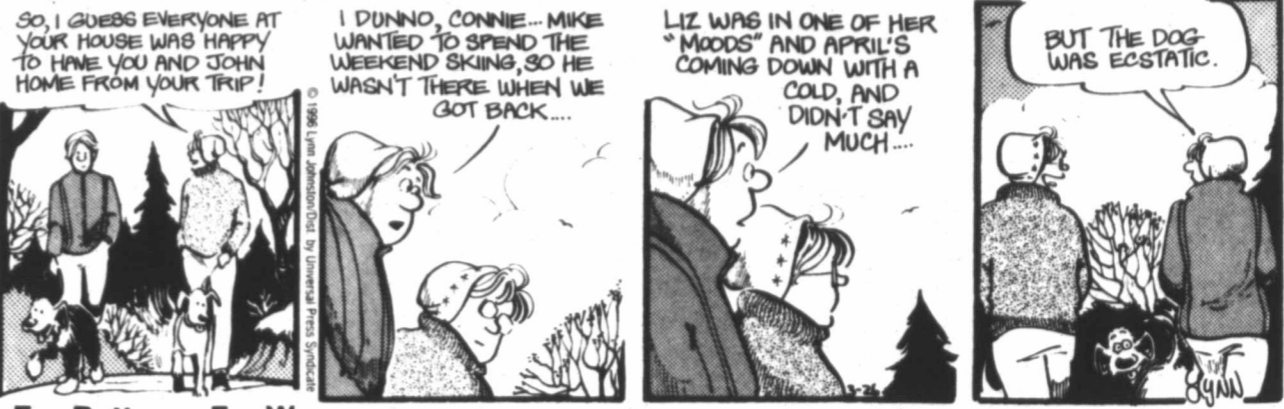
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try not to hog the podium when socializing with friends today. You should give others a chance to speak. You might have a good time talking, but they won't.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This will not be a good day to make personal loans or borrow from others, especially if a person who has not cleared up an old obligation requests more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you fail to protect your interests today, don't expect associates to take care of things for you. You must assert yourself in every situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Heed the advice of others today, but also listen to your own opinions. In the final analysis, following your instincts may prove the best policy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may lose ground today if the responsibilities in a joint endeavor are not divided equally between you and your partner. Each must do his part.



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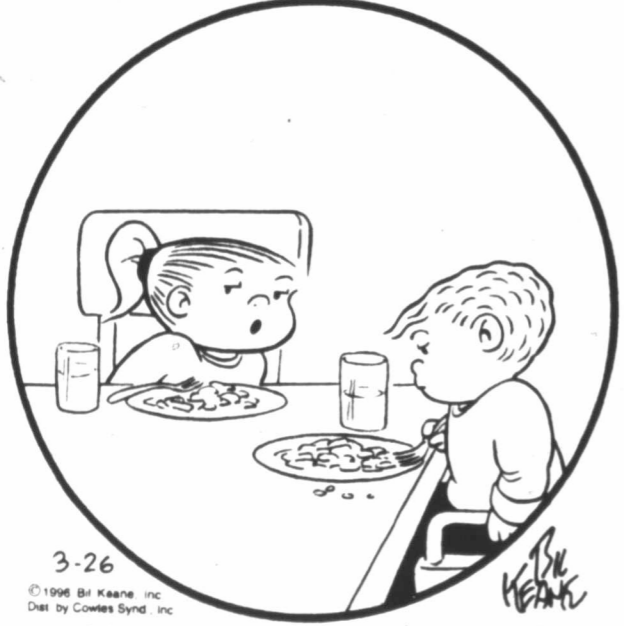
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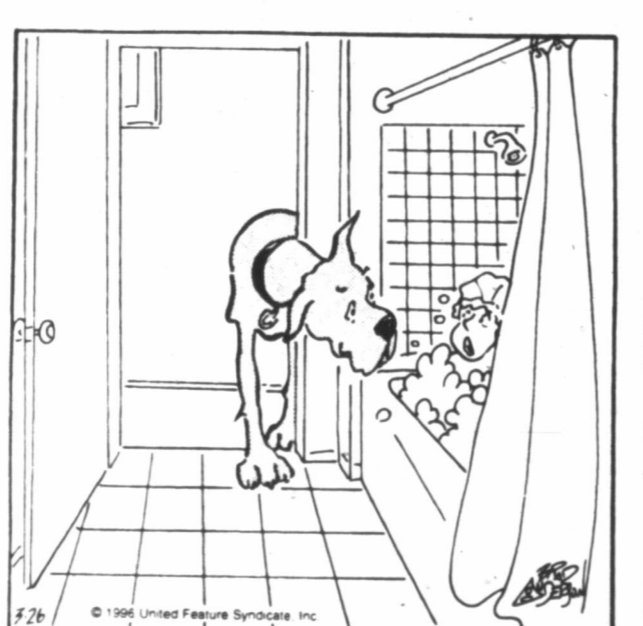
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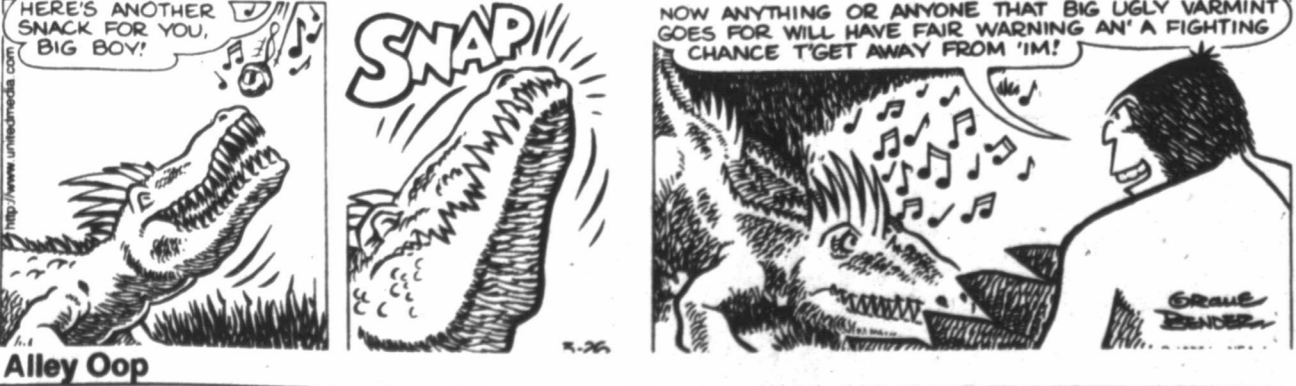
The Family Circus



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Peanuts

Britain rules out tough steps on 'mad cow' meat

LONDON (AP) — Hoping its words would speak louder than its modest actions, Britain said Monday that the risk of catching mad cow disease is "extremely small" and ruled out any new steps — at least for now — to curb its spread.

But the European Union banned British beef and veal, and Burger King restaurants in England joined the spreading boycott that threatens to devastate the nation's \$6-billion beef industry.

And government scientists said they were investigating two possible new cases of the human sickness linked to mad cow disease.

"Last week I said public confidence was hanging by a thread. Now public confidence has collapsed," Harriet Harman of Britain's opposition Labour Party told the House of Commons after the government's announcement.

With the issue becoming increasingly partisan, Conservative lawmaker Tony Marlow shouted at Miss Harman that she was "a stupid cow."

The panic over British beef began last week, when the government disclosed that scientists believe 10 cases of a lethal brain disease "most likely" stemmed from the cattle disease, formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy. At least eight of the victims have died.

Millions of Britons stopped eating beef, and school cafeterias, restaurants and more than a dozen nations banned it.

On Monday, the trouble continued for the British beef industry, with the European Union banning its meat. Britain was the only dissenting vote in the EU veterinary committee. All but two EU countries — Ireland and Denmark — had already banned British beef, as the United States has done since 1989.

Burger King announced Monday night that its restaurants in Britain were joining

McDonald's, Wendy's and the British Wimpy chain in switching to imported beef.

And scientists said they were investigating two more possible cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease — an incurable and little-understood human illness — thought linked to mad cow disease, in addition to the 10 already disclosed.

Essentially, the government on Monday stuck with the same advice it gave last week, and offered little more than reassuring words to persuade consumers that its beef is safe.

Last week, the government's main recommendation was that all carcasses of cattle over 30 months have all the bones removed. On Monday, officials proposed no new action.

"No human activity is without some risk. If the government rigorously enforces the current and newly recommended controls, we believe that this risk is likely to be extremely small," said Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell, quoting the government's scientific advisory panel.

Confounding predictions in Monday's newspapers that the government would order the destruction of millions of animals, Dorrell said a scientific advisory committee "does not believe that additional measures are justified at this stage."

Some Britons believe their children are at special risk of contracting the disease, but the government advisers said that was not the case, and Dorrell urged school cafeterias to put beef back on their menus.

Officials hoped that the statement would get people buying British beef again.

"I believe that confidence should be restored on the basis of what (the advisory committee) and others have said," Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg told the House of Commons.

If that doesn't happen, he said, he might recommend further action.

World briefs

Bahrain executes killer linked to political unrest

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Bahrain, signaling its resolve to halt a wave of unrest, executed a man today who was convicted of killing a policeman. It was the country's first execution in 20 years.

Opposition groups called the death by firing squad of Isa Qambar, a 29-year-old Shiite Muslim, "political murder" and warned of increased violence.

Bahrain, a Persian Gulf island that is a Middle East financial hub and home to a U.S. Navy base, has experienced a wave of political unrest for 15 months.

Shiite opposition groups have been pressing the Sunni Muslim-dominated government for political reforms, including restoring a parliament dissolved in 1975, improving social conditions and job opportunities.

Anticipating renewed unrest following the execution, riot police were out in force today, patrolling the streets of several Shiite villages.

Citizens evacuated while World War II bomb defused

MAGDEBURG, Germany (AP) — Ten thousand people were evacuated from their homes in this central German city while munitions experts defused an American World War II bomb found by construction workers.

Street cars service and ship traffic on the nearby Elbe River halted Monday until the bomb had been safely deactivated.

Police said the 2,200-pound bomb was the largest found in Magdeburg, 60 miles southwest of Berlin, in recent years.

Workers digging at a construction site for a gas station found the bomb at midday 1 1/2 yards underground. Efforts to defuse the double-fused bomb were delayed when some residents refused to leave their homes.

Last year, some 2,900 undetonated bombs and munitions, most from World War II, were found and defused in Sachsen-Anhalt state alone, where Magdeburg is located.

Zedillo outlines industrial policy, emphasizes exports

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo has promised \$12 billion in government financing to help make Mexico's manufacturing industries more competitive in world markets.

With a sagging domestic market over the past 15 months, Zedillo credited exports with preserving thousands of jobs and boosting whole industries during a steep recession.

Exports of Mexican goods, not including the products of "maquiladora" assembly-for-export plants, increased 30 percent in 1995 over the prior year.

Zedillo said the plan was meant to increase the competitiveness of Mexican exports, to encourage industries to produce more of the goods they export and to expand the Mexican market for domestic goods to reduce imports.

Confederation president Victor Manuel Diaz Romero welcomed the government plan. He said the most pressing problems facing Mexican industries were outdated technology, a lack of industrial integration, a shortage of credit, high interest rates and dependence on imports.

Tatarstan re-elects president

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — The oil-rich Russian republic of Tatarstan re-elected its president with an overwhelming 93 percent of the vote, preliminary results indicated Monday.

Mintimer Shamiyev, the regional Communist Party chief in Soviet times, ran unopposed in the election. He was elected president in 1991.

Voter turnout was 76 percent, the Interfax news agency reported.

Residents of Tatarstan voted overwhelmingly in a March 1992 referendum to declare the republic a sovereign state. A Russian court declared the vote unconstitutional, but Tatarstan has retained considerable autonomy over its affairs.

Sunday's election was the first test of a new, automated vote-counting system that could be used in Russia's June 16 presidential election, Marat Sirayev, chairman of the Tatar election commission, told Interfax.

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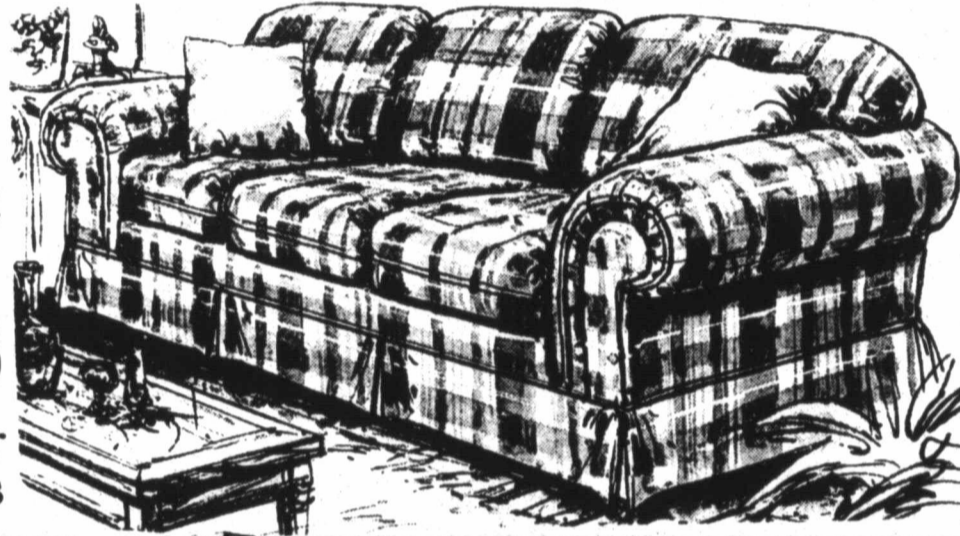
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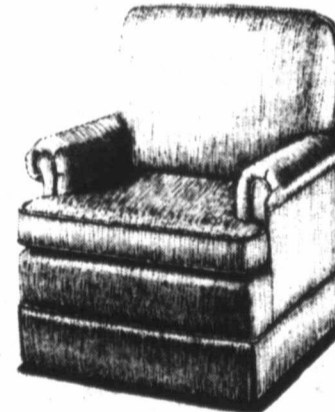
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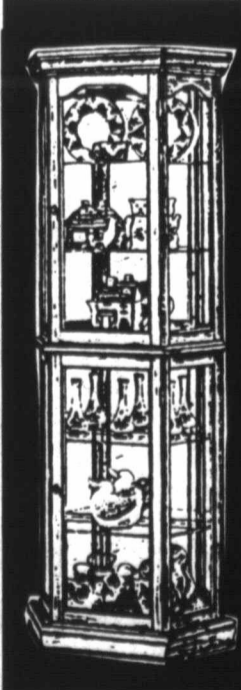
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