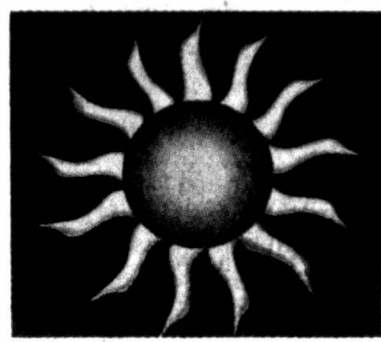


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PAMPA — Gray County commissioners are to meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday to consider:

- Paving a newly dedicated road in Keller Estates.
 - Extension of the resolution authorizing enforcement by county personnel of outdoor burning regulations of Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.
 - Addition of Iris Ragsdale to White Deer Land Museum bank account.
 - A contract with U.S. Forestry Service for use of Sheriff's Office employees at Lake McClellan.
 - A contract for use of Clyde Carruth Pavilion.
- In executive session, the court will consider *Misty Beck vs. Gray County*.

PAMPA — The local animal control office will sponsor a city-wide rabies shot drive May 3, 4 and 6. Shots will be offered at reduced rates at all three Pampa veterinarian clinics. Dogs will be vaccinated May 3 and 4, and cats on May 6. All dogs and cats over three months old must be vaccinated by a licensed veterinarian, and the animal must wear the tag at all times, according to local Animal Control Director Sandy Burns.

AUSTIN (AP) — One ticket bought in Houston correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$4 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2, 6, 9, 27, 36 and 46.

There were 117 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,247. There were 6,208 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$85.

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

HOUSTON (AP) — About 400 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and prison officials were gathered in Houston today for a national conference on dealing with gang problems.

The National Major Gang Task Force, a group created in 1993 to help authorities share information on gangs, is holding its second annual meeting through Wednesday.

Group members say intelligence on gangs is often collected by local law enforcement agencies but is not shared through the criminal justice system.

Speakers at the conference, which is closed to the public, include Kim Ogg, director of Houston Mayor Bob Lanier's Anti-Gang Office.

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Abortion notification law loses in Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today refused to revive an invalidated South Dakota law that required most young girls seeking abortions to first notify one of their parents.

The justices, over three dissenting votes, let stand rulings that struck down the abortion law as unconstitutional because it did not allow girls to avoid telling a parent by getting a judge's permission instead.

Today's action is yet another signal that the court, which in 1992 reaffirmed its landmark *Roe vs. Wade* decision legalizing abortion nationwide, is not eager to tackle the divisive issue again.

That divisiveness surfaced in an exchange of opinions authored by Justices John Paul Stevens and Antonin Scalia.

The court has not agreed to tackle a case dealing directly with the right to abortion since that 1992 ruling.

In other matters today, the court:

— Ruled in a Michigan case that federal trial judges cannot grant acquittal to convicted criminals who miss the deadline for requesting such an order.

— Agreed to use a Washington state case to decide whether prison inmates can sue over the loss of good-conduct time that would have hastened their release.

— Refused to revive a lawsuit by apple growers against CBS over a *60 Minutes* report on Alar, a chemical used to spray apples.

— Agreed to resolve an arcane but big-money dispute from Georgia over estate taxes that government lawyers say arises in countless cases.

— Acting in a hate-crime case from Massachusetts, refused to curtail judges' power to close juvenile-delinquency proceedings to the public.

A court ruling on parental-notification laws could have had enormous practical impact. Of the more than one million legal abortions performed annually in the United States since 1973, about 12 percent are for minors.

Scalia, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justice Clarence Thomas dissented from today's action. The votes of four of the court's nine members are needed to grant review to such appeals.

All three of today's dissenters have voted in the past to let states outlaw virtually all abortions.

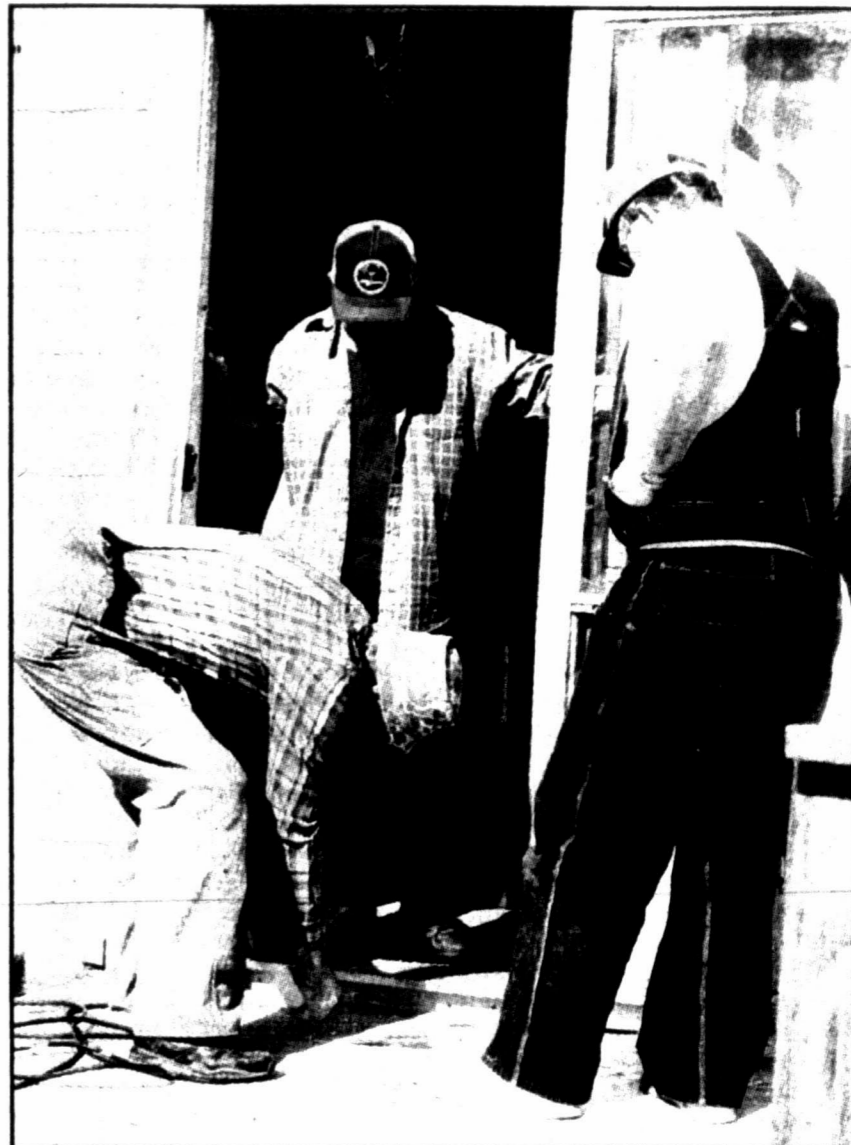
Two issues loomed in the South Dakota case. The first was whether a state can ban abortions for unmarried girls under 18 who are dependent on one or both parents unless a parent is notified or a judge's approval is obtained.

South Dakota was the only state in the union with a one-parent notification law that does not include a judicial-bypass option.

The second issue was the standard of review judges should use in determining whether a particular abortion law is constitutional before it's been enforced.

In an opinion for the court's three dissenters, Scalia said the court should have used the South Dakota case to study that second issue. Scalia said the issue "virtually cries out for our review."

The 1993 South Dakota law, challenged by Planned Parenthood and a Sioux Falls abortion clinic, was struck down before it ever took effect.



(Pampa News photo by Chip Chandler)

James Baird, Leon Scothorn and Ronnie Howell shore up a new door frame for a home at 408 N. Christy during work on a Christmas in April project. The three constructed a new back door and porch as well. Over 40 volunteers turned out Saturday and Sunday to repair the home in a project organized by Shepherd's Helping Hands.

Christmas in April volunteers provide repairs for home

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

all, over 14 hours of work was done to the home.

The spirit of Christmas filled the air Saturday as over 40 volunteers gave an early present to a Pampa resident.

Organized by Shepherd's Helping Hands, volunteers from local churches as well as community service workers from Gray County Adult Probation turned out to repair a home at 408 N. Christy as a Christmas in April project.

Beginning around 8 a.m., early arrivals scraped peeling white paint from the walls of the residence and started applying primer.

Community service workers then began painting the walls and front porch with gray paint, alternately using rollers and brushes while on the ground or atop a ladder. Volunteers removed screens and windows to replace old window frames.

The volunteers' so-called "technical team" replaced rotting, weathered wood with a new, handmade back porch and door.

Inside the home, other volunteers painted the walls and door frames.

As the day progressed, workers replaced carpeting in the kitchen and did repair work and painting in one bedroom.

Sunday, workers did yard work and finished painting. In

The home was chosen by Shepherd's Helping Hands board of directors in March, board president Donna Wilkinson explained.

The board had sent letters to local social service agencies and churches, seeking names of needy residents who owned their own homes.

Normally the process begins in June, Wilkinson said, adding that this year should begin on time. This summer, the board will start looking for community help in planning and supplies, as well as donations and workers for next year's home or homes.

With the completion of its first project, Shepherd's Helping Hands now hopes to become affiliated with the national Christmas in April project like Amarillo, which began with just one house a few years ago. This year, Amarillo worked on 46 homes, Wilkinson said.

She added that she hopes this becomes a yearly event in Pampa as well.

Locals who volunteered time or donations included the First United Methodist Church Koinonia Class, First Baptist Church, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, Gray County Adult Probation, Joyce and Olan Elliott, Mildred and Glen Knight, Peggy and Forrest Cloyd and Sandy and Ronnie Howell.

Onions don't hide smell of pot

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky. (AP) — What began as a routine safety inspection of a tractor-trailer loaded with onions ended this weekend when authorities discovered 885 pounds of packaged marijuana hidden among the vegetables.

"I guess they thought the odor of the onions would deter a canine search," said Maj. David Herald, a member of the drug interdiction unit in the state's Division of Motor Vehicle Enforcement. "It didn't."

The marijuana carries a street value of about \$1.6 million, making it one of the largest such seizures in Kentucky, Herald said.

The truck which had started its trip in McAllen, Texas, and was headed for a produce market in Ottawa, Ohio, was stopped for inspection about 2 a.m. Saturday at a weigh station on Interstate 65 near Elizabethtown.

A canine unit was called to search the outside of the trailer. The drug-sniffing dog alerted officers to the marijuana inside.

Arafat to visit with Clinton this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat will call on President Clinton at the White House this week as Middle East peacemaking picks up speed, an administration official said today.

Arafat will follow Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres to Washington. The aim is to set the stage for successful negotiations when Israel and Arafat's Palestinian Authority open a final phase of talks about the future of the West Bank and Gaza in early May.

At the White House, an official, speaking on condition his name not be used, said Arafat would see Clinton either Wednesday or Thursday. The White House visit will come after Peres leaves Washington, the official said.

It will be Arafat's first trip to Washington since his election in January as president of the Palestinian Authority, which controls the Gaza Strip and major population centers of the West Bank.

In Cairo, Egypt, Arafat held talks today with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Rabei el-Turk, a spokesman for the PLO Embassy in Cairo, said the former guerrilla leader would leave Tuesday morning for Washington.

Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the Palestinian Authority's legislative council, said Clinton invited Arafat to discuss stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations.

Peres, at a Washington news conference today, said he hopes the talks beginning May 5 will be the final round and will settle

such issues as Israel's withdrawal from Hebron, the last major West Bank city in Israeli hands, which many traditional Jews insist remain in Israeli hands. The Palestinians are demanding that the future of Jerusalem also be on the negotiating table.

At Arafat's insistence, the Palestine National Council, for the last three decades the parliament-in-exile of the Palestinian movement, voted April 24 to revoke clauses in its 32-year-old charter prescribing an armed struggle to destroy the Jewish state.

Peres praised the PLO leader today for the revocation, which the former guerrilla leader committed to as the price of joining in negotiations with Israel or the United States. Peres said Arafat now has opposed terrorism.

Farm Bureau sets session on farm bill

A satellite briefing on details of the new federal farm bill is set for 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6, at the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau office, 1132 S. Hobart.

The session will include a question and answer session in which viewers' questions will be taken live on the air or read from faxed messages, said Farm Bureau President Joe VanZandt.

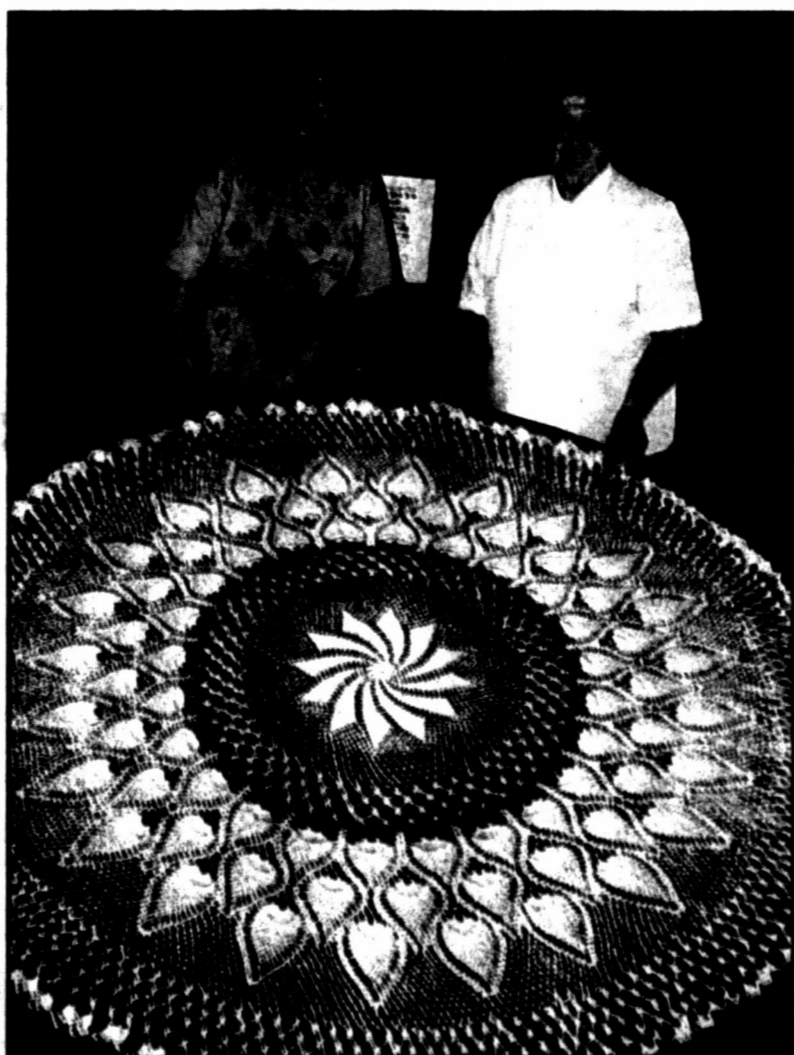
A brief overview of the development of the farm bill, the administration's view of the farm legislation and taped comments from key congressional leaders including Texas congressmen Charlie Stenholm (D-Stamford), Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) and House of Representatives Agriculture Committee chairman Pat Roberts of Kansas will be included.

United States Department of Agriculture officials will be on hand to give new farm program details implementation information and conservation provisions.

"An important segment will be a discussion on what farmers can expect in seven years, when the farm program ends," VanZandt said.

Area farmers interested in participating in the May 6 broadcast may call the Farm Bureau office, 665-8451, for more information.

Big Z Bar B Q



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Zion Lutheran Church members are getting ready for their annual Big Z Bar B Q and Silent Auction, scheduled for Saturday, May 4, at the church, 1200 N. Duncan. Above Edetta Grange, in charge of the Silent Auction, and Vesta Thomas look at the 66-inch diameter tablecloth Thomas crocheted for the auction. The event will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available from church members or at the door.

Good use of wood



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Don Minnick is busy recycling in his yard on South Barnes - recycling wooden pallets into yard benches and tables. Minnick takes discarded shipping pallets, which he gets for free, and then builds yard furniture out of them, otherwise keeping discarded materials from just going to waste.

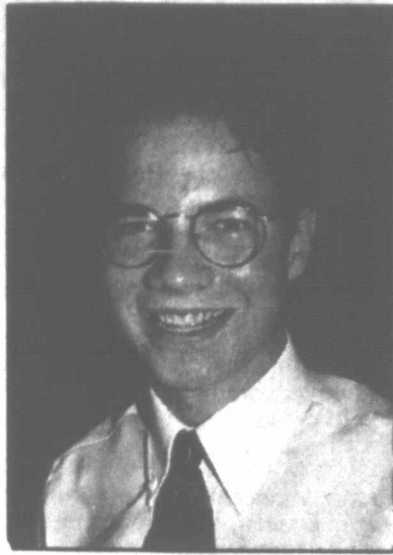
President completes Whitewater testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) - For 4 1/2 hours, President Clinton faced questions about allegedly improper loans involving two Whitewater business partners. Now the White House hopes the taped testimony isn't used in political attack ads. Clinton has not been accused of any criminal wrongdoing and he participated as a defense witness for the trial in Little Rock, Ark. Prosecutors questioned him most of Sunday afternoon at the White House, and some aides worried the distinction of witness vs. defendant might be lost with voters. According to one source familiar with the testimony, the president categorically denied that he tried to pressure an Arkansas businessman into making an illegal loan. No other details of the court-sealed videotaped testimony could be learned. The source demanded anonymity. Clinton had been subpoenaed to testify by lawyers for James and Susan McDougal, who were his partners in the Whitewater land deal in the 1980s. The McDougals and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker are being tried on a 21-count federal indictment that accuses them of misusing nearly \$3 million in government-backed loans. The McDougals' lawyers hoped that Clinton could rebut the testimony of the prosecution's key witness, former municipal judge David Hale, who alleged that Clinton, then Arkansas' governor, had pressured him to make a \$300,000 loan from his lending company to Mrs. McDougal. Clinton has called the charges by Hale, who was sentenced last month to jail in separate fraud charges, as a "bunch of bull." The taped testimony will be played to the trial jurors in Little Rock. "I'm very satisfied with the proceedings today," McDougal said as he left the White House where he and his former wife observed the closed-door deposition. Newsweek reported that the FBI has found Hillary Rodham Clinton's fingerprints on

Whitewater documents that were missing for two years. The papers are billing records from the Rose Law Firm that detail Mrs. Clinton's work in the 1980s for McDougal's Madison Guaranty Trust, the magazine said. The documents, including photocopies made as late as 1992, were found in the White House last summer after being sought by congressional investigators for months. Newsweek said the presence of the fingerprints raises doubts about Mrs. Clinton's claim she couldn't recall many of the meetings the documents cover. Although other presidents - including Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan - have testified in criminal trials, Clinton's lengthy cross-examination by the prosecution was unusual. According to White House and other sources, Clinton faced 45 minutes of friendly defense inquiries, but then was questioned by lead trial prosecutor Ray Jahn for nearly three hours. "The president has consistently stated that he will provide the court whatever information he can offer, and today's deposition fulfills that promise," a White House statement said afterward. The president's senior aides have expressed concern that snippets of the testimony might be used in campaign attack ads in the coming months. Clinton lawyers have asked the court to restrict use of the tape, which U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr. has ordered sealed for at least 30 days. Howard presided over Sunday's proceedings from Little Rock via satellite. The satellite transmissions were scrambled to prevent electronic eavesdropping. "This is a political game being played on Whitewater," Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., general chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said Sunday. "The fact is, we'll end up watching (the Clinton testimony) in 30-second spots all during the fall."

Pampa student awarded Celanese Merit Scholarship

EVANSTON, Ill. - Andrew Berzanskis has been awarded a Hoechst Celanese Corporation Merit Scholarship. Berzanskis, 17, is the son of Peter and Cheryl Berzanskis. He is to graduate from Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science, Denton, on May 10. He attended St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Austin Elementary School, Pampa Middle School and two years of Pampa High School before attending the academy. He plans to attend the University of Texas in the Plan II program. Berzanskis is an Eagle Scout and chairman of the academy judicial board.



Andrew Berzanskis

At the completion of the 1996 Merit program, some 6,900 winners will have been offered Merit Scholarship awards worth about \$27 million. Hoechst Celanese is a diversified producer of chemicals, manufactured fibers for textile and industrial uses, engineering plastics, polyester films and more. The Hoechst Celanese Merit Scholarships are awarded to children of employees and are part of the company's aid to education.

Boy found after four day search

VIDOR, Texas (AP) - An 8-year-old boy who had been missing since Wednesday was found alive and well at a house in this Southeast Texas town, police say. The four-day search for John Calvin Sartor Jr. ended about 10:30 p.m. Sunday when police searched the home of a man who lived about a quarter of a mile from where the missing boy lived with his aunt. The man who lived at the home was not immediately charged, but was taken to the Orange County Jail for further investigation, officers said. The boy appeared to be in good shape, but was taken to St. Elizabeth Hospital for further examination. Officers used a search warrant signed by District Judge Buddy Hahn to enter the home. At least 500 people had been involved during the search for the missing boy, according to Sgt. Gary Platt of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. A crime lab investigation revealed that some duct tape found in a trash can at the home had been in contact with the boy, Platt said. Platt said officers had feared the boy had been harmed.

Bexar County begins enforcing new no work, no aid policy

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Bexar County soon will become Texas' first county to implement a program requiring welfare recipients to work for their benefits and limiting how long they will receive aid. State officials envision the pilot program, known as "time-limited welfare benefits," as a means to help people free themselves from welfare. Critics say the plan will not break the cycle of poverty and could trap recipients in low-skill, low-wage jobs or place greater burdens on local social services. The program begins June 1 in Bexar County and three months later in Dallas, Tarrant, Fort Bend, Travis and Denton counties. Joining by next January are

the other 81 counties where 90 percent of Aid to Families with Dependent Children clients receive benefits. Under the time limits, recipients are asked either to work at least 30 hours a week or to spend 20 hours a week in job training. "I believe time limits should offer a little incentive, and a little pressure, to people to improve their education and job skills," state Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, told the San Antonio Express-News. "The majority of people prefer to be productive," added Ms. Zaffirini, chairwoman of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, who pushed for the reforms. The reform calls for gradual

time limits on payments under AFDC, the main welfare program for Texas, officials said. Limits will range from one to three years based upon the recipients' literacy and work experience. After the deadline has passed, 12 months of transitional benefits are available to help pay medical bills and child-care costs. The time limit does not begin until the recipient is offered a slot in the state's welfare-to-work program, known as the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills training program. The newly created Texas Workforce Commission will oversee contractors and trade schools hired to pro-

vide job training, officials said. "We're going to be stressing personal responsibility and transitional benefits, which include day care and Medicaid coverage," said Teresa V. Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Human Services. "We're going to put increased emphasis on these areas to help people become independent and self-sufficient." Case managers with the department's San Antonio-based Region 8 started training earlier this month to learn new guidelines for AFDC changes. State figures show that more than 60,000 recipients in Bexar County received about \$42.4 million in AFDC payments during 1995.

George Bush Tollway is Dallas' largest highway project in 30 years

DALLAS (AP) - When ground is broken Thursday on the President George Bush Tollway, it will mark the first time in Texas that a state highway project under construction will be converted to a toll road. It was in the late 1950s that a planner envisioned a highway that would serve and guide future growth north of Dallas. It's finally beginning to take shape. Court battles, financing problems, land development and skirmishes between cities are to blame for the decades-long delay, officials say. The 26-mile, \$1 billion project will forever change how Dallas moves and sprawls. When completed in 2004, the Bush Tollway will run from Garland to Irving, arcing through seven northern suburbs and three counties. Formerly known as State Highway 190, the toll road 15 miles north of downtown Dallas will provide sorely needed east and west access through what is the Dallas region's heaviest

growth path. For regular users of the LBJ Freeway, the tollway is expected to cut traffic by about 20 percent. By the early 1990s, before a decision was made for Highway 190 to become a tollway, the state already had begun construction on its overpasses, interchanges and frontage roads. One stretch of the highway in Garland was paved and opened. The tollway is only being built because of a change in federal law that allows the Texas Turnpike Authority and the Texas Department of Transportation to combine money to build highway projects. Today, some experts see the Bush Tollway as the "power corridor" of the 21st century, just as Loop 12 was Dallas' super corridor in the 1950s and 1960s and LBJ in the 1970s and 1980s. The new toll road will link North Central Expressway, the Dallas North Tollway, Interstate 35E and

Interstate 635 near DFW International Airport. The tollway is only the first segment of what planners hope will be a 100-mile outer loop linking at least 30 or more cities and five counties by early in the next century. The first segment - a seven-mile stretch between North Central Expressway and Midway Road - is set to open in July 1996. Four other segments will be completed and opened in sequence.

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Nation briefs

Teen dies walking into air-plane propeller

RAEFORD, N.C. (AP) - A 14-year-old girl was killed when she got off a twin-engine plane and walked the wrong direction into a fast-moving propeller, police said. Fellow passengers shouted for Jamie Nicole Jones to walk the other way and a man tried to grab her but missed by inches, Hoke County Sheriff's Department Chief Detective Arnold Wilson said. Jamie died Saturday at the Raeford Airport. Witnesses said she was along for the ride on a flight carrying skydivers. She had no plans to jump, the Fayetteville Observer-Times reported.

Gritz could not say where such proof could be made, since the Freemans do not trust the courts.

Gritz, a former Green Beret colonel and a leading figure in the far-right "patriot" movement, spent more than seven hours with the anti-government group Saturday and again Sunday. He said he expected to return to the compound today. The Freemans also sent out a videotape in which they attempt to explain themselves. Gritz gave the tape to FBI agents, who said they would allow the media to make copies. Gritz said he had not watched the tape.

Gasoline prices jump 5¢, but could be leveling

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Gasoline prices jumped nearly 5 cents per gallon in the past two weeks but could be leveling after a wave of hikes caused by rising demand and crude oil costs, an analyst said. "There are signs of a possible price peaking," Trilby Lundberg said Sunday. "In some Midwestern cities prices are unchanged or already falling," she said, adding that the region often leads the nation in price trends.

After 'verbal judo' with visitor, Freeman stay put

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) - After a second day of "verbal judo" with the Freemans, far-right leader James "Bo" Gritz emerged with a document from the group restating the belief that it follows no other laws but its own. Gritz carried out 26 pages of Freeman papers challenging the constitutionality of the FBI, the Internal Revenue Service and other federal agencies. "Every man, woman and child agreed they will walk out - right now - if the United States government can prove that the documents which I'm going to give you are not the law," Gritz told reporters Sunday.

The average price of gasoline nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was 136.34 cents a gallon as of Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gasoline stations. That compares to 131.39 cents on April 12 and was 14 cents higher than a year earlier, Lundberg said. California has been the hardest-hit region, with self-serve gas prices increasing by 18 cents per gallon over the past two weeks, she said.

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Lying In The Name Of Love Has Hateful Consequences

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column every day for years. Your recent reply to "Waiting for Frank" was right on line, but you omitted one important thing — how lying and sneaking around is, in itself, detrimental to a person. Frank had promised to make up for all their lying and sneaking around. This kind of behavior changes one, and becomes a part of a person that can never be "made up for."

Thank goodness I had sense enough to know this years ago, when I was a married woman with children and fell in love with a married man who also had children. I knew that lying and sneaking around would change us as people, and realized the damage we could cause our families. Although we were deeply in love, we chose to let our heads rule over our hearts — and we did not have an affair.

I do not mean to preach. Although we chose not to have an affair, I now have more compassion for people who are not strong enough to resist the temptation. I realize that in a weak moment, it could have happened to us.

It is certainly better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. The love we shared has enriched and sustained my life in many ways, but I am grateful that we did not succumb to the temptation to have an affair.

HEAD OVER HEART

DEAR HEAD OVER HEART:



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

If more people behaved as you did, I would be out of business. You are very wise. It's better to have used your head than to have bruised your heart and shattered your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I saw a letter in your column from "Plumber's Wife." She said that every faucet in her house dripped. Well, my mechanic husband and I own five cars. Two won't start at all, and one barely runs. I have sent the car that runs to the repair shop many times, which didn't faze my husband. It meant less work for him.

My father is a carpenter, and my parents' home was always the last to be repaired.

My former husband managed a grocery store and rarely would he shop for me.

I am a child-care provider, but after hours I prefer to be away from small children.

Abby, do you enjoy giving advice after office hours? I think it's only human nature to occupy your precious spare time with something other than your 40-hour-a-week occupation.

MECHANIC'S WIFE

DEAR MECHANIC'S WIFE: I have no objections to giving advice after office hours. But perhaps that's because I love what I do and consider it a privilege — not a job.

DEAR ABBY: Our friend "Mary" and her late husband raised six successful adult children, all professionals and most have multiple degrees.

We are upset by the way they treat their aged and disabled mother. They mock her disabilities and diminished hearing in front of her friends — even strangers. We are embarrassed and angered, but do we have the right to say anything to her brood? Or should we continue to keep quiet?

SACRAMENTO SAM AND VALLEY TOM

DEAR SAM AND TOM: You not only have the right, but an obligation to say plenty concerning the shabby treatment to which this aged and disabled woman is being subjected. Silence in this case is unforgivable!

Horoscope



Tuesday, April 30, 1996

Try to finish current projects before taking on new ones in the year ahead. Your chart indicates that your hottest returns might come from endeavors you've begun already.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, misusing your imagination could lead you to believe that your assigned duties are more difficult than those assigned to others. In fact, yours might be the easiest. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O.

Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Strive for independence today and do not depart from your high standards. If you yield to peer pressure, you could regret it later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should not allow outsiders, such as in-laws or friends, to get involved in your domestic problems today. Their input could make matters worse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) If you feel enthusiastic about certain ideas, do not discuss them with a negative-minded friend today. You might reject your thoughts and adopt his or hers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you are involved in a costly, unproductive arrangement today, it might be wise to take your losses and get out rather than contribute fresh capital.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You may have difficulty functioning as independently as you would like today. Prepare for many demands on your time, talents and resources.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you

may try to shift your responsibilities to others instead of fending for yourself. Unfortunately, these tactics will not be effective.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Subdue your inclination to run the show in your involvements with friends today. Your friends will not elect you to be the boss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Without the necessary fortitude and drive, you will not achieve your objectives today. Once you commit yourself, go for broke.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually, you are an optimistic person. Today, however, you might overlook opportunities because of a negative attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Protect your interests in a realistic fashion today, but do not be overly materialistic. Going to either extreme could lead to your downfall.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you resist on having everything your way today, your mate may be reluctant to cooperate. You must make an effort to compromise.

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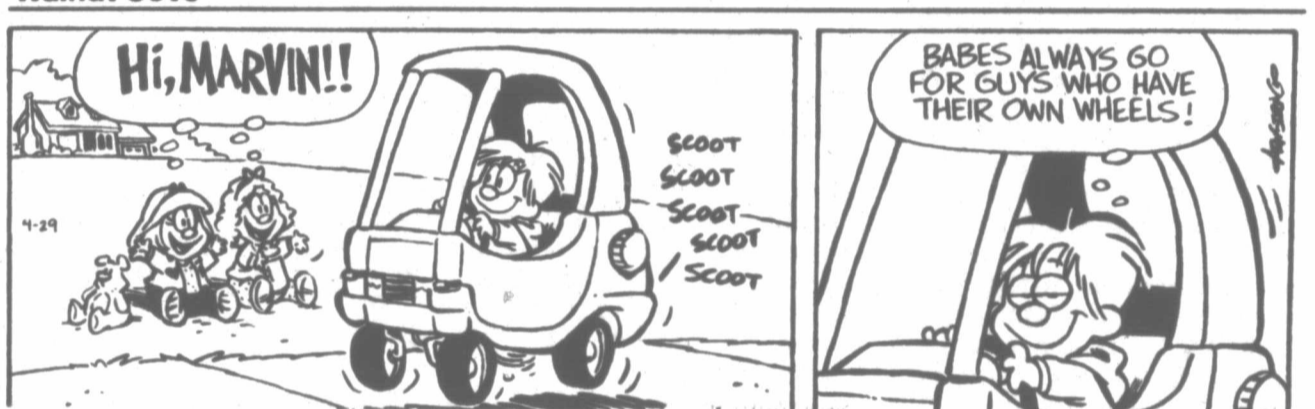
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Gunman torches inn, ends standoff

PORT ARTHUR, Australia (AP) — A gunman who pulled a rifle from a tennis bag and slaughtered at least 34 people at a colonial prison was arrested today as he fled burning from an inn that he set ablaze.

The man had barricaded himself inside the inn with three hostages, and two bodies were found in the burned-out rubble on the island of Tasmania. Police said the third hostage also likely perished, which would raise the death toll to 35.

Armed with a semiautomatic rifle, the 29-year-old man methodically gunned down tourists Sunday afternoon at the Port Arthur historic site before barricading himself inside the bed and breakfast, which was owned by friends of his late father's.

After a 12-hour standoff, the gunman set fire to the inn and was driven out by the flames. He threw his rifle aside.

"His clothing was on fire, and he started taking his clothing off," police Superintendent Bob Fielding said.

Police said the gunman was a local man with a history of psychological problems. He is to be charged in court after he is treated for burns, but doctors have not said when that will be. He will not be identified until the charges are made, and under Australia's strict trial laws, the media may not report about his background until the trial is under way.

Witnesses said the gunman had muttered racially tinged remarks before walking toward the Broad Arrow Cafe, where he pulled a high-powered rifle from a tennis bag and began shooting.

Today the bodies of 20 victims remained in the cafe, some sitting in front of half-eaten lunches. Police had not yet moved the bodies for fear of disturbing evidence.

"Some of the deceased were sitting there as if they were enjoying their meals," police Superintendent Jack Johnston said. "Their meals were still on the table. Blood was everywhere."

"What I saw inside the restaurant was exactly like the product of war. It was horrifying."

About 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, the gunman drove up to the prison in a mustard-colored Volvo hatchback with a surfboard strapped on top and talked casually with some of the 500 people outside, police said.

"He said, 'There's a lot of WASPs around today, there's not many Japs here, are there?' and then started muttering to himself," a survivor, who was not identified, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

The man then walked into the cafe and methodically started shooting.

Official: Monkey virus not likely to spread to humans

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The Ebola virus found in monkeys from the Philippines shows no signs of mutating into a form dangerous to humans, a U.S. health official said today.

Three scientists from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention arrived Saturday in the Philippines to study the virus, found earlier this month in monkeys exported to a Texas primate center.

Different strains of Ebola found in Africa have been deadly, killing 235 people in Zaire last year and 13 in Gabon earlier this year.

The strain of Ebola virus found in the Texas monkeys appears to be the same as that responsible for a 1989 outbreak at a primate center in Reston, Va. After that outbreak, at least six American and Filipino monkey handlers were found to have antibodies to the virus, suggesting that humans can be infected, Ksiazek said.

But none showed any evidence of illness, indicating that it is not harmful to humans, he said.

Street kids' murders puts Brazilian justice on trial

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — Nearly three years ago, a group of gunmen drove up to the square outside Candelaria Cathedral and opened fire on dozens of street urchins sleeping on newspapers.

Six youngsters were killed by the hail of bullets; two more were taken to the waterfront and executed.

World briefs

Today, three policemen and a metal worker accused in the massacre go on trial. In a nation numbed by violence and fed up with urban crime, the case is seen as a test of Brazil's commitment to human rights.

Human rights groups charge that shopkeepers in high-crime districts pay policemen and freelance gunmen to kill street children suspected of stealing.

Three Rio de Janeiro state policemen and a metal worker are accused in the July 23, 1993, slayings at the cathedral plaza. Four other state troopers are in custody and could face trial later.

The defendants are being tried by a civilian court — a significant fact because police tribunals seldom punish officers for brutality. The crimes were committed when the troopers were off duty, and the guns used were not police issue.

The key witness for the prosecution is a young man, shot in the head and presumed dead, who survived.

After repeated threats and attempts against his life, the survivor, Wagner dos Santos, was flown to Switzerland last year to await trial.

China's leaders call for crackdown on gangs, guns, drugs

BEIJING (AP) — China is launching a national crackdown on criminal gangs that deal in illegal drugs, prostitution and the abduction and sale of women and children, major newspapers reported today.

These gangs are rampant in

parts of China and heavily armed, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

The crackdown on major crimes also targets sharply rising rates of robbery, particularly from vehicles stopped along highways, banks and jewelry shops, the reports said.

The murder rate is also going up, and prostitution, drug abuse and sales and "other evil phenomena" are spreading to many areas, "seriously endangering the lives, safety and prosperity of the common people," the People's Daily, the mouthpiece of the ruling Communist Party, said in a front-page commentary.

Former presidential aides prosecuted in bribery case

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hours after his bribery trial ended, former military ruler Chun Doo-hwan returned to court today to face mutiny and treason charges in connection with the coup that had brought him to power.

Chun, 64, looked grim as he was led into the courtroom where only three hours earlier the prosecution demanded prison terms of up to seven years for four aides accused of being accomplices in his bribe-taking.

Prosecutors decided to wait until the end of his trial on mutiny and treason charges before proposing sentences on the bribery charges for Chun and a key aide, former Defense Minister Chung Ho-yong.

Bomb threat forces virtual shutdown at university

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The type-written letter sent to a student newspaper was signed "The One, the Leader of the War Purgers."

Its author threatened to bomb a building at the University of South Florida today, as well as kill a white, female professor and set off a fake detonator in a crowd.

No one had heard of the group, which claimed ties both to neo-Nazis and two Palestinian terrorist groups. One professor described the threats as "gobbledygook."

But just to be safe, the campus

will virtually shut down for the day.

Final exams were moved up a week so most of the 45,000 students would be off campus. No mail or packages will be accepted. No visitors will be allowed — only staff with photo IDs. And bodyguards will be provided for worried administrators.

An overreaction? Some argue it is. But as university Vice President Kathy Stafford said, "The history of the last year had to affect our consideration of this as a real threat."

At USF, that history includes brushes with terrorism. One part-time professor surfaced in Syria as the new leader of the Palestinian terrorist group Islamic Jihad, just months after leaving the Tampa university on sabbatical.

Affidavits unsealed this month in an unrelated investigation indicate federal agents believe an Islamic think-tank once connected with the school and run by another professor was a front to bring terrorists into the country.

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