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Committee looks at some tax loopholes
AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers considering how to revamp the state's school finance system on Thursday heard from tax experts about corporations that continue to use loopholes to help them avoid paying state franchise taxes. During the regular session, the Legislature failed to adopt a fix to the so-called Delaware Sub loophole that allows corporations to avoid paying millions in taxes every year. The Joint Select Committee on Public School Finance is preparing for an anticipated special session to find a replacement for the state's Robin Hood school finance system.

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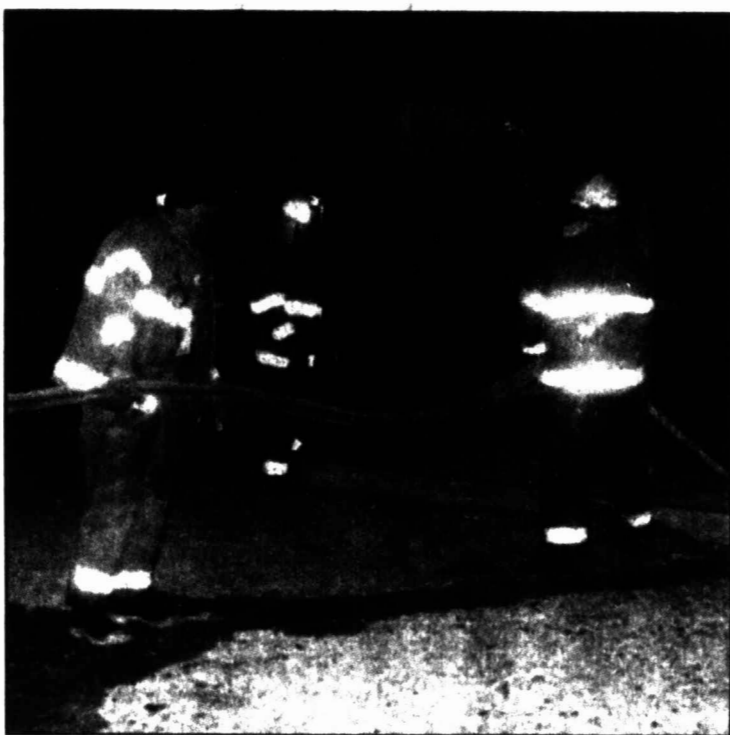
Elderly man dies in apartment fire

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

An elderly Pampan perished in an apartment complex fire late Thursday that also left residents of three other apartments out in the cold.

William R. Provence, 521 Montague, Apt. #1, was pronounced dead at the scene at about 10 p.m. Thursday by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. From the birth date given to him by a family member, Curfman said the fire victim was 62 years old. However, Curfman said others at the scene told him the man was thought to be in his 80s.

An autopsy was being conducted this morning at Texas Tech Forensic Pathology Laboratory in Lubbock, Curfman said today, adding (See FIRE, Page 4)



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)
Three Pampa firefighters handle the water lines at the scene of a fatal apartment fire late Thursday in the 500 block of Montague.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)
Firefighter Rick Littlefield looks inside the burned apartment at 521 Montague today while waiting for a State Fire Marshal's Office investigator.

Taxes and more taxes on state's table

This is the second in a two-part series concerning a school finance meeting held Wednesday night in Pampa.

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A state income tax, an increase in sales tax, adding sales tax for services which are currently not taxed, and changes in the franchise tax were among the possible ways to offset the budget shortfall for Texas public schools which were discussed at an area

school finance meeting Wednesday at Pampa Community Building.

State Representatives Warren Chisum of Pampa and Scott Hochberg of Houston, and Scott McCown, executive director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities, spoke to about 125 area school board members, school administrators, media and others interested in public education.

Chisum, first elected as state representative for District 88 in 1988, said, "In 1989, we faced the issue of consolida-

tion of school districts, plus court decisions that said we had to change the way we fund schools. The 'Robin Hood' funding formula was created, in which wealthy districts have to share with poor districts."

The Robin Hood method of school funding is still being used, although the state legislature "looked at doing away with it. But they did not have anything in place to take its place," Chisum said.

"We were \$10 billion short in revenue this past year. Our budget didn't increase any-

where except education. Everyone else was cut, not raised," he said. Currently, 42 cents of every state dollar goes to education.

The state needs \$27 billion to maintain the current level of education funding for the 4,145,325 students in Texas. "You can't raise that much without changing the tax system," Chisum said.

Texas, the second most populous state in the Union, currently spends at least \$6,500 per student per year on education. Some states allow

\$10,000 per student, he said.

Chisum mentioned the possibility of creating a state income tax, which would have to be passed as a resolution by both House and Senate and then voted on by Texas citizens as a state constitutional amendment. He also mentioned changing the franchise tax.

"We have to have enough money to educate our children. I don't know what that amount is right now. But whatever we do, I can guarantee you that

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Festival of Trees



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Debbie Davis, chairman of the 2003 Festival of Trees at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, looks at the Pampa Garden Club's entry, featuring a seashore theme. Behind her is Pampa Home Extension Club's tree. The 13 trees displayed in this year's show may be viewed until 6 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tabletop decorations and gingerbread houses are also on display. Pampa Garden Club is sponsor of the event. The Festival of Trees is part of a weekend of holiday activities including the Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade at 1 p.m., Saturday, and "A Classic Christmas" sponsored by local businesses.

Steel repeal places Bush between rock, hard place

WASHINGTON (AP) — By scrapping steep tariffs on imported steel, President Bush puts himself in the middle of an electoral brawl between Midwest and Rust Belt states he will need to win re-election, even as he averts a global trade war targeting other political battlegrounds.

Minutes after the White House announcement Thursday to repeal the tariffs, Democratic presidential candidates lambasted Bush as shunning the U.S. steel industry by caving in to threats from global trading partners.

Even more telling, Republicans who usually ally with Bush from politically key Rust Belt states declared their dismay in what Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, described as "bad news" and a "disappointing setback."

But the decision will surely endear Bush to manufacturers of automobile parts, refrigerators, door hinges and hundreds of other steel products in just-as-politically-crucial states in

the Midwest that eluded him in 2000.

"There's no question it will help," said Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Mich., who represents 1,500 auto parts businesses in his district and fought to end the tariffs when they were imposed in March 2002. Bush lost Michigan in 2000 by a slim 217,000 votes out of more than 4.1 million cast.

Michigan, along with Minnesota and Wisconsin, account for a total of 37 of the 270 electoral votes needed to win next year's presidential election. The key steel-producing states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio hold 46.

Facing the threat of a trade war, Bush lifted the nearly 2-year-old tariffs but promised to continue monitoring imports vigilantly to guard against a sudden flood of foreign steel entering the country.

Bush's decision — a turnabout from his own policy — came in the face of threats by the 15-nation European Union

to retaliate with \$2.2 billion in duties on U.S. products such as Florida oranges and pajamas made in the Carolinas.

Analysts said the list of products was carefully chosen to put pressure on Bush, sanctions could have created significant political pain for him in next year's race.

Within minutes of Bush's decision, the EU withdrew the threat, which was based on a World Trade Organization ruling that the tariffs were illegal.

The tariffs, covering a wide range of steel products, had been scheduled to remain in effect for three years, until 2005, to give U.S. steelmakers protection from foreign competition. Bush said the tariffs had been imposed to give the domestic industry critical time to modernize and to protect jobs.

"These safeguard measures have now achieved their purpose, and as a result of changed economic circumstances, it is time to lift them," the president said in a statement.

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Other states will be looking at what we did and how we did it. We are not the only state in this situation," Chisum said.

"Once you lose your school, you lose your town. It's the biggest business in town and has the most constituents," he said of rural schools.

Hochberg, a member of the House Public Education Committee, said that part of the cause of the shortfall in funds is that "sales tax revenue, where we draw the bulk of our income, is going down. The state's level of funds is not keeping up with its needs."

Texas is gaining 75,000 school-age residents per year. Some school districts are adding two or three elementary schools of about 800 students each per year.

Property taxes, the bulk of

funding for education, are not always spent on schools, Hochberg said. "We do spend it on other things because it's easy to do. The state is under no obligation to return property tax to the districts in any way. The money doesn't follow the kids because we built a tax system that doesn't require it."

Hochberg said the state school system is overly dependent on property tax for its revenue, and that returning property tax monies to the counties they were collected from is a valid issue - but not the only one.

"In the long term, property taxes are not going to support you out here," he said. "The bottom line is, we have to have a fix for everybody."

McCown, a former state district judge who has presided over finance cases, advocated a state income tax as the best way to solve the problem of funding educa-

tion. "The state is out of money because our tax base is eroding even as our personal wealth increases. Personal income in the state will reach \$735 billion by 2005. Taxable sales and property values are not keeping pace," McCown said.

"We pay for education out of property tax dollars and the general revenue fund. We don't have to have property tax to find a source of funds," he said.

The state's lottery earnings are used to help fund education, but do not go far in helping. "One hundred percent of lottery dollars go to public education. The lottery pays for five days of public education in Texas," he said.

"We have used state dollars to backfill for property-poor districts since 1949. What's changed is that the courts said what we have to

do is have equity. We can't let the wealthy districts use all the money and let these other districts not have any of it," McCown said.

"Robin Hood was about putting everybody in the same boat. But everyone's mad because this boat is sinking," he said.

By 2012, the amount needed just to cover inflation and enrollment growth will increase from \$25 billion to \$33 billion, McCown said.

Texas gets most of its funds from the sales tax, adopted in 1961. The sales tax is levied primarily on goods sold in the state. "Increasingly, we make our money selling services which for the most part we don't tax," McCown said.

Expanding the sales tax to include services not currently taxed is a possibility, but not a good option, McCown believes.

"You don't want to tax

child care, funerals, and other things like that," he said. "Sales tax on services has a different effect than sales tax on goods. It hurts small businesses. And by the time you take off the services you shouldn't tax, there isn't enough left to do anything."

Property taxes are too high already, McCown said, and need to be lowered. Texas has the 15th highest property tax in the United States and the ninth highest sales tax.

McCown believes the answer to the education funding shortfall is a state income tax because of the disadvantages and problems of raising other forms of tax.

"We can raise \$17.3 billion annually. You would get two-thirds of that back immediately through lower property taxes. Your property taxes would drop to 10 cents from \$1.50," he said.

"The income tax rate would be set in stone. Once

the voters approve it, it is set in stone and the legislature can't raise it. Only the voters in the districts can move it up," McCown said.

Advantages to having a state income tax, in addition to lowering property tax, he said, is that state income taxes are deductible on federal income tax, and the net result to taxpayers would be less total monies paid on all types of tax.

"Nearly everyone in this room would pay less taxes," McCown said.

The state income tax would raise enough funds to solve the state's education funding problems, unlike raising rates on other taxes or continuing to depend on the Robin Hood system, he said.

"I think we've got to have a system where no school district can say, 'The heck with the state. We've got enough money of our own,'" Hochberg said.

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FIRE

that he had not yet received preliminary results. He said the man appeared to have died of smoke inhalation and there did not appear to be evidence of foul play.

Firefighters remained at the scene throughout the night to protect the residents' belongings, watch for flare-ups and wait for an investigator with the State Fire Marshal's Office in Lubbock to determine the cause of the fire. The investigator arrived in Pampa shortly before 11

a.m. today.

Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham explained that the state fire marshal's office is called whenever there is a fire fatality or the estimated fire loss is \$1 million or more. Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens was at a fire investigation conference in Odessa and is due to return to Pampa this afternoon, Dunham said, adding that despite Stevens' absence, it is PFD's normal protocol to request the state fire marshal's office to investigate fatal fires.

Pampa Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division has also received the case, according to a police report of the incident.

City police officers helped control traffic and block off the area as firefighters laid water lines to control the apartment blaze, first reported at 9:14 p.m.

The initial report of the apartment fire came as a 911 call from a neighbor on West Street, Dunham said.

Apartment 1 was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, he said.

"We knew there was one occupant unaccounted for,"

the deputy chief said. "We attacked the fire and knocked it down," he said, but upon entering the apartment firefighters discovered the deceased resident in the kitchen area.

Dunham said the other residents of the apartment complex had all been able to escape safely. Red Cross volunteers arrived shortly after the fire was called in to assist the residents.

Disaster Coordinator Heidi Phelps said the Red Cross assisted three of the families affected by the fire. One person was given a hotel room to stay in and the Red Cross helped arrange for an oxygen

supply for another of the residents, she said. Other displaced residents had family members and friends who allowed them to stay in their homes overnight, she added.

Salvation Army volunteers were also on the scene providing refreshment for the fire, police, ambulance personnel, and utility employees working in the sub-freezing temperatures.

The Montague Apartments, which consists of two rows with five apartments in each row, are owned by Don Rosenbach, Dunham said. All apartments met HUD code and contained smoke alarms, he said.

The fire started in the south row of apartments, causing heavy damage to Apartment #1, and moderate damage to the attic area, Dunham said. The rest of the apartments sustained smoke damage, he said, adding there was no water damage to the other apartments at all. Firefighters extinguished the blaze within 45 minutes of the call.

With the help of Atmos and Xcel workers, utilities were restored to the north row of apartments and all residents were able to return for the night, Dunham said.

Staff Writer Marilyn Powers contributed to this report.

Bremer warns attacks will likely escalate

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, warned Friday that attacks against coalition forces will likely escalate over the next few months as the occupation authority prepares for a transfer of sovereignty to a new Iraqi government.

The warning came after a roadside bomb hit a U.S. military convoy in Baghdad, killing one soldier, the military said.

Two Iraqi civilians also died and 13 were injured, hospital workers said.

Also Friday, President Bush named longtime family troubleshooter, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, to oversee the job of getting Iraq out from under its crushing \$125 billion debt.

"Secretary Baker will report directly to me and will lead an effort to work with the world's

governments at the highest levels, with international organizations and with the Iraqis in seeking the restructuring and reduction of Iraq's official debt," Bush said in a statement read by White House press secretary Scott McClellan.

As the president's personal envoy on the issue, Baker will tackle a major problem in the rebuilding of Iraq. Iraq's debt carries annual servicing charges of \$7 billion to \$8 billion.

"The regime of Saddam Hussein saddled the Iraqi people with the debt because they were more interested in building

palaces and torture chambers and mass graves than helping the Iraqi people," McClellan said.

Bush said he made the announcement in response to a request by the Iraqi Governing Council.

On Saturday, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was scheduled to visit American troops in Iraq. He is on a tour of nations in Central Asia, the Middle East and Azerbaijan, Afghanistan and Georgia.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Bremer said former members of Saddam Hussein's intelligence agencies were now assuming an increasingly prominent role in the insurgency. He predicted an upsurge in attacks in coming months.

"In the immediate phase ahead of us between now and the end of June we will actually see an increase in attacks, because the people who are against us now realize that there's huge momentum behind both the economic and political reconstruction of this country," Bremer told the AP.

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OPEC keeps output target same for now, warns possible cut later

BY BRUCE STANLEY
AP BUSINESS WRITER

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — By maintaining its current production target, OPEC appeared to offer a breather to oil consuming countries that had feared the group might cut output and drive oil prices higher than already uncomfortable levels.

OPEC representatives meeting Thursday at the group's Vienna headquarters decided to keep their daily production ceiling at 25.4 million barrels. Any relief for importers could be short-lived, however, as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries made clear that it was ready to slash production in coming weeks to avert a looming surplus of oil next spring.

OPEC, which supplies about a third of the world's crude, worries that a seasonal decline in demand might cause prices to fall in April, May and June. Prolific output from non-OPEC producers like Russia, combined with a steady recovery in postwar exports from Iraq, compound its challenge.

Iraq, rebuilding its shattered oil industry, boosted oil production to 2.1 million barrels a day last month and exported record volumes of crude from its terminal in the Gulf, Iraq's delegation to OPEC said.

Iraq hopes to maintain this momentum and increase its daily production to an average of 2.3 million barrels in December and 2.8 million barrels by next April. By comparison, Iraq pumped about 2.5 million barrels a day on the eve of the U.S.-led invasion in March that toppled Saddam Hussein.

OPEC has met seven times this year in its effort to micromanage oil production and prices. It plans to meet again on Feb. 10 to review market conditions and make cuts then if it thinks they are necessary.

OPEC surprised markets in September with a decision to reduce output by 900,000 barrels a day, and oil ministers seemed deliberately to keep markets guessing earlier this week by refusing to rule out another production cut at Thursday's meeting.

"This is all about creating expectations for the second quarter of next year," said Yasser Elguindi, an analyst at Medley Global Advisors, a New York consultancy.

OPEC could find the next weeks and months a tough slog.

The group expects supplies to outstrip demand by 2.5 million barrels a day in the second quarter, assuming that global production continues at current levels. Some oil analysts say OPEC will need to trim some 2 million barrels from its production in the second quarter if it hopes to match supply with anticipated demand.

Some OPEC delegates indicated that the group might not need to make deep cuts if its members show better discipline in complying with their individual production quotas. Analysts estimate that OPEC is pumping up to 1.3 million barrels beyond its ceiling, as its 11 members seek to maximize earnings from the current high prices for crude.

However, some OPEC members, such as Algeria and Nigeria, have boosted their production capacity and outgrown their quotas, while others, notably Indonesia and Venezuela, are pumping less than their quotas allow. Redistributing OPEC's quotas to reflect these new realities is a politically delicate task but one that OPEC must confront if it is to improve its discipline and its ability to manage prices, argued George Beranek, an analyst with PFC Energy, a Washington consultancy.

Another challenge for OPEC in staving off a price slump lies in persuading independent producers such as Mexico and Russia to cooperate by making future cuts of their own. With crude prices hovering at or above US\$28 a barrel — the upper end of OPEC's targeted range — these producers have little incentive to pump less oil.

"At \$29 a barrel, I don't see any non-OPEC producer contributing anything. I don't see why they should, and they don't see why they should either," said Mehdi Varzi, an independent analyst based in London. "It's going to be a very delicate balance in the next few months."

Hamas reportedly holding out for cease-fire as talks resume

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Palestinians debated cease-fire proposals on Friday, but Hamas, the main Islamic militant group, reportedly was resisting a comprehensive truce and holding out instead for a limited plan to halt attacks only inside Israel.

No truce was likely to take hold without the endorsement of Hamas, which along with the smaller Islamic Jihad has carried out most of the suicide bombings against Israelis during a more than three year uprising.

Israel, while hinting it would respond positively to a Palestinian cease-fire, also is unlikely to accept a partial truce that leaves Jewish settlers and Israeli soldiers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip still open to attacks by militants.

An adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon stressed Thursday that a cease-fire must be total. Zalman Shoval also said a truce must be followed by the dismantling of Palestinian militant groups, a step Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia has refused to consider.

About a dozen Palestinian factions opened a second day of meetings Friday. Talks centered on the political implications of a truce, said Maher Taher, a senior official of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Groups presented their views in a morning session, then broke up for Friday Muslim prayers and planned to meet again in the afternoon, he said.

Hamas, which publicly belittled the talk of a truce before joining the dialogue in Cairo, appeared to be

adamantly against a comprehensive truce.

"The maximum that Hamas could give this time is an initiative to spare civilians the conflict," said one official close to the group, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Apart from this, it is not possible," he added.

However, Hamas and Islamic Jihad are coming under pressure from Egypt, Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction and smaller groups who also are backing Fatah in hopes of gaining some say in future negotiations with Israel.

Egypt, the largest Arab country and a regional political heavyweight, is pushing for the comprehensive cease-fire, hoping it will lead to the resumption of Palestinian-Israeli negotiations, a goal espoused by the United States. U.S. envoy William Burns was in the region this week to push the "road map,"

the peace plan backed by Washington and the international community that would create a Palestinian state by 2005.

Egyptian Intelligence Chief Gen. Omar Suleiman opened the talks on Thursday, saying political conditions are ripe for a cease-fire and urging the factions to give the Palestinian Authority full authority to negotiate terms of the truce with Israel.

He did not spell out terms of the cease-fire, which would be conditional on Israel reciprocating. "You stop (shooting) ... and we together will decide the conditions and then act," he was quoted as saying by one delegate.

An agreement by the factions on a cease-fire would strengthen Qureia's hand in negotiating with Sharon when the two meet. A meeting has been in the works since last month but no date has been set.

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Commuter train explosion kills 36 in Russia

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia (AP) — A bomb tore through a commuter train near Chechnya on Friday, killing 36 people and wounding scores of others in a suicide attack possibly aimed at spreading alarm before weekend parliamentary elections.

The bombing, the second fatal attack on the train line since September, hurled passengers from the car and trapped others under a mound of twisted, ragged metal. Rescue workers climbed to the top of the cars to cut electrical lines and put out fires to reach the wounded.

The force of the explosion, estimated by a local official at 22 pounds of TNT, toppled one car onto its side. Hours after the blast, firefighters continued to pull dead from underneath the carriage.

Authorities treated the attack as an act of terror, but did not single out any suspects, said Vladimir Rudyak, a spokesman for the prosecutor's office in

the southern Russian region. "We will find those who did it," Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov said, according to the Interfax news agency. "The earth will be burning under their feet."

A body of a presumed suicide bomber was found, along with unexploded grenades and remnants of a bag believed to have carried the bomb, the Federal Security Service said.

Detectives were investigating various scenarios, including the possibility that the bombing was timed to disrupt Sunday's election for Russia's lower house of parliament.

The bomb went off around 8 a.m. during rush-hour in an attack calculated to kill and injure a large number of people on the train traveling between the cities of Mineralnye Vody and Essentuki, said Maj. Gen. Nikolai Lityuk of the Emergency Situations Ministry.


Six people were killed in two blasts on the same train

line in September. No group claimed responsibility for those attacks in which bombs were planted the tracks.

Russia has been hit recently by numerous bombings and suicide attacks, which the government usually blames on rebels from Chechnya.

Russian forces withdrew from the southern Russian republic after a brutal 1994-1996 war that left separatists in charge. They returned in 1999 after Chechnya-based militants invaded a neighboring region and the Kremlin blamed the rebels for apartment-building bombings that killed 300 people.

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Officials vow not to cut deal in missing student case

By DAVE KOLPACK
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) — Prosecutors said they won't cut a deal with the man charged in the kidnapping of a North Dakota college student in exchange for information on her whereabouts.

As Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., 50, appeared in court Thursday, law officers in two states continued the search for 22-year-old Dru Sjodin, missing since she left work at a Victoria's Secret at a Grand Forks mall on Nov. 22.

Rodriguez, a convicted rapist who had been classified as the most dangerous type of sex offender, has been charged with kidnapping Sjodin and was ordered held on \$5 mil-

lion bail Thursday after his lawyer said he wanted to stay behind bars for his own safety.

"It's best for him to remain in custody at this time," said David Dusek, who is Rodriguez's court-appointed lawyer.

Prosecutor Rick Brown later told reporters there was little chance prosecutors would offer to cut a deal with Rodriguez in exchange for information on Sjodin.

"I don't see that as a possibility, no," he said.

Grand Forks police Sgt. Mike Hedlund told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis in a story published Friday that authorities have videotapes placing Rodriguez in the mall's parking lot around the time Sjodin disappeared.

The Grand Forks Herald also has reported that on the day Sjodin disappeared, Rodriguez didn't show up for work at his job hanging dry-wall at a construction project in McIntosh, Minn., a small town about 25 miles southeast of Crookston.

Prosecutors and police have refused to discuss evidence in the case. Court documents will probably not be made public until Sjodin is found, Grand Forks County State's Attorney Peter Welte said.

The Forum newspaper of Fargo, joined by ABC and WDAY-TV, has asked a judge to release details of Rodriguez's arrest. A ruling has not been issued, Forum Editor Lou Ziegler said.

Welte said his office would not talk further about the case until next week.

"We're going to kind of regroup, we're going to restaff this case, we're going to work with the investigators and searchers for Dru," Welte said. "We need a couple of days to get ourselves together."

Authorities planned to continue their search Friday, and Hedlund said his department had no plans to cut back its efforts. But he expects to lose investigators from other agencies.

The odds of finding Sjodin alive fade with each passing day, Hedlund said.

"You hate to sit there and look at statistics, but national statistics aren't in favor of us in this point and time," he

said. "But we're still hoping for a positive outcome."

Dusek said Thursday he had been appointed to defend Rodriguez about two hours before the hearing.

He told Fox News on Thursday night that he had met with Rodriguez twice — once, to explain the hearing, and later, to establish a rapport. He said they did not discuss details of the case.

He said it's up to Rodriguez whether he wants to tell police what he knows — if anything — about Sjodin.

"He gets to call the shots," Dusek said. "Whether he pleads guilty, whether he wants to talk to the authorities. I will advise him what I believe is correct, and it's going to be his choice."

Authorities enlisting truckers' assistance

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A national trucking association has asked drivers to report anything out of the ordinary to law enforcement as authorities try to solve a series of 12 shootings — one of them fatal — along a stretch of interstate in Columbus.

The American Trucking Associations sent the alert this week to drivers, who can use a toll-free number that links them with law enforcement.

In the Washington-area sniper shootings case, a truck driver was credited along with another man with tipping police to the location of the suspects.

"He saw an alert to truck drivers on the news. We have about 30,000 members who can act as eyes and ears on the road," said truckers association spokesman John Willard.

Truck driver Lance Weaver said he has started watching fences along the highway for movement as he hauls steel, lumber, military equipment and other cargo around the Midwest.

"You're looking, when normally, you wouldn't even think about it," Weaver said.

Ballistics tests have definitively linked four of the 12 shootings — three at vehicles and one at an elementary school — but investigators believe they all are connected.

The shootings took place on or near the same short stretch of I-270 south of Columbus; the woman who was killed, Gail Knisley, was the only person hit.

State transportation officials say an average of 77,000 vehicles travel each day on I-270 and U.S. 23, the north-south artery that intersects 270 near the sites where the shootings happened.

"Ohio's one of the top states in terms of all traffic, not just truck traffic," said Dave Bartosic, spokesman for the Ohio Trucking Association. "It's called the bridge state. You have to go through here to go just about anywhere."

So far, 836 Ohio drivers, and thousands nationally, have been trained through the trucking association's Highway Watch program, Bartosic said.

All trucks carrying hazardous materials must use I-270, which rings Columbus, or find smaller county roads because they are prohibited from bringing their loads through downtown.

Tyson Foods closing two meat processing plants in New Hampshire, Maine

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Tyson Foods said it is closing two meat processing plants in New Hampshire and Maine, putting more than 700 people out of work in February.

The Arkansas-based company said in a statement Thursday it will close its

plant in Manchester, which employs about 550 people, and its operation in Augusta, Maine, where about 170 people work.

The company said it was aiming to improve manufacturing efficiencies and said it would cost too much to bring the Manchester plant

to "a competitive level and to maintain appropriate food safety standards."

The Manchester plant's production, mainly sandwich meats, will be moved to facilities in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Fort Worth, Texas; Goodlettsville, Tenn.; and Chicago, the company said.

The output of the Augusta plant, which produces frankfurters, sausages, hams and turkey products, will be shifted to Buffalo, N.Y., and Concordia, Mo.

"I will be looking for another job right away. But I have been already looking, even before this, and I couldn't find anything. Always I'm looking for something better," said Michael Kuda, a refugee from Sudan who supports his family on his wages from Tyson as a material

handler, weighing food.

A letter from the company distributed Thursday said the plant was closing "due to current and expected future business conditions and consolidation of operations." It said the last day of work would be Feb. 3.

"I have three children and one due this week, and I can't pay my rent," said Mustafa Peter, another Sudanese native who has worked at the plant, called Jack Pac Foods, for about four months. Peter said he makes \$8.25 an hour.

Many immigrants work at the plant — Africans, Cambodians and Hispanics.

The company said it will work with Maine and New Hampshire employment officials to find work for the affected employees in the area or within the company elsewhere.

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Investigators accuse Limbaugh of engaging in 'doctor shopping' for pills

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Rush Limbaugh says prosecutors are on a fishing expedition.

Investigators allege in search warrants that the conservative radio commentator engaged in illegal drug use and went "doctor shopping" for prescription painkillers.

Limbaugh denied any wrongdoing to listeners on his

show Thursday. Reading from a statement prepared by his attorney, Roy Black, Limbaugh said medical records will clear him.

"What these records show is that Mr. Limbaugh suffered extreme pain and had legitimate reasons for taking pain medication," Limbaugh said.

"Unfortunately, because of Mr. Limbaugh's prominence and

well-known political opinions, he is being subjected to an invasion of privacy no citizen of this republic should endure."

State Attorney Barry Krischer said in a statement that Limbaugh's rights have been scrupulously protected.

In search warrants filed Thursday, investigators say they were looking for medical, insurance and appointment records for Limbaugh as well as cash receipts and prescription forms during raids made of two doctor's offices Nov. 25.

Limbaugh "alternated physicians to obtain overlapping prescriptions" and failed to tell each doctor that he was seeing others," according to the warrants, filed in Palm Beach County Circuit Court.

Limbaugh's actions violated the letter and spirit of the law related to doctor shopping, according to one of the warrants.

Doctor shopping refers to looking for a doctor willing to prescribe drugs illegally, or

getting prescriptions for a single drug from more than one doctor at the same time.

Prosecutors began investigating in December 2002 after Limbaugh's former maid, Wilma Cline, told them she sold Limbaugh "large quantities of hydrocodone, Oxycontin and other pharmaceutical drugs in Palm Beach County over the course of many years."

Cline provided investigators with e-mails and answering machine recordings to support her claims, according to the warrants.

The medical offices were raided after investigators examined records from Palm Beach pharmacies near Limbaugh's \$24 million oceanfront mansion that they say support the doctor-shopping allegations.

The records seized list prescriptions for more than 2,100 pills from March 24 through Sept. 26. The medications include the powerful painkillers Oxycontin, Lorcet,

Norco, hydrocodone and Kadian. In addition, Limbaugh received prescriptions for the anti-anxiety drug Xanax, the cholesterol-lowering drug Niacin, and Clonidine, which treats high blood pressure.

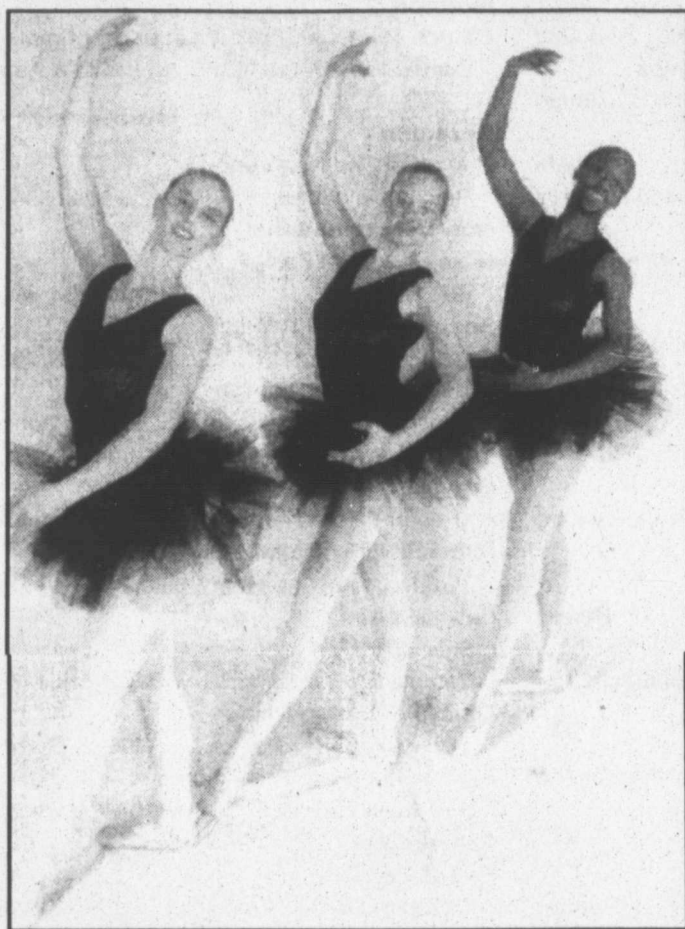
Two of the four search warrants were executed at the offices of Jupiter Outpatient Surgery Center. A third was executed at Palm Beach Ear, Nose and Throat Association in Palm Beach Gardens. A

fourth for the same location has not yet been executed.

The physicians named in the warrants are Nathaniel Drourr, Antonio De La Cruz, Lawrence Deziel and John Murray.

Drourr and officials at both centers declined comment, citing privacy laws. Murray did not return a phone call seeking comment, and the other doctors could not be immediately reached.

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First flu cases confirmed in state of Massachusetts

BOSTON (AP) — Health officials in Massachusetts have confirmed the first two cases of the influenza virus and are trying to find out if it is from the same strain being blamed for the deaths of children in other states.

The state Department of Public Health said Thursday that a 36-year-old woman and a 77-year-old man in the western part of the state have contracted influenza. Officials said both are recuperating at home.

Tests from the two cases have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta to determine which strain of the virus they have.

So far this year, the flu is being blamed for the deaths of at least six children in Colorado, three in Texas and one each in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Authorities in Indiana also were investigating whether the death of a 10-year-old girl might be that state's first from influenza this season. The child died Wednesday at a hospital in Indianapolis.

Children are particularly susceptible because their bodies

have not previously been exposed to the virus that infects the nose, throat and lungs, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In a typical year 36,000 Americans die from the influenza virus, but flu researchers expect a higher death toll this year.

The flu season usually stretches from October to May, peaking in December and January, but this year cases were reported in some Western states as early as September.

Texas was the first state this season where the flu was considered widespread, the CDC's most severe ranking. Nine other states — Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arkansas, Tennessee and Pennsylvania — have since been classified as having widespread flu outbreaks.

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CHURCH BRIEFS

St. Paul UMC to honor WWII veterans Sunday

St. Paul United Methodist Church members and pastor, the Rev. John Westman, invite all World War II veterans to the morning worship service this Sunday, Dec. 7, in recognition of the 62nd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

"It is not our wish to take anyone from their regular church services," said Rev.

Westman. "We would just like to invite any who are not regularly attending a church to come and worship with us on the anniversary of this significant event in our history."

Morning worship services begin at 11 a.m. in the church sanctuary located at 511 N. Hobart. A dinner is planned afterward. All guests are invited to stay for the fellowship.

BGC elects area resident to Wayland Baptist board

C.C. Kelly of White Deer was elected trustee of Wayland Baptist University during the Baptist General Convention of Texas annual meeting in Lubbock, Nov. 10-11.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas exists to

help churches, providing an avenue of support for 23 institutional ministries, such as schools, hospitals, child and family services, and elder care facilities. Last year, these institutions touched 2.7 million lives, more than 10 percent of the Texas population.

First Baptist plans 2003 'Living Christmas Tree'

The Music, Orchestra and Drama Ministry of First Baptist Church of Pampa will present "A Thrill of Hope" through the medium of their Living Christmas Tree on Dec. 13 and 14.

Both performances will be at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Baptist. For ticket information, call 669-1155. The public is invited to join the members of First Baptist for this celebration of Jesus' birth.

Christian comedian guest at TFC Christmas dinner

A Christmas banquet featuring Christian comedian Martha Marie is planned Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

The meal, catered by Dyers, features a choice of prime rib or chicken.

Tickets will not be available at the door. Adult tickets

are \$10, and children's tickets are \$6.

Purchase tickets at Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The last day to buy tickets is this Monday, Dec. 8.

A nursery will be available for children ages birth to 3-years-old.

Amarillo church presents 'Absence of Darkness'

AMARILLO - Paramount Terrace Christian Church will present "Absence of Darkness," a free Christmas pageant, Dec. 19-22, at Civic Center Auditorium. Evening performances are at 7:30 p.m., with Saturday and Sunday afternoon matinees at 3 p.m.

This year's pageant is presented from the viewpoint of three individuals brought together by a blinding West

Texas snowstorm. As they endure the circumstance, a dramatic life-change takes place for one of them with an unusual twist at the end.

Tickets are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office located at entrance number 2 of the church at 400 Mays Ave. For more information, call the Music Ministry Office at 806-353-6615.

'Christmas Shoes' focuses on importance of family

PERRYTON - Community Worship Center of Perryton will present "The Christmas Shoes," a musical drama, on Dec. 13-15 at 7 p.m. in the Perryton Junior High School auditorium.

"The Christmas Shoes" presentation is adapted from the song by contemporary Christian group, NewSong.

In the play, one family has all the resources and wealth they need, but still find something missing in their lives. The other family does-

n't have much to give at Christmas, but they have each other and a house full of love. The innocent love of a child buying Christmas shoes for his critically ill mother softens hearts and restores what is important in life - love and commitment to family.

"The Christmas Shoes" is filled with classic carols as well as new music by Eddie Carswell and Michael O'Brien of NewSong. The public is invited.

Episcopal Church faces potential chaos

By RICHARD N. OSTLING
AP RELIGION WRITER

In the month since becoming the first Christian denomination to consecrate an openly gay bishop, the Episcopal Church has been gripped by unprecedented tumult.

Episcopal parishioners are pitted against each other. Conservative parishes and priests are at odds with their liberal bishops — and vice versa. And, at the national level, conservative bishops are arguing with fellow prelates in the liberal majority.

Internationally, church leaders who represent tens of millions of Anglicans have announced they are prepared to cut ties with the Episcopal Church, which is the U.S. branch of the Anglican Communion.

Anglican relations with Eastern Orthodoxy are severely strained. And the Vatican announced Tuesday that ongoing talks with the Anglicans are on hold, even though the head of the Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, resigned as Anglican co-chairman to placate Roman Catholic officials.

David Kalvelage of The Living Church, an independent weekly that opposed V. Gene Robinson's consecration as New Hampshire bishop, says the aftermath of that Nov. 2 ceremony is "probably the largest and most far-reaching" crisis since the denomination formed in 1789.

In one signal of a seemingly irreparable split within the hierarchy, Bishop John Howe of Orlando, Fla., called on Griswold to resign because he "betrayed" a sacred trust by leading Robinson's consecration service.

Further, Howe quit all offices in the national House of Bishops, charging that the majority of his colleagues "abandoned any recognizable commitment" to the Bible's authority.

As denunciations fly, the Washington-based American Anglican Council is organizing a conservative "network" to perpetuate traditional Episcopalianism with backing from overseas. The emerging entity could be a messy "church within a church" rather than a formally separated denomination.

The core of the budding network will presumably come from 16 dioceses whose bishops issued a formal protest at Robinson's consecration. But individuals and conservative congregations in liberal dioceses are also part of the movement.

And it isn't all about who leaves the church and who stays. If troubled parishioners stick with the Episcopal Church but stop making financial contributions, that could also be devastating.

If anything, the international situation is even worse, with the global Anglican Communion and its 77 million faithful in danger of splitting in two over the U.S. controversy and a fight over same-sex blessings in the Anglican Church of Canada.

While 59 percent of U.S. bishops confirmed Robinson's election, they are in the minority by a wide margin in world Anglicanism. A 1998 meeting of all Anglican bishops cited biblical teaching against homosexual acts as 82 percent of the leaders voted against gay clergy and church approval of same-sex couples.

The heads (called primates) of many

world Anglican branches have jointly declared "impaired communion" with the official Episcopal Church and solidarity with American conservatives. The churches of Nigeria and Uganda — representing 26 million Anglicans alone — went further, severing Episcopal ties. So did the Russian Orthodox Church.

The Anglican split will worsen next year if the Episcopal Church doesn't repent, under an accord reached at a caucus of primates who lead nearly half the world's Anglicans. But there's virtually no chance liberals will seek forgiveness.

The caucus agreed that liberal U.S. bishops should be reduced to observer status at Anglican meetings, minus "voice and vote." More radically, U.S. bishops and dioceses that uphold Anglican tradition would gain new recognition as the "reorganized" Episcopal Church that continues in "full communion" with world Anglicanism.

It's unclear whether Anglican rejection would have any effect on the standing of Griswold's denomination under secular U.S. law — and on potential court battles over the billions of dollars in Episcopal assets.

Traditionally, recognition isn't the job of primates but Anglicanism's leader, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, named a commission to sort out solutions to the U.S. and Canadian tangles by next Sept. 30.

The Rev. Kendall Harmon, theologian for the conservative South Carolina Diocese, says "there's no question (Williams) has to choose" eventually between the two U.S. sides.

Simple story explains God's incarnation

Soren Kierkegaard, the noted philosopher and theologian, once attempted to describe the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. He used this simple story to do so.

A certain king of a mythical country was quite rich. His power was known throughout the world. But he was most unhappy because he desired a queen for his wife. Without a queen, the vast palace was empty.

One day, while riding through the streets of a small village, he saw a beautiful peasant girl. So lovely was she that the heart of the king was won. He wanted her more than anything he had ever desired. On succeeding days, he would ride by her house on the mere hope of seeing her for a moment in passing.

He wondered how he might win her love. He thought, "I will draw up a royal decree and require her to be brought before me to become the



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queen of my land." Considering that, he realized that she was a subject and would be forced to obey. He could never be certain that he had won her love. "Then," he said to himself, "I shall call on her in person. I will dress in my finest royal clothes, wear my diamond rings and my silver sword, my most colorful boots, my most colorful tunic. I will overwhelm her and sweep her off her feet to become my bride."

As he pondered the idea, he knew that he would always wonder whether she had married him for the riches and power he could give her. He decided to dress as a peasant,

drive to town, have his carriage let him off. In disguise, he would approach her house. But the duplicity of this plan did not appeal to him and he discarded it.

At last, he knew what he must do. He would shed his royal robes. He would go to the village and become one of the peasants. He would work and suffer with them. He would actually become a peasant. This he did and he won his wife.

In theological terms, we can call this the Incarnation, or the coming of God in human form. It was a simple plan and presentation of the Son. God would take the form of

mankind, live among mankind, suffer with and for mankind. Then most importantly, die for mankind. The plan was simple and yet, ingenious. He, the Son, Jesus Christ, took upon himself the form of human flesh in order to live among us.

Yes, it's the familiar story of the Christmas season. But, anytime is a good time to remember the Incarnation.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Mom Gets Silent Treatment For Not Signing Son's Loan

DEAR ABBY: I have a son who is 33. He has four children and lives in another state. About a year ago, he asked me to co-sign on a house loan. I refused. Now he won't speak to me. He didn't even attend his grandmother's funeral.

I don't know how to bridge this gap between us except by signing the note. I really can't afford it, but I miss my son and grandchildren.

HURTING IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING: Under no circumstances should you give in to your son's emotional blackmail, particularly since you cannot afford it. If you do, it will be only the beginning of what he will demand from you. And if you try to refuse, the scenario will repeat itself. Continue to send your grandchildren birthday and holiday greetings, and let's hope your son grows up before they do.

DEAR ABBY: There is a subject in my house that's causing conflict: school sports. Neither of my children is interested in playing. They do well academically. They take advanced classes and music, as well as dance and gymnastics outside of school.

My husband insists they participate in a school sport. He says they'll never be accepted into college without a school sport, and if they are, they won't be eligible for a scholarship. Is this true?

WONDERING ABOUT SCHOOL SPORTS IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WONDERING: No, it's not. I posed your question to Hanan Eisenman, media coordinator of admissions at the University of California. He says the University of California does not require high school athletics for eligibility. Eligibility for admission is based on grades from college preparatory courses and on scores on the appropriate admissions tests. Like most selective colleges, the university also looks for talent and leadership in a broad range of areas, only one

of which is sports. The vast majority of scholarships are based on qualifications such as academics and financial need, not high school sports. By far the most important criterion for admission for virtually all colleges and universities is academic achievement.

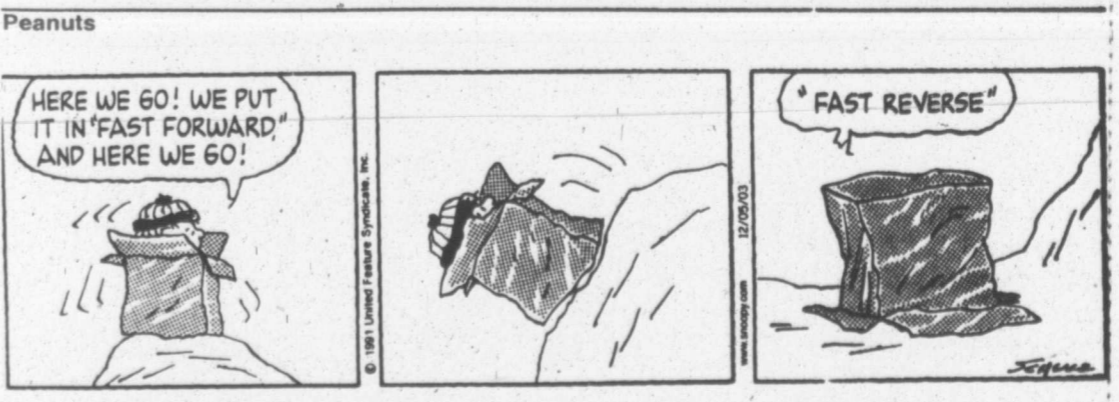
DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, "David," for a year. He moved in with me four months ago. We generally get along great, even though he hasn't given me his share of the rent since his hours were cut at work. Frankly, it feels like we are more like roommates or friends than lovers, but I was sure I would never meet anyone who could compare. Last weekend I was out of town, a bridesmaid in my best friend's wedding. David was unable to attend, so she matched me up with a groomsman I'll call Chad. Well, the chemistry between us was so thick you could have cut it with a knife.

Chad and I can't ignore the connection we made. He has invited me to visit him. I don't know what to do. I am having serious doubts about my relationship with David. Should I give Chad a chance? BRIDESMAID IN WAITING IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR BRIDESMAID: Absolutely! But before your relationship with Chad goes any further, you must level with David. Remember, honesty is the best policy — and in the long run it is better for all concerned.

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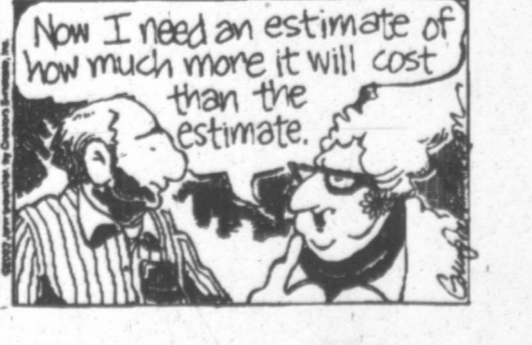
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SPORTS

Pampa JV win tourney opener at Miami

MIAMI — Pampa junior varsity opened the Miami Tomahawk Classic with a 55-36 win Thursday over Wheeler Varsity.

Sharod Young scored 15 points and Braydon Barker 14 to lead Pampa scorers.

Brad Masters led Wheeler with 14.

Others scoring for Pampa were Weston Teichmann (12), Tyson Hickman (5), Aaron Anguiano (4), Tyler Hall (3)

and Brett Ferrell (2). Pampa was finding the range from outside as Teichmann knocked down four 3-point goals, Barker two and Hall one.

Pampa played Fort Elliott this morning. Pampa would play again this afternoon if they lose.

There are 14 small-school varsity teams entered in the tournament along with Pampa and Borger JVs.

In the girls division, Pampa JV fell to Wheeler varsity 63-22. J' Shay McCasland led Wheeler with 22 points and Nicole Clark had 11 for Pampa.

In other first-round games, Miami downed Wellington 62-38 in the boys division.

Jeffrey Browning topped the Warriors in scoring with 19 points. Scott Sims had 10 points to lead Wellington.

Miami fell to Wellington in

a girls game 76-61. Leading scorer for Wellington was Jessica Archie with 10 points. Julie Davenport's 21 points led Miami.

Tomahawk Classic

Boys

Channing 51, Borger JV 32
C - W. Grant 34, B - Whitworth 7.
Fort Elliott 75, Samnorwood 44
F - Lohberger 18, S - Allen 11.
Shamrock 41, Follett 36
S - Wright 13, Benton 13, F - Wood

Booker 69, Lefors 29
B - R. Vaughn 15, B - Sena 21.

McLean 47, Spearman 45
M - Richie 12, S - Brock 9.
Adrian 64, Hedley 51
A - Howard 13, H - Short 14.

Girls

Channing 38, Miami JV 11
C - Moore 14, M - Adcock 7.
Follett 48, Shamrock 35
F - Wheeler 20, S - Ledbetter 13.
Fort Elliott 80, Samnorwood 38
F - Donaldson 21, S - Driver 11.
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B - James 10, Rogers 10, L - Stubbs

10. Spearman 29, McLean 21
S - Whitefield 16, M - Dampier 10
Adrian 31, Hedley 25
A - Walker 17, H - Davis 8.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — There will be a boys basketball organizational meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club.

Any interested in coaching boys in the third and fourth grades; fifth and six grades are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Sheri Tice at 665-3505.

CANYON — Pampa was defeated by Amarillo High 65-25 in Thursday's opening round at The Gene Messer Tournament of Champions.

Pampa plays Hobbs, N. M. today in the loser's bracket. Hobbs lost to Canyon 88-75 in first-round action.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is in search of non-returned equipment. The equipment can be turned in to the Optimist Club at 2 p.m. Sunday at the equipment barn.

Any football equipment, such as helmets, game and practice pants, game jerseys, shoulder and leg pads or any miscellaneous items like blocking dummies can be turned in Sunday.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that the New York Yankees have Javier Vazquez, they are likely to turn their attention to Andy Pettitte.

Vazquez became the latest starter in the Yankees' collection when New York acquired him from the Montreal Expos on Thursday for first baseman Nick Johnson, outfielder Juan Rivera and left-hander Randy Choate.

Vazquez joins a starting rotation that already includes Mike Mussina, Jose Contreras and Jeff Weaver, with Jon Lieber and free agent David Wells also possibilities. New York says re-signing Pettitte is its top offseason priority but negotiations with the left-hander, who also has talked with Houston, have not progressed much.

Thursday's trade fills one of the voids in the rotation. It is contingent on all the players passing physicals, but Vazquez already is excited about becoming a part of the Yankees-Red Sox rivalry.

"The Yankees are a winning team, and now I will see myself getting involved in the rivalry of that team with Boston," Vazquez told the radio station WPAB in his hometown of Ponce in Puerto Rico. "The Yankees are a team that always wants to win, and what every ballplayer wants is to win."

New York said it wouldn't comment on the deal until after the physicals, citing major league rules.

Eagles-Cowboys rivalry renewed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The rivalry has lasted decades — from Roger Staubach to Troy Aikman, from Tom Landry to Jimmy Johnson, from Tex Schramm to Jerry Jones.

One thing, however, has remained constant: Eagles fans have hated the Dallas Cowboys more than any other team. And now that Dallas is winning again after three straight 5-11 seasons, Philadelphia's fans have more reason to despise the Cowboys.

The notorious Philly boobirds will be at a fever pitch Sunday when the Cowboys (8-4) play the Eagles (9-3) for first place in the NFC East.

"Philly fans just hate people in general," left guard John Welbourn said. "But they really hate Dallas."

Everywhere players went this week, they've heard about the Cowboys. The significance of this game has renewed an intense rivalry.

"It's a big game for the city," defensive tackle Darwin Walker said. "All the fans want to beat Dallas."

For most Eagles fans, beating the Cowboys is second only to winning a Super Bowl. Of

course, one reason for the fans' bitterness is the fact the Eagles have never won a Super Bowl and the Cowboys have won five.

"I hate everything about them, their uniforms, the ugly star on their helmet, their cheerleaders," longtime Eagles fan Mike Giunta said. "They're not America's Team. Their fans are bandwagon jumpers."

Eagles fans have a history of wild and rowdy behavior. No team brings out their venom more than the Cowboys.

In 1989, fans threw snowballs at Johnson, who was in his first season as Cowboys coach, during Philadelphia's 20-10 win. Current Gov. Ed Rendell later admitted he bet a fan \$20 that the fan couldn't reach the field with his toss.

Four years ago, fans cheered the ambulance that drove Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin off the field after he went down with a career-ending neck injury.

But there have been some memorable moments during this rivalry, too.

The Eagles' biggest triumph at Veterans Stadium came in

January 1981 when they beat the Cowboys 20-7 to advance to the Super Bowl for the only time in franchise history.

Few could forget the "fourth-and-1" game in 1995 when former Cowboys coach Barry Switzer ran Emmitt Smith into the line on consecutive plays late in the fourth quarter, only to get stopped both times as the Eagles went on to win 20-17.

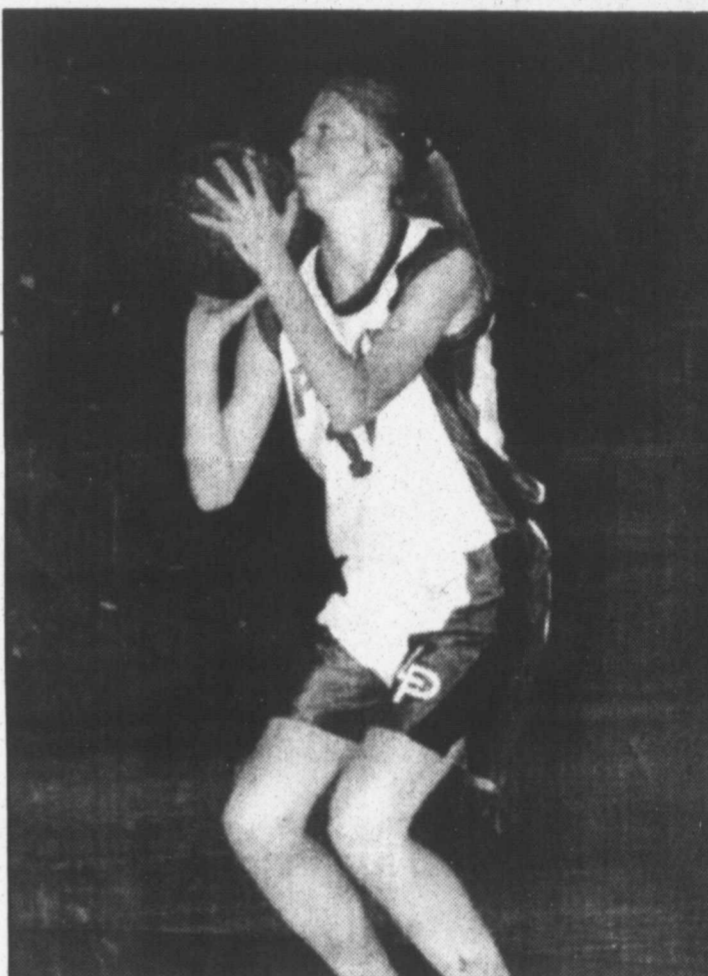
In recent years, however, Eagles fans have been apathetic toward the Cowboys because of their poor record.

While the Eagles have established themselves as a top team in the NFL, Dallas is rebuilding.

"It's hard to get hyped over beating the Cowboys when they stink," said Joseph Costa, a season-ticket holder.

The Eagles beat the Cowboys six straight times, before losing in Dallas two months ago. The winning streak started with a 13-10 win in 1999, when the Cowboys were 3-0. That was Andy Reid's first victory as the Eagles coach.

Now the Cowboys stand in the way of a third consecutive NFC East title for the Eagles.



(Courtesy photo)

Lefors sophomore Jonelle Tinney eyes a free shot in a game earlier this week against Holy Cross. The Lady Pirates won 53-29. Katie Barnes led Lefors in scoring with 22 points, followed by Rachael Stubbs 12, Savannah Smith 8, Tinney 4, and Kayla Andis 3.

Intriguing bowl matchups for UT

AUSTIN (AP) — Burnt orange against the maize and blue. Maybe a Mack Brown-Bobby Bowden rematch is in the works. Uga vs. Bevo?

No. 6 Texas (10-2) is in position for an at-large bid for the school's first Bowl Championship Series game, and there are plenty of intriguing matchups possible.

Of course, if Kansas State somehow pulls off a huge upset and beats Oklahoma in the Big 12 title game, the Longhorns get bumped out of the BCS altogether.

Assuming the planets stay in their current alignment, here's a look at some potential matchups for the Longhorns, with the most likely destinations the Fiesta or Rose bowls.

—Florida State: Brown vs. Bowden in the Fiesta. The coaching matchup alone catapults this into a huge game for the Longhorns.

Before he came to Texas, Brown built North Carolina from nothing into an Atlantic Coast Conference title contender. The only thing standing in his way was Saint Bobby (as the locals call him) and some of the greatest Florida State teams Bowden has produced.

Bowden is Division I-A's winningest coach while Brown has yet to win a conference title, a dubious distinction the Seminoles coach gets much of the credit/blame for.

Brown finished an undistinguished career as a running back at Florida State, and a Fiesta Bowl win over his alma mater and ACC arch nemesis would be one of the biggest of Brown's career.

It would also be the first meeting between the schools. Longhorns fans would no doubt love making fun of Florida State being a women's school from 1905 to 1947, the year Blair Cherry coached Texas to a 10-1 record and a Sugar Bowl win over Alabama.

—Michigan: Talk about a blockbuster matchup. While Texas seems more likely headed to the Fiesta bowl, the possibility of a Texas-Michigan Rose Bowl is too fun to not think about.

The Longhorns and the Wolverines be a TV network's dream. It would be the first meeting ever between the first (Michigan) and fourth (Texas) winningest programs of all time.

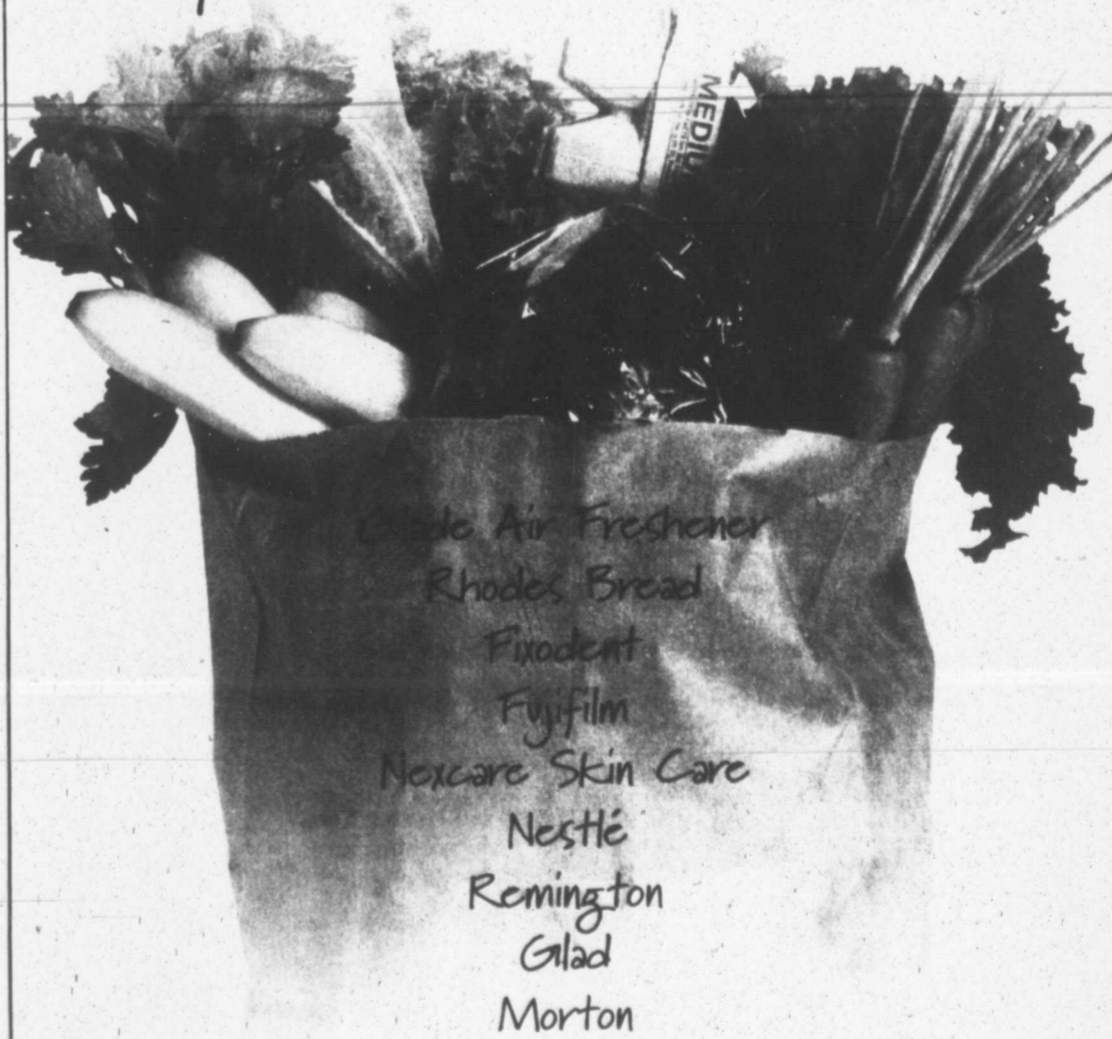
Hidden Hills Senior Regular Scramble

1. Pat Montoya, Ralph Wilson, Bill Brown and Jim Osborne 62.
2. Bill Hammer, Bob Young, Jess Mqathis and Billie macMillican 63.
3. Gerry McCabe, O.K. Lee, Jim Bridges and Bob Henderson 64.
4. Travis Taylor, Larry Heard, Nathan Lancaster and Dwayne Stiles 64.

Closest to pin: Harley Knutson, No. 6.

Jim Maher of Pampa shot under his age this week at Hidden Hills. Maher shot 83 to beat his age by two strokes. Witnesses were Jim Maher Jr., David Crossman and Cabe Crossman.

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