

Oryx buying out founding family

DALLAS (AP) — In a cash and stock deal worth about \$1.4 billion, Oryx Energy Co. says it will buy out its founding Pew family, one year after the company spent \$1.21 billion to expand internationally.

Using cash generated by higher oil prices, Oryx said Tuesday it will pay \$33.75 per share, or \$967.5 million, for 18 million shares of common stock owned by The Glenmede Trust Co., which represents the interests of the wealthy Philadelphia family.

Oryx also will swap 7.3 million shares of preferred stock Glenmede holds for the same number of common shares. The trust said it will sell the stock in a public offering "as soon as it is practical."

At the buyout price, the offering could bring the trust another \$392.4 million.

John G. Pew Jr. and Albert E. Piscopo, senior vice president of the trust, have resigned as Oryx directors as part of the deal, company spokesman David Clarke

said. The trust's holdings represent 27 percent of Oryx.

In Tuesday's trading on the New York Stock Exchange, Oryx shares were down 25 cents to \$53.67½. The announcement was made after the close of business.

The company earned \$139 million last year, but said falling oil prices in the second quarter caused it to lose \$3 million in the three-month period.

Glenmede acts as trustee for the charitable trusts established by the Pew family. The decision to sell out does not reflect lack of confidence in Oryx, said Thomas Langfitt, trust president.

Oryx, until last September, was mainly a domestic producer. But on Sept. 13, 1989, the company announced it would buy British Petroleum Co.'s holdings in the North Sea, Indonesia, Dubai, Ecuador, Colombia, Gabon and Italy.

Eventually valued at \$1.21 billion, the deal made Oryx the world's largest independent oil company.

Lubbock station sets Talent Find

LUBBOCK — KRBC-TV announces the second annual Talent Find to benefit the West Texas Rehabilitation Center. REHAB 91 Talent Find is set for Oct. 27 at the Paramount Theatre. The event will recognize the most talented entertainers and spirit leaders in the Big Country.

The top vocalist from the competition will join the stars and perform on the 21st Annual WTRC Telethon on Jan. 12. Six to eight over-all winners will be named and included in a half-hour KRBC special to air in December. Winners in all

categories will be named to receive special prizes.

Categories for Talent Find include vocalists, dancers, musicians, comedians and spirit squads from high schools and colleges. Participants must be at least 15 years of age. Talent acts will vary from solos to small groups.

Information and entry forms are available at KRBC-TV, 4510 S. 14th or by calling 915/692-4242. Deadline for entry is Oct. 5th.

Nicki Harle, hostess of "Notes of Interest" during "News at Five," serves as coordinator for Talent Find.

Colorado City Livestock Auction

COLORADO CITY—Cattle prices were steady on a run of 790 head sold at the Colorado City Livestock Auction on Saturday, Sept. 8.
Heifers: 2-400, 94-135; 4-600, 86-94; 6-800, 78-86.
Steers: 2-400, 112-150; 4-600, 98-112; 6-800, 85-98.
Bred Cows, good, 650-900, olden bred cows, 650-550; pairs, good, 700-900, and olden, 575-650; good cows, 58-60; Shelly cows, 30-45; fat cows, 50-55; good cows, 56-60.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren
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DEAR ABBY: Your recent article on knowing your own blood type has prompted me to write.

When I was pregnant for the first time at age 36, my obstetrician performed a routine blood test, including blood typing. I was informed that my blood type was "O Negative" — whereupon I told the nurse that there must have been some sort of lab error because I already knew that my blood type was "O Positive." The test was repeated, and to my surprise, my blood type was in fact "O Negative!"

I had always carried a card, given to me by my mother, that stated my blood type was "O Positive." My pediatrician had tested my blood when I was a child back in the early '50s, and that card was part of my medical file along with my immunization records.

I discussed this discrepancy with my doctor, who informed me that, although accurate for blood type, tests performed during the '40s and '50s were often incorrect for the Rh factor. In fact, an error rate of 10

percent or more in the Rh factor was typical of the old blood-typing tests!

So, Abby, your readers should rely on only the relatively recent blood-typing tests to determine their blood types.

PATRICIA WEEKS,
LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR PATRICIA: I am informed that when it comes to blood typing, nobody takes anybody else's word for anything; the blood is tested again just to be on the safe side, whether a person is giving or receiving blood for a transfusion.

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter about blood types, I had to write.

Three years ago, our son left this small Kansas town to drive, alone, to California. He called us the first night, the second night — then nothing!

My husband contacted the Highway Patrol, and one by one, I was asked for: a recent picture of our son, his driver's license number, his blood type and the license number of his car. Each question hit me like a physical pain. Some of the answers I did not know, and in the condition I was in, I could not even think logically enough to find them.

Thirty-six hours later, our son showed up on our doorstep! (He had changed his mind and returned home.)

Now, all of the information for each member of this family is safely tucked away in my desk — labeled and easily accessible.

JANE HATHAWAY,
ST. JOHN, KAN.

DEAR JANE: Fortunately, your story had a happy ending, but there's a lesson in it for everyone. Thanks for sharing.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 18

years old, I was raped by a man I trusted. I never told anyone what happened to me.

Now, six years later, I have fallen in love with a wonderful man who has asked me to marry him. I'm sure he thinks I'm a virgin and I'm afraid if I tell him the truth, he won't marry me. What should I do?

SUFFERED ENOUGH

DEAR SUFFERED: Tell him you were raped by a man you trusted when you were 18 years old. It's the truth. If he decides not to marry you for that reason, you're better off without him.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." To order, send a long business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

Evacuee tells of hospital stay in Kuwait

EMBERSON, Texas (AP) — A Texan evacuated from Kuwait who gave birth to her fourth child during the Iraqi invasion has returned home to tell of her harrowing hospital stay and a month spent in hiding.

LaTrishia Hamdan, a Paris native, gave birth to Ibrahim, the fourth son born to her and her Jordanian husband, Tayseer. The family had lived in Kuwait for four years.

Mrs. Hamdan said in her hospital room Aug. 2, the day of the invasion, "I heard this big blast. We thought something in the hospital had blown up ... but what it was was a car."

"We couldn't tell what was going on ... we didn't know 'til the next day," she told The Paris News at her mother's home.

"A lot of the Kuwaitis didn't leave their houses — they were afraid of being hassled — so a lot of nurses didn't come in the next day," she said. "It got worse and worse all the time."

As Iraqi soldiers brought their casualties into the emergency

room, a portion of the hospital was sealed off so that regular patients could not view their comings and goings, Mrs. Hamdan said.

"They never bothered us," she said. "They came in, brought their wounded and that was it. They never went past the emergency room."

Mrs. Hamdan cut short her hospital stay by several days.

"They said it wasn't any safer in the hospital than it was outside," she said. "Food was getting low and medical supplies were getting low."

About the time Mrs. Hamdan returned home, Iraqi president Saddam Hussein issued the order for all Americans to report to designated hotels to ensure their safety.

"My husband refused to take us there because he couldn't stay with us; he has a Jordanian passport," she said. "My husband wouldn't take me out ... everything we needed he went and got."

The family remained inside

their apartment in Khitain for the month of August.

Mrs. Hamdan said the children — Michael, 12; Layla, 5; and Rania, 2 — followed their usual routine during the restriction, except "they kept asking to go to the beach."

Hamdan, a computer specialist, lost his job almost immediately after the invasion. To make money, Hamdan sold a television, a VCR and other appliances belonging to the couple.

With that money, he bought goods from people who were moving, then took them to Iraq and sold them, Mrs. Hamdan said. "He would stay gone for four days at a time, but that's about all you can do now," she said.

Finally, on Friday, Mrs. Hamdan and the children were allowed to depart. But she said she is worried about leaving her husband and his family behind.

"They're not young, his brother is diabetic and his dad has heart problems," she said. "That was the really sad part,

having to leave them."

Mrs. Hamdan said her husband will stay in Kuwait until it becomes apparent what the future of the country will be.

"They (the Iraqis) did burn down a lot of things," she said. "I won't go back until they build it up and it's a decent place to live in like before."

Mrs. Hamdan was critical of President Bush's actions so far in the Persian Gulf crisis.

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NOTICE OF VOTE ON TAX RATE

The Rotan ISD Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on a proposal to increase your property taxes by 15.96% over the effective tax rate on September 10, 1990 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

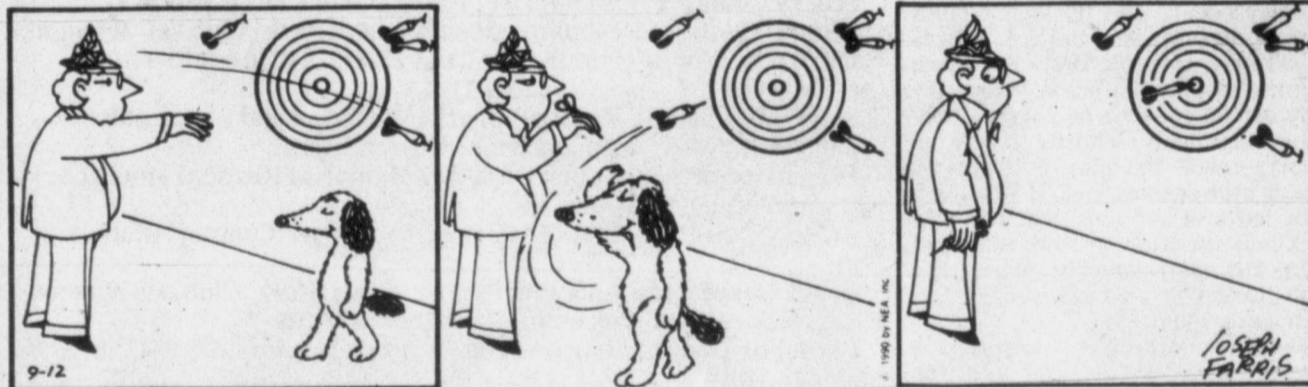
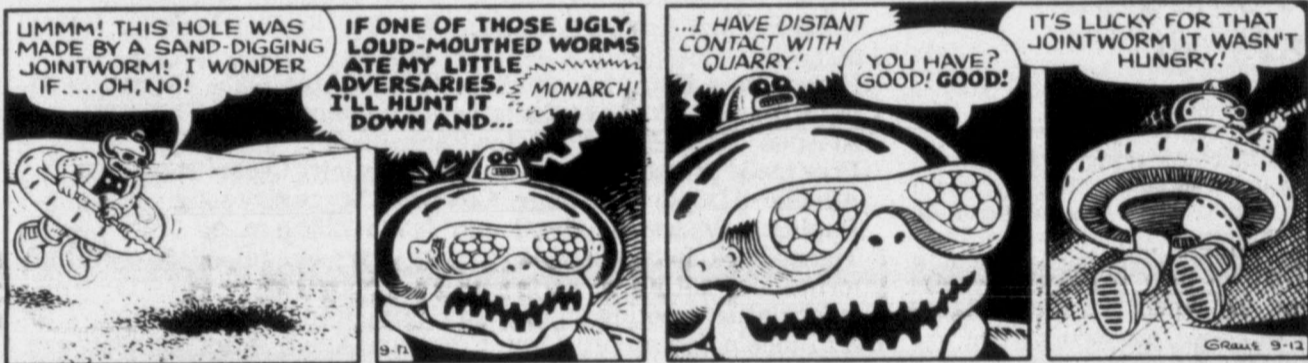
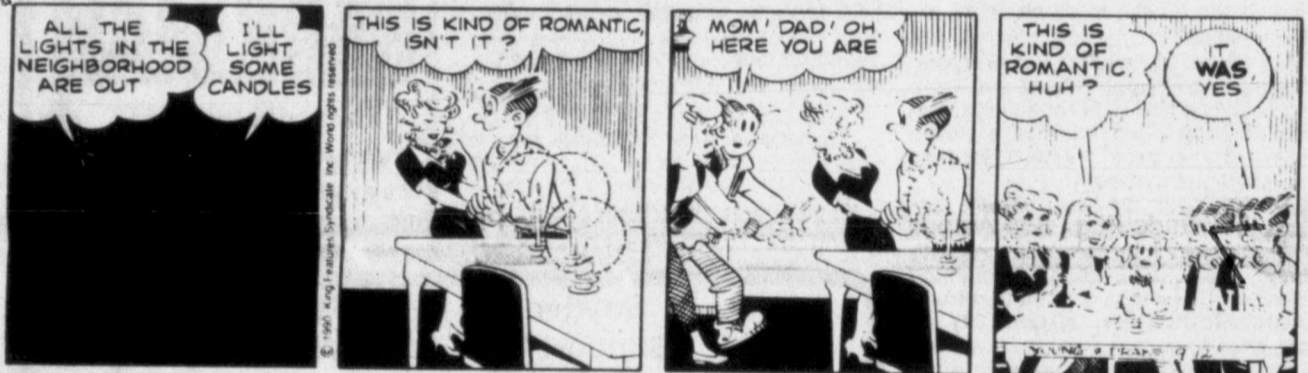
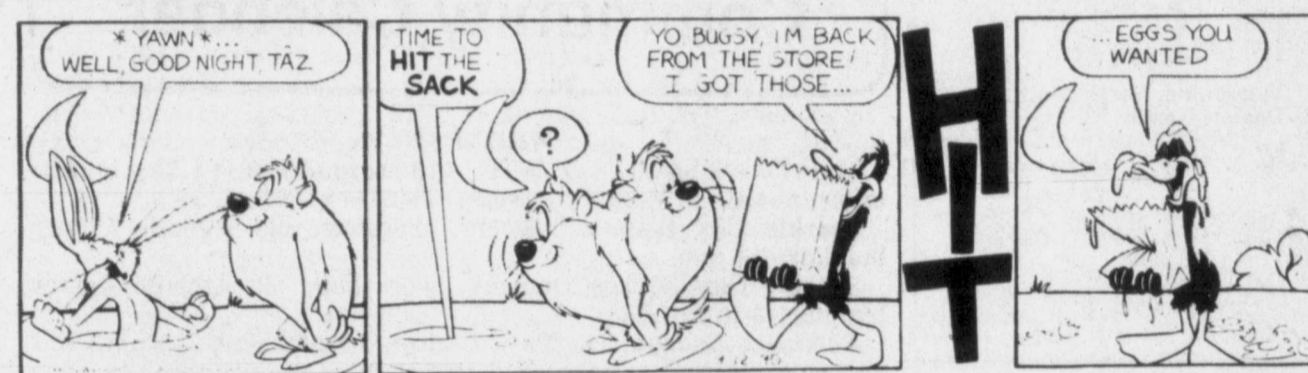
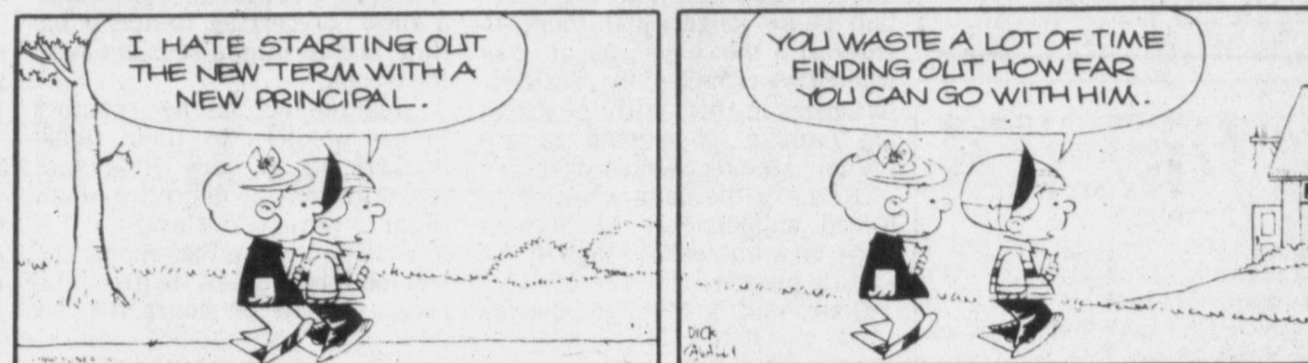
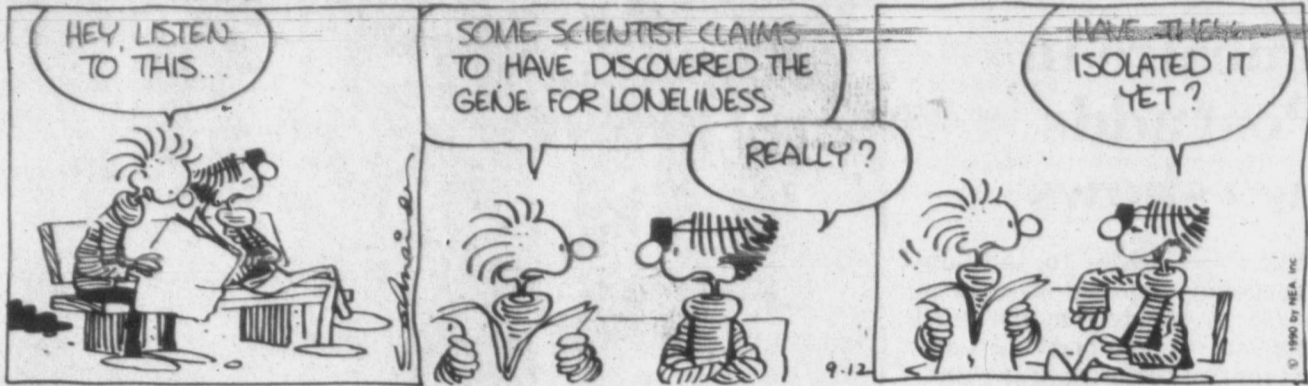
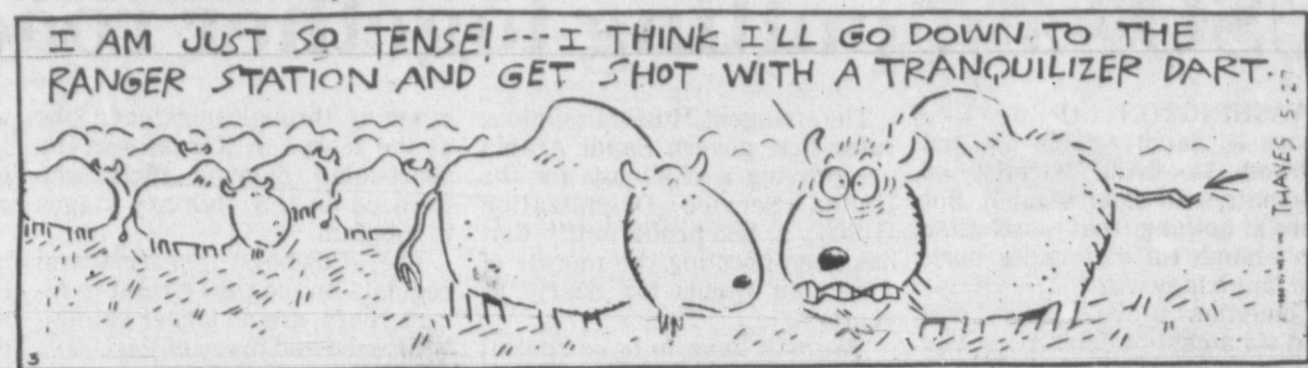
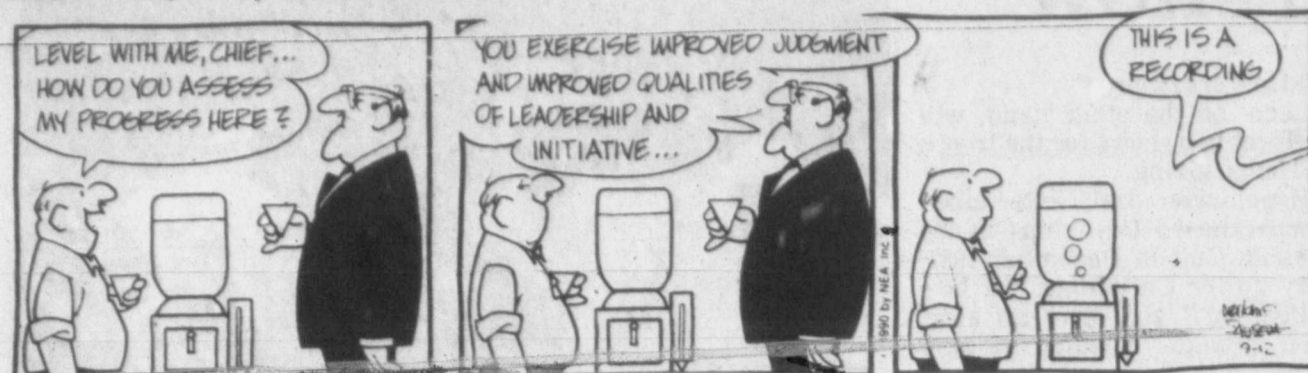
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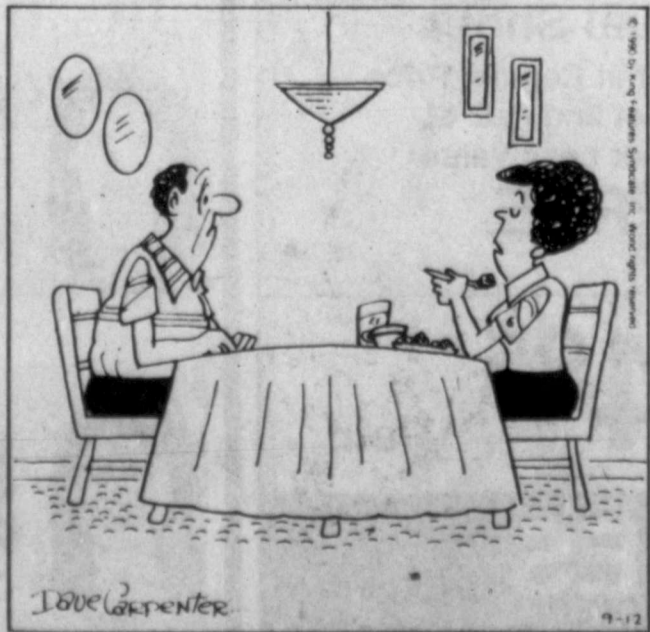
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Self-taught inventor runs farm on wind, sun

WOODWARD, Iowa (AP) — John Lorenzen has never paid an electric bill, and he hopes soon to stop paying for gasoline and propane.

The self-taught inventor gets his energy free — from the wind, sun and well water.

Since before the Depression, Lorenzen has run his farm primarily on 30-foot windmills, storing their energy in dozens of batteries and converting it to

standard current with devices he invented.

"About everything I've got I built myself," the 81-year-old Lorenzen said with pride.

His workshop is crammed with tools, switches, spare parts, welders and a machine that makes hydrogen fuel from water. Much of that array came from scavenging scrapheaps and buying discarded machinery on the cheap.

In the late 1970s, Lorenzen developed a simple solar-powered system to warm his workshop by folding old newspaper printing plates into pleats and fastening them to south-facing windows. Heated air inside each panel rises to an opening and spills inside.

A newer and larger system with roof-mounted panels has ducts and a pump activated by temperature changes to blow hot

air through the workshop.

"I wouldn't be without it," Lorenzen said recently. "It can be 20 below and it's 70 to 80 in my shop. When Jimmy Carter became president, that's when I quit farming and went into energy."

Lorenzen said he created a system for generating hydrogen fuel by shooting electricity from the windmills through metal plates in a tank of water taken

from his well.

He has converted his pickup truck to run on half-hydrogen, half-gasoline so that it gets 40 miles to the gallon. He's converting the truck, along with appliances such as the oven, refrigerator and heating stove that use liquid propane, to run entirely on hydrogen.

"I think it's probably the premiere technology for the next decade," said Ed Woolsev, en-

vironmental specialist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "It's probably the cleanest method that we have available for making energy."

Woolsev said Lorenzen is one of just a handful of Iowans experimenting with hydrogen fuel. He said his department is working to encourage others to try such alternatives but conceded that the ability of Lorenzen and others like him remains largely untapped.

Police: knife may have been used in slaying

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Although police believe they finally have found a piece of evidence in the slaying of an elementary school teacher last year, they say it will have no legal bearing on the case.

A group of youngsters found a rusty kitchen knife Aug. 29 believed used in the Aug. 28, 1989,

stabbing death of Jana Simpson, 24, Fort Worth homicide Sgt. Paul Kratz said.

But even if the knife is identified as the murder weapon, "it can't change anything at this point," Kratz said.

"It may or may not change some people's opinion, but it really doesn't matter at this point,"

he said. "... as far as any legal options at this point, there aren't any."

Ms. Simpson was found stabbed to death outside a portable building at Glen Park Elementary School on her first day at work. The knife was found in a bushy area near where a 12-year-old suspect told police he had

thrown it, Kratz said.

A 12-year-old boy was taken into custody a week later and charged with delinquent conduct-murder. Three months later, he was acquitted by a juvenile court after no evidence was found linking him to the killing.

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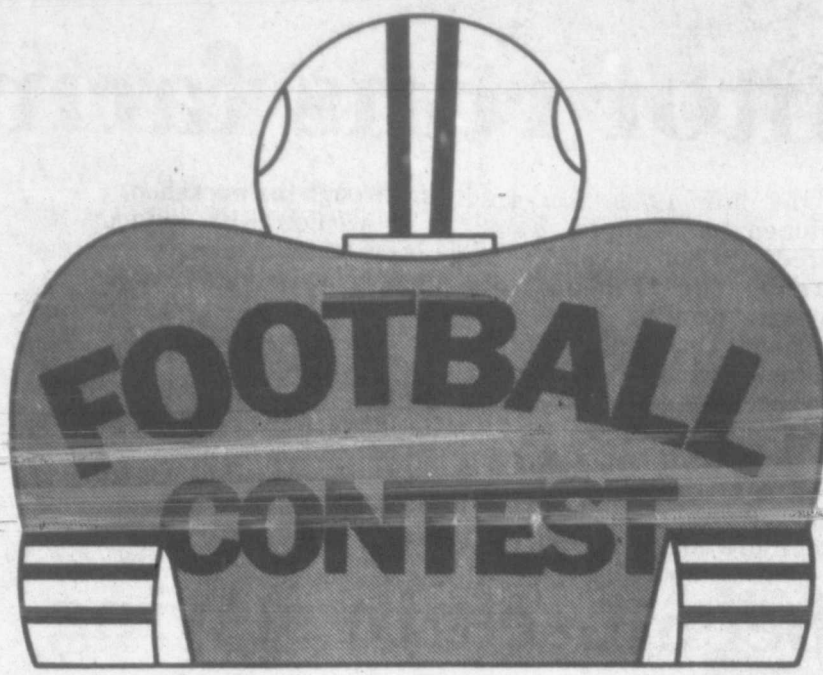
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To avoid splitting the prize money a TIE-BREAKER slot will be provided on each entry blank. Pick the total points of the score for that game and in case of a tie the one who picks the winner and the nearest number of total points will receive the prize money. The same formula will apply to second and third place winners. In the case of a perfect score, the formula would apply for that cash prize.

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