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Sophomores Cindy Morales (left) and Kara Ruth (right) stretch their gluteus media before walking a mile and-a-half for their aerobic dance class at Kyle Field. The gluteus medius is the major muscle used in walking.

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**Japanese say stolen bull semen a treasure**

GEORGETOWN (AP) — A rancher here is finding lots of interest in a commodity the Japanese say was a stolen national treasure. It's semen that was collected from four Japanese bulls brought to the United States in a shroud of secrecy 14 years ago.

Some people are now saying the semen is a rare commodity that could revolutionize the beef industry in both countries.

The bulls, whose names were Fuji, Judo, Mazda and Ryusho, died of old age years ago. But they left behind a genetic legacy that has proved lucrative for cattle breeder Don Lively.

His stockpile of semen from the famed Wagyu cattle (pronounced Wog-you), believed to be the only ones of the breed to ever leave their home-

land, is estimated to be worth \$2 million.

Cattlemen and agribusiness companies from all over the world have come clamoring to Lively's door here at the LoDo Ranch to buy some of the semen so they can start breeding their own herds of Wagyu cattle.

Lively and his business partner, Rosebud rancher Fred Hildebrand, already have sold off hundreds of the semen samples, used to artificially inseminate cows, for about \$1 million. Each vial costs \$250.

"People used to think I was crazy for having these cattle," Lively, 62, says.

The Japanese have always been fond of the cattle and reluctant to share the breed with the rest of the world. They have closely guarded the

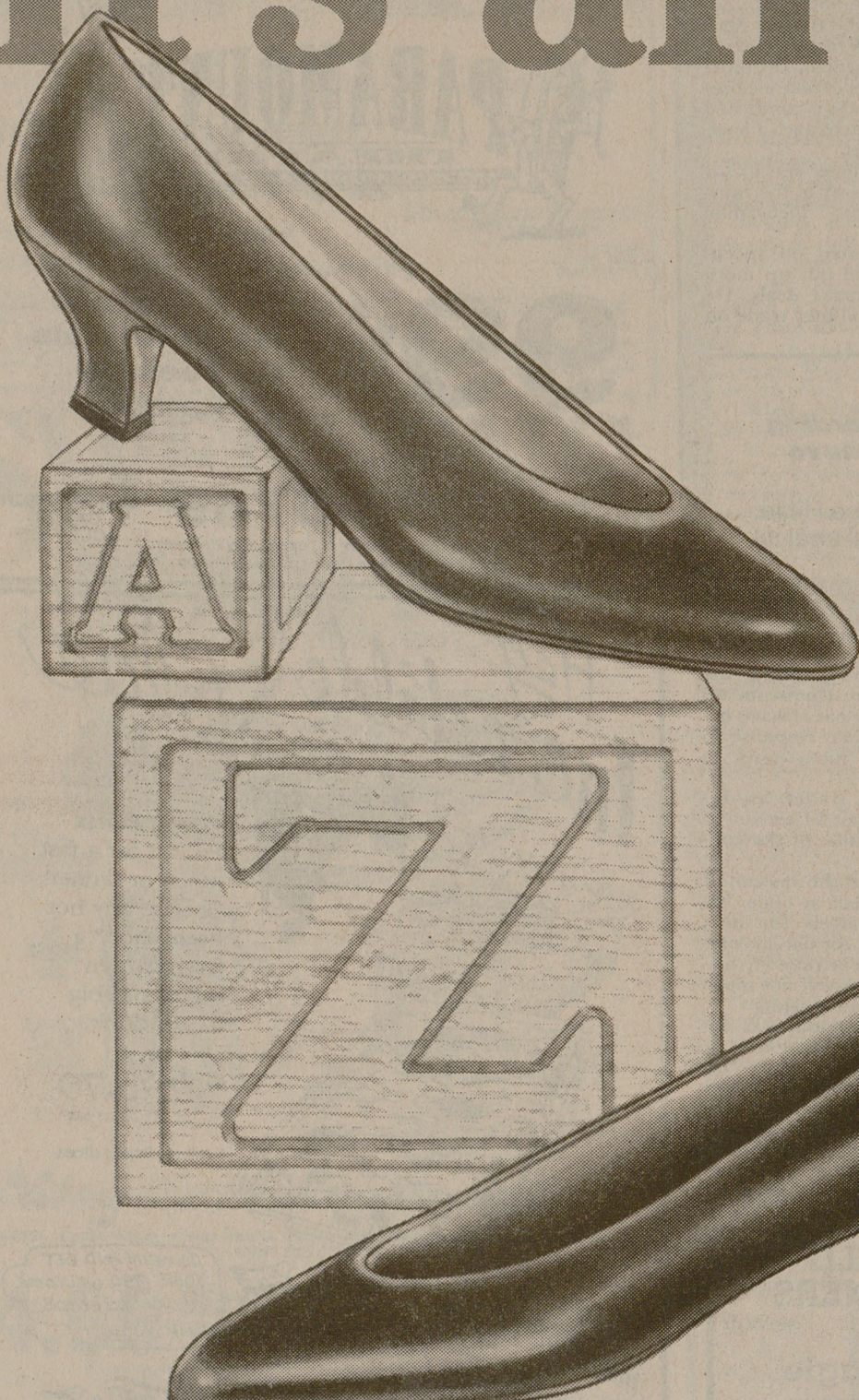
cattle and steadfastly refuse to export them.

"You'd be classified as a traitor if you brought it out of Japan," Lively says. "The Japanese are resentful that we have Wagyu cattle. Some of them won't even admit these are Wagyu when we show the cattle to them."

The Wagyu's tender, slightly sweet-tasting meat, called Kobe beef, is considered a delicacy that fetches up to \$180 a pound in Japan. The spindly legged and swaybacked beasts once brought bewildered stares from U.S. breeders who prefer much stockier cattle.

But ever since Japan said it would lift beef import quotas by 1991, American cattlemen have hungrily eyed the Wagyu. So have Japanese investors with vast holdings of land in the United States.

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**Budget woes remain  
Quayle demands immediate end to 'congressional gymnastics'**

DALLAS (AP) — Vice President Dan Quayle said Wednesday that a federal budget agreement could be reached if the public demanded a solution and the current "congressional gymnastics" were stopped.

Quayle, who was in Dallas to accept a national award for his work in the fight against breast cancer, also defended President Bush's flip-flop on an endorsement for higher taxes on the rich to pay for a cut in taxes on capital gains.

"It's going to take a grassroots pressure on Congress to pass a budget," he said during a news conference following the awards ceremony. "The budget agreement they pass will be quite similar to the Andrews-Summit accord that was reached by bi-partisan leadership and the President.

"There are a lot of congressional gymnastics that are going on." Congress is likely to think hard about an agreement since several members want to leave town Oct. 19 because of re-election races, Quayle said.

President Bush Tuesday night backed away from his endorsement of higher taxes on the rich to pay for

a cut in taxes on capital gains, angering Democrats to delay Senate Finance Committee consideration of a deficit-reduction plan.

The plan was to have included a capital-gains cut long favored by Bush. To meet Democratic demands, the plan also included higher income tax rates on the wealthy, who would benefit from the capital-gains reduction.

White House spokesman Fitzwater said Bush had spent minutes discussing budget options with Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Wednesday before he left Washington on a campaign trip.

Fitzwater, however, wouldn't say exactly where Bush stands on the question of whether he will consider a tax-rate increase in exchange for a capital gains tax cut.

The presidential flip-flop came only a few hours after he said that higher rates on the wealthy would be fine in exchange for a capital gains cut.

Quayle said the President was merely trying to find a compromise.

**State auditor reports  
Texas companies at risk**

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Insurance has failed to develop a system to detect financially troubled companies, leaving more than \$3.1 billion in premiums at risk, the state auditor reported Wednesday.

But the Insurance Board criticized the audit, which represents the second report in less than two weeks that has warned of problems in the insurance industry and the failure of state regulators to correct them.

In a news conference, Insurance Board member Richard Reynolds launched an attack against state officials and consumer groups that have faulted the board for failing to uncover insurance fraud and mismanagement.

Reynolds' broadside was directed toward national consumer advocate Ralph Nader, Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, Texas Supreme Court Justice Lloyd Doggett, several state consumer groups and the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

Of Earle and Nader, Reynolds said, "They both lie like hell and fertilize."

The report by the Office of State Auditor said 11.6 percent of \$3.1 billion of the premiums in Texas, were held by companies that need further regulatory attention. The report said 283 of the 2,000 licensed companies doing business in Texas are "at-risk."

It also said the state probably will lose about \$330 million in premiums over the next five years because of claims not paid by insurance companies to policyholders.

The report said an early warning system on troubled insurers has been in the planning stages for years but "there is a lack of understanding by management of the Insurance Board" as to how it can be accomplished.

The report said if the board established a classification system to rate insurance companies, it would be able to respond more quickly to financially troubled insurers.

House Speaker Gib Lewis, in a statement, issued a statement to the board to establish this classification system.