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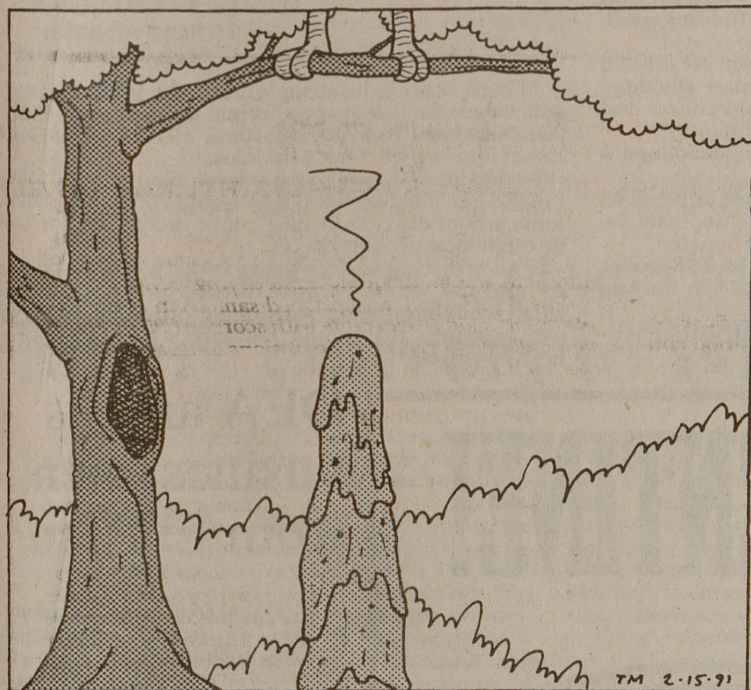
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Senate adopts bill to allow dog killing

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate approved a bill that would allow the killing of dogs in defense of livestock.

The measure by Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, was sent to the House on a 26-0 vote Thursday.

Sims, executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, said under current law if he found a dog in his pasture killing sheep or had just killed sheep and he shot him, he could be prosecuted for cruelty to animals.

The violation is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail.

The bill would essentially allow people to avoid prosecution under animal cruelty laws if they could prove they killed the dog to defend their goats, sheep, cattle, horses, swine or poultry.

Last year in Concho County a case was filed against a rancher who killed a dog, "so that's the reason we need" this bill, Sims said.

"If you've ever seen an animal killed by a dog, you'd know what killed him — the dog's not a very clean killer, he'll just tear an animal all to pieces," he said.

Perot plans for future with race track

FORT WORTH (AP) — A proposed \$50 million auto racing facility in the Dallas-Fort Worth area will be an economic boon that will offer a little something for everybody in North Texas, organizers say.

"It is going to be like the Trade Mart when it was built, with everything under the same roof for the first time," Buddy Boren, Ishin Speed Sport Inc. operations manager, said.

Dallas financier Ross Perot Jr., who has contracted to sell 500 acres to Ishin, said he envisions the race-track as an economic catalyst that will spark increased high technology development and promote tourism in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Observers say Perot is planning for the future by carefully assembling the components that will some-

day attract automobile manufacturers to the area.

So far, Perot's primary development has focused on the 4,800-acre Alliance Airport project. Alliance is a development designed to attract aviation and related companies.

The speedway could indeed become a major part of the development around Alliance.

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