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(Staff photo by Daniel Wiegars) Jim Baker exhibits a shotgun he uses for teaching the proper way to handle and clean a firearm in his hunter safety class.

Baker teaches hunter safety

By L.D. STRATE
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The safety of future hunters could be in the hands of Pampa pharmacist Jim Baker.

Not from any pills he might pass out, but from lessons he presents as a hunter education instructor for the state of Texas.

Baker became an instructor in 1988 after seeking to learn more about hunter safety to fulfill his own needs.

"As a hunter, I wanted to learn more about safety," Baker said. "My first instructor was Wes Thomas of Pampa and he taught me one on one. He had to quit because of an illness in the family and there just weren't enough instructors around."

Baker is the chief instructor in this area of the Panhandle, and there are two other instructors, Dick Wilkerson and Kenny Fulton of Pampa, who often work with him.

"We team-teach a lot, especially if there are more than 25 students in a class. The game wardens also help us when we're setting up a class," Baker said.

In order to become a certified hunter, a person born on or after Sept. 1, 1971 is required to take the course, Baker said. He added that children under 12 can attend and receive recognition of attendance, but they must retake the course after turning 12.

"This course is required to be able to hunt legally. You can purchase a license without taking the course, but if you went hunting, it wouldn't be legal," he said.

Instructors use a variety of teaching tools, including a *Texas Hunter Education Manual*, for the course, which is taught in all 50 states and some foreign countries.

"We have a lot of old posters that we show, but they're still effective. We demonstrate the proper way to clean a shotgun without shooting holes in your

house. We'll teach people how to use a compass and we'll have field exercises, which we videotape. Not everything is classroom work," Baker said. "We do everything we can to stress hunter safety."

Baker urges families to take the course together.

"We like to see the father come in with the son and take the course. That way the education continues once they get in the field," he said. "The course is designed to make the hunter think and use his most valuable tool, the brain, so he can handle any situation that comes up."

Baker, who grew up in McLean, learned how to handle a gun when he was five years old and shot his first quail when he was eight.

"My father taught me how to hunt and he was very conscientious about safety and about hunting the right way," Baker said. "Fathers need to spend more time outdoors with their sons. They don't have to hunt. They can get involved with scouting and teach their sons to respect the outdoors and wildlife."

Baker said it takes practice to be a good hunter.

"A good hunter prepares all year long to go hunting. He doesn't just grab his gun and go when hunting season gets here. To be a good golfer, you have to practice. It's the same way with hunting," Baker said.

The final hunter education course of the year will be offered Sept. 11-12 in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church in Pampa. Class size is limited and persons can pre-register by calling Baker at 669-1035 during the day or 665-2749 at night.

"This course isn't just for hunters," Baker emphasized.

"Even a non-hunter can gain some insight by taking this course. You can learn survival skills, learn to enjoy the outdoors more, and you may never pick up a gun."

Republican convention opens

Abortion fight, Iraq cast shadow

HOUSTON (AP) — Republicans concerned about losing their 12-year grip on the White House looked to ignite President Bush's lackluster campaign with today's convention start. The president declared himself "fired up and ready" to take on Democrat Bill Clinton.

Abortion, the sagging economy and the threat of new hostilities with Iraq threatened to disrupt the harmony that Bush and his campaign chiefs had hoped would surpass the Democratic love-fest in New York last month.

Still, Bush said he was eager for the convention — and the fall campaign.

"Barbara and I are fired up and ready," Bush said in a Sunday afternoon telephone call to workers at the Republican National Convention. He acknowledged the uphill fight ahead, but said that with the bang of the opening gavel today "I pick up the torch" for the race against Clinton.

Looming over the festivities in Bush's adopted hometown: the potential for a convention-week showdown with Saddam Hussein. However, the leader of a U.N. team inspecting suspected military sites in Iraq said it had completed its 10-day mission today without incident.

Bush left little doubt Sunday that a military strike was an option if Saddam again rebuffed U.N. inspection teams. But he strenuously denied a report he was trying to pick a fight for a political boost at home.

"The campaign and the convention have nothing to do with this," Bush said. "This is the national security interest of the United States."

In sharp contrast to Clinton's celebration at the Democratic National Convention a month ago, the buildup to the Republican convention has been marked by intra-party bickering over abortion and just what Bush needs to do to boost the economy — and his standing in the polls.

Abortion-rights advocates were looking to muster enough votes for a floor fight when delegates took up the party's conservative platform at today's opening session.

Sen. John Seymour of California, who wanted the strong anti-abortion plank removed, said on NBC's "Today" program that efforts to bring the debate to the convention floor probably would not succeed but that the long-term battle was far from over. "We have set the foundation for 1996," he said today. "If we ever want to become a majority party then we need to have the party platform aligned with majority opinion."

Opening night highlights include Texas Sen. Phil Gramm's keynote address and speeches by Bush's primary challenger, Patrick Buchanan, and former President Reagan.

Bush was due in Houston this evening after an appearance in Indiana. Vice President Dan Quayle was arriving earlier, and had a busy convention week planned as he tries to reshape his battered public image.

Clinton, whose lead in national polls hovers near 20 points, was home in Little Rock, Ark., tending to state business but promising to return GOP salvos. Republicans were already firing away, contending Clinton's economic plan would

cost jobs and contrasting Bush's World War II heroism with Clinton's lack of military service.

Clinton had surrogates in Houston, led by Democratic Party Chairman Ronald Brown, who said any new Bush economic plan was too late, and would probably be too little.

"We'd like to know where this plan has been for the last four years during one of the deepest and darkest recessions in this country," Brown said.

Most voters in a CBS News-New York Times poll published today said they wanted "real change," but only 15 percent said Bush was the candidate of change compared with 63 percent for Clinton. For the election, those surveyed favored Clinton 52 percent to 35 percent, a 17-point spread down seven points from a similar poll after last month's Democratic convention.

As they waited for the four-day Astrodome party to begin, the 2,210 delegates got a taste of Texas, literally, enjoying barbecue and Tex-Mex as well as unusually comfortable August weather.

Their message for Bush was to lay out a clear agenda for a second term, with a focus on the homefront.

"He has to give us reasons he ought to be president for four more years," Senate Republican leader Bob Dole of Kansas said on NBC.

"Lots of reasons."

Even fierce Bush loyalists had to agree.

"I think he got complacent after the Gulf War when he popularity was so high," said Bob Bobosky, a Bush delegate from Oregon. "I think



he just assumed that by being alive on Election Day he would win."

Utah delegate John Updike said Bush was paying the price for breaking his 1988 no-new-taxes promise. "I think he needs to apologize to the public," he said.

Bush has called the tax reversal a mistake, and is expected to do so again in his acceptance speech Thursday night. Also likely are new economic proposals, with many conservatives urging Bush to call for new tax cuts and some saying they were sure he would.

The platform session, including the abortion issue, was scheduled far out of the prime-time spotlight.

"A lot of women will jump to the Clinton-Gore ticket over this issue," predicted delegate Jerry Martin of Delaware. "It will probably lose the election for them," echoed Virginia delegate Roger Hill.

Other delegates predicted the fight would be soon forgotten.

"It's not going to hurt us," said George Flagg of Iowa.

U.N. officials say team finishes inspection without altercation

By JIM DRINKARD
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Saddam Hussein was on the verge of a new confrontation today over his treatment of Iraq's Shiite minority, even as tensions subsided over a U.N. inspection team's access to sensitive locations inside Iraq.

The United States is consulting with Britain, France and other allies about establishing a protective "no-fly" zone in the south of the country, officials said.

Iraq would face the risk of Western military reprisal if Shiite Muslims were attacked within the zone, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. Edward J. Perkins, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, accused the Iraqi leader last Tuesday of conducting "a reign of terror" against his people.

One senior administration official said consultations with allies and military preparations had been under way for several weeks to place an "air cap" on Iraq, particularly in southern regions where Hussein has used air power to suppress a rebellious Shiite minority.

The official said U.S. aircraft already available in the region, including AWACS surveillance planes, would make it easy to monitor any air traffic over Iraq and control it.

"We know everything that goes into the air" over the country, the official said. "As soon as (Iraqi

pilots) see an F-15E coming at them, they're going to ditch" their own aircraft, the official said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater would not confirm that President Bush is seeking allied support for military action to protect Shiite Muslims. But Fitzwater said there is continuing concern for Iraq's compliance with all U.N. resolutions, including the one prohibiting oppression of the Iraqi people.

"It is a matter of general concern to us," he said.

"We've been in consultations for several weeks" with allies on recent developments. "We don't discuss military options and what we might do."

On Iraq's decision to avoid a showdown today, Fitzwater said: "We don't have any real details. Apparently it's worked out okay. We're pressing for compliance on all of those issues. Inspection was a key one and it's an ongoing process."

The inspection team completed about five hours of inspections without incident today and held talks with Iraqi officials, U.N. officials said.

"Nothing exciting has happened that we know of here," said an officer of the U.N. Special Commission in Baghdad.

On Sunday, President Bush had declined to talk about any attack plans, but repeated past warnings to Saddam: "He cannot be allowed to

dictate what can and cannot be inspected" as he did for three weeks in July when inspectors were barred from a government ministry in Baghdad.

"The United States has plans to be sure that Saddam Hussein does what he's supposed to do," Bush said at the White House. He specified Iraqi compliance with resolutions requiring destruction of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs and the safeguarding of Iraqi minorities.

The president also denounced suggestions that military force was being used to help his own political standing, calling them "ugly and uncalled for."

The 22-member Russian-led inspection team, which had been working with unusual secrecy in Iraq for the past 10 days, is scheduled to leave the country Tuesday.

Team leader Nikita Smidovich told reporters in Baghdad that today's inspection had been without incident and that the team's mission was complete. He refused to identify the site the inspectors visited today or to characterize the mission's findings.

Senior administration sources, speaking only on condition of anonymity, had said the Bush plans included an escalating series of attacks aimed at cutting off the remaining flow of Iraqi oil, grounding the country's air force and striking other military targets.

One source said the targets may

have included Iraq's Defense Ministry in Baghdad and its Ministry of Military Industrialization, which has been a key component of the country's weapons development programs.

"There are lots of military targets left in Iraq. The place is nothing but a military convenience store," said one administration official. Most are targets that could be easily hit with limited civilian casualties.

The United States has plenty of military firepower in the Gulf region. Among the dozens of American warplanes in Saudi Arabia are F-117A Stealth fighter-bombers, which were the only planes used against Baghdad during the Gulf War. And an aircraft carrier, the USS Independence, is patrolling the Persian Gulf with about 80 warplanes aboard.

Also, U.S. Army and Marine Corps forces are conducting three separate exercises in Kuwait. A force of about 1,900 Marines that has been in Kuwait since Aug. 4 is loading its equipment back on ships to wrap up their training, but a contingent of about 2,400 Army soldiers is arriving for a separate exercise.

And the commander of U.S. air forces assigned to the Middle East, Gen. Michael A. Nelson, flew to Saudi Arabia on Thursday with about 30 of members of his staff. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney called all the deployments routine.

Panel hears state plea to deny GOP request

AUSTIN (AP) — A hotly contested state Senate redistricting controversy was in the hands of a three-judge federal panel today.

Senatorial candidates awaited the outcome of today's hearing to know

which voters they need to court for November's general election.

The Texas Legislature came up with one plan early this year. But three Texas judges substituted another one, and the March primaries

were held in accordance with it.

A three-judge federal panel in Washington then gave its OK to the legislative plan, and Secretary of State John Hannah ordered last week that those guidelines be used for the general election in November.

State Democratic leaders favor the legislative plan, saying it is fairer to minorities as required by the federal Voting Rights Act. Republicans favor the court's plan, which some say would increase the number of Republicans in the 31-member Senate.

Republicans complained that Hannah's order is illegal and that the plan drawn up by the three-judge panel should remain in place for the general election.

Attorney General Dan Morales argued Thursday in favor of the Legislature's plan and urged the

panel to reject the attempt by state GOP officials to overturn it.

The attorney general said the case "is about the voting rights of language and racial minorities in Texas, not about the comparative worthiness of the two major political parties in their Senate redistricting efforts."

U.S. District James Nowlin of Austin, who drew up the plan that was used in the March primaries, stepped down from the case after he was reprimanded for allowing a Republican legislator to secretly help him.

At least one candidate for the Texas Senate has filed in two separate senatorial districts for the November ballot, because the district she would represent depends upon which plan emerges.

Interest rate cuts unlikely

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Republicans meeting in Houston, Federal Reserve policy makers are likely to keep interest rates unchanged this week rather than appear to be buckling under to political pressure, analysts said today.

But these analysts point to an economy that has been moving sideways recently and said that, if it were to deteriorate anew, the central bank probably would be prepared to cut rates further to stimulate growth.

"I don't think the data has been conclusive enough to justify a further move at this point," said Laurence H. Meyer, head of a St. Louis economic forecasting company. "I believe the Fed would

prefer to sit on the sidelines and wait and see if its earlier actions are having any effect."

David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston & Co., a New York securities dealer, agreed. "They're really under the political spotlight right now with the Republican convention in operation."

Members of the Federal Open Market Committee, who pride themselves on their independence, meet privately Tuesday to consider monetary policy. The committee is composed of the seven Fed governors and the presidents of the 12 regional Fed banks, five of whom are voting members.

The Bush administration has repeatedly urged further interest rate cuts to stimulate the economy.

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Serb fighters make convoy aid delivery by U.N. difficult

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — If the experience of the first U.N. aid convoy to reach embattled Gorazde is any indication, Serb fighters intend to make delivering aid so arduous that it will demand all the West's attention.

The convoy was caught in cross-fire, blocked by Serb militiamen, halted for hours at mined bridges. Its 60-mile round trip to the isolated pro-government town near the Serbian border took 40 hours.

By allowing aid convoys to leave Sarajevo only with difficulty, Serb forces apparently think they can prevent a military confrontation with the West while working to strengthen their hold on seized territory.

The strategy could work. Although the U.N. Security Council last week endorsed the use of military force to ensure aid deliveries in Bosnia, Western leaders have shown little interest in committing their forces to trying to halt a guerrilla-style ethnic war that U.S. officials have compared to Vietnam.

Convoys are scheduled, meanwhile, to leave for the northwestern Bosnian cities of Banja Luka today and Bihać on Tuesday. Both cities,

like Gorazde and Sarajevo, are surrounded by Serbs.

More convoys are also planned for Gorazde, now under siege for four months. U.N. officials who returned from the city early today described a disturbing scene of a gaunt, hungry populace under the constant threat of death.

"The people just stared in disbelief," said Larry Hollingsworth, the U.N. official who led the Gorazde convoy. "Most of the townspeople we saw burst into tears. I've never seen more people cry spontaneously in my life."

"Probably the most poignant thing was that none of them wanted us to leave. They said as soon as we'd leave the shelling would begin," he said.

Hollingsworth, head of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office in Sarajevo, said he saw four operations being performed without anesthesia. The convoy delivered six tons of medicine, but no anesthetics.

Ethnic Serb forces have captured about two-thirds of Bosnia-Herzegovina since the republic's majority ethnic Croats and Muslims voted for independence from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia on Feb. 29.

No side has shown a willingness to stop the fighting, which has

claimed more than 8,000 lives. More than one million people have fled their homes, many victims of an alleged Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing" to rid captured territory of other ethnic groups.

NATO on Friday refused to commit large numbers of troops to protect U.N. relief convoys. The United Nations only approved the use of force as a last resort to protect aid deliveries, and didn't lift an arms embargo that makes it difficult for Bosnia to challenge the Serbs' huge advantage in firepower.

Many Bosnians say the U.N. policy will serve only to fatten them up before they die.

Gorazde is the last government holdout in eastern Bosnia. Its population has swollen from a prewar 15,000 to about 40,000, the majority of the newcomers Muslim refugees fleeing the bloodshed of nearby towns and villages.

The convoy, carrying 40 tons of flour, wheat, cooking oil, baby food and canned fish and beef, plus medicines, rolled out of Sarajevo on Saturday. Officials said it would be back later in the day.

But it got caught in a crossfire between Muslims and Serbs at Rogatica, a city along the road to Gorazde, and was stopped for sever-

al hours by a bridge that U.N. officials said was mined by Serbs. Near dusk, it rolled into Gorazde.

Croatian radio said shelling in the city killed two people and wounded 14 after the U.N. convoy arrived. In Rogatica, battles left 10 people dead on Sunday, Hollingsworth said.

He said the convoy risked traveling back to Sarajevo on Sunday night after being stuck most of the day by a mined bridge waiting for French mine experts to arrive and clear the explosives.

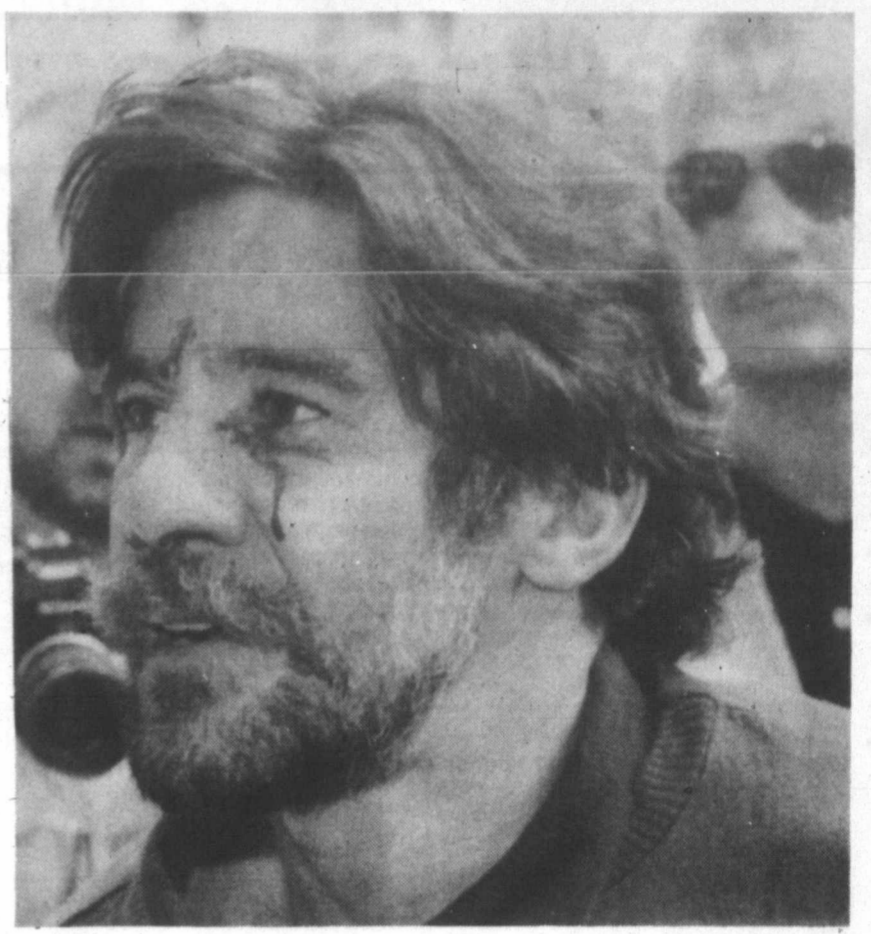
The convoy arrived in Sarajevo before dawn today.

At that rate, it would be winter before the United Nations reaches the hundreds of thousands of needy people in Bosnia.

"The facts are clear now it's not very easy to send aid into Serbian territory. We have to rethink the whole thing," said Adnan Abd-elrazek, a spokesman for the U.N. force protecting the convoy.

He said five armored personnel carriers carrying Ukrainian soldiers accompanied the Gorazde mission. The question is whether more troops will be forthcoming.

"The lessons are that the road is not clear for those convoys," he said. "We still need a lot of effort and coordination."



(AP Photo) Television talk show host Geraldo Rivera shows signs of an altercation in Janesville, Wis., Sunday.

Rivera, Klansman charged in scuffle

JANESVILLE, Wis. (AP) — Geraldo Rivera, who suffered a broken nose four years ago in a chair-throwing melee with skinheads, got arrested after another scuffle with a white supremacist and came away with three cuts and bruises.

The talk show host said a Ku Klux Klansman attacked him Sunday as he and his crew taped a Klan rally.

"He first called me a spic, then a dirty Jew, then threw something at me and kicked me in the left leg," Rivera said. "Then I hit him back. Then we fell to the ground and I got on top and we were both arrested."

Rivera was charged with battery and John R. McLaughlin, 42, of Champaign, Ill., was charged with disorderly conduct, police Lt. Larry Loveland said.

Rivera and McLaughlin were held in jail for about three hours, Loveland said. Rivera posted \$500 bail for a hearing Aug. 31. Loveland said he believed McLaughlin had also made bail.

Rivera said his thumb was severely bitten and he had other cuts and scrapes. The *Janesville Gazette* reported that McLaughlin had several cuts and scrapes and appeared to have lost some teeth.

McLaughlin did not return calls to his home.

In 1988, Rivera's nose was broken by a flying chair when a brawl erupted on the set of his show during taping of an interview with young white supremacists and a black civil rights leader.

Rivera said he will air footage of the scuffle, and the video "will show beyond a shadow of a doubt that I was first provoked and then attacked by this uniformed neo-Nazi."

The rally attracted about 60 Klan members and more than 75 members of an anti-Klan faction, Loveland said.

Rivera said he returned to tape a cross-burning and then headed back to New York City.

Questionable autopsy pervades murder case

PANHANDLE (AP) — The murder trial of a two-time ex-convict was scheduled to begin today, more than 14 months after his alleged victim was said to have died of natural causes.

Rickey Lewayne Bradford, 29, was arrested March 7 and charged with first-degree murder in the May 31, 1991, death of Terrie Trospers, 27, of Childress.

State District Judge John T. Forbis last week moved the trial from Childress to Panhandle, about 40 miles northeast of Amarillo, because of publicity.

Just hours after Ms. Trospers' death, pathologist Ralph Erdmann of Lubbock performed an autopsy and ruled that she choked on her own vomit.

But officials across West Texas began to question whether Erdmann

had actually done some of the autopsies he was paid to perform, or if he had, how thorough he had been. Grand juries in Levelland and Dickens indicted him for falsifying autopsies.

After Ms. Trospers had been dead for four months, Childress County officials asked that her body be exhumed and another autopsy performed.

Erdmann and Dr. Sparks Veasey, then the Potter County forensic pathologist, together performed the second autopsy on the woman.

"In summary, it is my opinion that the most likely cause of death in this case is asphyxiation. The most likely mechanism whereby this occurred in my opinion is smothering," Veasey wrote afterward.

Last October, Childress County

law enforcement officials announced they were investigating Ms. Trospers' death as a homicide, and Bradford was arrested five months later.

"It's a tough set of facts made harder by the autopsy problems," District Attorney David McCoy said. "It makes the case tougher because Veasey had to look at the evidence after it was four months old."

Bradford admitted he was with Ms. Trospers the night she died, and Annette Bradford said her husband and Ms. Trospers had previously had an affair.

Three people have sworn to authorities Bradford told them he killed Ms. Trospers.

But officials have no evidence of the pillow they think was used to smother the woman.

Amarillo attorney Joe Marr Wilson said he believes his client has a good chance of acquittal, despite two previous felony convictions.

"You've also got a pathologist who can't say for sure whether she was killed, another pathologist who said she wasn't killed, a 'murder weapon' that's never been found and no physical evidence tying him to the death," McCoy said.

Doubts about the Trospers autopsy were heightened by rumors her brother, Tate Rowland, was a victim of a satanic sacrifice. The youth, who was 17 when he died, was found hanged in 1988.

Childress County officials requested exhumation of his body, and when traces of a prescription drug were found in his system, a grand jury also asked that Ms. Trospers' body be exhumed.

Industry, state board set for court battle over insurance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — A battle between the insurance industry and state regulators may result in high-

er auto insurance rates for people who buy the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan, some officials say.

The plan provides insurance for hundreds of thousands of motorists who cannot find a com-

pany to sell them policies voluntarily. Plan participants pay rates 27 percent higher than other motorists.

hearing has been set in Travis County.

What is at stake "is a very real probability of higher auto insurance rates for all Texas drivers," said Bob Zeman, an official with the National Association of Independent Insurers.

"Since (the plan) is, in effect, an insurance company, good economic sense dictates that it should be managed by insurance professionals," Zeman said.

The plan — created by the Legislature in 1951 — did not attract much notice until a new state law last year forced many motorists to get insurance for the first time.

In all of 1990, the plan received 167,723 applications for cover-

age; through July of this year, there have been 397,801 applications.

The insurance board got backing in June from Attorney General Dan Morales, who wrote in a legal opinion that the State Board of Insurance "has ultimate rule-making authority" over the plan.

With Morales' opinion, the insurance board voted to expand the plan's governing board to 14 members, with seven appointed by the insurance board. The configuration had been a 10-member governing board composed entirely of insurance company representatives.

The industry won a temporary court order blocking the changes.

Hospital employee with AIDS virus sues

HOUSTON (AP) — A hospital employee infected with the AIDS virus is suing Houston's Methodist Hospital for \$1.3 million, claiming invasion of privacy and harassment in the work place.

"This is a deliberate HIV/AIDS discrimination case, and I have the documents to prove it," said Richard Parrott, who is on medical leave. "I want to pave a smoother avenue for those people in Methodist Hospital who are HIV positive."

Parrott's state court suit claims he has been harassed, humiliated and treated unfairly at work since his

supervisors learned in 1989 he has HIV.

Parrott, on leave since June 11, said he was sick in a hospital bed when a non-medical employee in his department looked at his medical chart. Minutes later, he said, his department knew about the infection.

Parrott was transferred from pharmacy technician to a secretarial position. Under hospital policy, employees infected with the AIDS virus are moved to non-invasive positions.

Methodist spokeswoman Blythe Schaffer said Parrott's supervisors

thought they had ironed out the problems.

"We cannot figure out why he would sue us; I thought he was a happy employee," she said.

Jim Kuhn, Parrott's attorney, said his client was forced to quit because harassment was taking a toll on his health.

"The behavior of his supervisor caused the physician to write that letter," Kuhn said.

Ms. Schaffer, however, said that when an employee has HIV or AIDS, it is handled confidentially and other employees are not notified.

Conservation group member slain in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — A 24-year-old woman visiting Houston to help kick off a rally for an environmental conservation group was found beaten to death just 48 hours after arriving in the city.

Monique Johnson's nude body was found by friends in the bathtub of a southeast Houston apartment about 7 p.m. Saturday.

Ms. Johnson was one of six young adults who had come to Houston from Washington to work for the conservation corps, a non-profit organization spearheading a three-month cleanup and restoration project.

A kickoff rally Sunday for the Buffalo Bayou cleanup project turned into a tearful tribute to Ms. Johnson.

Police said she had been beaten

about the head. Sgt. A.T. Hermann said that no motive has been established in the killing.

Police believe her killer either let himself in through an unlocked door or was granted entry by Ms. Johnson, since the door was not damaged. However, they do not yet have any suspects in the case.

The corps started this spring, and its first project was a creek cleanup outside Washington. The Buffalo Bayou project in Houston is the first of several such efforts planned around the country.

The corps' goal is to offer young adults from inner cities the chance to improve the environment, learn job skills and build self-esteem.

The five remaining corps mem-

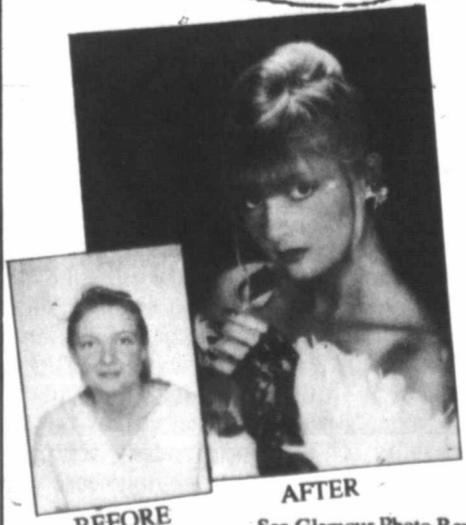
bers appeared devastated Sunday, crying and embracing one another, as they struggled to cope with Ms. Johnson's death.

"It's a shock to me," said Gerald Hulet, who had been out with Ms. Johnson Friday night. "She was like a sister."

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We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

Freedom is neither license nor anarchy. It is control and sovereignty of oneself, no more, no less. It is, thus, consistent with the coveting commandment.

Louise Fletcher
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Opinion

Lower taxes benefit us all

A federal tax bill to be debated in the Senate would cut taxes while raising them. It would encourage economic growth while discouraging it.

A bill, drafted by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, Senate Finance Committee chairman, is a mixed bag of proposals to change the federal tax system. Some ideas in it would help the economy, others would hurt. But none would provide the kinds of incentives needed to reinvigorate the national economy.

On the plus side, the Bentsen bill would broaden the availability of individual retirement accounts. Under current law, only lower-income taxpayers and those without company-funded pension programs can deduct a full \$2,000 IRA contribution.

The Senate tax bill would allow virtually all taxpayers to put \$2,000 a year, tax-free, into an IRA. The money could be saved for retirement or withdrawn after five years for tuition, major medical bills or a first home purchase.

Expanding IRAs would be far from an economic cure-all. But it would create something sorely lacking in our tax code - an incentive to save. Money saved is money that can be loaned and invested. It can help American industry retool and help American workers become more productive.

Other positive provisions would begin to undo some of the horribly destructive financial penalties placed on real estate by the 1986 tax reform bill.

On the down side, the Bentsen proposal would raise other taxes under the misguided notion they would help pay for tax cuts elsewhere in the bill. The tax hikes would affect securities firms, deductions for business-related moving expenses and the write-off period for commercial real estate.

The search for tax hikes to offset tax cuts elsewhere reflects a static view of taxation and the economy. This view assumes that if a tax rate is cut or a deduction expanded, government revenue must fall. Hence the supposed need for higher taxes elsewhere. In reality, reducing the tax burden tends to encourage economic growth, which can lead to more government revenue, not less.

Instead of trying to fine-tune the tax code through a combination of cuts and increases, Congress and the Bush administration should cut taxes across the board. Cutting taxes on wages, capital gains, savings and investment would benefit individuals and the economy.

At the same time, Congress and the administration must be committed to reducing federal spending. The effect of ever-increasing spending was made plain in a *Wall Street Journal* column recently. Paul Merski of the Tax Foundation in Washington, D.C., said federal revenue has increased an average of \$20 billion a year since 1981. However, the money has been spent faster than it has come in. For each \$1 increase in taxes, lawmakers have spent \$1.59, he said.

Bentsen's bill does not provide the kinds of incentives Americans need to reinvigorate the national economy. Emphasis should be on reducing all taxes rather than increasing some to offset those reduced.

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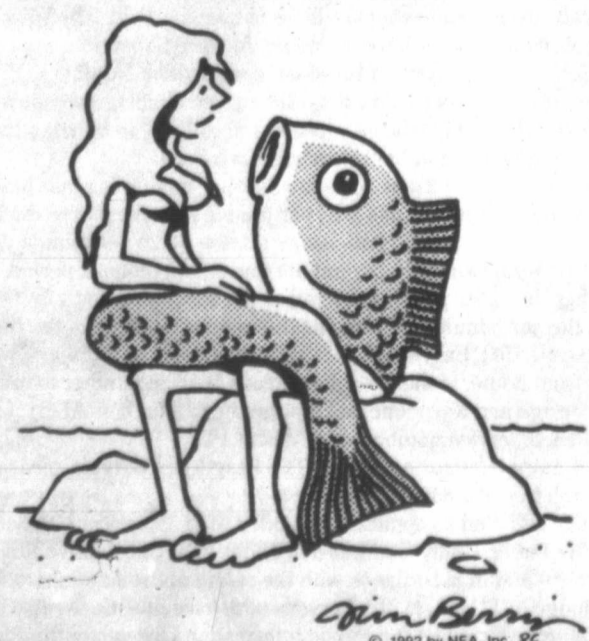
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"And another reason why it won't work out is you're a Democrat and I'm a Republican."

A war to stay out of

Nothing good can be said of the bloody, bitter war the Serbs are waging in Bosnia. It would take a heart of stone not to be moved by the stories from Sarajevo, but in a curious way the conflict is serving a useful purpose here at home. It is helping to define one difference between George Bush and Bill Clinton.

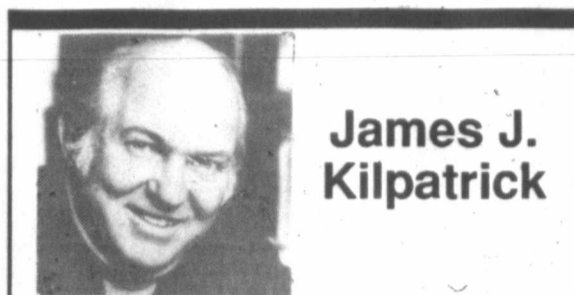
We are seeing the difference between maturity and immaturity, between experience and inexperience. Clinton is impatient. He wants to drop a few bombs — on artillery, on something, anything. He wants to hear bang-bang and boom-boom.

What about Bush? "I'm thinking it out very carefully," the president told reporters. "I do not want to see the United States bogged down in any way in some guerrilla warfare."

It is difficult to read much of anything in Clinton's bluster. The governor of Arkansas evidently learned little from the lessons of Vietnam, perhaps because he sought so earnestly to avoid them. Bush knows war firsthand. It makes a difference.

This is a war to stay out of. Two years ago this month, Bush faced an entirely different matter. With Iraq's sudden invasion of Kuwait, a crisis developed that threatened the entire Mideast. The interests of the United States were immediately imperiled. The primary interest could be spelled in three letters — oil.

If Bush had not acted swiftly, Saddam Hussein would have overwhelmed Saudi Arabia and the Persian emirates. A great part of the world's supply of oil would have been effectively controlled by the Iraqi dictator. The precarious strategic balance within the area was in jeopardy. Nothing would



James J. Kilpatrick

have deterred Hussein from developing atomic weapons.

Bush acted. He put all his diplomatic skills to work — skills acquired over a lifetime — and he put together a U.N. coalition of Arab states and Western allies. Can we realistically imagine the governor of Arkansas in such a situation? Bush proved himself a superb leader in a crisis. Many of us wish he had subsequently demonstrated the same bold leadership at home, but that is another argument for another day.

The president is doing exactly the right thing in the matter of ethnic strife in the Balkans. He is "thinking it out very carefully." What U.S. interests are involved? Virtually none. Oil is not an issue. The bellicose Serbs are not building an atomic bomb. No great questions of regional strategy and security are present.

As a tactical matter, the rugged terrain of Bosnia-Herzegovina presents all the formidable problems of Vietnam, or for that matter, Afghanistan. Great powers have great power, but the United States learned, and the Soviet Union learned, that great power cannot always be deployed effectively. The

former U.N. commander at Sarajevo estimated last week that an international force of at least 800,000 men would be required to wage a "peacekeeping" action in the area. May God and George Bush protect us from such a commitment!

For the moment, let us leave our commander in chief to "think it out very carefully" while the puppy dogs yap at his ankles. The governor of Arkansas is making an excellent case for the President of the United States.

Rep. Les Aspin of Wisconsin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, regrettably has joined the puppy dogs. In times past Aspin has had some remarkably sensible things to say about national defense. Now, sad to say, he is hungrily — salivating, slobbering — to become secretary of defense in a Clinton administration.

On Aug. 3, Aspin issued a press release in which he slathered praise upon Clinton. The governor knows how to make America strong in the new world. The governor will build a smart, new defense. Bill Clinton knows the Soviet threat is gone. "We can trust Bill Clinton to deal with military change."

As for George Bush, says the puppy dog Aspin, he "hasn't a clue" about national security. He would just buy an old, dumb defense instead of a smart new one. Bush and his handlers are out of touch with strategic realities. Blah, blah, blah.

Well, the record shows what prudent, patient steps George Bush is taking toward demobilization and disarmament. He is taking the same kind of steps in the Balkans. He is thinking things out carefully. Shut up, Bill, and let the man think. You might try it yourself one day.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 1992. There are 136 days left in the year.

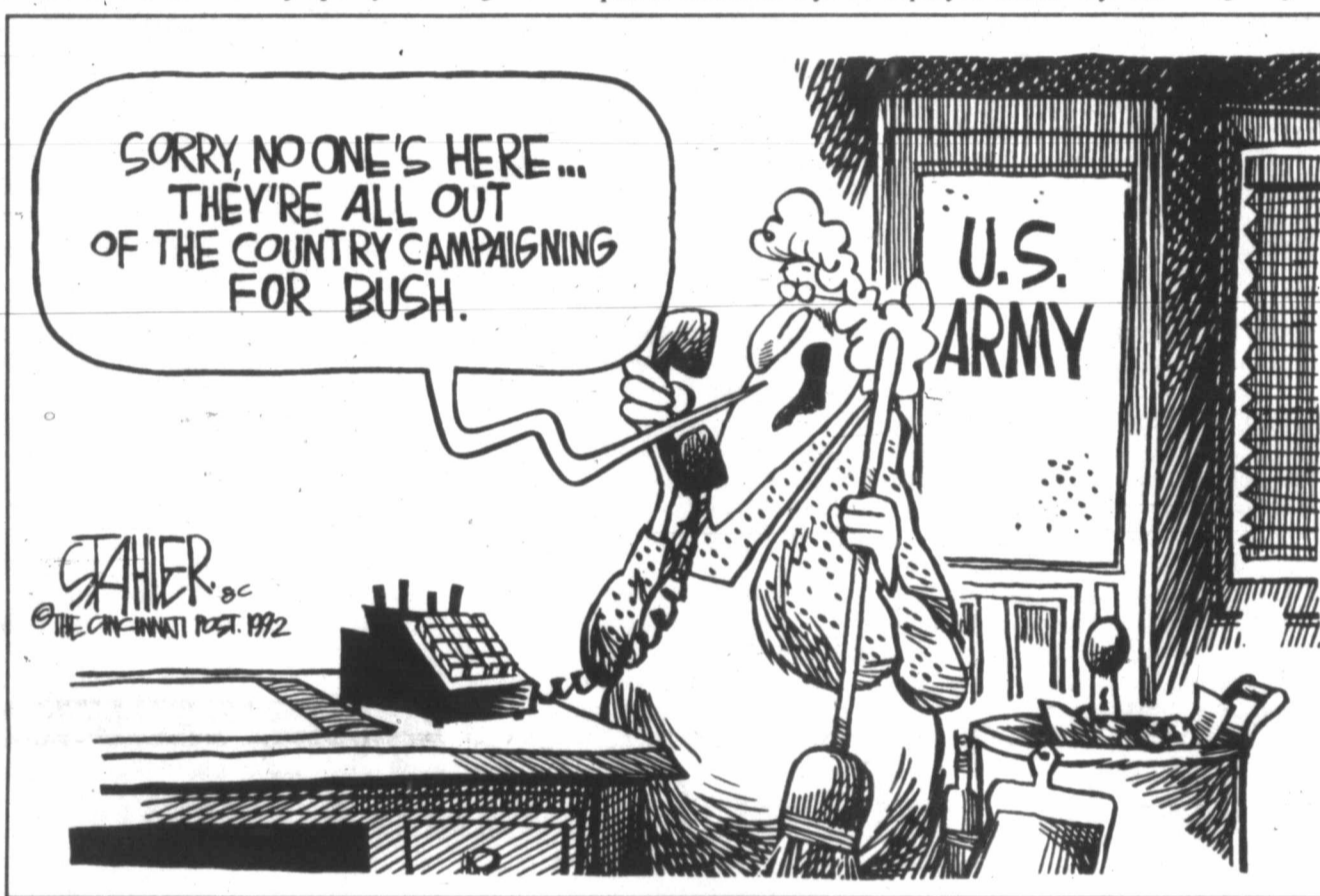
Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat (popularly known as the Clermont) began chugging its way up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-trip to Albany.
On this date:

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.

In 1942, U.S. Marines led by Lt. Col. Evans E. Carlson raided a Japanese seaplane base on Makin Island.

In 1943, Allied forces gained control of Sicily.

In 1962, 30 years ago, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.



In between black and white

A rap singer will perform at the Republican National Convention in Houston.

Steve Gooden.

He takes issue with such other rap singers as Ice-T and Sister Souljah, considers them inflammatory. Gooden's lyrics include such phrases as, "We gotta work to save our America from those who would blame America for the ills of their own activity..."

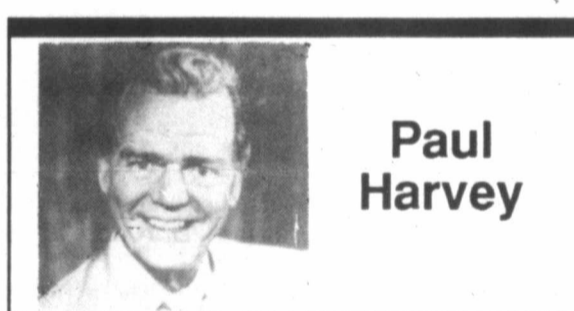
Gooden may be in trouble. The *Associated Press* designated Sonya Ross to explore an unofficial, invisible, powerful force that currently disciplines black Americans. It's called "The Soul Patrol."

It is not an official organization. It is a code of behavior "which leaves some blacks wondering if they are black enough or if there is away they can be even blacker."

It was John Blake of the *Atlanta Constitution* who coined the phrase "Soul Patrol." He says the "Soul Patrol" wants to tell blacks where to live, how to think, whom to love and how to do their jobs.

If you have more white friends than the Patrol thinks you should, then you are an "oreo," black outside, white inside, like the cookie.

If you marry or date someone of another race,



Paul Harvey

you label yourself a sellout" or a "wannabe" as in "wannabe white."

If you dare to divulge secrets that are common knowledge among blacks, or if you don't automatically side with blacks, you are "an Uncle Tom."

The "Soul Patrol" intimidates politicians, show business people, journalists.

With black friends you use black dialect or are suspect.

If you don't play basketball you are not a "brother."

Civil rights activist Hosea Williams says the purpose of the "Soul Patrol" is to keep blacks from being swallowed up in white society.

He says, "That white stuff is disbanding our culture."

Black journalists are vulnerable targets. Writing about problems in the black community can get one labeled "a sellout."

He'd better cover himself by making large contributions to black organizations.

It's being "unofficially taught" in grade school. If a black boy or girl is studious, market, then he or she is no longer "one of us."

The "Soul Patrol" thrives on divisions between fair-skinned blacks and darker blacks.

The "Soul Patrol" flourishes among "gangsta" rappers.

But it also extends to the rich and famous. Whoopi Goldberg, for wearing blue contact lenses, was condemned.

Andrew Young was booted at the 1984 convention for daring to support Mondale over Jesse Jackson.

Even the late civil rights leader Ralph Abernathy was "blackballed" for daring to report unflattering things about his longtime friend Martin Luther King Jr.

The "Soul Patrol" is meeting opposition among accomplished blacks. Former Congressman Barbara Jordan says, "Racism, black or white, must not be. Separatism is not the American way."

Hey people, get off Hillary's case

If I had just flown in from Neptune and read the magazines and op-ed pages, I'd think there was this guy named Clinton running for president who is married to an as problem or a factor. As in "The Hillary Problem." Or "The Hillary Factor."

I mean, the woman cannot buy a break. The Rabid Right is foaming at the mouth because this female creature has the temerity to pursue a career in a man's world and is suspected of wanting to be co-president. The Loony Left is smoldering over the notion that a woman who avows an interest in feminist causes would deign to consort with and actually campaign for the enemy.

The conservative *American Spectator* magazine, for example, calls Hillary the "Lady Macbeth of Little Rock" and alleges that she is a doctrinaire feminist who loathes the family scene and thinks children should be allowed to sue their parents. Primitivist columnist Brent Bozell declares in the *Washington Times* that "Hillary Clinton is arguably the most left-wing wannabe auditioning for the first lady since Eleanor Roosevelt."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, feminist author Karen Lehrman claims in a *New York Times* article that Hillary's efforts to soften her image in the wake of her caustic crack about cookie bakers is a betrayal of her "presumed ideals," and adds: "Feminists are rightfully dismayed that Hillary Clinton has been reduced to playing the Harriet Nelson role." A sympathetic *Glamour* magazine writer notes that "Hillary Clinton puzzles a great many feminists who hate to see such a



Joseph Spear

woman campaigning for a boyish-looking husband when she could be playing for first prize herself."

Well, pardon me, dogmatists, but there's another body of opinion which holds that you are full of refried beans and I ardently subscribe to it. I do not detect extremism in this woman, nor do I see any sign of the cloying helpmate syndrome. Hillary Clinton strikes me as an exceedingly intelligent, independent, scrappy, concerned, confident, candid, common sense wife/mother/feminist who could take any of you on - your time, your place - and fry your jaundiced hides.

She also strikes me as honest. I therefore believe her when she says that her legal career and her husband's political career have not created insurmountable conflicts of interest and that she has taken extraordinary steps to keep her practice clean of Arkansas state business. I believe her when she says her impulsive tea-and-cookies remark - "I suppose I could have stayed home and baked cook-

ies and had teas" - was a careless reaction to the pathetic Jerry Brown's accusation that she is corrupt and that she was actually referring not to homemakers but to the ceremonial role of the typical governor's wife.

And while I am at it, I have a few additional thoughts:

- When it comes to co-presidencies, who do you trust the most - Hillary Clinton's brains or Nancy Reagan's astrologer?

- When you hear someone criticize Hillary's cerebral opinions and "extensive writings" on children's rights, ask the detractor what subjects Dan Quayle has cerebral opinions on. And on what matters has Dan written extensively on? And, indeed, on what matter has he even read extensively on?

- When Hillary's activities as an attorney are questioned, remember that she was named by the *National Law Journal* as one of the top 100 lawyers in the country. And you might even suggest a nationally televised showdown wherein Hillary and Dan Quayle compare law school grades.

- When you hear the astounding and truly asinine question about Hillary Clinton's career being publicly discussed, try not to scream that this is not Iran where women shroud their faces and enter through the back door and that she has a natural, God-given right to do any legal thing she pleases and that it does not have to be sanctioned by fanatics of any stripe.

On Neptune, maybe, but not in America.

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Comic Page

The World Almanac® Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Snickering sound
- 7 Waver
- 13 Right to choose
- 14 Perform excessively
- 15 Abhor
- 16 Western rope
- 17 Actress Ruby
- 20 Irritated
- 21 Medical suffix
- 21 Single-handed
- 23 Rat
- 26 Turn the page (abbr.)
- 27 Slanted
- 31 Physician
- 33 Commands
- 34 Singing voices
- 35 Puts up money

- 36 Beams
- 37 Comparative suffix
- 40 Dessert pastry
- 41 Leather factory
- 44 Christian symbol
- 47 Montana city
- 48 Occupied a bench
- 51 Delicate
- 53 At reduced price (2 wds.)
- 55 Louisiana French
- 56 Begin again
- 57 Paid attention
- 58 Strained

DOWN

- 1 An ex of Liz Taylor
- 2 Fencing sword
- 3 Diminutive

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Playing near the clubhouse restaurant can be a little intimidating...

But I find that if you keep your head down on your follow-through, you'll be all right.

That helps you concentrate?

No, it helps you get off the fairway without being recognized.

CRASH! TINKLE TINKLE

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DO IT!

I WON'T DO IT AGAIN!

EVERYBODY ELSE DOES IT!

SPIN CONTROL!

BEEK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

SOMETIMES THINGS ARE SO BAD JUST CHANGING ADMINISTRATIONS IS NOT ENOUGH

IT ISN'T?

NO...

WE SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO SUE FOR MALPRACTICE

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

CROC-O-DILES

WHAT THE PHONE COMPANY WAS LEFT WITH AFTER PEOPLE SWITCHED TO PUSH BUTTON PHONES

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

A rise in status in your present field of endeavor looks very likely for the year ahead. Begin now to prepare yourself for this possibility.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A similar situation to one that caused you aggravation recently might be operative again today. This time, however, you won't make the same mistakes. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Occasionally, you have rather remarkable hunches regarding the outcome of material events. Don't ignore your intuition today; it could be quite accurate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There is justification at this time for your feelings of hope and expectation. This is a promising period for you to turn your dreams into realities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You're in a good achievement cycle at this time, capable of accomplishing what you set your mind to. Establish objectives today that are meaningful and rewarding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be a keen observer today of those you associate with, especially those who you feel are successful. What you learn can be effectively used in your circumstances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't resist change today; shifting conditions are likely to benefit you, more than others, in the long run—even though they may be the ones who initiate them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Associates might be more imaginative than you are today. But your ace in the hole will be your natural instinct for discerning what is workable from what isn't.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There are strong indications you might be able to generate a greater yield from a source that is presently providing you with income. The discovery could occur today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Everyone involved will have a more enjoyable time today if they delegate your chairman of social activities. You'll instinctively know what's fun for all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Something you thought would be difficult to conclude looks like it is going to work out much better than you had anticipated. Keep this incident in mind whenever you begin to think negatively.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to associate today with individuals you know from experience—to be very good at helping you expand your ideas and plans. They could prove to be a big help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Give priority to a matter today which you feel has profitable possibilities. The aspects indicate you might pull off something impressive.

MARVIN

By Tom Armstrong

THAT'S STRANGE...

I COULD HAVE SWORN I HAD A COUPON FOR STRAINED BROCCOLI A SECOND AGO...

MAYBE I DROPPED IT ON THE FLOOR

MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Get your own teddy bear to cuddle up with!"

KIT N' CARLYLE

By Larry Wright

WAKE UP! THE OLYMPICS HAVE BEEN OVER FOR A WEEK!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

WHERE'S SIR ALLEY GOING, M'LADY?

TO FACE THE DRAGON, ALF!

HE'S A CHEEKY ONE, IS HE!

OKAY, YOU UGLY DUCKLING! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF!

WINTHROP

By Dick Cavalli

MY DAD'S BUILDING A BIG SLINGSHOT ON THE FRONT LAWN.

I HOPE IT ISN'T ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO HELP ME CATCH THE SCHOOL BUS.

SNAFU

By Bruce Beattie

"I won't have nightmares from this monster movie, but I will from the back-to-school commercials!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

"I was just teachin' PJ to share."

CALVIN AND HOBBS

By Bill Watterson

WAKE UP, HONEY. IT'S MORNING.

GOSH, IT'S NOT VERY BRIGHT OUT. WHAT TIME IS...

LET'S GO, HONEY. JUMP OUT OF BED!

NICE TRY!! SEE, I TOLD YOU HIS MOM DOESN'T SMACK HER LIPS LIKE THAT.

OK, YOU DO IT NEXT TIME!

THE BORN LOSER

By Art and Chip Sansom

HAVE A GREAT TIME AT CAMP THIS WEEK

AND DON'T FORGET TO EAT YOUR VEGETABLES AND BRUSH YOUR TEETH AND CHANGE YOUR UNDERWEAR EVERY DAY AND...

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves

STOP MOTHERING ME, WILL YA, MOM!

THINGS TO MAKE PEOPLE DO TODAY

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

SO WE FINALLY FOUND THE COURTHOUSE. SEE AND THEN MY ATTORNEY PANICKED AND RAN HOME.

VERY STRANGE

IN THE LEGION WE KNOW HOW TO HANDLE MEN LIKE THAT!

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN... MR. EXCITEMENT!

I RECKON IT MIGHT RAIN... UNLESS THE SUN COMES OUT, OF COURSE.

GO BACK TO YOUR HOMES! MR. EXCITEMENT HAS SPOKEN!

Lifestyles

Long and lean fashion look is in for fall

By FRANCINE PARNES
For AP Special Features

The new long look — typically lean, sometimes stretchy or slit, hovering anywhere from below the knee to the ankle — dictates new proportions that go beyond the hemline. "It's not simply a question of switching skirts," says New York designer Andrea Jovine. "You have to pay attention to hose and shoes and belts and the proportion of jackets and vests."

But you don't have to clean out your closet. Add a few new items, re-jigger some of what you already have, and you're on your way to changing the shape of your wardrobe.

First, marry the colors of your legwear and footwear to your skirt. And remember you'll look leanest in black.

"With longer lengths, hosiery and shoes are the most immediate thing that comes to mind," says Jovine.

Not only do monochromatic col-

ors create an unbroken line, they will also minimize the bareness of a skirt slit high.

"The minute you lower your hemline, everybody's eye goes to your shoe," says Ron Leal, designer for Jax in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The newest footwear is higher and heavier, maybe even boots that rise to meet the hemline. Sophisticated lace-up hiking boots come from outdoorsy lines like Timberland and high-fashion houses like Chanel, who showed them for evening.

High heels are a popular choice — on ankle boots for day, on ankle-laced pumps for evening.

Heels are the most flattering option if you're short, says Sarah Davies, fashion director for Nordstrom in Seattle.

"To achieve that long, slim line with a long skirt, a shorter woman looks better in a mid to slightly higher heel," she says. "Otherwise she'll look like she's standing in a hole."

A higher heel is more fashionable

with calf-length skirts, fashion designer Norma Kamali says.

"As hemlines fall, heels tend to rise," she says. "What's exciting are platforms. They lengthen the leg and the whole silhouette down to the ground. It's flattering to have weight on the bottom of the shoe when your skirt is longer."

Eugenia Ulasevicz, president of Galleries Lafayette in New York, agrees.

"The biggest accessory change is platform shoes. Platforms are blowing out of the store at all price points. With the longer skirt length, it's all part of the revived '40s look."

Other accessories include a cinch belt, a vest or a little jacket.

According to Kamali, the cinch belt helps to reinvent '40s glamour and defines the waistline with a firm grip.

"A vest works great with a long skirt," Jovine says. "When you have all this fabric and length in a skirt, a vest lightens it up. For me,

it's the new jacket."

Kelly Gray, creative director for St. John knitwear in Irvine, Calif., cautions that what you wear on top depends on your height.

"If you're tall and slim," she says, "it's easier to carry a variety of looks ranging from a very short cropped jacket to one that's hip-length."

"If you are shorter, stick to sweaters that can be belted so that the outline of your figure is still visible. A sweater tucked in or a short jacket is appropriate, too."

No matter your height, avoid a boyfriend jacket, says Davies of Nordstrom. "The idea is to create a long, slim line. If you wear a long jacket, it should be fitted and very close to the body."

If you have doubts, ask a friend to whip out the Polaroid.

"You always see yourself more realistically in a photo than in a mirror," Gray says, "because you have time to concentrate on the overall picture."

Lindsey receives award



(Special photo) Skip Meno, state education commissioner, is presenting Tom Lindsey, principal of Horace Mann Elementary a check in the amount of \$83,591 as a financial award for the school because of the improved standardized test scores on that campus. The awards ceremony took place July 18 in Austin.

Newsmakers

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Janet Abbe of Pampa has been named a United States National Collegiate Award winner in history.

Abbe, who attends West Texas State University, was nominated for this national award by Dr. Enid Bates, a professor at the school. Abbe will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Collegiate Yearbook, published nationally.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibilities, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or director.

Navy Fireman Scott E. Frazier, Pampa, is participating in two major maritime exercises aboard the mis-

cellaneous command ship USS Coronado, homeported in San Diego.

The five-nation exercises, RIMPAC (Rim of the Pacific) '92, and Tandem Thrust include sailors, airmen, marines, soldiers and Coast Guardsmen from Canada, Australia, The Republic of Korea, Japan and the United States.

The 1991 graduate of Pampa High School joined the Navy Reserves in July 1991.

Andrew Swires, McLean, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. He is a senior at Lefors High School. During the 1991-1992 year, Swires was named all-district in football, and is a member of the district math team and National Honor Society. He was chosen for Who's Who in football, basketball, track and science. Swires is a student council member and was named best leader. He competed in the 100 meter and 200 meter dash on the district level and won 2nd in triple jump. Swires was chosen for All American Academic Achievement Award.

Man with half his legs is whole in mind and spirit

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Dear Abby is on a two-week vacation. Following is a selection of some of her favorite past letters from 1972 and '73.)

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is 28 and a nurse. She took a job several thousand miles from home and has been gone nearly a year. We were hoping she'd come home last Christmas, but she said she'd come home next summer and bring her fiancé. (She had written about a young man she'd fallen in love with, describing his "beautiful attitudes, brilliant mind and outstanding character.")



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

Now we know why she didn't bring him home for Christmas. He's an amputee! He lost both legs just below the knee when he stepped on a mine in Vietnam. We learned this yesterday from a letter she wrote us.

We are heartsick. She's such a beautiful girl and could easily get a whole man. Abby, how do parents adjust to knowing their daughter will spend the rest of her life caring for an invalid?

HEARTBROKEN PARENTS

ment here. He is a partner in a prominent law firm and is very active in community affairs. He plays golf, dances, drives a car, and does everything every other normal, healthy man does. He's a good provider, and we have a lovely home and three healthy children. The youngest two were born after the accident.

Gary is more "whole" than some men will ever be.

GARY'S WIFE, ORLANDO, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: This is for "Heart-broken Parents": About 10 years ago a gentleman at a party asked me to dance. I recall thinking that I had danced with better dancers. That is all.

When I got to know him, I was amazed to learn that he was brought up in the slums of Philadelphia, and had lost both legs above the knees under a freight train when he was 12. He refused to let this defeat him, and through hard work and determination he became hugely successful. He married a charming, intelligent woman, and they have wonderful children. This man has earned the admiration and respect of all who know him. Today he is the president of a thriving company, and he walks tall on two artificial limbs.

I would say he is not only a "whole" man; he is a man and a half.

HIS FRIEND IN L.A.

DEAR PARENTS: What makes you think he's an invalid? You would be amazed how well some people can manage on artificial limbs. There is no reason to be heartbroken. If he's "whole" enough for her, it says a great deal for her values. Theirs could be a completely beautiful and fulfilling marriage.

READERS: Following are some of the responses I received soon after publishing the above letter. I think you will be as moved as I was:

DEAR ABBY: What a coincidence! My husband also stepped on a mine in Vietnam and lost both legs.

After spending a year in the hospital, Gary went to law school, where he was elected president of the student bar association. His other honors are too numerous to

Club News

Progressive Extension Homemakers Club met for the August meeting at the Gray County Courthouse annex with Betty Baxter hostess. Helene Hogan, vice-president, presided. The group enjoyed a luncheon followed by a craft workshop. "Show and tell" handcrafts were presented by Pauline Dorman, Helene Hogan and Beulah Terrell.

Plans were announced for an annual craft day, 9:30 a.m. Sept. 14 to be hosted by the club. All extension homemakers are invited. Supply materials will be announced before the meeting.

The next meeting is set for 11:30 a.m. Sept. 10 at Western Sizzlin'.

Altrusa International Inc. met Aug. 10 in the Starlite Room at Coronado Inn. Brenda Tucker, president presided. Louise Bailey announced the next meeting for Aug. 24 where Pat Johnson will pre-

sent a program on effective communication. Bailey announced the executive women's dinner for Sept. 28. Marian Jameson conducted signups for the Aug. 17 ice cream social. Daily Bennett announced that new policies will be recommended for the group on Sept. 8 at the board meeting.

Members voted to bid on District Nine leadership training seminars in the spring of 1993 and 1994.

The program was entitled "Dual Exhaust". Pat Johnson gave the Accent. Delegates elected to attend leadership training seminar in October are Brenda Tucker and Judy Warner. Alternates are Doria McAndrew and Ruby Roysse.

Linda Nichols, Austin, will be nominated for trustee from District Nine for the Altrusa International Foundation.

Sue Greenwood was hostess.

Works of Salvador Dali featured

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Have you ever wanted to say "Hello, Dali"? If so, a museum devoted to the celebrated Surrealist is waiting for you.

It's the 10th anniversary of the Salvador Dali Museum, a renovated building on the waterfront in downtown St. Petersburg.

Melting objects and floating bodies are everywhere. The collection includes works from Dali's little-known early period of Impression-

ism and Cubism as well as 90 original oils; nearly 1,300 graphics, sculptures and photographs.

The Spanish artist, who died in 1989, is known for his virtuoso draftsmanship. And then, of course, there's that high-flying moustache.

In the museum store: documentaries and hard-to-find books. But perhaps more exciting are items like "The Hallucinogenic Toreador" watch from Dali's painting of the same name.

Tell-all talk shows cathartic

By COSMOPOLITAN
For AP Special Features

Americans will tell Phil, Oprah and Sally Jessy their darkest secrets — from incest to alcoholism to kinky sex — but why do they do it?

Every day, according to an article by Judith Newman in the current issue of Cosmopolitan, 13 million Americans tune in to "Oprah," 8 million to "Donahue," 7 million to "Sally Jessy Raphael" and 5 million to "Gerald."

It has become almost impossible to parody talk shows, because as soon as you think of a subject bizarre enough, you discover it has been done by Phil Donahue, Oprah Winfrey, Sally Jessy Raphael, Joan Rivers or Gerald Rivera. "A Current Affair," "Hard Copy," and "Inside Edition" also have their share of troubled souls — few of whom ever receive any money for their tell-all appearances.

Maury Povich, who went from "A Current Affair" to "The Maury Povich Show," thinks he knows what motivates them.

"Catharsis," he said. "I've had dozens of guests come up to me after shows and tell me they felt so relieved to unburden themselves."

Linda Bell Blue, senior supervising producer at "Hard Copy," agreed, saying:

"Even if they're sharing something awful, it's legitimizing themselves — it's saying, 'I'm only human. I make mistakes. Love me.'"

This may be especially true for celebrities — Roseanne Arnold discussing her alcoholism and abused childhood; Oprah admitting to incest she once suffered.

Meanwhile, former "Dallas" star Dack Rambo not only discussed being diagnosed HIV positive but also added, "I've been in love with women, and I've been in love with men."

"If you consider talk shows a reflection of what's going on in America, it looks, on the surface, like we're a society going mad," said "Gerald" executive producer Martin Berman. "But actually, I think we're a society getting well."

The idea is that speaking out publicly is part of the recovery process. Dan Weaver, a senior producer at "Gerald," arranged for his own sister to appear on the show and talk about how an alcoholic's life can spin out of control.

Some people appear on talk shows to deliver a message.

"Every time I appear on television, I'll get several thousand pieces of mail asking for further information about the Klan," said Thomas Robb, the national director for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and a frequent talk show guest.

The confession-factory aspect of talk shows may have had its day.

Berman of "Gerald" said: "Since 1990, we've definitely had to clean up our act. There was a time when we became the Pervert of the Week Show."

Berman said that reluctant producers can't discourage some people — and he cited the case of a man who had an unusual relationship with his horse, and sent pictures to prove it. Eventually the horse died.

Berman concluded: "That was, he insisted, the most poignant part of the story: how hard it was for a man to lose his only horse."

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