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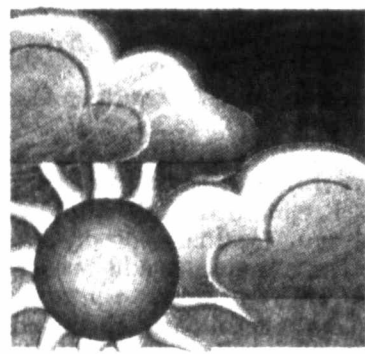
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One ticket correctly  
matched all six numbers  
drawn Wednesday night for  
the twice-weekly Lotto Texas  
game, state lottery officials  
said.

The ticket was worth an  
estimated \$4 million.

The ticket was sold in  
Vidor.

The numbers drawn  
Wednesday night from a field  
of 50 were: 6, 17, 19, 35, 40, 44.

Saturday night's drawing  
will be worth an estimated \$4  
million.

**HARLINGEN, (AP)** —  
Gulf Coast residents in  
Texas, already soaked by as  
much as 10 inches of rain  
this week, braced for more  
rain and flooding today as  
Tropical Storm Frances  
churned slowly offshore.

Beaches and nearby roads  
were flooded by high tides  
along most of the Texas  
coast, and voluntary evacua-  
tions were suggested for  
some barrier island shore  
residents in Brazoria County  
south of Houston.

The storm, with winds of  
45 mph, was expected to  
make landfall somewhere  
between the northern  
Mexican coast and Corpus  
Christi. Its path and  
timetable were still uncer-  
tain, however, as Frances  
remained nearly stationary  
and its center poorly  
defined.

- **Lloyd Louis Bonhannan**, 80, retired operation manager with American Zinc, Pearl Harbor survivor.
- **Howard "H.T." Hampton**, 76, oil finder, former Pampa resident.
- **Virgil Ludden**, 82, retired employee of Phillips Petroleum.

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## Boy undergoes heart surgery at Mayo Clinic

By **KATE B. DICKSON**  
Associate Publisher

Travis Elementary fourth-grader Justin Cottrell remained in critical condition today at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where he is recovering from a double heart valve replacement operation, his aunt, Melinda Rodriguez said.

For another couple of days it's expected doctors will keep Justin heavily sedated so the youngster will sleep, be free of pain and not chance the possibility he will pull out any of the three tubes inserted into his chest, she said. He is on a ventilator to control his breathing.

If all goes well, Justin will probably be hospitalized for about another 10 days and could be back in school as early as two months from now, Rodriguez said. Full recuperation should take about six months.

Meanwhile, the boy's parents, Robert T. and Melissa Cottrell, are struggling to pay the high medical bills associated with the surgery and Justin's heart problems he has suffered since birth.

An account at National Bank of Commerce has been set up for the Justin Cottrell Fund and Rodriguez said the family has received some donations including \$10 from a classmate of Justin's.

Kid's Club recently held a bake sale for Justin and raised \$968. The group will cancel



**Justin Cottrell**

all games this coming Saturday in order to hold a fund raiser car wash on the NBC parking lot from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The need is to raise \$40,000 to pay Mayo Clinic as part of the approximately \$100,000 cost of the operation.

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## Tornado drill day in Pampa slated Sept. 29

By **JEFF WEST**  
Staff Writer

Do employees and students know where to go in the event a tornado strikes Pampa during the day?

That's the question the Local Emergency Planning Committee discussed yesterday. Pampa Emergency Management

Coordinator Ken Hall has been working with Pampa schools and Superintendent Dawson Orr to test the new emergency sirens. They want to check to make sure the sirens can be heard in the school buildings. The sirens are normally tested at noon on Saturdays, when school and many businesses are closed.

In order to check out the system Hall and Orr have set aside Sept. 29 to have a tornado drill in all Pampa schools. Hall is hoping to make that day an "All City Tornado Drill" also. He hopes employers will take the day to discuss with employees what procedures to follow and where everyone should go in case of tornado.

In other business, the committee looked at blueprints for the new emergency command center that will be in the basement of city hall where the old city jail used to be. Bids will be awarded in the near future.

Pat Bagley spoke to the LEPC about the 911 mapping system. A representative will be demonstrating the program at the regular LEPC meeting on Nov. 11. When completed, the system will allow a map to show addresses and locations of 911 callers.

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## Lake McClellan sets Heritage Day

By **MIRANDA G. BAILEY**  
Staff Writer

Thrill-seekers can find \$1 hamburgers, barrel train rides and watch the Adobe Walls Indian Dancers just for starters as part of the Heritage Day festivities planned for Saturday at Lake McClellan.

Vendors are also encouraged to set up shop and take advantage of the day-long activities that will begin at 11 a.m. and end at dusk on Saturday, Sept. 12.

McClellan's annual Heritage Day event began three years ago to promote awareness of the lake, according to Lake McClellan concessionaire Anita McQueen.

"Nobody really knows the history of the lake and we would like for them to come out and see how beautiful it is," she said.

McQueen said she often hears people remark that they didn't "even know this lake was here."

In a continuing effort to improve the lake, McQueen said visitors can anticipate on seeing a newly painted concession building, and construction on nine RV spaces in addition to the eight currently available. Two shower buildings will begin being constructed shortly after Heritage Day, she added.

Folks can bring lawn chairs or sit at the group shelter to watch musicians and entertainers like the Route 66 Cloggers, said McQueen. Refreshments and "beanie baby" booths, with possibilities for face painting, funnel cakes and t-shirts and jewelry vendors, are in the works, she said.

There are no fees for participating vendors, according to McQueen, "it's all profit for the them."

For more information on Heritage Day or for information on becoming a vendor on Saturday, contact Anita McQueen at 779-2590.

## Judge delays ruling in cheerleader suit Nine off squad for smoking

**BROWNSBORO, Texas (AP)** — A judge has delayed a ruling whether to reinstate nine high school cheerleaders kicked off the squad for smoking cigarettes.

State district Judge Carter W. Tarrance ordered the two sides into mediation after hearing testimony from Brownsboro school officials who said the cheerleaders had signed documents in which they agreed to remain "beyond moral reproach."

They were caught smoking at a summer cheerleading camp, officials said.

Tarrance also heard from a cheerleader who acknowledged she had been warned about such conduct as smoking but who said the punishment was too harsh.

"It appears to the court, the community of Brownsboro has been polarized by the issue," Tarrance said. He told the parties involved to "heal the community. Respect flows both ways from authority down."

The nine high school cheerleaders were kicked off the squad because of a provision in the school's cheerleading constitution by the group's faculty sponsor.

Plaintiffs attorney Mike Carroll argued that the document was "not legally binding" and hadn't been approved by Brownsboro school trustees.

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**Dorothy Powell performing before the Pampa High School choir Tuesday afternoon.**

## Spirituals... Pupils learn value, history

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

A classically trained group of African-American women were in Miami and McLean earlier this week for performances of traditional spirituals.

The New Art Six (which was five this trip) is a group of African-American women from Dallas trained in opera who, through the Texas Commission on the Arts, tour with a repertoire of original works, classical opera and spirituals. They returned from a tour of Europe to perform twice on Labor Day at Pampa's Chautauqua celebration. Tuesday, they appeared at Pampa Middle School and Pampa High School, performing and explaining the origins of their music.

Appearing in Miami and McLean, the ensemble, sponsored by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, included Glenda Cole Clay, Monya Davis Logan, Cynthia Dorn Navarrete, Dorothy Powell and Gale Washington Tyler.

Today, they are scheduled to go to Stratford for a performance.

"The Black Spiritual is the essence of many forms of popular music," Navarrete told Pampa High School choir students, "jazz, gospel and blues."

She said the spiritual is a pure American art form and an integral part of African-American historical and cultural development.

"The power of the music comes directly from the Black experience and tradition," she said.

Theologically, Navarrete said, the spiritual which is both social and political in nature, concerns how the divine spirit moves black people toward unity and determination and how they created their own religion from the remnants of both African and Christian beliefs. The central themes of spirituals are a desire for freedom, both freedom from bondage and freedom in bondage; a desire for justice, and a desire for an everlasting future.

"The spiritual grew out of a rebellion against slave masters," Navarrete said. "It reflects an African background, a life on Southern plantations and an unforgettable record of a people being dehumanized."

**The group was founded in 1981 to preserve, promote and perform spirituals, the ethnic folk music of African-Americans.**

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# Americans approve local schools, according to poll

HOUSTON — As the school year gets underway across the nation, Americans are struggling with conflicting feelings about the public education system — generally pleased with the performance of their local schools but apprehensive about school violence and other non-academic social factors that are transforming the popular image of the school as a safe haven.

These are among the major findings of the first "Shell Poll," a new quarterly opinion survey of Americans conducted for Shell Oil Company by Peter D. Hart Research Associates.

Shell is sponsoring the quarterly poll as a way to foster dialogue among Americans about substantive issues, values and lifestyles. The poll is an extension of the company's "Count on Shell" campaign to provide reliable and accurate information to consumers. Future surveys will explore other public policy issues, trends and topics raised by Shell customers and the general public.

Fifty-two percent of Americans say their local public schools are "excellent" or "good" with 26 percent rating local schools "only fair" and 15 percent saying "poor." A 1972 Gallup survey found nearly identical results.

Public school parents who presumably have the greatest knowledge regarding the performance of local schools, are even more enthusiastic in their support. Sixty-two percent of public school parents say their local schools are doing an excellent or good job while just 11 percent believe the schools are performing poorly.

Americans generally believe schools are doing a better job in most areas today than when they were in school themselves. Respondents were asked about 11 specific areas — from social issues such as teaching drug awareness and sex education to academic issues such as

teaching science and writing skills to questions about preparing students for work. Results showed a majority of Americans say today's schools are better than those of the past in five areas (teaching drug awareness, providing after school programs for youngsters who have working parents, teaching science and technology, teaching sex education and preparing students for work in a global economy) and at least as well in five others (teaching students a foreign language, teaching the arts, teaching practical skills for employment, teaching writing and communications skills and teaching life skills.)

However, when asked what concerns they have as children return to school this fall, parents of school-age children seem to be still reeling from the school shootings that shocked the country last school year. In fact, school violence is concern number one. A number of social issues seem to worry parents as much as, if not more than, academic concerns.

The top two concerns parents cite as very serious are violence and school shootings (75 percent) and peer pressure about drinking, drugs and sex (65 percent.) A significant majority (59 percent) cite low academic standards, but less than half consider poor quality of teaching or lack of adequate equipment and supplies very serious.

Americans also realize schools already are overburdened and they say parents should be a bigger part of the education equation. Two-thirds (66 percent) say we are asking schools to do too many things that would be better handled by parents.

Nearly half believe the involvement and attention of parents matters more than the quality of the teachers or school in determining the quality of a student's education. Another 36 percent say teachers and parents are equally important.

People also feel that schools have become too focused on the narrow mission of preparing students for the next step — either college or a job — at the expense of educational fundamentals. They say that schools give most attention today to college preparation (38 percent) and vocational training (28 percent), but believe the top two goals should be teaching values such as respect and honesty (37 percent) and teaching students how to reason and think well (36 percent).

"Americans seem to want more from the public education system than turning out college students and workers," said Sixtus Oechsle, executive director, corporate identity, Shell Oil Company. "These results suggest that people think the schools have a responsibility to impart human values and respect for learning as an end unto itself — and most people agree they must get involved in the school system themselves if it is to be a success."

The poll uncovered an interesting difference between attitudes about local schools and the nation's education system as a whole. Just 25 percent rate schools nationally as good or excellent, but twice as many (52 percent) provide such a positive rating for their own local schools. Shell's pollster believes that the local assessment, in important respects, is the more meaningful one.

"Americans feel pretty good about their own schools, but there's great concern when they are asked about the nation's schools as a whole," said Peter D. Hart. "One explanation is most people aren't education experts, with the public's perception of the national education system largely shaped by what they see on television or read in the newspapers. But when you ask them about the schools they see up close or send their kids to, most people are pleased with the schools' performance."

The Shell Poll was conducted by the Washington, D.C.-based survey research firm Peter D. Hart Research Associates. Telephone interviews were conducted during the summer by trained interviewers. The survey results are based upon interviews and a representative national sample of 1,123 randomly selected adults ages 18 and over. Question results for the entire general public sample have a margin of error of plus or minus three percent.

## Cakes by Carol



(Pampa News photo by Jenene Huot)

Helping Cakes by Carol with the grand opening are Jerry Foote (left), Ken Rheams, Kayla Pursley, Carol Hermanski, Kathy Farrar, Ron Hermanski and Larry Baker.

## Fund-raiser to boost public's awareness of breast cancer

AMARILLO — BMW of North America, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Autoplex and the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center have announced each will once again join forces in the Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Last year more than 32,000 people participated in this nationwide program to raise \$1 million in support of breast cancer efforts and to raise awareness of the importance of early detection in communities throughout the country. The Ultimate Drive is scheduled to come to Amarillo from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sept. 17 at the Autoplex, 4600 Canyon Expressway.

The program operates on several levels. Area residents are invited to come out to the Autoplex and test drive one of the 16 different BMW models available. For every mile that is "test-driven," BMW will donate \$1 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Each test drive is driven along a special 10-mile course that is marked throughout the city. In addition to the test drives, everyone is invited to join in the construction of the "Wall of Support" comprised of statements and sentiments to raise awareness in the battle against breast cancer.

A suggested donation of \$5 will serve to further the fundraising efforts of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and the Susan G. Komen Foundation. A package containing a commemorative key chain along with a support panel will be available at the Autoplex. The wall, when completed will travel to over 200 different sites over the year. All participants in the program are also encouraged to commemorate their involvement in the Ultimate Drive by adding their signatures to the "signature" car that then becomes a moving symbol of the program's goals.

People wishing to participate in the Ultimate Drive are encouraged to call toll free 1-877-423-7483. For more information about the program, call Tracy Dougherty at the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center at (806) 356-1913.

## Court to recognize Guiliani classification

Gaye Guiliani, chief deputy of the Gray County Tax Office will be recognized by the Gray County Commissioners' Court on Sept. 15 for the certification of professional achievement on becoming a Registered Texas Assessor/Collector.

Gaye has fulfilled all the necessary requirements established as a prerequisite to such designation by taking the following courses and exams after each course: Texas Property Tax System, Introduction to Appraisal, Property Tax Assessment & Collections,

Property Tax Assessment, Property Tax Law, Advanced Tax Assessment & Collections and a 4 hour exam for the RTA 3 Assessing/Collecting Exam. Property Tax Office Administration, Fundamentals of Math, Supervisor's Management and a 7 hour RTA 4 Assessing/Collecting Exam.

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Opinion

# Credit must be given Texans who invent

■ The days when people weren't afraid to take a chance on their own ideas aren't finished yet.

The pioneering spirit is alive and well in West Texas. For people who think all the good ideas already have been discovered, we offer the examples being put forth by Odessans David Stice and Monty May.

Both men have inventions that they think are needed in today's society. And, quite by accident, both of their ideas spring from ground zero, so to speak.

Stice has developed, through the years, a device that he feels could provide security for any number of installations, including embassies and other government facilities that could be targets of terrorism.

The Odessan's invention is a superstrong aluminum pipe sunk six feet into the ground and encased in steel and concrete.

The ScopeLock, which will pop up from the surface of a road, parking lot or driveway in less than 15 seconds, is strong enough to split open any truck or other vehicle that tries to run over it, Stice claims. With a push of a button, the device then will retract into the pavement, allowing traffic to pass.

Stice said he has spent 20 years of his life, and perhaps as much as a quarter of a million dollars, in the development of the device.

It is beginning to pay some dividends as the inventor said a variation of ScopeLock, made of plastic for traffic diversion purposes, may be used at the Golden Gate Bridge in California to eliminate the need for placing and retrieving traffic cones. He also has sold several of the strong security devices to a man in the northeastern part of the country to protect his collection of sports cars.

And then there's Monty May of Odessa.

He thinks he's found a financially viable way of delaying fruit trees from budding too early in the spring and being damaged by late freezes.

May designed a system to pump anhydrous ammonia to tree roots in order to lower the temperature of the ground. The system allows growers to fool their trees into blooming later and thus reducing the chance of blossoms being killed.

The idea is still in the research stage and probably will require a couple more years of testing before it can be marketed.

But May seized on an idea to alleviate a common problem, especially in West Texas, and created a potential solution.

Both Stice and May continue to show the enterprising spirit that led to the rather rapid development of the United States as a leading technological nation.

The inventors hope their ideas will prove financially beneficial, another cornerstone of the individual indulgence in the system of free enterprise. In other words, they are testing the market and have enough confidence to invest their time, trouble and money.

Both seem to be sound ideas to common problems in today's world. And both dare to dream that their ideas will achieve popular, and therefore, economic acclaim.

We salute people like Stice and May, who aren't afraid to take a chance on their own notions and, in a sense, themselves.

As long as this nation has people like them, we feel confident that others around the world will look to the U.S. as the nation with the most vision as well as gumption.

—Odessa American

# Men are from Mars

You don't have to read "Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus" to pick up on the fact that men love to fix things.

As is the case with many rules — there are exceptions.

I'm sure there are some men who love to watch "Days of Our Lives," cook gourmet dinners nightly, and cry like a baby after a good episode of "Touched by an Angel."

But if we women waited around for gems like you — we'd die waiting.

So we take what we think we can get, and then we fall madly in love with what we got. (And guys don't tell me you didn't have dreams of hooking up with Marilyn Monroe, Raquel Welch, or Cindy Crawford at some point in your formative years.)

It's during the falling-in-love portion of the relationship that subtle gender differences either a.) don't get recognized, or more likely, b.) get pushed under the rug.

Either way, after a few years of marriage and a good house cleaning or two, tell me if this isn't what you find girls: a man who likes to fix things.

The first thing he'll probably try to fix is you — especially when he doesn't know what to do after you have that one severe, crying episode that leaves you sitting on the bathroom floor against the just-slammed door sobbing uncontrollably.

Or, according to lots of books and psychologists today, men like to try to fix women's problems instead of listening to them.

I personally don't have that problem at my house, and to tell you the truth, sometimes I

**Random Revelations**  
**Miranda G. Bailey**  
 Pampa News staff writer



wouldn't mind getting a few people fixed after I hear some of the problems they bring upon themselves and the rest of society.

I do, however, have experience with men who thrive on fixing tangible things like the dinged-up guitar (my brother, Ryan), the broken door (my husband) or that darned squeak in the engine (my dad). There's just something about the problem-solving process that can get a man going like nothing else can.

Now sometimes that may back fire. For some unforeseen reason my husband will explode every now and then when I ask him to program the VCR after I've watched him do it once a week since the day we married.

I made the mistake of once saying, "But why should I do it when you can do it so much faster and better than I can?"

You can imagine what I hear whenever I ask him to do the dishes.

But worse than men wanting to fix problems around the house, (because that can be helpful) are the men that want to make things when all you want to do is buy them.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 1998. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 10, 1813, Oliver H. Perry sent the message, "We have

met the enemy, and they are ours" after an American naval force defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812.

On this date: In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony

council in Virginia. In 1846, Elias Howe of Spencer, Mass., received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1919, New York City welcomed home Gen. John J. Pershing and 25,000 soldiers who'd served

in the U.S. First Division during World War I.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis.

# This president can't be trusted

As the nation attempts to assimilate the news that its president is a confessed liar and certain perjurer, it is becoming clear that many Americans have a confused notion of what it is presidents do.

To judge by opinion polls, most Americans think the president presides over the national economy and determines recessions or booms. They also think he "runs the country," though it is hard to imagine what people mean by that. Do they suppose that no mail will be delivered, Social Security checks issued or taxes collected if the president falls ill or is removed from office? Do they imagine that the government in general "runs the country"?


In truth, while presidents are not completely irrelevant to the state of the economy, they are largely so. This president ran on a pledge that he would end the recession, which was convenient since the recession had already ended before he took office and long before any of his policies had had time to take effect.

Nevertheless, President Clinton has been dining out on the strength of the economy for five years now. Call it the "being there" award. The nation has given him credit he does not deserve and is simultaneously disregarding the one area in which presidents really do have latitude for action: foreign policy.

This week brings news from three fronts that not only confirm the execrable policies this administration has pursued around the globe but also point up the demoralizing effects of being led by a man whose work cannot be trusted.

When the president ordered the bombing of terrorist sites in Afghanistan and Sudan, most

**Mona Charen**  
 Syndicated columnist



Americans believed that his motives were honorable, but a significant minority thought the attacks were pure "Wag the Dog." Even many who thought the attacks were justified questioned the timing and style. George Bush seemed to conduct large parts of Desert Storm from the golf course, yet President Clinton seized the opportunity to fly back to Washington and address the nation from the Oval Office.

Now, reports are surfacing that the administration may have relied on incomplete intelligence about the pharmaceutical plant that was bombed in Khartoum. Sudan claims that the factory was used for peaceful purposes only and has invited the United Nations to inspect the wreckage. In normal times, Americans would turn to the administration for clarification. But with this president, can our minds be completely at rest about his motives or his reassurances?

It becomes clear, when considering the president's anti-terrorism policy, that the president's personal behavior and reputation for honesty matter a great deal.

Another recent event illustrates the honesty problem in a different context. Scott Ritter

I can vaguely remember shopping with my parents and hearing my dad often say, "You don't need to buy it when I can make it."

It was a great source of frustration for my mom, and an amusing display of parental fighting for me.

Paybacks bite. When I hear that old familiar phrase today, I cringe as I slowly turn to my husband and inappropriately snap back with "You're not going to make that!"

It's not that I don't think he can ... which may be central to our miscommunication, now that I think about it.

But if I wanted a beautiful, new dining table and six chairs by the time the family comes for Christmas — I would have asked him to build it when I was 2 years old. And even then, I probably wouldn't see it by New Year's Day, 2000.

I don't buy things to purposefully make the man mad.

I have a vested interest in making his "honey-do" list as short as possible. For me, time is money. And if it's going to take him tons of time to make something, I'd rather spend the money. It has nothing to do with me doubting his fixing powers.

I know he could fix me up some nice new kitchen cabinet doors — but in what time?

I hear the "I can make that" line so often these days that I'm beginning to wonder if it's a ploy — the "How mad can I make Miranda?" ploy.

But I can play games, too. I think I feel a crying spell coming on ...

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# 'Like you don't belong' — first tourists tour Titanic wreckage

OFF THE COAST OF NEWFOUNDLAND (AP) — Fourteen hours after plunging to the bottom of the ocean in a tiny submarine, the first tourists to see the Titanic wreck emerged triumphant.

"Awesome," Pat Brown whooped after climbing out of the 23-foot submersible where he had spent the day squashed beside fellow passenger Buck Kamphausen and pilot Anatoly Sagalevitch.

"And humbling, too," he said. "You see the plates and beds and bottles scattered all around the wreck and you really begin to understand the tragedy that happened here."

Brown and Kamphausen, undertakers from Vallejo, Calif., were among four tourists who paid \$32,500 each to be escorted 2 1/2 miles down into the blackness of the Atlantic for a glimpse of the storied wreck.

Brigitte Ulrike Saar, a history student from Munich, Germany, and Hendrik Hey, a Munich television photographer, dove after the Americans in a second submersible Wednesday.

Eight more tourists are to follow over the coming days in dives that defy a court order from a U.S. judge handling a dispute over rights to the wreckage. They say it's worth it.

The inky darkness of the sea was lit only by the floodlights of the egg-like submersibles, Mir 1 and Mir 2, which have tiny portholes with thick windows. The trip to the wreck and debris scattered over nearly a mile of ocean floor takes 2 1/2 hours.

Landing near the rusted bow, the little vessels glided across the promenade deck and passed the stately cabins

of the doomed luxury liner. They skimmed the bridge, where Captain Edward J. Smith first learned of his ship's plight. They saw his rust-covered bath-

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tub and for a moment paused by a hole in the mast that was once the crew's nest.

It was here, on a cold spring night 86 years ago, that lookout Frederick Fleet shouted, "Iceberg right ahead!" and rang the alarm bell three times.

The Titanic sank on April 15, 1912, after striking an iceberg on its maiden voyage from Southampton, England, to New York. More than 1,500 people perished in these icy waters, 368 miles southeast of Newfoundland. After arduous searches, the wreck was found in 1985.

"You feel like an intruder when you are down there. Like you don't belong," Miss Saar said. "You feel like you just snuck in there and you hope that no one finds out, because if they do, that might be it."

The trip was planned about a year ago by Mike McDowell, an Australian living in Germany who organizes adventure expeditions. The dives were launched from a Russian research vessel,

the Akademik Keldysh, owned by the Shirshov Institute of Oceanology. It has made numerous trips to the site and even took James Cameron, director of the film "Titanic," to see the wreck.

McDowell had intended to bring about 60 people here last month. He and his Deep Sea Expeditions Ltd. was sued by R.M.S. Titanic Inc., the American company that owns salvage and photography rights.

U.S. District Judge J. Calvitt Clarke Jr. in Virginia ruled R.M.S. Titanic had exclusive rights to excavate, view and photograph the ship because it was "preserving the artifacts salvaged from the wreck for the benefit of all mankind."

He barred anyone from going within 10 nautical miles of the wreck.

McDowell, who is appealing the ruling, argued that an American court has no right to prevent tourists from viewing a piece of history in international water.

Though most tourists pulled out of the trip after learning of the lawsuit, 12 decided to go: five Americans, five Germans, an Australian and a Briton.

Some won trips in competitions, while others paid the full price. McDowell said the money is funding scientific exploration, though he conceded that he envisions long-term profits from other such expeditions.

The trip was planned at the last minute in a cloak of secrecy, lest word get out and the law move in. The tourists boarded the ship in stormy weather Sunday at St. John, Newfoundland, and spent nearly 48 hours steaming south.

## Russian President Boris Yeltsin to nominate Primakov as premier

MOSCOW (AP) — Bowing to bitter opposition from parliament, President Boris Yeltsin nominated his former spy chief today as prime minister to head emergency efforts to stem the country's economic crisis.

Yeltsin proposed Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov as prime minister after his first choice, Viktor Chernomyrdin, asked not to be nominated for a third time. Leaders on all sides had warned of a political explosion if Yeltsin again chose Chernomyrdin.

"In view of the repeated rejection of (Chernomyrdin) ... I ask the State Duma to confirm the appointment of Yevgeny Maximovich Primakov as chairman of the government," Yeltsin said in a brief letter.

Opposition and pro-government political leaders promptly welcomed Primakov's nomination, predicting the lower chamber of parliament, the Duma, would approve him. A confirmation vote could come as early as Friday.

"I think he will get the Duma's support. Common sense has prevailed in our state," said Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, who spearheaded the opposition to Chernomyrdin. Primakov is "known in the country and in the world and can carry out policies defending the interests of the nation."

The only opposition came from nationalist

Vladimir Zhirinovskiy of the Liberal Democratic Party, who denounced Primakov as an American puppet.

Yet as foreign minister, Primakov was widely seen as a nationalist, working to restore some of the international status Moscow lost after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

He briefly was first deputy director of the KGB, the main Soviet security organization, and later headed a KGB successor, Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service.

Yeltsin announced the nomination after meeting in the Kremlin with Primakov and Chernomyrdin.

"I cannot harm Russia. Russia has had enough upheavals this century. This is my choice," Chernomyrdin said.

Yeltsin and the Duma have been locked in a two-week battle over the prime minister's post that stalled the formation of a new government after Chernomyrdin was rejected twice by lawmakers.

If the Duma rejects Primakov — an unlikely scenario — the president would be forced by law to dissolve parliament and call new elections.

Primakov, 68, a former Soviet foreign policy expert, is seen as a technocrat, not ideologically linked to any political faction. He has been criticized in the West for taking a less liberal line on foreign relations, showing support for Iraq and other regimes at odds with the West.

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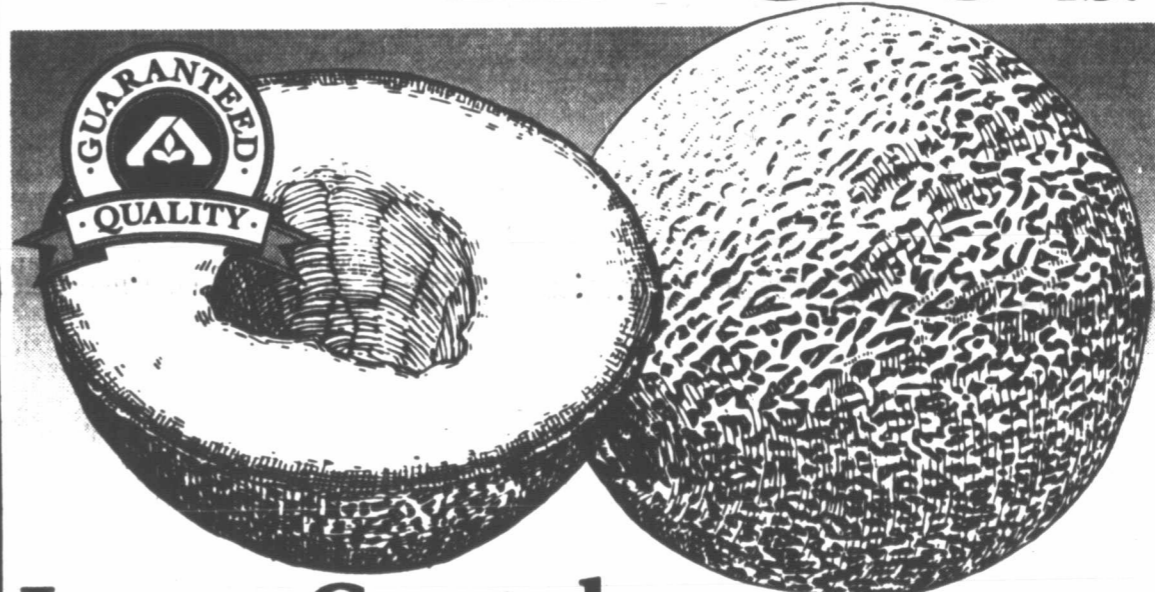
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# Rocky stock market too risky for S. Security dollars

By ALICE ANN LOVE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those who argued throughout Wall Street's boom that the stock market is too risky a place to consider investing Americans' Social Security money are now saying, "I told you so."

"We weren't born yesterday. Senior citizens know better than anyone that a market that goes up like a rocket can plummet like a rock," said George Kourpias, president of the National Council of Senior Citizens.

The group, which has 2,000 local chapters nationwide, is among those using the recent stock market slide to attack proposed legislation that would divert some of the Social Security taxes now deducted from Americans' wages into private accounts that workers could invest for themselves.

Supporters of privatization say they still think the nation's retirement system would benefit from putting some money in stocks, but now they're anticipating a tougher battle.

"We've got to make the case better than we are, because I think we'll start losing support," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, a key booster of private accounts, said the stock market downturn should make people's expectations more realistic.

"We shouldn't get carried away with the idea that ... we're going to make every worker an instant millionaire," Gramm said.

Record-breaking stock market gains in recent years provided the perfect backdrop for Republicans — and some moderate Democrats — to promote legislation that would partially priva-

tize Social Security.

Supporters say private investment would earn a better return for Social Security dollars — now held in low-yielding U.S. Treasury bonds — just as pension money is expected to run short for the huge wave of baby boomers nearing retirement.

However, Wall Street has been turned on its head this summer by economic troubles in Asia and elsewhere. The Dow Jones industrial average slid sharply, taking back most of the year's gains.

Polls earlier this year indicated Americans overwhelmingly support the idea of personal Social Security accounts. But that support significantly declined when people are asked if they'd be willing to subject their own Social Security contributions to Wall Street's vagaries.

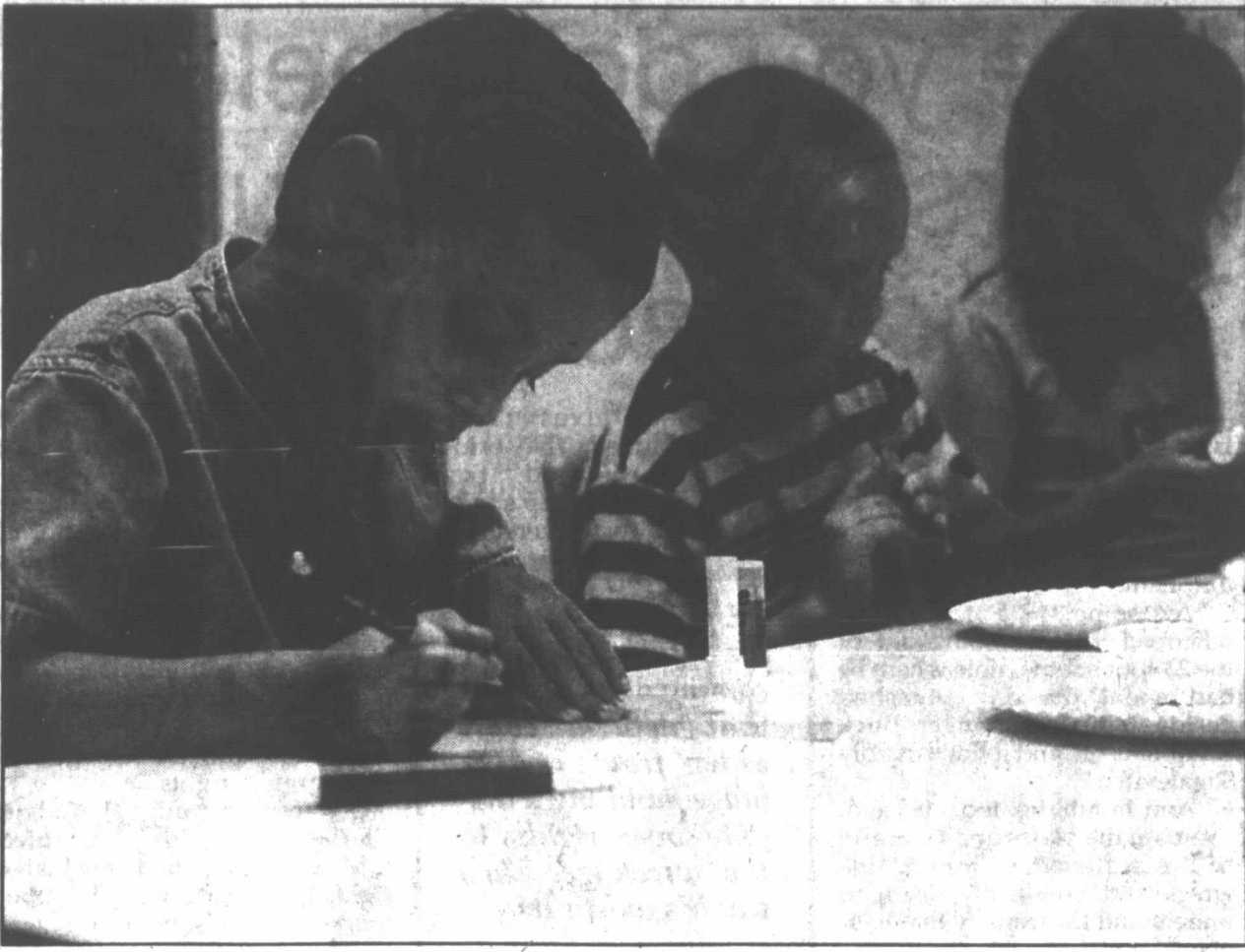
At a Senate Finance Committee hearing Wednesday, six senators — three Republicans, including Gramm and Domenici, and three Democrats — said their support for privatization remains firm.

"You have to look at it in the long term," said Sen. John Breaux, D-La., noting that since 1926, the stock market has never finished a 20-year stretch with negative returns. "You're not talking about investing for one year, or one month, or one day."

But recent market gyrations do raise concerns about people who would have to retire soon after sudden investment losses, said Edward M. Gramlich, a Federal Reserve board governor.

Gramlich, who served on a congressional advisory panel that in 1997 recommended privatization as one option, said he now thinks people would need some choice about when to cash in their Social Security investments to buy a private annuity pension.

"That is one place where short-term volatility of the stock market can hurt you," Gramlich said.



James Vaid, left, Daniel Wariner, and Haley Smith worked on crafts projects during the recent Vacation Bible School held at First Baptist Church in Lefors.

# 'Free Willy' whale flown to Iceland in freedom bid

By BRAD CAIN  
Associated Press Writer

HEIMAÆY, Iceland (AP) — In a Hollywood-style finish, "Free Willy" star Keiko was flown home from Oregon today, splashing down into the waters of Iceland after 19 years in captivity and a brief career in the movies.

Transported by plane and boat to a protected cove off Iceland's Vestmanna Islands, the world's most famous killer whale swam into his childhood home to the cheers of dotting handlers and reporters from around the globe.

When the orca was first lowered into the water, he moved slowly, his head nodding back and forth. With the help of four divers, who removed the sling in which he was lowered, Keiko dove below the surface and began swimming leisurely laps around the pen.

Minutes later, Keiko surfaced and one diver climbed atop him and scratched his side. The whale

then explored his new home while the divers, who have been his friends for years, waited and watched anxiously.

Earlier, hundreds of excited children welcomed Keiko to the town of Heimaey after a U.S. Air Force cargo plane landed on this windswept archipelago following an eight-hour flight from Oregon.

Keiko's owners hope his return will reverse the process that began with his capture from the wild as a young animal and included his transformation into an aquarium performing whale.

"He's fine. It was an absolutely smooth trip. The staff is euphoric!" said Diane Hammond, spokeswoman for the Free Willy Keiko Foundation, which owns the whale and is orchestrating his homecoming.

Townfolk dotted the landscape as Keiko's holding tank was maneuvered from the plane to a waiting flatbed truck with its "Welcome Home Willy" banner.

The truck drove its famous passenger into the small town past throngs of children waving little Icelandic and American flags and welcoming him with "Velkommen Keiko" banners. Some youngsters ran alongside the slowly moving truck under crystal blue skies on a brisk late summer day.

"It is real exciting," said 10-year-old Frans Friorikson, who wore a knitted hat with a stuffed Keiko sewn to the top. "Keiko is so good for Iceland."

At the harbor, the whale was loaded onto a barge and floated past spectacular 800-foot volcanic cliffs to his new space. In the football field-sized enclosure, the 9,050-pound, droopy-finned star of the "Free Willy" movies will be reintroduced to the sights and sounds of the waters where he was captured at age 2; he may

even be able to strike up a conversation with a passing pod of orcas.

The goal is to set him free.

On Wednesday, true to his training, Keiko swam into a holding tank at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, shimmied into a nylon stretcher and calmly chirped as he was hoisted out of his home for the past 2 1/2 years.

Hundreds of people, some with signs reading "Keiko, we love you" and "We will miss you," lined the highway as a truck carried the whale on a slow procession to the airport. The Keiko foundation paid the Air Force to fly the killer whale to his new home because the C-17 can land on short runways like Heimaey's.

Keiko's bid for freedom has its roots in Hollywood and the hopes of children around the world.

In the 1993 box-office hit "Free Willy," about an orca threatened by a villainous amusement park owner, the whale played by Keiko leaps over a harbor break-wall to freedom in the open ocean.

Real life wasn't so tidy. It was learned that Keiko was languishing and deteriorating in a cramped tank at a Mexico City amusement park and had no prospects of getting out.

School kids collected pennies to help save him. Warner Bros. and cellular-phone billionaire Craig McCaw kicked in millions more to bring the whale to the Oregon tank to recuperate from lung infections and warty lesions, all with the aim of one day setting him free.

More than two years and \$12 million later, Keiko has regained his strength, put on at least a ton of muscle and blubber and has taken lessons to catch a daily diet of 145 pounds of fish.

# Former ABC agent shot, killed

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A retired Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission agent has been shot and killed during a violent confrontation with a businesswoman, police say.

Former TABC agent Gordon Anders was shot Tuesday night by Doris Hardy's 39-year-old son, Steve Hardy, police said.

Mrs. Hardy, 63, suffered head injuries and broken fingers when she was pistol-whipped by Anders, said police Capt. Greg Grigg.

"It was a mess but it would have been a bigger mess if her son had not shown up (at the house)," Grigg told the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

Ms. Hardy, who owns Hi-Way Wrecker service and the Apache Drive-In Theatre, was released Wednesday from East Texas

Medical Center.

Police still were unsure Thursday if charges will be filed.

"Right now, investigators are still investigating and still talking to people. It's too early to say if he (Steve Hardy) will be charged with anything," police Lt. Dianna Jackson told Tyler television station KETK.

The incident happened about 9 p.m. Tuesday when Anders apparently tricked Ms. Hardy into opening the door, saying he had important information concerning a family matter, Grigg said.

But when she complied, Ms. Hardy realized Anders' explanation was a ruse to get him into the house so he could threaten her for money and jewelry, he said.

Grigg said Anders pulled a gun from his briefcase, demanded

money and jewelry, and may have chased the woman throughout the two-story home as he attacked her. Blood was splattered throughout the house, Grigg added.

The attack ended when Steve Hardy entered the room, ordered the assailant to stop attacking his mother, then opened fire after he refused, police said.

Police have recovered a .38-caliber pistol they believed was used to kill Anders, but they would not say to whom it belonged.

Anders, 61, of Edom, retired from the commission in 1988 after a 20-year career. His most recent job was at a car dealership in Tyler.

His former TABC supervisor, James Lovell of Houston County, said he was surprised by the description of the incident.

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# Killer put to death for Houston murder

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Moments after a needle carrying lethal chemicals was inserted just a few inches from a tattoo of the Grim Reaper on his right arm, condemned killer Delbert Boyd Teague Jr. became the 13th Texas inmate to be executed this year.

The ex-convict from the Houston area, described by prosecutors as his murder trial as a "one-man slaughterhouse," was put to death Wednesday evening for fatally shooting a man who had stumbled into a robbery and abduction at a Tarrant County park.

Teague was convicted of killing Kevin Allen, 21, on April 28, 1985. Allen was one of three men shot in the head with a .22-caliber pistol at Inspiration Point, a scenic turnout on Lake Worth near Fort Worth.

As part of the same incident, a woman was abducted and driven hundreds of miles from Texas to Louisiana. She repeatedly was raped.

Teague, 35, had little reaction to the lethal drugs and was pronounced dead seven minutes after the procedure began.

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# House to release impeachment material

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thrust into the first presidential impeachment case since Watergate, the House is moving rapidly to release some of the "substantial and credible" information gathered by prosecutors against President Clinton.

Republican and Democratic leaders pledged today to be fair and nonpartisan in reviewing the 36 boxes of impeachment material delivered to Congress by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr, who refused to give it to the White House first.

Sources familiar with the report said it lays out evidence of alleged obstruction of justice, perjury and abuse of power by Clinton in his effort to conceal his affair with Monica Lewinsky — in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit against the president and the subsequent criminal investigation. The sources, who spoke only if not identified, were not more specific.

Lawmakers today were working out arrangements to make at least 445 pages of the report public Friday. The information would be posted on the Internet.

"The president and his attorneys ought to be able to have a rebuttal so we can see it in a balanced way," said House Minority Whip David Bonior, D-Mich., speaking on NBC's "Today" show.

House Deputy Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, called again today for Clinton's resignation, saying he wasn't moved by the president's fresh apologies. DeLay said Clinton should have an opportunity to tell his side, but he did not suggest that the president was entitled to see Starr's report before its release.

"We have to look at the report, see what Ken Starr has," DeLay said

on NBC. "We have to make sure that what he has said is the truth and backed up."

After the surprise delivery to Congress, Clinton's personal attorney, David Kendall, immediately insisted, "There is no basis for impeachment."

Starr spokesman Charles Bakaly told reporters the independent counsel had turned over "substantial and credible information that may constitute grounds for impeachment of the president of the United States."

When the Starr material arrived at the Capitol, Clinton was in Florida for two fund-raisers, assuring supporters that he is contrite and willing to do what it takes to weather the controversy.

Now facing the gravest challenge in a career of political crises, Clinton planned to meet today with Senate Democrats and his Cabinet.

On Capitol Hill, after a dizzying series of meetings among House members, much remained unsettled on how lawmakers would proceed. Republicans balked at Democratic requests the White House be given a day or two to review the report.

Discussions also were under way on whether to quickly make public some 2,500 pages of backup material Starr gathered in his grand jury inquiry, said Rep. Gerald B. Solomon, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Starr cautioned in a letter to House leaders: "Many of the supporting materials contain information of a personal nature that I respectfully urge the House to treat as confidential."

Other unresolved matters include how much authority the House

Judiciary Committee chairman, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., should be allowed to wield without Democratic consent, and a timetable for determining whether Starr's report warrants a full-scale impeachment inquiry by the House.

The 445 pages include a 25-page introduction, a 280-page narrative and 140 pages detailing grounds for possible impeachment, Solomon said.

Solomon told reporters he recommended to colleagues that a Judiciary Committee review of the material be completed this year, possibly before the November election. If need be, the House could recess when legislative business is completed for the year and return to vote on conducting a full impeachment inquiry next year, he said.

The new House seated in January would have to reconfirm any decision to move ahead.

Only one president — Andrew Johnson in 1868 — has been impeached by the House, and he was acquitted by a single vote in a trial in the Senate. In 1974, Richard Nixon stood on the brink of impeachment over the break-in at Democratic Party headquarters at the Watergate, but he resigned before any votes were taken by the full House.

In a speech in the Senate Wednesday, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., accused Clinton of handling the current scandal as ineptly as Nixon did his.

"We seem to be living history over again," said Byrd, who long served as his party's leader in the Senate. "Time seems to be turning backward in its flight. And many of the mistakes that President Nixon made are being made all over again."

Starr's grand jury has questioned numerous witnesses since January, when a former colleague of Ms. Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, precipitated Starr's inquiry by providing prosecutors with taped conversations in which the former White House intern alleged an 18-month affair with the president.

On Jan. 21, Clinton publicly denied having sex with Ms. Lewinsky or telling anyone to lie. In the intervening months, the White House battled Starr's office over his right to question Secret Service agents and White House lawyers.

Clinton confidants such as Vernon Jordan and Oval Office secretary Betty Currie were questioned as Starr looked into whether Clinton tried to buy Ms. Lewinsky's silence with job offers and gifts.

Clinton made a speech to the nation on Aug. 17 about Ms. Lewinsky in which he described his relationship with her as wrong and "inappropriate."

## Congressional panel gives feds a 'D' for Year 2000 work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like a disapproving school teacher, a House panel gave a barely passing "D" grade to the federal government's overall efforts to fix the Year 2000 computer problem.

It predicted more than one-third of the most important computer systems won't be fixed in time, and it estimated the government will spend \$6.3 billion on the problem. That's much higher than a \$5.4 billion estimate the Office of Management and Budget made last week.

OMB said it didn't include agency estimates that it hasn't already approved as "appropriate." That amount includes \$550 million for the Health and Human Services Department and \$295 million for the Treasury Department.

Five agencies criticized in the past for their lack of progress earned individual "F" grades, although the Defense and Transportation departments improved slightly since June to a "D." The Justice Department fell to an "F."

"This is not a grade you take home to your parents, and it is definitely not a grade to take back to the voters and taxpayers," said Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who is chairman of the technology subcommittee for the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

Other agencies earning an "F" from Horn's subcommittee included the Health and Human Services, Energy, State and Education departments, along with the Agency for International Development.

Three agencies earned an "A": the Social Security Administration, the National Science Foundation and the Small Business Administration.

## U.S. seeking to avert Kosovo catastrophe

WASHINGTON (AP) — An additional \$20 million in U.S. aid is being sent to Kosovo, where U.S. officials say a humanitarian disaster looms with thousands of refugees fleeing persistent Serb shelling of ethnic Albanian villages.

Even as President Clinton released the money from special emergency funds Wednesday, the State Department's top official on refugee issues expressed skepticism it would be effective without a pullback by forces directed by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

"No amount of aid is going to be able to avert this catastrophe unless the authorities pull back and allow access in a secure environment," Assistant Secretary of State Julia V. Taft told reporters.

None of the U.S. aid will go to Yugoslav or Serb government agencies, Taft said. It adds to \$11 million previously released to U.N. and private agencies providing food and shelter for some of the estimated 265,000 ethnic Albanians who have fled their homes in Kosovo.

The announcement came as Serb forces shelled five villages in southwestern Kosovo, sending thousands of families into a mass exodus along dirt roads, carrying belongings in tractors and wagons. The action was part of Milosevic's violent crackdown on the separatist Kosovo Liberation Army.

The subcommittee, which periodically issues its "Y2K" report cards, said Wednesday that its \$6.3 billion estimate was based on figures submitted by 24 departments and agencies, which they also submitted to the OMB.

But OMB said it didn't count estimates from some agencies because it was still trying to determine whether those figures were appropriate, spokeswoman Linda Ricci said.

Republicans have accused the Clinton administration of failing to push hard enough to prevent potential Year 2000 problems, which could affect electricity, water supplies, cash registers and even traffic lights.



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# Divorced Dad Is Glad He Chose Family Over Fortune

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Heartbroken in Oregon," the man who is in the middle of a divorce and whose wife now wants to move their daughter out of state, really hit home. In the beginning, our divorce was far from friendly. However, we finally got over our anger and got back to the business of raising our two beautiful children. We now have a 50-50 custody arrangement, and our son and daughter are happy and well-adjusted.



**Abigail Van Buren**  
 SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

Last year I was offered the job of a lifetime. It meant more money, more prestige and tremendous potential for advancement. It also meant moving thousands of miles away from my family.

My career has always been important to me and this offer was quite a prize. My ex-wife and I discussed the situation at length. We explored all possible options, but focused always on our main objective — the best interests of the children. Ultimately, we decided that it would be best for me to turn down the job and remain in California. My ex-wife couldn't afford to relocate, and she and I agreed that the children still need both of us around on a full-time basis. Obviously, this was a huge sacrifice on my part, but one I gladly made.

Your response to "Heartbroken" was appropriate when you advised him to consider moving closer to Florida to be near his daughter. I take exception, however, to your remark that the little girl "belongs with her mother." I grew up in a family with an absentee father, so I

know firsthand the pain such a situation can cause. That's why I am committed to making any sacrifice necessary to stay close to my kids.

Both "Heartbroken" and his ex sound as if they are thinking only of themselves. They need to buck up, quit whining, and get to work at being parents.

**LOVING THE DADDY GIG IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR LOVING THE DADDY GIG:** Many readers disagreed with my statement that the little girl belongs with her mother. Since the father seemed agreeable to moving near his daughter in the future, I think my answer was on target. A short separation from her father will not have long-term effects on the child if she understands it is only temporary.

**DEAR ABBY:** In response to "Well-Fed in Sacramento," who was ashamed when those treating her to dinner left inadequate tips: Why doesn't she offer to leave the tip?

This is a polite response when one party insists on paying, and it would relieve her of the embarrassment of the host leaving an insufficient tip.

**LIKES TO EAT OUT IN BOONTON, N.J.**

**DEAR LIKES TO EAT OUT:** Now why didn't I think of that? It would work nicely if the hosts would allow it. If not, the guest could take my suggestion of leaving additional money quietly as he or she leaves the table.

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**DEAR ABBY:** This guy (I'll call him Alan) and I broke up a few months ago. I have dated others, but he's constantly on my mind. I want to tell Alan how I feel, but I'm afraid the feelings won't be returned. To complicate matters, three of my girlfriends also have crushes on him. Nobody but me knows how I feel, and I can't take it any more. What should I do?

**HOT FOR ALAN IN BRAIDWOOD, ILL.**

**DEAR HOT FOR ALAN:** It would have been helpful had you mentioned which one of you ended the relationship. If you did, there might be a chance Alan will be receptive if you confide in him that he's the kind of man who isn't easily forgotten. If he did, stay silent.

stands where you are coming from when you need to change plans. Listen carefully to a co-worker, and sort through priorities. Pace yourself. Tonight: You need a quiet night. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Take care of work-related matters early. Have a leisurely lunch with a co-worker; be spontaneous; make time for a meeting or get-together. A child or loved one throws a tantrum. He feels it is his way or no way. Aim for what you want. Tonight: Where your friends are. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* You are in the limelight; others assume you will pick up where they dropped the ball at work. Make plans early on, as you could be distracted later. Work demands more than you thought. A family member gets upset over a change in plans. Tonight: It could be a late night! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* Dealing with others poses a challenge. You clearly don't agree with them. Understand where someone is coming from. Brainstorming with a trusted associate proves financially beneficial. Adjust plans; you need to distance yourself from a heated situation. Tonight: Escape. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Intuition helps with a partner. You can anticipate his needs. Later, negotiate a stronger money agreement for you. Avoid spending more than needed to make a dream possible. Know when to pull back. Take care of yourself first. Tonight: Share basic facts with a partner. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. )

\*\*\*\* Financial discussions aid your professional direction. There is no way of avoiding the obvious. Pressure is intense, and you let others know where you stand. Hold up the mirror, and be more conscious of your behavior. Others react to you. Tonight: Join friends. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Allow more of your creativity to enter your life. Focus on career matters, pace yourself and get your work done. You might be uptight about how much time you are spending at the office. You could find someone's decision annoying. Tonight: Run errands on the way home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Stay anchored. You come from a secure position, though a friend could be a bit outrageous. You are learning how to gracefully decline. A new relationship grows, if you are open to it. If attached, let flirtation play a bigger role in your relationship. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Keep up talks with a friend. Visualize something you dearly want, and don't settle for less. Together, you create the best path. A boss pressures you; you don't have much choice but to respond. Follow through on work-related projects. Put in more than your share of time. Tonight: Vanishing works.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Singer Harry Connick Jr. (1967), filmmaker Brian DePalma (1940), actress Lola Falana (1943)

**For Better or For Worse**



**Zits**



**Garfield**



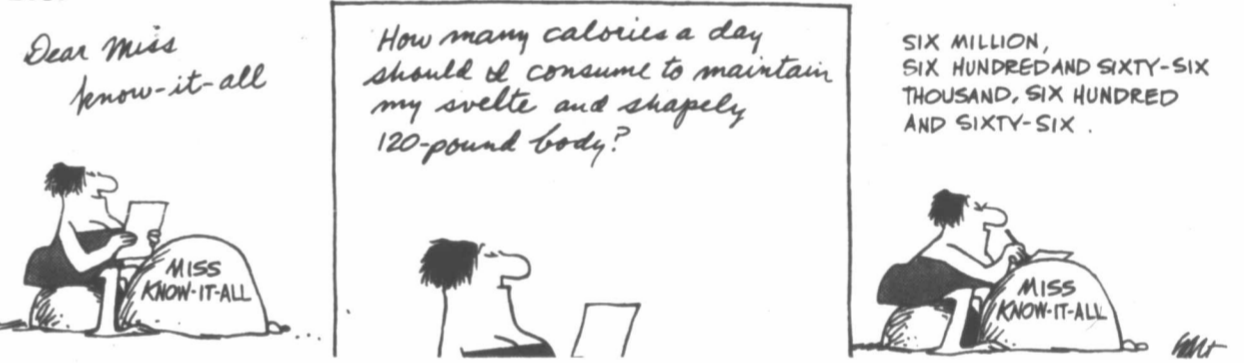
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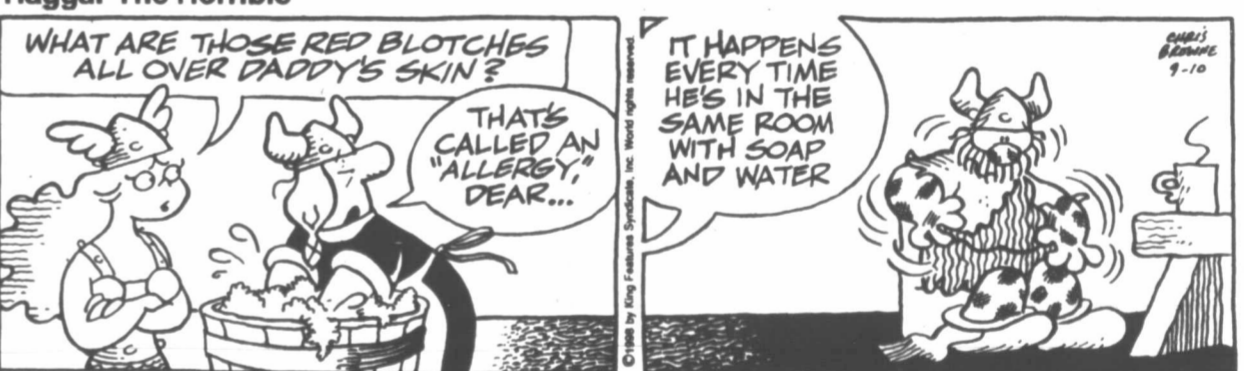
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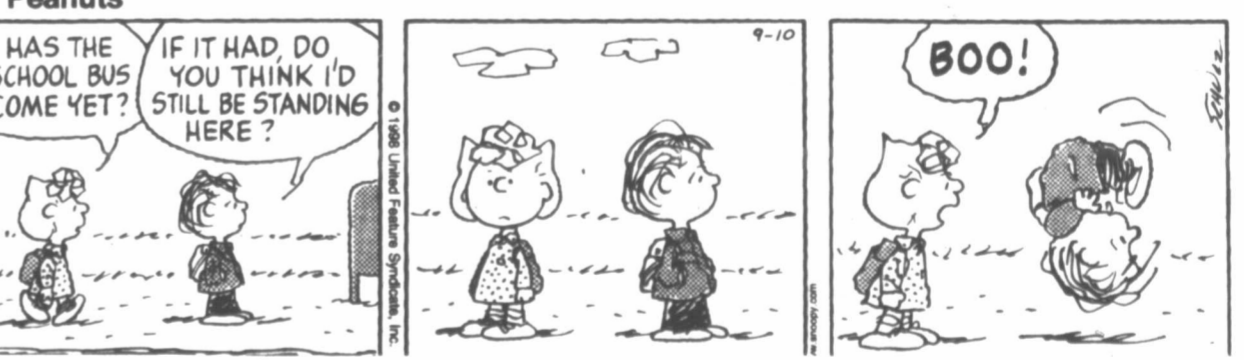
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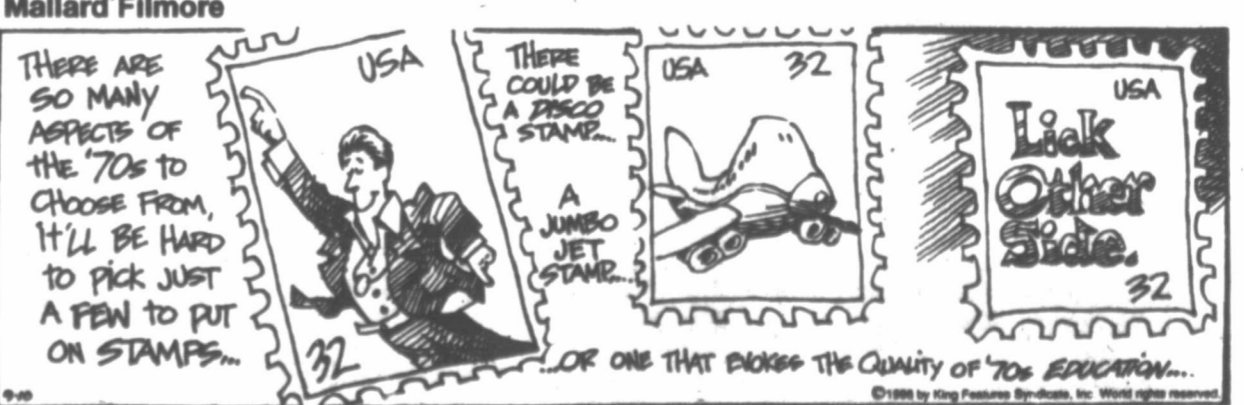
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**Blondie**



**Mallard Filmore**



## Horoscope

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 1998

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Handle banking early on because a busy day is in store. A boss has a brainy idea that has you backpedaling, catching up and making calls. Don't be surprised by the change in plans. Flow with work. Clear your desk. Tonight: Better late than never.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Get an early start. Make that long-distance call, and reach out for others. The pace gets hectic. Be especially carefully with funds in the later part of the day. Consider restructuring your finances. Seek out someone in the know. Tonight: Get a new item for the fall.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* You are personality-plus. Though you are slow getting started, once you're up-and running there's no stopping you. Share with an important friend; together, you come up with solutions. Free yourself from a controlling person. Tonight: Whatever pleases you.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\* You have had your share of flubs at the office, and one more time, you are called upon. A partner under-

## Crossword Puzzle

by THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

- 1 Essences
- 6 River part
- 11 As a companion
- 12 Stellar hunter
- 13 Flat fish
- 14 Actor David
- 15 "Faust" writer
- 17 Try the tea
- 19 Binary base
- 20 Fare carrier
- 23 Flowering shrub
- 25 Casino game
- 26 Ricky Nelson hit
- 28 Picnic pests
- 29 Hockey's Howe
- 30 Pig's digs
- 31 Slippery one
- 32 A pop
- 33 Rajiv's mother
- 35 Mission head
- 38 Hold fill
- 41 Figure of speech
- 42 Go in
- 43 Au pair's kin
- 44 Fashion

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**Yesterday's Answer**

- 1 But Love
- 2 Tyler
- 3 Bridge event
- 4 Music's Shaw
- 5 "History Is Made at Night" star
- 6 Music buys
- 7 Distant
- 8 Regulates
- 9 Foe
- 10 Press
- 11 Talk crazily
- 12 Bfooch
- 13 Oklahoma city
- 14 Noisy commotion
- 15 Toothpaste choice
- 16 Refinery need

**Marmaduke**



"Marmaduke! You don't help little old ladies across the street unless they want to cross."

**The Family Circus**



"If a lot of people pray at once, do you put some of 'em on hold?"

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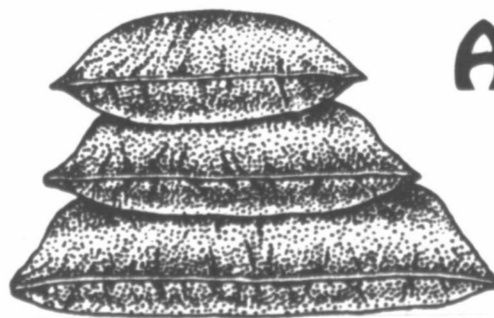
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