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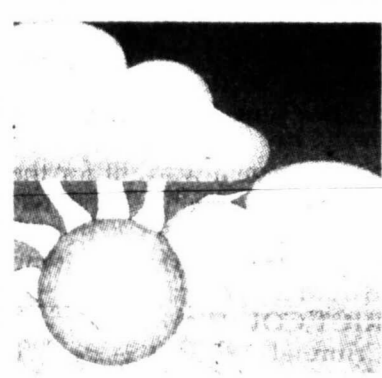
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PERRYTON — The Great
Fact Roundup of '95 is under
way at the Museum of the
Plains in Perryton.

The roundup is designed to
allow everyone who wants to
participate the opportunity to
do so, said Jody Logsdon,
museum curator. All answers
can be found in the muse-
um's various buildings.

"Anyone who is interested
in the history of the Texas or
Oklahoma Panhandle's will
have a great time looking for
answers while learning about
our rich heritage and cul-
ture," she said.

For a one dollar donation,
people can pick up entry
forms at the museum, Logsdon
said. The first person to
return the entry form with the
most correct answers will win
the \$500 first prize. Winners
will be announced Pioneer
Day, Aug. 26, during the
annual celebration of Perry-
ton's birthday.

For more information, call
the museum at (806) 435-
6400.

PAMPA — Coronado
Healthcare Center, 1504 W.
Kentucky, will be having a
watermelon party and seed
spitting contest at 3 p.m.
Thursday.

Any senior citizen age 55
and up is invited to join the
residents for the summer
time activity.

PAMPA — The Top O'
Texas Rodeo Association has
announced the winner's of
Saturday's Pony Express
races held in conjunction
with the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

First place went to the
Rolling Hills Turn 'Em and
Burn 'Em team from
Amarillo. Second was the
R&R Roustabout Riders team
from Pampa, and taking third
was the Western Riders team
from Amarillo.

The first-place team mem-
bers received buckles in ad-
dition to the checks given to the
first three places in the race.

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP)
— Record stores across Texas
opened early today as fans
lined up to buy the new
album from Selena, the slain
Tejano music queen.

Craig's Record Factory in
Corpus Christi, Selena's home-
town, opened one minute after
midnight.

By 9 a.m., store manager
Jody Metz estimated that he
had sold nearly half his initial
stock of 8,000 copies of the
new *Dreaming of You* release,
which contains four songs
from Selena's unfinished first
recording sessions in English.
"Sales are out of control,"
Metz said.

Selena was fatally shot on
March 31 at a Corpus Christi
budget motel, where she had
gone to meet Yolanda Saldivar,
the founder of her fan club.

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Realtors voice protests against taxation of cars

By CHIP CHANDLER
Staff Writer

Seven local Realtors gave their
testimonies regarding the tax-
ation of their personal vehicles in
separate hearings this morning
in a tense session for the Gray
County Appraisal District
Review Board.

Bob Keagy (representing wife
Marilyn "Mike" Keagy), Henry
Gruben, Jim Davidson, Ray
Duncan, Judi Edwards, Rebecca
Baten and Sue Baker complained
that they and other Realtors
were unfairly being singled out
for taxation on their cars.

The controversy began in the
spring of 1994 when Chief
Appraiser Pat Bagley notified
real estate agents and brokers
their personal vehicles were
being added to the city and
school tax rolls because they are
being used in the production of
income.

At today's meeting, the
Realtors present said that they
were not the only business peo-
ple in town that used their per-
sonal vehicles for the production
of income, and until all such
vehicles are added to the tax
rolls, they should not be taxed.

Bob Keagy argued that he
knew of a number of other
workers in town — including
home health service workers,
makeup salespeople, people
who run lawn care services and
others — who were not taxed.

Keagy asked the board for a
continuance until Bagley could
find all others who should be
taxed. He further asked that his
wife's vehicle be taken off the tax
rolls "until such time as it is
taxed equally and uniformly."

Keagy said he felt that
Realtors were being "singled
out."

Bagley responded, saying that
it was not done "intentionally"
and that his office "identifies as
many as we can" that should be
on the tax rolls.

Keagy, referring to a list of
business personal property
accounts, said, "I wonder how
many lawn mowers or [home
health care employees] are list-
ed. I dare say none. Those are
people who go out every day [in
their personal vehicle] and they
do not pay tax."

Keagy's request for a contin-
uance was denied, but Bagley
agreed to further study busi-
nesses in town to see if personal
vehicles were being used for
production of income.

Later in the session, Edwards
asked Bagley, "Do you feel like

you've found all taxable prop-
erties?"

Bagley said that his office had
"made a diligent effort" and that
he felt like the list reflected "all
we're aware of."

The other Realtors claimed
that exemptions granted by the
review board last year should
apply to them as well.

The Appraisal Review Board,
which routinely considers issues
of property value, decided in
September 1994 to ask the tax
protesters at that time to sign an
affidavit telling the appraisal
district whether they earned
money in real estate as indepen-
dent contractors in 1993;
whether the specific vehicle was
driven more than three or four
times in the production of
income; and whether their
employer requires them to use
personal property in perfor-
mance of work duties.

Testimony in a hearing is con-
sidered as valid as an affidavit.

Also considered for a possible
removal from the tax rolls is
whether or not the vehicle is
solely driven to and from the
office.

The Realtors argued that when
they drive out to show a house,
that is driving to the office. The
board disagreed, saying that driv-
ing in that manner should be
considered driving for produc-
tion of income.

Gruben said that he did not
own the vehicle he was being
taxed on and that the last real
estate sale he made was in
February 1993. The vehicle he
said was still on the tax rolls was
sold in August 1994. The board
agreed to remove that vehicle
from their rolls.

All of the other requests for
removal from the tax rolls were
denied by the board, who said
they were just following the law.

Board member Jack Reeve
admitted that he agreed with the
statements of the Realtors, that
"it needs to be fair and equal. I
think these individuals [refer-
ring to others who use personal
vehicles for production of
income] should be on tax rolls.
The problem is identifying
them."

The sessions was expected to
continue today with hearings
not related to the real estate con-
troversy.

The Gray County Appraisal
District Board of Directors will
meet Wednesday night in execu-
tive session to discuss charges
filed by Edwards and Mike
Keagy against Bagley regarding
the controversy.

Chicago casualties soar as heat wave continues

CHICAGO (AP) — The rising
number of heat wave victims is
overwhelming the resources of
the county morgue and city
funeral homes.

The city's death toll stood at 179
today, with more than 100 bodies
at the morgue and 350 in funeral
homes still to be examined.

Cook County Medical Exami-
ner Edmund Donoghue estimat-
ed 65 percent of the latest deaths
would eventually be classified as
heat-related, partly because heat
needs only to be a contributing
factor, not a direct cause of death,
under the county's guidelines.

"The bodies just keep com-
ing," Christopher Morris, a
spokesman for the medical
examiner, said late Monday.
"The line of police wagons bring-
ing them in is over a block long."

The weeklong heat wave has
been blamed for at least 413
deaths nationwide, including
that of a 2-year-old girl in

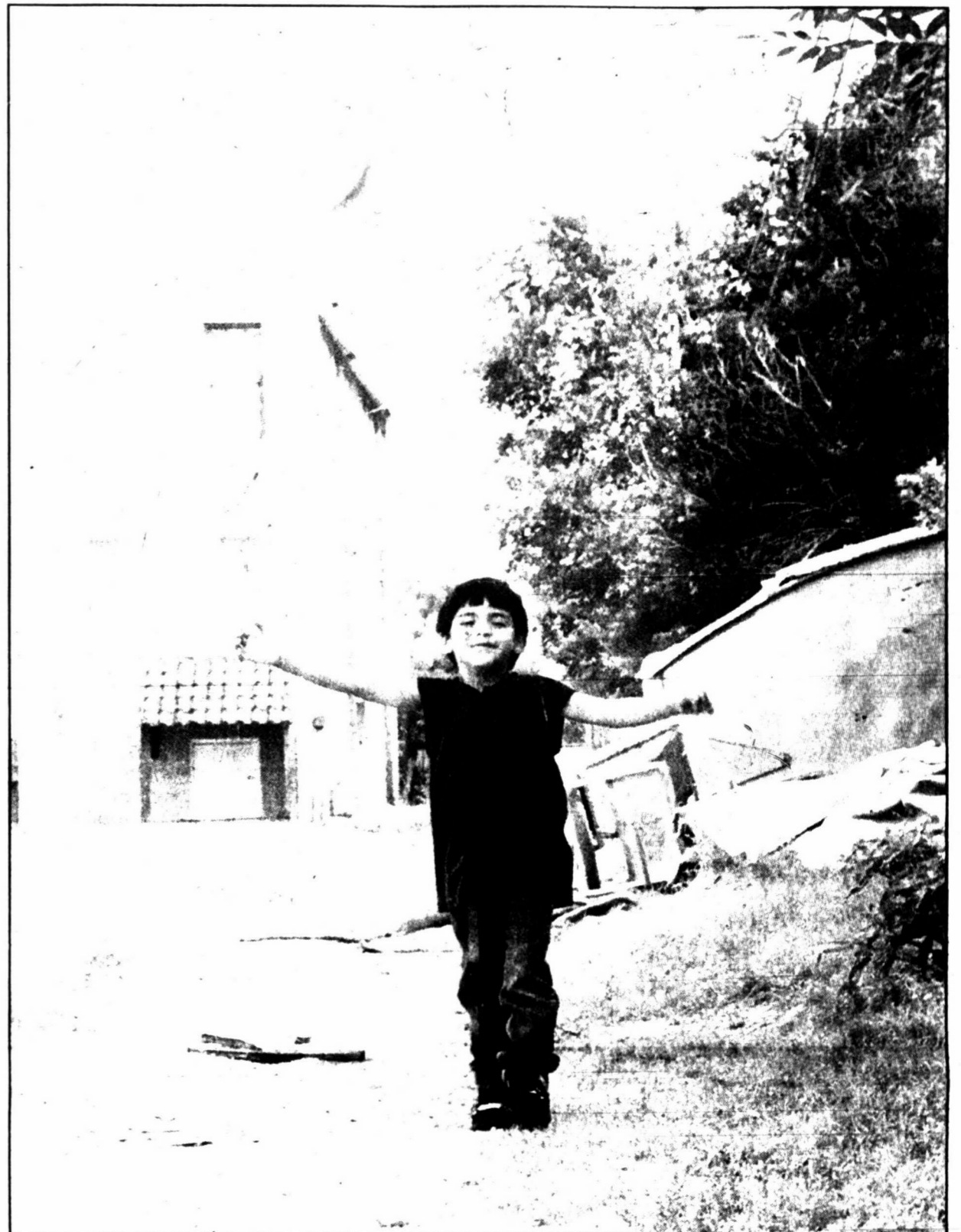
Louisiana who spent three hours
in 90-degree heat after apparently
locking herself in the family car.

In Wisconsin, coroners said
the heat caused 33 deaths and
contributed to more than 40 oth-
ers. Outside Chicago, the rest of
Illinois had 35 deaths blamed on
the heat.

The heat loosened its grip
across the eastern half of the
nation on Monday, with temper-
atures cooling to the 80s and 90s.
Elsewhere, however, a new
pocket of hot air pushed into the
Northwest, giving parts of
Oregon temperatures as high as
102 on Monday.

The heat wave peaked in
Chicago on Thursday, when the
high at Midway Airport reached a
record 106. Chicago's high
temperature on Monday was 87;
forecasters predicted more sea-
sonable temperatures would
prevail before higher tempera-
tures returned for the weekend.

Playing ball



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Taking advantage of summer vacation from school, Sergio Augustin Mena, 4, was kicking around with a ball outside his house on Foster Street this morning with his siblings in between rain showers falling over Pampa today. One brief shower greeted many people on their way to work this morning, with a heavier shower falling shortly before noon.

Perryton schedules its Fun Day '95

PERRYTON — Shake off your
summer blues and "nothing to
do's" at Fun Day '95, planned for
Saturday, July 22, at Leatherman
Park in Perryton.

Sponsored by Serendipity
Federated Women's Club, the
day-long event features around
20 organizations hosting over 30
food and game booths from 10
a.m. until 4 p.m. at the park.

Leatherman Park is located off
Highway 15, on Jefferson Street,
next to the Expo Center and
county ball parks.

Most games are inexpensive to
play, and children receive prizes
if they win. Fun Day is designed
for people to spend as much or as
little money as they wish, and
have a good, old fashioned "fun
day" in the park, organizers say.

All types of entertainment will
also be scheduled throughout the
day, ranging from singers to
dancers and cheerleaders. Emcee
for the day will be Jerry Williams
from KEYE Radio in Perryton.

A tent, courtesy of Boxwell
Brothers, will be set up by the
entertainment for people to rest
in the shade.

In conjunction with the food,
games and entertainment,
Serendipity will also host a vol-
leyball tournament at the park,
and a "duck soup" baseball tour-

ney at the adjacent ball fields.

In a duck soup tourney, teams
play innings according to the
whim of the organizers. For
example, one inning the teams
may have to run the bases back-
wards, another time they may get
four outs or run around home
plate several times with their
forehead on the bat before taking
a swing.

To enter the volleyball tourna-
ment, contact Ruth Farney at
(806) 435-5733. Those interested
in entering a team in the softball
tournament should call Stacy Paul at
(806) 435-2092.

Entertainers lined up so far to
perform during the day include
Bobby Roger, Developmental Gym-
nastics students, Mandy Van
Hoesen, Heather Haines and students
from Katina's Studio of Dance.

Anyone else interested in en-
tertaining during the day should
contact Daryla Allred at (806)
435-6756.

Food booths signed up so far
include free ice water, Church of
Christ; hamburger wagon,
Bonnie Simpson; snow cones,
PJH Student Council; Bethlehem
Lutheran Church, pie slices and
bierox; soft drinks, Beehive Day-
care Center; popcorn, Ochiltree
General Hospice; homemade ice
cream, Victory Family Church;

fajitas and sausage-on-a-stick,
Perryton Jaycees.

Game and specialty booths
planned during the day include
pony rides and an obstacle
course, Ochiltree County 4-H;
novelties, Joseph Fodor; fish
pond, Bonnie Simpson; duck
pond, coin toss, Bethlehem
Lutheran Church; blow darts,
Bull's Eye Enterprises; dunking
booth, cheerleaders; bubbles and
face painting, Perryton Swim
Team; Discovery Toys, Kathy
Childress; balloon dart throw,
Immaculate Conception Catholic
Church; confetti eggs, Catholic
Youth Organization; frisbee and
football toss, Jaycees, and hoop
shoot and Guess Your Speed ball
throw, Perryton Activity Center.

In addition, the Beehive
Daycare Center will once again
have its cow patty bingo, as well
as a haircutting booth with
Perryton stylist Mary Carman.

The Perryton Rotary Club will
also host bicycle races for the
kids, and the SERV volunteer
youth will help Serendipity with
free games and turtle races.

There are no duplications of
food or game booths. Anyone
interested in having a booth, at
a charge of \$25, should contact
Chandra Allred at (806) 435-
5178.

Researchers say they've found James' grave

KEARNEY, Mo. (AP) —
Researchers seeking the remains
of the outlaw Jesse James said they
found fragments of a skull bone
today that convince them they are
exhuming the right grave.

Casket handles found in the plot
turned out to be solid silver, provid-
ing more evidence that the grave is

that of James, or at least that of the
man buried under James' name
more than a century ago.

"There's nothing to discount it
and everything to support it," said
James E. Starrs, project leader.

Starrs, a professor of forensic
science and law at George
Washington University, said the

skull fragments appear to be in
good enough condition to pro-
vide DNA samples that can be
compared with DNA of James'
living descendants.

The exhumation is aimed at
settling numerous questions
about James, chiefly whether the
bones are really his.

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State briefs

Gov. Bush appoints Judy Walsh to PUC

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush has named San Antonio businesswoman Judy Walsh to the three member Public Utility Commission, garnering a majority of appointees on the panel that regulates telephone and electric rates.

Ms. Walsh was appointed by the Republican governor Monday to succeed Sarah Goodfriend, who had been a holdover appointment of Democratic former Gov. Ann Richards.

Ms. Goodfriend lost her seat because the Senate failed to vote on confirming her nomination before the 1995 legislative session ended. A move to force a vote in February was blocked by Republicans.

"Judy Walsh has the experience, judgment and financial expertise to help lead the PUC during this time of great change," Bush said, citing the 1995 Legislature's "sweeping reforms to our electric and telecommunications laws to increase competition and customer service."

Ms. Walsh, who has a finance and tax consulting business, formerly was with the accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche. She became the first woman partner of the firm in 1974.

Bloodhound helps rule out suicide in death

FULSHEAR (AP) — When a Houston police lieutenant was found dead in a creek, it wasn't long before Columbo was summoned.

The crafty bloodhound's discovery of mysterious footprints kept Lt. Alan Mabry's May 4 death from being written off as a suicide.

The tracks on the banks of Jones Creek played a key role in convincing a jury panel that the cause of death was murder.

Jurors in a special inquest heard testimony that Columbo — named after the bumbling but brilliant television detective who always solves his cases — took Mabry's scent and headed south, stopping about 1,100 feet downstream from his abandoned car.

Columbo didn't crack the case; there's still no suspect. But his path pointing out Mabry's trail did lead the jury to conclude that physical evidence nixed the suicide theory.

Disaster relief donations



(Pampa News photo by Melinda Martinez)

Pampa United Way Board of Directors voted at their July 6 meeting to give \$2,000 each to American Red Cross and The Salvation Army to help with disaster relief expenses from the June 8 tornado. Attending the presentation of the checks to the two agencies are, from left, United Way board members Bob Marx, Kim Hill, Curt Beck, Executive Administrator Katrina Bigham, Board President Joe Kyle Reeve, Red Cross board member Jack Skelly and local Salvation Army commanders, Lt. and Mrs. Tony Housley.

Zedillo says national economic crisis overcome

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo says Mexico is conquering its economic crisis and should be able to maintain a stable peso this year. He says it will soon take the offensive in pushing new growth.

"We can see some clear signs of recovery at least in a few key sectors of the economy by the end of the year and certainly we are expecting a general recovery by 1996," Zedillo said Monday to a group of executives from member newspapers of The Associated Press and from the news agency itself.

"I don't think I exaggerate if I say that Mexico was, in the first quarter of the year, in high risk of ... financial collapse," Zedillo said during the hourlong session at Los Pinos, the presidential residence.

Leading the delegation were Frank A. Daniels Jr., chairman of the AP board of directors and

publisher of the Raleigh (N.C.) News & Observer Co., and Louis D. Boccardi, president and chief executive officer of the AP.

The United States and international lending agencies put together a \$51-billion rescue loan package after Mexico's currency plunged in late December and foreign investors pulled billions of dollars out of the country.

Zedillo imposed a tough austerity plan that raised taxes and squeezed the money supply. The devaluation and austerity immediately turned a heavy Mexican trade deficit into a surplus, which reached \$866 million in the month of May.

Inflation this year — 32.9 percent through June — has already wiped out much of the impact of December's devaluation, but Zedillo said Mexico should be able to hold the peso at near six to the dollar through 1995.

The Mexican currency closed Monday at \$5.975, its strongest point since May 23 and a notable rise in value since the end of June, when it closed at \$6.25. The peso traded at about \$3.45 before declining foreign reserves forced Mexico to stop defending the currency's value.

"There are ... sectors that we now have the possibility to reactivate from a government perspective," Zedillo said. "We have decided to do that very prudently in the housing sector, which has a very high employment-generating sector."

Zedillo predicted the monthly inflation figure for July would be "close to 2 percent," down from 8 percent in March.

He noted that his government had paid a heavy political price because of unemployment caused by the crisis. His party has lost two of three gubernatorial elections held so far this year.

Air Force Depot privatization could affect surviving depots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration's bid to deflect some of the base-closings brunt from Texas and California by privatizing Air Force depots there may bode poorly for surviving depots elsewhere, some observers predict.

The Pentagon plan to privatize depot functions at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio and McClellan AFB in Sacramento, Calif., could force cutbacks or eventual privatization at the three remaining depots, two members of an independent base closing commission suggest.

The administration last week unveiled a blueprint that would retain thousands of jobs at the Kelly and McClellan depots in vote rich Texas and California. In June, the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission recommended closing both in defiance of the Air Force's wishes, sparking outcries in the two states.

Deputy Defense Secretary John P. White last week extolled the hastily assembled "privatization in place" plan, saying it would achieve the same savings as outright depot closure while protecting jobs.

"That is going to be a real neat trick," Commissioner Josue Robles, a retired general who once was the Army's budget chief, said Monday. "I don't know how they are going to do that — and I've been in the money business a long time."

Robles, who voted to close

McClellan but spare Kelly, and others contend shifting the two depots to the private sector would do little to address the fact that the Air Force has twice the maintenance capacity it needs. And that could put pressure on the three Air Logistics Centers saved by the commission: Hill AFB in Utah, Robins in Georgia and Tinker in Oklahoma.

"If I were one of the other three ALCs, I'd be sweating it because I'd say, 'Oh oh, they are coming after us to get rid of that 40 percent of excess capacity,'" he said in a recent interview.

A fellow commissioner, Wendi Steele, agreed.

"I think by all means there would have to be downsizing at the other ALCs," said Ms. Steele, who voted to close both depots.

Under the Pentagon plan, some 16,000 of Kelly's 18,000 overall jobs and 8,700 of McClellan's 11,000 workers would be spared for five years, after which privatization would begin. Defense officials estimate fewer than 3,000 Kelly jobs and 4,700 McClellan jobs would be lost when operations go private.

The last-minute change marks an abrupt shift of fortune for the surviving depots, which had expected to gain the Kelly and McClellan missions — a scenario now ruled out by the Pentagon. Tinker would have received up to 90 percent of Kelly's 13,000 depot jobs and a quarter of McClellan's 11,000 jobs.

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Opinion

Fiscal wellness seems impossible

A petulant last ditch effort by liberal Democrats in the Senate, stalling a bill that had some real spending cuts in it, raises the suspicion (yet again) that some liberals just hate to cut government spending any time, under any circumstances. That will hardly help their image in what seems to be a changing political environment.

Like so many creations of the political process, the spending rescissions bill that passed the House and was stalled in Senate was a little deformed and a little monstrous. But it was an important step toward fiscal discipline that had already won White House backing.

When House Republicans, earlier this spring, voted to trim \$16.5 billion from the current (fiscal year 1995) federal budget, it was virtually the first time in modern memory that real spending cuts (as opposed to cuts in future projected spending increases) had been passed. While \$16.5 billion in a \$1.6 trillion federal budget wasn't much, the bill was an important symbol of seriousness.

Last month, President Clinton used the first veto of his presidency on the bill, saying he favored some spending cuts but had different priorities. House Republicans took him at his word and came back with a rescission bill that preserved some of the president's favorite hobby horses - his precious AmeriCorps, some dubious training programs, and the like - and cut elsewhere. After the House passed it, the administration announced that President Clinton was prepared to sign it.

But Sens. Paul Wellstone of Minnesota and Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois both Democrats and possibly the most leftist members of the Senate objected to some cuts from a low income home heating subsidy program and some cuts from job training programs. Considering the fact that literally dozens of assistance and training programs are in place and that the total budget is \$1.6 trillion, these seemed trivial to most. But the two senators threatened to hold up passage by offering amendment after amendment, so Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole took the measure off the calendar.

The message seems to be that no program, however trivial, is anything other than sacrosanct, and no spending cut is not worthy of sustained opposition.

As they spent time at home during the Independence Day holiday recess, senate Democrats should have pondered whether that is really the image they wish to convey.

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Are these women really happy?

There's a scene in *The Handmaid's Tale* that I will never forget. In Margaret Atwood's science fiction novel, the United States has been taken over by a puritanical government, which requires all women to cover their hair and wear long, nun like robes that conceal their sexuality. One day a Japanese tour group visits this new republic. The Japanese women wear Western style dress - knee-length skirts, high heels, lipstick, nail polish - and as they look curiously at the former Americans, they ask their interpreter if these medieval looking women are happy. "Yes," one of the women lies, "We are very happy."

I think of that scene when I see fundamentalist Islamic women on television. Shrouded in black, showing only the oval of flesh around their eyes, one would guess that these women had grown up wearing this cumbersome garb, that sack like cloaks and long black veils were all they had ever known. How else could they stand it?

But actually many Muslim women grew up in Western dress. In Iran, for example, fundamentalist clothing, called hijab, was outlawed in the 1930s. After the Islamic revolution in the late 1970s, the opposite law came into effect, and now women who flout the Islamic dress code can be sentenced to 80 lashes.

At a time when hate and xenophobia seem to be mounting, it is tempting to shrug off the human rights abuses of women in other nations. They are the products of different cultures, cultures we should not be so arrogant as to criticize. Besides, it's their fight, not ours. If they don't have a problem with it, why should we?



Sara Eckel

But of course, that's the question: Do they have a problem, or are they really very happy?

Does the Muslim woman really embrace the Islamic laws that say her husband may legally beat her, or forbid her from leaving the house, or divorce her by saying "I divorce you" three times, which automatically dissolves all of her custodial ties to her children?

Does she agree with laws that forbid her from traveling without written permission from a male relative, or from checking into a hotel room by herself?

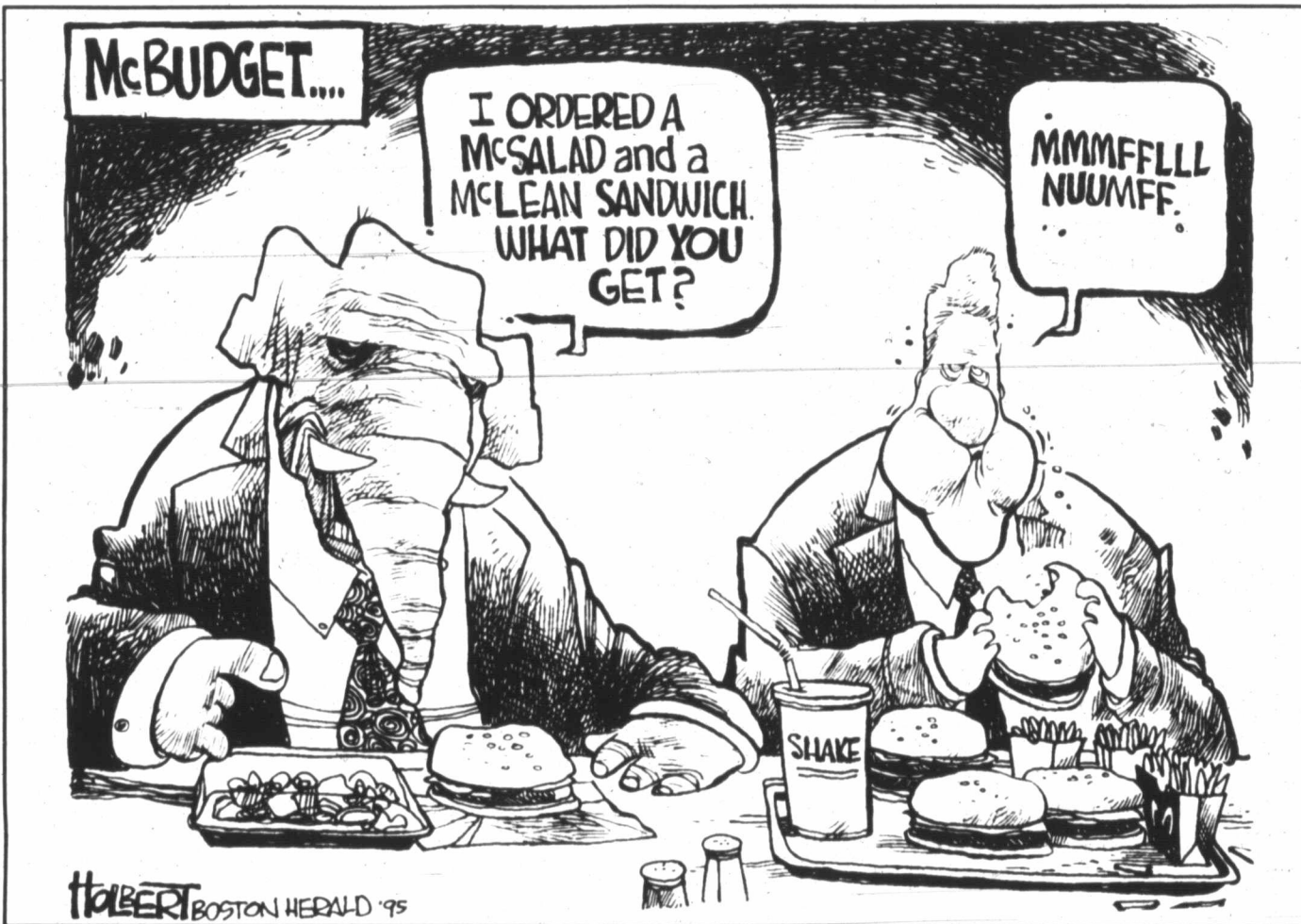
Does she mind that one in five Muslim girls lives in a community that sanctions the genital mutilation of girls or that girls as young as 9 can be married off to middle aged strangers?

To help unravel these mysteries, Geraldine Brooks, a former Middle East correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal*, started talking to Islamic women. She details her findings in a recently released book, *Nine Parts of Desire* (Anchor). Brooks provides Western readers with a thoughtful and

balanced look at the world of Islamic women. She reports, for example, that many non-Iranian Islamic women wear hijab voluntarily. They say the heavy garb makes them feel safer, and therefore freer. And for many women, hijab is a way to reject Western culture and embrace their own. "Why imitate everything Western? Why not try something of our own?" said Sahar, an Egyptian translator who converted to Muslim fundamentalism.

But Brooks also met many women who are trying to fight the oppressive laws of Islam. There are the Eritrean doctors who teach women to read the Koran so that they can see that it never advocates clitoridectomies. There are the Saudi Arabian professionals who drove down the streets of downtown Riyadh, protesting the country's ban on women drivers. There are the Palestinian feminists denouncing the age old practice of "honor killing" after a man restored his so called "honor" by murdering his pregnant, unwed teenage daughter. Unfortunately, in lands where women have few, if any, civil rights, such voices are easily squelched. The Saudi Arabian protesters, for example, were suspended from their jobs and had their passports confiscated. They now refuse all interviews with the press, since authorities have warned them that any contact with the foreign media would lead to rearrest.

Obviously, some Muslim women accept their lot as second class citizens, just as many Western women did for centuries. But I can't help but think of the woman who cannot read, cannot write, cannot even leave her home. Is she really very happy? And if she isn't, how would we ever know?



Fundamental rules of a free society

Pete King, Charlie Rangel and Charlie Schumer, all representatives from New York, are hot to trot to hold hearings on militias. Rep. King, a Republican, calls them "dangerous wackos."

Questions, gentlemen:
How many doors have been kicked in by members of a militia?

How many unarmed women have been shot by members of a militia?

How many people have the militia sent to prison?

How many homes and businesses have been confiscated by the militia?

All of the above have been done, not by paramilitary federal agents. I personally do not know of any law, nor have I heard of any law, that these various militias have broken.

Bear in mind that despite the deliberate and persistent spread of the charge that they are some how connected to the Oklahoma City bombing, these militias are not. There is no evidence whatsoever to support that claim.

If they break a law, arrest them; otherwise, leave them be.

It used to be, and still ought to be, the fundamental rule of a free society that if someone is not actively depriving another of his life, property or rights, then leave that person the hell alone. Mind your own business.

What people choose to believe is none of the government's business. What people choose to do

Charley Reese

on their own time at their own expense that doesn't violate any law is none of the government's business. It's none of your business. It is none of Congress' business.

I personally would not choose to wear a military uniform and spend a weekend now and then practicing military maneuvers. I did that for two years in the Army, and it quite satisfied my craving.

But what the members of the militia do is no different, from a legal standpoint, from other men spending their weekends on the golf course or hunting for antiques with their wives. I choose not to do those things either.

Apparently, however, some American socialists and/or fascists, who falsely call themselves liberals, view all thinking that does not conform to their own as a hostile act to be punished.

We should not be surprised. Wherever such people have gained total power, they have made thinking a crime punishable by death or imprisonment. In Hitler's Germany, in the Soviet Union, in Red China, in every communist or fascist country millions of people have been murdered, tortured and imprisoned for the crime of thought and belief.

Every true liberal, every human being who values life and liberty, should view those people who are hostile to thoughts and mere beliefs with genuine hatred and revulsion, for they are anti-liberty, anti-human, anti-intellect and anti-life.

"Subject opinion to coercion: Who will you make your inquisitor?" Thomas Jefferson asked. "Fallible men, men governed by bad passions, by private as well as public reasons. And why subject it (opinion) to coercion? To produce uniformity. But is uniformity of opinion desirable? No more so than of face and stature."

These reptilian creatures slithering among us trying to convince us that thought or speech or belief should by made a crime deserve no sympathy, no quarter, not even civility. They are the slime out of which grows the disease of tyranny.

The only line in the sand traditional American government draws is to say to people, Don't injure others. Otherwise go your own way, and pursue your own happiness unmolested. Think what you please.

Who appointed King, Rangel and Schumer to decide what thoughts and beliefs Americans may have? What are they proposing? To set up a House Committee on Unliberal Activities? Shall we have an attorney general's "List of Unliberal Organizations"? The only salute this trio of aspiring thought cops deserve is the one made with the middle finger.

Sculpting a Cuban monument to liberty

My fellow scribe William Raspberry posed a question last April that has been ping-ponging around my cranium ever since.

"Why doesn't the United States get off Cuba's back?" he wrote. And then my widely respected colleague answered his query with two conjectures: "Cubans in Florida and sheer vengeance."

In other words, American politicians lack the courage to challenge the large and vocal Cuban-American community; and the United States generally hates the idea that Cuban strong man Fidel Castro has successfully thumbed his nose at us for 35 years.

We seem possessed, Raspberry wrote, of an "institutional rage that Castro has withstood an international missile confrontation, the Bay of Pigs, any number of unsuccessful CIA plots against him and the demise of international communism - and still sits there as a rebuke to our hegemony."

Is it true? My own observations:
1) Fidel Castro is a low down dictator and a liar to boot. From the birth of his revolution in 1953 until he ousted Fulgencio Batista in 1959, he wooed fair minded people around the world with the promise that when he took power he would restore the 1940 constitution, which provided for free elections and universal suffrage. Instead, he erected a totalitarian state, sold his soul to the Soviet Union, murdered his enemies and imprisoned his critics.

For some reason entirely unfathomable to me, he became the darling of addled left-wingers the



Joseph Spear

world over, some of whom - American academics and French socialists come quickly to mind - still buss his butt without remorse, indeed with enthusiasm.

2) Above all things, the United States stands for freedom and democracy. We fought major wars in Europe and Asia in defense of these principles. We invaded Grenada, Panama and Haiti in defense of them. Why should we not be seeking ways to establish them in Cuba, 90 miles off the Florida shore?

3) Bill Raspberry is right about the vengeance thing. A lot of ill feeling toward Fidel Castro, including much of my own, is stimulated by a desire for revenge. The difference is, I call it "justice," and I see nothing wrong with it.

It is a fact that Castro is but a flea in a world of mastiffs, but he is a brutal, persistent and treacherous flea, and I for one would still like to see him squashed before he goes to his final reward. We have tried everything through the years, from assassination to embargoes to invasion, and nothing

has worked. With the nation now in the hands of Republicans, now would be the perfect time to try a little free enterprise.

Why not convert the 42-square-mile U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo into a city dedicated to free market practices? Why not build a Singapore or a Hong Kong there? I have no doubt it would be a success - the entrepreneurial genius of the Cuban people would guarantee that - and it would drive Castro crazy.

I wish I could say this brilliant idea was my own, but I cannot. Cuban intellectuals have been tossing it around for a while, and a former mayor of Miami, attorney Xavier Suarez, has touted it on the pages of *USA Today* and other newspapers.

Let Cuban-Americans "build a city at Guantanamo," he wrote in September 1994. "Let the exile community in Miami, with its economic power and organizational skills, provide the bricks and mortar. Let the Cubans and Cuban-Americans prove that they can sculpt a monument to liberty under Castro's very nose."

It would take some "creativity on our part," Suarez told me, because Castro doesn't recognize our right to be at Guantanamo in the first place, and the treaty which established the base limits its use. But it could be done, he believes, and "the exile community would invest enough to build" it.

It is without question a romantic notion, but so was the idea of putting human beings on the moon. I want to see the Cuban people breathe free. I want to see Fidel Castro broken and humiliated. I want revenge. I say, go for it.

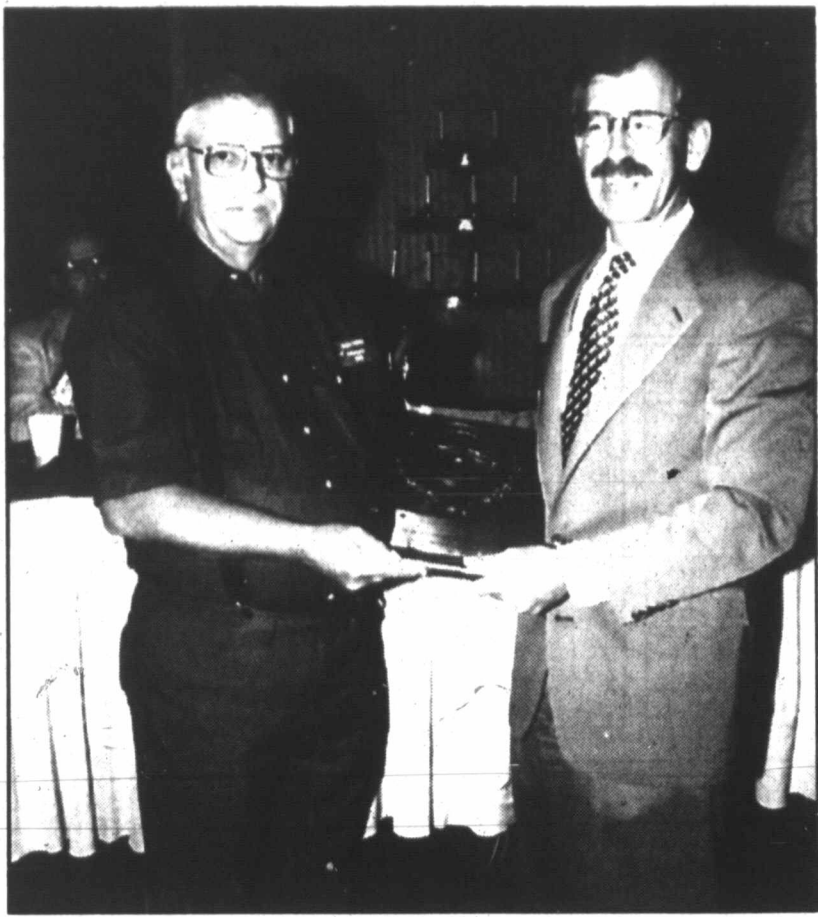
Berry's World



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"Smith Corona produced typewriters. Smith Corona went into Chapter 11. Grandpa, what's a typewriter?"

Cattle industry awards Bivins



(Special photo)

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association has recognized State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, right, for legislative leadership and distinguished service to the Texas cattle industry. TSCRA President Chaunce Thompson, left, of Breckenridge presented Bivins with a plaque during the Association's summer board meeting July 7-8 in Kerrville. Other legislators recognized were State Sen. Bill Sims, D-Paint Rock, and State Reps. Susan Combs, R-Austin, Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, and Bob Turner, D-Voss.

Judge to rule on fate of agent married to undocumented worker

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal official says the marriage of a former federal agent to an undocumented immigrant compares to an FBI agent dating a bank robber or a drug agent dating a drug dealer.

Inspector General Martin Dickman made the analogy while testifying in the appeals case of Hugh Sherron, who was fired May 5 when his wife's background was discovered.

The hearing ended Monday. Administrative Law Judge Mary Ann Garvey is expected to rule in September.

Sherron, who had been a Houston based inspector general's investigator for the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, testified he was never provided a copy of an employee conduct code regulating such behavior, and had not heard of it before he was fired.

He lost his job, which primarily involved investigating fraudulent

unemployment and disability claims, after supervisors were told he married an undocumented immigrant six years before. She is now a legal resident, Sherron said.

"They've gone way overboard," Sherron said.

Sherron was fired for breaking the trust and destroying the confidence he held as an investigator, Dickman said.

Sherron said that when he started his federal career in 1989 as a U.S. Customs inspector in Laredo, he fell in love with Virginia Gutierrez Melgar, a Guatemalan national he met at a barbecue.

His main duties as a customs agent was to regulate commerce and cargo coming across the border and only occasionally did he help immigration officials, Sherron told the judge.

He said he apprehended several illegal immigrants while checking rail facilities and other cargo holding areas where they hid at times.

Muleshoe farm couple sue over lengthy lending battle

LUBBOCK (AP) — U.S. Department of Agriculture officials have been sued by a Muleshoe couple who feel they were left in the "frying pan" over a loan snafu.

Larry Kemp, 40, and Connie Kemp, 38, filed a federal lawsuit Monday against Ag Secretary Dan Glickman and George Ellis, state director of Rural Economic and Community Development.

The Kemps accuse the USDA's lending agency of misapplying a 1980 note payment and then treating their paid notes as default.

"I'm just tired of being run over," Kemp said Monday. "They've done wrong and they don't want to admit it."

The lawsuit seeks no monetary damages. Instead, it seeks to force a decision on the couple's application for loan restructuring through the RECD, formerly called Farmers Home Administration, or FmHA.

"It will set a precedent if the federal judge rules the FmHA has to make its decisions timely," said Bill Arens of Morton, who represented the Kemps at an appeals hearing in March.

That hearing — in front of the USDA's National Appeals Division — concluded that the agency failed to act on the Kemps' application within the required 30 days.

Lubbock attorney Floyd Holder filed the lawsuit on behalf of the couple who raise corn and cotton near Muleshoe, about 80 miles northwest of Lubbock. The

Kemps had been current on their loan payments until two paid-off notes resurfaced as in default and the FmHA threatened to foreclose in July 1993, the lawsuit says.

"Plaintiffs have faced apocalypse now for two calendar years and for three crop years because of an agency mistake," according to the lawsuit.

Glickman in Washington did not return a telephone message Monday.

Ellis in Temple said the case is under review.

"We don't have a very good record over the past 10 to 12 years in meeting our time frames," Ellis said. "We've tried over the past couple of years to speed that up."

The lawsuit says the FmHA in the 1980s had been applying the Kemps' payments to lower-interest notes that were not yet due rather than to higher interest, more secure notes that were due.

The Kemps blame the agency for their loan delinquency. They applied for a loan write down that the agency has not approved or denied — even though the 30-day deadline has expired.

"In view of the previous experience the appellants (Kemps) have suffered at the hands of the agency, any further, unnecessary delay is fundamentally unfair," a USDA hearing officer wrote April 18.

"When you deal with them," Kemp said, "I don't know how you can ever get out of the frying pan."

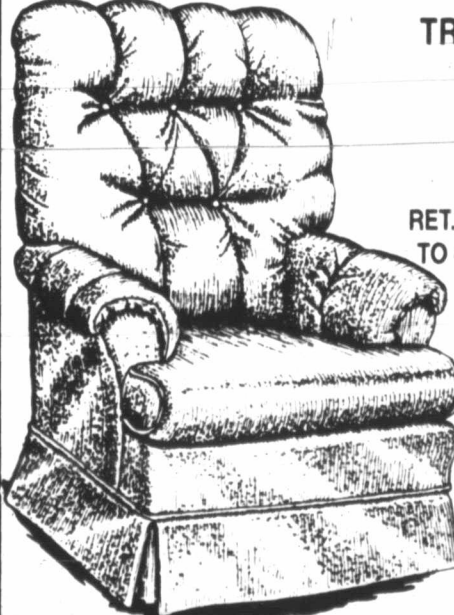
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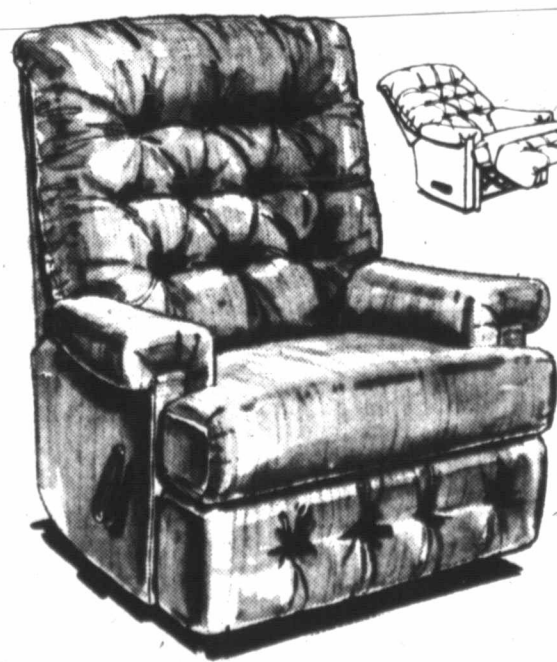
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Etiquette Experts Offer Tips On Eating Asparagus Properly

DEAR ABBY: Please settle a question that's been bothering several members of our club: What is the proper way to eat asparagus?

I believe I remember reading in Emily Post's book of etiquette that it's proper to eat asparagus with your fingers, but never let the juice drip off your elbows.

Some members say that couldn't possibly be right.

I also recall that President Kennedy told Jackie that it was all right to eat asparagus that way, which she did.

Am I right or wrong? There's money riding on your answer.

STEADY READER,
FREDERICK, MD.

DEAR READER: You are right. I checked Emily Post's book of etiquette, and much to my surprise, she said it's proper to pick up asparagus with one's fingers.

Letitia Baldrige concurs. She says asparagus may be eaten in one of two ways, depending upon how long it's been cooked and how much is buried in the sauce: either with the fingers, or with a knife and fork.

Miss Manners also lists foods that may be eaten with the fingers — and asparagus is on the list.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I am a longtime reader and enjoy your column, but this is my first letter to you. My question: What hour is appropriate to operate a lawn mower on the weekend?

In my neighborhood, some people go at it at 8 a.m. on a Saturday. But recently, the 9:15 Sunday morning racket from a power mower broke the camel's back! These are good neighbors who have well-kept yards, but they work on them at the craziest hours.

I realize this is not an earth-shaking issue, but it's important to me. Like many other hard-working homeowners, I need that extra hour or two to sleep on the weekend, so please tell me what hours you think it is appropriate to run power equipment on the weekend.

Is 10 a.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday a reasonable request?

I have never seen this question addressed in your column. Awaiting

your response ...

RICHARD SCHUH,
ST. LOUIS PARK, MINN.
DEAR MR. SCHUH: Your weekend sleeping schedule sounds reasonable to me. Were I in your place, I'd simply have a friendly chat with the neighbors informing them of my need for peace and quiet on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from "No Name or Town," the 27-year-old unmarried woman who was attracted to the guy behind the counter in the video store. I could be this guy! I am also 27 years old, single, and work part time in a video store.

There is a woman that I see from time to time in the store whom I find attractive. She could be her. I could be him.

The advice you gave was very good. Talk to me, show me you are interested, and I will respond if I am interested, too. I am old-fashioned and somewhat shy when it comes to meeting women. I hope my customer will speak up. Then we can finally meet.

THE VIDEO GUY

DEAR VIDEO GUY: What are you waiting for? Introduce yourself to the lady you find attractive. You've nothing to lose and everything to gain. Good luck.

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Wednesday, July 19, 1995

Several opportunities wait in the offing for you in the year ahead if you resist going off on tangents. Try to tie your endeavors together for economy of purpose and effectiveness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) In a critical career situation involving others, make sure everyone is aiming for the same target today. Ignore dissenters who stress their independence. Cancer, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, NY 10163. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not assign critical tasks today to workers with poor performance records. There is no reason to think they'll do better now than they've done previously.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might be bold and enterprising today, but there is a strong possibility that a foolish risk will take you out of the game early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Let reason prevail in domestic affairs today. Introducing angry, emotional elements could blow small factors completely out of proportion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You may have problems at work today if you fail to listen attentively to instructions when they are given to you. Stay in focus at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It may be wise to carry a little extra in your purse today. Unexpected expenses might develop and you won't want to be caught short.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You might alter your course of action today to appease others. If you do this, however,

you'll end up pleasing no one, not even yourself. Be consistent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A secret might be revealed to the wrong person today if you speak without thinking. Do not let a loose tongue get you in trouble.

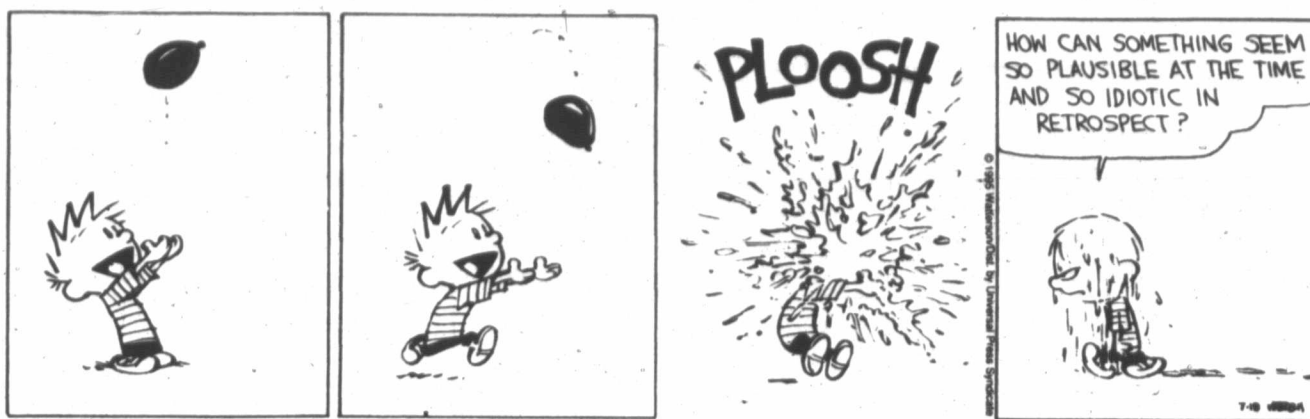
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your expectations will probably be fulfilled in this cycle except for the things that you think you're entitled to that you really aren't.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Extra determination will be needed today to achieve your objectives. The moment you begin to coast, regardless of why, you'll fall short of your mark.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Subdue the inclination to rationalize matters today instead of evaluating them logically. See life for what it is, unaided by rose-colored glasses.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If it ain't broke, put away your tool kit. The changes that you'll be tempted to make today could weaken your position instead of improving it.

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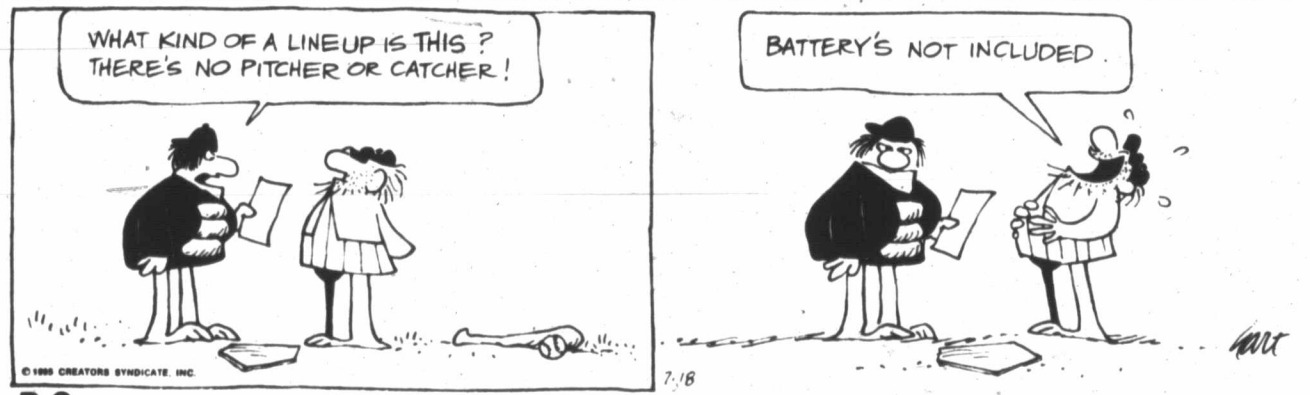
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Crenshaw hopes Masters magic returns at British Open

By ROBERT MILLWARD AP Sports Writer
ever path you like and try to play what sort of shots you like. You can go to the greens with as many different shots as you wish to play. In that respect it is the most democratic golf course in the world.
Despite his second Masters triumph in 11 years, Crenshaw's odds of winning the British Open have gone from 50-1 to 66-1 with bookmakers Ladbrokes due to his Scottish Open performance.
Nick Faldo's impressive return to form in finishing second to Wayne Riley at the Scottish Open has made him the favorite at St. Andrews for the first time this year.
With money now pouring in for the Englishman to win, Ladbrokes rate him 8-1 and have dropped Australia's Greg Norman, who won the title two years ago at Royal St. George, to 9-1.

course although they have somewhat of a different approach. Nick is a little more on the mechanical side and Corey more intent on shaping his shots.
"Colin Montgomerie is playing well and Greg Norman is having a fabulous season. He has played well every time he has gone out and obviously he is very keyed up."
With Kenny Perry withdrawing for family reasons, five Americans now have pulled out in the last week.
The others are Hale Irwin, who didn't give a reason, Fuzzy Zoeller and Fred Couples, who both have back injuries, and Tom Lehman, who is staying home to be with his wife, Melissa, who is expecting their third child any day now.
So how does Crenshaw rate the chances of a third American triumph in a row in the majors?
"You just never know who's going to acquire the feel for the week," he said. "There are certainly Americans who are playing well and with confidence but I don't know whether it will have a bearing on the outcome."
"The ball doesn't care what country you're from."

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Newsmakers

SAN MARCOS - Karen Hayes, an English teacher at Pampa High School, is among twenty-eight teachers of high school English and social studies from throughout Texas participating in a four week (July 7 - Aug. 4) Summer Institute sponsored by the English Department at Southwest Texas State University.

The institute, *Texts and Contexts: Ethical Citizenship and the Political Outsider in American Literature and History*, is funded by a \$135,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, augmented by \$5,000 in federal matching funds. Participants will receive room and board, books and a \$1,000 stipend.

For each of the four weeks of the institute, a different literary work will be considered in conjunction with texts that helped shape political thought in the era in which the literary text was written. The literary works of *Antigone*, the *Relaciones of Cabeza de Vaca*, *Huckleberry Finn* and *Beloved* will be analyzed along with the political writings of Plato and St. Augustine, Thomas Paine's *Rights of Man* and *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*.

Discussions will emphasize the relationship between political outsiders - people excluded from citizenship in a state because of gender, ethnicity or condition of servitude - and the conception of citizenship in that state.

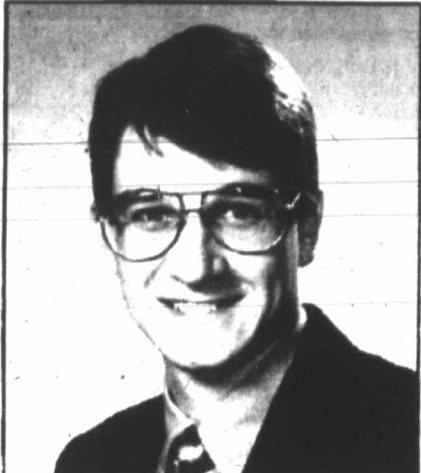
These readings will be supplemented by lectures from distinguished literary scholars and historians from Texas A&M University, Colorado State University, Mercer University, George Mason University, University of California Los Angeles, State University of New York at Buffalo, the University of Arizona, University of Michigan and SWT.

CLARENDON - David Brian Miller, son of Ms. Rosella Miller, and student at Clarendon College, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by *Who's Who*

Among Students in American Universities and Colleges editorial staff.

He will be included in the 1995 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934. A campus nomination committee and editors of the publication have included the name of this student based on his academic activities and potential for continued success.

Miller joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.



Dr. A. Andrew Wilson, III

Dr. A. Andrew Wilson, III, a former Pampa resident; son of Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Wilson, Jr. of Lubbock, former Pampa residents; son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Royce Sharp of Pampa; and husband of former Pampa resident Carla Sharp Wilson, recently passed the Western Regional Board of Examination for licensure.

Wilson was a 1987 graduate of Pampa High School, a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in biology, and a 1995 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry. He is a member of the Baylor Odontological Honor Society and of the Baylor Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

He plans to practice family dentistry in Childress.

World briefs

Yeltsin 'hospital' photo is actually months old

MOSCOW (AP) — An official photograph supposedly showing Boris Yeltsin in the hospital last week is actually months old, raising new questions about Kremlin manipulation and the true state of the Russian president's health.

The official Russian news agency ITAR-Tass released a photo Friday it said had been taken from Yeltsin's room at Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital, where he was admitted on July 11 with heart trouble.

Video obtained by Associated Press Television today, however, showed the identical scene, with Yeltsin wearing the same tennis shirt, in front of the same drapes with a bank of four telephones at his left elbow. He sat in front of documents with a pen on the desk.

An official at Medvedev's Kremlin office said he was unavailable for comment today.

A Yeltsin spokesman, though, denied the photo was old. NBC News carried the initial report on the striking similarity between the images.

Soldiers scour Himalayas for Western captives

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — The government sent more search teams to the Himalayas today to find five Western hostages whom militants in northern India have threatened to kill at "any time."

The government does not believe the Kashmiri separatists will carry out their threat, said an Indian official coordinating the

search. But it is afraid one of the hostages may be "physically harmed" and left behind as a warning, he said on condition of anonymity.

The hostages are two Britons, a German, a Norwegian and American Donald Hutchings, 42, of Spokane, Wash.

The Al-Faran group has agreed to free them only if the Indian government releases 21 jailed separatists.

Singapore leader wants Americans to debate

SINGAPORE (AP) — Singapore's prime minister wants a *New York Times* columnist and an American educator to debate him - on his own turf - about whether the island state is a repressive and undemocratic society.

The *Straits Times* published a letter by Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong's press secretary issuing the debate challenge to columnist William Safire and Williams College political science lecturer George Crane.

This is "a serious invitation for a serious purpose, namely to give Singaporeans a chance to hear American liberals present their case in person on what is wrong in Singapore," said press secretary Chan Heng Wing.

Crane, in Massachusetts, pronounced the debate "a great idea" but said family commitments may prevent him from attending, the *Straits Times* newspaper reported. It said Safire, based in Washington, was not immediately available for comment.

\$1.2 billion in CDs crossing border

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The United States government wants to know more about \$1.2 billion worth of certificates of deposit driven across an international bridge and into Texas in the back seat of a Mexican taxi.

Although there are questions about the legitimacy of the documents - which were not confiscated - the U.S. Internal Revenue Service is looking into the matter. "They have access to more financial records than we have," said Dale Wisley, head of Customs Service investigations in Brownsville.

IRS officials would not comment on the case. Mexico's Secretary of the Treasury, known as Hacienda, reportedly also is

investigating the case, although they too have declined comment.

A Customs Service agent discovered the dozen \$100 million documents on June 21. The driver said he was a chauffeur from Mexico City heading for McAllen. A Mexico City financial institution was named on the certificates.

Wisley said Monday investigators wonder whether the certificates were fraudulent.

"If it was a legitimate courier," Wisley said, "I've never seen anything like it."

The CDs were detected at the same port of entry where customs officials earlier this year seized \$19 million in counterfeit dollars.



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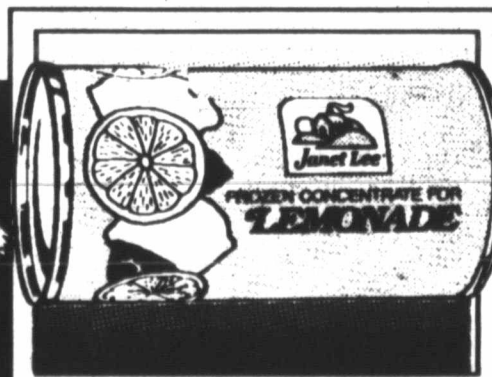
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