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LANSING, Mich. (AP) — A possible explosive device was confiscated at Capital City Airport from a 12-year-old boy traveling with his mother to Dallas, state police said early today.

Security officers at the airport Sunday afternoon detected the item, about the size of an egg, which turned out to be a homemade device made of pipe filled with black powder and a fuse, said Lt. Andrew Keeney.

The two were stopped as they went through a security checkpoint and the 2-inch long device was found in the juvenile's carry-on luggage, WILX-TV in Lansing reported.

The boy and his mother were traveling to Dallas, Keeney said.

The device was destroyed. The two were questioned for several hours but released, with any possible charges and fines to be determined later, WILX reported.

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — The home of the woman killed by the bomb in Centennial Olympic Park was burglarized after her husband rushed to Atlanta to be with her daughter, also injured in the blast, police said.

Police passing by the home of Alice and John Hawthorne on a routine patrol noticed a broken window about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, and a neighbor said a VCR and television had been taken.

"As far as I know, no arrests were made," said Albany Police Cpl. Derrick Reed.

Neighbor Pat Horton said she believed the burglar or burglars learned that no one was home from media coverage of Mrs. Hawthorne's death in the bombing early Saturday.

John Hawthorne went to Atlanta Saturday morning when told his wife had been killed and her 14-year-old daughter, Fallon Stubbs, had been injured by the bomb.

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth \$12 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were: 2, 11, 14, 27, 29 and 36.

There were 152 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,301. There were 7,563 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$94. And there were 138,373 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Wednesday night's game will be \$18 million.

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Clinton, TV industry reach deal on shows for children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Laying claim to another election-year prize, President Clinton announced an agreement with the television industry today that requires three hours of educational shows a week for children.

Gathering 50 TV executives, children's advocates, program producers and actors in the East Room, the president declared that the deal "says to America's parents: You are not alone."

The accord gives Clinton additional leverage in the social-values debate between Democrats and Republicans. During a February meeting at the White House, industry executives agreed to implement a voluntary television ratings system by the end of the year to warn viewers about violence and sex in programs.

Clinton also pushed for a V-chip in new televisions, a technology that allows parents to ban violent or sexual shows from their homes.

Voters, especially women, are telling pollsters they are concerned about the content of programming on television. Female voters are key to Clinton's reelection prospects.

Officials familiar with the agreement said broadcasters must certify that a program is designed to be educational. The three-hour minimum would not include public service announcements or specials, unless special permission is given by the Federal Communications Commission.

In an important development to ensure enforcement, the FCC would oversee the new rule. The FCC, which includes Clinton appointees, must approve the rule for it to take effect.

The president urged the FCC to adopt the accord "to make the three-hour rule the law of the land. Television can build up young lives, rather than tear them down."

In a wide-ranging discussion, Clinton told his guests that studies show television can help children become better educated and better citizens.

"Today we can work to imagine television as a force for good," the president said.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, joined the discussion.

"The technology of TV is not intrinsically good or bad," said the first lady, who moderated part of the discussion. "But it does have the potential to be both."

In a harmonious meeting, Jack Valenti, head of the Motion Picture Association of America, said, "This industry is together in a seamless web of unity, and we will do our level best to make it work."

Edward Fritts, president and chief executive of the National Association of Broadcasters, also praised the accord. "We believe we will be successful and the children of the United States will be the beneficiaries," he said.

Peggy Charren, an advocate

for children's TV, called it an historic agreement and said producers must now develop quality TV.

"This is the beginning of a new partnership and I promise I will supply the glue to glue the kids to the couch," she said.

In addition to a three-hour-a-week programming requirement, the accord stresses the importance of TV as a source of values and other aspects of children's programs.

At a similar White House meeting Feb. 29, top TV and entertainment industry executives agreed to implement a voluntary television ratings system by the end of the year to warn viewers about violence and sex in programs.

The broadcasting industry says the average TV station airs just over four hours of educational shows a week for children. Until recently, it had steadfastly opposed a weekly programming standard in this area, fearing it would lead to further government intrusion in programming decisions in the future.

"I'm hopeful kids will come out a winner," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., author of a 1990 children's TV law that for the first time linked TV stations' license renewals to serving the educational and informational needs of children.

Some TV stations told the FCC they had met those needs, listing in documents to the agency such shows as *The Jetsons* and *Leave It to Beaver* reruns.

Christmas in July Trade Days



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Jerri-Lynn Throgmorton, left, of Panhandle and Susie Reynolds of Pampa, consultants for The Pampered Chef, are peeling an apple with an apple peeler to give to Dathan Reeves, 15 months old, of Borger, being held by his aunt, Alecia Hall of Pampa on Saturday at the Pampa Mall. Throgmorton and Reynolds were among the representatives of approximately 35 vendors participating in the Celebration of Lights' Christmas in July Trade Days sale at the mall Saturday and Sunday. The event served as a fund raiser for the Celebration of Lights organization.

Jailed American gets presidential pardon

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — The president has pardoned an American woman sentenced to life in prison for smuggling seven pounds of heroin hidden in her dress, a prison official said today.

Eliadah McCord of Houston, Texas, will be released from Dhaka jail today or Tuesday, said Aminur Rahman, deputy inspector general of prisons.

She is expected to be escorted back to the United States by Congressman Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who visited Dhaka in February to intercede with the Bangladesh authorities.

McCord, 23, was arrested at the Dhaka International Airport in 1992 and was convicted a year later. She was the first American

convicted on a drug smuggling charge in Bangladesh.

She has said she did not know the four packages given to her by a Nigerian, Robert Blankson, contained heroin. Blankson also was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Rahman said he received an order from the Home Ministry on Sunday saying McCord had been pardoned by President Abdur Rahman Biswas, two months before Biswas was to leave office.

"McCord burst into tears of joy after a jail guard broke the news of her freedom last night," Rahman said.

The pardon came three weeks after the Supreme Court turned

down an appeal by McCord. Neither her attorney nor officials in the president's office were immediately available for comment.

Bangladeshi law calls for a minimum of two years in jail for possessing heroin. Those found smuggling more than 25 grams, or 0.9 ounces, of the narcotic are given either life terms or the death sentence.

Richardson was due to return to Bangladesh on Tuesday, and will take McCord back with him to Washington, said a statement from his office.

The timing of McCord's release is uncertain because today is a national holiday in Bangladesh, the Prophet Mohammad's birthday.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Vi Burgess sits at her sewing machine, a Singer Touch-N-Sew she has used almost 30 years, in the alterations room at Images.

After 30 years, Pampa woman still busy with sewing clothes at store

By SHERRY CROMARTIE
Staff Writer

In more than 30 years of employment she has served at least eight different clothier businesses, including stores offering tailoring, cleaning services, men's, women's and children's clothes in downtown locations before finally settling into one building.

Mrs. Vi Burgess has been employed in one clothing store at 123 N. Cuyler since the late 1930s, but the store has not always been under the same ownership.

She said she was first employed in that building by Bunny and Leah Behrman, at Behrman's Ready to Wear. Through the years, the store names and ownerships changed, but the sewing room stayed the same. However, Burgess continues taking care of customers' needs, keeping them happy and well fitted in new clothes.

"I have been sewing since before I was 12 years old, and it is what I have always enjoyed doing," she said.

Burgess is employed by Images, located in the same spot in downtown Pampa.

Burgess and her oldest child (eight years old at the time) moved to Pampa from Gould, Okla., in 1935. Then, she was employed by J.C. and Temple Vollmert in their home, where she was the personal seamstress for Mrs. Vollmert.

"It was during those first years I met Bee Burgess, and in 1937 we were married," she said. Mr. Burgess is a professional barber, who owns Crowson Barber Shop in Pampa.

The Burgess family grew from three to five before 1944. Although she has continued her sewing obligations, she is also a homemaker, mother and a grandmother of seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She is a member of First Baptist Church and the business

and professional women's Sunday School group. In her spare time, Burgess also enjoys gardening.

An annual summertime family reunion and fishing trip is something she really looks forward to every July, and she says she's a pretty good fisherwoman.

Burgess' creative talents and her drive for sewing perfections developed into a long-standing career that she really did not project as a young woman.

"I've had experience altering and sewing garments of all sizes, all styles, for men, women and children because of the varieties of stores I have worked in through all these years," Burgess said.

Fond memories of store owners and managers, many customers and friends makes it all worthwhile, she says.

Recalling her memories, she mentions some of her earlier bosses including R.L. Edmondson, J.C. Penney's, Leon Gilbert, Bunny Behrman, Lewis Saied, Doug Coon, Cecil Myatt and his son, Ed Myatt, a One-Hour Martinizing Cleaner and Flossie Grant Anderson in a western wear clothing store.

As alterations lady and seamstress beginning late in 1937 at Edmondson Cleaners, which was also a tailoring business in earlier years, "sewing knowledge was in constant demand and I was very busy," she said.

"Nelma Edmondson (R.L.'s wife) was not just an employer, she was a wonderful friend. She really taught me about sewing and tailoring — especially the tailoring details in constructing men's suits. I learned more about clothing styles in the seven years I was with Nelma," she said.

The cleaners was the local furrier in Pampa, and Burgess helped in fur-care services and restyling fur coats for their women customers.

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Visitation, funeral services scheduled for Garcia
CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - The bride was a vision in white lace and satin, surrounded by a court of dashing males in tuxedos or elegant waistcoats.

Familiar trappings offered for homosexual nuptials
DALLAS (AP) - The bride was a vision in white lace and satin, surrounded by a court of dashing males in tuxedos or elegant waistcoats.

Funeral organizers estimate that up to 5,000 people could attend a daylong closed-casket visitation today. Thousands more are expected for a 10 a.m. Tuesday funeral at Corpus Christi Cathedral.

But the bride wasn't all he seemed. A drag queen named "Racine" was among the models at a weekend bridal fair in Dallas to promote services for gay and lesbian weddings.

Garcia, who founded the American GI Forum in 1948 to fight for Hispanic veterans' rights, died Friday at Memorial Medical Center. He was 82.

"It's the first one in Dallas, and it's the first of its type in the nation," said Tres Smith, spokesman for the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

The man President Clinton called a national hero has drawn telephone calls from across the nation following his unsuccessful battle with pneumonia.

F-111 'Aardvark' facing retirement after 32 years

FORT WORTH (AP) - The fighter-bomber nicknamed "Aardvark" is facing its final sortie.

Despite the temporary closure of the park, Atlantans and their visitors took to the streets and packed Olympic competition sites Sunday, displaying an air of defiance in the face of terrorism.

The F-111, which revolutionized aviation in the 1960s after the first one rolled off the assembly line in Fort Worth, is being mothballed by the Air Force.

"I am not going to let them hold me hostage," Katherine Williams of Atlanta said as she joined the crowd strolling past souvenir stands a half block from Centennial Olympic Park.

Four jets were scheduled to fly a final mission today from Fort Worth to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson, Ariz.

"We are confident that we will solve this horrible crime," FBI spokesman David Tubbs said Sunday after the bureau had completed its search for evidence in the park. A bomb exploded there early Saturday, killing a woman and injuring more than 100 people.

More than 1,000 pilots, engineers and technicians gathered Saturday to bid farewell to the plane that was originally built in Fort Worth. A retirement ceremony party for the plane was thrown at Lockheed Martin.

Also Sunday, officials defended the decision not to notify police in the park about the bomb threat phoned in before the blast, but said they may change their procedures in the future.

The F-111 flew more than 6,500 wartime sorties over Vietnam and is known for its supersonic speed, maneuverability, long range and capabilities at low altitudes and poor weather conditions.

"The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games announced that the park, the centerpiece of the Olympics, would reopen on Tuesday morning. Security will be enhanced, with twice as many police as before. And police will be empowered to conduct random searches of visitors' bags.

Supporters give Conroe lad flag waving warm welcome

CONROE, Texas (AP) - Congress risks losing control of America's military, says an Army soldier who was court-martialed for refusing to wear a United Nations insignia.

Ray said the order to put on a U.N. uniform was unlawful. "Michael New is guilty of only one thing - of exclusively loving his country," Ray said.

Spec. Michael New, 23, was found guilty of violating a lawful order. He received a bad conduct discharge after his court-martial earlier this year.

Many supporters waved flags and some carried signs of wore T-shirts proclaiming New an American hero.

New plans appeals in military and civilian courts. Wearing a blue business suit at a homecoming rally Sunday, New said he swore allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, not the U.N. charter.

In January, New became the first American serviceman court-martialed for refusing to accept foreign command on a U.N. operation. His unit was to be deployed to Macedonia in case the fighting in Bosnia spilled over into that country.

"I'm now out of uniform but the Congress is not out of jeopardy of losing control of America's military to U.N. command and control," he told a crowd of more than 100 supporters.

The government has contended that New, a medic, was never asked to shift his allegiance to the U.N. and remained under the U.S. military command.

"As an American fighting man, how could I wear the badges and insignia of another government?" New said.

Experts say the report reflects troubling trends because Texas isn't doing enough to increase opportunities for minorities even though they will play a dominant role in the state's future over the coming decades.

New, along with his attorney, retired Col. Ron Ray of Kentucky, were among nearly a dozen speakers at the rally, which was held on the steps of the Montgomery County Courthouse about 40 miles northeast of Houston.

As a result, Texas in the year 2030 could be a dismal place, with a poorly educated and unskilled work force that will make the state uncompetitive in an increasingly global marketplace.

Park to reopen; FBI inundated with tips, pictures pertaining to possible suspects

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
AP National Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - As the city prepares for Tuesday's reopening of Centennial Olympic Park, the FBI says it has been flooded with information that could lead to the bomber who scarred the Atlanta Games.



AP/Tonia Cowan

"We are confident that we will solve this horrible crime," FBI spokesman David Tubbs said Sunday after the bureau had completed its search for evidence in the park.

Seventeen of the injured remained hospitalized this morning, three in serious condition. The FBI said it had assembled a vast array of evidence that it hoped would lead to a suspect in the bombing.

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Fulton County Sheriff Jacquelyn Barrett said the searches would be truly random; officers would not attempt to single out any particular race or age group.

In addition to fragments from the crude pipe bomb, the bureau said it had received more than 600 telephone calls offering information about the crime, plus numerous photographs and videotapes.

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Authorities said they do not yet have a suspect in the case. But Tubbs said sketch artists have drawn composite portraits based on eyewitness accounts. He said investigators needed to determine the authenticity of those sketches before releasing the sketches to the public.

The blast killed Alice Hawthorne, 44, of Albany, Ga., and led indirectly to the death of a Turkish cameraman who suffered a heart attack rushing to the scene.

Asked about the militia's complaint, Tubbs would only say: "We are accepting information from anyone and anywhere. If we think the information is credible, we follow up on it."

Police said when John Hawthorne rushed to Atlanta after hearing his wife had been killed and their daughter injured by the bomb, the Hawthornes' house was burglarized. A neighbor said a VCR and TV set were taken.

Tubbs spoke at an afternoon news conference. He was joined by Atlanta Police Chief Beverly Harvard, who was grilled about a seemingly sluggish response to the 911 call.

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Population study suggests trouble ahead for state economy

DALLAS (AP) - Barring fundamental changes, Texas will be overrun by poverty and have millions more minimally skilled workers and people on welfare by the year 2030, according to a new study of demographic trends.

According to the study, Texas' population will grow nearly 80 percent - to 33.8 million - over the next 34 years. Hispanics will be responsible for nearly all that growth, comprising 46 percent of the state's population, up from about 29 percent now.

The study, dubbed "Texas Challenged," was prepared for the Legislature by the Texas State Data Center at Texas A&M University. It's the most comprehensive look ever at the effects of demographic change in Texas.

The report also finds that education costs will increase sharply, along with welfare enrollment and the prison population. Average wages, meanwhile, will be down.

A copy of the study was obtained by The Dallas Morning News, which published the results in Sunday editions.

Steve Murdock, director of the data center, said the results mean Texas must do something to remove the barriers now facing minorities.

Experts say the report reflects troubling trends because Texas isn't doing enough to increase opportunities for minorities even though they will play a dominant role in the state's future over the coming decades.

Murdock stressed that his 1,000-page study, which took three years to compile, is intended to present a possible future for Texas - not a forecast - if no changes are made and if demographic trends remain constant.

As a result, Texas in the year 2030 could be a dismal place, with a poorly educated and unskilled work force that will make the state uncompetitive in an increasingly global marketplace.

The report does not take into account possible changes in the economy, federal laws or funding, water supply or technology. Any of those factors could alter population patterns.

"We have a time bomb here," University of North Texas economist Bernard Weinstein told the newspaper.

Murdock said that's the state's foremost challenge.

"If the up-and-coming work force does not have the requisite skills or language ability, we are looking at a lost generation. They are going to either put into the system or draw on the system."

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Political risks overseas include kidnappings in Colombia, political repression in Burma and border disputes in the South China Sea.

Back home, American companies must deal with abrupt legislative changes by Washington lawmakers.

"Folks in countries aren't pots of water that boil at the same temperature," said Terry Hallmark, manager of political risk and policy assessment for Petroconsultants in Houston.

Also, Royal Dutch/Shell Group has operated in Nigeria for nearly 60 years. But an international firestorm over human rights issues had some groups vainly calling for the giant company to withdraw.

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Bad Joke Quickly Twirls Out of Prankster's Control

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago I wrote you using the name of a dear friend and longtime prankster, Michael Deibele of Portland, Ore. In it, "he" was writing about his hobby, baton twirling, and the fact he was receiving flak about it.

I, not Michael Deibele, wrote that letter. I thought that people who know Mike would read it, think it was funny (obviously a joke) and no one would be the wiser. I intended to use this harmless prank as a way of getting back at him for years of practical jokes.

Instead, my friend Mike has received homophobic crank calls and a lot of unwanted attention from the media. I feel terrible about this!

Abby, I need to clear up this situation, take blame where blame is due and apologize. I hope you will print my letter.

JULIE WILBORN,
PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR JULIE: You have shown maturity by writing to set the record straight. Your letter illustrates the danger of practical jokes, the consequences of which can sometimes mushroom.

Since I published your original letter, I've been reminded that there exists an outdated public perception that certain activities are "masculine" or "feminine," and those who cross over and enjoy them are suspect. For example: Needlepoint has long been regarded as a



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

woman's hobby. But Rosie Grier does it, and can hardly be classified as effeminate — nor should male surgeons who sometimes do needlepoint to keep their fingers strong and nimble.

Professional dancing has been similarly classified. But no one would label Fred Astaire, Gene Kelly, Mikhail Baryshnikov or Patrick Swayze "gay." The same goes for male hairdressers — and anyone who doubts it should rent a video of the cult favorite, "Shampoo."

It is estimated that up to 10 percent of the population is homosexual. Homosexuals are represented in every profession, sport and hobby, whether they choose to disclose it or not.

But I digress: Until this unfortunate incident, Michael Deibele told me, he was unaware of the extent to which homophobia has blossomed in the USA of the '90s. It should be unnecessary for Mike to explain

that baton twirling is not and never has been a hobby of his, that it was a figment of your fertile imagination, and that he is the victim of a practical joke. Not only have there been homophobic phone calls, but also calls from male friends who assure him, "We're with you all the way" with a knowing chuckle, and numerous calls from the national media asking to interview him about "his hobby."

I apologize to Mr. Deibele for the part I unwittingly played in this unfortunate incident. And in the future, I am asking readers who want their letters to be published to include a phone number that I can use for verification.

Practical joking is a hobby that both of you should discontinue. He who lives by the sword dies by the sword.

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Horoscope



Tuesday, July 30, 1996

An exciting year ahead could be in store for you and chance could play a role in tailoring your objectives. You will like the new patterns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Try not to make decisions on your own today without getting input from the other people involved. An error is less likely to occur if you act as a unit. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, guard against the inclination to do things in a manner which could make it more difficult for you to accomplish your objectives.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Unnecessary complications might occur today if you get involved too closely with an abrasive friend who wants to dominate the situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Major changes that affect your life should not be initiated today without your mate's consent. He or she must be in complete agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, if you criticize others, don't be shocked when you realize that you will not be insulated from their barbs as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to remain alert and cautious in your commercial affairs today. You might think that you are stronger, but the other guy will actually have the edge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you negotiate a deal today, prepare to make some concessions on vital issues. If a

compromise isn't achieved, prolonged bargaining is probable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Continued neglect of a significant matter will be an unwise policy to pursue today. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to handle later.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Independence is an enviable asset, but don't abuse it or carry it to extremes today. The majority will not let you get away with this kind of behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you behave poorly today, others will mimic you and this could taint your image. You must use caution when you are out in public.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You might unknowingly do or say something today to a sensitive person whose support you need now. Try to be extra careful.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you get drawn into a friend's complicated affairs today, you might have to spend some of your money. Do not butt into situations in which you do not belong.

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"We won another gold medal, Daddy. Stand up for the nashnul anfum!"



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"That table makes a pretty good chin rest, huh, Marmaduke?"

The Family Circus



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Marmaduke



Grizzwells



Alley Oop



Peanuts



For Better or For Worse



Arlo & Janis



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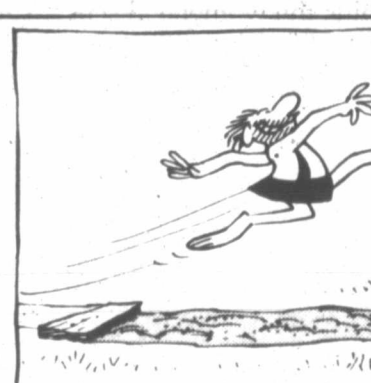
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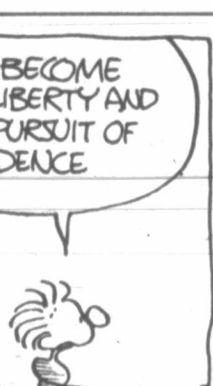
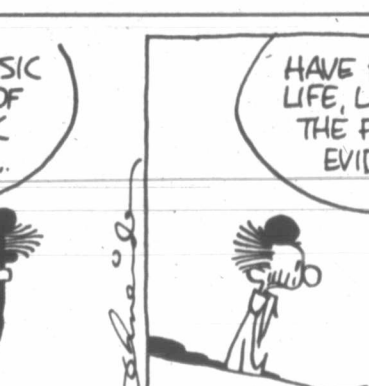
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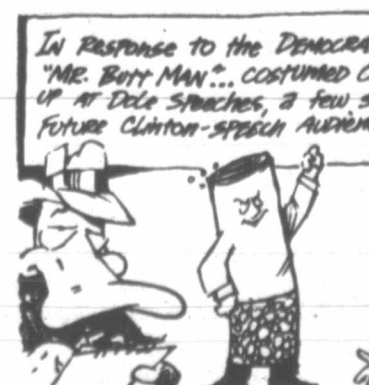
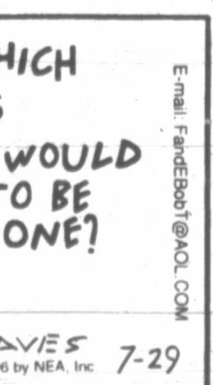
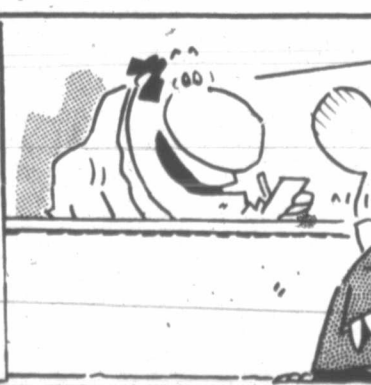
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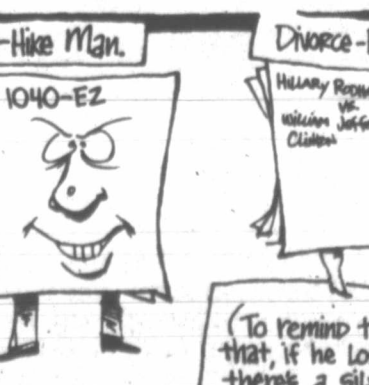
The Born Loser



Frank & Ernest



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China detonates nuclear blast on eve of talks, promises no more tests

BEIJING (AP) — China today conducted a nuclear test that it promised would be its last. The blast came hours before international negotiators were to begin discussing a global ban on nuclear testing.

China's state-run Xinhua News Agency reported the test was successful, but gave no details. China tests nuclear weapons in the desert at Lop Nor in northwestern Xinjiang province.

China announced it would join a moratorium on further testing as of Tuesday, a move it said "is not only a response to the appeal of the vast number of non-nuclear weapon states, but also a concrete action to promote nuclear disarmament."

In a statement, the government also urged other nuclear weapons states to reduce their stockpiles and stop deploying

nuclear weapons outside their borders.

Australia's Nuclear Monitoring Group said the test occurred at 9:49 a.m. Beijing time (9:49 p.m. Sunday EDT) and registered a magnitude of 4.3.

Ken Muirhead, the head of the group, said the test was a fairly small explosion with a yield of one to five kilotons.

"That's probably about a quarter of the size of the Hiroshima explosion," Muirhead said, adding "it was among the smallest China has conducted since about 1980."

China conducted its last nuclear test on June 8. That underground blast was at least the 44th detected at Lop Nor since testing began there in 1964.

China said at that time it would test its atomic arsenal just once more before September and would then join an inter-

national ban on such explosions. China is the only acknowledged nuclear power still conducting nuclear tests since France concluded its widely condemned tests in the South Pacific.

China insists it has only a limited number of nuclear weapons and they are strictly for self defense. It is believed to have the smallest arsenal of all the nuclear powers, with about 250 to 300 nuclear warheads.

The other known nuclear powers are the United States, Britain, France and Russia, although Israel, India and Pakistan are believed to have a nuclear capability.

The 61-nation Conference on Disarmament resumes negotiations on a global testing ban today in Geneva. China and India have been withhold-

ing approval of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. A key Chinese concern has been how the proposed treaty will trigger on-site inspections of suspected violators.

In Geneva today, Chinese negotiator Sha Zukang told reporters news of the test should be welcomed "because China's testing is over."

The test, he said, coincided with the resumption of talks "just to show that China is very positive toward the negotiations and we want the treaty before September."

Sha also said China intends to demand changes in the proposed treaty. He wasn't specific about China's objections, but said the current proposal is "a very sound basis for further consultations and negotiations."

Foreign Minister Qian Qichen told U.S.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Jakarta, Indonesia, last week that Beijing was ready to work closely with Washington to resolve remaining objections to the treaty, U.S. officials said.

India wants the accord to commit the nuclear powers to getting rid of their arsenals.

China made a similar appeal in its statement today, which said:

—Major nuclear powers should abandon the policy of nuclear deterrence and "drastically reduce" their stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

—The declared nuclear powers should all pledge not to be the first to use nuclear weapons under any circumstances. They also should not threaten to use the weapons against countries that do not have them.

Movie director's real life horror video

INDIO, Calif. (AP) — The video had gore, cheesecake and incredibly bad production values — all typical elements of such Al Adamson drive-in movie fare as *Five Bloody Graves* or *Horror of the Blood Monsters*.

But this footage was from "People's Exhibit One" — real-life courtroom evidence depicting the 10-hour exhumation of Adamson's own body from a hole where his Jacuzzi used to be.

Adamson's former handyman has been bound over for trial on murder charges in a case that reeks of life-imitates-bad art irony: a director of horror and exploitation films being exploited and horribly killed himself.

Fred Fulford, 47, who once

supervised the removal of Adamson's hot tub, has pleaded innocent and will be arraigned Aug. 8 in this sizzling desert town near Palm Springs.

In the video, police using jackhammers, picks and shovels, dug through Spanish tile, up to 2 feet of solid concrete, a layer of cinderblocks, a foot of dirt and a 1-inch layer of concrete.

At the bottom of the pit was Adamson's nude body, partially decomposed and resembling a mummy. The body had been wrapped in a linen sheet or comforter and buried face down. Rumors that he had been buried alive proved untrue; the coroner said the cause of death was a smashed skull.

Rain aids firefighters battling twin blazes

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Fire crews contained two blazes in the Sierra Nevada with the help of a steady drizzle, while authorities surrounded a 14,400-acre blaze in the northern part of the state.

A fire near Coleville, Calif., was contained at 670 acres Sunday with help from the wet weather. The blaze was expected to be under control later today.

North of that blaze, the Maddalena fire burning in the Plumas National Forest was contained at 5,000 acres, spokeswoman Nina Stone said Sunday.

A fire is considered contained when it doesn't grow in size.

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Control means it is out. Nearly 900 firefighters battled the blaze in grass, sagebrush and scattered pine trees. The blaze was sparked Thursday near the eastern Sierra community of Beckwourth, Calif., by a metal-bladed weed cutter.

In north central Nevada, firefighters surrounded a 14,400-acre wildland fire near McDermitt on the Nevada-Oregon line as well as a 300-acre blaze 63 miles south of Winnemucca. Both were triggered by lightning.

Gas prices drop another penny a gallon

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The average cost of a gallon of gas at

the nation's gasoline pumps dropped more than a penny over the past two weeks, according to a survey.

The average price of gas, including all grades and taxes,

was \$1.32 a gallon on Friday — a 1.11 cent drop since July 12, said Tribby Lundberg, whose Lundberg Survey monitors prices at 10,000 gas stations nationwide.

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