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Steers

Two Big Spring Steer baseball players have been named to the 2-4A All-District first team. For details, please see page 1B.

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Spring board

How's that? Flood

Q. Where do we have the greatest flood losses occurred in the United States?
A. In the Mississippi River Valley, according to the Associated Press.

Calendar Graduation

TODAY
Sands High School will conduct its commencement exercises at 8 p.m.
Water will be off 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 11th Place from Nolan to Austin Streets, on Nolan Street from 11th Place to 10th Street, and on Goliad Street from 11th Place to Eighth Street, to tie in new lines.
SATURDAY
A cemetery work day has been scheduled in Coahoma, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Coahoma Cemetery. Lunch is to be furnished and workers are asked to bring tools.
The Humane Society will sponsor a tick dip in the parking lot of the First National Bank, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Items for the Spring board calendar must be community-wide events to be included and will be listed no more than one week in advance. Send such notices to: Spring board, Big Spring Herald, Box 1431, Big Spring. Club notices will be printed in the "Bulletin Board" section of the Sunday Herald.

Tops on TV "Hot Summer"

Don Johnson, Jason Robards. Drifter Ben Quick's actions continue to divide the Varner family and the local townspeople as he is suspected of both arson and murder, at 8 p.m. on Channel 13.
"Moonlighting," at 8 p.m. on Channel 2.
"College World Series," 7 p.m. on Channel 3.

Closures of roads minimal

There are no road closures in Howard County, but U.S. Highway 87 in Dawson County remains under approximately three feet of water, Highway Department officials report.
Howard County Road Supervisor Clifford Hart said today that all county roads are open. He did say that a section of Midway Road just north of the railroad track had steep shoulders, but the road department had barricades placed at the most treacherous spots.
County officials reported that traffic can pass on Highway 846, where a bridge was reported collapsed near Knott.
All state roads in the county remain open, and Johnnie Moore of the Highway Department said that he does not foresee any closures in the near future.
The situation is not as good in Dawson County, according to Randall Dillard of the Highway Department's Lubbock office.
Dillard said that a section of Highway 87 between Lamesa and O'Donnell remains under about three feet of water and will be closed for at least several more days.
He said that the Highway Department is urging motorists to avoid north Dawson County if at all possible.



A portion of the shoulder on Midway Road, approximately two miles north of the railroad tracks, has been slowly eaten away from rain runoff. Barricades have been placed on the road, officials report.

Negotiators recommend Rural/Metro

By SPENCER SANDOW
Staff Writer

A city and county committee decided this morning to recommend Rural/Metro ambulance company to replace Lee Ambulance. A report will go to City Council and County Commissioners for final approval, although no date was set.
Included in the motion is a plan to use trained firefighters as backup in case of emergency and to have an additional ambulance at the downtown fire station for that purpose.
The officials also agreed the city would pay 55 percent of the subsidy and the county 45 percent. The city currently pays 60 percent and the county 40 percent.
City Councilmen agreed to consider prohibiting rival transfer services in Big Spring.
Number of ambulances on duty and other questions were addressed at the meeting.
A committee organized Monday to negotiate with Rural/Metro and Texas EMS ambulance companies met at the courthouse with the company representatives and the ambulance advisory committee. City Councilmen Johnny Ruther-

ford and Russ McEwen, and County Commissioners Bill Crooker and Louis Brown are on the negotiation committee.
The officials expressed interest in having firefighters trained as basic life support backup personnel in case of a disaster.
City Manager Mack Wofford said such a plan hasn't been developed, but he suggested higher pay to as an incentive to firefighters to participate.
Rutherford estimated implementation of the program would cost \$18,000 to \$20,000, for equipment, personnel and training.
Tracy Skeen, Rural/Metro vice president of health care, said the company could provide an additional ambulance unit and insurance for the firefighters' use for \$12,000 a year.
Both companies' representatives expressed concern that another company not be allowed to operate a transfer service in Big Spring. Skeen said it's difficult for an ambulance company to make a profit without transfer business.
Officials said they understood Lee Ambulance intends to continue its transfer service contract with RECOMMEND page 2A

Legal questions raised in ambulance bidding

By SPENCER SANDOW
Staff Writer

Issues of fairness, improprieties in negotiations and legality of actions by local officials have been raised concerning the handling of ambulance service proposals.
The local firefighters' union has threatened legal action against the city and county if officials continue to pursue an ambulance bid that it contends should be disqualified.
Paul Brown, secretary/treasurer of the Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association, said Monday afternoon that he contacted the union's lawyer and

has informed City Attorney Hardy Wilkerson of the union's position.
Wilkerson and County Attorney Tim Yeats take issue with Brown's position.
Rural Metro ambulance company's bid should be disqualified because it does not meet the specifications, Brown said. The company's proposal calls for one ambulance on duty 24 hours daily, another staffed 10 hours daily, five days a week and a third on call 24 hours daily.
The specifications, under the Vehicles heading, state: "Two active and one backup units will be

dedicated by the contractor for exclusive use in contract emergency response," Brown noted.
City Manager Mack Wofford said because ambulance service is a professional service, it falls under a different set of rules. He said proposals, not bids, were sought, and thus the city's actions are proper.
Wofford further said the difference is one of interpretation of the specifications.
County Attorney Tim Yeats and City Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said local governments don't have to follow bidding procedures for ambulance services, according to a

1971 Attorney General's opinion.
Furthermore, ambulance services would fall under a Texas Civil Statutes rule that exempts public health and safety services from the bidding procedures, the two said.
County Judge Milton Kirby questions the fairness of negotiating terms with the company.
"They didn't follow the specifications," he said, adding that should have disqualified the company.
"They're not even supposed to consider it," Kirby added.
He said accepting less than specified from one company while asking others to meet the specifica-

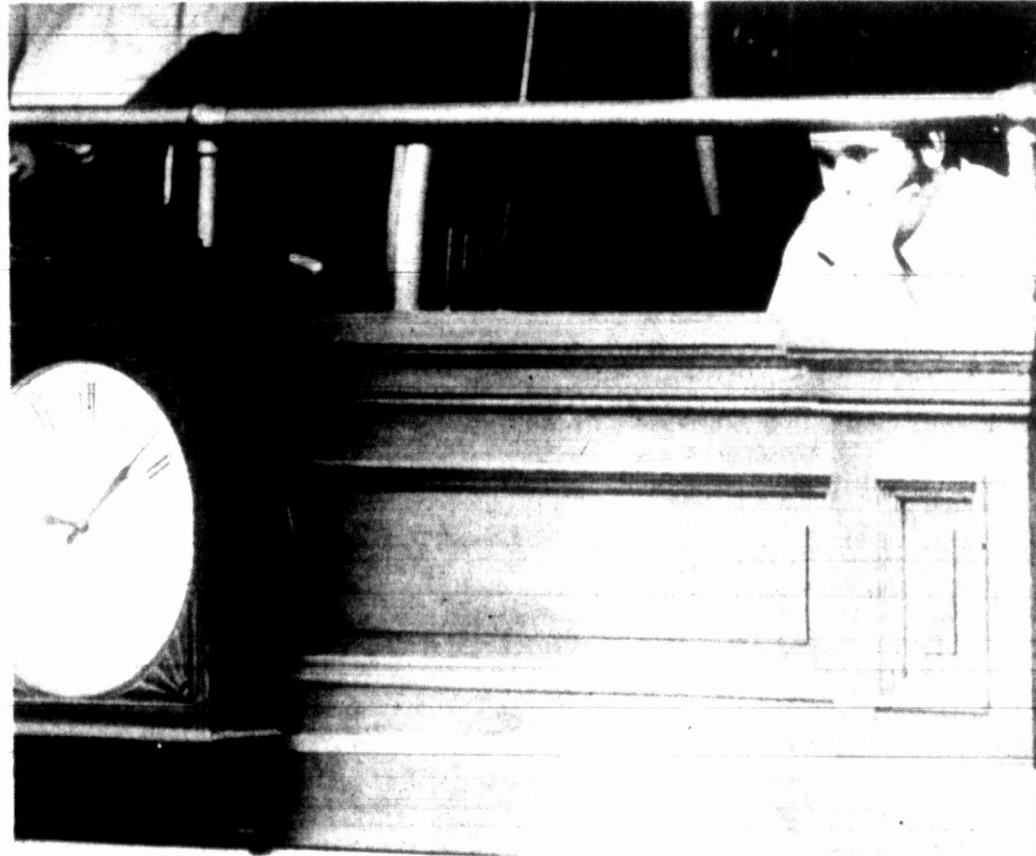
tions is unfair, and he plans to so inform the two County Commissioners appointed to the negotiating committee.
The county should threaten to withhold payment on a contract it disagrees with in this matter, an opposing bidder advised.
Glenn Pratt, president of First Responder ambulance company, Sanger, said he informed Kirby that he was given that advice by representatives of the Texas Attorney General's office.
Pratt alleged illegalities and improprieties have been committed LEGAL page 2A

Shaw: District stands to lose in budget war

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Independent School District could lose \$544,322 in state aid next year for public education if Gov. Bill Clements' budget proposal is adopted, says 69th District Rep. Larry Don Shaw.
Legislators failed to adopt Clements' budget and will meet in special session June 22 to continue to hammer out a state budget.
Shaw said he's warning superintendents, school board members and county officials that Gov. Bill Clements' budget could result in higher local property taxes.
Shaw sent letters to officials along with figures estimating the reduction in state aid for public schools under governor's proposed plan.
The governor "has embarked upon a media program to convince Texans that his budget will not require cuts in existing state services, and that no increase in local

property taxes will result should his budget proposal be adopted," Shaw said.
"These statements by the governor are inaccurate," Shaw said.
The governor, he said, has understated current expenses by more than \$1.5 billion, which could result in some \$551.5 million in reduced state aid for public education.
In Big Spring, Shaw estimates that would result in \$127 less aid per student in 1988 and \$135 less per student in 1989.
Average daily attendance is projected at 4,286 for the fiscal year 1988 and at 4,325 for 1989.
It's difficult to estimate enrollment in the Permian Basin, said Big Spring Superintendent-elect Bill McQueary, but he said Shaw's estimates appear accurate.
McQueary said he agrees with the representative's concerns.
The Big Spring school board is against Clements' budget proposal, he said.



Russell Wilson, a political science major at Trinity Lutheran College studies the Senate while the clock ticks off the final three hours of the 1987 Legislature — which ended officially at midnight. Legislators returned today for a short special session.

Lawmakers busy as session ends, another begins

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Legislature ended its regular session without a budget or action on several other issues, but Gov. Bill Clements early today called an immediate special session to deal with one — civil justice reform.
When the midnight Monday deadline arrived, lawmakers ended their 140-day session without passing a budget for the first time in 26 years.
A Senate filibuster, meanwhile, killed a bill that would reform the state's civil justice system.
"After much deliberation and with the solid recommendations of the lieutenant governor and the speaker, we will meet again in the morning at 11 o'clock to consider tort reform. So there you are," Clements announced about 1:20 a.m.
Clements said legislative leaders had told him the tort reform issue could be settled in one or two days, and that is all this special session will deal with.
However, still facing a 1988-89 deficit projected at \$5.8 billion, lawmakers also will meet in special session on June 22 for more budget work, the governor said.
"Everybody has to realize that the fun and games situation is over. We're going to get down to serious NEW SESSION page 2A

Garden City SSC site backers seek public support

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

Garden City supercollider supporters are seeking public support this week for submitting the Garden City site proposal independently to the Department of Energy.
Board members of the Garden City SSC Commission met in executive session in Midland Monday afternoon to discuss that proposal.
The decision to seek public support for a direct DOE proposal came in response to the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission's denial Friday

of the Garden City group's appeal.
The Commission also denied the appeals submitted by representatives of a site north of Houston, a Houston-Beaumont site and an El Paso site in favor of its original selection of Dallas and Amarillo sites.
"We decided we needed to go back to the communities and see what support there is" for a direct proposal to DOE, Garden City SSC Commission Chairman Ralph McLaughlin said.
McLaughlin said Monday that he plans to seek support from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, industrial

organizations, and city and county officials.
Representatives from Midland, Odessa and San Angelo also are seeking support from their respective chambers and others interested in the project.
"We've had some people call us about it this morning," Elizabeth Taylor, manager of the convention and visitors bureau at the Big Spring Chamber, said today.
Local residents can indicate their support by calling the Chamber at 283-7641, she said.
The Big Spring Industrial Foundation

met today and expressed support for submitting the proposal directly to the DOE, executive vice president of the Chamber, LeRoy Tillery said.
"We just haven't decided to what extent we will back it," Tillery said.
He said the Foundation discussed four options: Sending the proposal as is, with minor "cosmetic work," with a more detailed engineering report, or with an extensive engineering study.
"We feel like we ought to submit it," McLaughlin said of the Garden City proposal.
The proposal could be submitted with

little additional cost, he said. But he added that some additional work may enhance the proposal and might increase the chances of DOE choosing the site.
The Garden City group also considered two engineering studies completed within the past week that estimated costs of submitting a proposal, Project Manager Thane Akins said today.
DMJM Engineering of Los Angeles estimated it would cost \$100,000 to \$500,000 to prepare a proposal for DOE. And ICF Technologies of Washington, D.C., estimated the cost at \$150,000 to \$200,000, Akins said.

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Child drowns in lake

FORT WORTH — A 22-month-old child drowned when his stroller rolled into Lake Arlington, police say.

Aaron J. Young plunged into the lake's southern tip after a brake on the stroller failed, authorities said.

A Fort Worth fireman learned after arriving at the scene for a rescue attempt that the victim was his second cousin.

Fort Worth Fire Department spokesman Tommy Ryan said the child had been left in the stroller on the bank while his parents were fishing nearby.

"When the stroller went into the water, it disappeared," Ryan said. He said Robert Young, the child's father, jumped into the water to try to save his son, but he couldn't swim.

Janet Young, the child's mother, dived into the water and was able to pull her husband to safety and make a futile search for the child, Ryan said. The water at the scene ranged in depth from 9 to 15 feet, he added.

Divers found the body of the child, still strapped in the stroller, after he had been submerged for about 30 minutes, Jackson said.

Group wants alcoholic

SAN ANTONIO — The Fire and Police Civil Service Commission wants to bend the rules to let an admitted recovering alcoholic back on the police force, but city officials don't want the officer back in a police car.

Patrolman Guadalupe Diaz admitted to the commission Monday that he was intoxicated and almost unconscious when he was found slumped over in his patrol car last Dec. 1.

The incident led to his eighth suspension in his 17-year career on the San Antonio police force. Previous offenses included pulling a weapon on a fellow officer, speeding and driving while intoxicated, officials said.

Police Chief William O. Gibson recommended in December that Diaz be fired.

Commission Chairman Mayo Galindo suggested a legal agreement be drawn up allowing the commission to postpone its decision, but letting Diaz return to work. Under such an agreement, if Diaz went into a relapse, he would be fired.

The commission will reconsider the case in two weeks to give the chief a chance to respond.

Texan electrocuted at job

KELLOGG, Idaho — A Texas man who was electrocuted as he helped load pipe onto a truck at the closed Bunker Hill smelter apparently tried to jump off the truck to avoid falling power lines, Kellogg police said.

Eric A. Anderson, 31, of Irving, Texas, was killed Friday night when the power lines fell onto the truck, police said.

He was one of three men clearing pipe from the property. The power lines apparently fell after they were struck by the boom of a crane used to pick up the pipe, police said.

State park motel in use

AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

ment is asking people with June reservations at a motel in the Balmorhea State Recreation Area to give up their rooms for victims of the Saragosa tornado.

Mike Henderson, Balmorhea park ranger, said everyone contacted at the San Solomon Springs Courts motel so far has been "very cooperative and understanding."

"We are refunding their reservation fee or rescheduling the room for a later date. Most people say, 'I wouldn't want to put one of those families out,'" Henderson said.

The Balmorhea park is about 12 miles from Saragosa, where 29 people died and more than 100 were injured in the tornado last month.

The San Solomon Springs Court has 18 rooms, and officials said as soon as the rooms were vacated by guests, the rooms were used to house victims and rescue workers.

Man charged in stabbing

FORT WORTH — A parolee charged with capital murder in the hijacking of a city bus and stabbing death of a passenger will face attempted murder charges in the wounding of the driver, police said.

Murder charges were filed Monday against Emanuel Kemp Jr., 21, of Fort Worth, who had been on parole for about two weeks, said Homicide Detective Curt Brannan, investigator in charge of the case.

Kemp was in Tarrant County Jail Monday night under \$750,000 bond, Brannan said.

Late Wednesday, a passenger armed with a knife forced the bus driver, David Jeanfreau, to drive to a park near downtown.

At the park the man told the bus driver to get out of the bus. He then sexually assaulted Johnnie Gray, 34, the only remaining passenger. The woman later died of stab wounds.

Lawmakers OK AIDS bill

AUSTIN — Legislation to allow quarantining of AIDS patients who pose a public health threat is on its way to Gov. Bill Clements for his signature or veto.

The House and Senate approved the bill shortly before adjourning their regular session Monday. But the compromise adopted stripped the bill of an earlier proposal to require couples to take an AIDS test to get a marriage license.

The bill does require a premarital AIDS test if the statewide overall positive rate on AIDS tests hits 0.87 percent. It is now 0.01 percent.

The House, in a 108-37 vote, wrapped up legislative work on the bill less than three hours before the regular session was to adjourn at midnight. Senators approved the bill, which now goes to Gov. Bill Clements, earlier in the day.

Man rams car in anger

DALLAS — A man who apparently became angry because the food he ordered from a fast food restaurant wasn't delivered to him fast enough rammed his automobile into a railing at the restaurant, police said.

Officers said David Luxton, 29, of Dallas was arrested on a criminal mischief charge after he rammed his car into the railing at a McDonald's Restaurant Sunday.



Tort reform

State Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, argues against passage of tort reform bills during the final moments of the regular legislative session Monday night in Austin.

Houston valedictorian suspended

HOUSTON (AP) — The valedictorian of Kingwood High School won't be addressing his classmates during commencement exercises today after he was suspended for hiring a stripper to entertain a teacher, a school spokeswoman says.

"I don't want to be represented as someone who's bitter about this," said Mike Woosley, 18. "But I think their (school officials) actions are a little bit ludicrous."

"I think it's purely political," Woosley said. "I've been a sparkplug all year. I don't fit the mold of conservative Kingwood. I think they didn't trust me to speak at the graduation."

Woosley also was stripped of his valedictorian title, Humble Independent School District spokeswoman Karen Collier said Monday.

The student was suspended for six days because he violated the rules, Ms. Collier said. He will not be able to take his final examinations as scheduled or attend commencement exercises, she said.

The high-ranking student was supposed to address his senior class of 640 during commencement exercises at 8 p.m. tonight.

Fellow students think the suspension is too harsh and have vowed to boycott the ceremonies. A petition to allow Woosley to participate in graduation ceremonies was started at a student party Saturday, said

Defense rests case in sex-for-leniency

FORT WORTH — Defense attorneys wrapped up their case in the federal sex-for-leniency trial of a state judge and two court officials without calling any of the men to testify.

Attorneys were scheduled to begin preparing instructions for the jury today and closing arguments could be heard as soon as Wednesday.

Defense attorneys for State District Judge Tom Cave, 57, attorney Ronald Aultman, 70, and bail bondsman Dorsey Adams, 80, did not call the three defendants to the stand before resting their case Monday.

The three are on trial on charges accusing them of violating the civil rights of women defendants by attempting to coerce them into having sex with Cave in exchange for leniency in his court.

In testimony Monday, Cave's son Paul testified he drove a woman to an Arlington motel to meet his father. He said that after his father entered the room he drank a glass of water, smoked a cigarette and then left for an hour or two.

The younger Cave was called by the prosecution to supplement testimony he gave last week. He was accompanied by a court-appointed attorney and testified under a special grant of immunity from the prosecution. U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson signed an order Monday requiring him to testify.

The son said the encounter occurred in approximately 1981. He said he couldn't recall the woman's name, where he picked her up, how he got to the hotel, the name of the hotel or what time of year it was. He also said he didn't remember what his father and the woman were doing when he left the room.

Judge Cave's attorneys rested their case after calling 28 witnesses to the stand. Adams' attorneys did not call any witnesses. Aultman's attorneys had planned to call him as a witness but changed their minds because, said attorney Jerry Loftin, "we're just tired."



Associated Press photo

Wayne Whitted pulls a canoe onto dry ground after evacuating his trailer home near the banks of the Wichita River in Wichita Falls. The river crested Monday, causing flooding in several areas of town. Swollen creeks postponed the start of filling what will be one of Texas' largest lakes, but floods likely will have receded later this week in time for Wichita Falls to turn on its new waterfall.

Storm damage may run into millions

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — As South Texas dries out from a deluge of severe weekend thunderstorms that inundated many areas and trapped dozens of people in rising floodwaters, officials are reporting damage in some areas could soar into the millions of dollars.

Bandera County Judge Ray

Mauer said damage from the storms could top \$1 million.

Mauer said about 36 families suffered damage to their homes because of rising water.

Damage to county roads could cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000 to repair and a county bridge also needs major repairs, he said.

Residents in Kinney County continued to clean up after thunderstorms dumped more than 7 inches of rain Sunday.

Sheriff Norman Hooten said damage from floodwaters that routed a hundred residents from their homes will be in the "thousands of dollars."

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Opinion

Skeptics hurt amnesty work

What if America threw an amnesty party and nobody came?

The turnout at legalization centers across the United States on the first day of amnesty, May 5, was closer to a trickle than a flood.

For those who expected thousands of people to rush in for freedom, it was a disappointment.

For those who predicted a melee, it was a relief.

Many more people came to get forms than to deliver them. Thousands already have preregistered. But the low turnout can't be explained away. It should be taken seriously.

Are undocumented families afraid to come into the offices? Do they know about the amnesty? Are people telling them to beware — it's a ploy to deport them?

Some Chicano leaders are advocating that the undocumented *not* legalize. One leader said, "In my opinion there is no amnesty; just a massive ripoff." He claims amnesty is a way for government, lawyers and doctors to fleece poor undocumented people of "from \$2 billion to \$7 billion" and then to deport them.

Dan Munoz, publisher of the Spanish-language newspaper, *La Prensa San Diego*, says his newspaper won't encourage the undocumented to come out of hiding and register, because he suspects they will be rounded up and deported.

In Los Angeles, the Spanish language newspaper *La Opinion* and the *Los Angeles Times* printed a joint guide for legalization.

Chicano leaders' views are sincere. They show the deep distrust of the Immigration and Naturalization Service among some Hispanics.

The anger comes from a bitter history, dating back, in the view of some, to the conquest of Mexico City by American troops, which resulted in the incorporation of one-third of Mexico's territory into the United States.

Instead of immigration reform, Munoz wants the government to honor the rights of the conquered Mexicans living in U.S. territory, as stated by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848.

History is bitter for conquered people. Past injustice also is a convenient way to hide from a more complicated present reality. But, in our view, immigration reform is about the future, not the past.

The people who could benefit from amnesty are not vocal. Until now, illegal aliens haven't had freedom of speech, because by speaking out they would have identified themselves for deportation.

Nevertheless, they do write letters to congressmen and do call the newspaper. They earnestly want amnesty.

If responsible people tell aliens that the government is only out to catch and deport them, then they will not apply. Representatives from Catholic Community Services viewed the initial legalization process and were impressed that the Immigration and Naturalization Service truly is committed to amnesty. That is our view.

Skeptics about amnesty should go to the legalization centers and check them before urging the undocumented not to apply.

One month of the one-year application period already has passed.

Constitution Daybook

From The Associated Press
Saturday, June 2, 1987
PHILADELPHIA TODAY
The day dawned cloudy with rain toward evening and so cool that brewer Thomas Morris might "there must be frost. Fire seems necessary."

Jonathan Penrose, vice president of the Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, signed the Society's engrossed petition asking the Constitutional Convention to consider stopping the slave trade. The petition was not sent.

CONFEDERATION TODAY
Again, only three states were represented in the Congress, so it could not meet.

CONVENTION TODAY
William Samuel Johnson, of Connecticut, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, of Maryland, and John Lansing Jr., of New York, took their seats.

Resolved into a committee of the whole, the delegates debated on the executive. James Wilson (Pa.) moved to divide the states into districts, and have the people (that is, adult, white males) in each district elect electors who in turn would elect the president.

Elbridge Gerry (Mass.), like Wilson, opposed election by the national legislature but thought Wilson's plan too much of an innovation. Hugh Williamson (N.C.) couldn't see why selecting electors to choose the executive was an advantage over having the state legislatures choose him. Wilson's motion lost, 8 states to 2 (Pa. and Md.).

The committee then agreed to have the executive chosen by the national legislature for a term of seven years, and went on to discuss executive pay, removal from office, eligibility for a second term, and whether the executive should be one man or a committee.

DELEGATES TODAY
William Samuel Johnson made some visits in the morning, then took his seat in the Convention. He dined at Dennison's (the sign of St. George at Second and Arch streets) and in the evening took lodgings at City Tavern. Dennison's bill and his other daily expenses came to 15 shillings Pennsylvania lawful money.

George Washington "dined at the City Tavern with the Club and spent the evening at my own quarters."

LOOKING BACK
A Key Decision: A Salaried President

Today's Convention activities exemplified how the Convention made decisions, frequently without much debate, that have had profound consequences.

As an example, on this day the Convention discarded, without a discussion or vote, Franklin's motion that the executive (president of the United States) serve without pay.



Art Buchwald Strategies alter: Ron knew it all

By ART BUCHWALD
The White House has changed its strategy in regards to what the President knew about the contra connection and when he knew it. Originally the President didn't know anything. He didn't even know where Nicaragua is.

But now he insists he not only knew what was going on, he thought up all the ideas in the first place. Happily, the President prefers taking the credit to having to say he lost his memory.

"Well, boys, are we going to overthrow any governments today?"

"We can't do it, Mr. President, without the approval of Congress."

"Congress has no right to tell me what to do. Where is my attorney general who is so well versed in the Constitution?"

"He's being investigated by a special prosecutor for a conflict-of-interest case in the Bronx."

"I'll take full responsibility for that."

"Mr. President, you don't have to take the blame for everything that goes on during your Administration."

"I insist on it. I'm the Commander in Chief and anything that happened was my idea. You know, I was the one who encouraged Mike Deaver to go into the public relations business."

"Please, Mr. President. You're taking enough flak by sticking your neck out in the Iran-contra business."

"I'm not going to turn my back on Col. North, no matter what he's done. He is like a son to me."

"We don't expect you to deep-six Col. North."

"If he did anything illegal, which he couldn't have if he was working for me, he's still a hero. I'll make him Commandant of the Marine Corps. That will fix those wimps in Congress. I have the urge to make a speech defending my policy in Central America and then give a pardon to everyone involved in the mess."

"I'm not sure that's legal, sir."

"If it's not legal I'll say I knew it was illegal, and that's why I did it. Is there anything else I can be blamed for?"

"President Botha of South Africa is arresting thousands of blacks every day."

"That's my fault. Our foreign policy in South Africa is a mess."

"Mr. President, are you sure you want to say that?"

"Everything that happens has to be placed on my doorstep. Besides, I like to be held accountable for things when they go wrong."

"Do you want to say you're responsible for the attempted overthrow of the government in Fiji?"

"It took place on my watch. Fiji is in our back yard. This is so much more fun than saying I can't remember. Are there any CIA covert operations I can say I bollixed up?"

"Mr. President, we prefer to keep you out of covert stuff as sometimes it's better when the White House doesn't know what's going on."

"Not this President. I want to go down in history as a man who knew everything that went on during his term, including where Fawn Hall hid her notebooks."

"You really are a hands-on executive, sir."

"That's how they taught us at Warner Brothers. What else can I answer for?"

"Not much, Mr. President, unless you want to take the blame for the garbage barge off Islip, Long Island."

"Why not? Call Col. North and tell him to raise some money from the conservatives to liberate the scow."

Front-runner status giving Jackson Democrat muscle

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR
WASHINGTON — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has become the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination since Gary Hart's untimely undoing, but the political pundits have generally dismissed the Baptist preacher's new status. There's no way Jackson can win the nomination, they say.



Jack Anderson

This is probably true, but the fact remains that Jackson's rivals for the nomination are taking his front-runner status very seriously — not to say fearfully. Like the media heavies, they're convinced that Jackson won't get the nomination. But they figure — with good reason — that he might be the Democratic convention's kingmaker, able to pick the ultimate candidate.

What worries Jackson's rivals in the crowded Democratic field is the price he would demand to deliver the nomination. The vice presidential nomination would not be outside the realm of possibility.

Here's the way some astute Democratic strategists interviewed by our associate Les Whitten appraise the Jackson influence:

Jackson may bomb out in the Iowa caucus and/or the New Hampshire primary early next year, though there are some signs that he'll do well. But his showing in these warmup contests won't matter anyway, these sources say.

The reason is simple: Super Tuesday, March 8, when 13 Southern states hold their primaries. All 13 have large black populations, and Jackson already has dedicated, powerful campaign organizations in place.

He can also count on winning substantial numbers of delegates in the later primaries in big states with many black voters: Illinois, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California.

What this all boils down to is that Jackson is likely to arrive at the convention with 20 percent or more of the delegates. If, as also seems likely, two other candidates come to the convention shy of a delegate majority but close to it, Jackson is

self-help organization in Chicago, never withstood scrutiny, and blacks understandably resented the media hubbub they prompted.

Jackson's flair for the dramatic, politically shrewd gesture, which his rivals can't match, was attested by a fundraiser for another Democrat. Recalling Jackson's 1984 trip to Syria, where he won release of a black Navy pilot shot down over Lebanon, one political pro grumped: "I wouldn't be surprised to see the (bleeping) Iranians telling their puppets in Lebanon to turn over two or three of our hostages to Jackson during the primaries."

A top Jackson staffer acknowledged with some relish that this thought had crossed his mind, too.

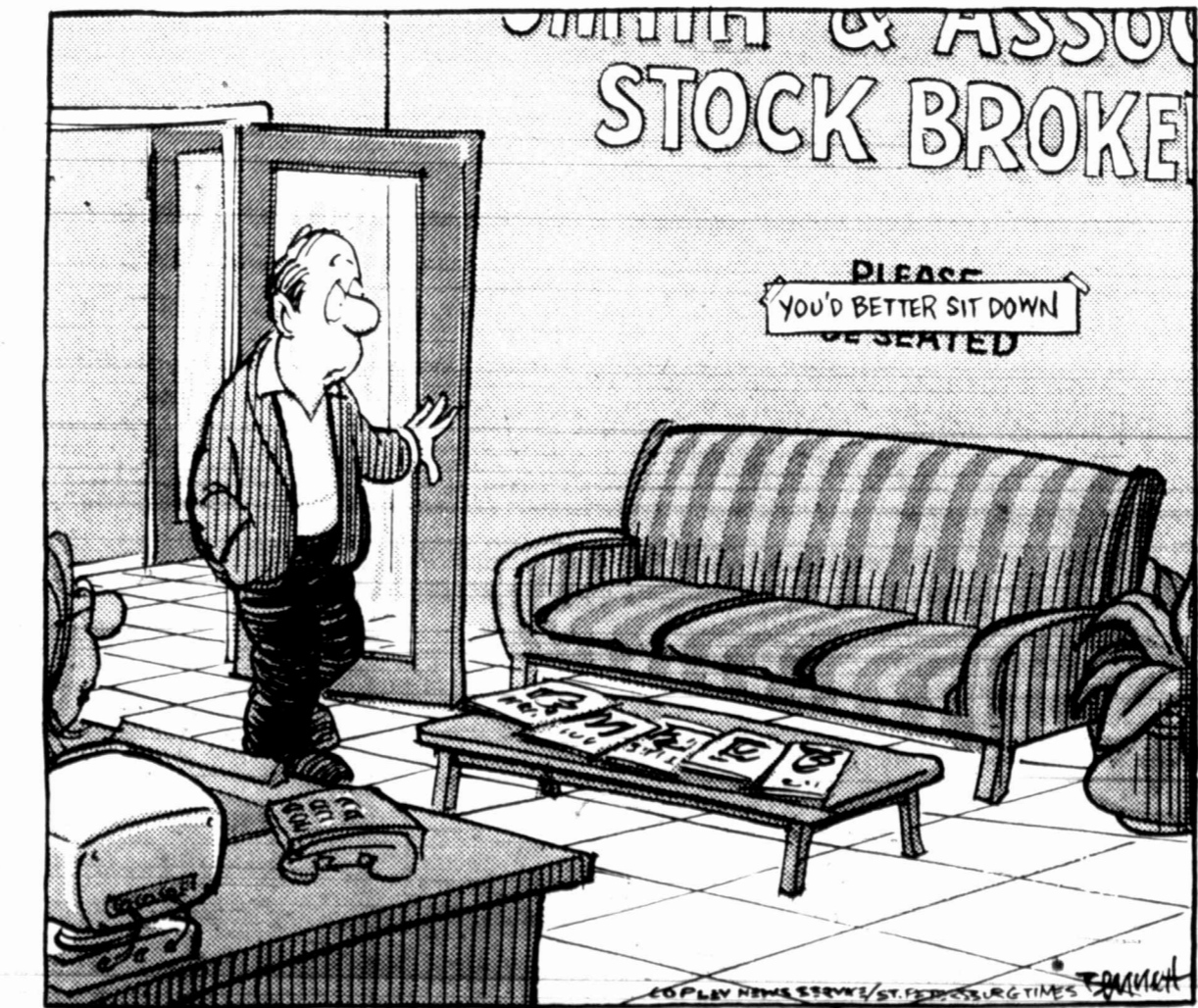
EYE ON THE ECONOMY: Congressional proposals to slap a \$10-a-barrel tax on imported oil faces stiff opposition from members of Congress from the Midwest and Northeast. They argue that consumers would pay \$3 in added fuel costs for every dollar of revenue. They point to a study that shows only Alaska, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas would benefit from the import fee, which would raise an estimated \$10 billion in revenue. A study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland concluded that "the tax would not come close to solving the budget deficit (and) when weighed against the loss of economic activity and higher prices, the tax would seem too high a price to pay."

For decades, black leaders have been the target of FBI leaks and politically inspired allegations that were never documented, and many black voters now ignore or at least discount accusations that they view as initiated by the white establishment.

We reported as far back as 1975 that Jackson, along with Dr. Martin Luther King, had been a victim of FBI snoops. Later charges that Jackson had mismanaged federal funds awarded to PUSH, his black

one thing cannot be denied: Jesse Jackson has advantages that his rivals don't have. For one thing, allegations and innuendoes that would sink them make little or no impression on Jackson's black constituency.

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Man claims no regret

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A man who walked into a city council meeting, shot the mayor dead and wounded two council members testified his only regret about the shooting was that he didn't have a better gun.

"No feeling of shame. No feeling of regret," Ralph Orin Davis said Monday as he described his decision to kill Mount Pleasant city officials in a dispute over \$350 in damage to his basement caused by a backed-up sewer line.

"That isn't much of a price to put on a man's life, is it, \$350?" said Davis, 69, of Mount Pleasant.

The defense is trying to prove to the jury that Davis was legally insane or had diminished responsibility at the time of the shootings, in part because of his experience as a prisoner of war during World War II.

Kidnap victim rescued

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — FBI agents stormed a rented house Monday and freed a man held three days by kidnapers who demanded cash and large amounts of cocaine.

Three men, alleged to be members of a Colombian drug ring, were arrested and charged with the kidnaping, which authorities said apparently stemmed from a drug deal that went bad.

The victim, 22-year-old Roger Juan Gonzalez, was found nude and handcuffed in a bathtub at the residence by FBI agents who kicked in a door to gain entrance. One of the kidnapers inside the house gave up without resistance.

James Weller, agent-in-charge of the Las Vegas FBI office, said the kidnaping was carried out after a drug deal allegedly involving the victim's father, Regilio Gonzales, went sour.

Change stuns market

NEW YORK — Stocks, bonds and the dollar tumbled today when the markets learned that economist Alan Greenspan will replace Paul Volcker as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell more than 20 points within minutes of the announcement. Other stock prices also fell broadly.

In the credit markets, the 30-year Treasury bond dropped more than one point, or \$10 per face amount. On foreign currency markets, the dollar fell sharply.

Agents to get AIDS suits

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Full-body protective garments that look something like space suits will become standard gear for state agents investigating violent crimes in order to guard against contamination by the AIDS virus, officials say.

The State Law Enforcement Division agents also will wear double-lined rubber gloves at violent-crime scenes, agency spokesman Hugh Munn said Monday.

Holocaust

Wiesel testifies at Barbie trial

By CHARLES CAMPBELL
Associated Press Writer

LYON, France (AP) — Preserving the memory of the Nazi Holocaust is crucial to building a better world, Nobel Peace laureate Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, testified today at the trial of Klaus Barbie.

"If you want to save the world, it can only be done by opening the secret and sorrowful door that is our common memory," Wiesel told a hushed courtroom.

Wiesel, 58, an author who now lives in New York, said he never before was a witness at a trial stemming from the crimes of Nazi Germany. He said, however, he felt the role of witness to the Holocaust was thrust upon him as soon as he left the Auschwitz extermination camp in occupied Poland.

"I saw myself as a witness, because the role of a survivor is to bear witness," Wiesel said, speaking in lightly accented French. "One must speak. One must bear witness. That is why this trial is so important to me."

Barbie, 73, the former Gestapo chief in Lyon, refused to attend today's court session, as he has since the third day of his trial on charges of crimes against humanity. The trial opened May 11.

Barbie is accused of arresting and torturing Jews and Resistance workers, and deporting them to Nazi death camps. He escaped prosecution after the war, working for U.S. Army intelligence, then fleeing with American help to South America. He was expelled from Bolivia in 1983 and brought to France for trial.

Wiesel won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986. He wrote 26 books of fiction and non-fiction, including "Night," a fictionalized account of his death camp experiences.

He was never in France until after World War II, and never encountered Barbie. Lawyers representing the Lyon Jewish community at the trial called Wiesel to testify as an expert who could tell the three judges and nine jurors about the Holocaust in general.

"The problem is where to begin," he said, facing judges and jurors ranged along a bench at the front of the courtroom in the Palais de Justice.

"How do you recount the night? I



Nachama Shiller, 8, and her sister Rivka, 11, view a Holocaust monument defaced by spray-paint-wielding vandals a day after it was unveiled near the Skokie, Ill. village hall Monday. The paint will be left on the statue pending the outcome of a city council meeting. Today in France, Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel said preserving the memory of the Nazi Holocaust is crucial to building a better world.

don't know," Wiesel said. "How do you recount the selection? I don't know. How do you recount the separation of a child who suddenly sees his father taken away? How do you recount the silent sorrow of a little girl too frightened to cry? I don't know."

Wiesel testified for slightly more than an hour, including a 20-minute opening statement.

The maximum penalty Barbie would face if convicted is life in prison. France abolished the death penalty.

World

By Associated Press

Tamils kill 33 in bus

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Tamil separatist guerrillas ambushed a bus in eastern Sri Lanka and fatally shot 33 people, including 29 saffron-robed Buddhist monks, the government said today.

More than 50 assailants dressed in military uniforms and armed with automatic weapons stopped the bus near a village about 125 miles east of Colombo on Monday night, a military official said. The attackers ordered the monks and four others out of the bus and shot them to death, he said.

At least 11 other bus passengers were wounded, the official said, speaking on condition he not be identified. He did not say if they were monks or lay people.

Woman turns 114

SWANSEA, Wales — How do you celebrate your birthday when you've done it 113 times before? Anna Eliza Williams, who is believed to be the oldest person in the world, is having cake and sherry when she turns 114 today.

Mrs. Williams, who lives at the Tuxedo Old People's Home in Swansea, was born on June 2, 1873, in the year Scottish explorer David Livingstone died in Africa and the Remington typewriter was invented. Queen Victoria was on the throne.

Since then, there have been five more British monarchs and 21 prime ministers have served a total of 34 terms.

Mrs. Williams has been listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest living person since Shigechiyo Izumi of Japan died Feb. 21, 1986, at age 120 and 237 days.

Soldiers shoot tires

SUVA, Fiji — Fijian soldiers today shot out the tires of a jeep in which two British diplomats were traveling after the envoys refused to let them search the vehicle, the Australian Associated Press reported.

No one was hurt, the news agency said.

It said the shooting occurred when British Consul Jim Liddell and assistant defense adviser Lt. Col. Mike Busby tried to drive away from the dock area of Suva harbor after visiting a ship.

Pilot may face long wait

BONN, West Germany — A government official said today the Soviets may hold Mathias Rust in jail for months before deciding whether to charge him for his daredevil flight to Moscow.

A newspaper, Bild, said today that the 19-year-old West German pilot was likely to draw at least one year in prison for violating Soviet airspace.

A Foreign Ministry official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Soviet authorities "are carrying out their investigation into the case now and that could take several months," though the time could be shorter.

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Lifestyle

West Texan tells about life in Panama

PANAMA CITY, Panama — In a surprise and unprovoked attack, 2,000 armed men stormed Panama City. By that evening, in 1671, Henry Morgan and his band of pirates had destroyed the city and looted enough plunder to fill the backs of 200 mules.

The New World abounded in precious metals and gems from Central and South America. The Spanish used Panama as a port to load their treasure galleons for their long and dangerous voyage home.

Since the Spanish established Panama as a trade route in 1533, many world leaders recognized the need for, and later developed, a secure and open waterway through the Isthmus of Panama.

Today, Air Force Master Sgt. George D. Rivera is helping keep this world trade route open for all nations.

Rivera, son of Steve and Candelaria Rivera, Colorado City, and son-in-law of Rosa Selvera, Grand Prairie, is a cable and antenna systems installation maintenance technician at Howard Air Force Base, Panama.

"My job is supervising seven antenna maintenance people to ensure communication links are maintained with the embassies and military facilities from Mexico City to the tip of South America," said Rivera.

"I do a lot of traveling to different countries in this region of the world. As the non-commissioned officer in charge of the antenna maintenance shop, it is my job to see that all work on the antennas is performed to specifications.



Air Force Master Sgt. George Rivera is helping keep this world trade route open for all nations. He is the son of Steve and Candelaria Rivera, Colorado City, and son-in-law of Rosa Selvera, Grand Prairie. Rivera works as a cable and antenna systems installation maintenance technician at Howard Air Force Base, Panama.

Once we install an antenna, we are responsible for the upkeep of the system, so we visit a different site each month."

Howard Air Force Base is a Tactical Air Command unit which supports the Southern Command. It is

one of five military installations in Panama.

"The mission of Howard Air Force Base is the protection of the Panama Canal. The communications group provides all the telecommunications for the base

and other government agencies."

Panama is a tiny country that for virtually all its history has been a focus of world trade. The people of Panama call their country the "Center of the World." It is an international financial center with 140 banks from around the globe.

But, Panama is also a country of tropical rain forests, white sandy beaches and modern cities — and the most complex navigational waterway in the world today.

For the military members and their families, Panama offers a variety of sights and outdoor activities.

"We arrived in Panama in January from upstate New York, and we weren't ready for the hot and humid climate here. We have no 'white Christmas' here," said Rivera.

"Most of the people are very nice, especially if you can speak Spanish, but the people that really go out of their way to make you feel welcome are in the interior of the country. The city people are proud, and it seems they are only nice when Americans are doing something for them."

"Most of the area here is jungle, and it is nice seeing so many wild animals. One nice thing about Panama is the miles and miles of beaches on both sides of the country. Swimming, boating and fishing are available all year long, however, many times you have to plan your activities around the rainy season and the dry season," explained Rivera.

Rivera is a 1970 graduate of Grand Prairie High. The sergeant and his wife, Alice, have three children: Amanda, 11; Bridgett, 8; and Kris, 6.

Woman finds her single lover leads double life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old woman who recently fell in love with a 25-year-old guy. We met at work and discovered a strong mutual attraction on both our parts. Abby, I was never so happy in my life when he told me he loved me and wanted me to be his wife. After spending almost every night together for three months, I get a phone call from his wife who is pregnant and has a 3-year-old daughter by this man.

I don't have to tell you that I was in shock. Now the question, Abby: How does a single girl know for sure if a man is lying or telling the truth when he says he is not married?

USED IN AUSTIN

DEAR USED: A single man will introduce you to some of his friends and relatives. A married man will not. A single man will probably invite you to see his house or apartment. A married man will not. A single man will give you his home telephone number and address. A married man will not.

There's a lesson to be learned here: Don't be so quick to give your love to a stranger. Too fast doesn't last.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I bought my mother a beautiful jewelry box. Yesterday I visited my niece to see her new bedroom set when lo and behold, what do you think I saw on her dressing table? My jewelry box! I asked "Betsy" where she got it and she said it was a birthday present from Grandma



Dear Abby

(my mother)! When I asked Mother where the jewelry box I had given her was, she lied and said it was in her closet. I asked her how it could be in her closet when I saw it on Betsy's dresser. Then she admitted that Betsy had admired it, so she gave it to her.

When Mother saw how hurt I was, all she said was, "I'm sorry. I didn't think you'd mind."

I haven't spoken to my mother since. I'm through giving her gifts; she'll be lucky to get a card from me in the future.

Am I wrong to feel this way?

HURTING IN BROOKLYN

DEAR HURTING: I can understand your feelings, but please let go of your resentment. Once a gift is given, it's the property of the recipient to do with what he/she pleases. No gift is worth a family rift. Forgive — and try to forget.

SARAGOSA NEEDS YOUR



Associated Press photo

HELP

What would you do if loved ones (relatives, friends and neighbors) were killed or injured, and you had little or nothing to give toward funeral and hospital expenses?

If your home was destroyed and you had no insurance or savings to rebuild, how would you deal with the situation?

That's the situation in Saragosa!

It will be difficult for most of the victims to qualify for government aid, and those that might can't afford to repay the loans even at low interest rates.

Saragosa's victims have no charity or service organizations to turn to for help. So all of us who can, should help.

Please help by giving your dollars to SARAGOSA RELIEF FUND established at State National Bank, 901 Main St., Big Spring. Contributions may be mailed to P.O. Box 1271, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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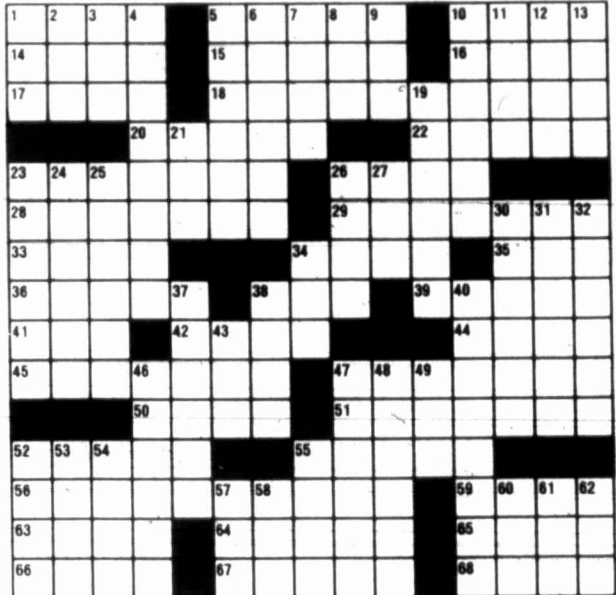
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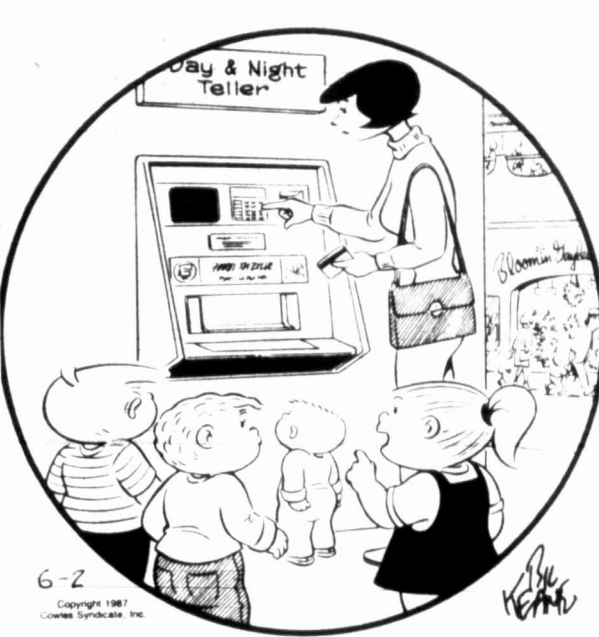
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"It's a gas station for money."

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: You can be unusually productive now. Decide what your true ambitions in life are and then you can work out the details for such courses of action.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make those plans definite that you have long been contemplating. Get started on the logwork needed.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Do whatever will make your home more charming. Try to improve your creativity and get better results.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) It's a good morning for talking over with partners the course you want to follow in the future.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You know how to add to your holdings now. Gain the assistance of those who know about finances.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Plan the good times you want to have in the near future and get more pleasure out of life. Contact your good friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Contact those you know who can give you the support you need to put across some new venture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The one you love has fine ideas for your mutual betterment, so go along with them. Be cautious in new ventures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Do whatever will bring you closer to gaining your personal wishes. The evening can be happy with your mate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Do whatever can enhance your prestige. An influential person can give you the backing you need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A newcomer gives you good ideas for greater development and growth. Be looking for opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) This is a good day to keep a promise you have made. You can delight your mate with a new activity.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Have a long discussion with a partner and cement better relations. Show your gratitude in some way.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he, or she, will have many fine ideas and clever aspirations and should do well in school, so plan now for a very good academic education. The right profession will be chosen while at college. This one will be good at sports and will be family oriented.

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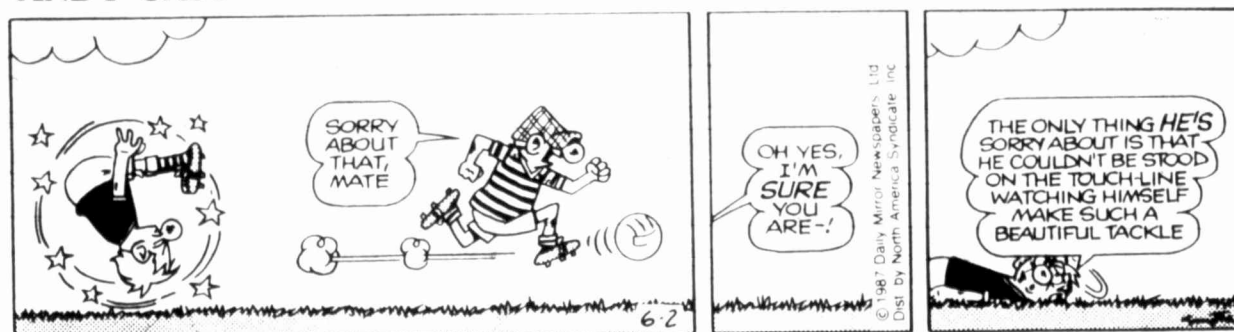
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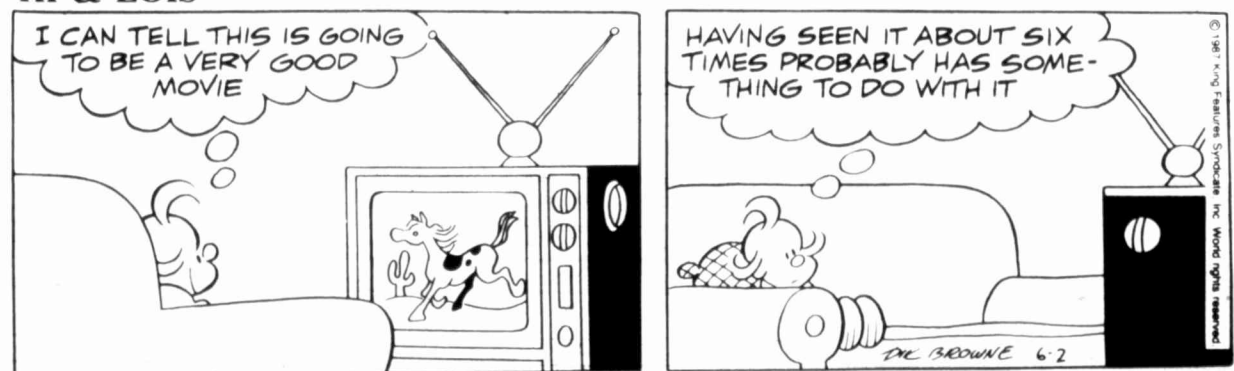
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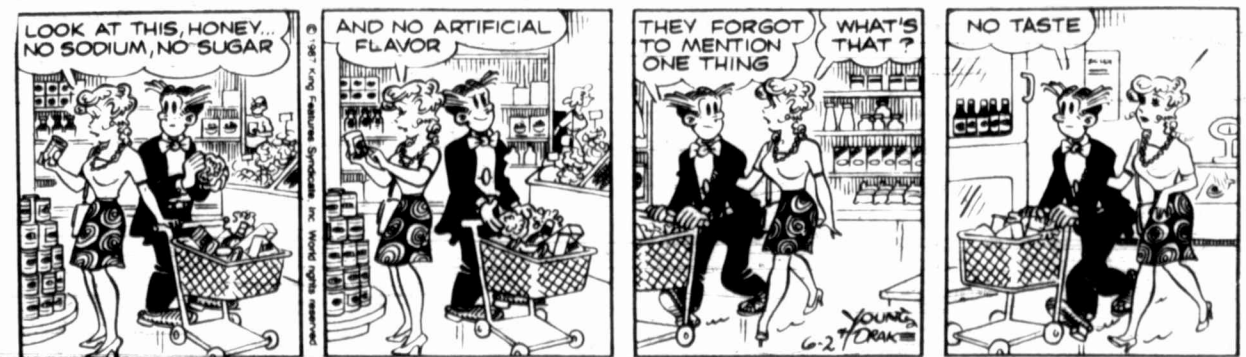
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Legislature

Closing day: Visitors and some foolishness

AUSTIN (AP) — Typical of a closing day of the Legislature, the Capitol was a visiting ground Monday for politicians past and present — and some foolishness.

Former Gov. Preston Smith was an early visitor in the Senate chamber, and later Secretary of State Jack Rains, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and Bill Patman, a former state senator and congressman, stopped by for a

few minutes.

The late Ben Ramsey, whose 38-year career of public service included over 10 years as lieutenant governor, was honored in the presence of family members with a resolution designating a room in the East Wing of the Capitol as the Ben Ramsey Conference Room.

Ramsey, also a former state representative, state senator, secretary of state and railroad

commissioner, died March 27, 1985.

Silliness surfaced with the distribution of a "Loco and Dissent Calendar," mocking the local and uncontested calendar by which non-controversial proposals are approved without debate and usually only one senator — who presides — in the chamber.

One fictitious resolution rescinded a previous resolution inviting former presidential candidate

Gary Hart to address the Legislature, and instead invited Donna Rice.

"Could I be on that escort committee?" joked Sen. Bob Glasgow, D-Stephenville.

Another fake resolution called for a constitutional amendment "to establish Spanish as the second official language of Texas, German as the third official language of Texas, French as the fourth, and

'Pig Latin' as the fifth, providing that all must be spoken with a thick Texas accent."

In honor of the last day, one Senate aide wore a rubber chicken around her neck, presumably as a reminder of Gov. Bill Clements' labeling of liberal senators as "prairie chickens."

Debate included such comments as Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-

Lake Jackson, saying in Nixon-like fashion, "I want to make one thing perfectly clear," to which Sen. Gene Green, D-Houston, responded, "When I have I heard that before?"

"It's been a while," Brown said. Capitol offices were stocked with food and drink for parties, which started before the mandatory mid-night adjournment.

Despite trouble, session proved to be productive

AUSTIN (AP) — While many major problems of January are still problems in June, lawmakers made progress on several important issues.

The Legislature voted to ban late-term abortions, take beer cans out of drivers' hands, partially deregulate the trucking industry, crack down on campus hazing, allow quarantining of some AIDS patients and make it tougher for government officials to do the public's business in private.

"We've had a good session. It's been a very productive session," Speaker Gib Lewis said.

He admitted to a few major disappointments, such as the budget impasse that has forced a special session that begins June 22.

The abortion bill was a significant, if less than total, victory for the pro-life forces. The bill bars physicians from aborting a fetus that could live outside the womb, with or without life-sustaining technology.

The bill would have made it a crime to perform late-term abortions, but the negotiating process resulted in a bill that makes it an offense punishable by loss of medical license or other Board of Medical Examiners sanction.

Pro-choice forces fear the bill will lead to more stringent anti-abortion legislation in coming years.

Gov. Bill Clements has said he would sign the abortion bill, which would give Texas its first abortion regulations since the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 ruling that struck down state abortion restrictions.

Also headed to Clements' desk is a bill to permit quarantining of AIDS patients who pose a public health threat, although lawmakers at the last minute stripped that bill of a requirement for a pre-marital AIDS test.

Clements already has signed the bill that bars drivers from drinking alcoholic beverages while behind the wheel. The legislative battle centered on whether Texans have a right to drink — as long as they are not drunk — while driving.

The trucking deregulation measure, which ended years of squabbling, was a compromise bill that won approval with little floor debate. The bill, which is awaiting action by Clements, provides pricing leeway for some haulers. Under the current system, the Texas Railroad Commission tightly controls those rates.

Deregulation backers have argued for years that commission regulation has been anti-competitive and prevented shippers from getting better deals.

Deregulation also was sought by AT&T on intrastate long-distance phone calls. Instead, the Legislature approved a bill to make their case to the Public Utility Commission.

The anti-hazing bill passed in the wake of the death of a University of Texas freshman who died of an alcohol overdose after consuming a fatal amount of rum during a fraternity activity. Grand jurors who reviewed the case issued a scathing report about the incident, but said no state law was broken.

The bill that is on Clements' desk makes it easier to bring criminal prosecutions for hazing offenses.

The open meetings bill that won approval is viewed as a victory for reporters. For many years, news organizations have complained that public bodies — particularly on the local level — abuse the executive session portion of the Texas Open Meetings Act.

That act requires government boards to meet in public, but grants exceptions for consideration of personnel matters, land transactions and litigation. Reporters have long suspected that some officials cannot resist the opportunity to talk about other matters behind closed doors.

There was plenty legislators couldn't, wouldn't, didn't do

AUSTIN (AP) — When it ended, the 70th Legislature couldn't, wouldn't and didn't do quite a lot — including pass the one bill that must be enacted to keep government's doors open.

The budget issue dominated the session from its opening gavel on Jan. 13 until final adjournment Monday night.

But despite all the attention and hundreds of hours of work, the House, Senate and governor failed to agree on a 1988-89 spending blueprint.

So lawmakers will return to Austin for a special session on June 22 to try, try again to write a budget for the fiscal year beginning Sept. 1.

Gov. Bill Clements proposed spending a total of \$36.9 billion, which would have required \$2.9 billion in new taxes. After campaigning on a "no-new-taxes" theme, he agreed to the extra \$2.9 billion, but not a penny more.

His threat to veto higher taxes helped stop the budget process in its tracks as the House and Senate approved bigger spending bills but

not enough taxes to pay for them.

While tax-and-spend issues topped the Legislature's list of failures, several other big issues fell by the wayside as well. Among them:

Lottery

When the session convened, many lawmakers said the financial crunch meant Texas finally might join the more than two dozen states that run lottery games. Texas needed money, and opinion polls showed 70 percent of the public in favor.

Don't place those bets. A proposed constitutional amendment to create a lottery couldn't find a winning number in the House.

Appointed Judges

Chief Justice John L. Hill of the Texas Supreme Court came to lawmakers early in the session with a plan he said would improve the quality of justice. Hill urged passage of legislation to have state judges appointed to the bench rather than elected.

Lawmakers decided that idea was out of order, and the bill never got out of committee.

Texaco-Pennzoil

In a high-profile assault that saw dozens of lobbyists signing on with the two principals, a bill was introduced to help Texaco Inc. with its legal dilemma.

Under state law, Texaco was required to post an \$11 billion bond to appeal the loss of its legal battle with Pennzoil. Texaco backed a bill that would have put a \$1 billion lid on such bonds, but the bill ran out of gas. Instead, lawmakers passed a resolution to study the question.

Handguns

National Rifle Association members and others urged lawmakers to pass a law to enable Texans to be licensed to carry handguns. Lawmakers shot down that plan.

Budget Authority

The governor lost, too. Clements had demanded "budget execution authority" — legislative talk for increased power for a governor to control state agency spending. He didn't get it but may have the last laugh: He says he will place the item on the special session agenda.



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It's time

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby checks his watch as he, Gov. Clements, and Speaker Gib Lewis, left, announce a special session for today — only hours after the conclusion of the regular legislative session.

Dram-shop bill draws approval

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislators have voted to let courts hold bars liable for serving alcoholic drinks to intoxicated customers who become drunken drivers and cause death and damage on the highway.

The so-called "dram-shop" measure was approved by the Senate 29-2 and the House 140-1.

The bill would take immediate effect if signed into law by Gov. Bill Clements.

House-Senate conferees came up with a compromise version of the bill Monday, the last day of the regular legislative session. The conferees scrapped a section of the bill that would have allowed party hosts to be held responsible if a drunken guest became a drunken driver.

"Party host is a gray area," said Rep. Mike Millsap, D-Fort Worth and House sponsor of the bill. "We are basically after someone that took your money in return for alcohol and let you go out onto the highway obviously intoxicated. That's the problem, not coming by (a friend's house) and having a toddy on the way home."

Under the bill, the survivors of someone who is killed by a drunken driver could collect damages from a business that sold drinks to the driver, if it was clear the patron was sold drinks after he or she was drunk.

The Texas Supreme Court is currently reviewing a Houston lawsuit filed by survivors of a man killed in a wreck caused by a man who drank margaritas at an El Chico restaurant.

Prison numbers reduction sought

AUSTIN (AP) — Under the threat of \$24 million in monthly fines, lawmakers focused on reducing the prison population during the 1987 Legislative session.

In early March, Texas lawmakers drafted the Prison Management Act during and the governor signed the measure the same month. Since its passage, prison officials have used the act about a dozen times.

The act allows the state to release non-violent inmates to halfway houses when the prison population reaches 95 percent of its capacity. The plan was key in helping the state win a suspension of the court fines.

"We made a long-range commitment ... that if we have to parole we will parole the best of parolees as opposed to indiscriminately paroling when we're overcrowded," said Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, House Corrections Committee chairman.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby's "Build Texas" plan, which authorizes the sale of bonds for state projects, including prison construction, also was approved this session.

"Within the bounds we're operating on, especially with the bonding program, I think the state made a good effort to give the people of the state of Texas what they expect their prisons to be ... one where dangerous criminals are held," Hightower said.

The State Board of Corrections expects to begin accepting bids in August from private companies wanting to build facilities that would provide up to 2,000 new prison beds. Legislation passed this year allows the private sector to participate in construction of minimum- and medium-security prisons.

Lawmakers expanded the list of state convicts eligible to be transferred to halfway houses. That measure was signed into law during April.

Adjustments also were made in how the state awards good time to prisoners. Hightower said the Legislature made it more of a work-related award.

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