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### Insects

"Support your state insect," say some Panhandle school children lobbying for the ladybug. Story on 6-B.

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## Spring board

### How's That? Address

Q. What is the address for Admiral John Poindexter?  
A. Write to: The John Poindexter Defense Fund, c/o Admiral Mark Hill, 1322 Merry Ridge Rd., McLean, Va. 22101, said Vicki Belcher at the Associated Press.

### Calendar Meeting

**TODAY**  
• The Disabled American Veterans and its auxiliary will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the VFW Post on Driver Road. Past members also are encouraged to attend.

• Kentwood Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Drive, will have a free blood pressure check from 1 to 3 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
• Big Spring Art Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the Art Building at Howard College. Mary Nicholas of Midland will demonstrate portrait drawing.

• Howard County Jaycees will have a "get acquainted" party from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park. There will be free snow cones for the children.

### Tops on TV Movie

"Unnatural Causes" John Ritter, Alfred Woodard. A cancer-stricken Vietnam veteran joins forces with a Veterans Administration counselor in an effort to bring the issue of the possible danger of chemical Agent Orange to public attention. — 8 p.m. on channel 13.

### 2-year-old wins \$1,000

Two-year-old Courtney Gaitan, 900 E. 12th St., is \$1,000 richer after winning the St. Thomas Catholic Church drawing grand prize, said the Rev. Robert Vreteau of the church.

Gaitan's grandfather, Juan Gaitan, same address, won the \$25 prize for selling the winning ticket, Vreteau said.

The elder Gaitan said the money will go into a fund towards Courtney's education, the priest reported.

Henry Guzman, 12, 506 N.W. Sixth St., won the \$300 second prize; Mrs. Nicolasa Molina, 86, 100 N.W. Fourth St., won the \$100 third prize; and Daniel Arguello, 1693 Canary St., won the \$100 fourth prize, Vreteau said.

The drawing was part of the church's Mid-Summer Festival. The festival raised about \$14,500 for the church's effort to renovate the basement into a meeting hall, Vreteau said.

He said that \$5,350 came from the raffle. Last year's raised \$4,542, he noted.

The church building dates back to 1911, and the basement is used for youth activities, he said.

About 3,500 people attended the two-day festival this past weekend — about the same number as last year, Vreteau said.

Ron Anderson, 801 Creighton St., and Canuto Ramirez, 711 N. Scurry St., tied in selling the most tickets, he said. They each sold 14 10-ticket books and split the \$50 prize.

The festival included a Mexican dinner, bingo, baseball and basketball games, balloons and booths, Vreteau said.

He added that the Knights of Columbus operated the dunking booth with various volunteers taking turns in the catbird seat.

Children were given cascarnes, decorated egg shells filled with confetti — traditionally broken over people's heads, he said. Parrish youth provided festival decorations and made many of the cascarnes, Vreteau reported.

## Final vote near on Texas taxes

AUSTIN (AP) — With the finishing touches in place on the largest tax increase in Texas history, legislative leaders said a final vote on the \$5.7 billion plan was near.

Both House Speaker Gib Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said they hoped the House and Senate could vote today on the legislation to raise the state sales tax to 6 percent and boost a variety of other levies.

Lawmakers end their current special session by Tuesday.

"If everything works the way I would like for it to work, we will vote on this tomorrow," Lewis said Sunday night.

The tax agreement was reached Sunday, after several days of closed-door talks, and some members of the House-Senate conference committee said they weren't completely satisfied with the final result. But they insisted it was the best that could be done and predicted it would pass.

"It's not great. I don't like it. Nobody likes \$6 billion tax bills.

Nobody wants to pass them. But I think we did the best job we could do," said Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth.

The chief House negotiator, Rep. Dan Morales, voiced hope that taxpayers will realize the complicated plan is the fairest way to raise money to pay for the 1988-89 state budget.

"I think the public is going to be satisfied that the Legislature has done what is necessary in the least painful fashion," said Morales, D-San Antonio. "It is the fairest, most

equitable package that can be fashioned under the circumstances."

Jim Kaster, Gov. Bill Clements' legislative liaison, indicated the governor probably would sign it. "I think he will," Kaster said. "Based on what was being talked about before, I don't see that there are any deal-busters in there."

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, a House negotiator, said he thinks his colleagues will accept the tax hike and end the special session that began after the Legislature's

regular session failed to write a state budget for the first time since 1961.

"I think just about anything that got sent out (by the conference committee) would receive a majority vote at this point. People want to go home," Wilson said.

The biggest piece of the plan would raise the sales tax rate from 5 1/4 percent to 6 percent, and expand that tax to include a variety of items including garbage collection, private club fees, janitorial ser-

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Lavara Mitchell carries an umbrella for protection against the parents of Mississippi kites, which dive in mock-attack at humans who come too near their young. The birds have a nest in the branches of the tree at right. The hawks will not dive if an open umbrella is carried, said bird rehabilitator Bebe McCasland of Big Spring.

## Hawks 'dive-bomb' passers-by who go too near to their young

By SPENCER SANDOW  
Staff Writer

With a sound of rushing air and beating wings, the hawk swooped from the sky toward Bebe McCasland. It missed her head only because she ducked at the last moment.

Bebe expected the attack attempt from the Mississippi kite — also called the mosquito hawk. She explained it's that particular bird's instinct to protect her young.

It was a less casual experience when the bird first swooped at Lavara Mitchell, 402 N.W. Third St., about two weeks ago.

Mitchell was in a panic. "It hit me so hard it's a wonder he didn't knock my glasses off," she said. "I was so upset."

The incident occurred as she was visiting her mailbox near the front-yard tree — the tree where the hawk built its nest, she reported.

"Mr. Mitchell, bring me a shotgun!" she said she jokingly told Huey, her husband. Although a bit temp-

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A Mississippi kite parent spreads its wings as it prepares to dive at humans standing near its nest of fledglings.

## It's 'one day at a time,' crime victims say

By KERRY HAGLUND  
Staff Writer

"The emergency room doctor has just told me my son is dead. I am very calm."

"I asked to see him, but was told that I could not."

"I asked to speak to someone with authority. A nurse came to me and said that I appeared to be a very strong person and that I could go in the room and see my son."

"It was a very cold place."

Romona Rutledge, mother of Marc Rutledge, who was fatally stabbed Feb. 13, wrote those words shortly after her son's death.

Michael Viera, 15, 411 N.W. 10th St., was charged with voluntary manslaughter and received 10-years probation for the stabbing.

"The never-ending pain I feel is so bad, I can hardly stand it," she wrote. "I want to scream. I feel like I'm going to explode. I want to hurt this person who has done this to Marc."

Romona and Marc's widow, Eva Rutledge, wrote letters about their feelings during the days immediately after Marc's death. The letters were given to Lisa Brooks, assistant director of the Rape Crisis/Victim Services office in Big Spring.

The two women recently spoke about the emotional trauma

they've suffered as a result of Marc's death.

"I'm never going to get over it; I learn to live with it," his mother said.

Eva, who has a one-year old child and is pregnant, was married to Marc for seven years.

His death has left her bitter. Marc has been cheated out of his life, and she is left to raise two children on her own, she said.

She said she claims she doesn't know how she feels whenever anyone asks, and will walk away or change the subject. But, she said, the tears flow freely late at night when she finds herself alone.

"You have to take it one day at a time," Romona said.

Another Big Spring family reported, however, that the passage of time hasn't made coping with murder any easier.

A cloud of depression hangs over each day, says Alicia Yanez.

Her son Jimmy was shot in the back in November, 1985 and died shortly afterward. He was 19.

Preston Crawford of Big Spring received 10-years probation for voluntary manslaughter in connection with the shooting.

"Mother's Day was one of the saddest days of our lives," said Alicia, who spent three hours that day at her son's grave.

"I go to the cemetery a lot and



VICTIMS: Their rights and anguish

### Part two

say the rosary — and just stare," Alicia said, her voice trailing off. "I pray to God to help me cope ...; I pray for peace," she said with tears brimming in her eyes.

She lifted a clenched handkerchief to her eyes and apologized for

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## Regional group will meet Wednesday in Big Spring

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission will have its semi-annual general membership and board of directors meetings Wednesday at the Big Spring Country Club.

A luncheon will begin at noon and the board meeting will be conducted afterward. The speaker will be former state senator John Sharp, now a member of the Texas Railroad Commission.

Members will review the Regional Development Review Committee recommendations regarding West Texas Opportunities Inc.'s application for funding and service expansion of the Section 18 rural public transportation system.

The system serves Howard, Dawson, Gaines, Martin and Upton counties. The proposal calls for expansion into Andrews County.

West Texas Opportunities Inc. provides rural transportation services to the public and targets help to the handicapped and mobility impaired.

The application requests \$312,007 from the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, \$237,267 of local funds and \$1,500 in fares.

Members also are scheduled to consider nominations and elect a small cities' representative to serve on the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's board of directors.

## These are rights of crime victims

By KERRY HAGLUND  
Staff Writer

Victims of violent crime have certain rights in the Texas criminal justice system.

Law enforcement agencies are not required to inform victims of those rights, however.

That contrasts with the rights of the accused, who, by law, must be read their rights.

"Anything you say can and will be used against you ..." is a phrase familiar to many.

If those rights are violated, the accused has rights of redress. Victims do not.

Article 56 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures states: "A judge, attorney for the state, peace officer or law enforcement agency is not liable for a failure or inability to provide a right enumerated in this article."

The article — known as the Bill of Rights for victims of violent crimes — was drafted during the last legislative session.

Victims of violent crimes, their guardians and relatives have the following rights:

• The right to protection from harm, and threats of harm arising from cooperation with peace officers or prosecutors.

• The right to have their safety, and that of their family, taken into consideration when bail is set.

• The right to be informed about court proceedings, including whether the proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled.

• The right to information about procedures in criminal investigations.

• The right to information about procedures in the criminal justice system, including plea bargaining.

• The right to tell a probation department conducting a presentencing investigation about the impact of the offense on them and their family.

• The right to be informed about the Crime Victims Compensation Fund, the payment of certain medical expenses for victims of sexual assault, and of the availability of social service agencies that may provide assistance.

• The right to be notified about parole proceedings.

• The right to include information in the defendant's file to be considered by the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

• The right to be present at all public court proceedings related to the offense — if the presiding judge approves.

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# State

## Briefs

### Officials search for armed escapee

ANDERSON — A massive search was under way today for Grimes County jail inmate who shot a deputy to death during a jail escape, authorities say.

The slain deputy was identified as Wesley Alford, 22, who had been working with the sheriff's office for about a year, Grimes County Deputy Sheriff Jackie Siracusa said.

She identified the escapee as James Herbert Mann, 26, who had been convicted on a charge of aggravated robbery and was awaiting transfer to the Texas Department of Corrections to begin serving a 10-year prison term.

Mann was believed to be armed with a shotgun and a rifle, Siracusa said.

Police describe Mann as a white male with brown hair and hazel eyes, standing six feet tall and weighing 165 pounds.

### Pennzoil to settle for \$4.1 billion

NEW YORK — Pennzoil Co. has prepared a reorganization plan for Texaco Inc. that would allow Texaco to pay Pennzoil \$4.1 billion of the more than \$10 billion judgment it lost in a lawsuit, reports published today.

The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal reported in Monday's editions that Pennzoil would make its proposal known in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in White Plains, where on April 12 Texaco filed for Chapter 11 protection.

That filing stemmed from a judgment, now valued at \$10.3 billion, that was awarded to Pennzoil after a Houston jury found that Texaco had improperly acquired Getty Oil while Getty was engaged in a merger with Pennzoil.

Under bankruptcy rules, Texaco has 120 days from the time it filed to submit a reorganization plan and another 60 days to get it approved. Texaco asked the court last week for more time to submit its plan.

### Expert says trench deaths needless

AUSTIN — A witness in a grand jury review of the death of a construction worker says the state's high rate of trench deaths is due more to old-fashioned methods than sloppy safety measures.

"Texas leads the nation in trench accidents," Louis Thompson, a Texas A&M civil engineering professor said. "We're killing hundreds of people a year in all soils and all rock and it's all preventable."

Thompson was to testify for Travis County Attorney Ken Oden who is trying to convince a Travis County grand jury to return criminal charges in the death of a construction worker three years ago in Austin.

Oden, who has prosecuted several companies for trench deaths, said he is particularly upset at the death of an employee of a company that previously has been cited by safety inspectors for unsafe practices.



An unidentified member of the congregation prays during a Sunday morning prayer service at the Seagoville Road Baptist Church in Balch Springs for victims of Friday's bus and van accident on the Guadalupe River. Officials today were still searching for the body of one of the ten teen-agers killed in the accident.

### Search continues for last teen-ager of bus accident

COMFORT (AP) — National Guardsmen and volunteers returned to the banks of the Guadalupe River again today to search for the body of a teen-ager who sacrificed his life to save friends after a church bus and van were swept away by floodwaters, authorities said.

An all-day search was halted at dark Sunday, and the guardsmen, along with state and local law enforcement officers and volunteers, were asked to resume their search beginning at dawn today for John Bankston, 17, of Dallas.

Department of Public Safety area supervisor Charles Seale said teams were sent out around 7 a.m. Heavy equipment was being used along a mile or two stretch where searchers believe the body may be, based on odor and the location where four other victims were found, he said.

About 200 people were expected to take part in the search today, according to Seale.

Bankston is the last of 10 teen-agers who drowned Friday when the two church vehicles, carrying 43 persons, were overcome by a wall of water as they tried to leave the Pot O' Gold Ranch, a Baptist church-sponsored camp about 60 miles northwest of San Antonio.

The 6-foot-2-inch Bankston helped to save other teens from the Seagoville Road Baptist Church caught in the raging floodwaters before he himself was swept away, witnesses told authorities.

"He could have survived, but from witness reports, the last time he was seen, he was going underwater," said Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Tom Mobley.

About 400 people participated in the search Sunday while at the Seagoville Road Baptist Church in Balch Springs, a southern Dallas suburb, mourners grieved for the dead and missing.

Officials said today's search would be concentrated in a two-mile area where four bodies were recovered.

"We'll keep going as long as it takes. There's no time limit," Seale said Sunday.

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# Nation

By Associated Press

## Physics student slain

BATAVIA, Ill. — Sheriff's investigators are searching for leads in the killing of a Canadian doctoral candidate found shot to death on the grounds of the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory.

Jasbir Sidhu, 31, a graduate student from Carleton University in Ottawa, was found shot in the head and side late Saturday on a bicycle path which runs between between the laboratory and Fermilab Village, where many visiting researchers stay, police said.

A Du Page County Sheriff's office spokesman said Sunday that detectives were conducting an investigation but no new information was available.

Sidhu was visiting the lab for two weeks to check data for his doctoral thesis in physics, said FermiLab spokeswoman Margaret Pearson.

## North leaked story

NEW YORK — Lt. Col. Oliver North, who said he couldn't trust Congress with sensitive intelligence, himself leaked details of the interception of a plane carrying the Achille Lauro terrorists, Newsweek reported.

North told the congressional panel investigating the Iran-Contra affair that he lied to Congress because the lawmakers were prone to leaks.

One of North's examples: leaks following the daring interception of an Egyptian plane containing the terrorists who seized the cruise ship Achille Lauro in 1985. He said "a number of members of Congress" made revelations "that very seriously compromised our intelligence activities."

Newsweek reported in its July 27 issue that details of the interception, which it published in a cover story, "were leaked by none other than North himself."

## Rapist-slayer executed

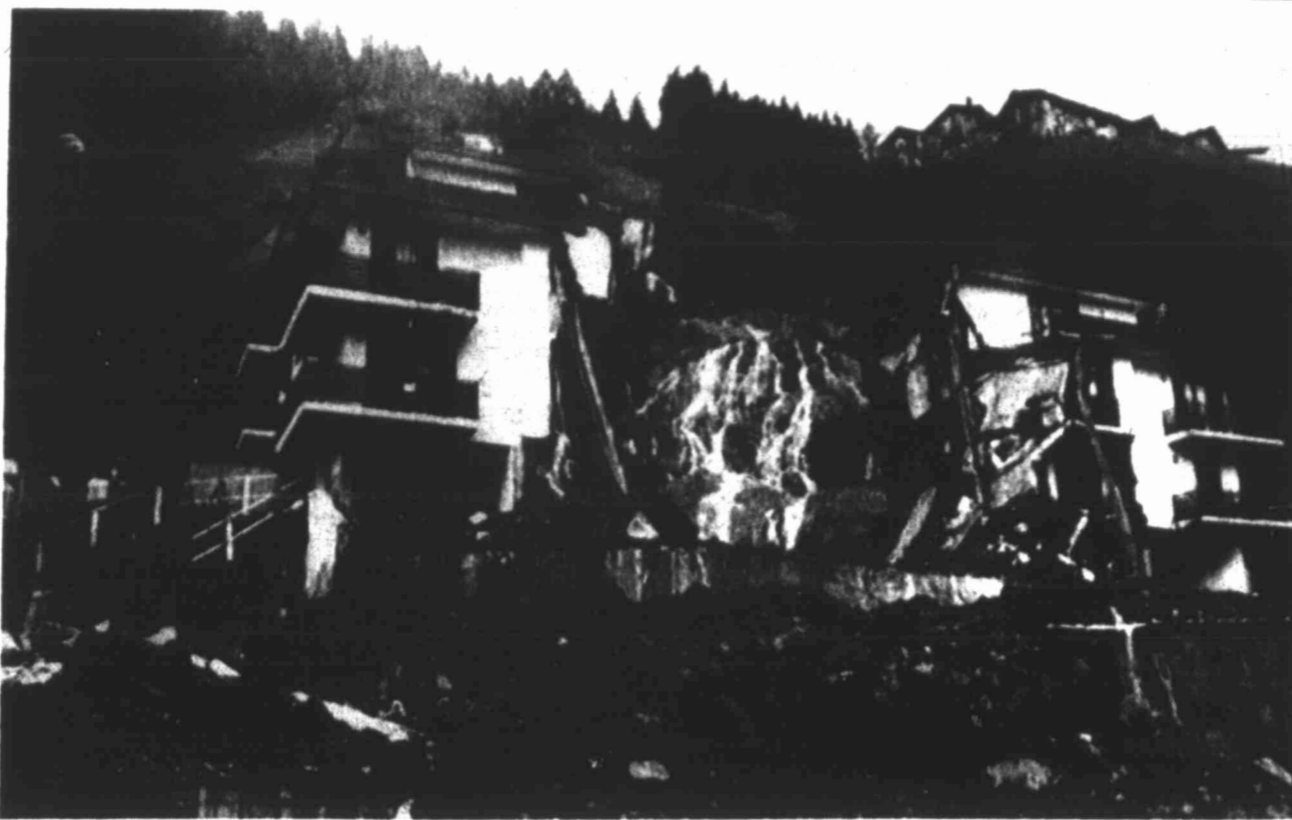
ANGOLA, La. — Willie Lawrence Celestine was executed in Louisiana's electric chair early Monday after asking forgiveness from the family of the 81-year-old woman he beat, raped and strangled six years ago.

Celestine, 30, was put to death at Louisiana State Penitentiary for the brutal 1981 murder of Marceliane Richard of Lafayette Parish.

In a four-minute recorded confession, played during his trial, Celestine said he was drunk and "full of speed" when he strangled Mrs. Richard and broke seven of her ribs and a vertebra in her neck after raping her.



WILLIE CELESTINE



These apartment buildings were cut in half when a mudslide crashed against them after torrential rains Saturday. The consequent wall of mud swept a hotel away, leaving at least 12 people dead in the Valtellina village. Approximately 5,000 were left homeless in the wake of the downpours.

# Floods

## Thousands of Italians abandon homes

SONDRIO, Italy (AP) — Rescue workers today searched through acres of mud in the Italian Alps for victims of flooding and landslides triggered by heavy rains. Officials said the death toll rose to 19.

Eight other people were missing, 50 were hospitalized and thousands were left homeless after a four-day downpour flooded mountain streams and rivers and sent mud cascading down wooded slopes. One landslide destroyed a resort hotel.

Heavy rain in southern Switzerland also caused flooding that forced the evacuation of hundreds of homes. Police said three people died in a car accident on a rain-slick road.

The Italian Civil Defense Ministry said the few bodies that had been identified by today were Italian, but did not say how many were identified.

Two rescue workers on a mission to bring out a heart attack victim were injured when their helicopter hit electricity lines and crashed as it was preparing to land north of Bergamo.

The sun came out today and floodwaters began receding from the region, a tourist mecca and a leading producer of fine wines, cheese and smoked meat.

Officials said damage was estimated at \$800 million in the stricken area, stretching over a 150-mile-wide area from Bergamo, east of Milan, up to the Swiss border and to Bolzano to the east.

Thousands of troops and civilian rescue workers waded today through lakes of mud to reach isolated villages. Helicopters and heavy trucks ferried food and water to evacuees, while helicopters plucked survivors from rooftops of houses and hotels.

Hardest hit was the Valtellina Valley, near the Swiss border, where a mudslide slammed into the Hotel Gran Baita and a three-story apartment building in the tiny village of Tartano.

The Civil Defense Ministry said 12 people were killed in that landslide and two reported missing. At least 20 people were injured and taken to hospitals.

An official from Sondrio said the hotel was "completely destroyed, covered by mud and rocks."

State-run RAI television said 10,000 people in the Valtellina area were forced to abandon their homes.

One survivor of the landslide, Vittoria Piobellini, said: "I was watching television with my husband when I saw him carried away by the mud."

The bodies of four young men were found today in a car submerged in the mud in Sant' Antonio Morigone, just south of Bergamo near the Swiss border.

Three other people were killed when they were swept into raging streams in the Alto Adige region, officials said.

A river of mud swept into Sondrio, where cars floated along with furniture and other debris past half-submerged houses.

# World

By Associated Press

## UN to pass resolution

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary of State George Shultz met with the United Nations secretary-general today in advance of a Security Council meeting expected to adopt a cease-fire resolution in the Iran-Iraq war.

But the diplomatic victory the United States won by garnering support for the resolution was marred by an Iranian threat to keep fighting.

All five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, China, Britain and France — were expected to support the resolution to stop fighting in the nearly 7-year-old Persian Gulf war.

## Demjanjuk fires lawyer

JERUSALEM — Retired U.S. autoworker John Demjanjuk fired the chief defense attorney in his Nazi war crimes trial today despite the refusal of the Israeli judges to grant a delay in the proceedings.

Presiding Judge Dov Levine accepted Demjanjuk's decision at a special hearing but denied a defense request to postpone the trial beyond a month-long recess already granted Demjanjuk's attorneys.

The trial will resume July 27 when Demjanjuk takes the stand.

"I have (made a) firm decision to release Mr. (Mark J.) O'Connor from this trial even though the trial will resume on July 27," Demjanjuk said in his native Ukrainian as he stood in the witness block wearing earphones to hear a translation of court proceedings in Hebrew.

## British lady turns 104

LONDON — Britain's Salvation Army commissioner, who still turns out in a black uniform to preach and help the poor, celebrated her 104th birthday today.

Catherine Bramwell-Booth is the granddaughter of William Booth, who founded the worldwide evangelistic and welfare organization in 1878 in the slums of London's East End.

The commissioner is the eldest of seven children of Bramwell Booth, who followed his father as the army's leader and died in 1912.

## U.S. to decide attacks

KUWAIT — The United States alone will decide how to respond to any attacks on newly U.S.-registered Kuwaiti tankers or their U.S. Navy escorts entering the Persian Gulf this week, Kuwait's prime minister said today.

"There is no agreement" between Kuwait and Washington on how to retaliate against attacks stemming from the war between Iran and Iraq, Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah said at a news conference.

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# Lifestyle

## Mom wants more than money from son's father

**DEAR ABBY:** I am originally from Texas. Four years ago, I had a brief affair with a married man. The result was our 3½-year-old son. Shortly after his birth, I moved to Oregon. My son's father (I'll call him Bob) is an attorney in Texas. He pays child support faithfully. We used to talk long distance occasionally, and I sent him pictures of our son regularly. He never told his wife about me and the baby.

Four months ago Bob's wife found out, and although she can't stop the child support, she has forbidden any further communication. He's not allowed to ever see, speak or write to me or our son. Birthday and Christmas gifts are forbidden. Bob and his wife have two little boys — one is 2½ and the other is 8 months old. His wife doesn't want their sons to ever know they have a half-brother in Oregon.

How can I explain this to our son? He knows his father's name and has recently started asking when "Daddy" is coming to see him. I don't want our son to feel rejected. I won't make derogatory remarks about his father because he is a good man.

What should I do?

### CONFUSED IN PORTLAND

**DEAR CONFUSED:** You have some cold hard facts to face. Bob's wife cannot "make" Bob do — or refrain from doing — anything. She may forbid him to ever see, speak

**DEAR ABBY:** In a recent column you suggested a portable cordless telephone for people who work in their yards a lot and rush back into the house to answer the phone but seem to get there too late.

As one with 13 years of professional experience in electronics, I believe the public should be warned about the lack of privacy when using these devices. Cordless telephones transmit conversations using short-wave radio signals. Many users are under the false impression that because the unit operates only within a limited range, the signal travels no farther. Not so. With a very cheap receiver, I have overheard conversations from cordless telephones from over a mile away, and this experience is not uncommon.

Another warning: "Certain types of cordless telephones are vulnerable to "hackers" who could electronically break into your telephone line and charge their toll calls to your bill.

The public has a short memory. In 1972, the Watergate burglars were caught trying to place a transmitter in the telephone of the political opposition. Had cordless telephones been available at that time, they could have merely presented their target with one as a "gift," and listened to their heart's content.

RAYMOND F. GAWRYLA, SCRANTON, PA.



Dear Abby

or write to his son or you. She may forbid him to receive any pictures of the boy, and she may forbid birthday and Christmas gifts. But she cannot prevent Bob from doing any of the above if he really wants to.

This "good man" about whom you refuse to make any derogatory remarks has clearly rejected you and his son. And worse yet, he's made his wife the "heavy." Wise up and get on with your life, and don't count on Bob for anything more than the support checks.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a junior at Carl Brablec High School in Roseville, Mich. Recently, a police officer from the local police station came to our school to put on a program for the juniors and seniors. The purpose of the program was to explain in full detail the dangers of reckless and drunk driving.

The name of the program was "Scared Stiff," and some of us were really scared stiff when we saw the slides of some terrible accidents, and he told us the tragic stories about each one.

The majority of accidents had to do with drunk driving, but that letter from your column titled "Please God, I'm Only 17" was the most impressive part of the program. It was the last thing on the program, so everyone left much more somber than when they went in. It really gave us something to think about before going to the prom that night.

I am happy to tell you, Abby, that not one student got into any kind of accident for any reason that night!

I just had to write and tell you that I think by printing that one article just before prom night every year for the last 15 years, you have

probably saved many 17-year-old lives.

KRIS MITCHELL, ROSEVILLE

**DEAR KRIS:** Thanks for a real upper. Your letter made my day.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband works for a large city. We are happily married, have a lovely family and are very comfortable here.

My husband is required to live in the city where he works, but he wants to move to a suburb of this city where the environment is nicer. He says we can use his parents' address and his bosses will never know the difference.

Abby, I know there are advantages to living in the suburbs, but the idea of lying makes me nervous. I am not unhappy living in the city, and I don't want to uproot our children if it's not a permanent move. My husband insists that we could pull this off, but I have my doubts. What if we get caught? My husband could lose his job — and his benefits.

Do you think it's wise to take a chance?

NERVOUS NELLY

**DEAR NELLY:** No. Stay put.



Associated Press photo

## The great pretender

Milan Matic, and his mother, Dr. Siobodana Rose Matic, of Yugoslavia, knew he could claim to Texan when he won third place in the Bowie Elementary School Talent Show imitating his favorite country singer, George Strait.

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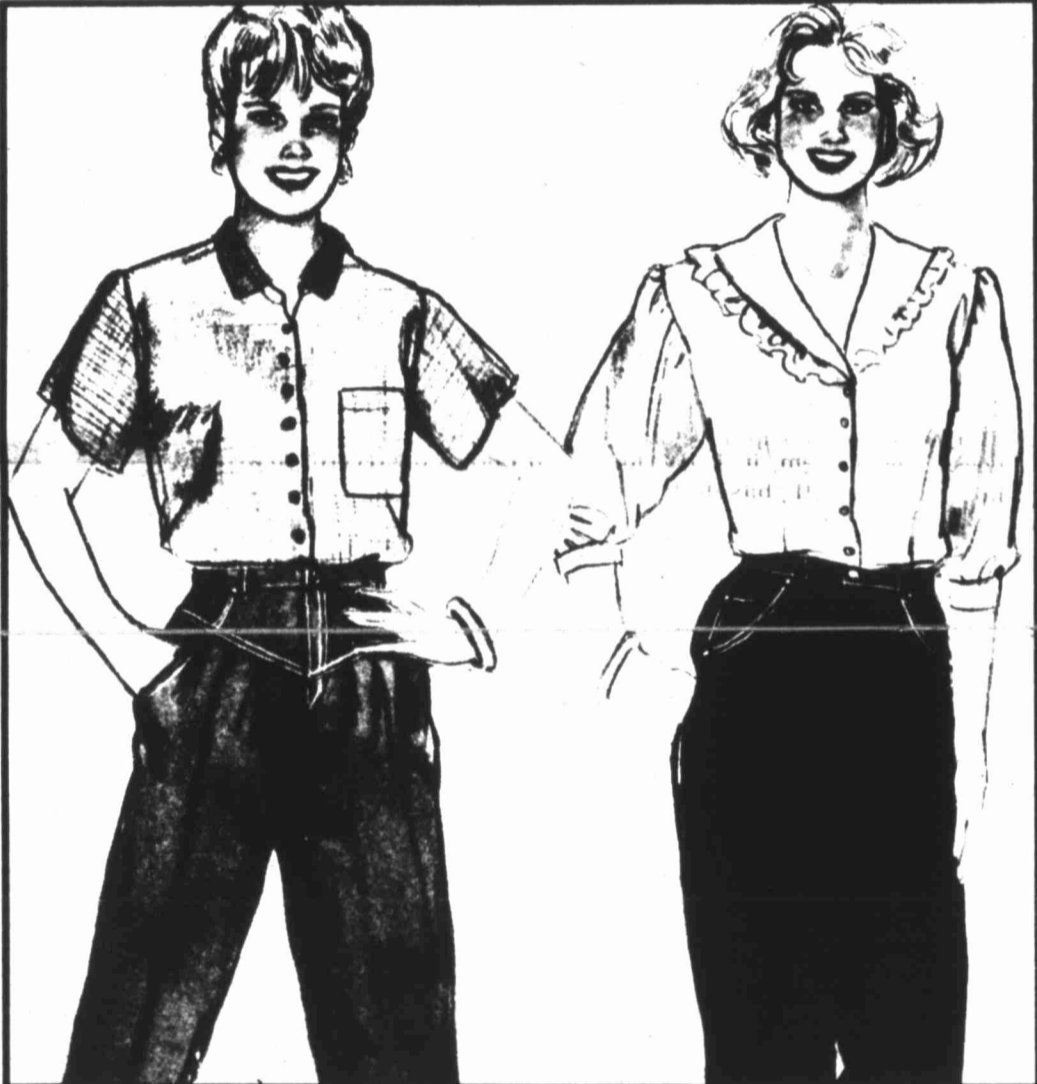
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by Mary Valli

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## Azinger bogeys away title to home boy

MUIRFIELD, Scotland (AP) — It was a game Nick Faldo had played many times before, and that Paul Azinger was playing for the first time.

Both golfers may play it many times again before they retire, with one big difference.

Faldo will do it as a player who won the British Open. Azinger will do it as a player who gave it away.

Three shots up with nine holes to go, the 27-year-old American bogeyed four times on the homeward run as Faldo completed

a rare round of nothing but pars to win the 116th edition of the world's oldest golf tournament by one stroke on Sunday. He had a final 279, five under par.

Played in thickening mist on the moors of Muirfield, it was a childhood dream come true for Faldo, an Englishman who turned 30 a day before his biggest celebration.

"When I started playing golf as a kid, on the putting green, it was always, 'This putt's to win the Open,'" he said. "Now, I'm so for-

tunate to have done it."

It was a putt that Azinger failed to make that gave Faldo, in his seventh try, the title no Englishman had owned since Tony Jacklin in 1969.

The collapse by Azinger, among the greatest in the history of golf's major tournaments, kept the United States winless in the championship since Tom Watson's fifth victory in 1983.

Playing outside the United States for the first time, the 27-year-old Holyoke, Mass., native looked

ready to join the notable list of golfers who won the Open on their first try. Since World War II, only three have done it: Ben Hogan, Tony Lema and Watson.

Azinger had built a one-shot lead to three through the first nine holes.

While Faldo, armed with a re-tuned swing, kept missing birdie putts and staved off bogeys with strong iron play, Azinger was storming to birdies on Nos. 4, 5 and 8.

"I came out of the box playing like a trouper," Azinger said. "But

it was not my turn to win."

He bogeyed the 10th and 11th to fall to even par for the round.

Faldo kept making par.

Azinger missed a seven-foot putt for a birdie on 12, starting five par holes in a row, ending that string with another blown birdie chance by leaving a 10-foot putt short on 16.

Faldo kept making par.

On the 17th, Azinger misclubbed and sent his tee shot into a fairway bunker.

"That cost me the golf tournament," he said.

Azinger took three more shots to get to the green, then left a 20-foot putt for par just short.

Faldo kept making par, right through the last hole, where he stroked a 15-foot birdie putt past the flag and needed to make a tough four-footer to stay even.

The putt rolled up a small hill, quivered for a minute, then suddenly gathered second wind and plopped in the cup.

Eighteen holes, 18 pars.

"I wanted a birdie, but I wasn't

BOYGEYS page 2B

## Yankee ghosts would be proud of Mattingly

ARLINGTON (AP) — The pride passed on to the New York Yankees by Lou Gehrig lives on in the passion of Don Mattingly.

Mattingly has developed an aura of a baseball immortal, and this past weekend in Texas he tied the kind of record that proves it.

Mattingly homered in eight consecutive games, tying the record set in 1956 by Pittsburgh's Dale Long.

On Sunday, under a blazing Texas sun and the glare from TV camera crews from around the country, Mattingly tried to make it nine straight.

He didn't do it, but he had a single and double in four times at bat to raise his average .342.

"I'm not disappointed it's over," Mattingly said. "I knew it was over tonight one way or the other."

Mattingly was more concerned that the Yankees were routed 20-3 by the Texas Rangers, as a game that dreams are made on turned into a nightmare.

The first baseman says individual records are nice. But he already owns a batting title and a MVP Award, and he yearns to be a champion like Gehrig, Ruth, DiMaggio, Mantle and Maris.

"I've really never looked at it for myself," said Mattingly, who has 73 hits in his last 176 at-bats, a .414 average.

"I just want to help the club. It doesn't help them if I try for homers. I call baseball an individual-team game. You do what you can, but you do it for the club."

Mattingly has done a lot for his club.

He was the AL MVP in 1985 and the runner-up last season. His 238 hits in 1986 broke the Yankees' all-time record for one season and his 53 doubles broke Gehrig's club record of 52, set in 1927.

It seems every week his name is popping up in the Yankees' record book with the club's all-time greats.

"When you put a bat in that young man's hands, he's capable of doing anything," Yankees Manager Lou Piniella said.

Over the past 10 days, Mattingly proved capable of doing something

Babe Ruth, Roger Maris, Frank Howard and Reggie Jackson could not do — set an American League record by hitting home runs in seven straight games.

On Saturday, Mattingly tied Long's record in the fourth inning when the left-hander hit an opposite-field home run off Texas' Jose Guzman.

Long, a journeyman in the major leagues, said after Sunday's game he was proud to share his record with Mattingly.

"I can live with him," Long said. "He's an automatic .330 hitter lifetime. He's going to be one of the game's all-time greats."

In the first inning of Sunday's game, Mattingly grounded out to first base against starter Greg Harris. In the third inning, he singled to left-center on an 0-2 pitch.

Again on an 0-2 pitch in the fifth, Mattingly lined out to first baseman Mike Stanley.

In his final at-bat in the eighth against Jeff Russell, he doubled to left.

"There was one pitch I think I could've hit for a home run," Mattingly said. "It was the second pitch I got from Harris. It was a fastball."

After tying the record on Saturday night and saying he might intentionally try for the record, Mattingly reverted Sunday to his team concept of baseball.

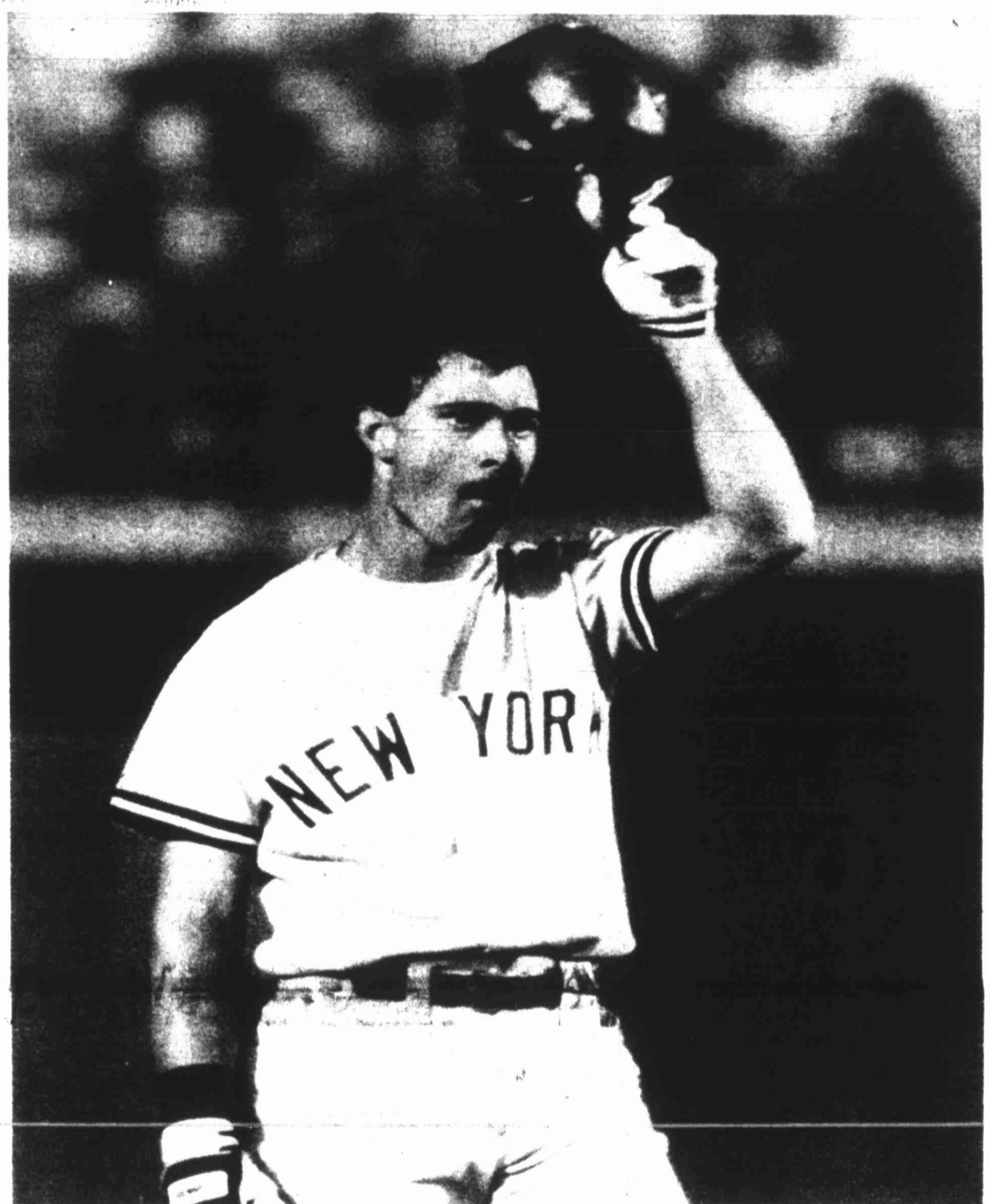
"If I break the record, do we get two extra wins?" he asked rhetorically before the game.

Mattingly's record-tying streak started on July 8 against Minnesota when he hit two home runs. On July 9, he homered against the Chicago White Sox's Rich Dotson and the following day he hit a grand slam off Chicago's Joel McKeon.

He hit solo home runs off Chicago on July 11 and 12. After the All-Star break, Mattingly hit two homers against Texas on July 16, including a grand slam, his fourth of the season, tying the Yankees' club season record set by Gehrig and tied by Tommy Henrich.

On Friday, he established an AL record when he homered in his seventh consecutive game, connecting against Texas' Paul Kilgus.

There were six other American



Don Mattingly tips his hat to the Arlington crowd during the eighth inning of the Yankees' loss to the Rangers Sunday night. Mattingly's streak of eight consecutive games with a homer was ended in the game.

Leaguers who had homered in six straight games. Jackson was the last, with Baltimore in 1976.

The Hall of Fame has asked Mattingly for his historic bat and he said after Sunday's game it will get there "when I break it."

Fans from Texas to New York

seem to think Mattingly is headed for the Hall of Fame, too.

The Rangers got several calls from New Yorkers requesting tickets to Sunday's game. Not to go to the game, just to have a keepsake.

When Mattingly doubled in the

eighth inning, the fans at Arlington Stadium gave him a long ovation, sensing the streak was over.

"I think they wanted to see me hit a long ball today," Mattingly said sheepishly. "If I was a fan, I would have wanted to see it."

## Pokes open camp minus two choices

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Rookies and first year players and 17 veteran players, including eight signed as free agents, were on hand for the opening of training camp for the Dallas Cowboys.

But the National Football League team now faces the possibility of an extended holdout by first-round choice Danny Noonan of Nebraska.

The Cowboys had 10 of 12 draft choices signed and in camp Sunday.

Another holdout was expected by second-round choice Ron Francis.

Cowboys Vice President Joe Bailey said he is not close to reaching an agreement with Tom Condon, Noonan's agent. Bailey said the sides are far apart on a signing bonus and four-year salary.

Condon has asked for a \$1 million signing bonus, two sources told the Dallas Times Herald. Condon could not be reached for comment.

"We are still at a distance," Bailey said. "But I guess I understand what they are asking for."

Ted Powell, who represents Francis, the cornerback from Baylor, said the Cowboys have offered his client a contract Powell considers inferior to the one second-round choice Darryl Clack received last year. Clack, a running back, received a \$330,000 signing bonus and a four-year package of \$1.1 million.

All of Clack's signing bonus was deferred. Powell says only a small portion of Francis' contract is deferred.

A source said the Cowboys have offered Francis a signing bonus of less than \$300,000 and a four-year package worth about \$850,000, the newspaper reported.

Powell said he wants a contract for Francis equal to or better than Clack's. He said Francis is more valuable to the Cowboys than Clack, a backup running back, although defensive backs are generally paid far less than running backs.

"I think that Ron Francis is going to be a starter for the Cowboys this season," Powell said. "Can you say that about Clack? No. Can you say that Clack is going to beat out Tony Dorsett or Herschel Walker?"

Bailey said the team reached an agreement Sunday with Everett Gay, the wide receiver from Texas drafted in the fifth round. And Bailey said he reached an agreement Saturday night with Fresno State Quarterback Kevin Sweeney, a seventh-round choice.

Although he says he is disappointed that the two top draft picks are not signed, Bailey says the Cowboys are ahead of last year's pace when the first four draft picks didn't arrive in camp on the opening day.

## Louganis more than just a diver

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — From the springboard or the high platform, diver Greg Louganis is an artist.

Louganis has done some of his best creative work at the U.S. Olympic Festival. On Sunday, he may have capped his Festival payday by winning his 12th gold medal with a superb performance from the platform.

The 27-year-old five-time world champion, holder of two 1984 Olympic gold medals and 41 national titles, plans to retire after the 1988 Games in Seoul. Since there are no Festivals in Olympic years, it looks as if Louganis has said a stylish goodbye to these gatherings of America's amateur athletes.

Louganis executed one of the most spectacular

dives of his illustrious career Sunday to clinch his sixth consecutive platform crown. His reverse 3 1/2 somersault from the tuck position earned him 97.92 points, his third-highest score for a single dive. He received three perfect marks of 10 on the dive.

Louganis' performance in Raleigh included his fifth consecutive 3-meter springboard crown, which he won on Saturday. In the Festival's four days of diving, including preliminaries, Louganis had 22-16s, with a high of 13 in the springboard final.

In the women's event, Michele Mitchell, the 1984 Olympic silver medalist, won her third straight Festival platform gold and nearly broke her own American record.



Carew honored  
Former Minnesota Twin Rod Carew, right, holds a frames Twins' jersey with his number, 29, during ceremonies Sunday at which the number was retired. At left is Twins' president Jerry Bell. Carew played with the Twins from 1967-78, and finished his career with the California Angels.

## Sports Briefs

### Big Spring teams battle tonight

The two remaining Big Spring little league teams, from the American League and the National League, will collide at 8 tonight at the International League Park, near the Federal Prison.

Both teams are undefeated, and playing in the semi-finals of the winners' bracket in the District III All-Star Tournament. The National League stars advanced to the semi-finals with a 6-4 win over Midland Tower Friday night; and the American stars advanced by virtue of a 3-1 win over Midland Mid-City Saturday night.

### Wilkersons win Parent-Child golf

The team of Tommy and Fred Wilkerson combined for a two-day total of 136 to edge Wayland and Randy Reeves by a stroke and win the Big Spring Country Club's Parent-Child Tourney this past weekend.

J.D. and Scott Nelson won the first flight with a 139; A.J. and Jay Pirkle won the second flight with a 144; and Don Crockett junior and senior won the third flight with a 151.

For complete results, see Scoreboard, page 3B.

### U.S. wins University Games

ZAGREB, Yugoslavia (AP) — The United States won six track finals and swept past the Soviet Union, topping the final gold medal count at the World University Games which ended Sunday.

The sensational comeback of the Americans, who trailed the Soviet Union through two weeks of competition, gave them a 26-25 margin after Sunday's track finals which closed the Games.

### Crampton hot on Seniors Tour

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Bruce Crampton ran away with his second consecutive championship at the \$250,000 Syracuse Senior Golf Classic Sunday, shattering the course record with a 19-under par 197 for a six-stroke victory over Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Crampton's score, which earned him \$37,500, also was the best on the senior circuit this season, breaking the previous best of 200 that he shared with Rodriguez.

### Wilander captures U.S. Clay title

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sweden's Mats Wilander, breaking service four times in a shaky first set, outlasted the heat and stubborn countryman Kent Carlsson for the second straight week and won the U.S. Clay Court tennis championship Sunday 7-5, 6-3.







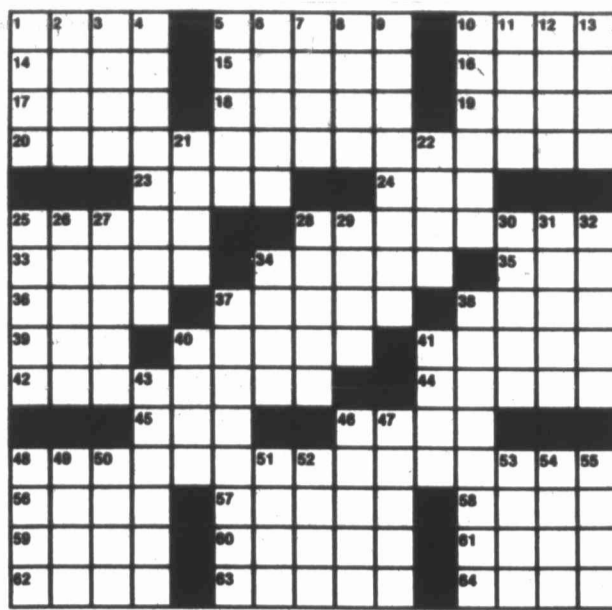


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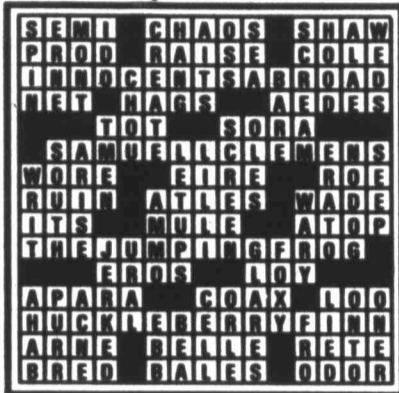
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  - 15 Overhead
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  - 17 --Japanese
  - 18 Sophia --
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  - 20 A quartet
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  - 25 Fruit of the oak
  - 28 Payment in lieu of feudal services
  - 33 Goliath's foe
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#### Saturday's Puzzle Solved:



- DOWN**
- 1 Lichen
  - 2 Fixed quantity
  - 3 Food fish
  - 4 Confidential
  - 5 Bundles
  - 6 Cut short
  - 7 Eur. tree
  - 8 Incessantly
  - 9 Sp. miss
  - 10 Treat kindly
  - 11 Desirous look
  - 12 Erect
  - 13 Slang affirmatives
  - 21 Come to rest
  - 22 Children
  - 25 Sun-dried brick
  - 26 Give what is wanted
  - 27 Sheeplike
  - 28 College areas for short
  - 29 Beverage containers
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  - 49 Star type
  - 50 Slay
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### FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1987

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** People are apt to have poor judgment today, so plan to be alone in your endeavors. Keep your diplomatic attitude, and avoid taking any chances now.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Try not to worry over letters you get from afar. Accept the conditions as they are and work around them.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) You could be led into some practical situation which you do not like, so study it well and come out on top.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Don't argue with partners today or there could be a severance of connections very easily, and unfortunately.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't let a private anxiety interfere with your work. Be sure to keep business life and social life separate.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Try to keep a friend away from your mate, as he or she is not feeling up to par. Plan your time intelligently.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Some new situation appeals to you very much, but finish what you've started before you get into it.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make sure you carry through with some promise you have made. Don't downgrade your security.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be sure of your facts and figures when dealing with money. Be more willing to do what your mate desires.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You will find it difficult to get an associate to agree to a fine plan. Avoid any confrontation in public.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You are tired and want to break up the present situation, but don't do anything foolish you will regret.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid that friend who likes to criticize. Put your family first. Schedule your time wisely.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Plan time to rearrange the conditions at home. Don't permit a personal wish to cause you to neglect your mate.

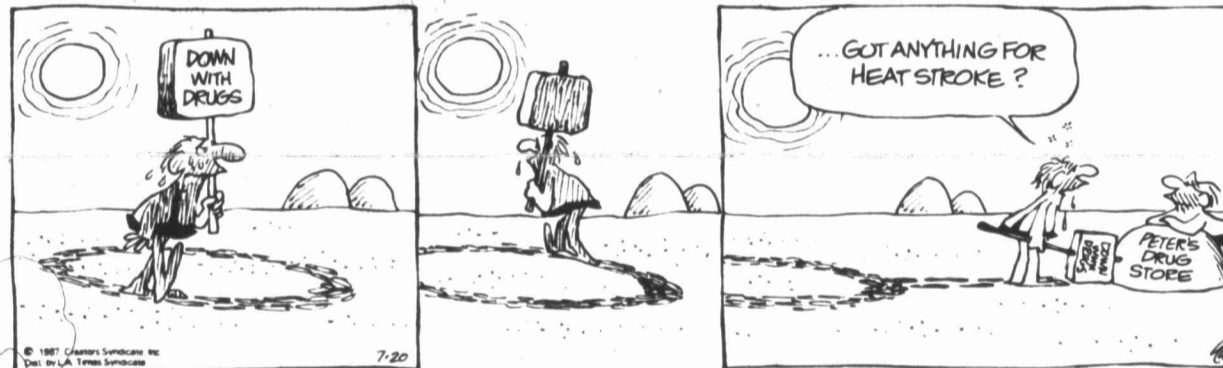
**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ...** he or she will skip from the past to the future and should have a fine education. One who may seem slow in learning, this one will actually be ahead of the others because everything learned will be retained. Teach him or her to be consistent, though, and to avoid stress.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!  
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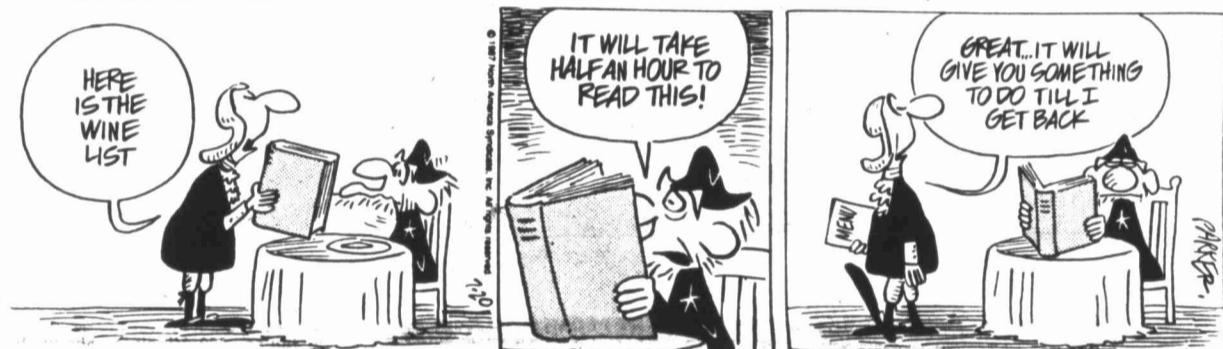
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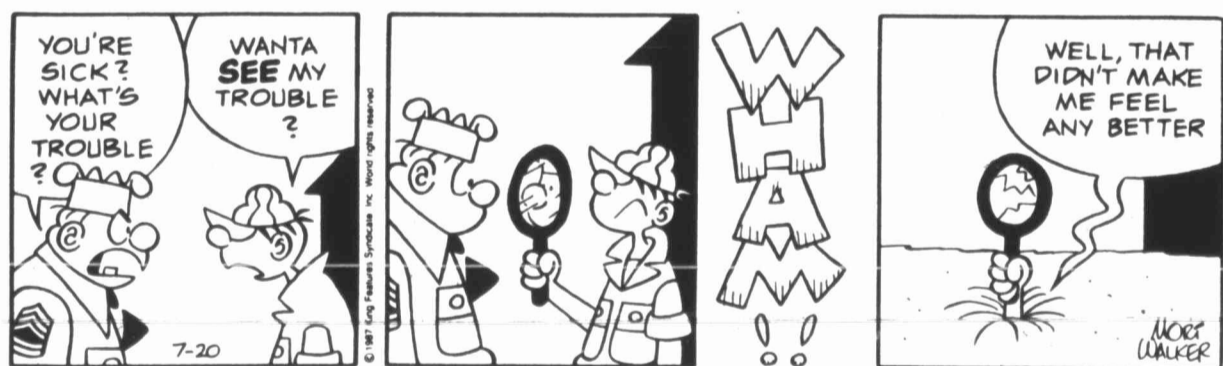
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# JULY 20 1987

# Texas schoolchildren seek support for ladybug



Associated Press photo  
Frances Adamson and her fifth grade class look over the letters they have received from Gov. Bill Clements and Texas legislators during their campaign on behalf of making the ladybug the official insect of Texas.

McLEAN (AP) — If ladybug, ladybug decides to heed the old nursery rhyme and fly away home, a group of McLean fifth-graders hopes the insect will choose Texas for its official residence.

The youngsters are lobbying to have the ladybug proclaimed official state insect, and so far have put a bug in the ear of about 115 state officials.

Texas has a state shell, gem, stone, bird, flower and tree, but no state insect.

The class already has had some success in its quest. McLean City Council members voted unanimously June 23 to proclaim the ladybug as official city insect, and Gray County commissioners on July 1 proclaimed it the official county insect and sent a resolution to area legislators and Gov. Bill Clements endorsing the ladybug for state insect.

"Because it's friendly and 'cause it helps crops and stuff," class member Jeremy Thomas explained when asked why the ladybug was chosen for special honors.

"It helps farmers by eating aphids and helps the wheat crop," added Tommy Pennington.

Erin McCracken, whose letter to the state of Pennsylvania as part of a class project started McLean's ladybug movement, said the little ladybug's appetite for aphids helped California fruit-growers save their crops in the early 1900s.

Teacher Frances Adamson said the project began in May, after she decided to try something different to teach letter-writing in English class.

"Every year we write the letters, and this is a pretend letter, and the kids hate it," she said. "They don't pay any attention to it."

But this year, Ms. Adamson said, she decided to combine English letter-writing with what the class was learning about U.S. history and geography in social studies. Each classmate picked out a state to write to for information, Ms. Adamson explained. Erin's response from Pennsylvania officials in-

cluded a few sentences explaining how the Keystone State got the firefly proclaimed its state insect after a third-grader wrote to the governor about it.

Ms. Adamson said the class wanted to do the same thing in Texas, and after researching books and encyclopedias at McLean's Lovett Library, decided that the ladybug's value to Texas farmers made it the logical choice.

"I said, 'Are you serious about it?'" Ms. Adamson recalled. "They said 'Yeah!' They all just chimed in."

She said their enthusiasm has not let up even though school is out for the summer.

Indeed, the city of McLean has been decorated with posters everywhere, urging citizens to support the ladybug as official city, county and state insect. A display has been set up at the library.

Ms. Adamson said the city has gotten behind the class, too, donating stamps for their numerous letters to state officials.

"I had no idea when we started this that this thing was going to snowball," Ms. Adamson said. "They're excited because maybe they're going to get something done, and a lot of it's that adults are paying attention to them."

Attention has come in the form of about 30 letters received from the likes of Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, state Sen. Bill Sarpalis, D-Canyon, and area Reps. Foster Whaley, D-Pampa, and Dick Waterfield, R-Canadian. The students also received responses from legislators as far away as Corsicana and Victoria.

With a few exceptions, most of the letters supported the idea, but said it would have to wait until the 71st Legislature meets in 1989.

At last report, Clements hadn't added the ladybug proposal to the agenda of topics for the current special session.

## Tips shared on traveling with kids and living to tell

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — It's every parent's vacation nightmare: Trapped in a car 200 miles from home with 200 miles to go and the kids are in the back seat, fighting over who gets to sit by the window.

But Gwynne Scholz has a secret weapon. Stick-on dots. Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of multicolored, varied size stick-on dots.

"If you want them to have visions of peace when they get there, you have to give them visions of peace along the way," she said.

That's where the dots come in. The same age children who become absorbed with building blocks — ages 2½ to about 12 — also become absorbed with the stick-on dots found in office supply stores to color-code file folders.

"You can put two dots on a paper and ask the child to draw a line to connect them," Ms. Scholz said. "You can draw an airplane and say to the child, 'Make the dots into wheels or windows.' ... They will make rainbows, whole herds of people, complete bestiaries out of dots ... Parents have told me, 'Thank god for dots.'"

Pipecleaners can be used in much the same way, she said. She said, however, neither should be given to children who haven't stopped stuffing everything in their mouths.

Parents must remain aware that cars, buses and planes place unnatural physical restraints on a child, Ms. Scholz said.

"There's a vacancy of the brain that takes place with the window," she said. "After X number of miles, the brain shuts down and can't process anything more

visually. How many clouds can you really be amazed at?"

It occurred to her, while watching a frantic mother try to keep a toddler calm on a long airplane flight, that no one ever gives parents tips on how to travel with kids, she said.

Ms. Scholz, owner of Trespassers William children's bookstore in Albuquerque, since has printed up 12 pages of tips for parents and has offered workshops on traveling with small children and living to tell about it.

"When kids are whining and crying, they are probably bored and understimulated. They need to have their brains engaged because their bodies are immobilized," she said.

Books come in handy as long as a parent's vocal cords hold out, Ms. Scholz said.

She suggests reading a book that's a little above the child's level so he has to think. Her favorite is "Trouble for Trumpets," a picture book "so incredibly full of wonderful, wonderful pictures, hundreds of secret messages, as well as a plot of good guys vs. bad guys."

For ages 2 to 4, she recommends a pop-up book "that is going to give its life to the cause of travel. When you get where you're going, the pop-up will deserve a decent burial."

Ms. Scholz also recommends a photo album for 2-year-olds. Parents should take a mini album that holds one picture per page and fill it with pictures of familiar things: the child's house, the family car (if they are traveling by airplane), family faces.

## Dog owners, pets team up for contest

AUSTIN (AP) — This was a contest where having a dog face was an advantage.

Six people sought to play up physical similarities with their dogs Saturday in a pet look-alike contest.

The contest benefited the Austin Animal Hotline, a free service that director Kim Traylor said is for people who have lost or found pets.

When Matt Mercer walked through the door with Bull, his 19-month-old, typically jowly Chinese Shar-pei, they looked like a pair of contenders.

"We're built a little the same," the stocky Mercer told the Austin American Statesman. "Hopefully, I don't resemble him facially that much."

Robin L. Buckridge said that both she and her mother see the similarity between Robin and Tanner, a canine described by its owner as a cocker-hound mix.

"I just think we're both kind of frumpy," Ms. Buckridge said.

Christine Hudson had to maneuver her shy 10-year-old Lhaso Apso, Misty, into position to show what she thinks makes them alike.

"I guess in the eyes, maybe the hair," said Hudson.

The judges named Ms. Hudson and Misty the best look-alike pair, but since every dog has its day, Misty got to pick the prize.

She chose an extra-large rawhide chewie over an etched mirror with a picture of a dog on it.

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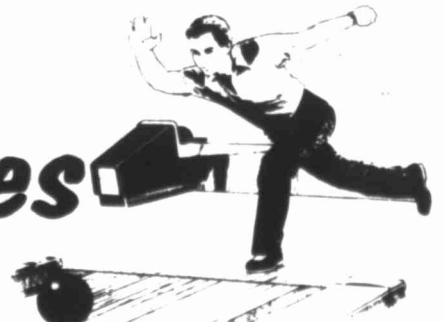
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