

U.S. troops mobilizing to Honduras



By BRYNA BRENNAN
Associated Press Writer

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaragua mobilized its troops and appealed to citizens to help the army Wednesday after the United States announced it was sending soldiers to Honduras for a training exercise, the official radio said.

The government did not confirm reports from Honduras and Washington that Sandinista troops pursued U.S.-backed Contra rebels into Honduran territory during an offensive in northern Nicaragua.

However, President Daniel Ortega said fighting was raging along the border and that there was "cross fire from Honduran territory against our forces."

"This is the hour in which the Nicaraguan people must place themselves at the orders of the Sandinista army," the government radio network said late Wednesday.

It said troops were being mobilized throughout the country, and demonstrators took to the street in the southern town of Rivas, near the Costa Rican border, to protest the dispatching of U.S. troops to Honduras.

The radio called Honduran President Jose Azcona Hoyo's request for U.S. military help "just a disguise, since these troops could well come into Nicaragua. This is certainly the intention, and they will do it at any moment."

"But they will not catch the Nicaraguan people sleeping," the radio network said.

In Washington, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the United States was sending 3,200 soldiers to southern Honduras to carry out training exercises and to be "a signal to the governments and the people of Central America." He said they would not enter any combat zones.

Foreign Minister Carlos Lopez Contreras of Honduras said Wednesday night that Azcona contacted Ortega to demand the withdrawal of the Sandinista troops. Honduran military intelligence sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The

Associated Press that Honduran troops had surrounded about 2,000 Nicaraguan soldiers near the border.

In Costa Rica, President Oscar Arias said his government had confirmed the incursion. He condemned it.

The leftist Nicaraguan government took control of all privately owned radio stations Wednesday and hooked them up into a national network that broadcast government announcements and revolutionary music.

Ortega told a news conference Wednesday afternoon that the offensive was launched March 6 and that Sandinista troops recently dislodged about 2,000 rebels from

northern Jinotega province. He did not say how many Sandinista troops took part in that action.

Ortega said the Contras were receiving logistical support and evacuation from Chinook helicopters owned by the United States.

Referring to reports earlier Wednesday that the Reagan administration was considering sending military support to Honduras, Ortega said: "This is the most serious threat in recent years. We are calling on the Nicaraguan public to be alert, to be in combat readiness, ready to repel, resist, defeat whatever aggression from

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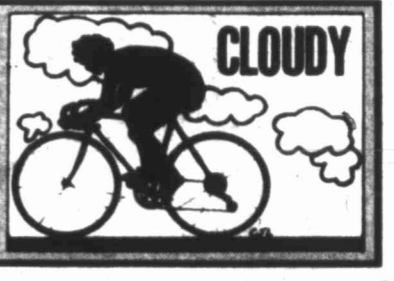
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About the Weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: It will be cloudy and cold through tonight and partly cloudy Friday. Highs today in the upper 40s with a chance of rain mixed with snow later this afternoon. Windy today, with gusts up to 35 mph. Lows tonight in the lower 30s; highs tomorrow in the lower 50s.



Spring board

How's That?
Time change
Q. When will daylight-saving time go into effect?
A. The federal law specifies that daylight time applies from 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April — April 3 this year — until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday of October in areas that do not exempt themselves.

Calendar
Workshop
FRIDAY
• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring will hold its annual pancake supper from 4-8 p.m. in the Howard College Cafeterium. Tickets are \$3 per person, with all proceeds going to projects for Howard County youths.
SATURDAY
• The seventh annual Medina Children's House benefit dinner begins at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, will be available at the door; call 263-0234 for more information.
• There will be a Democratic Precinct Convention at 7 p.m. in the District Courtroom on the third floor of the Howard County Courthouse.
MONDAY
• The Big Spring Post Office window service will begin opening at 8:30 a.m. and closing at 4 p.m.
• There will be a free blood pressure check at the Kentwood Older Adult Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Tops on TV
Probe
Austin attempts to thwart a murderer who uses bio-engineered viruses to attack specific gene patterns, thereby killing specific people. — 7 p.m. Ch. 2.



Rattlin' around
Billy Yanez, an employee at PJ Tire and Supply, inspects some of the rattlesnakes that were captured for the 26th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup, scheduled for March 25-28 at the Howard County Fair Barns. Snake hunters will be competing for prizes in three categories — most pounds, heaviest snake and most rattles.
In addition to pit shows by the Pit Masters, a snakehandling group from Gainesville which performs stunts, milking and handling demonstrations, the Roundup also will feature a flea market and several arts and crafts booths.
For further information, contact the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



Pageant remains uncertain

By KERRY HAGLUND
Staff Writer

The future of the Permian Basin baby pageant remains uncertain. While officials debate whether the pageant will be conducted, others are criticizing Odessa police for their investigation into the alleged pageant scam.

Several Big Spring families have entered the pageant and are waiting for their children to be crowned kings and queens, but Monday indictments against four pageant organizers on charges of gambling promotion have complicated the issue.

Will there be a baby pageant Sunday?
The answer depends on whom you ask.

Becky Cagle, manager of the Odessa Ronald McDonald House, and John Green, an Odessa attorney representing three pageant organizers arrested Monday on charges of gambling promotion, say yes.

"Steve, after all he's been through, has graciously agreed to try to put the pageant back together," said Cagle, who reported that Ector County District Attorney Eric Augesen had agreed to release records in connection with the case. The Ronald McDonald House was to receive at least \$5,000 in proceeds from the pageant.

Augesen, however, said Odessa police have control over items seized in a Monday raid on baby pageant headquarters.

And police today said any release of evidence seized in connection with the pageant is unlikely.

Police contend the pageant was a scam and began investigating the operation last week after a reporter called and said the pageant was similar to a Beaumont pageant, which was found to be an illegal lottery.

Permian Basin pageant organizers, Davis, 32, Donna Burris, 38, and William Clyde Burris, 26, all of Lubbock, were arrested.

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It's in the air — West Texas dust

By HOLDEN LEWIS
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EL PASO (AP) — Dust was in the air as West Texans coped with the annual onslaught of earth, wind and fiery sandstorms.

The season usually begins in mid-March and ends in May. April is the windiest month, and the driven dust can sand-blast car finishes, damage skin and hair and make life miserable for allergy sufferers and people with respiratory illnesses.

El Paso suffered through its first dust storm of the year a week ago, once again meeting a timetable as old as the desert and Texas' South Plains.

Big Spring experienced high winds on Wednesday, finally subsiding late Wednesday night.

The season's high winds and dry weather, combined with plowed-under fields, make Lubbock particularly dusty this time of year, said Andy Anderson, meteorologist in charge at the

National Weather Service in Lubbock.

"Everything unfortunately seems to work in harmony," he said.

Conditions are similar in the desert of the Trans-Pecos, where moisture is scarce and the dust easily swirls in the warm winds.

It's so windy in the Panhandle that Amarillo High's mascot is the sandstorm. The school's sports teams are known as the Amarillo High Sandies.

Wind picks up in spring because of uneven heating of the earth, causing fronts and upper-level disturbances, Howard Wheelless of the El Paso NWS office said.

"We're going from winter to summer," Wheelless said. "It's just a cycle that Mother Nature goes through."

It's also a cycle that allergy sufferers have to go through. At the El Paso Allergy and Asthma Center, business increases about 15 percent to 20 percent during dust storm season, spokesman Jon Kersey said.

"We're seeing a lot of people come in," he said. "They complain of allergic rhinitis, asthma, wheezing, tightness in the chest."

Allergic rhinitis is another way of saying hay fever.

The wind-blown dust pits windshields and scratches car finishes, but the body-repair business doesn't increase much during dust storm season, said Enrique Medina, president of Spraymaster Paint & Body in El Paso.

Imogene Johns, manager of Aladdin Beauty College in El Paso, said she, like most people, procrastinates when it comes to protecting her hair and skin this time of year.

"Knowing better, I'll wait 'til it's too late," she said.

She said people should use skin moisturizers and hair conditioners "to keep those ends from being whipped up in the sand."

"Once it hits, taking care of it later is kind of like running out after the horse is out and shutting the barn door," she said.

St. Patrick's Celebration clouded by Irish violence

By SCOTT WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

More than a million people were expected along Fifth Avenue for New York's parade, green grins awaited celebrants in Georgia, and the Chicago River flowed green as Americans celebrated a St. Patrick's Day clouded by violence in Northern Ireland.

New York's parade, expected to draw 125,000 marchers and more than a million spectators, is the nation's biggest and one of 185 held throughout the United States on the day when everyone is Irish.

In Savannah, Ga., parade organizers braced for 250,000 people to pack the coastal city's downtown Historic District, where grins and public fountains flow green on for the four-hour, three-mile parade.

But the celebrations were clouded by violence at a gravesite in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where three people were killed and 68 wounded by a Protestant

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shooting a pistol and throwing grenades at services for three slain Irish Republican Army guerrillas.

"We are very sad to hear the news... that those people could not be buried in a peaceful way," said Francis Beirne, chairman of New York City's 227th parade honoring the patrol saint of Ireland.

The Chicago River also flows green today, thanks to 100 pounds of biodegradable dye, with 40,000 marchers and 50 floats stepping out in the Windy City's annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

In Iowa, environmental officials nixed a plan to dye the Mississippi River green to coincide with an interstate parade through the Quad Cities.

"It's hard for the department and state Legislature to work as hard as we did last year to pass a water protection act and to allow something like that to

occur," said Larry Wilson, director of the natural resources department.

Seattle's parade down Fourth Avenue follows a wide green stripe laid down in a tradition established by the late John Doyle Bishop, who used to paint the parade route only to be arrested annually for defacing the street. In recent years, that problem has been solved by using green tape.

Also scheduled was a Mass for Peace in Ireland at Plymouth Congregational Church.

In Butte, Mont., the M&M Cigar Store cooked up 1,500 pounds of corned beef and 15 cases of cabbage, doubled the length of its 30-foot-long bar, and scheduled 14 bartenders to work through the day and night.

In New York, police said 3,247 officers have been called to duty, with instructions to control public drunkenness around the parade, which disperses on Third Avenue, home of many festive Irish taverns.

Some 185 bands, including the St.

Patrick's Independent Accordion Band from Portadown, Northern Ireland, planned to take part in the Fifth Avenue march.

The parade's grand marshal, William Burke, vice president of the Bank of Ireland, was to be joined on the reviewing stand by Gov. Mario Cuomo, Mayor Edward I. Koch and Police Commissioner Benjamin Ward.

This year's parade was dedicated to the U.S. Constitution and the liberty of one Irish immigrant who has been held here without bail or trial for over four years.

James McNamara, parade spokesman, said the march would be dedicated to "liberty and justice" for Joseph Patrick Thomas Doherty, who fled to the United States after the 1980 IRA killing of a British army captain in Belfast.

Doherty has been held pending extradition proceedings.

Guard change will mean jobs

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

More than 50 new jobs — all of them part-time — are being added to the Big Spring area by the Texas National Guard, according to area recruiter Sergeant First Class L.G. "Bud" Assenmacher.

"Effective 1 June," Assenmacher said Wednesday, "we will be changing from a combat engineering unit with authorization for 58 enlisted personnel and two officers to an artillery unit with 107 enlisted and three officers authorized."

"We need approximately 50 additional people," he said. "We have been authorized to hire those people from the Big Spring area, and the economic impact (of the unit) will actually be double what it is now."

Staff Sergeant Jessie Pierson, training noncommissioned officer for the National Guard unit in Big Spring, explained that the new jobs will be adding dollars to the local economy.

The guard payroll now is in the \$150,000 neighborhood annually, the sergeant said. When the change to the artillery battalion becomes effective and the personnel openings are filled, that payroll will go into the \$350,000-\$400,000 range.

The new jobs involve making an eight-year com-

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Texan urges Congress to change diesel-fuel tax law

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Saying it could cost Texas farmers \$30 million, the president of the Texas Farm Bureau urged Congress Wednesday to change a new diesel-fuel tax law.

S.M. True Jr. testified at a Senate Finance Committee hearing in support of legislation that would restore the tax-free purchase of diesel fuel for off-road use. The committee is expected to consider the legislation later this week.

The legislation would reverse a law Congress passed late last year that requires users of off-road diesel fuel — who are exempt from a federal 15-cent-a-gallon federal excise tax — to start paying the tax when they buy the fuel, then apply for

a refund from the government.

"If this provision is not changed, farmers and ranchers will be burdened with an additional operating expense that will total hundreds of millions of dollars in diesel-fuel excise taxes ... This is a tax that farmers do not owe and should not have to pay," True told the committee.

True, a Plainview farmer and member of the American Farm Bureau Federation's board of directors, represented the federation at the hearing.

He estimated that the refund plan, which takes effect April 1, would require farmers nationwide to pay about \$400 million in diesel taxes, including \$30 million from Texas farmers alone.

True cited a number of objections to the

change in the diesel-tax collection law. He said the change would create cash-flow problems for farmers, require them to borrow additional operating funds, lead to greater interest costs, and put a new paperwork burden on farmers to get their refunds.

In addition, True said, only very large farms use enough diesel fuel to apply for quarterly refunds, so that most farmers would be forced to receive only an annual tax credit for the diesel taxes they paid.

"In effect, farmers will be making interest-free loans to the federal government. We think this is ridiculous," said True.

He also said the cost to the Internal Revenue Service of administering the new

refund plan could be higher than the amount of money the taxes bring into the federal Treasury.

True also warned that unless legislative action is taken quickly, fuel costs could temporarily rise and the fuel-distribution system could be disrupted.

The reason: Farmers and other off-road users of diesel fuel could decide to top off their storage tanks as April 1 nears, to avoid paying the tax, he suggested. That could create sudden demand for billions of gallons of diesel fuel, True said, and could spur higher prices and regional shortages of fuel.

"The new tax law," True said, "is unfair. It is of questionable benefit to the federal government, and it will create a

new financial and regulatory burden on farmers and ranchers."

Numerous lawmakers are supporting a change in the new law, including more than 50 senators and more than 200 House members who have co-sponsored various bills restoring tax-free purchase of off-road diesel fuel used by farmers.

But a Federal Highway Administration official reminded the committee Wednesday that one benefit of the new law is expected to be reduced evasion of diesel-fuel taxes, which totaled \$2.8 billion last year.

Possibilities under consideration, Farris said, include allowing more frequent filing for refunds and the government paying interest on refunds that remain unpaid after 30 days.

Informant dies after his arrest

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Texas Rangers are investigating the death of a drug informant found dead in his jail cell about five hours after he was arrested.

An autopsy has been ordered on the body of Kenneth Simpson, 30, who was found dead about 4:34 a.m. Wednesday, Cleveland Police Chief Harley Lovings said.

Justice of the Peace Charlie Morgan, who conducted an inquest, said he found no outward indications Simpson had suffered a violent death.

More than 100 people went to the police station Wednesday demanding information about Simpson's death, but they left peacefully after some of them talked to Mayor Richard Boyett.

Simpson was arrested after an officer went to his home demanding a pen he believed Simpson had taken Tuesday night from the police station, where he had gone to get the telephone number of the U.S. Marshal. Relatives didn't know why he wanted the number but speculated it might relate to his role as a drug informant.

Simpson, who denied taking the pen, became enraged and knocked the officer down, Lovings said. A black officer then took Simpson, who was black, peacefully into custody about 11 p.m. Tuesday.



Fun in the sun
GALVESTON — Jennifer Robbins, left, and Shelley Pugh, both of Houston and students at Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, enjoy the sun at the 16-mile Road beach on the west end of Galveston Island during spring break.

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Some college students decided to do something constructive with their spring break vacation, passing up beach parties to rebuild a burned-out home.

"The beach is great. It's a lot of fun, but when you go home your tan disappears. This is something that we'll always have," said Michelle Dennis, 22, a psychology major.

In Brownsville, about 12 students are painting, laying carpet and flooring, landscaping and doing other work on the two-room, wood-frame house belonging to 64-year-old Evangelina Flores, whose husband died in a fire that destroyed most of the house in May.

Another seven Alternative Spring Break students from SMU traveled to New Orleans this week to work

in a Methodist church's soup kitchen serving meals to homeless people, cleaning and performing light construction work.

The project is being coordinated by the Methodist-operated Good Neighbor Settlement House, where the students slept at night.

Just 25 miles away, about 75,000 students jammed South Padre Island, a resort town on a barrier island about 10 miles from the Mexican border.

"I love the beach. I really do, but there is a wonderful feeling that you get when you finish a job helping someone," said Angie Wong, 19, a marketing major who was working on the house.

DALLAS (AP) — Police say they don't know the target of a radio-controlled bomb removed from a Dallas bank building that also houses the South Korean Consulate.

The bomb was found in a third-floor stairwell of a First Republic Bank building in northeast Dallas. It was disarmed Wednesday by police.

"This was not a high school prank. This bomb was built to do extensive damage or kill someone," said investigator Richard Dunn, who carried the 20-pound bomb into a special vehicle.

Dunn said no threats or extortion demands had been made.

FBI Special Agent Richard Newth said that investigators knew of no threat against the consulate or any of the other 75 businesses in the building.

The Dallas consulate has very little political function, mainly providing information for tourists and business travelers bound for South Korea, officials said.

First Republic Bank officials said there also was no connection between the bomb and Tuesday's announcement that the bank would

Officers disarm bomb found in bank

seek federal help to overcome its financial troubles.

The bank, with about 100 employees in the building, occupies the first two floors and the 10th floor.

"I wouldn't think there is a connection (to federal aid requests) given that there were no calls or anything associated with it and it was found on a tenant floor," said Marsha Larsh, a spokeswoman for the bank.

The bank is an affiliate of First Republic Bank Corp., which has its headquarters in a downtown building.

Dunn said the device was constructed out of three plastic pipes filled with commercial-type explosives. He said the bomb had an antenna and was designed to be triggered by a remote-control switch.

"Once we got up there, we knew it was a live device. There was nothing to do but secure the area and transport it as quick as possible," Dunn said.

Employees returned to the building around noon after the bomb was removed.

Victims' daughter seeks recourse

DALLAS (AP) — The daughter of two murder victims has filed a \$1 million suit against the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, accusing the agency of "gross negligence" in failing to revoke the parole of the man convicted in the stabbing deaths of her parents.

Officials at the parole board and the Texas attorney general's office, which represents the board in such actions, said the case might be the first of its kind in Texas.

The suit was filed Wednesday by Mollie Finch Belt, whose parents, Fred Finch, 66, and Mildred Finch, 64, were stabbed to death during a burglary in 1986.

Some students work, avoid a tan

Kenneth Thomas, now 27, was convicted in the deaths and sentenced to death by lethal injection. He is awaiting execution at the Texas Department of Corrections.

Parole officials have admitted that Thomas should have been in jail at the time of the killings for violating the terms of his parole, which stemmed from his conviction in a 1979 stabbing.

Instead, Thomas remained free on parole months after he escaped from a minimum-security halfway house, failed to report to his parole officer and attacked his mother with a screwdriver.

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MARTHA'S Hideaway II, 1100 W. IS-20. Thursday 17th -St. Patrick's Day Party, Free Green Beer 8:00-11:00, Mark & The Country Four playing 8:00-12:00, Free Fish Fry, 10:00 p.m. Friday, 18th -Mark & The Country Four playing C/W music, 8:00-12:00, Free draft beer, 8:00-9:00. Satur-

day, 19th, The White Knuckle Band from Snyder playing, 8:30 p.m. -1:00 a.m., Free bar-b-que, 10:00 p.m.

AMERICAN Legion Post 506, 3203 W. Hwy 80 will celebrate the American Legion's 70th birthday on March 20th, with a dance and bar-b-que. Monroe Casey and The Prowlers will provide music starting at 4:00 p.m. Bar-b-que will be served at 6:00 p.m. All Veterans are cordially invited. No cover charge. Mr. Hank Burnine, Associate Director of V.A. Medical Center will be there to answer questions pertaining to Veterans Benefits. Come early and get a good seat!

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Billy Joe Latham, 47, 2100 Alabama and Betty Jane Latham, 51, Bonnaville, Miss.

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Opinion

Views of other Texas papers

Here is a sampling of editorial opinion from around the state:

Oil price downward drift bad news

Almost unnoticed, oil prices are sliding toward \$15 a barrel. And there is reason to believe they may go far lower. The surplus is considerable. As spring nears, heating demands will diminish. The results will be slowly sliding prices and rapidly slipping U.S. drilling. This spells trouble, to wit, a growing dependency on foreign oil, especially from the Persian Gulf, where the Iran-Iraq war is heating up.

No one believes that there are sufficient U.S. supplies in the to make the nation energy independent. But there is every reason to want to maximize domestic oil production and to fully use domestic gas reserves. That will require deregulating natural gas to free the market to deliver the massive available supplies where they will be needed the most: the Northeast.

Oil and gas are the economic lifeblood of the nation, and the nation continues down the path of increasing dependency on foreign oil. The problem cannot wait for a new president. President Reagan should place energy at the top of his domestic agenda for the remainder of his term.

Dallas Morning News

Exercise caution in Soviet trade

Of all the Cabinet departments, the Department of Commerce is probably the least conspicuous to the average American, but beware. Commerce Secretary C. William Verity wants to increase trade with the Soviet Union. Selling Levis, Fords and Coca-Colas to 250 million Soviets is tempting, but caution should be exercised.

The Soviets won't allow their market to be bought for a pittance. They want high-tech products more than blue jeans and cola. The Pentagon opposes any trade in sensitive military gear. It should. Getting a corner on Soviet markets is enticing, but these are the same people who trample the civil rights of their citizens, who use slave labor to manufacture some of their goods, and who, in parts of the world, look down rifle barrels at U.S. troops.

In summary, it's OK to boost trade in some areas, but don't give away the store.

San Antonio Express-News

U.S. may be interfering too much

Few would deny that Panama's de facto leader, Gen. Manuel Noriega, isn't a democratic leader.

From the U.S. view, the man isn't fit to rule his country. But the view is much different in Panama and most of Central America. As long as there is general prosperity in Panama, the people won't likely revolt against Noriega.

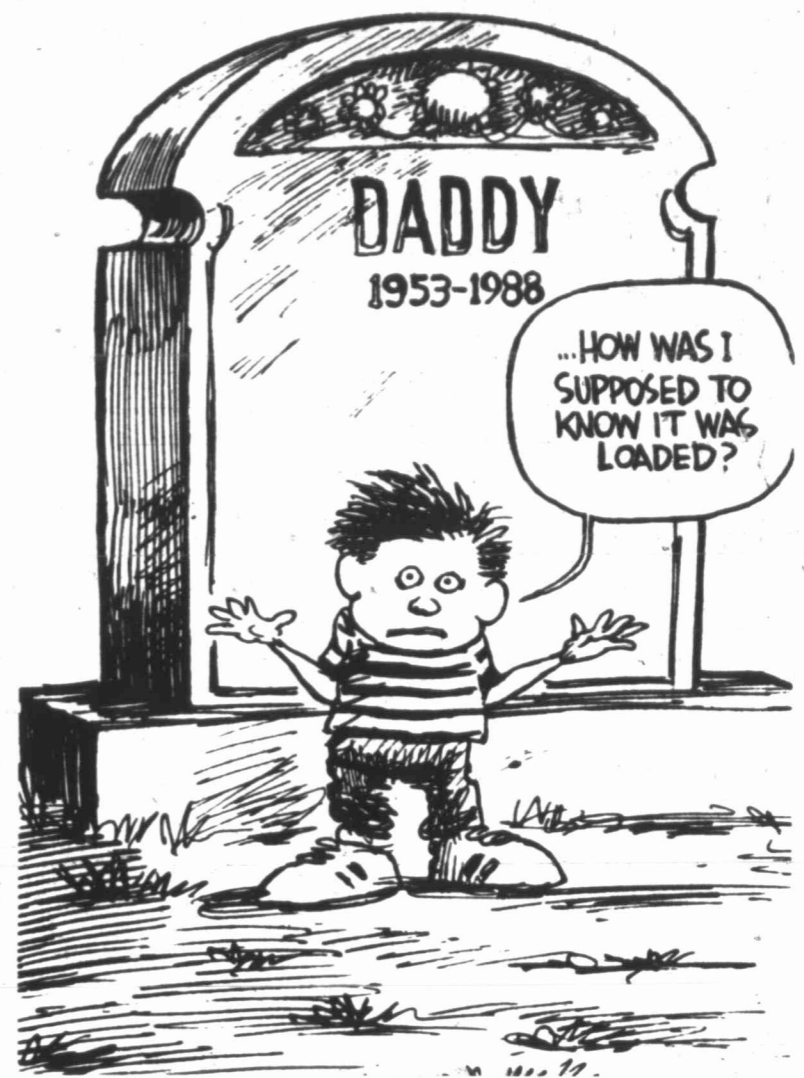
But now because of U.S. moves, prosperity may be going dry. ... When Panama was denied an estimated \$50 million of its U.S. dollars in U.S. banks because of charges against Noriega, it started hurting people in their pocketbooks.

The question is, should the United States again be interfering in another country's business, even a country where it has long-time ties? Will it be another case of U.S. interference developing a backlash?

Noriega may be a despot, but he is not a communist. ... Economic pressure from the United States could lead Noriega in that direction.

Some worry about the Panama Canal ... and its importance to the free world. But that canal is Panama's treasury. It is unlikely Noriega would want to do anything to ruin its economic gold mine. Most disturbing are reports that the canal is being neglected. In the long run, that is what the United States should be looking at, instead of dabbling in Panamanian politics.

El Paso Times



Hopping their way into the record book

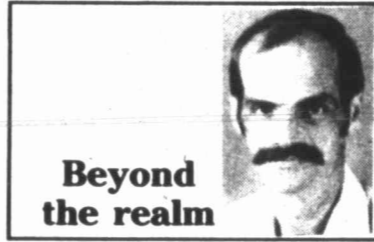
By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

Random thoughts while searching for my car keys: This just in from the Associated Press — another world record has been shattered. More than 120,000 people gathered in downtown Miami Sunday and conga-ed their way into the Guinness Book of World Records.

As Gloria Estefan and the Miami Sound Machine provided the music — surprisingly titled "Conga" — the sidestepping throng snaked its way along a 23-block section of Miami, shattering the current Guinness record by more than 100,000 people.

And they say American ingenuity is dead.

My first thought after reading this item — aside from wondering why AP would see fit to run the darned thing — was a brief hope that the Miami Police Department had enough jail space to hold all the drunks.



Beyond the realm

For the uninitiated, a conga is the Hispanic version of the bunny hop, which is the Anglo version of nothing else in the universe.

To do the bunny hop, people must meet two criteria: They must have consumed a vast amount of liquor; and they must have a complete lack of pride.

Walk into almost any country and western bar — and quite a few rock bars, also — about five minutes before closing time, and chances are you'll spot bunny hoppers. They're the ones still on the dance floor, yelling, "More beer! More beer!" and wearing T-shirts bearing obscene messages.

Now, what all this has to do with the price of tea in China is anybody's guess.

Through a mighty personal effort, I have refrained from commenting on Jimmy Swaggart's situation. Better writers than I have eloquently sawed ol' Jimmy in half for his foibles of late. Personally, his comeuppance reaffirms my belief in a benevolent God.

Having watched Jimmy spread his vitriolic gospel of hate against Catholics, homosexuals, Communists, free-thinkers or anyone else who didn't hew to the Assembly of God dogma, I think it was ironically appropriate for him to be photographed in the apparent company of a prostitute.

What struck me about his predicament was not that he got caught, but that he put himself in the situation in the first place. Consider: The guy's got a good job, plenty of money, a

gorgeous mansion and thousands of adoring fans. You'd think he would show a little more discretion in the company he keeps.

But noooo, Jimmy got a mite too careless with his vices. Careless or arrogant, one of the two.

It was reprehensible enough that Richard Nixon was a crook, but he had to be a sloppy one to boot. The same theory applies to Swaggart.

If you're going to pass yourself off as a man of God, by all means, avoid seedy motels and fallen angels. To do otherwise is just asking for it.

Right, Jimmy? Those two founts of wisdom are not the only random thoughts occupying my mind right now. I could expound on spring training, grass fires or a thousand other things but, alas, I have run out of space. Besides, I found my car keys.

Human rights in the news, on the move once again

By WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY

Even though the 8:30 a.m. English-language news issues from Geneva, there was no mention on March 11 of the developments the day before in Geneva at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights. It was the big day of the U.N. Human Rights season; Maureen Reagan was in town as a member of the U.S. delegation, and also Vernon Walters, our ambassador to the United Nations.

The chairman of this year's delegation to that commission is Armando Valladares (now a U.S. citizen), and if he is not an expert on human rights in Cuba,

then Rudolf Hess knew nothing about life inside Spandau Prison. What happened? Let the suspense reign.

The United States was fervently backing the most modest human rights resolution ever formulated. It followed the conventional form of those resolutions, which come in U.N.-sonnet form.

The first eight or 10 or 12 batches of prose describe the motives of the resolution's originator ("Aware of its responsibility to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1235...") until staggereth the patience of any non-bureaucratic reader. After that are the three or four patches of prose that state the resolution.

In this case, all the United States was asking for was that Cuba be urged by the secretary-general of the United Nations to permit the Red Cross to travel to Cuba to

examine its prisons. One would think this a reasonable request. In the first place, Cuba could always say no, the Red Cross can't examine our prisons. And what then would happen? Nothing.

But in the surrealistic world of the United Nations, these things achieve their own importance, so that intensive lobbying went on for weeks.

As one might expect, a vicious campaign was mounted against Armando Valladares' "Against All Hope," a brilliant, devastating expose of 22 years' life in Castro's prisons. It was charged that Valladares had been — oh, a member of the Nazi Youth Guild, or whatever: Even the most fastidious clerks tend to forget what was today's distortion extruded by the Castro propaganda machine.

One unusual development was embarrassing not so much to Castro, who is not easily embarrassed (he wasn't embar-

rassed in 1962 when the Soviet Union was detected having moved one-half of its nuclear missiles into Cuba), but embarrassing to Felipe Gonzalez, the prime minister of Spain.

The Madrid daily ABC got hold of an official, confidential report on human rights in Cuba conducted for the Spanish government by Spaniards, which report concluded, to use language more economically than the United Nations, that there are no human rights in Cuba. But such is the fraternal feeling of Socialist prime minister Felipe Gonzalez for Castro (they exchanged, a couple of years ago, on Castro's first and only trip to Europe, the biggest public smooch in the history of osculation), that the government managed to suppress the report's circulation. Spain was left pretending to be innocent of the state of human liberties in Cuba, and was therefore determined to vote against

the U.S. resolution.

If you can follow a little Byzantine thought, it went as follows: If a) the Red Cross were to enter Cuba and report that the prisons and psychological institutions were in fact torturing political prisoners, then b) the report of Spain's secret commission investigating human rights would indeed be verified; but c) since that report had been suppressed, the result of that verification would be embarrassing to the Spanish government. That is a specimen of U.N.-logic.

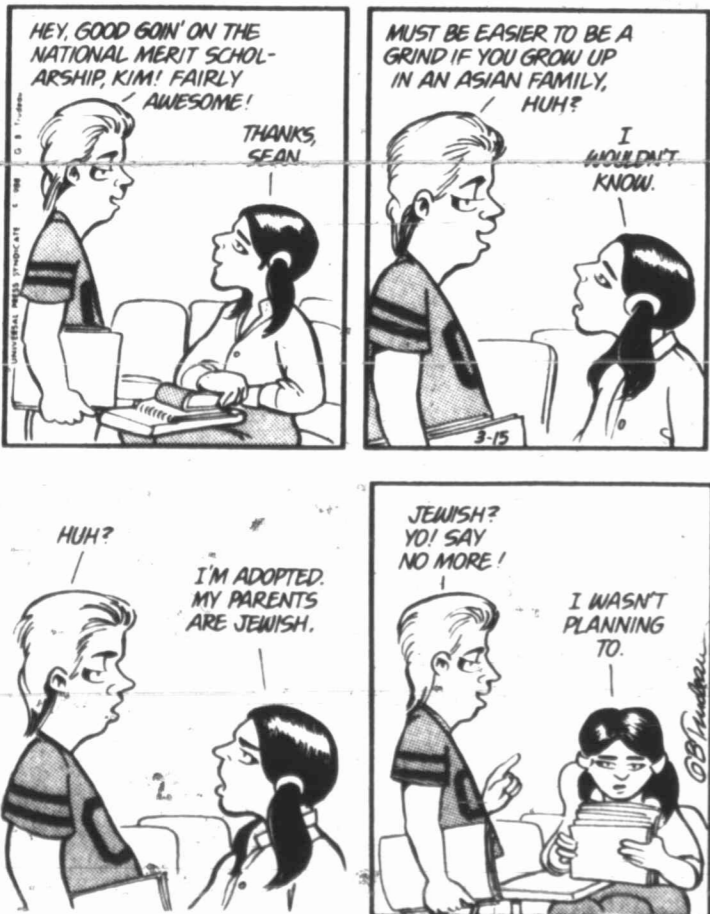
In any event, tension mounted greatly, and huge efforts were made to organize the votes. One arithmetician figured that the deciding vote might be cast by Sao Tome. The Europeans, with the exception of Spain, were with us. The communist bloc and its fellow travelers, against — of course.



On the right

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Comments from top ballot counter

By ART BUCHWALD

If you recall, sometime back Pat Robertson said God asked him to run for President of the United States. So everyone has been wondering why Pat did so badly on Super Tuesday.

I went to the source. "God, why did You let Pat Robertson down on Super Tuesday?"

"It was his own fault. I never get involved in primaries."

"But Robertson believed that since You gave him the green light to run, You would make sure he got the most delegates in the biggest primary of the year."

"I can't help it if all the church people in the South wanted to vote for somebody else. Maybe they saw something in Robertson that I didn't."

"What could they have possibly seen in Robertson that You missed?" I asked God.

"There could have been a credibility problem. The reverend predicted the world would be destroyed in 1982. When it didn't happen, he said he had read the wrong signs. Then he said he would rock the Soviet empire back on its



Art Buchwald

heels, because you cannot have any accommodation with it. And then he threw out a lot of right-wing trash that didn't play in South Carolina. But I believe the things that really hurt him were Jimmy Swaggart's fall from grace and Robertson's decision to drop his libel suit against Pete McCloskey for claiming Robertson had his father save him from the Korean front lines when he was a Marine. I think the people wanted that one settled one way or the other."

"Why did the Swaggart thing hurt Robertson?"

"Whether he admits it or not, Robertson is a television minister, and there has just been too much sinning amongst the electronic preachers lately. Frankly, I'm getting pretty sick of it."

"Robertson forgave Swaggart." "Yes, but I didn't, and apparently many voters in the South haven't either."

"Now that he is on the ropes, are You going to get involved with Robertson's campaign?" "I should hope not. Bush has it bagged, and I don't want him to get mad at me."

"Good point. How come the Reverend Jesse Jackson is doing so much better than the Reverend Robertson? Have you been helping Jackson?"

"Of course not. Jackson is doing well because he's acting presidential. He isn't frightening people half to death. All Robertson does is wear a big fat grin and tell everyone they're going to hell. That may be fine for a preacher, but it doesn't bring votes to the ballot box."

"I'm surprised You have taken such an interest in an American election."

"I've had to because I must defend myself. I like Pat very much, but I just don't trust him when he's running for office."

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Troops patrol Panama City after foiled coup attempt

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — Soldiers loyal to Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega patrolled the streets of Panama City today, one day after a failed coup attempt by rebel officers sparked rioting by thousands of Panamanians.

The rampage by citizens fed up with military rule and the nation's financial crisis was the largest disturbance since civilian opponents first began staging demonstrations calling for Noriega's ouster last summer.

Wednesday's protests erupted spontaneously throughout the capital and in the country's second largest city, Colon, 50 miles to the north.

Security guards fired into crowds that

ransacked stores and lit barricades of trash on fire in Panama City, but no deaths were reported.

By midafternoon, the demonstrators were dispersed, buses and taxis stopped running and the city was virtually deserted, except for patrolling soldiers.

The attempted coup on Wednesday was the first indication of opposition to Noriega within the Panama Defense Forces, the 15,000-member military and police unit from which the general derives his power.

The coup attempt began an hour after dawn with the crackle of light arms fire inside the walled Defense Forces headquarters in the capital.

After eight hours of official silence, the Defense Forces finally acknowledged at midafternoon that a coup attempt had taken place, blaming a handful of officers led by Panama's police chief, Col. Leonidas Macias.

"This morning an attempt by some officers to take and control the headquarters of our institution, in an isolated action, was firmly quelled by the officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the installation," said an official communique.

The statement from the Defense Forces' press office said Macias, three majors and a captain were arrested and that the revolt was put down "without

bloodshed."

But Maj. Edgardo Lopez, head of the military press office, told reporters that "eight or 10 officers" were involved in the aborted coup. He did not explain the discrepancy.

An hour after the shooting began, Noriega appeared at the top of a stairway outside the headquarters building, dressed in civilian clothes and accompanied by members of his high command.

To shouted questions from reporters about what had happened, the general replied: "What has happened is that you are visiting us here today."

Asked about the shots, he replied: "They were kisses."

Despite official evasions, word of the coup attempt spread and people poured into streets of the capital that were strangely devoid of riot police and soldiers.

Demonstrators erected flaming barricades of trash and debris across hundreds of streets, roughed up suspected government informers and broke into stores believed to be owned by Noriega and his supporters.

In the central business district, a mob of hundreds pushed a parked car through the plate-glass windows of a store they believed is owned by Noriega, then set the vehicle ablaze.

Nation

Wage hike approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moves by Congress to raise the federal minimum wage this year will put presidential candidates on the spot and force them to take a position on the issue, the chairman of the House labor committee says.

"They like to say they are for a good education or a living wage for everyone," said Rep. Augustus F. Hawkins. "They will have to discuss in detail the numbers that Congress sets. They won't be able to just say they are for a living wage."

The House Labor and Education Committee on Wednesday ignored the threat of a presidential veto and approved legislation to raise the minimum wage from \$3.35 per hour to \$5.05 over the next four years.

The measure, which passed after numerous Republican attempts to weaken or gut it, now goes to the full House.

Benefits excessive

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. veterans are cheating the government out of tens of millions of dollars each year by lying about their incomes and collecting excessive benefits as a result, a congressional report says.

The report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative wing of Congress, compared Veterans Administration income forms filled out by pensioners with Internal Revenue Service data.

Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, released the report Wednesday and said Congress should move to halt the abuses by giving the VA access to same tax information so it can verify what veterans tell it about income from jobs and investments. Murkowski is the senior Republican on the Veterans Affairs Committee.

The IRS information is compiled from reports supplied by employers and other income sources such as banks and stockbrokers.

The GAO's findings were based on an examination of such information from a single year.

Plant fire kills two

BERKELEY HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP) — An explosion and fire at a testing laboratory killed two people today and critically injured a third, but authorities said no chemicals or radioactive material appeared to have escaped.

Among the hazardous materials used at Gollob Analytical Services are radioactive hydrogen and krypton, and the solvents xylene and benzene, said Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Jim Staples. Light industrial buildings within a half-mile downwind were evacuated as a precaution, and employees heading to work at neighboring buildings were sent home.

Dozens of volunteer firefighters, working upwind of the one-story lab, had extinguished the blaze by 6:30 a.m., nearly 4½ hours after it began.



BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Mourners take cover as a bomb explodes during funeral services for three slain Irish Republican Army members here Wednesday. Police caught one of the gunmen at the cemetery and identified him as a Protestant.

Iran-Contra Further charges possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh is leaving the door open for further criminal charges in the Iran-Contra affair following the indictment of Lt. Col. Oliver North and three others on charges of "deceitfully exploiting" U.S. weapons sales to Iran.

The 23-count indictment charging that North, former national security adviser John Poindexter and two weapons dealers engaged in a criminal conspiracy "is simply an interim report" of the grand jury's 14-month investigation, Walsh told reporters.

"The grand jury is not finished," Walsh said Wednesday after the panel returned the 101-page indictment against North, Poindexter and arms dealers Albert Hakim and retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord.

Grand jurors will continue to meet because "they have uncompleted investigations," Walsh said, refusing to say if more criminal charges would be brought.

The indictment charges that the defendants circumvented a statutory ban on U.S. military aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels "by deceitfully and without legal authorization" setting up a clandestine private arms supply network.

It also says the four conspired to defraud the government "by deceitfully exploiting for their own purposes and corrupting" the U.S. arms sales to Iran that were approved by President Reagan in an attempt to win release of American hostages in Lebanon.

The U.S. government was cheated out of its rightful proceeds from the sale of \$30 million dollars worth of weaponry to Iran, the indictment said. The government received only \$12.2 million.

All four defendants were charged with conspiracy, theft of government property and wire fraud, stemming from the diversion of arms-sale profits to the Con-

tras to Swiss bank accounts controlled by Hakim and Secord.

Together, these charges carry a maximum 25-year sentence and each of the three counts has a potential fine of \$250,000.

The indictment raises the question of whether Reagan will issue pardons to those charged or convicted as a result of the Iran-Contra affair. Reagan, who has refused to rule out pardons for his former aides, "had no response" to the latest development in the scandal, said spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

North, who was fired from his White House post in November 1986, was named in 16 counts. He also was charged with obstructing Attorney General Edwin Meese III's Nov. 21-23, 1986, investigation by making false statements and destroying National Security Council documents.

Secord and Hakim were additionally charged with conspiring to pay North illegal gratuities by agreeing to set up a \$200,000 Swiss bank account for the Marine officer's family and to pay for the installation of a security system at North's home in Great Falls, Va.

North was accused of accepting the security system and pocketing \$4,500 of \$90,000 in travelers checks he received from a Contra leader to cover expenses of helping the rebels.

The gratuities were offered to "encourage North to continue in his position" at the White House so Secord and Hakim "would continue to receive opportunities for substantial revenues and profits" from the arms sales, the indictment said.

Secord and North agreed the "Enterprise" would keep most of the proceeds from the sale of TOW missiles to Iran in February 1986, the indictment said.

World

Israelis, Arabs clash

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli soldiers shot and killed four Arabs in clashes in the occupied lands, and the defense minister said the army would supplement force with new economic restrictions on Palestinians.

In another development, Israeli warplanes today bombed Palestinian guerrilla bases 10 miles southeast of Beirut in the third such Israeli air raid in Lebanon this year. Three people were reported injured.

The attack came a day after a volley of Katyusha rockets was fired from south Lebanon into a community in north Israel. An Israeli army spokesman said the rockets shattered windows and damaged citrus trees, but caused no injuries.

Israeli soldiers shot and killed four Arabs in clashes on Wednesday, bringing to 100 the number of Arabs killed by U.N. count since violence began Dec. 8 in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Also Wednesday, the occupied lands were paralyzed by a general strike and authorities arrested an Arab-American advocate of non-violence resistance.

Five homes set ablaze

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Firebombers today set five homes ablaze in Protestant North Belfast in apparent retaliation for a gun and grenade attack on an IRA funeral that killed three mourners and wounded 68.

Another Irish Republican Army gunman was to be buried in Belfast today as the British-ruled province reeled in shock over Wednesday's attack at the city's Roman Catholic Milltown cemetery.

Police said they were holding a Protestant, Michael Stone, who allegedly mounted the attack, and an accomplice. Police gave no other details on the two, who can be held without charge for seven days.

The IRA three guerrillas buried Wednesday were slain March 6 by British soldiers in Gibraltar, while unarmed and allegedly planning a bomb attack.

A spokesman at Belfast police headquarters today said the firebombing of the five houses appeared to be a sectarian attack. He said a woman was treated in a hospital for smoke inhalation but no other injuries were reported.

Explosion kills three

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Three people were reported killed and 16 injured today when a powerful bomb exploded outside the magistrate's court and police station in Krugersdorp, police said.

Capt. Reg Crewe, spokesman at national police headquarters in Pretoria, said several hours after the blast that officers were still checking on the casualties and could not confirm the identities of the dead.

He said the injured included 13 whites, among them a 7-month-old baby, and three blacks.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

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Break out the gloves and bats; it's time for the boys of summer

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Baseball, baseball and more baseball — except in the cases where the sport is softball — tops the list of ongoing activities this week in the Crossroads Country.

The Coahoma Little League is meeting tonight in the community center at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in coaching or helping with a little league team is invited.

Coahoma signups continue through Saturday at Robert's Auto Supply store in Coahoma from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays. Saturday hours are slated from 8 a.m. to noon.

Applicants should bring a birth certificate. Tryouts will be Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. at Coahoma ball park. For more information telephone 394-4417.

Big Spring's teen-age baseball for players 13 to 18 years old has begun signups, which continue through Saturday. Weeknight hours are 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the American Little League Park and Saturday registration is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Applicants must have their birth certificates, a written approval from parent or guardian, and the \$10 registration fee. Tryouts will be April 12-15 at the Roy Anderson Complex from 7-9 p.m. nightly.

For more details telephone the American League Park at 267-1968.

If you're into more strenuous sports, New Mexico Military Institute is sponsoring its 1988 Bottomless Triathlon April 30.

The competition pits entrants against the clock in three events — swimming, biking and running — and has been expanded this year, according to Captain Jerry Green of NMMI.

The swim remains a 500-yard effort, out to and back from a raft anchored in Lea Lake, one of New Mexico's Bottomless Lakes, scheduled site for the events.

Big Spring High School golfer Jeff Rhodes got off to a roaring start in the District 2-4A golf race last Saturday in Andrews.

Rhodes shot a five-under-par 67 to take a six stroke medalist lead in the first leg of the competition. Tony Lara of Sweetwater follows with a 73. Steer golfers Chris Sims and Michael Porch are also in the top 10 in medalist play, with their respective scores of 78 and 79.

Big Spring golf teams are off this week, but next week the Steers will host district play Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course, starting at 9 a.m.

If you want to see some of West Texas' finest prep golfers — be there.

From the Good Old Days of Yesteryear comes Dallas Cowboy standout Bob Lilly, who will be in Big Spring Saturday at the Spring City Do-It Center.

Lilly, born in Throckmorton, was an Oregon All-Stater in football and basketball during his senior year. Recruited by Texas Christian University, he earned All-American honors there.

The Dallas Cowboys made him their number-one draft choice in 1961, their very first. For seven of his 14 years in a Cowboys uniform, he was named All-Pro and played in 11 Pro Bowls before retiring in 1975.

He was named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1980, the first Cowboy to earn that honor, and in 1981 he was inducted into the national college hall of fame.

Lilly and his wife Ann now live in Las Cruces, N.M., where he operates the New Mexico Gallery of Photography and Art.

Parents for Gymnastics, Inc., has announced that Big Spring gymnast Will Rutherford, son of Johnny and Debbie Rutherford, will be traveling with Temple and Waco-area gymnasts this summer on a tour of Europe.

Planned stops include working at national training centers in Italy and Norway, where the 14 gymnasts on the tour will be able to see what the sport is like around the world.

Lance King, Waco Athletics and Racquet Club gymnastics coach, is organizing the tour. Will Rutherford, a freshman at Midway High School in Hewitt, lives and trains with his coach.

One Elite gymnast will travel with the tour as will two Class I competitors, 10 Class II gymnasts including Rutherford, and one Class III athlete.

The trip begins May 13 with an overnight airplane flight to Paris and then a train trip to Avion, France, to watch the Junior European Championships.

May 16 will find the group in Oslo, Norway, where they will spend six days before continuing to Milan, Italy, for a three-way meet June 1 between the Waco team, a Spanish team and the Italian Junior National team.

Following a sightseeing trip, the team will return home June 8.

Five Big Spring runners recently placed within the top 200 in the field for the West Texas Relays 5,000 Meter Classic at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Vic Keyes finished 45th in the race with a time of 20:04; Donald B. Davis finished 51st with a time of 20:23; Glenn Fillingim finished 86th after going the distance in 21:55; Teri Quinones completed the course in 23:04 to finish 111th, and Keith Gibbons came in 192nd with a 32:02 time.

At the YMCA March 11-14, the Coors Handball/Racquetball Tournament, the racquetball division championship went to a team from Odessa, which won the \$150 prize.

Jeff Edmond and Mike Owens went undefeated to win the handball division's \$150 first place prize and local players A.J. Pirkle teamed with Manuel Marquez, losing only one game, for second place money of \$75, while the \$50 third place money went to Odessa's Tom Heiting and Buynam Vincente, who lost two games.



Herald photo by Steve Reagan

Up and over

COAHOMA — Coahoma seventh grader Raye Anne Willis clears the high jump bar while practicing for Friday's-Bulldog Relays at the Coahoma track. The Bulldog Relays will feature both high school and junior high boys and girls competition. Field events begin at 2:30 p.m. Running prelims start at 4 p.m. and running finals get underway at 7 p.m.

Lady Wranglers defeated

SENATOBIA, Miss. (AP) — The Odessa Lady Wranglers' season came to an end Wednesday night in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball tournament.

Gladys Burke scored 21 points and Becky Hall added another 20 as unseeded Emmanuel Junior College of Franklin Springs, Ga., defeated fourth-seeded Odessa, 67-65. OC was the WJAC champion.

Tina Mayfield added 15 points for Emmanuel, which improved to 24-5. Angela Jackson scored 28 points to lead Odessa, which fell to 2-3.

Tangella Turner's 27 points paced John A.

Logan, Ill., to an 89-67 trouncing of North Dakota-Lake Region in a second round game Wednesday of the NJCAC women's basketball tournament at Senatobia.

Stephanie Dial added 12 points and Lori Kirsch 11 for John A. Logan.

For North Dakota-Lake Region, Beth Ihry had 14 points, Kim Wagner 13 and Nicky Anderson 12.

Logan, 31-4, advances to play on Thursday the winner of the Coahoma, Miss., and Southwestern, Iowa game. North Dakota-Lake Region ends its season at 24-9.

Sandy Michel and Marcia Brooks each scored 21 points and Moberly, Mo., dominated from

the outset for a 94-65 victory over Louisburg, N.C., in an earlier second-round game Wednesday.

Moberly, 27-3, advances to battle Kilgore, Texas, in the quarterfinals Thursday.

Moberly raced to a 46-26 halftime edge. Pam Gorham's 20 points topped Louisburg, 18-7.

Meanwhile, Kristi Kincaid tallied 15 points and Ronnie Wood poured in 14 to take Central Arizona 67-52 over North Idaho.

Darla Smith paced North Idaho, 25-5, with 12 points and Darla Smith contributed 12.

Central Arizona, 30-2, grabbed a 37-24 halftime lead and advances to play Emmanuel on Thursday.

Williams conquers Michael and Bulls

By The Associated Press

They came, 16,515 strong, to the Capital Centre and they saw Chicago's Michael Jordan, but Washington had Williams the conqueror.

Jordan scored 25 points Wednesday night but that was nine below his NBA-leading average. Meanwhile, John Williams equaled his career high with 28 points and led the Bullets to a 106-103 victory over Jordan and the Bulls.

"Most everyone comes out to see Michael Jordan do his thing, but sometimes other players are overdue," Williams, a second-year pro, said. "I was due for a good game, and I had one tonight."

It was Washington's ninth victory in the last 11 games and gave the Bullets a 1 1/2-game lead over New York and Philadelphia, which beat the Knicks 115-108, in the race for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Elsewhere, it was Utah 120, Dallas 115; New Jersey 83, Milwaukee 79; San Antonio 113, Los Angeles Clippers 110, and Phoenix 118, Golden State 112.

A three-point play by Moses Malone gave Washington a 102-99 lead over Chicago with 2:14 remaining but the Bullets didn't score again until Williams hit a pair of free throws with 46 seconds left to make it 104-101.

With the score 104-103, Williams, who had 12 points at halftime and 12 more in the third period, followed his own missed shot and scored an insurance basket with four seconds left. Jeff Malone also scored 28 for the Bullets.

"The play was set for Moses, but he had three guys on him," Williams said. "Steve (Colter) swung it to me and the shot clock was going down, so I took the shot. I missed it, and I think it was



SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Dallas' Derek Harper (12) slaps the ball away from Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz during NBA action Wednesday night. Malone scored 29 points as the Jazz routed the Mavericks.

Moses who kept it alive. It was right in front of me, and I was able to get it back and put it in."

76ers 115, Knicks 108
Charles Barkley scored 11 points during a 12-4 Philadelphia burst

late in the game and had 19 of his 36 points in the fourth quarter. The WILLIAMS page 2-B

Instant replay renewed

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Last year, instant replay was saved from a premature demise by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. This year it was Dan Rooney, president of the Pittsburgh Steelers, who did it.

Next year, perhaps, the NFL owners will finally make permanent the high-tech oversight of game officials.

Instant replay was renewed for another year by a vote of 23-5 on Wednesday, two votes more than

necessary and two more than it received last year, when only some last-ditch lobbying by Rozelle preserved it. This time, however, the replay officials will be regular members of the officiating crew rather than members of the league office staff.

The owners declined to increase the \$50,000 fine levied against the San Francisco 49ers for providing \$10,000 playoff bonuses for each player. That was the

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Sports Slate

BASEBALL
Thursday, March 17 — Big Spring Steers in Snyder Tournament, vs. Brownwood, 2 p.m.
Friday, March 18 — Big Spring Steers in Snyder Tournament. Howard College Hawks vs. Northwood Institute, Dallas, 2 p.m.
Saturday, March 19 — Big Spring Steers in Snyder Tournament. Howard College Hawks vs. Northwood Institute, Dallas, (doubleheader) 1 p.m.
Steers junior varsity vs. San Angelo Central, Steer Field (doubleheader) noon.
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Friday, March 18 — Bulldogs Relays, Coahoma, 2:30 p.m.

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Australian History

40,000 B.C.		Aboriginals migrate to Australia.
1606		Dutch navigator Willem Janszoon sights Australia and lands there.
1642		Able Tasman discovers Tasmania, an island off the coast.
1770		James Cook explores the east coast and claims this area for England.
1776		American colonies win independence, and Britain can no longer send prisoners there.

Meet 'Crocodile Dundee' star Paul Hogan

One of the most popular stars in Australia for many years has been Paul Hogan. Today he is known worldwide after starring in the movie "Crocodile Dundee."

The movie was the world's biggest money maker in 1986, the year it was released. That year he was named Australian of the Year by the government.

Soon "Crocodile Dundee II" will be released. Paul will again play Mick "Crocodile" Dundee. The movie takes place in northern Australia and New York City.

Paul, 47, has been a TV actor for many years. He got his first acting job by pretending to be a blindfolded, knife-throwing tap dancer. He hosted a popular variety show from 1977-1982. "Crocodile Dundee" was his first movie. Paul worked as a swimming pool attendant and a boxer before becoming an actor.

Americans first saw him in TV commercials for the Australian Tourist Commission.

Paul is thin with blond hair and blue eyes. He is known for being very relaxed and casual.

He and his wife, Noelene, have been married for 29 years. Their home is in Sydney. They have four sons and a daughter. Paul is a grandfather.



"Crocodile Dundee" was Paul Hogan's first movie. He is a popular TV star in Australia.

TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of Australia are hidden in the block below. See if you find: AUSTRALIA, MINERALS, DESERT, ENGLAND, DRY, STATES, COAL, IRON, NICKEL, GAS, OIL, CATTLE, SHEEP, WOOL, ABORIGINAL, IMMIGRANTS, QUEEN, FARMS, SUGAR.

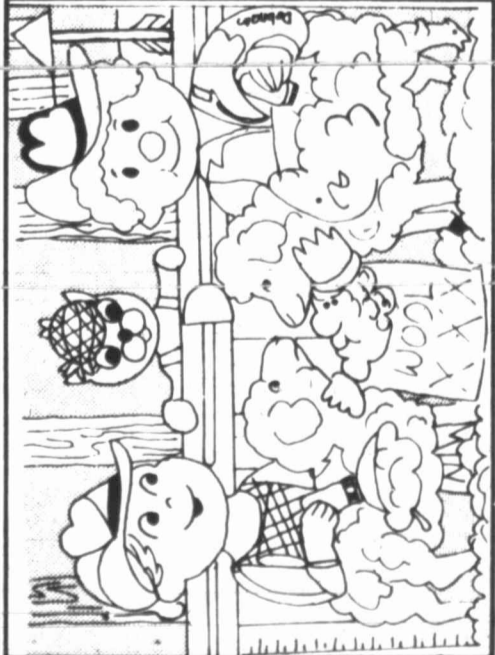
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Mini Spy . . .

Wool is very important to Australians. Mini Spy is watching two sheep shearers. See if you can find:



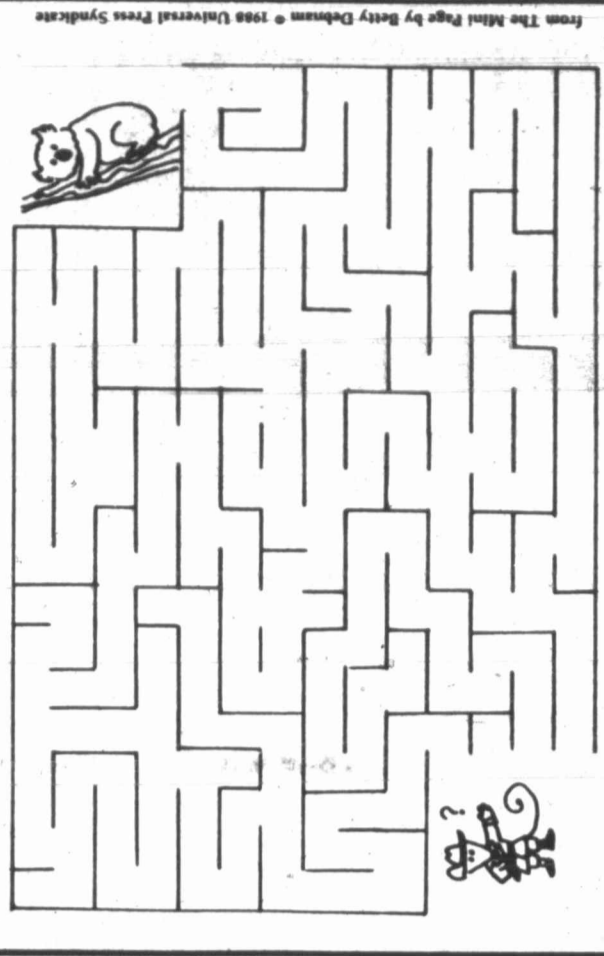
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- word MINI
- ruler

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1788		First Fleet arrives at Sydney Cove to set up penal colony.
1850s		Gold discovered and California miners head for Australia.
1868		Last shipment of convicts to Australia.
1901		Australia becomes a federation of states under one commonwealth government.
1942-45		Many U.S. servicemen and women are based in Australia.
1988		Australia celebrates its 200th birthday.

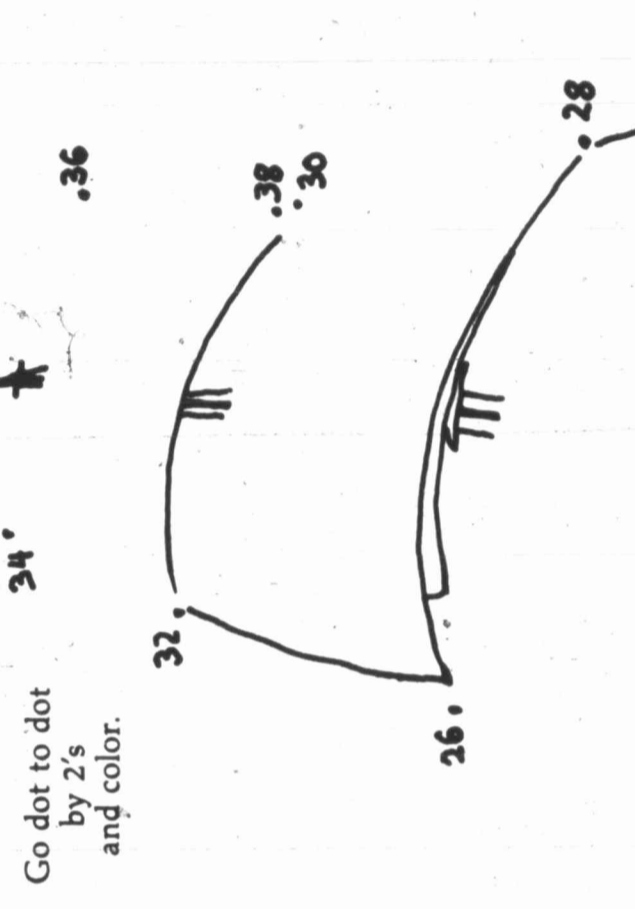
SPELLING MAZE

Help the Australian Alpha Mouse find the koala bear.



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THE MINI PAGE MAP OF THE WORLD is a colorful 34-by-22-inch map. Each nation's capital is identified, and the full-color map's border features 96 flags from nations around the world. To order, send \$3.00 plus 75 cents (for postage and handling) to: **WORLD MAP**, c/o This newspaper, P.O. Box 419150, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

(Sent in by Becky Pixler)

Mighty Funny: Knock, knock.
Gus Goodsport: Who's there?
Mighty Funny: Shelby who?
Gus Goodsport: Shelby coming around the mountain when she comes.

(Sent in by Melissa Caldwell)


THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

WHAT DO YOU CALL A WITCH IN THE DESERT?
 A SAND-WITCH.



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Supersport: Pat Cash



Pat Cash, 23, is a hero in Australia. Last year, he won the men's single championship at the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

Pat first played tennis at age 9. At 15, he left home to be coached in another city. He was the world's top junior player at 16.

He soon turned pro and was in the top 10 in the world in 1984. He did not play much in 1985 because of injuries. Pat lives in Melbourne. He is a shy and private person. He likes rock music and playing the guitar.

Pat Cash

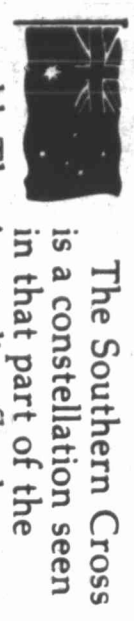
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The Mini Page Visits Australia



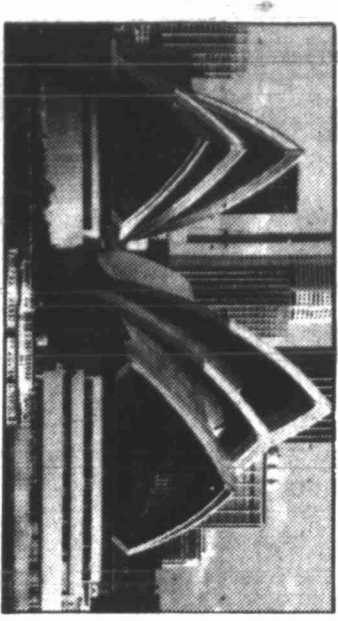
The Mini Page gang visited faraway Australia. It took 20 hours of flying time to get from Washington, D.C., to Melbourne. We made two stops: Denver, Colo., and Honolulu, Hawaii. Here are a few of the things we saw:

The Southern Cross

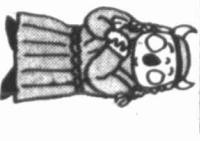


The Southern Cross is a constellation seen in that part of the world. The Australian flag has a blue background with the Union Jack, the Southern Cross and one big star to stand for the Commonwealth of Australia as one whole country.

Sydney Opera House



The Sydney Opera House is one of the most famous landmarks in the world. It is on Sydney Harbor, one of the most beautiful harbors in the world. The Opera House can seat 5,200 people.



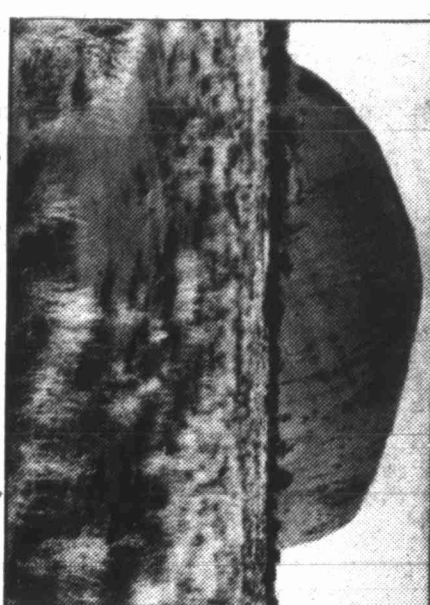
Expo '88

Tourists are very important to Australia. Many will be going to Expo '88, the World's Fair to be held in Brisbane from April 30 to Oct. 30.

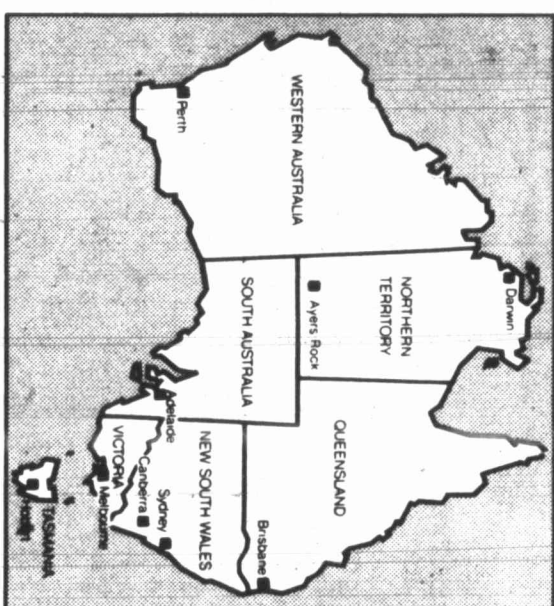


Expo '88's mascot, Expo Oz, a platypus in a safari suit and an Aussie hat.

Ayers Rock



Ayers Rock is the largest rock in the world. It is a single stone rising out of the desert in the middle of the country. It measures 5 1/2 miles around the base and is 1,100 feet high. The rock has caves with many ancient aboriginal drawings.



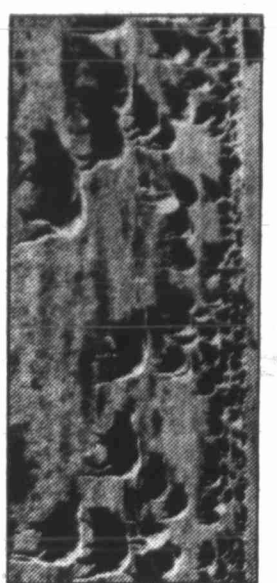
Australia is like a bowl with mountains along the coast and flatlands in the middle. See if you can find: ● Brisbane ● Melbourne ● Ayers Rock ● Sydney ● the Queensland coast

Great Barrier Reef

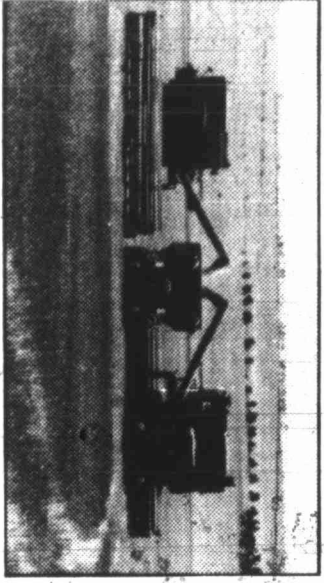


The Great Barrier Reef is a chain of more than 2,500 reefs and many small islands. It stretches 1,242 miles along the coast of Queensland. Tourists visit there to see the many fish and plants that make this spot one of the wonders of the world.

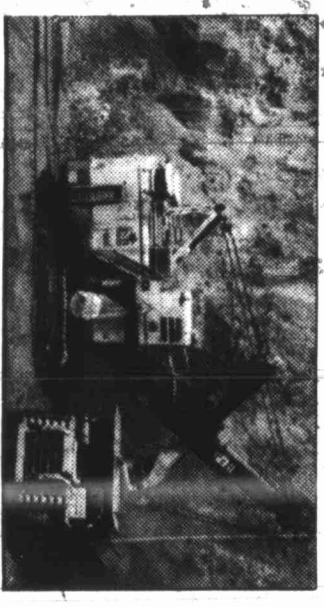
Farming and mining are important to Australia



Australia produces more wool than any other country. There are six sheep for every one Australian! Farmland covers about 65 percent of Australia, but most of this is dry grazing land.



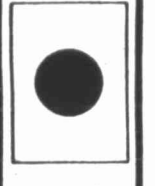
Australia is the third-largest exporter of wheat in the world. Other important crops include sugar cane, barley, grapes, dairy products, rice, sorghum and cotton. Crops are grown on only about 5 percent of the farmland.



Mining is very important to Australia. The country is the world's largest exporter of coal and aluminum. It also produces iron, bauxite, nickel, copper, tin, silver, diamonds and gold. Australia produces most of the world's finest opals.



Great Britain used to be Australia's main trading partner.



Today, Japan and the United States are Australia's main trading partners.



With its busy factories, farms and mines, Australia is one of the world's most developed countries.

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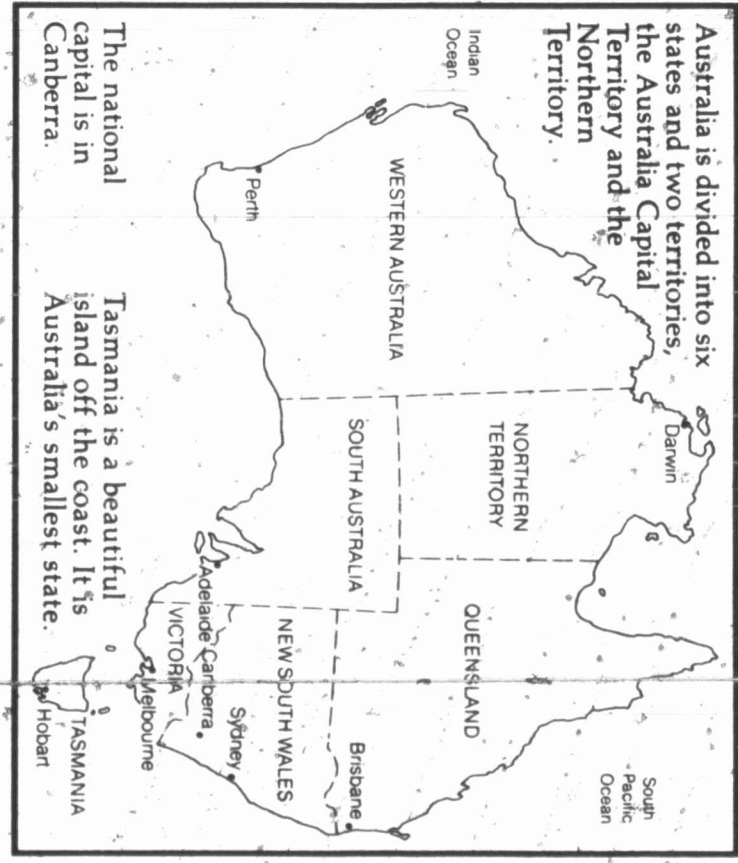
The Land Down Under. Let's Visit Australia

By BETTY DEBNAM

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Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere. Australia comes from the Latin word "australis," meaning southern. It is called the "land down under." We live in the Northern Hemisphere. Australia's seasons are different from ours.



Australia is divided into six states and two territories, the Australia Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. The national capital is in Canberra. Tasmania is a beautiful island off the coast. It's Australia's smallest state.

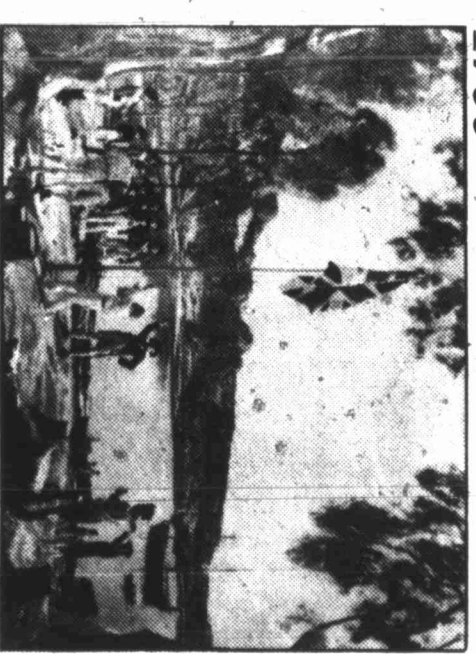
Australia is . . .

- the smallest continent.
- the largest island in the world.
- the only country that takes up an entire continent.
- a low, flat continent. The highest mountains are along the east coast.
- next to Antarctica, the driest continent, with about a third of the country covered by desert.

With so little area suitable for settlement, there are few people (16 million) when compared to its size.

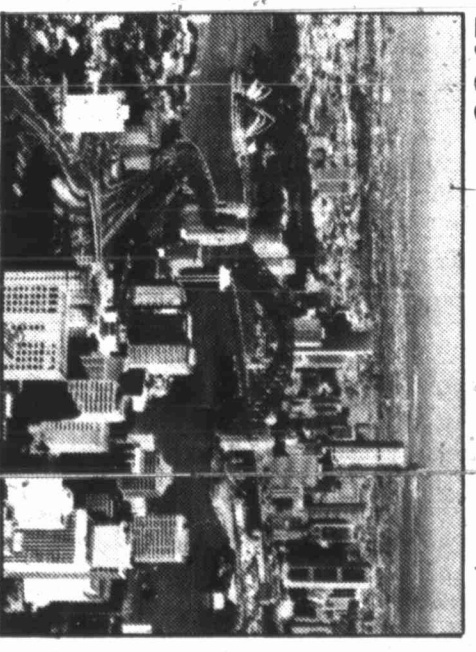
- about the size of the continental United States (which has a population of 245 million).

The natives



Unfurling the British flag.

Australia is celebrating its 200th birthday. A group of British sailing ships, called the First Fleet, landed at Sydney Cove on Jan. 26, 1788. The first white settlers were convicts, guards and tradesmen, sent to set up a colony for prisoners.



The Sydney of today.

Sydney is Australia's largest city, and the site of the First Fleet's landing. Six out of every seven Australians live in large cities and towns on the eastern seaboard.

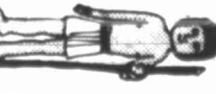


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Aboriginal dancers.

The natives of Australia are called aboriginals. They are a dark-skinned people who have lived on the continent for more than 40,000 years. Few today live as their hunter-gatherer ancestors did. About 60 percent live in towns and cities. Today they make up less than 1 percent of the population.



YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Richter Institute

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1988

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will be impelled toward making some new beginnings today, but don't start anything at this time. Instead, carefully review all the available data, and make sure you are clear on all points.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A friend is too busy with his own affairs to be of help to you, but don't take this personally. Don't take any risks on the highway.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Don't try to push your opinions on anyone today, or you will end up in trouble. This is not the best time to begin any new projects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) A financially well-off friend can give you some financial support, but make sure of your facts before you

ask this person for help.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Avoid any tense confrontations with officials today, or you'll get into big trouble. Be cheerful and optimistic at home tonight.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) A situation which you find unpleasant may have to be accepted for now, but only for a short time. Ask questions and clear up your confusion.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't do anything which could cause friction at home, thereby spoiling your family's harmony. Try to save more money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) If a co-worker is in a bad mood, be gentle and diplomatic to this person. Avoid any confrontations which

could have unfortunate results.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have several ideas for becoming more successful, but they need further study before you can put them into operation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Even if you don't really agree, go along with your mate today and avoid any trouble. Be sure to drive carefully this evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You understand how to improve the conditions at home, but your family may not be willing to go along with your ideas at this time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid an acquaintance who will only waste your time and money this evening. Instead, stay at home

and catch up on your reading.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Don't rely so much on others to help you progress. Plan to make some repairs to your home which will improve its value.

If Your Child Is Born Today
He or she will be way ahead of his or her time, and will have many unique ideas which may have to be shelved for a while. Teach your progeny while young to have more patience with others who are less talented, and to be cheerful when communicating with others.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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THE FAMILY CIRCLE



"Trees always get green too late for St. Patrick's Day."

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"I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT YOU'RE A GOOD COOK!"

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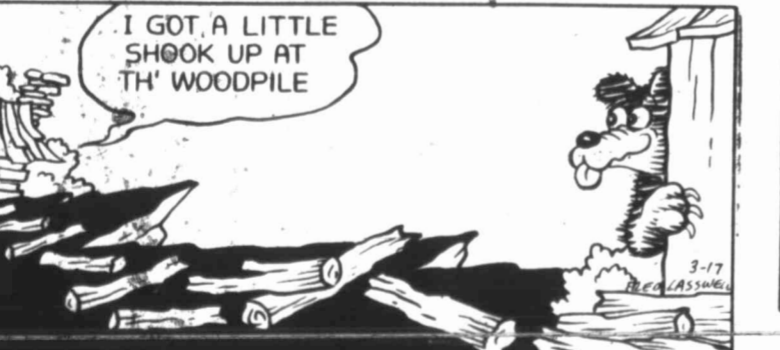
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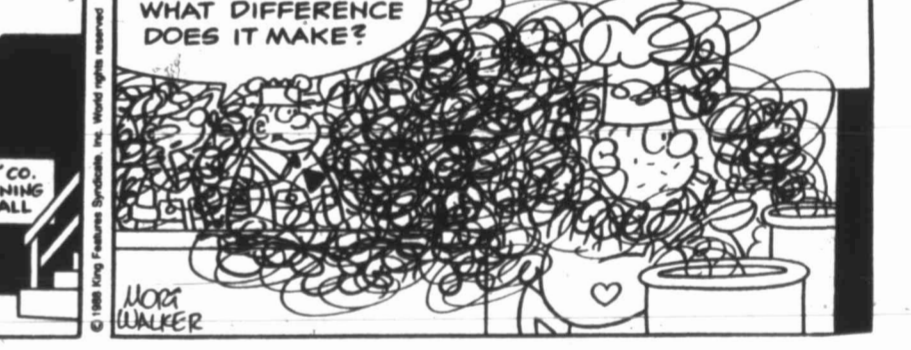
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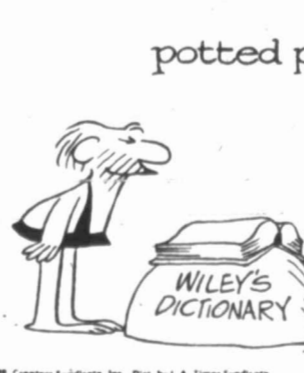
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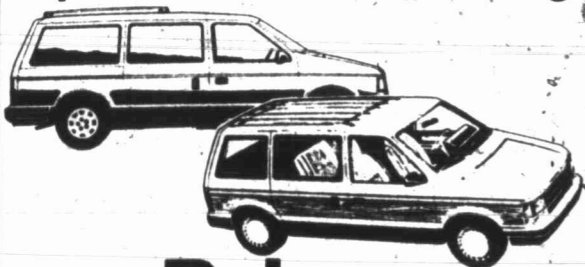


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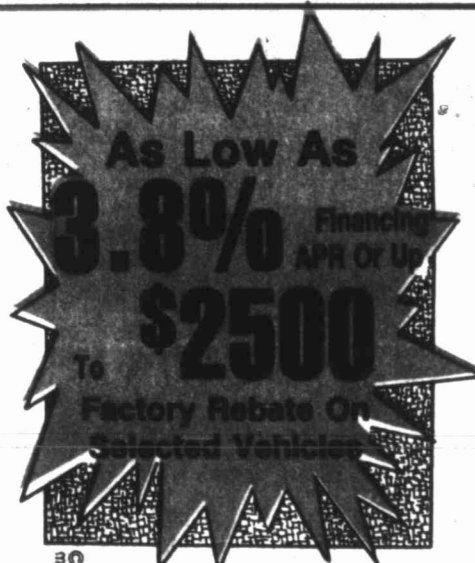
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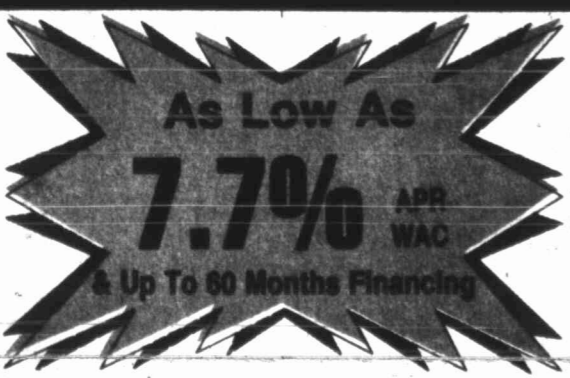
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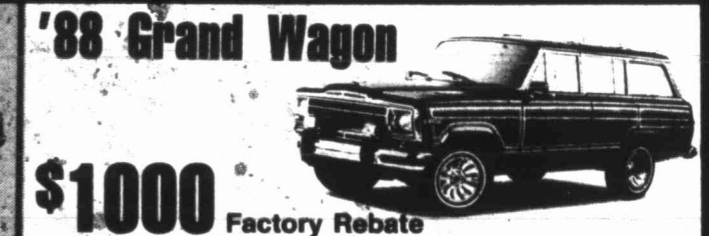
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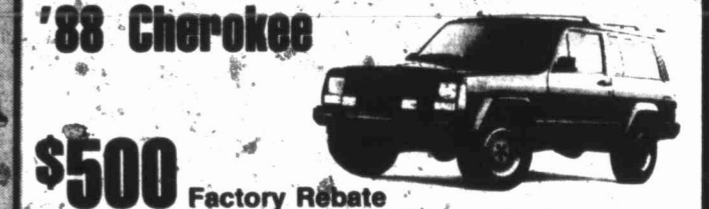
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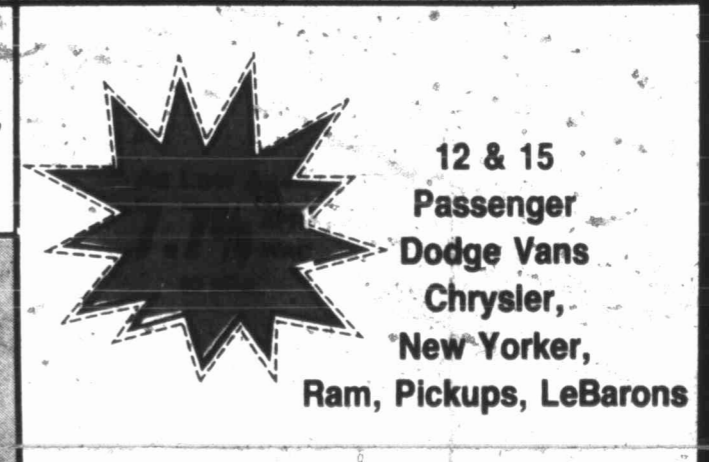


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