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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy with scattered and isolated thunderstorms east through Wednesday. Highs Wednesday lower to mid 90s; lows tonight upper 60s and lower 70s. Monday's high was 91 and the low was 72.



Jet shooting Pentagon scrambles to explain

By TIM AHERN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials who touted the Aegis ship defense system as the most sophisticated in the world are scrambling to explain why it couldn't tell the difference between a large Airbus jetliner and a far smaller F-14 attack jet.

That will be one of the issues examined by an official investigation team headed by Rear Adm. William N. Fogarty, who is en route to the Persian Gulf to find out what happened.

The cruiser Vincennes shot down Iran Air flight 655 in the mistaken belief that it was an attacking Iranian F-14, according to Adm. William J. Crowe Jr., chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The incident came shortly after the Vincennes had fired at Iranian patrol boats that U.S. officers believed had attacked the ship's helicopter, which was flying patrols in the Strait of Hormuz.

It was unclear whether the Airbus was descending in a threatening manner, as the Vincennes skipper apparently believed, or whether the jet actually was climbing when it was shot down.

The *Washington Post* today quoted unidentified Pentagon sources as saying that a report filed Monday by another U.S. Navy ship, the frigate Sides, said the Iranian plane was climbing, as Iran has claimed. The Post said officials did not know whether the report from the Sides was accurate.

The Vincennes is equipped with the Aegis system, which the Navy has touted as the world's most sophisticated and complex electronic defense.

In praising Aegis, naval officials have said it would permit Navy vessels to track more potential enemy planes at greater distances.

The European-built Airbus is far larger than the F-14, which the United States sold to Iran during the reign of the shah. The Airbus is 177 feet long, compared to only 62 feet for the F-14.

Crowe said that difference was less apparent because the Iranian plane was coming straight at the Vincennes. "One of the most difficult problems is from a radar blip, particularly from a head-on

PENTAGON page 3-A

Texas skipper: 'I'm responsible'

By RICHARD PYLE
Associated Press Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — It's widely said in the U.S. Navy that any warship sooner or later takes on the character of its skipper. But there's little about Capt. Will C. Rogers III to suggest he commands what he calls "the most sophisticated ship in the world, bar none."

The ship, the missile cruiser USS Vincennes, and its skipper, a soft-spoken, graying man in his mid-40s, are at the center of the storm over the shooting down of an Iranian jetliner over the Persian Gulf on Sunday.

It was Rogers, from his console in the ship's darkened Command Information Center, who ultimately gave the "shoot" order that sent two SM-2 Standard missiles roaring off their deck launcher to blast the plane from the sky.

Only later did the United States admit that what the Vincennes officers had identified as an Iranian F-14 fighter diving on their ship was in fact an Iran Air A300 Airbus with 290 people aboard.

The captain and his tactical action officers will be called to answer questions under oath before a team of top military and technical experts arriving in the gulf today to investigate the incident.

In Rogers, they will find a man who, as one Navy officer said, "has probably aged ten years in the last two days."

"You cannot help but feel for the man," said another. "The first priority is protecting the ship, and it was his decision. Once you fire them, you can't get 'em back." The officers spoke on condition of anonymity.

Rogers, a native of Fort Worth, Texas, has a dry wit and so much



WILL C. ROGERS III

of the American Southwest in his manner and voice that he spends a lot of time denying he's related to the famous Oklahoma cowboy humorist Will Rogers.

"I don't know how that rumor got started, but it isn't true. Even my mother says so," he said recently when reporters visiting his ship asked.

The assumption is so widespread that some other officers were surprised at the denial.

Rogers has commanded the Vincennes for nearly two years and is the 9,600-ton warship's second skipper. He and his wife Sharon, also Fort Worth-born, live in San Diego, Calif., where the cruiser is based.

They have a son, Will C. Rogers IV.

Rogers is a career Navy man, a graduate of the Navy's Officer candidate school who has served aboard a variety of vessels from mine sweepers to the aircraft carrier Independence.

His first command, in the early

1970s, was the tiny wooden-hulled mine sweeper *Exploit*. After later tours at the Pentagon and navy staff college, plus other sea duty, he served as skipper of the destroyer *Cushing* in 1981-84.

The Vincennes, launched at the Ingalls shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. three years ago Wednesday, is the third of the Navy's billion-dollar "Aegis-type" missile cruisers, designed to defend an American battle fleet from air and missile attack.

Its computer-linked surveillance and missile system is built around "phased-array" radar, which can simultaneously identify and evaluate the threat, if any, from dozens of targets.

In the command information center, the targets appear not on the usual round screens swept by a lighted wand but as fixed blips on huge blue video screens where display features can be expanded or reduced in size to provide a variety of instantaneous data.

As if to anticipate a visitor's comment that the setting is an electronic version of the "Wizard of Oz," there's a sign on the desk where Rogers sits that says, "Hell, Toto, this ain't Kansas."

The Vincennes' "gee-whiz merchandise," as Rogers calls it, is tailored for multiple functions at the same time. Its powerful radar system can help plan a battle or head off aerial threats developing hundreds of miles away.

But Rogers said no technology is foolproof or impervious to failure. He said that if an attacker were to disable his ship's computerized system, "we're basically back to rocks and stones."

The Vincennes arrived in the gulf on May 27. As the first Aegis-type cruiser assigned to the waterway sailed into it, Rogers

TEXAS SKIPPER page 3-A

River traffic stalled

By THEASA TUOHY
Associated Press Writer

Barge operators struggled to keep traffic flowing steadily on the drought-lowered Mississippi River as two states wrangled over a proposal to divert water there from the Great Lakes.

But there was good news from Ohio: Low water levels are killing off mosquitoes.

Independence Day traffic on the Mississippi was steady, with two groundings reported in the Memphis, Tenn., area. Coast Guard spokesman Dave Schuster said Monday.

"They're losing hundreds of thousands of dollars each day. I guess they figure they've got to go no matter what," he said of towboat operators who can move fewer barges because of shallow spots caused by the drought.

Dredging closed the river near Greenville, Miss., and north of Memphis, Schuster said.

In Wisconsin, Gov. Tommy G. Thompson has threatened to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to halt proposals for increased diversion of Lake Michigan water to replenish the shrinking Mississippi.

An aide said the governor fears temporary diversion through Chicago and down the Illinois River in response to the current drought might become a permanent practice. He said the move is also a feint to get more water to disperse river waste in the Chicago area.

Thompson had received reports the Army Corps of Engineers might quadruple the diversion at Chicago in the next few days to fight the low-water conditions troubling Mississippi River barge tows, said James Klausner, secretary of the Department of Administration.

"The navigation of (sewage) down the Chicago River is the only navigation issue here," he said. "It's solely a matter of flushing Chicago."

Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson originated the appeal to federal authorities to divert more Lake Michigan water to the Mississippi watershed.

In Louisiana, environmental officials said they would monitor the Mississippi more closely for salt and toxic substances as the drought continues to decrease the freshwater flow.

"We're concerned about the toxics going down the river and are seriously taking a look at it now," said Maureen O'Neill of the Department of Environmental Quality said in Baton Rouge. "We're not seeing the same dilution factor" normally present. Levels of toxic substances still are low, but the environmental agency will increase monthly sampling to weekly, O'Neill said.

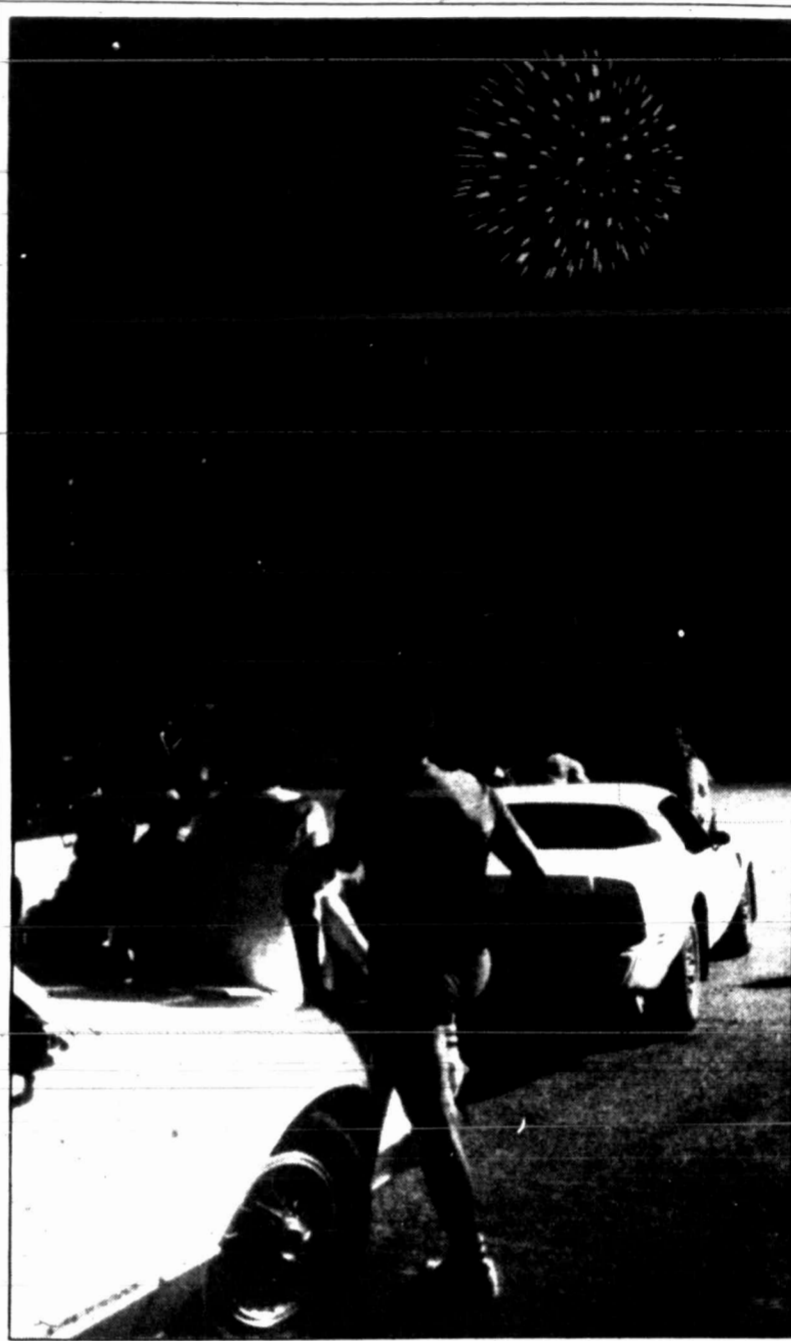
Communities that get their drinking water from the lower part of the Mississippi are seeing chloride concentrations rise as salt water moves rapidly up the river, she said.

In Ohio, an agricultural agent said mosquitoes are having a tough time breeding.

"There's definitely not as many mosquitoes around," said Randy E. James. "There's just no place for them to breed, no moisture."

Mosquitoes hatch from eggs left standing in pools of water, said Margaret Parsons, chief of the Ohio Department of Health's insect-borne disease unit.

"There's been a dramatic decrease in mosquitoes all over."



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Happy Fourth!

Big Spring residents were out in numbers Monday, as they participated in Fourth of July festivities. The highlight of the day was the annual fireworks display shot from the top of South Mountain, able to be seen for miles. One spot that drew large numbers was the Highland Mall parking lot, where these onlookers viewed the display in the photo above. Frances Jones, 12, holds onto a roman candle as she and Christy Webb, 13, watch it fire in the bottom photo.

Emmett touts Bush energy policy

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

Ed Emmett, a Republican nominee for the Railroad Commission of Texas, spoke today of his support for the national energy policy proposed by Vice President George Bush.

"The best thing that Texas can do to help the energy industry is to elect George Bush as president," Emmett said at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "To George Bush towns like Stanton, and Midland, and Odessa are more than just dots on a map. As a young man he chose to come to this area

to work. He's been here, he's done it, he's more than familiar with this area.

"If we can get George Bush in the White House, and Ed Emmett and Kent Hance on the Railroad Commission the interests of this area will be well represented."

Emmett — a former member of the Texas House of Representatives representing Harris County — said he is working for the Bush campaign in Texas and advocates the national energy policy proposed by Bush. Bush's national energy plan calls for more production from the existing oil and gas

reserves and stimulating investment in the search for new reserves.

Included in the national energy policy supported by Emmett are the following provisions:

- Repeal of the Windfall Profits Tax;
- Increased use of natural gas and complete decontrol of natural gas prices;
- Specific tax incentives for independent oil and gas producers to encourage capital investment in energy exploration;
- Increased use of nuclear power;

Initiation of clean coal technology so that domestic coal can help replace imported oil.

"I have been working very closely with the Bush campaign, in particular George's son, G.W. Bush, in developing an energy policy, Emmett said.

"Hopefully, my ties to a George Bush administration will help implement the national energy policy at the state level."

If elected, Emmett said he would also seek to deregulate the state trucking industry and enact tougher safety regulations for large trucks.



ED EMMETT

Riley: Settlement not an admission of fault

By STEVE GEISSEN
Staff Writer

A lawsuit filed against Howard County Junior College by a former president of the college's insurance company, and is not an admission of wrongdoing, the college's president said Friday.

Howard College trustees approved the \$5,000 settlement of the lawsuit filed by Bill Sprinkle — an automotive technology instructor at the college from 1981-85 — at a special meeting

May 31. Bob Riley, the college's president, said he was notified Wednesday that the motion to dismiss the case had been signed.

The settlement ended a 16-month legal battle between the college and Sprinkle who claimed he was dismissed because of his actions as president of the now-defunct Howard College Faculty Association.

Sprinkle had originally asked for \$249,500 in the lawsuit filed in 118th District Court in February

1987, Riley said.

Riley said he was advised by the college's attorney not to comment on the case until it was ruled on or dismissed. He issued his first public comments on the case Friday.

Sprinkle's attorney first offered to settle the case for \$10,000, Riley said. "The college turned down this offer because we felt that we could easily win the case," he said. "Sprinkle's attorney came back with a second offer to settle the case for \$5,000 out of

court, but again the college officials refused."

Sprinkle acknowledged that his attorney did initiate negotiations for settlement, but said he was not aware of the specifics.

When the college's attorney, Laura Gross, notified the college's legal liability insurance company, International Surplus Lines of Chicago, of the offer to settle for \$5,000, the insurance company urged the college to do so, Riley said.

"From the perspective of the

insurance company, a settlement in this range would be far less costly than additional depositions and court proceedings," Riley said.

No tax money was spent to settle the case, Riley said. The college's insurance company paid the \$5,000, he said.

On Thursday, Bill Sprinkle said he had "mixed feelings" about the settlement. "In the first place, I was quite pleased the college was willing to settle and some monetary settlement was



BOB RILEY



BILL SPRINKLE

involved," Sprinkle said. "But, in another respect, I am disappointed the case didn't go to trial."

Sprinkle said he decided to settle.

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The Big Spring Evening Lions Club is on the move. The Lions and Ladies will meet at 7 p.m. Ju-

ly 11 at Hoolaman's Restaurant, across from Citizen's Credit Union on FM 700. Thereafter, the Evening Lions will meet at Hoolaman's at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays.

DOWNTOWN Grill, 109 E. 2nd, 267-9251, Tuesday lunch special: Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, salad. Call-in order welcome.

The Compassionate Friend, a support group offering friendship and understanding to bereaved parents, will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. at The First Baptist Church dining area (southeast). All the people involved are parents who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. For further information call 263-9891 or 263-7456.

Cisneros moving toward sideline

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — For a decade Henry Cisneros has been the pre-eminent Hispanic leader — a successful mayor, an articulate speaker, a thoughtful politician, a powerful role model.

At the height of his prestige, he is moving to the sidelines, maybe even getting out of politics.

Cisneros has turned down an offer to speak at the Democratic National Convention, quashed any talk of the vice presidency and ruled out trying to spread his "San Antonio Miracle" with a statewide race in Texas in 1990.

Even as national attention turns to the power of Hispanic political clout this year, Cisneros says he may not seek re-election as mayor. Cisneros said of his move out of the national arena, "It's a decision that I've made."

"For the moment my total and exclusive focus is on San Antonio issues," he said. "We're in a period of tremendous resurgence in San Antonio after the Texas slump and we have many, many initiatives here that are setting this city in



HENRY CISNEROS

To other Hispanics leaders across the country, not having Henry Cisneros out front carrying the torch will be a setback.

"He leaves a huge vacuum," said Los Angeles City Councilwoman Gloria Molina. "His soft-spoken yet direct way is what we need and I don't know if anyone else can sit down with presidential candidates, labor leaders, or whoever and look them in the eye and not give in."

"As he steps to the sidelines, he'll be sorely missed," Molina said.

"Everyone thinks it's a shame but they respect his priorities," said Harry Pachon, director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials.

Cisneros, interviewed four years ago by Walter Mondale as a possible running mate, says he'll campaign for Democrat Michael Dukakis this fall, and he'll announce Sept. 15 his decision on a possible fifth term as mayor.

He often points out he's never put himself forward as any sort of of-

ficial Hispanic spokesman or leader, and says he turned down a chance to address the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta because he just didn't have the time.

"To take weeks off to prepare a quality major speech and then deliver it just adds to the weight of what I need to do here on things I have promised to do," including projects on water, education, drugs and a domed stadium, he said.

He says he doesn't see a gap in Hispanic political leadership.

"I can see from the Jesse Jackson experience that it might be useful to have someone who could bring people together and speak for people in a way that Jackson is doing," Cisneros said.

"But frankly, the Hispanic community doesn't lend itself to that. There are more differences in the Hispanic community than there are in the black community. My sense is what is happening is very productive and that is a lot of leadership is being developed across the country."

Military

Navy Seaman Recruit Michael R. Newell, son of Robert W. and Leona G. Newell, Big Spring, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Center, San Diego.

During Newell's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of

the Navy's 85 basic fields. Newell's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He is a 1984 graduate of Big Spring High School.

'Better' mousetrap on display

BEAUMONT (AP) — If the world will beat a path to the door of the man who invents a better mousetrap, Frank Stimac should get ready for company.

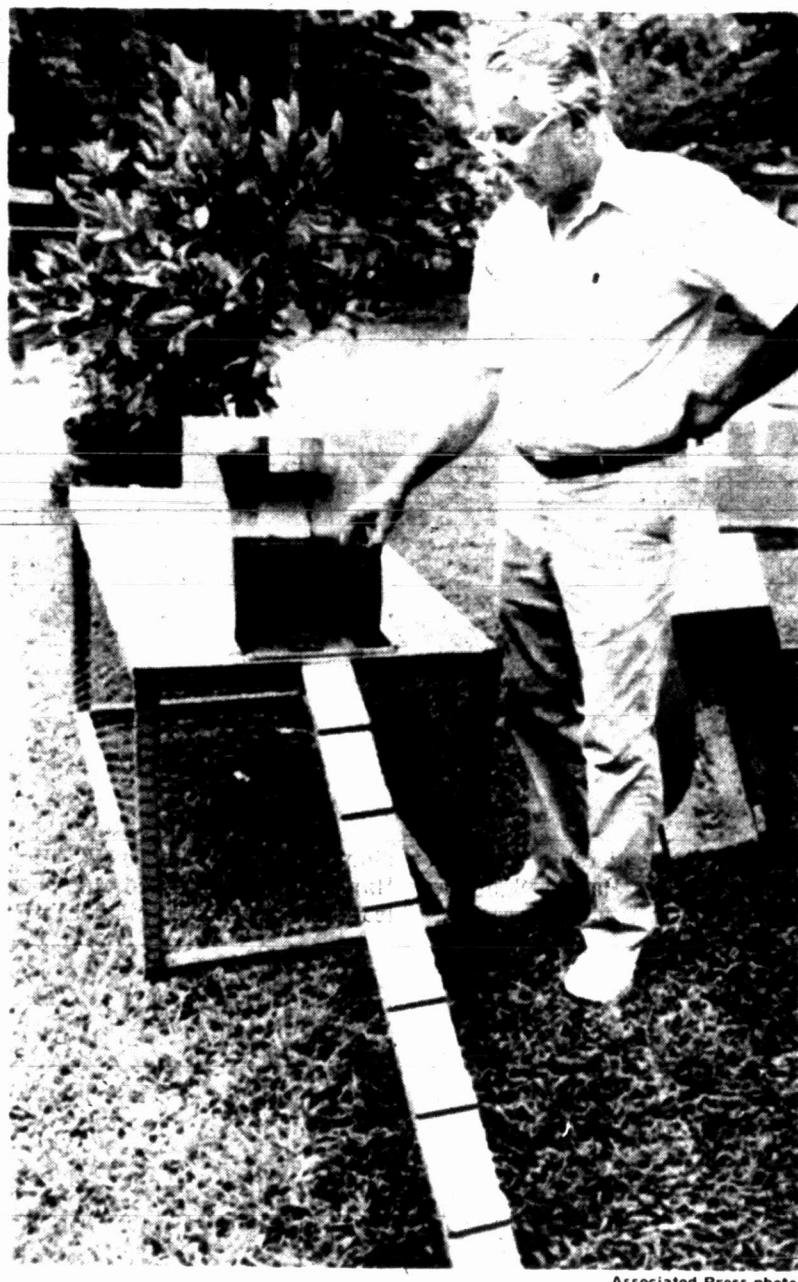
Stimac, 67, recently obtained a patent for a tin and chicken-wire contraption that will capture "anything from a mouse to a moose," he said.

The test model that sits in Stimac's driveway mostly catches stray cats, sometimes as many as five at a time, he said. The trap doesn't hurt them and Stimac takes them to the pound.

What's unique about Stimac's invention is that animals do not have to enter the trap on their own, the patent said. Most wild creatures have to be quite hungry or curious to overcome their fear of walking into a box with a door or an open side, which is how most "live" traps operate.

To get around that, Stimac rigged a trap door on top of a chicken-wire cage and set up a ramp for the animals. A container of food lures them up the ramp. When the animals get close to the bait-container, they fall through a trap door into the cage. The door flips back up and a magnet holds it in place.

The patent for the animal trap cost thousands of dollars and took more than four years to get, Stimac said. "They claim that's fast," he said. "They have so many patents to process."



BEAUMONT — Frank Stimac, 67, obtained a patent for a trap he invented. Stimac says the tin and chicken-wire contraption will capture "anything from a mouse to a moose."

Attorney: client was 'justified'

HEMPHILL (AP) — A defense attorney for a white police chief facing civil rights charges in connection with the death of a black jail inmate says the trial will bring out two completely different sides of the story.

"Our position is that the actions taken by the officers were justified whether it was a black man or a white man, whoever was involved," said Eohn Seale, who represents Hemphill Police Chief Thomas Ladner.

Ladner, 40, and county deputies Bill Horton, 58, and James Hyden, 34, have been charged in connection with the death of Loyal Garner Jr.

State District Judge O'Neal Bacon summoned 500 residents for jury selection today in anticipation that many people in Sabine County may have already formed opinions in the case, or may be familiar with the defendants.

Garner, 34, of nearby Florien, La., was arrested on Christmas night of last year on suspicion of drunken driving and imprisoned in the Sabine County Jail. Two days later he died from head injuries.

Within days of Garner's death, Ladner, Horton and Hyden were charged with depriving Garner of his civil rights. The three, who were suspended without pay, were later indicted on murder charges and named in a civil suit by Garner's widow.

Texas holiday traffic death toll reaches 28

By The Associated Press

At least 28 people have died in traffic accidents during the holiday weekend, authorities said.

The final total may exceed the Texas Department of Public Safety's prediction of 36 deaths, said DPS spokesman Tom Mobley. The counting period began at 6 p.m. Friday and ended at midnight today.

"If nothing happens to change the course, it looks like we'll go over," DPS spokesman Tom Mobley said. "With everybody going home Monday night, they're trying to get there in a hurry so they can get some sleep before going back to work Tuesday."

The number of traffic fatalities in Texas over the Independence Day weekend includes at least five pedestrians, Mobley said.

Charles Beasley, 57, of Rt. 6 in Abilene, was killed late Sunday night when his motorcycle collided

with a car on U.S. Highway 80 in Abilene, Mobley said. The car dragged the motorcycle more than 350 feet, where both vehicles caught fire, he said.

David Garcia Perez, 23, died after being struck by a car as he walked down a service road along Katy Freeway in Houston early Saturday. Houston police reported the incident to the DPS Monday, Mobley said.

Lloyd D. Nichols of Baytown was killed early Monday in a head-on crash on Texas 146 near La Porte in Harris County.

Marcus H. Hooks, 73, of Mansfield was killed when his car ran off the road in Port Mansfield early Monday.

And Marlon J. Roy Sr., 62, died late Monday morning when the vehicle he was in veered off Hasmea Road about two miles south of Sugar Valley in Matagorda County, Mobley said.

Children claim abandonment

HOUSTON (AP) — A 5-year-old boy found along a busy road with his two younger sisters told authorities that their mother abandoned them because she "was just tired of them," police said.

Houston police searched for the mother of Sonny Reyes and his sisters, Crystal, 3, and Anna, 2, Monday before she called and said she was only leaving them for her ex-husband to pick up, authorities said.

An off-duty Harris County constable retrieved the children, including one who was standing in the traffic lane of a service road alongside Hardy Toll Road in north Houston.

"The youngest kid was standing in the middle of one lane, as cars were whizzing by at about 55 miles per hour on the feeder," said Deputy Constable Sam Gentry, who said he saw the woman drive away after pushing the children and jumping into her car.

Gene Daniel, of the Harris County Child Protective Services, said a background check would determine whether the agency has handled the children in the past. Prior history will also help determine whether the woman will be charged, authorities said.

"They seem to be well nourished and emotionally well-adjusted," said Houston juvenile division Sgt. Cliff Barber.

Briefs

Accused defrauder dies in jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Real estate developer J.R. McConnell, who was awaiting trial for what federal prosecutors said was just the start of one of the biggest bank-loan fraud cases in U.S. history, was found dead in the Harris County Jail early Monday.

McConnell, 40, was discovered by a guard in a jail-medical unit before 4 a.m., said Lt. G.L. Moore with the Harris County Sheriff's department.

"It appears he had some type of electrical cord and inserted it into one of the electric outlets that are

of necessity in that medical area and inserted the other end into another electrical outlet and used himself to complete the circuit," Moore said.

McConnell surrendered to federal authorities last November when he got off a plane from Mexico, after having been missing for more than a year. McConnell was indicted in October on charges that he and five associates last year arranged loans for \$4.2 million through fraud, including false ownership papers for property posted as collateral.

Boy's body found in Missouri

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — The body of an 18-month-old boy was discovered along a rural road Monday after officials from Texas, the FBI and Lawrence County were told the child's father had dropped the body down an embankment after the child had died, authorities said.

Lawrence County Sheriff David Tatum said the body of Richard S. Mitchell was discovered clad in a

blue sleeper outfit about 10:40 a.m. over an embankment along Route H, southwest of Interstate 44 in Lawrence County.

The child's father, David R. Mitchell, 23, of Charleston, W. Va., has been charged in Texas with injuring a child, which is a felony, Tatum said.

A friend of the father's, Kelli D. Edison, 20, of Tunas, was also charged with injuring a child.

Threats indicative of racism

DALLAS (AP) — City leaders say recent threats and harassing phone calls are indicative of an alarming pattern of racism here.

Some black elected officials say they believe minority leaders receive a disproportionate number of threats because they are viewed as anti-establishment or radical.

"Anytime you're trying to change things in this city, you can expect some nasty letters or phone calls," said Dallas school board member Kathryn Gilliam,

who is black. "I guess it goes with the turf, but it shouldn't."

After three police officers were killed in separate incidents in January, police intelligence officers examined 17 threatening letters to one City Council member.

Police wouldn't say how many other threats they investigated, but acknowledged that an overwhelming number of the threats were directed to the council's two black members — Al Lipscomb and Diane Ragsdale.

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Opinion

Angola offers room for hope

Angola's offer to negotiate the withdrawal of Cuban troops from its territory is a significant change of stance that could signal increased stability in the whole of strife-torn Southern Africa.

For the first time, the Marxist-oriented Angolan government's offer to repatriate its Cuban mercenaries is not linked to a demand that the United States halt its support for the anti-government guerrillas led by Jonas Savimbi.

Previous attempts to break the three-sided logjam of relations between the Angolan government, Savimbi and his comrade in arms, the South African government, have failed because of Angola's insistence that the United States stop aiding Savimbi to the tune of \$15 million a year.

Angola's new offer confirms that the Soviet Union, which has provided funds and arms for the Cubans, is weary of the 13-year-old civil war and is anxious to withdraw as soon as possible.

Pragmatically, Angolan officials are still demanding three concessions from South Africa: that South African troops be withdrawn from Angola, that South Africa stop giving aid to Savimbi and that South-West Africa (Namibia) be granted independence.

A few years ago, those demands would have been impossible for Pretoria to meet, but recently President P.W. Botha's position has also changed substantially. Last month his Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pik Botha, startled political observers by announcing that South Africa was ready to grant independence to South-West Africa if Cuban troops were removed from Angola.

Given the appropriate assurances, South Africa would be more than willing to pull its troops out of Angola. The unprofitable bush war has been a severe drain on an economy hamstrung by international sanctions, and the growing list of deaths and casualties has been the source of great contention among the South African public.

At the same time, much of the credit for renewed impetus for negotiation must go to the Reagan administration, and in particular to Chester A. Crocker, assistant secretary of state for African affairs, who led the recent talks in Cairo.

With the scenario for Southern Africa looking more hopeful than it has for years, the United States must continue to press for national reconciliation in Angola as the first step toward stabilization of the whole region.

This p.m. person has the a.m. blues

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Ah, morning!
For years, bards more eloquent than I have paid respect to the a.m. There have been countless references to the sun rising, the birds singing, the dew on the grass, etc., etc., etc.

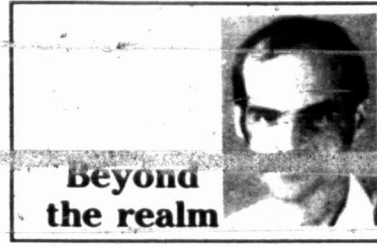
Even my generation — heathen rock'n'roll and all — has its odes to the new day. From "Morning Has Broken," to "It's a Beautiful Morning," there has been something about the particular time of day that seems to force some would-be Shakespeares to put pen in hand and start rhyming.

With all these poetic references to the morning, one would think it is a grand time of day, indeed. One would be wrong, bucko.

I don't know what possesses people to waste precious energy and paper crafting poems and songs to the morning, but I wish they would come to their senses.

The simple fact is that — of all the various periods of the day — the a.m. is by far the most hideous. What can be so blasted great about that time of day when you are torn from a perfectly nice bed and forced to go to work?

Am I lying?



Beyond the realm

Before you dismiss me as another shiftless lunatic, consider these other facts: School begins during the morning; tax collectors, congressmen and tax collectors go to work in the morning; and I'm sure that morning is probably Jim and Tammy's favorite time of day.

I'd have to check statistics, but I'm almost willing to bet most wars are started in the a.m., also.

Morning has been the cause of such vicious plagues as game shows, soap operas and Phil Donahue; if it weren't for that part of the day, I would have never begun my acquaintance with coffee — which is another dispicable invention.

Remember the old sailors' rhyme — "red sky at morning, sailor take warning?" The author of that particular verse knew what I'm talking about.

Before I joined the newsroom — and reluctantly became a morning person — I had jobs that were predominantly in the afternoon or evening.

I was a happy man then. Oh, sure, I missed the birdies singing and sun rising as I snored blissfully through the a.m., but I also avoided Oprah Winfrey, Hour Magazine and having to fight the morning crowd at Denny's for a cup of coffee.

All in all, it was more than a fair trade.

I would work from 3-11 p.m., go have a leisurely meal someplace, maybe stop at the bar for a while, go home, get my eight hours of rest and still wake in plenty of time to take care of business before going to work again.

I missed the birdies not one whit. But, alas, things have changed. Now, I wake at the ungodly hour of 5 a.m., stumble into the bathroom, somehow avoid drowning in the shower and slicing my face with the razor, and make my cheerless way to work.

The horror doesn't stop there, however — oh, no, dear friends; it's only beginning.

The newsroom is not what one would describe as a typical

workplace. Your typical newshound doesn't usually have the luxury of getting to work and using the first 15 minutes or so to drink coffee and become something resembling a human being.

No, folks, the news — not to mention deadlines and editors — waits for no one.

From the time I sit down in front of my terminal at 7 a.m., there is work waiting my attention that cannot be ignored or delayed — for long, anyway. After all, there is a paper to produce, and woe to the poor fool who misses deadline.

It is not until 1 p.m. or so — after the morning is completed — that the newsroom personnel look up from their terminals, notice their fellow human beings and venture what might pass as a smile.

All of which merely confirms what I have long suspected — that the morning is a time of murder and mayhem, while the p.m. is a time of peace and harmony.

And you know something? Since I have become that strange being known as a morning person, I haven't heard one bird singing.

Perhaps it's just as well — I'd probably strangle the beast given half a chance.



Federal contingency plan ready in case big banks fail

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government has a contingency plan for a national emergency should the giants of the banking industry come near to collapse.

Recent nationwide attention has focused on the savings and loan crisis and maneuverings by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board to bail out thrifts that are near bankruptcy.

But a collapse of commercial banks is potentially a greater threat. Should one of the large institutions go under, it would cause a tidal wave of destruction to roll across the financial system.

Federal banking officials have decreed, behind closed doors, that before they would allow the top 10 banks in the country to go broke, the feds would make them wards of the state.

A Reagan Administration inter-agency task force drafted the plan for, in essence, nationalizing America's biggest banks in a financial crisis. Represented on that

task force are the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

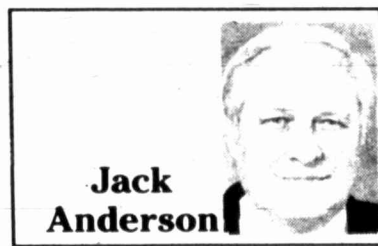
Their plan was motivated by the possibility that Latin American nations could default on billions of dollars in loans from American banks.

The task force concluded that a collapse of major banks could not be handled the way most minor bank failures are — with a merger or by paying off depositors. Finding a merger partner or buyer for a mega-bank in dire straits would be difficult, if not impossible, in a crisis.

And the payoff of insured depositors would be a horror story, with deposits tied up for months.

"It must be recognized that the traditional methods of handling bank failures are probably unworkable in the case of a banking crisis," says the closely guarded report of the inter-agency task force.

The traditional methods "result in the disruption of services and



Jack Anderson

would fuel the public perception of financial disaster," the report explains.

"Assuming that one or more of the banks in jeopardy is among the nation's top 10 banks, the typical transaction with another operating institution would not be feasible due to a dearth of eligible bidders (and) the necessity of raising a lot of money under the darkest financial scenarios . . ."

Ideally, the federal contingency plan would begin while the bank could still see the light. The plan calls for the Federal Reserve Board to use its statutory authority to lend unlimited amounts of money to failing institutions.

Federal reserve banks would col-

lect old currency and distribute new bills. According to confidential documents, those federal reserve banks have about \$19 billion in unissued currency.

The Federal Reserve facility in Culpepper, Va., has another \$2.6 billion in currency to use during an emergency.

The job of the FDIC would be to create a new bank from what is left of the old one by forming a holding company and giving it capital to operate.

The government is wise to have a plan for the unthinkable. Should one of the titans of banking collapse, the resulting financial turmoil would rival the Great Depression. There are about 15,000 commercial banks in the United States, handling more than \$600 billion in transactions every day.

A run on one large bank would probably spread like wildfire to the other large banks. The vast majority of deposits in the biggest banks are uninsured and come from foreign sources.

If the money managers in those

foreign accounts smell trouble, they can yank their money out with a few keystrokes on a computer, leaving the bank an empty shell.

FISH THREATENED — The Army Corps of Engineers and several wildlife protection groups are battling over some expensive power turbines and the fate of thousands of fish. No matter who wins, the taxpayers will lose.

The controversy is over the Richard B. Russell Dam under construction on the Savannah River bordering South Carolina and Georgia. The Army Corps of Engineers has contracted to buy \$60 million worth of pump-back hydroelectric generators for the dam. Those reverse turbines have the capacity to double the power output of the dam, but they can also slaughter fish.

At the Harry S. Truman Dam in Missouri, similar reverse turbines had to be shut down after they killed more than 2,000 pounds of fish in only three hours of testing. The Truman Dam no longer uses the pump-back generators.

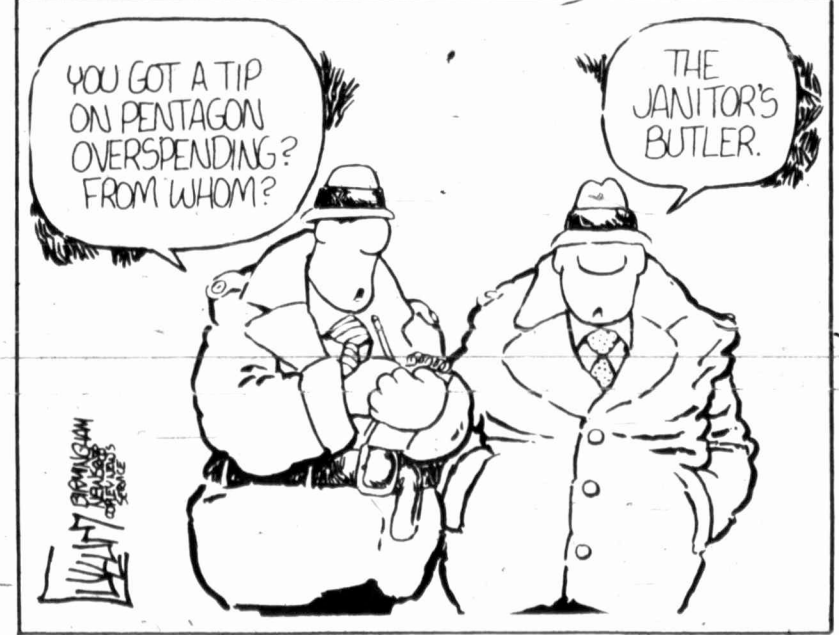
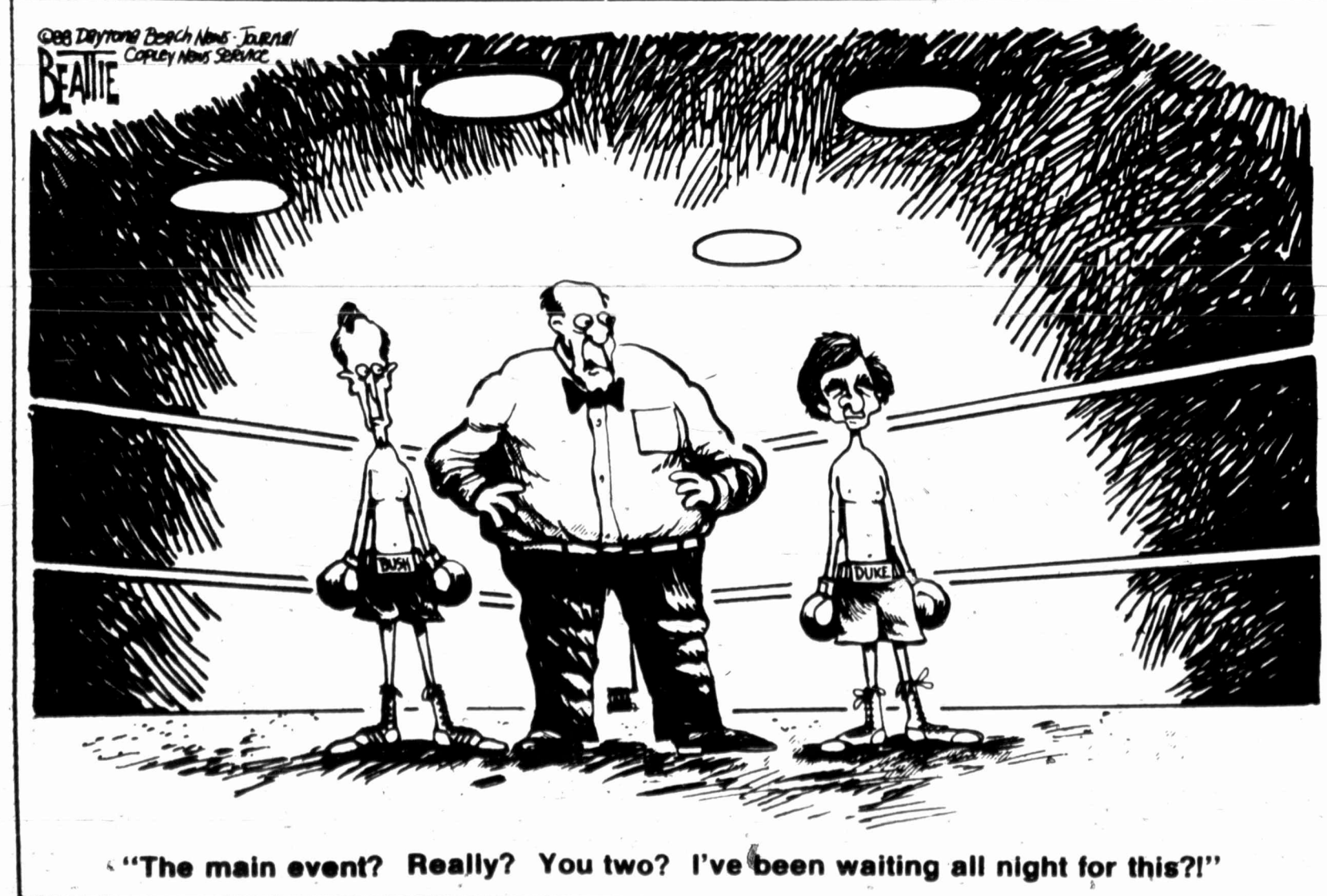
Environmentalists fear the Russell Dam will face the same problem — either the fish will die or the turbines will be shut down at great expense to the taxpayers.

Environmental groups have filed suit and won a temporary restraining order against the Army Corps of Engineers. They are charging that, among other things, the Corps has not complied with the National Environmental Protection Act or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

Both laws require the Corps to study the effect the turbines would have on the fish.

The Army has hired an engineering firm to examine the problem and to devise ways to protect the fish. But the Army thinks it is impossible to know what kind of protection devices it will need until the turbines are installed and tested.

Reverse turbines can be run efficiently as standard generators, but that would mean that the Army wasted \$1.5 million when it could have bought cheaper standard generators in the first place.



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Boy missing after boat accident

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) — The Coast Guard searched today for a 5-year-old boy missing from an overloaded boat that capsized in New Bedford Harbor, drowning his baby sister, their mother and another woman, officials said.

Fifteen people were thrown into the water Monday night as the

22-foot boat was returning from a Fourth of July fireworks display, said Coast Guard Petty Officer David Foley.

Survivors said the boat capsized when it apparently hit another boat's wake while making its way through heavy fog, Foley said.

Eleven people were pulled safely from the water, he said.

Faulty wiring triggers explosion

DULUTH, Minn. (AP) — Faulty wiring triggered an explosion that consumed 20 minutes worth of fireworks in two minutes, forcing the evacuation of tens of thousands of people from a downtown park on Lake Superior, officials said.

The blast sparked several small fires at Bayfront Park. A spectator and two members of the fireworks crew were slightly burned, police said.

"Everything went flying any which way," police officer Kevin McKenna said following the Fourth of July accident Monday

The area was barricaded, and police planned to stay through the night as a precaution against any undetonated charges, said Assistant Fire Chief Lou Gerard.

More than 400 killed in accidents

CHICAGO (AP) — More than 400 people were killed in traffic accidents on the nation's streets and highways during the Independence Day holiday weekend, according to authorities.

Five states — Alaska, Maine, Montana, Vermont and Wyoming — reported no traffic fatalities.

As of 5 a.m. EDT today, the unofficial count listed 419 fatalities.

California had the highest number of traffic deaths, at 45, followed by Texas, with 28.

Before the Fourth of July weekend began, the Chicago-based National Safety Council had predicted that between 400 and 500 people would be killed in holiday traffic accidents, and that an additional 19,000 to 24,000 people would suffer disabling injuries.

Midget sub may have been found

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — An object in about 800 feet of water outside the mouth of Pearl Harbor might be a Japanese submarine believed sunk hours before the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, authorities said.

"It's going to take a lot more to confirm what's down there," he said. "First, we have to locate the resources to pay for a search and then convince the University of Hawaii or National Geographic or somebody else with deep-diving equipment to go down and take a look."

"It could be anything," said Bill Dickinson, superintendent of the USS Arizona Memorial Park. "Even a bunch of oil drums in a line. But it looks promising."

Rochon has said that while living in Chicago, where he was assigned from 1984 to 1986, his family's safety was repeatedly threatened in anonymous telephone calls and obscene, racist letters from white FBI agents.

White agent admits harrassment

NEW YORK (AP) — A white FBI agent has admitted planning with white colleagues a retribution campaign "as personal revenge" against a black agent in the Chicago office, according to a report published today.

Those were among the findings of an annual survey of public attitudes about school issues commissioned by the National Education Association, the 1.9 million-member teacher union holding its annual convention here this week.

The disclosures came in internal FBI documents filed in a Washington court on Friday and made available to the lawyer for Donald Rochon, the black agent. They amount to the FBI's first

"The American people understand the need for change. And they clearly indicate, in this poll, that they want to make education a national priority," said NEA executive director Don Cameron, who was to discuss the poll at a news conference today.

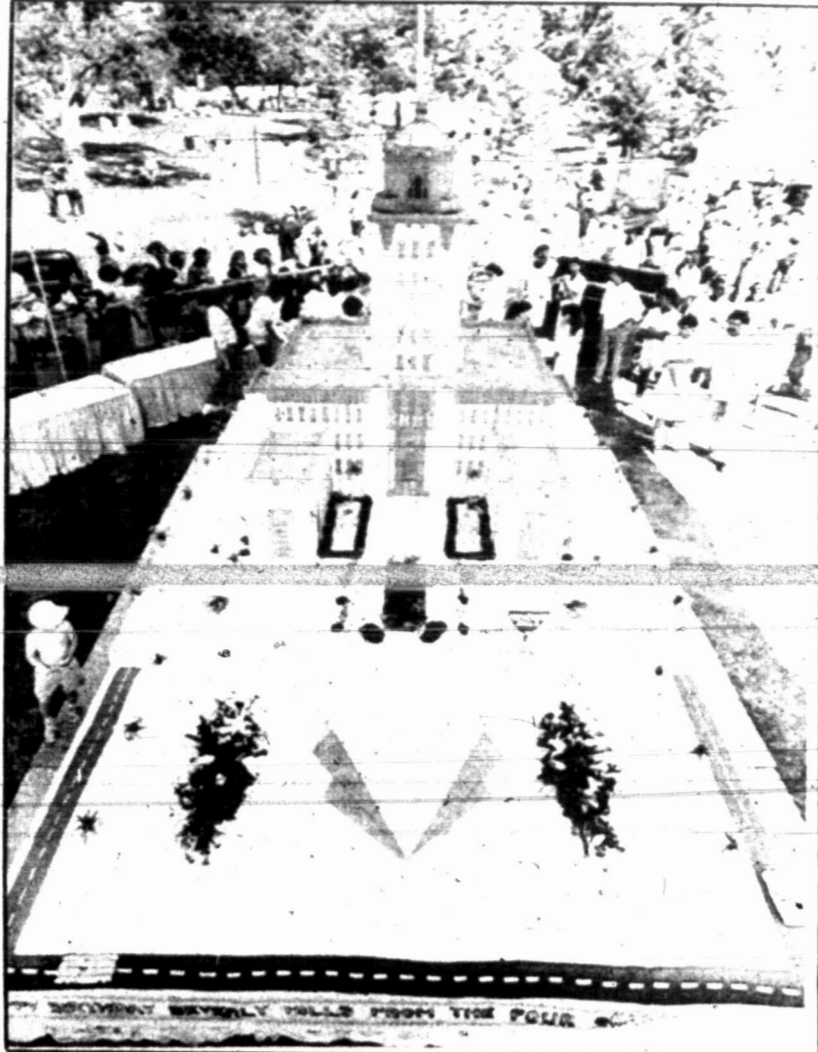
People paid to fall down stairs

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia Tech researchers have constructed collapsing stairs and are paying volunteers to tumble down them wearing crash helmets, neck braces and padded mittens. All in the name of science.

In San Francisco on Monday, delegates to the American Federation of Teachers' annual convention re-elected Albert Shanker unopposed to his eighth two-year term as president of the 677,000-member union.

"Stairs are the second most dangerous consumer product — right after automobiles — but the one thing we really don't know is what happens in the instant of a fall," said researcher Deborah

The 3,000 delegates were to end their four-day meeting today after listening to a talk via satellite from Boston by Michael Dukakis, the certain Democratic presidential



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Poll: Education is No. 1 election issue

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The public ranks the quality of education as the No. 1 issue in this year's presidential campaign, according to a Gallup Poll being released today.

nominee.

In the poll, drugs ranked second in importance behind education, with 75 percent rating drugs 4 or 5. Sixty-nine percent rated U.S. ability to compete economically and technologically as a critical issue.

Asked to rate 13 foreign and domestic policy issues on a scale of 1-5, with 5 representing a "most important issue," 77 percent rated public education at least a 4.

The federal deficit and homelessness each were cited as most important by 67 percent, and AIDS by 66 percent.

Sixty-six percent of the 2,113 Americans surveyed by telephone between March 31 and April 20 said they would be more likely to support a candidate who favored increased federal aid to public schools.

Twenty-nine percent said "politicians and public officials not doing enough to provide necessary funding" is the chief obstacle to school reform. School administrators who "can't decide on the right way to accomplish the goals of reform" were blamed by 25 percent. Only 16 percent blamed teachers or teacher unions.

Seventy-one percent felt schools are having trouble attracting new teachers. But 68 percent opposed lowering standards by allowing college graduates with no formal teacher training to work in public schools.

The poll had a sampling margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

It was released a day after 8,227 NEA delegates overwhelmingly endorsed NEA President Mary Hatwood Futrell's pet proposal that urged the naming of at least one school district per state as "learning laboratories" where teachers or anyone else with good ideas could freely experiment and take the lead in creating better schools.

The poll delegates ratified a similar program of school experimentation.

World

Party won't endorse proposal

MOSCOW (AP) — The Communist Party conference approved Mikhail S. Gorbachev's call for an overhaul of the legislature but did not endorse his proposal for a strong presidency, according to a resolution published today.

Supreme Soviet should be granted sufficiently broad state authority powers.

In his speech last week opening the national conference he had called, Gorbachev said, "The president of the U.S.S.R.

"Specifically, the president could exercise overall guidance in the drafting of legislation and of major socio-economic programs, decide on the key issues of foreign policy, defense and national security, chair the Defense Council" and name the prime minister, he said.

Officers face hearings in killings

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The chief of this British province's mostly Protestant police force has ordered an internal disciplinary hearing for 20 officers in the 1982 killings of six unarmed Roman Catholics.

that police had a "shoot-to-kill" policy and that a subsequent cover-up undermined efforts to persuade the Catholic minority to accept police authority.

Chief Constable Sir John Hermon of the Royal Ulster Constabulary ordered the hearing on Monday. Critics have charged

Prime Minister Charles Haughey's government across the border in the Irish Republic said that substituting an internal police hearing for prosecutions in the courts will not allay public concern.

U.S. attache to be buried today

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The body of U.S. Navy Capt. William E. Nordeen, the military attache killed in a terrorist bomb attack, was flown to the United States today for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

a U.S. Air Force C-141 transport plane for the flight to Dover, Del.

After a brief ceremony on the tarmac at the U.S. Air Force base at Athens Airport, six bearers carried the flag-draped coffin into

The coffin was accompanied by Nordeen's British-born wife Patricia and 12-year-old daughter Annabel.

Security tight as trial begins today

FRANKFURT, West Germany (AP) — A Lebanese Shiite Moslem accused of murder and air piracy in the 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut went on trial today under heavy security.

Almost as soon as the trial began, Chief Judge Heiner Mueckenberger called a brief recess in a dispute over Hamadi's interpreter.

A clean-shaven Mohammed Ali Hamadi entered the courtroom in a Frankfurt state prison wearing a light-blue open-neck shirt, no tie and dark blue trousers. He had previously worn a beard.

When Hamadi was asked to give his name and personal data, he said in broken German: "I don't say anything important until we have an interpreter." Hamadi said the interpreter was not qualified in his Arabic dialect.

Church to gain by ordaining women

LONDON (AP) — The head of the Anglican Church said the priesthood in England can only gain by ordaining women, but opponents within the church said they based their case on tradition and the Bible.

its overturning," Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie said Monday.

"I have come to the judgment that the ordination of women to the priesthood would actually be an enlargement of the Catholic (universal) priesthood, an opening up of priesthood, rather than

Runcie, the church's spiritual head and leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, made his comments before the policy-making General Synod of 574 bishops, clergy and laity as it opened its regular three-day summer session.

Teddy Bear Museum opens July 4

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, England (AP) — Tourists who tire of Elizabethan relics can now concentrate on stuffed toys, thanks to the opening of the National Teddy Bear Museum in this town where playwright William Shakespeare was born.

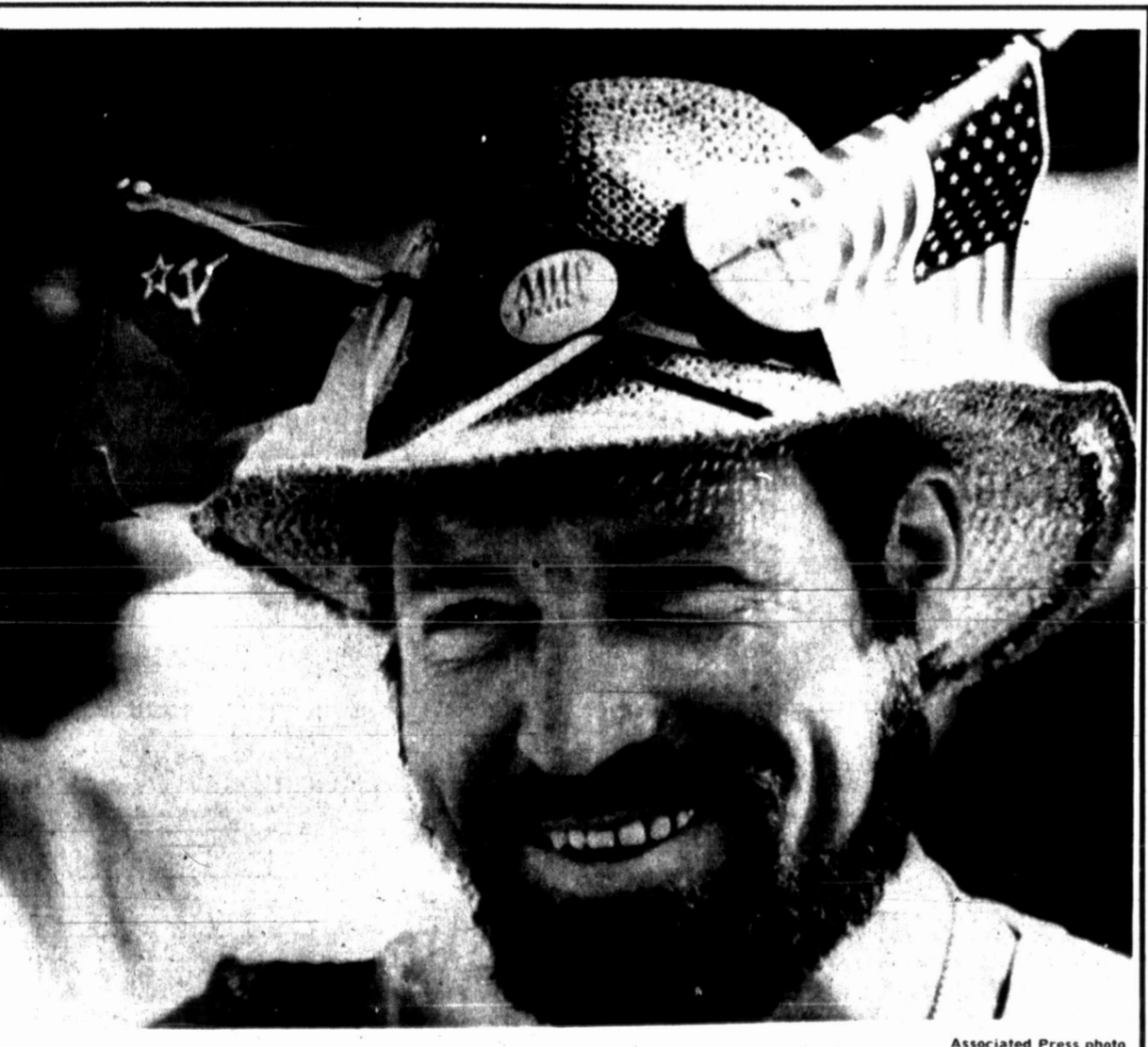
shape and size from more than 20 different countries," said Brandeth.

Museum director Gyles Brandeth said he chose to open the exhibition on the Fourth of July in honor of President Teddy Roosevelt, who became the namesake of the child's toy for refusing to shoot a baby bear on a 1902 hunting trip.

The museum, in a 16th-century building in the heart of Stratford-upon-Avon, contains more than 1,000 teddy bears, including replicas of Winnie-the-Pooh, Paddington and Rupert the Bear, all children's storybook heroes.

"We've teddy bears of every

As well as famous bears, the museum houses bears belonging to famous people, including Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's bear Humphrey, and Opposition Labor leader Neil Kinnock's Iswlyn.



Peace hat
CORALVILLE, Iowa — Soviet Dmitri Dovgenko wears both the Soviet and American flags in his hat while taking part in an Independence Day parade Monday. Dovgenko is a participant in the American-Soviet Peace Walk, which is making its way to Grinnell, Iowa today.

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Lifestyle

Petting farm Puts city kids in touch with the country

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — We all know Old McDonald had a farm ... but Old McJudy?

Judy French is neither old nor a farmer by trade, but she has a love for animals and children and is translating that caring at Old McJudy's Petting Farm, a weekend retreat where city kids get hands-on experience with farm animals.

French has been a nurse for 15 years and now works in the intensive care unit at the Amarillo Veteran's Administration Hospital. She is single and has no children of her own, but has "adopted" a crowd of neighborhood children who helped her ready the petting farm for its 10 a.m. opening today.

"Working as a nurse can be a stress-filled job with lots of anxiety," she said. "I got my first animals to help relieve part of the pressure."

She started with three rabbits and a goat three years ago and kept them in the yard of her mobile home. Then a neighbor, who worked at a feedlot, brought home a calf that needed to be bottle-fed, and French decided she wanted one of her own.

She purchased five acres of land off Interstate 27 and McCormick Road and began making improvements on the place and buying more animals. Although she had no previous experience with farm animals, French reads about the species she owns and learns as she goes.

The first year French stabled a neighbor's horses to keep the weeds under control. She then added a water well, built pens and put up fencing as she could afford it. She bought another four acres recently and has room for a garden.

"You get out here and dig a few post holes, and life gets back in perspective," she said.

French did all the labor on the place with the help of "willing volunteers," the 9- and 10-year-old neighborhood children. Two teen-age boys who do the "manly jobs" for her, but they first began helping out when they were only 12, she said.

The "farm" now contains nine goats, five lambs, three calves, one miniature and two Shetland ponies, four kittens, five guineas, numerous ducks and chickens and a pup that likes to chase them.

French bottle-fed many of the animals and plans to breed them so she will have a steady supply of babies for the farm. Eggs are col-



AMARILLO — Judy French has translated her love for animals and children into Old McJudy's Petting Farm, a weekend retreat where city kids get hands-on experience with farm animals.

lected regularly and are hatched in a small incubator. She does all the doctoring and caring for the animals with backup help from an area veterinarian.

French's number one helper, Christie Covel, 11-year-old daughter of Wayne and Norma Jean Covel, checks on the animals when Ms. French is at work and plans to run a concession stand at the petting farm this summer.

Christie is also in charge of a contest to name one of the calves, she said. Visitors to the farm can enter by offering name suggestions for the calf.

Last year, the neighborhood children sold eggs laid by the farm's poultry, saved the money

and treated themselves to a day at Wonderland Park. This year they will sell eggs and fresh produce from the garden they helped plant.

"I've taught the children to milk the goats," French said, "but they won't drink the milk."

"I've enjoyed sharing my animals with them and now I want other city kids to have a chance to get close to them, too," French said. "It seems so many parents are working and don't have time to spend with their kids. I'm trying to do what I wish someone had done for me when I was a child."

The days of going out to Grandpa's farm are gone for many children, she said, and

some kids don't even know where eggs and milk come from. Her goal is not to entertain but to educate.

"When they come out, the kids can pet and feed the animals and we also give hay rides around the place," she said.

The ponies and calves will be fenced apart but the rest of the animals have the run of a large open pen and the children will be allowed to roam among them and become acquainted with farm animals.

The petting farm will be open each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and special groups may be scheduled during the week. Admission to the farm is \$2 per person.

Names in the news



PAUL AND LINDA MCCARTNEY

LIVERPOOL, England (AP) — Pop star Paul McCartney and his wife, Linda, returned to his childhood home in northern England to film guest roles for a TV comedy series.

The British Broadcasting Corp. series is being shot on Elswick Street near the Mersey River, where one of the former Beatle's childhood friends used to live.

"I used to come here and go sunbathing in the back yard at number 45 because my mate Ian James used to live there," McCartney said Monday.

The McCartneys, in Liverpool for the first time in four years, will play themselves in the comedy series about an unemployed Liverpool family.

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Academy award-winning actor Dr. Haing S. Ngor is seeking support to establish a hospital for refugees at the Thai-Cambodian border.

Ngor, who was a physician before he fled Cambodia in 1979, said Monday that he already had the money and the medical staff for the project, and that the only thing delaying the hospital was approval from the Thai government.

He told a news conference that after his visit here he would spend two weeks in Thailand meeting officials.

Ngor is here on a week's visit at the invitation of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia. The organization's two-day forum on Southeast Asia begins today.

Ngor won his Oscar for his work in "The Killing Fields," which was about the fall of Cambodia to the Khmer Rouge and the subsequent slaughter of millions. War continues to ravage the Southeast Asian nation.

Ngor, who is now a U.S. citizen, said that once Cambodia was free and safe to return to, he would go back to help rebuild it, but would not stay because of "too many painful memories."

NEW YORK (AP) — President Reagan says there's one question he didn't get to ask Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev during their recent Moscow summit: whether he believes in God.

"I had that curiosity for a time because I was so surprised at his use of the name God," Reagan said in the August issue of Life magazine. "And I couldn't figure how I could really get into a one-on-one conversation with him, knowing where atheism stands in their country."

The president said he never got the chance to ask, but a Soviet interpreter said that Gorbachev's

usage of God was "commonplace. It was just a form of expression: god with a small g."

Reagan said that, unlike other Soviet leaders he's met, with Gorbachev "you don't get any feeling of cunning."

"He is himself — no imitation of anyone that I've ever known," he said. "He's straightforward."

NEW YORK (AP) — Singer, talk show host and game show producer Merv Griffin says he could have retired after Coca-Cola bought Merv Griffin Productions for \$250 million, but decided on another career: real estate mogul.

"To me, retirement is the choice after death," the 63-year-old businessman said in the August issue of Life magazine.

"What I am doing now is fun," said Griffin, who recently won control of Donald Trump's Resorts International in a hostile takeover and bought the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

"I love the gamesmanship," Griffin said. "This may sound strange, but it parallels the game shows I've been involved in." Griffin helped create television's popular "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy!"

His real-life conquests apparently have inspired him. Griffin says he is working on a new show based on the game Monopoly.

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Actor Ron Perlman says playing the beast Vincent on television's "Beauty and the Beast" is "so romantic and heroic and poetic, it's like playing Hamlet every week."

"This may just be the greatest role of my life," Perlman, 37, said in the July 9 issue of TV Guide magazine.

Perlman said he was amazed when he learned the role was made him a sex symbol.

"More than 95 percent of the people who write to me are women," he said. "Their letters are filled with sexual fantasies."

The actor whose half-man, half-beast character's love affair with Catherine Chandler (Linda Hamilton) is un consummated in the show has received up to nine letters from one viewer.

"Women say that Vincent is the ultimate fantasy lover, someone who asks nothing in return but gives 100 percent," Perlman said. "He evokes deep unconscious feelings of longing for a connection to someone who understands things on a very emotional level."

Perlman is married to fashion designer Opal Stone and has a 4-year-old daughter, Blake Amanda.

Success hasn't changed life of songwriter

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — He didn't write them, but the "The Long and Winding Road" and "We're in the Money" nicely sum up the world of Academy Award-winning songwriter Franke Previte.

Previte won this year's award for the best original song in a motion picture for writing the lyrics and co-writing the music for "I've Had the Time of My Life" in the film "Dirty Dancing."

Despite his success, Previte lives with his 13-year-old sheep dog, Sparky, in his childhood home in New Brunswick and plans to stay put for a while.

"I feel comfortable here," the 37-year-old Previte said. "I've written six hit records in this

house. I'm not in a hurry to do anything."

Previte's musical road began unofficially at the age of 3 when his opera-singing father performed "Il Pagliacci" on stage — accompanied by his son in the crowd.

"The audience loved it," Previte recalled.

He began performing for real at age 9. At 13, he formed a group known as the Intruders. He went on to sing for several rhythm and blues bands while in college before joining the Oxford Watchband, a psychedelic group, and then Bullangus, a heavy metal band.

Previte said his varied musical background helps now.

"I've written for a really wide range of people — Jeffrey Osborne,

Bon Jovi," Previte said. "I like different kinds of music. I have a pretty wide gamut of tastes."

When Bullangus broke up in 1978 and Previte returned from the road, a friend suggested he buy 100 cars from used car lots and fix them up to make some money. Previte earned enough to buy a few pieces of furniture and a \$300 piano, the same piano on which his Oscar now rests amid family photographs.

He dedicated himself to learning the piano, and within three years he formed Franke & the Knockouts, which had several hits before disbanding in 1984 because their record company wanted to change their style.

"That's when he decided to strike

out on his own.

"It disheartened me that people who don't know G chords from A chords were controlling my life," Previte said. "I said to myself, 'This is really stupid.'"

Jimmy Jenner, president of an earlier label for which Franke & The Knockouts recorded, had gone into film and, in 1986, asked Previte to write for "Dirty Dancing."

"He told me, 'I suggest you get a song because it's going to change your life,'" Previte said.

Between a nickel's cut for each record sold and additional royalties each time it is played on the radio, Previte said he will eventually realize more than \$1 million from the song.

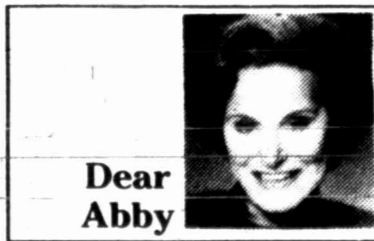
Posting of student grades is cruel and also illegal

DEAR ABBY: You recently published a letter from a parent who had attended an open house at her daughter's school where an English teacher had posted all the students' names and their grades for public viewing.

You were correct to say that it was improper as well as cruel, but did you know that it also violates federal law?

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, commonly known as the Buckley Amendment (giving credit to its author), forbids educational institutions at any level from releasing any information about any student without written permission. (The exception is for the release of certain "directory" information. Most states have similar laws in addition.)

I find that most teachers and many administrators are not aware of the provisions of this important statute, and do not realize that they should not discuss students with anyone who does not have a right to information according to the law, or without written permission of the parent (or the



student if he or she is old enough).

NANCY HABLUTZEL, Ph.D., J.D., CHICAGO

DEAR DR. HABLUTZEL: Add my name to the list of those who were not aware of the above-mentioned statute. Thank you for educating me and countless others. Teachers, take a lesson.

DEAR ABBY: Can you stand one more letter about original works of art given by the artist to friends who stick them away in a closet never to be seen again?

I happen to be an artist, and a fairly good one. I've given some of my paintings as gifts, and if I go to the home of someone to whom I've given a painting and I don't see it displayed anywhere, he's how I handle it. I ask if I may "borrow"

my painting for an "art show" (I even offer to pick it up.)

Then I keep it "indefinitely." Of course, should I be asked to return it, I would, but so far, nobody has asked.

PRIDEFUL ARTIST

DEAR ARTIST: My mail has been running 2-to-1 in favor of artists saying they would not be offended if the recipient asked if the painting could be exchanged for one that would be more appropriate for their decor.

Almost all artists said that rather than have their work hidden in a closet, they would prefer to have it returned.

Few people realize that an original painting — valuable or not — is part of the artist's divine inspiration and represents time and talent (be it ever so modest), and should be respected as such.

DEAR ABBY: Thanks for telling "J.M.B." that there was nothing weird or abnormal about eating only one thing at a time. I've always eaten that way and I'm 59 years old. I like to savor the flavor of

everything I eat. If I wanted to combine all the flavors of baked ham, sweet corn, potato salad and stewed tomatoes, I'd put them all in a blender, liquify the whole mess, and drink it!

ME TOO IN HORNBELL, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: Would you kindly define the phrase "immediate family"? I need to show the answer in writing. Thank you.

INQUISITIVE

DEAR INQUISITIVE: In the legal sense, wife or husband, children, parents, brothers and sisters are all immediate family. But for exact information regarding the laws in your state, you should consult a lawyer.

Everything you'll need to know about planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, clearly printed, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill 61054 (postage and handling included.)

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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Refrain from publicly trying to force issues. Romance and love relationships flourish. Although family ties will be tested, they will emerge stronger than ever. Unexpected developments solve a financial problem. You make good health a top priority. Encourage family members to do the same. Travel contributes to both your education and family unity. Avoid raking up old quarrels. Use will power when times are tough.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: first lady Nancy Davis Reagan, opera star Dorothy

office finances. You find solutions that win you a following.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Move ahead and never look back. Parents endorse your biting the bullet and making a hard decision now instead of later. You have more inner strength than even you imagine. Hold firm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful about traveling on the fast track. It may not be as much fun as it appears. Honor your commitments. Enjoy the perks of your position. You have earned them!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Self-discipline will help you deal with a difficult business or personal situation. Curb your temper. Joint resources can be improved by paying more attention to routine tasks. Meet deadlines on time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A lucky day for employment matters and financial affairs. A promotion or raise is a real possibility. New contacts make you very happy. Romance could be taking too much time from work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Close personal relationships receive a big boost. A romantic alliance takes on deeper meaning. You begin to have second thoughts about changing jobs. A child's actions surprise you. Ask for an explanation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tackle those tasks that require careful attention to detail today. An important event is about to take place. Work hard. A financial windfall gives you a chance to launch a new search.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Move with the times and you will make important strides. A discussion with mate provides food for thought. Do not allow friends to interfere with your family life. Have confidence in your abilities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Come to grips with a creative project or complex assignment. Home life continues to be a source of contentment. A platonic relationship begins to intensify. Take a chance on someone special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A good day for gathering information. Do not allow domestic concerns to interfere with your business plans. Romance will become more rewarding if you work at it. Show your affection openly.

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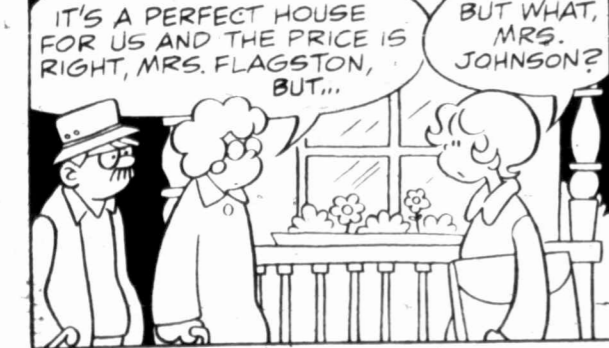
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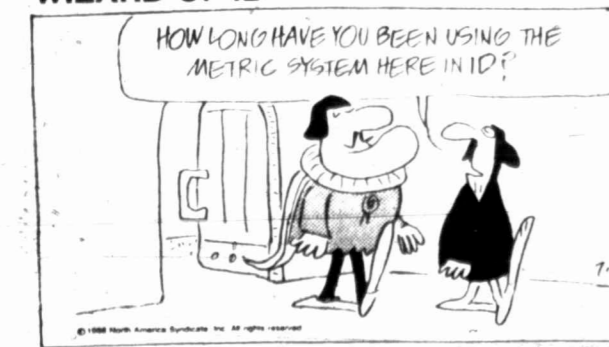
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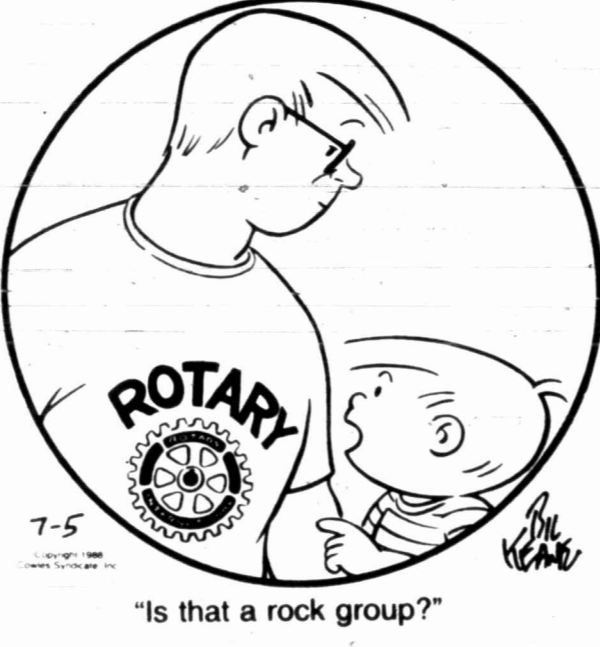
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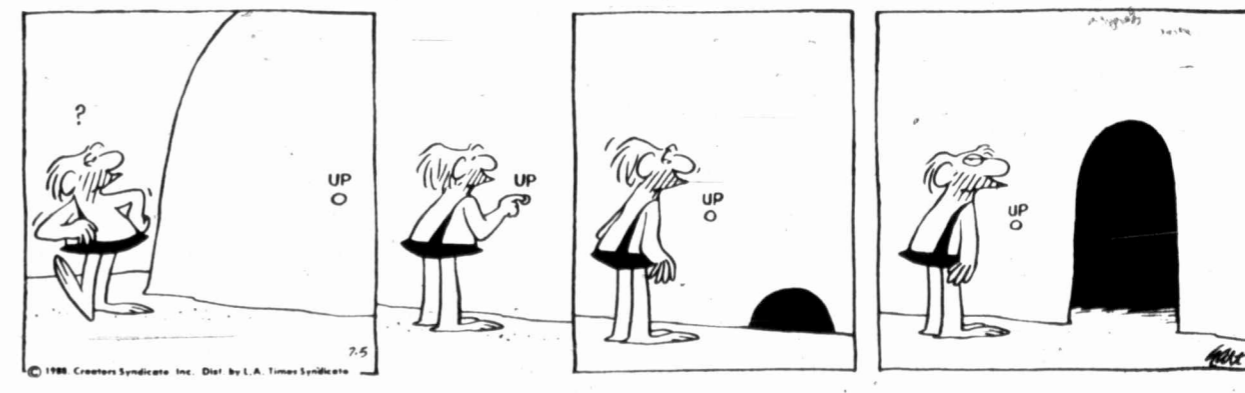
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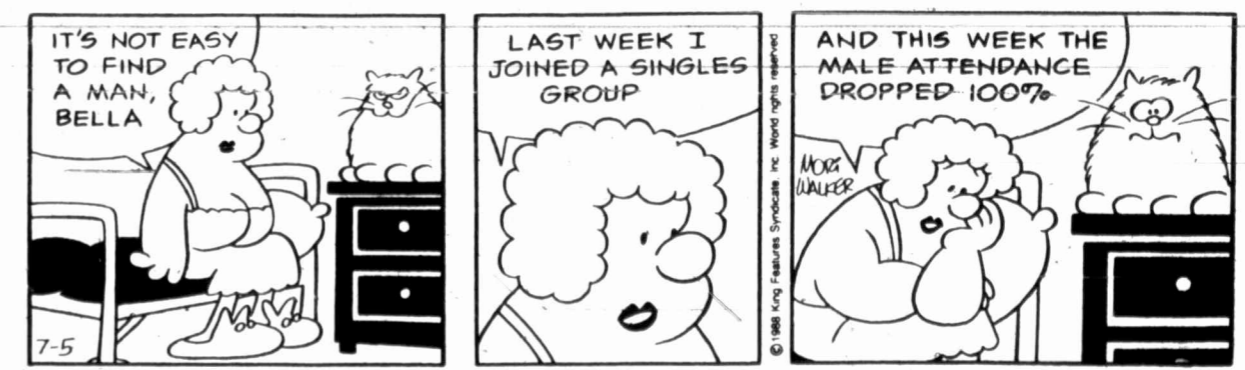
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