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Local weather
Forecast for the Big Spring area: Isolated to widely scattered showers and thunderstorms this evening, otherwise fair tonight with scattered cloudiness. Tomorrow with scattered thunderstorms. Lows tonight mid 60's.

On the side:

Flag lowered

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Post Office joined U.S. Post Offices across the country in flying flags at half mast Monday to honor four postal employees killed in the crash of a DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa last week.
Four postal employees were killed in the fatal crash out of Denver, Big Spring Post Master Howard Riche said. The men were part of a six-man postal employee contingent on the flight headed for a training seminar in Chicago when the accident occurred, he said. Although the accident that claimed the lives of more than 100 of its passengers occurred last week, Monday was the day set aside to honor the four employees who died.

The alleged murder by hanging of U.S. Marine Lt. Colonel William Higgins in Lebanon by Muslim extremists was not a consideration in the flag lowering, he said.

Tax rate eyed

BIG SPRING — Howard County Commissioners will convene today to review the proposed 1989-90 fiscal budget and possibly consider a county tax rate.

Commissioners set a tentative budget figure of \$6.5 million for the upcoming fiscal year, just slightly above the current year's budget, Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson said Monday.

Commissioners still have the opportunity to make any cuts, additions or changes before finalizing the budget. Olson said she expects that if the budget is changed at all it would be reduced.

Ex resident killed

ABILENE — Ronald "Butch" Lewis Gaskins, Jr., 22, a former Big Spring resident, and David Gregory Hart, 22, of Abilene, died from injuries incurred in a motorcycle accident in Abilene Monday morning.

Gaskins was living in Abilene at the time. The two were traveling east on South Highway 87 at 1:43 a.m. when Gaskins, who was driving, was unable to negotiate a sharp turn, said witnesses.

The 1985 Honda Nighthawk bike hit a curb and catapulted both of the riders through the wall of a house, causing massive head and internal injuries. Neither was wearing a helmet.

Hart was pronounced dead at 2:34 a.m. at the scene. Gaskins was taken to Humana Hospital in Abilene where he died at 3:28 a.m.

Witnesses said the pair was traveling in excess of 70 mph at the time of the accident. "It had to have been a tremendous force because a human body was hurled through a brick wall and an inside wall (sheeting covering the bricks)," said Sgt. Gene Keese, the traffic division commander with the Abilene Police Department. He estimated the damage to the house to be at \$5,000.

The four-lane highway the pair were on connects most of southwest Abilene to the main flow of traffic. The section where the accident occurred is lighted and in a residential area.

Keese said that results from blood tests, which are routinely taken in accident cases, are not available yet.

Gaskins, who was born June 10, 1967, in Lamesa, grew up in Big Spring and attended school at Elbow and Forsan. He had been a resident of Abilene the past year where he was employed by Avis Lube.

Funeral services will be held in Big Spring at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Funeral Chapel. Interment will be at Trinity Baptist Church.

By RUTH COCHRAN Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A reorganization of the city's utility department would upgrade skill levels and decrease the high turnover rate within the department, according to the city's public works director.

The Big Spring city council is currently reviewing a proposed \$18 million budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year. With expected revenues of \$16.1 million, the proposed budget represents a \$1.8 million deficit.

During the city council's budget workshop Monday afternoon, public works director Tom Decell told council members that the new program he is proposing, at a cost of \$3,600, would help the department avoid the "three men in a tub syndrome" where two city workers watch one work.

We want "a higher class of employee skilled in their work so they can do it right the first time. This is the program... we are most interested in presenting to you... It'll basically put a two-man crew on most repair jobs in the city... so you don't have that constant syndrome of somebody watching." — Tom Decell, Big Spring public works director.



By teaching personnel new skills, Decell said, work crews could be reduced from two to three. The change would improve the public's perception of the department, he said, but of more importance, it would improve work quality and help reduce the department's 32 percent turnover rate.

They can do it right the first time," Decell told the council. "This is the program... we are most interested in presenting to you."

If each crew member has more than one skill, the size of each work crew could be reduced, he said.

"It'll basically put a two-man crew on most repair jobs in the city... so you don't have that constant syndrome of somebody watching," Decell said.

The reorganization of personnel in plant operations and distribution and collection will reduce the number of workers from 34 to 31, said Decell. No workers would lose their jobs, he said, because there are vacancies in the department and personnel can be transferred.

The council also heard pitches for other new programs, including:

- Merit raises for all city employees based on five performance levels.
- Pay increases for utility department personnel who are on standby for emergencies such as waterline breaks and sewage blockages.
- Pay increases for personnel working the less desirable nights shifts.
- Ten 9mm semiautomatic pistols for the police department.
- Ten new vehicles for the police department fleet.
- An electronic postage scale and postage allocator for city use.
- Increased contribution to the ambulance service.
- A secretary for the patrol division in the police department.
- Repairs to the 56-year-old city jail.

Airshow could attract tourists

BIG SPRING — Vietnam veterans trying to build a memorial to honor their fallen comrades will stage their second annual Vietnam Memorial Airshow Oct. 28-29 in Big Spring.

The event, which is expected to draw 30,000 to 40,000 spectators, will be held at the Big Spring Airpark from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and will feature some of the top aerial acts in the country.

Among those performing at the show sponsored by the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring, will be the United States Army Parachute Team — The Golden Knights.

The Golden Knights are the Army's only official aerial demonstration team and each year demonstrate their skills to millions of spectators across the country.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Coahoma concrete

COAHOMA — After it has been poured into the forms, Paul Flores smooths the top of the concrete which will hold sand for the long jump at Coahoma's Bulldog Stadium. The forms are part of the renovation work at the football and track field in Coahoma.

Man guilty of Big Spring sex assault appeals verdict

By BRADLEY WORRELL Staff Writer

EASTLAND — A man convicted by a 118th District Court jury for the sexual assault of a local woman has filed a motion to appeal his case to the Court of Appeals in Eastland.

Willie Dearing, whose age and address were never determined, is currently serving an 18-year sentence in the Texas Department of Corrections. He was sentenced June 22 by a 118th District Court

jury for the sexual assault of a local woman.

Don Richard, attorney for Dearing, could not be reached before press time today about the specific reasons for the appeal.

A spokeswoman for the Court of Appeals in Eastland said today that a motion to hear the case has not yet been received. The attorney representing Dearing has 120 days from the time of the 118th District Court jury's ruling to have the motion filed in Eastland.

The appeals court in Eastland will not hear the entire case again but will examine legal briefs by attorneys for the defense and prosecution to determine if there were any errors that affected the outcome of the trial, the court spokeswoman said.

If the appeals court agrees that substantial legal errors were committed, the Eastland court would set aside the previous decision and order a new trial, she said.

The case would be remanded

level, the court that heard the case the first time, the spokesperson said.

Attorneys for either side would have the opportunity to ask a different court at the state district court level to hear the case if they believe the trial would not receive a fair trial in its court of origin, she said.

Most often they cite previous publicity surrounding the case as a reason for a change of courts, she

If either side disputes the Eastland court ruling, the case could be appealed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in Austin. If the parties involved are not satisfied with that decision and there are constitutional issues involved, it could proceed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"That doesn't happen too often," She estimated it could take a month or more for the Eastland court to issue their decision.



Associated Press photo

NEW YORK CITY — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar looks at a photo showing the alleged body of Col. Higgins after he was killed by hanging, at the United Nations Monday. Earlier the U.N. Security Council voted to keep peace keeping forces in Lebanon.

Terrorists threaten to kill 2nd hostage

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By FAROUK NASSAR Associated Press Writer

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Pro-Iranian extremists said they would kill another American hostage today, a day after kidnappers said they hanged a U.S. Marine, unless Israel frees a Shiite Moslem cleric it abducted.

Also today, a caller claiming to represent the group that kidnapped the Marine, Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, said a British hostage would be killed today unless the cleric was freed.

The deadline for an earlier telephoned threat against the Briton, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite, passed this afternoon with no immediate word from the kidnappers.

The reported hanging and the threat today against American hostage Joseph James Cicippio presented President Bush with his first major hostage crisis.

On Monday, the pro-Iranian Shiite group that abducted Higgins, the Organization of the Oppressed on Earth, released a videotape of a man they said was Higgins dangling.

• KIDNAPPING page 3-A



WASHINGTON — President Bush talks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House Monday, expressing outrage over the alleged hanging of Col. Higgins.

Nation

Explorers find ice-buried planes

ATLANTA (AP) — A group of explorers returned from a journey to the polar icecap with two bits of metal from the wing of a World War II bomber — treasures retrieved from under 250 feet of ice.

Pat Epps and other members of the Greenland Expedition Society suffered hunger, cold and sunburn in the hunt for the "lost squadron," eight aircraft which crash landed in Greenland in 1942.

"This is the first time someone brought back tangible evidence of these aircraft," said Epps, owner of Epps Aviation at suburban DeKalb Peachtree Airport, where the expedition returned in a DC-3 Monday.

The group left Georgia on July 7 seeking proof to back up sonar scans made in 1988 that showed the aircraft buried under four decades of ice and snow.

Search postponed for rig workers

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Hurricane seas forced rescue workers to stop their search for 10 crewmen aboard a capsized offshore oil rig as swells rose as high as 25 feet.

The self-propelled rig Avco 5 with 14 people aboard was headed to shore early Monday when it capsized about 20 miles off the Louisiana coast, near Morgan City, Chevron spokesman Jonathan Lifa said.

Four of the 14 workers were plucked from the water by fishermen and a Coast Guard helicopter, said Chief Petty Officer Michael Robling.

The rig, leased by Chevron from Avis Bourg Co. of Folsom, was on its side in about 25 feet of water, a Coast Guard spokesman said.

Officials hoped survivors had found airpockets in the sealed compartments on the rig, but Hurricane Chantal's 12-foot seas, 70 mph winds and heavy rains prevented divers from making a search.

Education summit scheduled



Bush addresses conference

CHICAGO (AP) — The nation's governors entered their final day of a harmonious meeting in which they skirted abortion and other policy differences and agreed to meet again next month with President Bush.

Before heading home today, the governors were to vote on a series of policy statements, including a cautiously worded one urging the federal government to reduce the deficit without raising taxes "if possible," while protecting key domestic spending.

Bush, whose appearance at the conference was overshadowed Monday by the reported hanging of Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins by pro-Iranian captors in Lebanon, invited the governors to meet with him in late September for a summit meeting on education. The meeting, at a site to be named later, was a campaign promise of Bush and was discussed by governors last spring.

Democrat Bill Clinton of Arkansas said the summit will keep education and child-related issues on the public agenda.



NEW YORK — The U.N. Security Council voted for a resolution condemning hostage taking Monday. From left to right at the table are Thomas Pickering, United States, U.N. Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, and S.G. Dragostar Pejic, President of the Security Council from Yugoslavia.

Israel refuses to free kidnapped cleric

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel says it will not free a pro-Iranian cleric despite the claimed execution of a U.S. Marine officer and a threat to kill another American, but is offering to swap the Moslem leader for hostages in Lebanon.

Deputy Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged Shiite Moslem radicals in Lebanon to accept Israel's offer to exchange Sheikh Abdul Karim Obeid and other Shiite prisoners for the three Israeli soldiers and foreign hostages they hold.

Israeli commandos abducted Obeid from his home in south Lebanon on Friday.

An army spokesman said Monday that Obeid had confessed to directing the kidnapping of U.S. Marine Lt. Col. William Higgins and disclosed the identities of the captors to his Israeli interrogators.

Higgins' kidnappers said they hanged him on Monday.

Israeli officials refused to say whether they would consider taking action against Higgins' abductors.

"We have made a proposal," Netanyahu said on Israel television's midnight news show. "They can answer it, but they must understand that we will not give in to the dictates of their blackmail."

Netanyahu rejected criticism from the United States that Israel did not take into consideration the fate of American hostages when it abducted Obeid.

"We must first understand that their lives are in danger. Hezbollah murders hostages," Netanyahu said.

The pro-Iranian Hezbollah fundamentalist group is believed responsible for the kidnapping of Higgins and three Israeli servicemen, and Israeli officials say Obeid is a leading member of Hezbollah, or Party of God.

"The U.S. has expressed publicly and also privately to us the importance of not giving in to terrorism," Netanyahu said. "We have adopted such a stance as our policy."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's spokesman Avi Pazner said: "I hope in the United States people understand that we are fighting the same fight against terror that they are fighting."

"If it is true (that Higgins was killed) and I have doubts that it is true, the American people know exactly who is responsible for the murder," Pazner said. "It was obviously Hezbollah."

World

Lawyer guilty of murder scheme

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — A lawyer was sentenced to death today for masterminding the murders of eight elderly people as part of a sophisticated scheme to forge their wills and acquire their wealth.

Christos Papadopoulos, who called his white-collar crime ring "Murder Inc." and whose mother-in-law was among its victims, laughed when his sentence was announced. He had been convicted of murder on Monday.

Despite the decision, Papadopoulos is not likely to be executed. Greece is a member of the European Economic Community and the trade group prohibits capital punishment.

Although the death sentence remains on the books, it has in practice been abolished and condemned prisoners remain in jail for life. The last execution took place in 1972.

Authorities say Murder Inc.'s members included notary publics, lawyers, a doctor and a police officer.

Authorities said that between 1979 and 1986, the gang members forged wills worth at least \$18.7 million.

Philippine employees protest pay

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Thousands of government employees launched a nationwide protest today to demand higher pay. President Corason Aquino said the country cannot afford to pay better wages.

About 12,000 striking workers rallied in front of the Senate building to press their demand, police said, joining public school teachers who walked off the job eight days ago over salary demands.

Officials said the extent of the walkout was unclear. Organizers said the walkout affected at least 28 government agencies, including the University of the Philippines, the weather service, the social security system, the Central Bank, the National Food Authority, and the Department of Labor.

Thousands view uprising exhibit

BEIJING (AP) — Thousands of people jammed into a military museum today to view a new exhibit devoted to the pro-democracy uprising, while citizens generally ignored celebrating the anniversary of the army.

Crowds gathered four or five deep in front of the displays of the seven-week student movement, pointing at black-and-white photos of marches that drew up to 1 million people.

The pro-democracy movement was crushed June 3-4 by the army, which killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in clearing central Beijing of protesters. The government has since portrayed the army as having heroically ended an uprising organized by thugs.

More than half of the exhibit was devoted to displays showing the bravery and the patience of the party since the crackdown. But few people lingered long in front of those display



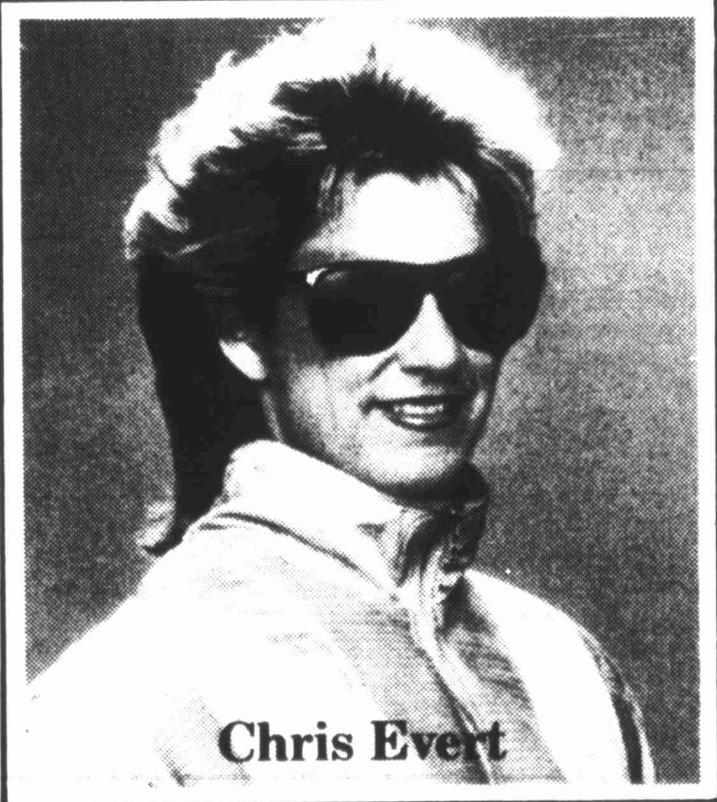
Soldier at Tiananmen Square

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1989 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF FORSAN

This notice concerns 1989 property tax rates for City of Forsan. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$12,312
+ Last year's debt taxes	—
= Last year's total taxes	\$12,312
+ Last year's tax base	\$3,974,536
= Last year's total tax rate	\$3,098/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$12,173
+ This year's adjusted tax base	
(after subtracting taxes on new property)	\$4,012,777
= This year's effective tax rate	\$3,303/\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$3,312/\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	
(after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$12,173
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$4,012,777
= This year's effective operating rate	\$3,303/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$3,276/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	—
= This year's rollback rate	\$3,276/\$100

SCHEDULE A: Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following balances will probably be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance and Operation	\$8,196.07

SCHEDULE B: 1989 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid	Interest to be Paid	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
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This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main St. Name of person preparing this notice Kathy A. Sayles Title Tax Assessor Collector Date prepared July 27, 1989

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5 PM	Cosby	Home Run	Sesame Street	Bonanza	Jeopardy!	News	Uni Y Miso	(95) All	News	Fictionary	Magazine	Think Fast	Cagney & Lacey (CC)	Cartoon		Movie Cal	Movie	Movie	Pollergest
6 PM	ABC News	SportsCent	Jacques Cousteau	Father Murphy	News	News	Senora	(95) And	News	Mama's	On Stage	Insp. Gadg	HeartBeat	Miami	Remote Cnl	Space	Mayberry	The	Movie Gate
7 PM	Who's Boss	Champion Karate	Nova (CC)	Great American	Summer Playhouse	Who's Boss	Amandote	(95) Crash	(15) NBC	Black Sheep	Nashville	Mr. Ed	Spenser: For Hire	Murder, She Wrote	MTV News	Black Beauty PL	Movie	Movie Uncle	(CC)
8 PM	Roseanne	Professional Boxing	Brain (CC)	Wilderness	Sins, Part 3	Roseanne	Nuevo Amanecer		Night Baseball	Movie War	VideoCountr	Car 54	Movie Hobson's	Movie Porky's	Amuck In America 2	Great Expectation		Cabin (CC)	Movie Die
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Names in the news

LONDON (AP) — Actor Jack Lemmon said he's glad to be back on the London stage and would "much rather play here than on Broadway, frankly."

The Oscar-winning actor appeared Thursday at a news conference with Michael Gambon and Robert Fleming, his co-stars in Donald Freed's "Veterans Day," and extolled Britain's well-known theater culture.

"British audiences know how to listen. They know how to be there when the damn curtain's going to go up. They understand theater," said the 64-year-old Lemmon, sporting a crewcut from filming his role in the upcoming film "Dad."



LEMMON **FITZGERALD**
"In America, we do not culturally, unfortunately, go to the theater often enough. It is an event and it shouldn't be."
"Veterans Day," directed by Kevin Bellington, opens Aug. 22 at London's Theater Royal and runs through Dec. 9.

CHICAGO (AP) — Singer Ella Fitzgerald is among the six musicians chosen as the first inductees to the new Jazz-Blues-Gospel Hall of Fame.

"Chicago has been the seat of gospel music for a long time," said Charles Colbert, the hall's president. "Blues — Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon and many others are from here."
"This is naturally the place where it should be," Colbert said at a ceremony Thursday.

Although similar memorials to each of the three kinds of music exist, the new Hall of Fame is the first single institution honoring all of them, he said.

DENNIS THE MENACE



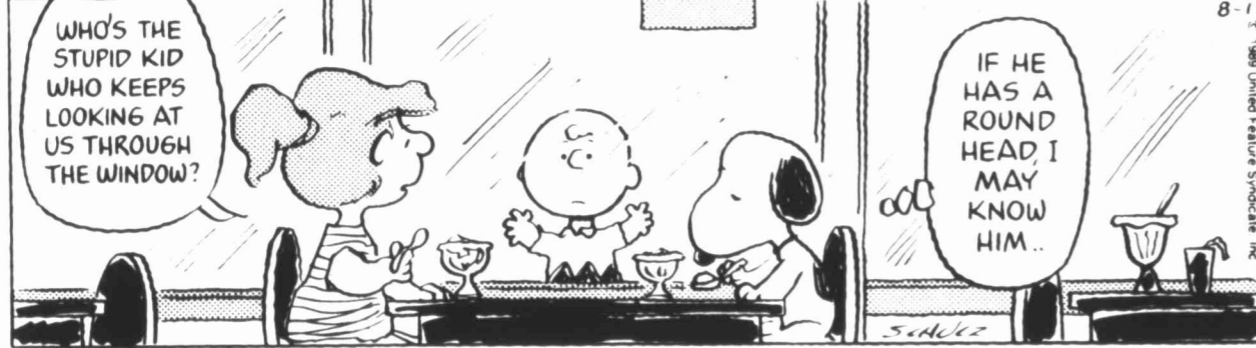
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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PEANUTS



WHO'S THE STUPID KID WHO KEEPS LOOKING AT US THROUGH THE WINDOW?
IF HE HAS A ROUND HEAD I MAY KNOW HIM...

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THE WHITE-COLLAR CRIMINALS IN MINIMUM SECURITY ARE PICKING UP!
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
A SALAD BAR IN THE MESS HALL

BLONDIE



GOODNESS, YOUR BOOK MUST BE FILLED WITH ALL KINDS OF EMOTIONS
YES, AND I CAN'T WAIT TILL I GET TO PAGE TWO

BETLE BAILEY



HERE COMES SGT. LUGG AND BELLA, NOW DON'T EMBARRASS ME
YOU DON'T LISTEN WELL, DO YOU?

SNUFFY SMITH



I HEAR TH' CARD PLAYERS HAD A BIG FREE-FER-ALL IN YORE BARN LAST NIGHT
WHO TOLD YOU-- A LITTLE BIRDIE?
NOPE-- A LITTLE COW

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, 1989

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Kathryn Harrold, actor Carroll O'Connor, Max Wright of "Alf," Kia Goodwin of "227," writer James Baldwin, engineer-architect Pierre L'Enfant, former Nevada Sen. Paul Laxalt, "Thin Man" star Myrna Loy, actor Peter O'Toole, pioneer Hollywood mogul Jack Warner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): The only way to handle pressure now is to kick back and relax. You may feel that things are coming at you from every direction. Set your own timetable; refuse to be rushed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow where your heart leads you in a close relationship. Long-term commitments enjoy favorable influences. Use the telephone frequently and the bottom line will improve. Distant contacts need encouragement. Be supportive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Surround yourself with luxury, even if it

is only for the moment. Do your best to please a special loved one. Family members need to know that they are important to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is a very family-oriented time for you. Getting the whole gang together for a holiday is the best idea you have had in a long time. Ask a brother or sister to help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Unexpected developments get your life moving again. You have a golden opportunity to meet a true soul mate. Take a chance on a blind date arranged by friends. Dress to impress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long overdue recognition comes your way. The job picture becomes clearer. Plan to go out this weekend and celebrate! Invite a good friend to join a family outing. Repay favors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Return phone calls promptly. Some opportunities come only once in a lifetime. Do not lose out! A fine evening for an intimate dinner with the one you love. Share your innermost thoughts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will soon be sitting pretty if you play your cards right. Relationships

take time to mature, but mature they will. Fresh financial gains are part of the picture. Diversify your investments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Not a good day to announce major changes. Bide your time. Plan ahead so you can settle in for a romantic weekend. Clearing away overdue paperwork will improve your concentration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You have an extra share of charisma now. Use it to advance your goals and obtain financial backing. Self-control should be your byword all week. Resist the temptation to say something flippant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You find yourself in a quieter mood today. Productivity rises! Your home is the perfect setting for entertaining friends this evening. Go ahead and wear your heart on your sleeve in romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A phone call could leave you with a feeling of contentment. Go along graciously with the suggestion of a friend or business partner. Trust your instincts in business. Financial security remains a top priority.

CALVIN AND HOBBS



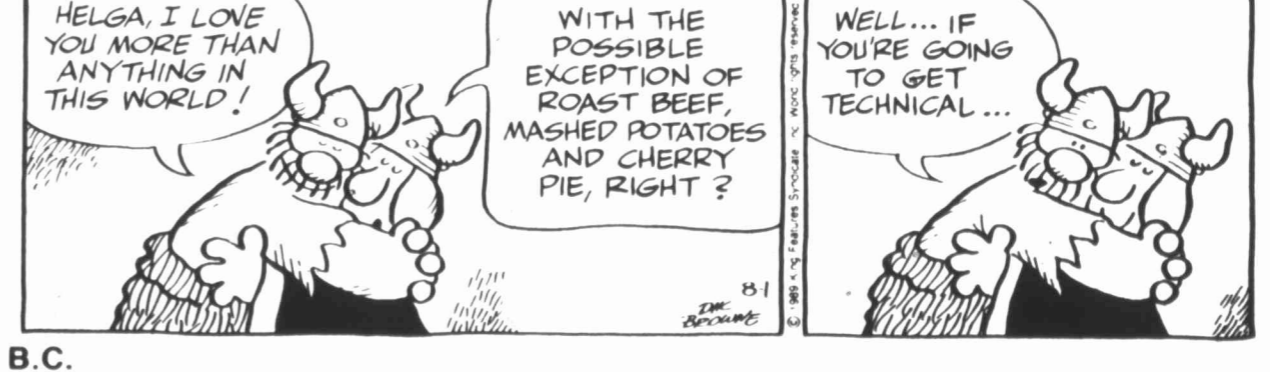
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