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Thursday

Area weather: Partly cloudy through Friday. Low tonight in the 60s; high Friday in the upper 90s.

At the crossroads of West Texas

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Weather

Records

Wednesday's high temp.	90
Wednesday's low temp.	63
Average high	90
Average low	66
Record high	104 in 1948
Record low	53 in 1955
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.02
Normal for Mo.	2.30
Year to date	13.09
Normal for year	13.29

On the side

RAÜL HUERTA
Big Spring man missing

Big Spring police are seeking information about a Big Spring man who has reportedly been missing from his home since Monday.

Raül Huerta, 54, left his Lincoln Street residence about 11:30 a.m. Monday and has not been seen since, police reported. He is taking medication which may affect his state of mind, including his ability to determine where he is and his own identity, reports say.

Huerta is a Hispanic male about 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds with black hair which is turning grey-white.

Anyone who has information about the possible whereabouts of Huerta should call the police department at 263-8311.

No objections voiced to tax hike

If lack of attendance at a public hearing is an indicator of interest, Big Spring residents are apparently unconcerned about the proposed property tax increase that goes into effect Oct. 1.

Two reporters, several city officials and three representatives of Big Spring Main Street, Inc. comprised the turnout for Wednesday night's public hearing on a 2.82-cent per \$100 valuation tax increase that will help fund the purchase of 15 new police cars and a fire truck.

Carl Schoenfeld did tell the council he "works hard for Big Spring" and is very willing to pay his "fair share" of taxes if it serves to benefit the city.

Council members Tim Blackshear and Chuck Condray were absent from the hearing that required less than 10 minutes to complete.

Teen pregnancy rates increase

The rate of teen pregnancy in the Permian Basin is at its highest since 1983, Planned Parenthood reports show.

Data from the Texas Department of Health states that 18.4 percent of local teens gave birth during 1989, a 1.1 percent increase from 1988.

While total births were down, the number of births to girls 15 and under in 1989 was 12 more than the previous year. In 1983, 18.6 percent of all births in the Permian Basin were to teen mothers, reports show.

Iraqis fail in bid to win Russian, Chinese support

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
 Associated Press Writer

Iraqi officials traveled to Moscow and Beijing in a bid to break out of international isolation, but the Kremlin today reiterated its demand that Saddam Hussein withdraw from Kuwait and restore its former rulers.

China argued that food and medicine should be provided to Iraq.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's deputy prime minister, arrived in Beijing in an apparent mission to seek help from a long-time ally. China's Foreign Ministry said food and medicine should be sent to Iraq, despite the U.N.-ordered embargo on trade.

The U.N. resolution "clearly stipulates that the embargo against Iraq does not include supplies intended strictly for medical purposes and foodstuffs for humanitarian purposes," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Li Jinhua said at a weekly briefing today.

On Wednesday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz met Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Moscow. The official Soviet news agency Tass stressed today that Moscow did not waver from its insistence on "the immediate withdrawal of all Iraqi troops from Kuwait and the restoration of that country's independence and sovereignty."

The Soviets have backed the U.N. resolutions banning trade with Iraq and authorizing military enforcement of the embargo.

Gorbachev meets with President Bush in Helsinki, Finland, on Sunday. The same day, Aziz is to visit Iran in the first such high-level trip since war broke out between the two nations 10 years ago, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

In occupied Kuwait, an American was reported in the

Iraq offers TV time to Bush

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — President Saddam Hussein today offered to televise comments by President Bush to the Iraqi public.

He made the proposal in response to U.S. officials' complaints about the extensive air time given the Iraqi president in the West.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the proposal was being studied and a response from Bush could come sometime today.

Naji al-Hadithi, the director general of the Information Ministry, said he had received the instructions from Saddam and that an Iraqi television crew was ready to go to Washington to conduct an interview with Bush.

He said the order was given so that Bush "will have access to Iraqi public opinion."

Iraqi Information Minister Latif Jasim told the Iraqi News Agency: "The U.S. president has said that President Saddam Hussein has been fortunate to have the opportunity to address the American people and that he also would like to present his viewpoint to the Iraqis."

The Bush administration reportedly has grown to hate

what it calls the "Saddamathons" on CNN. The Atlanta-based network, carried by satellite around the world, has devoted hours of air time to Saddam's speeches, informal news conferences and a meeting with Western detainees.

The other American networks also have given extensive coverage to Saddam since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2 prompted the United States to send forces to Saudi Arabia.

The interview with Bush would be unprecedented on Iraqi TV, a state-owned network that broadcasts a total of 14 hours each day on two channels.

Since the crisis started, Iraq's official media has carried extensive articles, commentaries, editorials and broadcast reports critical of the United States, the deployment of the U.S. multinational force and of Bush personally.

Cartoons depicting Bush in a variety of guises and situations have become extremely popular in Iraq.

Iraq's government daily Al-Jumhuriya today carried a cartoon showing Bush in an Arabic robe and headdress under the caption, "Emir Bush."

hospital after being shot in the hand by an Iraqi soldier and breaking his leg as he tried to avoid capture. U.S. officials said they had no word on the American's identity or condition.

In Bahrain, a Western diplomat said the American was shot in the

hand and broke his leg as he was trying to jump out of his window. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the information had come from his embassy in Kuwait City.

American diplomats in Baghdad

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Daredevil
 Mario Garcia views the world from a new perspective as the Coahoma third grader hangs upside down on the swings waiting for his ride home after school Wednesday afternoon.

Mideast crisis affecting Howard County Fair

By MICHAEL DUFFY
 Staff Writer

Can the Howard County Fair be considered a success without the annual carnival that the youngsters always look forward to?

Fair Board members are hopeful they won't be faced with that question later this month.

Board member Skipper Driver said the carnival entourage that

was scheduled to attend the fair is in Saudi Arabia, unable to leave the country because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Driver said they went on tour of Saudi Arabia following last year's Howard County Fair "and haven't been able to get out."

He added that fair board members are "working very diligently" to employ a carnival, but are experiencing difficulties because many county fairs across

the state are held during mid-September.

Whether the carnival comes to this year's fair has no bearing on its scheduled opening of Monday, Sept. 17. It will run through Saturday, Sept. 22.

Driver said that the fair will have many events to compensate for the possible lack of a carnival.

Admission for adults will be \$2.50 and children aged six through 11 will be charged \$1.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, teenagers and senior citizens will be admitted for \$1.50.

The Lamb judging contest will begin at 8 a.m. Sept. 18 with the Steer and Heifer competition beginning at 1 p.m.

Driver said entries from across the state will be present.

Scheduled entertainers include Big Spring's Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys; the Cindy Nocks Band; the Showdown Band and

Clyde Foley Cummins.

The Battle of the Cheerleaders will be held Sept. 18 at the Rodeo Bowl, the same location fairgoers can view the County Calf Roping event that will be held the night of Sept. 19.

Gospel night is scheduled for Sept. 18 and the Old Timers Showmanship Contest will be featured Sept. 20. All former 4-H or FFA members active in the pro-

gram will be present. • COUNTY FAIR page 10-A



Herald photo by Robert Lovelace

Barbecue preparations
 Members of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club have their hands full as they prepare for their annual Football Bar-B-Q. Wally Christensen, Jan Noyes, Marguerite Thompson and Suncha Christensen, above, pick stones out of the pinto beans, while Squeaky Thompson, Al Valdes, Bill Birrell, Elvin Bearden and Alan Kernoodle, below, peel potatoes. The dinner, which is open to the public, will be Friday, 5 to 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

City's treatment plant off EPA list

By MICHAEL DUFFY
 Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's wastewater treatment plant has been removed from the Environmental Protection Agency's "violators list," EPA officials announced.

Public Works Director Tom Decell informed the city council Wednesday night he was notified about the EPA's action in a certified letter.

On May 16, the city filed a request for removal from the EPA List of Violating Facilities. EPA Assistant Administrator for Enforcement Jomenn Strock removed the city from the violators list on Aug. 21, citing the following reason:

"In view of the removal of the convicted offender (Windham) and the affirmative response by Big Spring to correct the technical problems at its wastewater treatment plant, including operation of the facility over a period of time in compliance with its permit requirements, the Big Spring WTF has demonstrated correction of the condition giving rise to the conviction which caused the listing."

He added that the EPA's decision reinstates the city's eligibility to apply for State Revolving Fund grants.

Decell said the city was mandatorily placed on the violators list because former water and wastewater treatment plant superintendent W.W. Windham was convicted in federal court of

falsifying reports to the EPA.

Windham, superintendent of the Big Spring facility from Aug. 15, 1983, until his resignation Sept. 28, 1984, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Halbert Woodward (Abilene) to five one-month sentences for each conviction.

He was found guilty in September of falsifying five monthly wastewater discharge reports — violations of EPA's Clean Water Act. Windham was sentenced in late November.

During Windham's tenure as wastewater superintendent, the plant regularly exceeded EPA regulations for the amount of waste and oxygen depleting organisms released back into the system after being treated, according to testimony given at his trial.

Problems for Windham and the city began surfacing when the Texas Water Commission issued a memorandum on Aug. 12, 1985, that noted "discrepancies were found between self-reported data and laboratory data between the months of June and July 1985."

William Lockey, an employee of the Texas Water Commission, testified he issued the memorandum after discovering that reports submitted about the wastewater plant to the EPA and the water commission were different.

Windham proclaimed his innocence during the trial and stated, "If I'm guilty so are half the city managers and mayors in the country. Most of them don't know where

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Inside Texas

Funerals begin for crash victims

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Funerals were planned today for some of the nine reservists from Kelly Air Force Base killed in a C-5 cargo plane crash in West Germany.

Several of the men, who were members of the 433rd Military Airlift Wing at Kelly, were to be buried at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. An Air Force memorial service at Kelly is planned Saturday for all the deceased.

The men were among 13 killed last week when their C-5 crashed and burned on takeoff at Ramstein Air Base in West Germany as it was taking part in Operation Desert Shield. A team of military officials is investigating the accident.

Bodies of the Texas reservists killed in the crash began arriving home late Tuesday to grieving relatives and somber military colleagues.

The only wing member to survive the crash, Staff Sgt. Lorenzo Galvan Jr., arrived in San Antonio on Wednesday. He was processed for active duty but was taking crew rest, said 433rd spokesman Maj. Meade Warthen.

Spill team set for Galveston

WASHINGTON — An industry-sponsored oil spill response team will be based in Galveston and equipment will be stored in Corpus Christi, officials said.

Oil companies have formed the non-profit Marine Spill Response Corp. to help shipping firms clean up oil spills.

"We'll be able to promptly get the people and equipment to spills wherever they occur," John Costello, president of the MSRC, said in a statement prepared for delivery today.

The company will have large crews at five regional centers, two on the East and West coasts and one in Lake Charles, La., to serve the Gulf of Mexico.

In about 30 months, the MSRC centers will have enough equipment to clean up a spill the size of the one caused by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska last year, Costello said. The five large centers will each be served by four to six smaller centers, like those in Galveston and Corpus Christi. The Lake Charles center will also be served by some in Venice, La., and Mobile, Ala.

Phony calls to coeds 'isolated'

DENTON (AP) — University of North Texas police are treating a caller's attempt to lure two female students out of their rooms as "isolated incidents," but posted flyers warning students to be careful after two such calls last week.

The caller or callers phoned two students last Thursday, identified himself as a campus security officer and told both women to meet him in the lobby because their car alarms were activated, police said.

One woman waited in the lobby and called campus police after the man didn't show up. Another called campus security immediately after getting the call and found out it was erroneous.

Mayors' talks closed to media

EL PASO (AP) — Border city mayors are gathering in El Paso to give their opinions on problems that plague their cities, and the media will be kept out, officials say.

Several sessions scheduled for Thursday and Friday in El Paso and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico are closed to the media, said Norm Garner, who is helping coordinate the conference. Garner said the sessions, which will be held on the University of Texas-El Paso campus, will be closed to allow the mayors to speak freely at the sessions.

Quayle defends NASA during campaign stop

HOUSTON (AP) — Hours before the latest shuttle mission was scrubbed for third time, Vice President Dan Quayle praised NASA employees for dealing with problems in the space agency.

Quayle drew a standing ovation Wednesday from NASA employees on the final leg of a two-day tour of Texas that included campaign appearances for Lone Star Republicans.

"Recently, we've heard criticism about problems," said Quayle, who serves as chairman of the National Space Council.

"With problems like these, people ask, 'Can NASA do the job?' My answer is simple: You bet NASA can do the job! To our critics, I just say: 'Just watch and see.' Take it from a guy who knows a lot about unwarranted criticism."

But NASA officials had to cancel the launch, which was scheduled for 12:20 a.m. CDT today, about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday after crews discovered a leak as liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen was loaded into the fuel-tank. No new launch date has been set.

Quayle praised NASA engineers for dealing with the troubles of the Hubble Space Telescope and for re-establishing communications with the Magellan space probe, which is near Venus.

"Yes, there are some risks and problems that no one could have anticipated. But NASA ingenuity will solve those problems," Quayle told the workers.



HOUSTON — Vice President Dan Quayle speaks to NASA workers here Wednesday. Quayle's remarks were supportive of the space program and the shuttle. The shuttle launch planned for today was scrubbed shortly after Quayle's address.

Leader calls for removal of statues

AUSTIN (AP) — The defacing of a statue of Jefferson Davis has prompted a local civil rights leader to call for the removal of several statues of Confederate war heroes from the University of Texas campus.

University Police Lt. Robert Ewan said Wednesday that the 9 1/2-foot-tall statue of Davis, just south of the university's landmark tower, was spray-painted with the

phrases "Stop Racism" and "Am I A Hero?" during the early morning hours.

The phrases scrawled in purple paint were easily washed off, police said, but students and minority community leaders say the issue of whether Confederate heroes should continue to be revered on the state university's campus will not go away as quickly.

"Jefferson Davis has no more connection (with the university) than Abraham Lincoln, but there is no statue of Abraham Lincoln," Gary Bledsoe, president of the Austin chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said. "That's very telling to me."

The Confederate figures stand as mute reminders of racist attitudes that have persisted long after the end of the Civil War, Bledsoe said.

Hance has bleak Gulf assessment

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Railroad Commission chairman Kent Hance returned from an emergency meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries with a bleak assessment of the Persian Gulf crisis in which he envisions soaring oil prices, a permanent military presence in Saudi Arabia and a 70 percent chance of war with Iraq.

The crisis has little to do with Kuwait's sovereignty, which was violated when Iraqi tanks and troops swept into the tiny country on Aug. 2, Hance said Wednesday.

"The fight's about cheap oil prices" and protecting world energy supplies, Hance said. The oil fields of Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia contain about 70 percent of the world's proven oil reserves.

Although he says President Bush had no choice but to commit troops to protect the world's economic life blood, Hance said, "Mark my words, those troops are there forever because to the militant Arab groups, the Saudi's have committed the unpardonable sin of letting us on their soil."

"And they'll (the militants) never forgive them for it." The United Nation's economic embargo of Iraq will test the wills of Iraqis and Americans, Hance said.

Unless the crisis is resolved soon, prices for unleaded gasoline

"Mark my words, those troops are there forever because to the militant Arab groups, the Saudis have committed the unpardonable sin of letting us on their soil. And they'll (the militants) never forgive them for it." — Kent Hance.

could rise to \$1.50 to \$1.75.

The former congressman and state senator from Lubbock, who said he's kept in regular contact with Washington since the crisis began, pegged the chance of war at 70 percent.

"If a war breaks out, it will be in the air, and it won't last a long period of time," Hance said, adding that if a military move is made, it will be made in October when desert temperatures are lower.

Hance said that although the public supports Bush's action now, that could be withdrawn "If a war breaks out and the 5:30 national news is showing American boys coming home in body bags, if gasoline lines are a half-mile long and (gas) prices are at \$1.70."

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Burn victims
SAN ANTONIO — Petty Officer James Mougren is transported to a waiting ambulance after he and fellow Petty Officer Brian Power were burned while loading flares aboard the USS Saratoga in the Red Sea Aug. 29. The two were transported to Brook Army Medical Center here for treatment.

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Newspaper: Pentagon lobbying against V-22
FORT WORTH (AP) — The Pentagon remains committed to killing the V-22 Osprey tilt-rotor, despite advocates' hopes that events in the Middle East would increase support for the program, a published report says.

A Pentagon memo obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram outlines Defense Department intentions to fight the V-22 as the House prepares for a vote on the 1991 defense budget next week, the paper reported Wednesday.

The House is considering a draft bill that sets aside \$403 million for the tilt-rotor, an aircraft that can take off and land like a helicopter and fly like a regular plane.

Proponents of the V-22 have been lobbying for the aircraft since Defense Secretary Dick Cheney proposed killing the program last January. They have expressed some optimism that the program may survive.

But in the two-page memo, one of the Pentagon's top legislative strategists outlined a plan for a "V-22 working group" within the Pentagon to build a case against the tilt-rotor through briefing papers, "talking points and speeches."

The memo said the group may cite test results that show the craft is "far from flawless," the newspaper said.

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Nat Study

WASHINGTON (AP) — A long-term study of the environment is being conducted by the National Science Foundation. The study will track changes in the environment over a 10-year period. The study will focus on the effects of global warming and other environmental changes on the natural world.

Fuel I

CAPE (AP) — National Guard troops that can't be replaced by the military are being used to guard oil pipelines. The troops are being used to guard the pipelines from sabotage and theft. The military is unable to provide the same level of security as the National Guard.

Effect

WASHINGTON (AP) — A study of the effects of drugs is being conducted by the National Institute of Drug Abuse. The study will track the effects of drugs on the brain and behavior. The study will focus on the effects of cocaine, heroin, and other drugs.

Thiev

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A thief who stole a car and a truck from a store is being sought by police. The thief is described as a white male, approximately 25 years old, with short hair and a mustache. The thief is wearing a dark jacket and pants.

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Study shows acid rain not a crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a decade of study, a scientific review concludes that acid rain is "a long term problem" requiring tougher pollution controls but is not an environmental crisis. Nevertheless, the report released Thursday by the National Acid Precitation Assessment Program said steep cuts in sulfur dioxide emissions, especially from Midwest electric utilities, will be needed to reverse the environmental damage of acid rain. The report made no recommendation on how steep or how soon

the reductions should be made. It said a cut of 10 million tons of annual sulfur dioxide emissions would result in the recovery of highly acidic lakes and reverse other environmentally damaging conditions. Legislation nearing approval in Congress calls for utilities to cut annual sulfur dioxide releases by 10 million tons, or roughly in half, by the end of the decade.

The critics contend that severe pollution controls costing as much as \$5 billion a year is an overreaction.

Fuel leak grounds Columbia again

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA engineers, embarrassed again by a space shuttle that can't fly, think a fuel leak that grounded Columbia for a third time may be in an easy-to-replace unit, the space agency said today.

After studying computer data overnight, engineers believe the leak may be in one of the recirculation pumps assigned to each of the shuttle's three main engines.

"We can't be sure until we get in there," said Bruce Buckingham, a NASA spokesman. But, he said, "at this point, any news is good news."

The countdown was scrubbed in late afternoon Wednesday when leaks appeared during fueling. Columbia was to have lifted off at 1:20 a.m. EDT today with seven

astronauts and four telescopes on a mission called Astro.

The pumps are in a maze of plumbing in the rear end of the shuttle, where pipes range in diameter up to 17 inches. They are directly in front of the huge engines and are accessible through side doors.

A leaky pump was a problem in April 1989 on the shuttle Atlantis and delayed a scheduled liftoff by six days.

"It's something in that pump package," Buckingham said. Although a spare is on hand at the Kennedy Space Center, an exchange will delay a new try at launch until the middle of next week.

"It is a real booger to try to find and isolate," shuttle boss Robert Crippen had said earlier, after the mission was scrubbed.

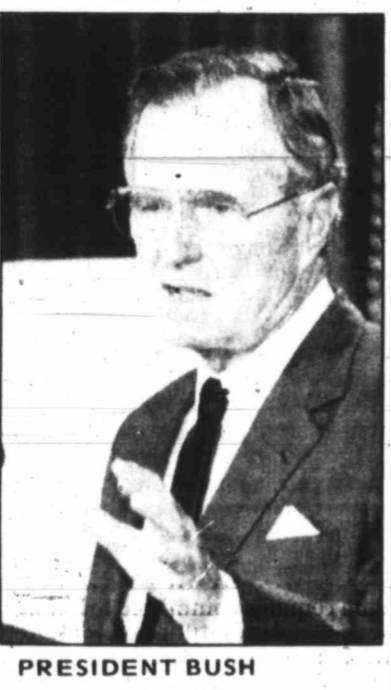
Effects of drug war being debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says the war against drugs is paying off, but it gets mixed reviews on Capitol Hill and big-city police officials say the use of heroin is rising.

"I think America is making progress against drugs and will continue to do so," Bush said Wednesday, one year to the day after launching a campaign against cocaine flooding in from South America.

Bush and drug policy director William J. Bennett were upbeat in speeches and white papers issued for the occasion. But the Senate Judiciary Committee said both successes and failures marked the first year and a Detroit congressman said the war was being lost.

Bennett was appearing today before the Judiciary Committee today to answer questions about the administration's plans.



PRESIDENT BUSH



Associated Press photo

Solar plane arrives on East Coast

KILL DEVIL HILLS, N.C. — Eric Raymond, 33, of Lake Elsinore, Calif., pilot of the Sun-Seeker, looks out of the cockpit of his experimental solar-powered aircraft Wednesday in Kill Devil Hills after making a 32-day trip across the United States. With a wingspan of 57.4 feet, the 198 pound, 23-foot-long carbon fiber and fiberglass craft was powered by 700 solar cells feeding a 2 horsepower engine.

Economy, Gulf crisis hamper budget talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House and congressional budget negotiators have agreed on almost nothing during three contentious months of bargaining. And now that they are about to resume discussions, Saddam Hussein has made the job even harder.

Iraq's conquest of oil-rich Kuwait has meant higher fuel costs, and that has threatened to further slow the already sputtering U.S. economy. Dispatching American troops to Saudi Arabia has driven up Pentagon spending.

Those changed economic and political circumstances will complicate efforts to shrink the federal deficit when administration officials and congressional leaders resume budget talks on Friday.

Yet the bargainers have precious little time left to work out a budget deal. The new fiscal year starts Oct. 1. Unless a pact is enacted, the Gramm-Rudman deficit-reduction law will trigger more than \$100 billion in spending cuts to most federal programs — a staggering amount — that day.

With that in mind, the negotiators' goal is to work out a package of tax increases and spending cuts by Monday. Their sessions — at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Maryland — may be so lengthy that bargainers say they may sleep overnight at the base to give themselves more working time.

"Sometimes the will for a solution comes collectively when you know you're down to the short strokes," said another participant, Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore.

Before the talks recessed, bargainers had reached a consensus on one thing: the need for a package that saves about \$50 billion next year and \$500 billion over five years.

Now, negotiators disagree over how much savings are desirable. It is possible they will settle for a smaller plan, particularly for next year.

Some lawmakers say they want to stick to the initial \$50 billion-\$500 billion formula. They argue that with a limp economy, there is more reason than ever to take a substantial whack at the budget gap, which could be a record \$230 billion or more next year unless something is done.

"We have to make a decision about whether a deficit-reduction package is important to this country," said House Budget Committee Chairman Leon Panetta, D-Calif. "I still think it is."

Others say reductions in the range of \$30 billion to \$40 billion may be preferable for next year because the weak economy shouldn't be shocked by even deeper cuts.

Despite their divisions, bargainers say they are guardedly optimistic.

World

Gorbachev to visit Japan in April

TOKYO (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev will come to Japan in April for the first visit by a Soviet leader, Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu said today.

The timing of the long-awaited visit was set today during talks between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and Kaifu, Japan Broadcasting Corp. reported.

"I'd like to make it a good start of discussion on a peace treaty and territorial issues," Kaifu was

quoted by an aide as saying.

A visit by Gorbachev is further evidence of warming relations between the two countries after a decades-long chill caused by a dispute over islands off northern Japan seized by the Soviets near the end of World War II.

Moscow has rebuffed efforts by Japan to regain the islands.

After a third and final round of talks today, Shevardnadze and Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama signed documents to lay the groundwork for the visit.

Talks set stage for future dialogue

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Roh Tae-woo told North Korea's Prime Minister today during a historic meeting that he hoped for a summit soon that could set the stage for Korean unification before the end of the century.

"Korea cannot remain the last divided nation on earth, separated by Cold War," Roh said.

The two countries' prime ministers wound up two days of formal talks today without any major agreements, but Seoul officials said privately they were not displeased. South Korea's goal had been to open up dialogue with the communist North.

Another round of discussions between the two nations is scheduled for Oct. 16-19 in the North Korean capital of

Pyeongyang.

Roh's meeting with Prime Minister Yon Hyong Muk marked the first time a leader of South Korea has received an official representative of the rival North Korean government.

"To effectively solve pending issues between the South and the North, the top leaders of both sides should meet as soon as possible and set the framework for mutual cooperation," Roh said, according to an aide.

The meeting was the climax of talks between the two Korea's prime ministers on easing political and military tensions — discussions at the highest level between the rival states since the division of the peninsula in 1945.

"The first prime ministers meeting in 45 years should be a starting point for unification," Roh said.

Colombia will limit extraditions



CÉSAR GAVIRIA

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — In a major turnaround in Colombia's anti-drug strategy, President Cesar Gaviria has announced that cocaine traffickers who surrender will not be extradited to the United States.

The new president said his decree Wednesday is part of a plan to end drug-related terrorism. A year-old war between the government and traffickers fighting extradition has left hundreds of people dead.

"Those who have been in crime and who have repented, and who voluntarily turn themselves in to judges in order to freely confess their crimes may be tried by our judges based on our judicial order," Gaviria said.

Their communique bore the letterhead, "We prefer a tomb in Colombia to a jail cell in the United States."

Thieves 'fish' from night deposit boxes

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Thieves used nylon string and fish hooks to reel in at least \$20,000 in cash, checks and food stamps from night deposit boxes at three banks over the Labor Day weekend, police say.

"I still don't see how they could do it," Police Chief Washington Long said. "I don't think they were

amateurs."


The thefts, noticed when the banks reopened Tuesday, took an even odder turn when authorities discovered some of the stolen checks and food stamps dumped in night deposit boxes at two other banks, Long said.

The stolen goods were sealed in plastic bags filled with what looked

like vegetable oil. The oil made it difficult to lift fingerprints, Long said.

The police chief said more than one person probably carried out the thefts, done with three-pronged hooks.

"I don't think one person would be out there fishing by himself — somebody else had to be watching," he said.



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Teach them how to read

The beginning of another school year is marred by more bad news of declining student achievement scores. Why do professional educators reflexively form a committee whenever they are confronted with a problem? Rather than search yet again for mysterious causes behind the declining test scores, school officials should get back to the educational basics. So said former Education Secretary William Bennett five years ago, and his advice is especially pertinent today.

Above all, educators, parents and students should concentrate on the first of the three Rs — reading, the wellspring of learning. Youngsters who cannot read well have great difficulty in school. That self-evident fact has been verified in study after study. So why do many school districts persist in using reading programs that neither interest nor challenge their students?

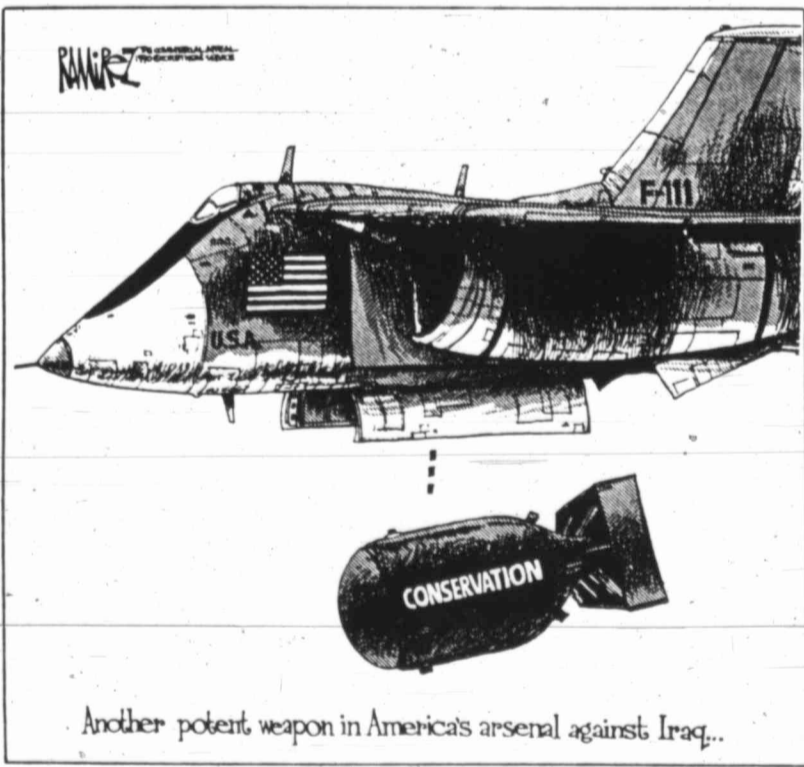
That question was asked a decade ago by the late Bruno Bettelheim. After seven years of observing primary school classrooms, the renowned author, educator and psychoanalyst concluded that the miseducation of students stems largely from an unwillingness to take reading materials seriously. His book, *The Uses of Enchantment*, was correct to criticize publishers who would bowdlerize fairy tales to make them "less traumatic" for impressionable children.

A similar mistake is being made by elementary schools that use bland reading series targeted at the lowest common denominator. This dumbing-down effect continues in middle and secondary schools. Many routinely provide lifeless textbooks in tandem with bored teachers who barely stay ahead of their classes. No wonder so many students view reading as a chore to be endured rather than an adventure to be savored.

But the schools are not solely to blame for student reading deficiencies. Parents can make a significant difference by reading to their small children and by making books readily available in the home. Many of us have fond childhood memories of being read to and of buying books of our own. Not only does this give young children a solid background for formal reading instruction, it enables them to experience the pleasing ritual of a book — looking at it, puzzling it out and turning the pages.

Unfortunately, the ritual favored by many children these days is using the remote control to scan a plethora of television programs or squandering their time on video games. As a result, a recent study by the Education Testing Service found that only two-fifths of young Americans read well enough to understand a typical newspaper column.

Reading is fundamental to the mastery of basic learning skills. And far too many of our children are not being encouraged to read, either in the home or in school. It doesn't require a commission to divine the connection between these facts and falling student test scores.



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Art Buchwald

It pays to keep in touch

By ART BUCHWALD
An Arizona businessman received almost \$2 billion in government subsidies to invest in a savings and loan institution through the lobbying efforts of a former aide to President Bush. The same businessman was also able to buy a bank in Oklahoma, despite his failure to meet federal standards. He did this with a personal investment of \$1,000.

I am sure that the question you're asking is, how does anyone manage to get a deal like that? Strangely enough, a lot of it involves friendship — or one man's love for another. I'm not talking about homosexual love, but rather the love someone has for a person who attended the same school, or who served in the same outfit in the armed services, or who belongs to the same country club.

It is this bonding that's responsible for billions of dollars flying out the window and ending up on the taxpayers' floor.

Let me give you an illustration: Winterbottom has always had his heart set on buying an S&L. So he calls up Duquesne, his old roommate from Dancy Tech, who happens to be a consultant in Washington with reputed connections to the Lincoln Room in the White House.

Winterbottom says, "I'd like to strike it rich by purchasing an S&L, and I thought that for old times' sake, you could help me out. I am willing to put up \$14.50 of my own money so that the government regulators know I'm serious."

Duquesne replies, "I'd be happy to help you acquire an S&L. You are a good friend of mine, and the people I'll be talking to are also good friends of mine. That's the beauty of the consulting business — you only deal with friends. Of course, if you get the bank, I hope that I can borrow a few bucks when I need them."

Winterbottom asks, "How much?"

"Eight or \$9 million. I'll put up my tennis racket as collateral."

Winterbottom responds, "I don't see any problem with that kind of loan. How are you going to arrange for me to get my bank?"

"First, I'll go to the FDIC and talk to Scooter. You remember Scooter. He played halfback at Dancy the year we went there. I'll tell him that one of our boys needs an S&L in the worst way, and if he doesn't come up with a bank, he has made a mockery of our friendship."

"Will that be persuasive enough?" Winterbottom wants to know.

Duquesne assures him it will. "Scooter owes me one. I treated him and his wife to a trip to Paris on the Concorde. What's more, I'm taking him duck-shooting for Thanksgiving. When it comes to S&Ls, Scooter is like my brother."

"When do you think Scooter will give me an S&L?"

"He can't give you one. He can only recommend that you get one from Hogarth, who also happens to be a good friend of mine. Hogarth and I are in the same PTA, so he trusts me. He can't actually give you one, either, but he can make sure that no one sits on your application."

Winterbottom declares, "I didn't know that acquiring one lousy S&L involved so much work."

Duquesne says, "It's not a lot of work, but you have to touch a lot of bases. That's what consultants do. The one thing Washington hates is dealing with people it doesn't know."

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"IT'S FOR YOU... OR SHALL I SAY YOU CAN'T COME TO THE PHONE BECAUSE YOU'RE IN TRAINING FOR THE MENIAL JOBS OF THE FUTURE?"

What has really changed?

By KARL PALLMEYER
The Brazosport Facts
CLUTE — What's happening to this country's youth? They listen to loud, nasty music, they're disrespectful and they wear funny clothes. They don't look up to anybody except Bart Simpson, an "underachiever" who's "proud of it."

In response, the older generation has recently directed its ire at bands like 2 Live Crew, Judas Priest and Motley Crue. But wasn't it just a few decades ago when the older generation was the younger generation when Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and James Brown were thought to be the pied pipers leading children down the road to ruin?

Professor Dan Hopper, who has been teaching sociology at Brazosport College in Lake Jackson for 21 years, says the current opposition to rap and heavy metal music is similar to the outcry heard against rock 'n' roll in the '50s.

"It's a repeat of what happened 30 years ago," Hopper says. "Jazz music in the '20s encountered the same type of thing. It's hard to come up with any reason except a resistance to change."

Nell Jenkins, 50, of Lake Jackson says she remembers attempts to ban and censor Presley which included showing "Elvis the Pelvis" only from the waist up during an appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

"I was right there with the rock 'n' roll," Jenkins says. "Fats Domino and that sort of thing. Gosh, it was so different and the parents' well."

"It was loud and it was ethnic, but it wasn't obscene. I guess if I could understand the words of the heavy acid music (of today) I would object, but I don't mind the loudness. Teen-agers always seem to go for the loud."

Jenkins says crooner Frank Sinatra, whose heyday was a little before her time, also raised the wrath of the older generation of the day.

Bill Hutchison, 46, a member of the Houston Symphony Choir who lives in Lake Jackson, says that before Sinatra and the swing era, the ragtime tunes of Scott Joplin and W.C. Handy were considered evil. Even Igor Stravinsky's symphonies were labeled vulgar and obscene by critics of his day.

"They hated Stravinsky," Hutchison says.

Is there a reason why the older generation despises the music of the younger generation?

"It seems to be an ever-present problem," Hutchison says. "It's just a traditional generation gap. Very few people know how to react to fashion. Until something becomes socially acceptable, people are going to be against it."

Guest column

Younger people are always rebellious, so they embrace it." Jenkins says each generation needs its own music because that music becomes symbolic of their youth.

"I still love Elvis Presley, but I understand why I do," Jenkins says. "His music reminds me of an era. Your opinions and thoughts are formed at that age, and music helps you recall that

Antonio, Dallas and other cities have been arrested for selling the recording.

Although Presley's wild stage show caused a furor, he was never arrested. Presley never sang songs like "Me So Horny" or "Get the F... Out of My House." No reports have linked suicide to listening to "Loving You," "King Creole" or any other Presley album.

"The music today has gotten extremely explicit," Hopper says. "The dislike of that may be just more than a reaction to change."

The definition of vulgar language has changed over the years. Comedian Lenny Bruce was arrested on obscenity charges on several occasions during the '60s. In the '70s and '80s, George Carlin, Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy all used language that would make Bruce's act seem relatively tame. And now Andrew Dice Clay is the newest, dirtiest thing.

"The kind of language Lenny Bruce used was considered vulgar but we've become desensitized to that," Hopper says. "As soon as we became desensitized to those words, the comedians started using rougher words looking for some shock value."

But what can be done? After "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" was banned, sales skyrocketed. The controversy that arose when Sinead O'Connor refused to perform on "Saturday Night Live" because Clay was hosting the show did little except boost that episode's ratings. And what about the First Amendment?

"What is vulgar language and violent language is a matter of taste," Hopper says. "It's hard to write any kind of laws that solve the problem but do not do away with freedom of speech. It may be that laws do more damage to society than the things you're trying to control."

Jenkins says that although her parents didn't enjoy rock 'n' roll, they didn't try to ban the music. "They couldn't understand what we saw or heard in these sorts of things," Jenkins says. "But most of them felt bewildered instead of putting their foot down and not allowing it."

Jenkins says she tries to keep an open mind about today's music. She says she has even gone to see Willie Nelson, the Eagles and Elton John with her children.

"Acid rock will not put kids on the road to damnation and destruction," Jenkins says. "Acid rock by itself will not do it. Only a lack of parental guidance, supervision and love will." — Nell Jenkins, aged 50.

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time? I have fond memories of that era and it's not childish to still enjoy that music because it evokes a pleasant time in my life. I can't see where acid rock will evoke a nostalgic feeling, but it will in 50 years for that generation."

It's not just wild and different music that causes friction. Wild and different fashions, hairstyles and cultural icons embraced by youth also are perceived as threats to the status quo.

Grade school principals in the '90s fear children will become underachievers like Bart Simpson, just as principals in the '50s feared kids would follow the lead of underachiever Maynard G. Krebs, the Bob Denver character on the Dobie Gillis television show.

"Now that's an exact parallel to Bart Simpson," Hutchison says. "The guy didn't want to work, so the adults thought that he was portraying a poor image. They thought the kids would all go out and emulate him."

"I've yet to see a Bart Simpson T-shirt with anything objectionable. I see that some people are upset with that attitude, but I can't agree with mild censorship."

But maybe something is different today. Members of 2 Live Crew were arrested on obscenity charges June 10 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., following a concert. Their "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" album has been declared obscene and store owners in San

Quotes

"The Soviet cooperation in the gulf has impressed us to the point where we are even more interested in being supportive economically if we can be."
— White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater, on Washington's willingness to re-evaluate past opposition to channel economic help to the Soviet Union.

"It will leave a lasting impression on young offenders and holds the promise of reducing drinking and driving." — Gov. James R. Thompson, on legislation he approved that allows judges to decide whether drunken drivers under age 21 should be forced to visit morgues and hospitals to see the bodies of people killed in alcohol-related accidents.

"Take it from a guy who knows a lot about unwarranted criticism... Once they pile it on, they just don't know when to stop." — Vice President Dan Quayle, alluding to NASA's problems in a speech to employees

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Guns and knives to be displayed, sold

The Texas Gun & Knife Association will be holding its last 1990 show in Midland on September 8th and 9th at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. Celebrating their 11th Anniversary, the Texas Gun & Knife Association presents shows to cities all across Texas.

Collectors and exhibitors throughout the area come to buy, sell, and trade unique guns, knives and accessories. In addition, the show offers wildlife art, historical artifacts, Indian and military memorabilia, "Texana" items and gold and silver jewelry.

This is the last of three shows scheduled for Midland in 1990. Dates for the show are Saturday, September 8th, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m., and Sunday, September 9th, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The show is being held at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. The public is invited to bring their own guns and buy, sell, trade or just browse.

Exhibit features

dinosaurs to music

Learn about dinosaurs in an entertaining and exciting way through *Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs: A Mesozoic Musical*.

The Petroleum Museum is sponsoring three FREE performances: two are at the Allison Fine Arts Theatre at Midland College, Saturday, September 15 (2:30 & 7:00 p.m.) and one at Bonham Junior High, Odessa, Sunday, September 16 (2:30 p.m.)

Two to show work at Midland College

A two-man show opens the exhibit season at Midland College's McCormick Gallery on Aug. 25. Mixed media and oil paintings by David Andersen of El Paso and photographs by Charles DeBus of Dallas will be on display through Sept. 30.

McCormick Gallery is located in the foyer of the Allison Fine Arts Building and is open to the public without charge.

Japan new hot spot for U.S. musicians

TOKYO (AP) — It's a performer's dream: audiences who idolize them, full houses, high ticket prices, potentially huge record sales.

And for many of the world's hottest musicians, Japan is the best place to be. Whether it's rock, classical or jazz, Japan has become a must stop — often the first stop — for traveling bands.

Madonna kicked off her 1990 world tour, "Blond Ambition," with a seven-concert tour of Japan beginning April 13, then went back to the United States and on to Europe.

Other pop performers who played for Japanese audiences in the first half of 1990 include Paul McCartney, the Rolling Stones, Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson, Tracy Chapman, Bob Dylan, and David Bowie.

Rock stars perform in huge stadiums, packing in tens of thousands, while classical music concerts are much smaller.



Raising Kane

Actress Carol Kane says of her latest film, "The Lemon Sisters" — "It's just a miracle it got done." She'll be seen with co-stars Diane Keaton and Kathryn Grody in the picture about the friendship of three women.

It's new, it's wild, it's 'thrash funk'

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Born of an odd mixture of 1970s funk, punk rock, rap, California surf, skateboard and hippie cultures, a wild musical genre called "thrash funk" has swept the San Francisco club scene.

The area that gave rise to acid rock in the 1960s is now the nation's hotbed of the colorful, youth-driven "punk-funk," and the record industry is ready to cash in.

"If any of these bands break through, you are going to have the entire industry swooping down on San Francisco to scoop up what they can find," said John Axelrod, director of artist and repertoire for RCA Records in Los Angeles.

Inspired largely by George Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic era, bands such as Psychefunkapus, Limbomaniacs, Primus, The Smoking Section and Fungo Mungo make up a diverse musical scene linked by seething energy, a thumping bass, sometimes bawdy lyrics and a sense of humor.

"It's about intensity, which is always a good rock 'n' roll standard," said Butthouse, lead singer and bassist for Limbomaniacs.

Band members dismiss the label "thrash-funk" as confining, confusing and misleading, and cite an array of influences led by Clinton and augmented by James Brown, Prince, Jimi Hendrix, Frank Zappa and Led Zeppelin.

"To me, each of these bands is completely different than the others," said Psychefunkapus bassist Atom Ellis. "Primus is

really hard-edged. Fungo Mungo is more like James Brown meets the Red Hot Chile Peppers. Smoking Section is a really smooth groove band. It's hard to say what we are."

Despite the diversity, the so-called "punk funksters" seem to admire one another's music. And there's a street style of long hair, tattoos and muscular physiques shared by some of the band members and many of their fans.

"It seems like every one of these aggregate groups started on their own, with little influence from the others," said David Hawkins, drummer of The Smoking Section. "We came in a little later, but we'd never seen them or heard them until we got billed with them."

Primus and the Limbomaniacs came first, standing today as the bands with the strongest instrumental skills and the most funny and raunchy lyrics. Both have recorded albums on independent labels.

The thrash-funk audience is a heavily white, male crowd. Brave souls head to the core of the throbbing, slam-dancing mob, where people are pushed and shoved, almost against the grain of the music, and some dive or are thrown at the stage.

"This is music that has found its root in live performance," said Creighton Burke, manager of Psychefunkapus. "A lot of the old 1970s rock created record sales out of the live performance."



Lead singer Tony Hawkins of the band "Smoking Section" blows a cloud of smoke out over the audience during a performance at a San Francisco nightclub. The band is one of a number of "thrash funk" groups to hit the scene with a thumping bass, bawdy lyrics and a sense of humor.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Texas Public Utility Commission to introduce new optional services — Call Control Options. The initial service areas will be Laredo, McAllen and Austin. Expansion into other service areas will be based on availability. Customers in other areas will be notified when these services become available.

Call Control Options include six new services — Call Blocker, Call Cue, Call Return, Priority Call, Call Trace and Selective Call Forwarding. The features will be available to single-line residence and business customers.

Call Blocker — enables the customer to block incoming calls from a maximum of three specified telephone numbers and/or to block the last incoming call.

Call Cue — enables the customer to automatically redial the last outgoing telephone number dialed. If the recalled number is busy, equipment will monitor the line for a maximum of 30 minutes and will let the customer know when the call can go through.

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Priority Call — provides the customer with a distinctive alerting signal, ring or Call Waiting Tone (if the customer has subscribed to Call Waiting), when the customer is called from a maximum of three preselected telephone numbers.

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Proposed Rates (monthly)

	Residence		Business	
	Individual	Packaged	Individual	Packaged
Call Blocker	\$3.00	3.00	\$3.00	2.00
Call Return	3.00	3.00	4.00	3.50
Priority Call	2.50	1.00	3.00	2.00
Call Cue	2.00	2.00	4.00	3.50
Selective Call Forwarding	2.00	1.00	2.65	1.00
Call Trace**	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

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Texas baby lives through rare surgery

DALLAS (AP) — A Burleson couple is anxiously counting the days until their baby daughter, one of a handful of infants who have survived a rare fetal surgery, can leave the hospital.

Faith Nicole Alexander was born 2½ months prematurely Aug. 5 at a Fort Worth hospital, a month after undergoing experimental surgery while in her mother's womb.

Her parents, Teri and Mike Alexander, can hardly wait to bring their child home.

"I went to the hospital on Wednesday, and I held her in my arms," Mrs. Alexander told The Dallas Morning News in today's editions. "It was very emotional."

The baby is expected to remain hospitalized at Harris Methodist-Fort Worth Hospital for another six weeks.

In the meantime, the Alexanders are remodeling a room for the baby.

"We still need to put on the wallpaper, arrange the room and do other little things," said Alexander, a DART mechanic. "We need to get busy. Before you know it, she'll be here."

Faith is the third child in the United States, and the first from Texas, to survive the surgery, performed at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. Six others did not survive.

The surgery corrected a rare and often fatal prenatal defect known as a congenital diaphragmatic hernia, which causes the stomach and intestines to crowd the heart and lungs.

The defect occurs in about one in 2,220 fetuses. A newborn with the defect has about a 25 percent chance of survival.

Mrs. Alexander, 30, said she wants to work to make more people aware of the surgery.

"I don't think a lot of people know about this, not even some doctors," she said. "We need to get the word out so that other expectant mothers facing the same problem can have the same choice."

Exotic snakes flourish in Florida Everglades



FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Animal trapper Todd Hardwick, second from right, is shown last August with a 20-foot long, 250 lbs., reticulated python that he and several assistants captured under a house in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The

discovery of 10, 15, and 20-foot long snakes in South Florida is an animal control problem that seems to be getting bigger every year say officials. Shown with Hardwick are left to right, Bruce Bednar, Felix Velez, and Joe Wasilewski.

MIAMI (AP) — In just two years, an exotic snake abandoned in the wild can grow from cute pet to raccoon-eating monster, and large snakes are becoming a large animal control problem in southern Florida.

Big pythons and boa constrictors have been popping up with unwelcome regularity, but the capture of 15-, 12- and 10-foot snakes within eight days in June in Palm Beach County were evidence the problem is getting bigger.

"A lot of people think it's nifty to have these snakes as pets," said Ron Magill, assistant curator of Miami's MetroZoo. "Within a few years, that snake can exceed 10 feet. They're also escape artists."

But the escapees are only part of the problem in a region that offers an ideal climate for the cold-blooded, cold-wary animals.

Wildlife experts believe dozens

of snakes have been abandoned in the wild by pet owners after the novelty wears off, the feeding gets too expensive, medical bills get too high, or the snakes become a threat to their owner.

"They release it, evidently unaware or not caring about the impact on the natural environment or the human population in Florida," said Lt. Jim Hoffstodt, spokesman for the state Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in West Palm Beach.

Last summer, Todd Hardwick, a private trapper of nuisance animals, captured 20-foot, 250-pound Big Mama, a reticulated python that landed him and her on "The Tonight Show." A crawl space under a Fort Lauderdale house was the snake's home — apparently for years.

State officials acknowledge they don't have a good grasp on the numbers. But Magill warned,

"Keep in mind, I think for every snake that's found, there's 10 of them that are never seen."

And Hardwick said he has found baby constrictors at two locations in Miami's Dade County, indicating the big snakes may be mating in the wild. Boas can give birth to 60 babies at a time.

But the biggest may be ahead. A python "as big as Big Mama or bigger yet" is being spotted every few months in a rugged, inaccessible area of Dade County, Hardwick said.

"I'm waiting for my opportunity to apprehend it," he said, refusing to disclose the location.

The state tightened regulation of venomous reptiles July 1 to require one year's experience with the species, but non-venomous snakes such as the constricting boas and pythons aren't covered. No permit is needed for ownership.

Dolphin earmarked for Navy program

BOSTON (AP) — The New England Aquarium plans to send one of its three show dolphins to a Navy program that does research on them and trains them for military work, a move that has prompted protests.

Federal records indicate it will be the fourth dolphin the aquarium has sent to the U.S. Naval Ocean Systems Center in San Diego in the last 10 years, The Boston Globe said today.

The curator of marine mammals at the aquarium, Kathy Krieger, worked for the Ocean Systems Center for two years.

The dolphin to be sent there is Rainbow, who is about 11 years old and is being sent because he is aggressive and incompatible with the

other two used in shows at the aquarium, she said.

"We feel that is the place he will get the best care," she said. She admitted the aquarium does not know exactly what the Navy plans to do with him.

"We know he will not be treated in an inhumane manner or be in any danger," she said. "The people who work with the animals in the Navy assure us that none of the animals have been hurt."

Thomas LaPuzza, spokesman for the Navy center, said Rainbow will be used immediately for research but he could not say whether he ever will be used for military work.

The Navy's dolphin program is classified. It has been criticized for use of animals in war.

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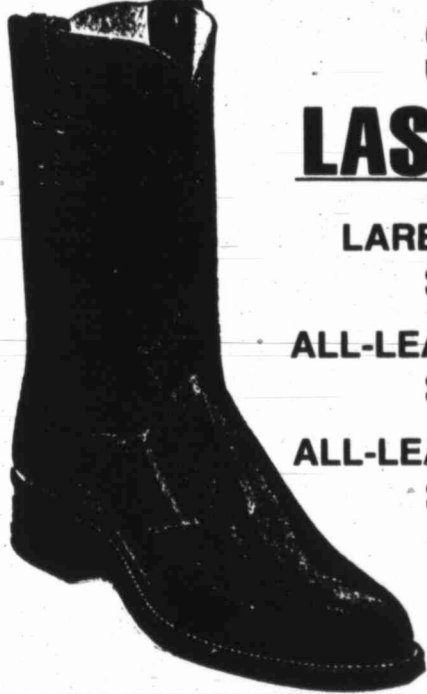
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TOPS hosts weekly meeting

TOPS Tx. 21 recently hosted its weekly meeting. Toni Walker was August's best loser with 7½ lbs. Pat Aaron was a weekly best loser with a 6½ lb. loss, setting a good example for those who want to lose weight.

Lynn Criswell has been slowly losing and has almost reached her KOPS-in-Waiting.

After maintaining you set weight goal for three months, a person reaches KOPS status, according to a club report. If a person is able to maintain their weight within three pounds, he or she will be crowned queen or king of their respective chapters — or if they wish — they may be recognized at A.R.D., S.R.D. or I.R.D.

The first meeting in September had a tie between Linda Swafford and Lisa Hubbard for the best loser of the week. Hubbard is a new member.

Three members performed a skit that will be used at ARP.

A new contest began and will end in November. Teams were chosen — the team who has the best weight loss will be treated to a low-cal salad supper.

Shirley Jenkins gave an ARP update with requests for club members to volunteer to serve in different capacities.

The club meets at Canterbury South each Monday with weigh-in between 6-6:30 p.m. and meeting usually adjourns around 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

Tall Talkers host meeting

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club held its weekly meeting Tuesday morning. Toastmaster of the day was Bailey Anderson.

Table topics were led by Ted Zobeck, and the word of the day was "vitiate," meaning to render base or corrupt. Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was "the effect of television on society." Best table topic speaker was Reeves Moren.

Bill Frey was voted best speaker. His speech was titled "Advantages of Fiberglass Sucker Rods." The best evaluator was Donna Jackson.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to educate people to become better leaders and communicators. If you are interested in becoming a Tall Talker Toastmaster, please contact Roy Beauchamp at 263-1281.



Tom's hats

FT. WORTH — Well-known hatmaker Tom Peters, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, shares a moment with his great-grandchildren, Nikki Hibler and Jacob Fulgham. For nearly eight decades Peters has made hats for presidents and publishers.

Man's best friend makes enemies of its neighbors

DEAR ABBY: I need your advice on a problem I have. Barking dogs! Within 100 feet of my home, there are four different families with dogs, either chained or fenced near my property, and they bark darn near 24 hours a day.

I realize it's natural for dogs to bark, but I don't believe it should be allowed constantly. It's nice to have a dog alert you when a stranger comes on your property, but these dogs bark at everything. A bird flies low: "bark, bark, bark!" The wind blows: "bark, bark, bark!" A car drives down the street: "bark, bark, bark!" One dog barks and the rest join in, each dog trying to outdo the others.

I can't sleep, read, watch television or entertain friends without interference from this canine quartet! I've called the police, but



Dear Abby

they can't do anything unless the animals are loose and invading my property.

My question: Do dogs have more rights than people? I work, pay my taxes, support my family, and I'm a contributing member of my community. What do these dogs contribute? Nothing. So what do I do? If you publish this letter, don't use my name or address, or I'll have every animal rights activist

in Oklahoma marching in my yard — barking! — **DOG-TIRED**

DEAR DOG-TIRED: You're mistaken if you say the police can't "do" anything. If dogs bark "darn near" 24 hours a day, they are disturbing the peace, which is prohibited by law. You could also call on the dog owners personally and state your case. That's what I'd do.

DEAR ABBY: Each year I have sent out Christmas cards to friends and family. With the cost of postage and greeting cards constantly rising, I would like to inform everyone that this will be the last year that I will send out cards.

How do I tactfully tell them? Should I enclose a note with each card? I have been an avid reader of "Dear Abby" for more than 30 years. — **A MEDFORD, N.J.**

FAITHFUL

DEAR FAITHFUL: You need not inform anyone that you will not be sending out cards in the future. Sending holiday greetings is optional, not mandatory. But if anyone asks in subsequent years — which I doubt will happen — be honest and say, "It just became too expensive."

DEAR ABBY: This concerns "Sorrow in San Francisco" whose friend had died at 21 and was buried in a wedding gown by her bereaved parents.

"Sorrow" said, "Apparently time had dimmed their grief, as her grave was neglected and void of flowers."

Abby, neglected graves are not always the result of "dimmed grief." Some people's loved ones

live great distances away, some are in poor health themselves, and others do not visit graves because they fear they will collapse in tears at the grave site — even after many years. (I know; I've been there.)

Incidentally, my own mother is gone, and time has not "dimmed" my grief. I gave her flowers while she lived. — **SORROW UNDERSTOOD**

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Contestant birthdays

ATLANTIC CITY — Miss Vermont, Debra D. Lewin, left and Miss Utah, Jennifer Palmquist share birthday cake during a lunch break from rehearsals for the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City Tuesday. Lewin is 24, and Palmquist is 20.

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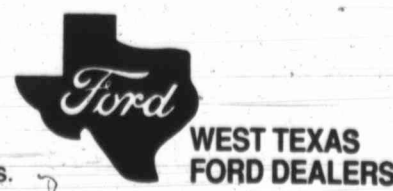
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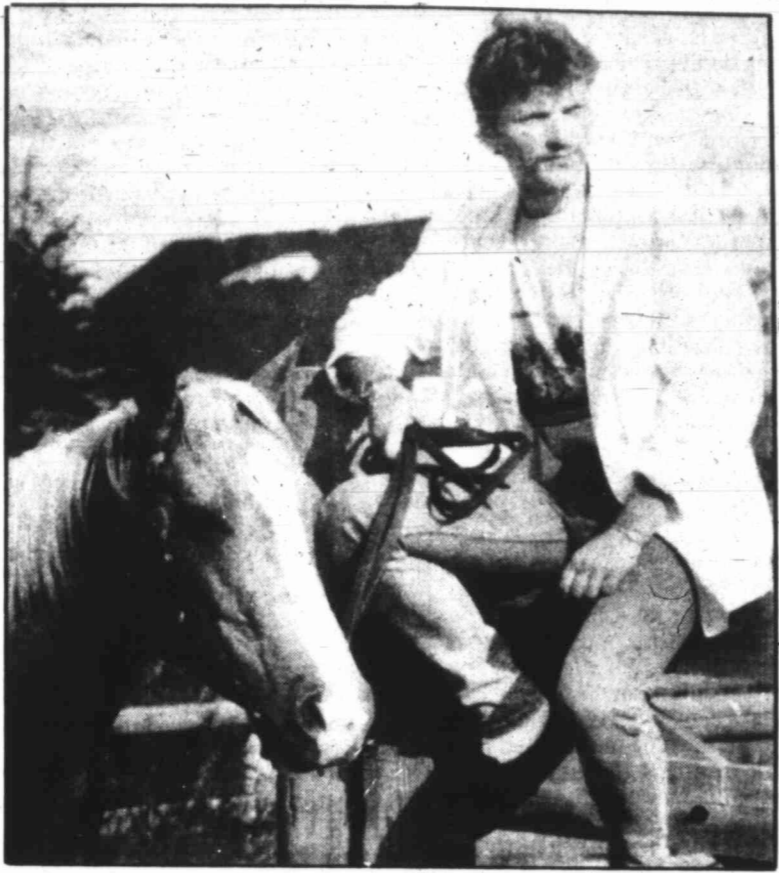
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Former German prisoner seeks liberty in Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — After spending two years in an East German prison for trying to break through the Iron Curtain to freedom, Steffan Petry is determined to live the free-spirited life of a cowboy on Wyoming's open range.



CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Steffan Petry, 22, who was imprisoned for trying to escape from East Germany two years ago, rests at his ranch recently in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He has found freedom in Wyoming as a cowboy.

"From the time I was very little, I wanted to be a cowboy. From a little boy I knew about John Wayne," the 22-year-old said through an interpreter during a break in work at the Wyoming Hereford Ranch.

For the past few days, Petry has been pulling weeds and planting trees at the ranch just east of Cheyenne. He has yet to brand a calf, drive cattle or shoot a rattlesnake, but says: "I'm so happy."

He saddled a horse for the first time Wednesday and rode across the green plains of southeastern Wyoming.

"I know that America is a free land and from Cheyenne where I am, I can see land, open spaces and houses — not only large apartment buildings," he said, sitting on a golden mare in a field of tall grass. "It's so crowded in Germany. It's so open here."

Petry decided to head to the Cowboy State in late June — little more than six months after he was released from prison — when he read a West German newspaper article saying there was a shortage of cowboys in Wyoming. Foreign workers are being allowed to take cowhand jobs in parts of the West where there is a shortage of qualified American cowboys.

Fantazizing about the freedom and expanse of the Wild West he had seen on television and read about in books, he sold his meager belongings, purchased an airplane ticket and arrived at the Cheyenne airport on a tourist visa.

He knew no one and could say only one word in English — "cowboy."

He approached an airport maintenance worker who had a friend who spoke German. He finally was hooked up with the Sloan Hale family, who speak German and own the sprawling Wyoming Hereford Ranch.

For now Petry is staying with the Hales, who serve as his interpreters, until he can find a rancher with an opening for a cowboy

who will sponsor him in hopes he can replace his tourist visa with a work permit.

He wants to spend the rest of his life in America, but worries that his stay could be short-lived.

"For me, right now I am free. But I won't know true freedom or what freedom really is until I know I can stay here," he said.

Despite his desire to be a cowboy, he wore a white cotton blazer over a souvenir "Colorado" T-shirt, jeans, white socks and black loafers.

"Not until I am a real cowboy, after I work for a year as a cowboy, will I wear a cowboy hat," he said. "Then I will be a real cowboy."

Petry, a mechanic and son of a dock worker, felt like thousands of other young East Germans before the Berlin Wall tumbled down last fall — isolated and yearning for freedom.

"I had no freedom. I could not purchase anything. I could not go anywhere," he said. "There was

absolutely no freedom of opinion. I couldn't even say I would like a Coca-Cola. If I were to say that bad things are bad and they didn't think they were bad, they could put you in jail."

On May 12, 1988, Petry and a friend decided to leave.

"It was very late at night. I tried to escape through a forest and through a fence. I cut the fence and then I came to 'No Man's Land' and the West German border was right there. The border was right next to us," he said.

"At that time four people came and arrested us. We were taken to a holding place for 14 days until they decided what to do with us. I was in prison for (almost) two years."

But now, he is confident that no matter what happens, his life will be better.

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FDR's yacht will become museum

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Now, it's being restored by the Potomac Association for the latest owner, the Port of Oakland, with careful attention to detail.

"It has to be as close as possible to what the president had," said Syrell Sapoznick, a spokeswoman for the association.

Project manager Dan Holdgate has the paneling to the pilot house in his garage where he works on it during evenings and weekends.

He spent 200 hours refurbishing a dish rack of Honduran mahogany and when a search for special hand cranks came up dry, Holdgate made them himself and had them chromed.

"There's nobody else to do it," Holdgate said.

Paul Harless, a Navy veteran who served as a petty officer on the Potomac from 1940 to 1942, is the source of much detail. He even recalled the size of the sandbox for FDR's dog Fala: 18 inches high, 3 feet square and filled two-thirds with sand.

"The dog had the run of the ship, but it wasn't a favorite of the crew," Harless said.

The boat originally served as a Coast Guard cutter, and pursued liquor smugglers.

Congressmen and heads of state met with Roosevelt on the ship after he took it as his personal yacht in 1936. He broadcast one of his fireside chats from the ship.

It also served as a personal retreat for Roosevelt, an avid fisherman and former assistant secretary of the Navy who called boats his avocation.

The state of Maryland bought it for use by its governor at the end of World War II and it later went into private ownership.

In 1980, it was linked to drug trafficking and seized by the Customs Service. While impounded at Treasure Island, the boat hit pilings and sank in about 30 feet of water.

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Gridders take the field tonight

Football season officially kicks off tonight with the Big Spring Steers junior varsity hosting Pecos tonight at 7 at Blankenship Field. The freshmen Steers also begin play in Pecos with B team action starting at 5 p.m., followed by A team play at 7.

Davis finished 7th at bowling tourney

Local bowler Joycee Davis finished seventh in the Southwest Regional Ladies Bowling Tour at Cactus Lanes in Midland. Bowlers bowled two 6-game blocks on Saturday. Then the field was cut to the top 16. On Sunday morning four more games were bowled. After that, the field was narrowed to eight bowlers, who bowled eight head-to-head matches to see who the winner was.

Davis, Connie League of Pasadena and Traci Amorella of Arlington were the only Texans to make the final eight. Debbie McMullen of Denver won first and cash money of \$750. Davis earned \$250 for her efforts.

Former Steer gets first coaching job

Former Big Spring Steer all-state football player Danny Arista is currently working on his first coaching job since graduating from Texas Tech. Arista, who also played football for Tech, is coaching football at Lincoln Junior High in El Paso. Arista is a 1984 graduate of Big Spring High.

Quarterback Club to meet Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the high school library. All members and parents are urged to attend.

Pirates double-dip New York Mets

By The Associated Press
The Pittsburgh Pirates get a kick out of playing double or nothing — because they win double and the other team gets nothing.

The Pirates almost did that literally Wednesday night as they began a crucial series with the New York Mets.

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The Mets, who lead the National League in home runs, managed only one run all evening as the Pirates maintained their perfect record in doubleheaders with a 1-0, 3-1 sweep that opened a 2½-game lead over New York in the NL East.

Met-killer Zane Smith pitched a one-hitter in the opener — Keith Miller's clean single leading off the first inning — and Jeff King drove in all the Pittsburgh runs in the nightcap with a solo homer in the first inning and a two-run shot in the third. The Pirates have swept all five twin bills this season.

"It (the nightcap) was a big game because if we lose we're

ahead a half-game and if we win we're ahead by 2½ games," said Neal Heaton, who pitched five innings to win. "It was like a playoff game, with the big crowd (49,793) and all the enthusiasm and electricity. We showed we could beat the Mets."

Bob Ojeda (7-6), the second-game loser, advised the Pirates not to get too cocky.

"We lost a doubleheader, but it's September fifth, not October fifth," he said. "If anybody's really happy now it's a little premature. If we win (tonight) it's 1½ instead of 3½, and there's a long way to go."

In the NL West, Cincinnati beat San Francisco 5-3 and increased its lead to 7½ games over Los Angeles, a 6-2 loser to Atlanta. Elsewhere, Montreal beat St. Louis 6-2, Philadelphia defeated Chicago 4-1 and San Diego downed Houston 5-2.

Smith, acquired last month from Montreal in part to provide another left-hander against the Mets, struck out seven and was near-perfect. After Miller's leadoff single, Smith allowed only one other baserunner — a two-out walk

to Miller in the third — and retired the last 19 batters.

"That's probably the best game I've ever pitched," said Smith, 1-13 with Atlanta and Montreal last year but 10-7 this season, including 4-0 with a 1.42 ERA for Pittsburgh. "It's been a long road back for me, and I can't tell you how much it means to me to be pitching in a pennant race."

The Pirates won the opener in the bottom of the ninth when Barry Bonds hit a bases-loaded one-out single off Mets relief ace John Franco (4-1) for his 100th RBI. Frank Viola went eight innings, scattering six hits.

In the nightcap, Heaton (12-8) went five innings and gave up Darryl Strawberry's 31st homer in the fourth. It was the first run in 21 innings for the Mets, who lost 1-0 in St. Louis on Tuesday night.

The Pirates' battered bullpen, 0-6 in its last 12 outings, got four scoreless innings from Bob Kipper and Ted Power as the Pittsburgh won its fifth in a row.

Smith beat the Mets twice this season with Montreal and the Expos' bullpen blew another potential

victory with two out in the ninth inning. His ERA against the Mets is 1.12.

"Smith is really tough on us," Mets manager Bud Harrelson said. "He moves the ball around and changes speeds. We weren't sure what he was going to throw."

"The first game was all Zane Smith and the second game was Jeff King's game. He's showing us he can do it in the big games for us," Bonds said. "But we're not feeling comfortable. We won't feel comfortable until we're three up with three games to play, and then maybe we'll relax a little."

Reds 5, Giants 3

Hal Morris homered to snap a 2-2 tie in the sixth inning and doubled twice and scored both times as Cincinnati won for the first time in eight games at Candlestick Park this season. Morris hit his seventh home run off Don Robinson (10-5). He doubled for the second time in the eighth and scored on a double by Chris Sabo, who came around on singles by Jeff Reed and Barry Larkin.

Norm Charlton (11-7) held the Giants to two runs and six hits in

seven innings, including Gary Carter's ninth homer. Rob Dibble pitched two innings for his 10th save. He gave up a run in the ninth on Greg Litton's sacrifice fly.

Padres 5, Astros 2
Roberto Alomar was 3-for-3 with a triple, double and two RBIs and Dennis Rasmussen won for only the second time in his last 11 decisions. Rasmussen (9-13) gave up eight hits in eight innings and Craig Lefferts pitched the ninth for his 23rd save. Loser Mike Scott (9-13) yielded five runs and nine hits in seven innings.

The Astros took a 1-0 lead on Glenn Davis' leadoff homer in the second inning. For Davis, who recently came off the disabled list, it was his first home run since June 13. The Padres came back with three runs in the bottom of the second, triggered by Joe Carter's 22nd homer.

Braves 6, Dodgers 2
Oddibe McDowell's leadoff home run ignited an early four-homer barrage against Mike Morgan and John Smoltz won his fourth game in a row.

U.S. Open

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Sampras won the opening game of the final set with a service winner, then pushed Lendl to three deuces in the fourth game. On his second break point, Sampras drove a forehand down the line that Lendl could only wave at.

Sampras broke Lendl again in

the final game to wrap up the victory.

Graf has her game in high gear as she attempts to win her second Grand Slam title of the year.

She breezed past Novotna, never allowing the Czechoslovak to get into the match.

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Names in the news

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — A congressman and a team of researchers plan to visit Christie Brinkley to see if the cover girl has figured out a way to fight Lyme disease. Brinkley believes the guinea hens she is raising are eating the deer ticks on the Long Island estate she shares with her husband, singer Billy Joel. The ticks carry Lyme disease, which causes a variety of symptoms and can be fatal. Rep. George Hochbrueckner quickly seized the (photo) opportunity when Brinkley told the Democrat the tick population dropped after she let the hens wander.



BRINKLEY **JERRY LEWIS**
He said researchers will study whether the birds can tell the difference between dog ticks and deer ticks. They will also try to determine if the deer tick population is lower on the celebrity property than at neighbors' homes.

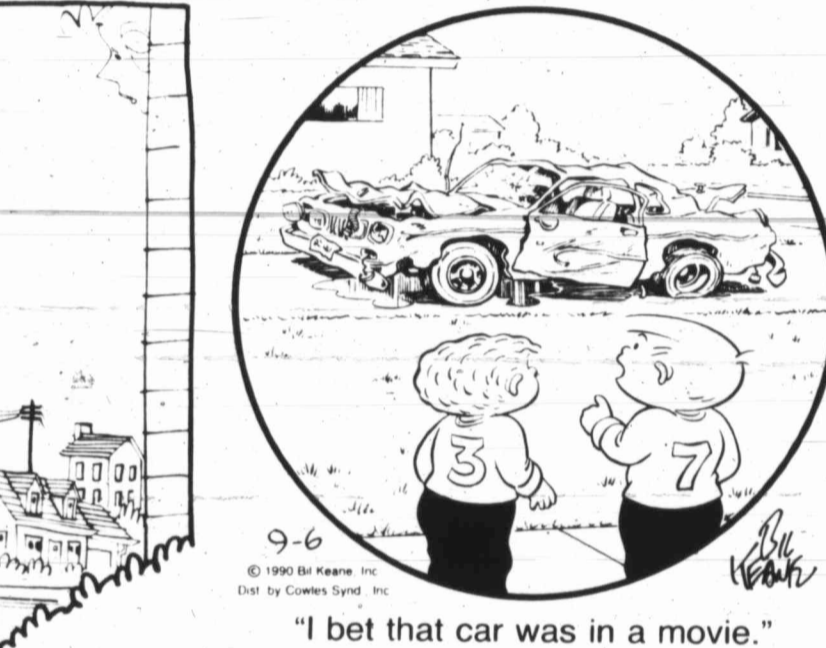
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry Lewis will return to Hollywood next Labor Day with his Muscular Dystrophy Association telethon after raising a record amount in pledges this year. Association officials said the 21 1/2-hour show, which ended Monday, raised \$44.1 million to fight 40 neuromuscular diseases that kill and cripple thousands each year, most of them young people. Last year's tally was \$42.2 million. The telethon regularly breaks its pledge records, but ratings in recent years have dropped. Viewing figures are to be released in two or three days.

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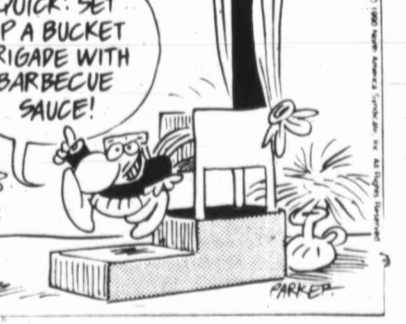
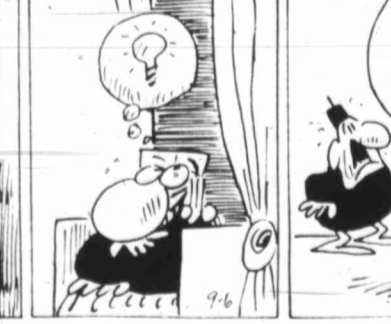


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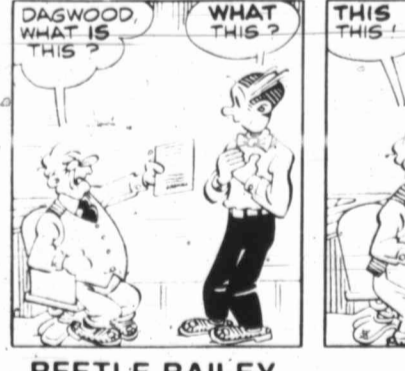
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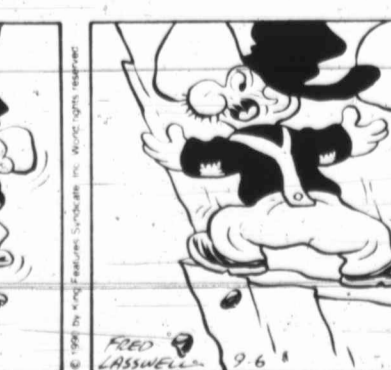
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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Try to be more tactful when offering constructive criticism to your co-workers, especially in November. Otherwise, you could unintentionally offend a potential ally. Reach out to those who share your aspirations. A certain amount of travel is indicated in early 1991. Your personal finances show steady improvement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Those in your immediate vicinity are enthusiastic and energetic. Refuse to be rushed into making decisions. Take a more realistic approach to a financial problem. Celebrate a recent development.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Show enthusiasm for an opportunity. Much can be achieved by those who exercise self-restraint. Avoid giving the impression you are arrogant. Put your best foot forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A key decision you make today will bring new happiness. An influential

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1990 person takes positive action on your behalf. Do not overreact when dealing with someone who behaves in an erratic manner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can be certain your choices are right if they are well thought out. Valuable information is uncovered by careful investigation. Taking a few calculated risks is a hopeful sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Words of love and understanding can improve a strained domestic relationship. Seek introductions to people who can help you achieve your goals. Decline a social invitation; relax at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make this a no-nonsense day! Distance yourself from people who are overly cautious and concentrate on achieving your business objectives. An alienated child is ready to talk. Be a good listener.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Morning talks and visits will save you problems later. Speculating with your savings is foolish. A romantic relationship should not be tampered with now. Keep the status quo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Group interaction and shared causes breathe energy into the day. An act of

assistance will be deeply appreciated. A lively pace suits you this evening. A romantic fling develops into the real thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your public statements and actions will have a strong impact today. Speculative ventures and a domestic project get the go-ahead signal. Be spontaneous in romance. Show affection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Join in the merriment that prevails today. A romantic surprise awaits you. Affiliating with a special group brings you superb contacts. You find new sources of valuable information.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Communicate your heart's desire to your loved ones while the time is right. Travel could lead you to a long-overdue decision. A social event provides the conversation and romance you relish.

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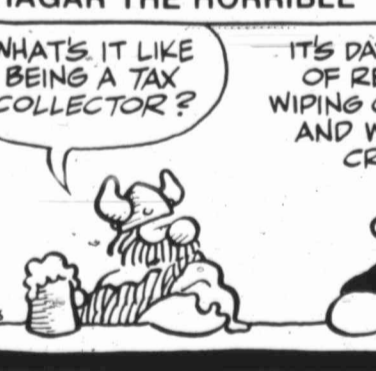
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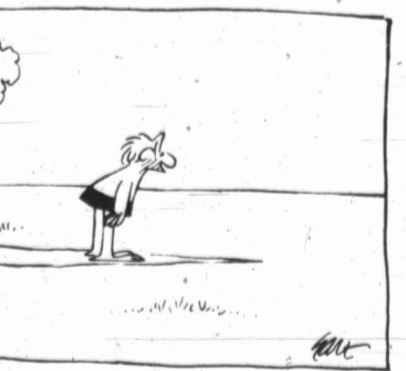
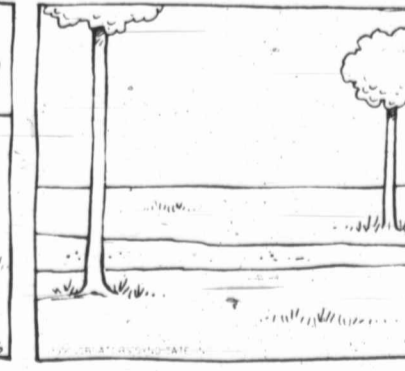
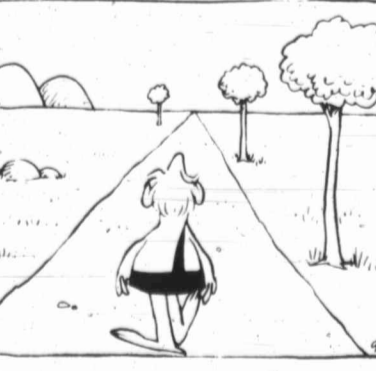
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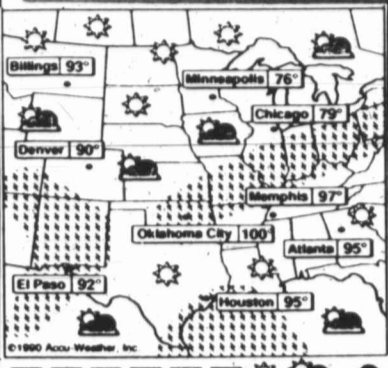
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On the side

JV travels to Seagraves

Stanton's junior varsity football team will travel to Seagraves to take on the Eagles at 6 p.m. in Eagle Stadium. The JV will be leaving for Seagraves at 4 p.m., according to school officials.

Open to the public

Athletic director and head coach Dale Ruth has announced that the high school weight room and the stadium walking area will be opened on Monday and Wednesday until 9 p.m. "Because of football game on Fridays, we feel that it would be asking too much to have someone open and close the facilities," Ruth said.

Hospice sets benefit dance

Hospice of West Texas is sponsoring a benefit dance Sept. 15, at the Martin County Community Center, St. Theresa and Broadway streets, beginning at 8 p.m. The benefit dance will feature Elton Williams and the J. P. Habits Band. All proceeds will go to benefit Hospice of West Texas.

Families support group to meet

A support group sponsored by the Red Cross for families of persons in the armed forces will meet tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Martin County Community Center. Anyone with relatives, sons or daughters in the armed services are welcome to participate with the support group, according to Mary Myrick, mother of serviceman John Myrick of Stanton.

Agricultural tours scheduled

The public is invited to attend agricultural field day tours next week at research stations near Lamesa and Lubbock. A tour to inspect irrigation, cotton breeding, conservation tillage and weed control, and alternative agriculture practices is scheduled Sept. 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center. It is located on Interstate 27, exit 11, north of Lubbock at FM 1294. Agricultural specialists will be on hand. Then on Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, tours of plots on the nation's first full-scale research and extension farm will be held at the Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems on Highway 87, two miles north of Lamesa.

Iraqis fail to win Russian support

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
Associated Press Writer

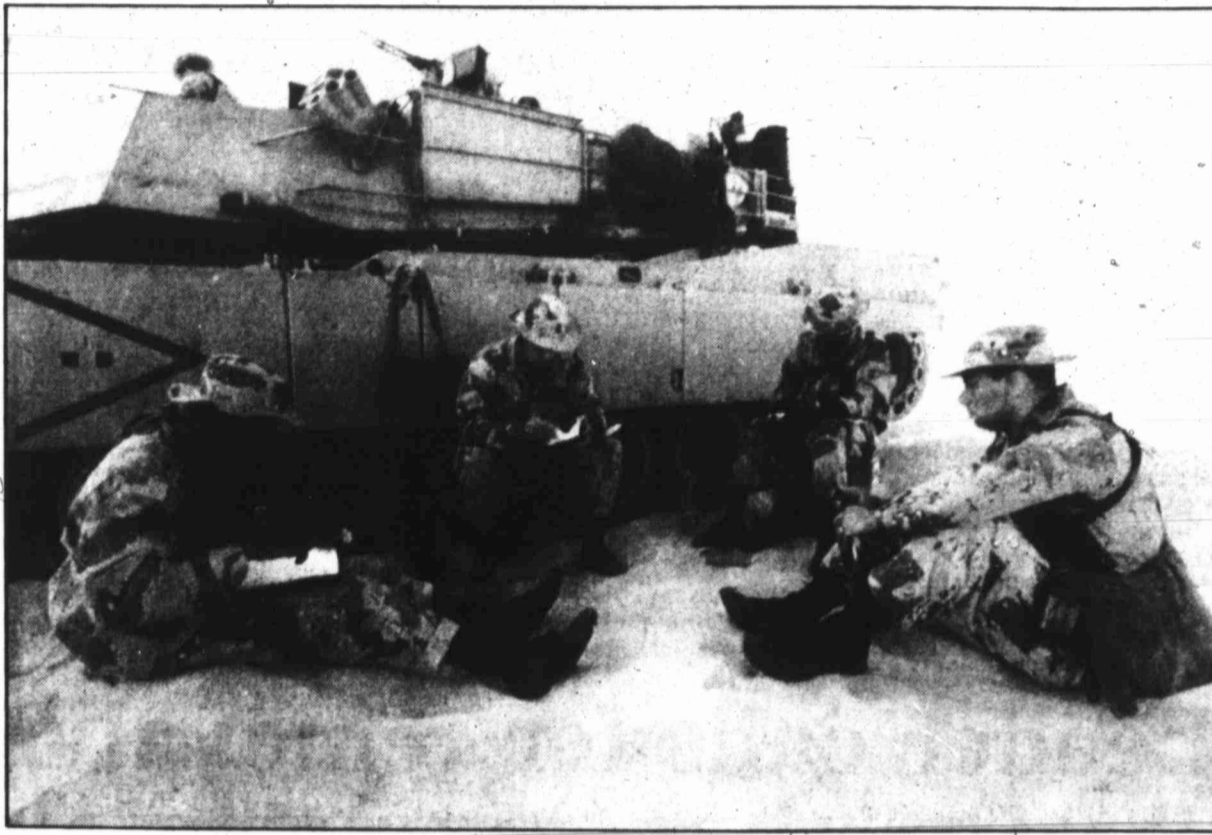
Iraqi officials traveled to Moscow and Beijing in a bid to break out of international isolation, but the Kremlin reiterated its demand that Saddam Hussein withdraw from Kuwait and restore its former rulers.

China argued that food and medicine should be provided to Iraq.

Taha Yassin Ramadan, Iraq's deputy prime minister, arrived in Beijing in an apparent mission to seek help from a long-time ally. China's Foreign Ministry said food and medicine should be sent to Iraq, despite the U.N.-ordered embargo on trade.

The U.N. resolution "clearly stipulates that the embargo against Iraq does not include supplies intended strictly for medical purposes and foodstuffs for humanitarian purposes," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Li Jinhua said at a weekly briefing today.

On Wednesday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz met Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in Moscow. The official Soviet news agency Tass stressed today that Moscow did not waver from its insistence on "the immediate withdrawal of all Iraqi troops from Kuwait and the restoration of that country's independence and sovereignty."



SAUDI ARABIA — A group of tank commanders review their plans for the day's training maneuvers during breakfast Wednesday morning. The crew is from the 24th Infantry Division (mechanized), based at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The Soviets have backed the U.N. resolutions banning trade with Iraq and authorizing military enforcement of the embargo. Gorbachev meets with President Bush in Helsinki, Finland, on Sunday.

The same day, Aziz is to visit Iran in the first such high-level trip since war broke out between the

two nations 10 years ago, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

In occupied Kuwait, an American was reported in the hospital after being shot in the hand by an Iraqi soldier and breaking his leg as he tried to avoid capture. U.S. officials said they had no word on the American's identity or condition.

In Bahrain, a Western diplomat said the American was shot in the hand and broke his leg as he was trying to jump out of his window. The diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the information had come from his embassy in Kuwait City.

American diplomats in Baghdad told a briefing this morning that the Foreign Ministry had not allowed them access to the man, who they said was in a Kuwait hospital. They had no word on his condition. Iraqi troops have been rounding up Westerners in Kuwait since Iraq seized the oil-rich kingdom.

Saddam kept up his propaganda barrage, calling Wednesday for a holy war against the U.S.-led Western forces that flooded the Persian Gulf region after he overran Kuwait on Aug. 2.

More freed Western women and children headed home today, but hundreds were held back. About 11,000 Westerners are being held in Iraq and occupied Kuwait.

Saddam, in a statement read on

DEA official: War on drugs long one

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — U.S. drug agents in South America have seen success battling cocaine at its source, says the chief of cocaine investigations for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

But Charles Gutensohn warned international narcotics officers that "we've got a long war." Progress can be measured by higher cocaine prices and declining purity of the drug, Gutensohn said Wednesday.

The wholesale price of cocaine has reached \$30,000 to \$40,000 a kilo, he said, and authorities have tracked large shipments of lactose to Columbia, likely to be used in diluting cocaine.

Gutensohn was one of the featured speakers at the International Narcotic Enforcement Officers Association annual meeting taking place in San Antonio through Friday.

Cocaine sold and consumed in the United States comes from Peru, Bolivia and Columbia, with most of it grown in Peru and Bolivia before being shipped to Columbia, Gutensohn said.

"Two guns are shooting," he said. "Those two guns are Peru and Bolivia."

In Columbia, where two drug cartels control the drug trade, U.S. agents are having the most success cracking down on the Medellin cartel, according to Gutensohn.

"I think the Medellin cartel, as a major player, is just about out of business. They're in real trouble," he said. Two of the cartel's four top leaders were killed in the past eight months while resisting arrest.

DEA agents in Peru, Bolivia and Columbia are trying to wipe out massive farms where coca leaves are grown and hidden jungle laboratories where cocaine is manufactured, Gutensohn said. Many people who have never before farmed are getting into the lucrative coca-growing business, he said.

"It's sort of a gold rush mentality," he said. "There's a lot of quick money that can be made."

Laborers who would make \$3 a day picking fruit have gone to work for coca farmers, who pay up to \$30 a day for picking the leaves, according to Gutensohn.

DEA agents and other authorities for the past nine months have been able to keep the price of coca leaves below farmers' break-even point, thereby driving away some growers, Gutensohn said.

To come out even a farmer must earn at least \$30 for 100 pounds of leaves. Agents try to keep buyers from market to hold down the price down.

U.S. drug agents sent to South American countries to battle cocaine are assigned there for 90-day stints after completing a special military training course.



From left, Ritchie Maldonado, Melissa Scurlark, Delia Reyna and Jimmy Anderson prepare yellow ribbons for distribution around Stanton. The ribbons, symbols of support for U.S. servicemen and servicewomen overseas, will be placed on trees around town today.

Game breakers

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

SHS Band Eighty Stanton High School Band members are aiming at Oct. 5 as the date for having their performance in top shape, according to Band Director Kirke McKenzie.

First year director McKenzie has been generating enthusiasm from his band members for the October date, and he

acknowledges that it's hard work, but the 1990-91 Buffalo Band students are moving in the right direction.

"It's tough to have students that we lose on Friday night to football, but these guys work hard and our other members pick up the slack and we will be ready for our Western show," McKenzie said.

McKenzie has nothing but praise for assistant band director Rob

Tucker. Tucker is the junior high band director in his first year at Stanton. "Rob is one of the hardest working individuals that I have had the pleasure of working with. He is a plus for our organization," McKenzie said.

The field direction is under the leadership of junior drum major Blaine Hall. "Blaine is the perfect example of what qualities a drum

Opponents trade swipes over gays, guns and food

AUSTIN (AP) — Downballot races in the Nov. 6 general election heated up with candidates arguing about gays and lesbians, guns and farm trade policies.

Republican state attorney general nominee J.E. "Buster" Brown on Wednesday criticized his opponent, Democrat Dan Morales, for being endorsed by Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus. Morales said Brown has started a campaign based on hate.

In the Texas agriculture commissioner's race, Republican Rick Perry and incumbent Democrat Jim Hightower clashed over United States' farm trade policies.

Perry, a state legislator and farmer from Haskell, touted the Bush administration's proposal to eliminate import quotas, export subsidies and domestic price supports.

Perry said the move would open up new markets, but Hightower's staff said Perry's trade position would cost Texas farmers, especially small growers, \$1.3

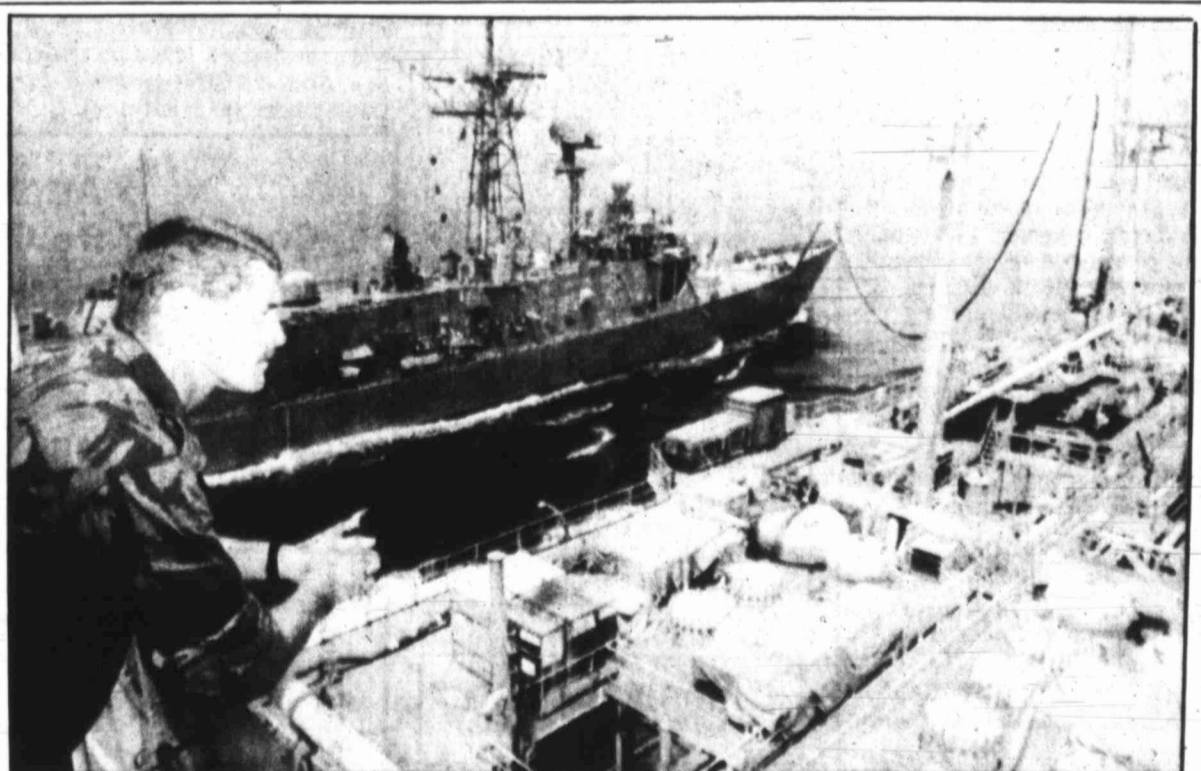
billion in annual income, reduce food safety requirements and increase the nation's dependence on foreign-imported food.

In the attorney general's race, Brown, a state senator from Lake Jackson, was endorsed by the National Rifle Association and Texas State Rifle Association. He also pointed out that Morales, a state representative from San Antonio, has been endorsed by the Lesbian-Gay Political Caucus and the Texas AFL-CIO.

"Mainstream conservative groups are backing me, and far-out fringe liberal groups are supporting Morales. That alone tells voters a lot about this race," said Brown.

Morales stated: "I think Texans understand a hate campaign for what it is. I will continue to talk about the issues."

On gun control, Brown said, "We cannot allow the liberal anti-gun crusaders to force us to fill out mounds of paperwork and jump



Fill 'er up PERSIAN GULF — British Marine Sergeant Phil Holding looks over the refueling process as Thursday. The Orangeleaf has been refueling the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Orangeleaf pumps fuel onto the frigate U.S.S. Vandergriff ships of the multinational forces.

