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## Weather

Fair to partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Low tonight near 70. High Tuesday in the mid-90s.

Sunday's high temp.	95
Sunday's low temp.	73
Average high	95
Average low	70
Record high	105 in 1949
Record low	56 in 1952
Inches	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Mo.	2.00
Year to date	8.23
Normal for year	9.32

\* Statistics not available.

## Tax seminar scheduled

State Comptroller John Sharp has announced that his office will conduct a free seminar on state taxes for business owners in the Odessa area Wednesday.

Giene McDonald, from the Comptroller's Odessa Field Office, will be at the seminar to discuss tax questions at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Main Complex, Devonian Room, Odessa, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

"This seminar is designed especially for new business operators, although anyone is certainly welcome to attend," Sharp said. "The comptroller's office wants to be available to assist local businesses with such questions as collecting the correct tax, filing the appropriate reports and other matters."

A toll-free line is available to assist Texas taxpayers. That number is 1-800-252-5555.

For more information about the seminar, call the Comptroller's Odessa Field Office at 915-367-7796.

## CRMWD deliveries down for June

Successive showers during the last half of June produced runoff for Colorado River Municipal Water District reservoirs, but they all dulled deliveries, says information released from the district.

A municipal total of 1.7 trillion gallons was down 14 percent, but oil-industry demands of 135 million gallons were up 11.7 percent. Overall, deliveries were off 265,797 million gallons from June 1990.

## Registration set for Odessa College

Registration for the second summer session at Odessa College is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. July 15, and conclude by 5 p.m. that same day. Late registration is scheduled for July 16-17. All students must be advised before registering. Classes begin July 16 and end Aug. 21. For more information call 1-335-6433.

## Midland College registration set

Midland College has scheduled registration for Summer II classes for Wednesday in the student center. Classes begin July 12 and end Aug. 15. Students who did not pre-register should be in the student center from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to pay tuition and purchase books after registering. Late registration begins Thursday and continues through July 17. Classes offered this session include accounting, art, biology, business administration, chemistry, computer information systems, economics, Spanish and speech communication.

# Settles foreclosure recommended

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

The local delinquent tax collection attorney recommended to the Commissioners Court early today that the Hotel Settles should be sold at a foreclosure auction sometime this year.

Attorney Drew Mouton also told commissioners in his annual report that property tax collection efforts this year will concentrate more on unpaid taxes for businesses located on main streets coming through Big Spring in an effort to keep those streets spruced up.

In addition, the number of foreclosure suits have increased

and may continue to increase.

Mouton said he does not expect the Settles to sell for the minimum of \$155,210 — the total of taxes, penalties and interest since 1978 — that must be paid at a foreclosure sale if it were held now.

However, he said, a foreclosure suit filed in late 1981 must be acted on within 10 years of the filing of the suit. Otherwise, another suit would have to be filed. "From a legal standpoint, I think you need to foreclose on it," he said.

The delinquent taxes and penalties on the hotel is "by far" the largest amount owed by a taxpayer out of a total of about

\$700,000 in unpaid late taxes due to taxing entities in the county, Mouton said.

If there is no buyer at a foreclosure sale, then ownership of the hotel will transfer from Cuadra Manufacturing Housing Inc. of San Antonio to the eight taxing entities in Howard County. "The entities can own that to the rest of time I suppose," Mouton said.

Members of Big Spring Main Street Inc. said earlier this year that if a plan and funds to renovate the hotel cannot be developed within the two-year redemption period that delinquent taxpayers have to purchase back foreclosed

properties, then the hotel should be demolished, a task that could cost half a million dollars.

In other efforts to spruce up the city, Mouton told commissioners of a plan to identify all the properties on Gregg, Third and Fourth streets and run a computer list of those who have not paid taxes.

"It'll force those people to keep their properties up," he said. "People who don't pay taxes don't care."

Mouton also said foreclosure suits may increase this year and next. More than 50 suits were filed in the past 12 months, which Mouton estimates is a 50 percent

increase over the year before.

We "probably will see that much or more of an increase in 1991-92. Just because we're seeing a lot of taxpayers not living up to their agreements to pay the taxes out on a monthly basis," he said.

There are "several hundred" delinquent taxpayers making monthly payments in contract agreements, Mouton said. "There are thousands of delinquent accounts."

As of May 31, 1990, there were \$471,511 in delinquent taxes owed to the county, according to the

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## Cities facing financial problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recession and other problems have forced eight in 10 U.S. cities to raise taxes or fees in the past year, and pressed two-thirds of them to freeze hiring or cut their work forces, a survey released today said.

The study by the National League of Cities concluded that things look even bleaker for cities in 1991 than they did a year ago. Seven out of 10 municipalities predicted that it would be harder for them to meet their financial needs than it was last year.

"The fuse of deteriorating fiscal conditions is getting shorter and burning hotter in cities and towns everywhere," said New Orleans Mayor Sidney J. Barthelemy, president of the league.

With the federal government and many states reducing the aid they provide to cities, some municipalities may find themselves increasingly vulnerable to financial problems, the report said. But it added it was "highly unlikely" that other cities would follow Bridgeport, Conn., and take the rare step of declaring bankruptcy.

The survey, based on responses from 525 cities, found that more than one city in four — 26.5 percent — expected spending to exceed revenues by more than 5 percent this year.

A budget gap of that size is considered severe. Unlike the federal government, cities are required to balance their budgets by the end of their fiscal years.

Over the past eight years, no more than 12 percent of cities faced a deficit exceeding 5 percent of their total budget.

Overall, the study discovered that 60.9 percent of all cities expected to have to find some savings to avoid red ink — up from 45.5 percent in 1990.

The survey found that during the past 12 months, 84.6 percent of cities had raised taxes or fees or imposed new ones.

That solution was embraced most often in the recession-wracked Northeast, where taxes or fees were raised in 97.9 percent of cities responding. In the West, where many laws limit tax increases, 75 percent of municipalities raised taxes or fees — the lowest percentage of any region.

Nationally, 36.2 percent of cities froze hiring and 29.3 percent reduced their work force.

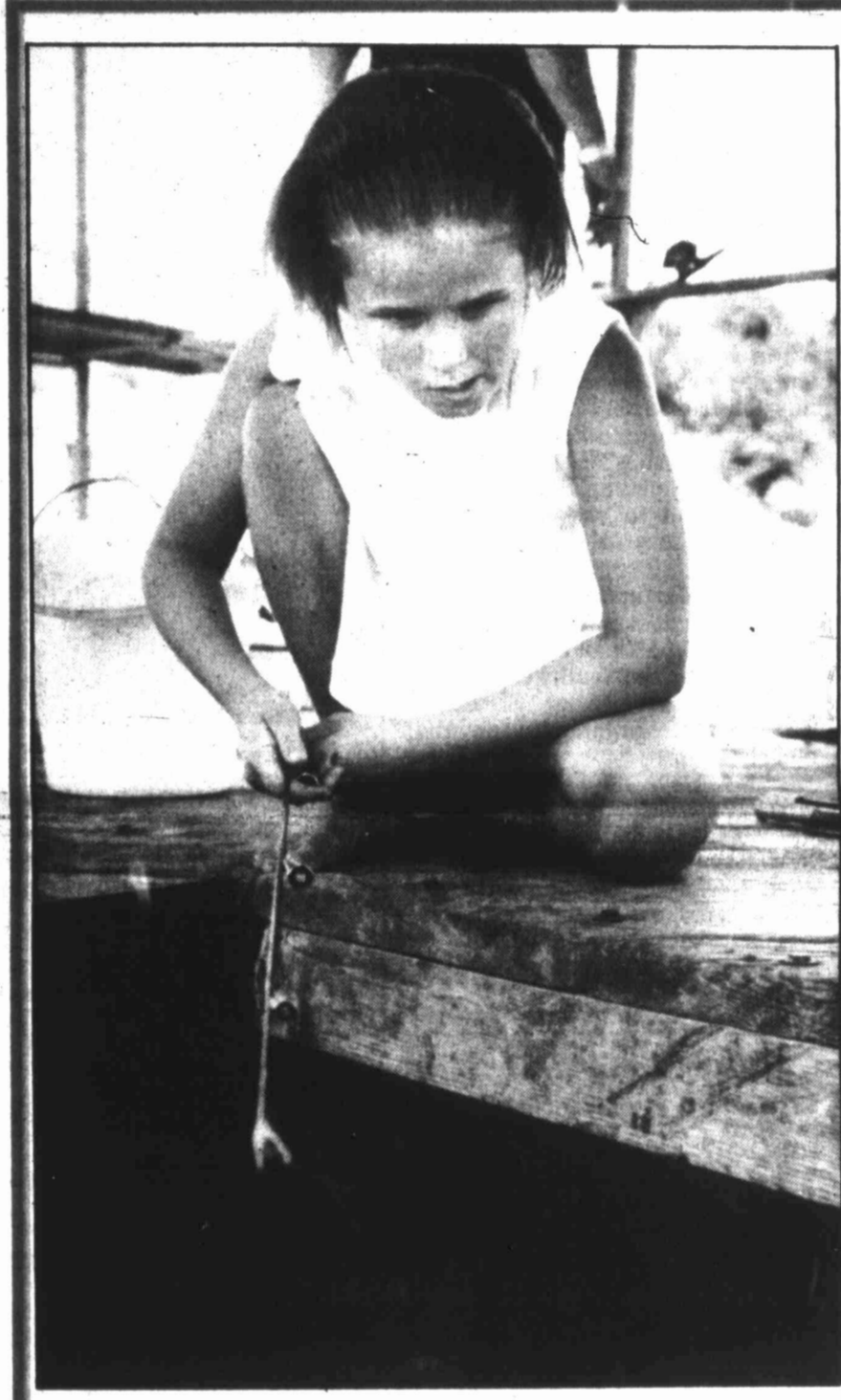
When asked what was responsible for their budget problems, 87.2 percent of the cities mentioned the skyrocketing costs of health benefits.

Just behind were the recession, mentioned by 69.5 percent, and increasing expenses of solid-waste disposal, listed by 66.3 percent of the cities.

Other findings include:

- 71.5 percent of cities said they were less able to meet their budget needs this year than last.
- 43.4 percent of communities increased property tax rates, 4.4 percent increased their sales tax and 1.1 percent increased their income tax.
- 85.1 percent of Northeastern cities said they had increased property taxes, while just 20.4 percent

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## Fun in the sun

While most of the visitors to Moss Creek Lake hovered near the swimming area, Angela Meyers, 10, left photo, sits on one of the fishing piers and tries her luck Saturday afternoon. At right,



seven-year-old Cody Nall shares a bite of watermelon with Yankie Terry next to the swimming area. With the mercury hitting triple digits, the area was filled with people escaping the heat.

Herald photos by Tim Appel

# Mayor substitutes poll for workshop

## Two ordinances proposed for city council's approval

By DEBBIE LINCECUM  
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will consider two ordinances dealing with alcohol use in city parks when it meets Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in building 1106 of the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

A work session that had been scheduled tonight to consider the alcohol issue has been cancelled.

On the council agenda, one ordinance calls for prohibiting use of alcohol in all city parks. A second allows alcohol only in the Comanche Trail Golf Course and at Moss Creek Lake.

There is no provision for specific-use permits at any city park facility. The alcohol consumption issue was first presented to the council when promoters wanted to serve alcohol at a series of concerts at Comanche Trail Amphitheatre.

Among other business, the council is expected to consider:

- An ordinance lowering water costs for local residents who live outside the Big Spring city limits. The residents would be charged \$22 per connection — twice the usual rate — and \$1.75 per thousand gallons — the same per-thousand rate as city residents.
- Amending the current city charter or drafting a new charter.
- Closure of a street for a planned street dance Aug. 3. The street desired closed is not specified.
- Final approval of revised charges for use of the Comanche

Trail Amphitheatre. It would increase use fees to \$250 per 24-hour period plus a \$500 cleanup charge.

• Final approval for purchase of a computer system for the police department.

• Appointment of an auditor for city financial matters.

Bid action is expected to include the following:

- A request to advertise for bids for winter jackets for inmates at the Big Spring Correctional Center.
- A request to advertise for bids for fencing at the Big Spring Correction Centers I and II.

After recommendation of the planning and zoning commission, the council will consider designation of the John H. Myers Subdivision plat near Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where construction is planned for a dentist's office.

Citizens can speak on any agenda item by signing a card found near the front entrance to the meeting room. All speakers are asked to limit their remarks to five minutes on each issue, and audience members are not recognized if they speak without signing up.

Citizen comment is also allowed at the "citizen's input" section of the meeting, placed near the end of the agenda. One must also sign up to speak during that section, and the council can take no action on items brought to its attention during citizen's input.

By DEBBIE LINCECUM  
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A planned city council work session to consider the controversial issue of alcohol in Comanche Trail Park was apparently cancelled early last week after a memo was circulated polling the council.

Members were asked to check "yes" or "no" answers to a series of questions about possible policies for alcohol sale and consumption, according to a copy of the memo obtained by the Herald today.

The memo, dated June 27 and signed by City Manager Hal Boyd, included a draft of a proposed ordinance generated on request of Mayor Max Green. It would have allowed for special provisions to sell and consume alcohol in areas of the park that included the amphitheater, golf course and Cotton Mize Field.

Members were asked to complete a series of questions on the memo and return it to Boyd by Tuesday, July 2.

"In the event that we have a majority consensus on this issue, this will be in the form of an ordinance and brought before you on July 9th," the memo says. It asks, "If a consensus is reached, do you desire

that we still have a workshop... (tonight)?"

All council members answered "no" to that question.

Boyd said today the memo was an attempt to resolve the issue. Mayor Max Green said he wanted to avoid another long work session that would end without an agreement.

Green said he would seek agreement at the council meeting Tuesday and call for an open discussion if agreement was not reached.

According to a tally developed by the city manager's office after the memos were returned, the opinions of the council members were as follows: Max Green and Tim Blackshear would support a total ban of alcohol in all city parks. Ladd Smith, Mark Sheedy and John Coffee were in support of a ban that excluded the Comanche Trail Golf Course, although Coffee also supported a total ban.

Corky Harris would support allowing alcohol sales in areas of the park with provisions, and Pat DeAnda would support allowing alcohol use, sale and consumption in the park with specific use permits and provisions. No such or

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### Sidelines

#### GOP wants Main Street cleaned up

HOUSTON (AP) — GOP leaders say they want Houston to clean up the seedier side of South Main Street before the Republican Party brings its national convention here next year.

GOP officials told *The Houston Post* they are concerned for the safety of the party's volunteer staff who might have to room near the Astrodome, near an area of South Main Street known for prostitution and drug dealing.

Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who said she was unaware of the GOP's concerns, said the Main Street area is "something that needs to be dealt with regardless of whether the Republican convention or any convention is coming to town."

Capt. C.A. Bullock, who heads the police substation in the area, said the criminal activity on South Main is perpetual.

#### Videotaping police becoming a trend

The trend of videotaping police officers will likely continue since media organizations often pay civilians to submit the tapes, some metroplex-area officers told *The Dallas Morning News*.

But some critics said videotaping can misrepresent a situation and prevent an officer from using necessary force. For example, critics say an attack on an officer may be missed and only the officer's response may be shown.

"Videotapes can be edited," one Fort Worth patrol officer said. "They can be stopped, and they can be paused. You can slant it any way."

"Ever since the Rodney King thing, when I've stopped traffic, I've seen two to three people pointing cameras at me. It adds to the pressure."

#### Over 20 whooping cranes hatched

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — At least 21 chicks have been produced by whooping cranes spending the summer in Canada, wildlife officials say. Another six have been hatched under captive breeding programs in Maryland and Wisconsin and that's good news, an official at the endangered species' winter home near Corpus Christi says.

Only about 150 whooping cranes live in the wild and Tom Stehn, refuge biologist, said that although the 21 Canadian chicks are four fewer than the record 25 hatched in 1987, it's still good news.

"When we get more than 20 that's terrific," Stehn said in a recent telephone interview.

#### City Bits

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# NAACP to consider endorsement of Thomas

HOUSTON (AP) — The NAACP hasn't ruled out an endorsement of U.S. Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas, but the executive director of the nation's largest civil rights organization says the group is using a critical eye to review the judge's record.

Benjamin Hooks said Sunday the endorsement is one of the major issues before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which has gathered here for its 84th annual national convention.

Gentry Trotter, NAACP national press secretary, said Sunday night he could not say when the delegates would vote on the endorsement. He said he did not know if the results of the vote would be made public in a 9 a.m. CDT press conference.

Hooks said the organization's board of directors would discuss Thomas' possible appointment in a

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meeting Tuesday. He predicted the delegates would not endorse Thomas wholeheartedly.

"I think NAACP, in some degree, is a microcosm of America as a whole," Hooks said. "I think there's a debate in the black community. However that will not be solved easily. I would suspect... there are some differences of opinion among the delegates" on Thomas' appointment.

President Bush nominated Thomas, 43, last week to succeed Thurgood Marshall on the Supreme Court. Thomas, who is black, easily won Senate confirmation in 1989 to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

"We have disagreed with Judge Thomas in the past — vigorously," Hooks said. But he said he would not discount an NAACP endorsement of Thomas.

current nominee is really a twofold approach," Hooks said. "First of all, we were sure that we wanted the president to appoint an African-American. On the other hand, we wanted him to appoint a nominee who embraced at least a part of the philosophy of Justice Marshall."

He said he was unsure whether Thomas shared enough of Marshall's views to aid the nation's black population. Marshall is the only black ever to have served on

the high court.

"We're not going to let race blind us to the totality of the situation."

NAACP leaders did not expect Bush to nominate a liberal candidate who agreed with all of the organization's stands, he said.

"What we're hoping is we can get the best we can from this administration," Hooks said.

The NAACP will focus its attention on Thomas' stands on affirmative action, previous Supreme Court decisions, educational equality and Miranda warnings for crime suspects, Hooks said.

Also on Sunday, the nation's only black governor, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia, said Thomas is "eminently qualified" to be a Supreme Court nominee. But, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," Wilder wouldn't say whether Thomas should be confirmed.

## Velez unanimously chosen as president

CHICAGO (AP) — In an election that may signal a cease-fire in the internal disputes tearing at one of the nation's largest Hispanic organizations, Jose Velez was unanimously chosen for a second term as president of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Velez and six others ran unopposed for the board posts filled Sunday by delegates attending LULAC's annual convention.

Manuel Munoz, the group's national treasurer, said the lack of opposition to his and Velez' elections shows that there is now less discord among members.

"We're more united now than ever before. He didn't have an opponent. I didn't have an opponent. We're not 100 percent together but things went much more smoothly than in past conventions," said Munoz of San Antonio.

For years considered the largest and most prominent Hispanic rights organization, some LULAC members are threatening to leave, while others already have.

Internal disputes have escalated the past two years, prompting lawsuits over league money and membership requirements. The current administration has expelled some members, though it is difficult to determine how many.

"We hope this will clear up the bickering," said Eduardo Pena, a past president of a 52-year-old LULAC and a Velez supporter. "Many of the people who scream the loudest were not here. They

could have come but they didn't."

Velez, 53, of Las Vegas, promised to increase lobbying efforts in Washington. Special attention will be given to passage of a civil rights bill and negotiation of a free trade agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico, he said.

More than 700 delegates to the week-long convention that ended Sunday adopted about a dozen resolutions. One urges the Senate to reject the nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, Velez said.

"We're opposed to it because we know his track record," Velez said of Thomas.

Velez said Thomas reduced the number of Hispanics in his office when he chaired the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 1982 to 1989. He also questioned the nominee's stance on civil rights issues.

Velez, Munoz and nine others were elected to one-year terms. Other officers elected Sunday were:

- Sally Martinez of Los Angeles, vice president for women.
- Rafael Acosta of Houston, vice president for the Southwest.
- Belen Robles of El Paso, Texas, vice president for the elderly.

Jose Hernandez of California, vice president for young adults. Sally Martinez of Albuquerque, N.M., vice president for youth. Next year's convention will be in San Antonio.

## Drag racing task force wants to reclaim streets

DALLAS (AP) — Members of a new drag racing task force created to slow down illegal racing in the Dallas area say they want to reclaim the streets.

But that may be easier said than done, especially since the offenders have cars built to outrun the patrol cars driven by the pursuing police officers.

"They've got these fancy, high-performance cars that can really blow us away," said Sgt. Paul Fletcher Jr., who heads the task force. "If we had a dozen more officers out here, things might be different."

The task force is designed to clamp down on illegal drag racing and the gambling, drug and alcohol abuse usually linked to the activity. The unit was formed after a shooting rampage at a illegal drag race June 30 that left five people wounded.

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"They (drag racers) don't think they are doing anything wrong," Fletcher said. "I understand that kids need places to go to hang out. We're not here to pick on them."

"But we're here to enforce the law," he said. "And we're not going to let them hamper honest citizens from using the streets of Dallas."

Racing fans, however, say it's nothing more than plain old fun.

"We just come out here for a good time, to race and meet some babes," said Tom, a 19-year-old from Plano who declined to give his

last name. "We're not doing anything really wrong. The cops should be out chasing murderers instead of us."

But Fletcher said the illegal races are attracting crowds that are becoming increasingly violent.

So this past weekend, more than 20 Northwest Patrol Bureau officers began a crackdown on illegal drag races, which sometimes draw thousands of spectators.

Racing fans — ranging from teen-agers to the middle-aged — gather along Northwest Highway in Dallas and other streets in the

warehouse district to search for spots to race their high-performance cars and motorcycles. On many streets, dark skid marks have blackened the asphalt.

The task force went on a 35-mile chase to Bedford early Saturday that often exceeded 100 mph. Police eventually nabbed Zachary Havens of Irving, 20, thanks in part to a flat tire on his vehicle.

Police say high-speed chases put other lives in danger, and area retailers complain that the groups leave trash behind and steal or damage property.

"It's an all-night deal. It gets wild and crazy like Mardi Gras," said Walt Wofford, 53, one of four residents who live near the scene of last weekend's shootings.

"I'm afraid to stay out late on Fridays and Saturdays," he said.



Miss Texas 1991

Fort Worth — Miss Lake O The Pines, Rhonda Morrison, is crowned Miss Texas 1991 at the Tarrant County Convention Center Theater Saturday night. Morrison is a Communications major at the University of Texas at Arlington.

## Houston supports station

HOUSTON (AP) — Several aerospace companies are rallying support for the Space Station Freedom as funding for the project comes before the U.S. Senate this week.

"We can't do any arm-twisting. But we've been trying to get everybody to write. We need to light a fire under their constituents," said Laura Van Ness, an official with the Clear Lake Economic Development Foundation.

The foundation is spearheading a drive to save the program, which could provide an estimated 13,000 jobs and a \$1 billion economic boon to the community.

Opponents of the station argue that the few federal dollars available could be better spent on veterans and housing programs.

In May, a U.S. House funding committee voted to scrap the \$30 billion project at the Johnson Space Center, before the full House restored nearly all of the \$1.9 billion that was cut out of the project for the next fiscal year.

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### Military license plates

SAN ANGELO — These two special license plates approved by the Texas Legislature honoring Vietnam veterans and Desert Storm participants were unveiled Saturday at the Tom Green County Courthouse. State Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, led support for the legislation during the last session creating three new military-related plates. The third, not pictured, was for the Coast Guard Auxiliary members.

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# Nation

## Meese disputes authority to probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is challenging Congress' authority to investigate whether the Reagan presidential campaign tried to delay the release of American hostages by Iran in 1980.

"There's no independent constitutional authority for the Congress to go off on investigative frolics of their own," Meese said on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation" program Sunday.

"At no time did anyone in the campaign, connected with the campaign, meet or negotiate or agree or conspire with anyone to delay the release of the

hostages," the former attorney general and campaign official said.

But Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., appearing with Meese on the program, said there was "an enormous amount of conflicting testimony" on the question and Congress "should go forward with some kind of an inquiry."

Meese said there was "no credible evidence that would even elevate this to the point where Congress should get involved."

Besides, he said, "there's a real question as to whether Congress has the constitutional authority to get into it, since it doesn't really fall into Congress' usual lawmaking situation."

## Foreign minister coming to U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said today that Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is sending his foreign minister to Washington on Wednesday in a redoubled effort to conclude a strategic arms treaty.

Gorbachev relayed that word on Sunday through his ambassador to the United States, one day after Bush sent the Soviet president an urgent message to try to bring the strategic arms reduction talks to a successful conclusion.

"President Gorbachev agreed with the president's view for the need to redoubled efforts at com-

pleting a START agreement and accepted the president's invitation to send a delegation to Washington to work on the negotiations," White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said.

"The Soviet delegation, headed by Foreign Minister (Alexander) Bessmertnykh, will arrive on Wednesday evening," Fitzwater said. The delegation will also include the chief of the Soviet general staff, Mikhail Moiseyev, and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Alexei Obukhov.

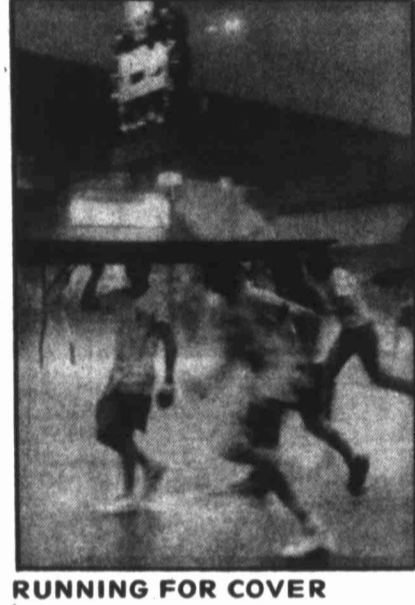
They will meet with Secretary of State James A. Baker III on Thursday afternoon and Friday.

## Storms contribute to eight deaths

Violent storms that blew a tent down on 400 people at a religious revival and contributed to eight deaths elsewhere eased up today after lashing several states with high winds, rain and hail.

The thunderstorms that marched across much of the East, Midwest and South on Sunday smashed mobile homes, ripped the roofs off houses, uprooted trees and knocked out power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses.

In Maryland Sunday, a couple was killed by lightning, three children died in a car crash and a man died when he fell off his boat. Women were crushed by falling trees in Iowa and Michigan.



RUNNING FOR COVER



Associated Press photo

## Radar nabs speeding bicyclists

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Huntington Beach police officer Guy Dove points a radar gun at bicyclists on the beachfront bike path in Huntington Beach, Calif., Saturday. The radar gun is a new weapon in efforts to enforce the bikepath speed limit of five mph if pedestrians are present, 10 mph otherwise.

## Study shows alcohol hurts poor countries

WASHINGTON (AP) — To the list of familiar reasons for the slow growth and social problems of poor countries can be added an often ignored but potent accomplice — alcohol.

Having a cold beer after a hard day's work seems like an innocuous habit in many parts of the world, but what happens in a country where the wages are meager and just two bottles of beer cost half a day's pay?

The result is that many households have no money left over for necessities such as food, and children must go to bed hungry. According to one estimate, one-third of the malnourished children of San Pedro La Laguna, Guatemala, are victims of booze. In Burkina Faso, formerly Upper Volta, a study of men in one region showed that they spent an average of \$84 a year on beer — 44 percent of the West African country's per capita income, a diversion of scarce resources that has contributed greatly to the impoverishment of that area.

The same is true of Papua New Guinea, where it is estimated that

the average household spends 30 percent of its income on alcohol.

Generally speaking, in countries where drinking is a problem, it is the men who imbibe and the women and children who pay.

The consequences of alcohol consumption in poor countries are examined by Lori Heise in the July-August issue of *Worldwatch* magazine, published by the Worldwatch Institute, a Washington research center.

She points out that treatment of alcohol-related diseases forces hard-pressed governments to divert resources from other vital needs. In Mexico, for example, cirrhosis of the liver — a disease closely associated with heavy drinking — is the leading cause of death among men 25 to 54. In Trinidad, 47 percent of males admitted to the country's largest hospital have medical problems related to drinking.

Drinking is becoming an increasingly accepted pastime in the Third World, partly because sophisticated advertising campaigns establish close links between alcohol and social status.

# World

## ANC considers negotiating reform

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — The African National Congress says sanctions, strikes and protests remain potent weapons to force reform, but the prospect of black-white negotiations also looms large on the horizon.

The ANC, the country's leading black opposition movement, wrapped up a week-long conference Sunday by reasserting its intentions to press ahead with confrontational policies such as backing international economic sanctions.

"Our position is very clear: sanctions must continue to be maintained," ANC President Nelson Mandela told delegates Sunday in this Indian Ocean city.

At the gathering — the ANC's first legal national conference inside South Africa — the group announced no major policy changes.

But the conference, attended by more than 2,200 delegates, ran smoothly and was seen as an important milestone in the group's transition from an often-disorganized liberation movement to a more coherent and focused political party.

"Our conference is more representative and has greater authority than the illegitimate... Parliament," which excludes blacks, Mandela told an enthusiastic rally that drew 30,000 supporters to a soccer stadium Sunday afternoon.

## Arab security force meeting put off

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Doubts about a new Arab security force for the Persian Gulf have deepened with the postponement of a planned meeting among Egypt, Syria and the oil-rich gulf states.

Officials of Kuwait's Information Ministry said the foreign ministers of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council and those of Egypt and Syria would not meet Tuesday as planned.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Sunday that no new date had been set. They could not give a reason for the postponement.

An initial agreement for the new Arab force was announced in

Damascus, Syria, on March 6. Military sources at the time talked about a force led by some 100,000 Egyptian and Syrian soldiers.

The pact soon began to crumble, however, apparently because of anger in Egypt and Syria over Kuwait's preference for Western forces.

Kuwait's defense minister, Sheikh Ali al-Sabah al-Salim, told an Egyptian newspaper last month that Kuwait favored the presence on its soil of a token Egyptian-Syrian security force of up to 5,000 soldiers, which would be reinforced in an emergency.

## Peace formula reached in Slovenia



CARNATIONS FOR FALLEN FRIEND

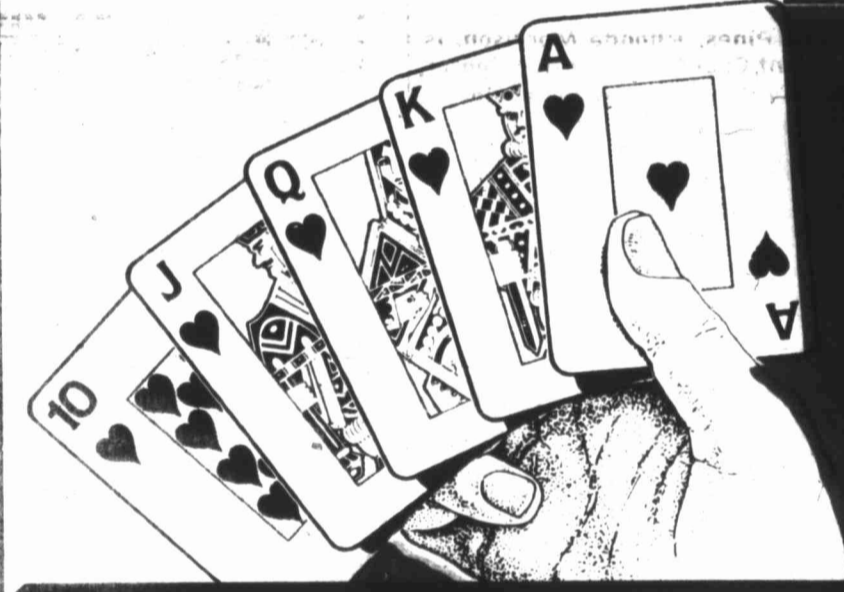
BRIONI, Yugoslavia (AP) — Slovenian and federal leaders agreed today on a formula that would give the republic limited control of its international borders and time to peacefully work out secession. But ethnic violence escalated in Croatia.

As an indication of good will, Slovenia released its last few federal army prisoners — fewer than 100 officers.

In Croatia, which along with Slovenia declared independence in June 25, federal army tanks broke up a firefight between Croatian and Serbian forces marked by shelling and the firing of rocket-propelled grenades.

Casualty figures varied, but at least 13 combatants were reported killed.

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# Lifestyle

## Diagnosis prescription for trouble

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been happily and faithfully married to my husband for 14 years. The problem is with our family doctor. Recently, my husband thought he had a bladder infection, so he went to our doctor, who ran one urine test that turned out negative. Then the doctor informed my husband that he had a sexually transmitted disease!

My husband asked if it was possible to have had this "sexually transmitted disease" for 14 years — or was there some other way of getting it? Also, wouldn't it be wise to run another test just to make sure?

The doctor insisted that his diagnosis was correct, then with a smirk he added, "I'm not suggesting that you run home and beat your wife, but you obviously got it from her."

Abby, no wife could be more faithful than I. I never even looked at another man in more than 14 years. My husband says he believes me, yet he's been having bad dreams ever since. I know I'd be accused of "protesting too much" if I confronted the doctor. This is a small town, and it could make matters even worse. Besides, I hear that this doctor thinks all non-churchgoers (like my husband and myself) are pretty much "scum" anyway. What can I do? I'm not taking this lightly. — BRISTLING IN ARIZONA

**Dear Abby**



**DEAR BRISTLING:** First, change doctors — even if it means getting your checkups in a nearby town.

According to Dr. Willard Cates Jr., director of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Division of the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta: "No diagnostic test is 100 percent accurate. Your husband should be retested to confirm the original test result." (Some sexually transmitted diseases can lie dormant for long periods of time; also you failed to mention which one your husband allegedly has.)

The doctor who accused you unjustly is guilty of unprofessional behavior. He was also in error in refusing to perform more definitive tests. Report him to your county medical society.

**DEAR ABBY:** This letter is in response to the letter from "Illinois Victim," the girl who — while being beaten by her boyfriend at a trailer park — yelled loudly for help from her neighbors, to no avail.

A young man also living in a trailer park in Illinois heard a muffled cry for help. He went outside and saw a man on top of a woman with his hands around her neck. He yelled, and the assailant tried to escape on a bicycle. But the young man chased him for almost a mile over gravel terrain in his bare feet. The man who was caught was wanted by the police for previous rapes.

When the police asked the young man who caught the alleged rapist what his motivation was, he replied (with bruised and bloodied feet), "What if that girl had been my sister? I would hope someone else would do the same thing!"

So, have faith, Abby. Good people are still out there. He even returned to Illinois after moving to California to appear in court for the prosecution, and was awarded four plaques for heroism. His name is Tyler Smith. — HIS PROUD SISTER, JENNIFER, IN ALBANY, N.Y.

**DEAR ABBY:** Because of your vast readership, I am writing to you in the hope that by printing my letter, perhaps other women (and probably some men) will learn from my mistakes.

Three years ago, I had a torrid affair with a man right after my divorce. This guy was so charming that before I got wise to him and broke off the relationship, I had

lent him a considerable sum of money. I had no promissory note, so all was lost.

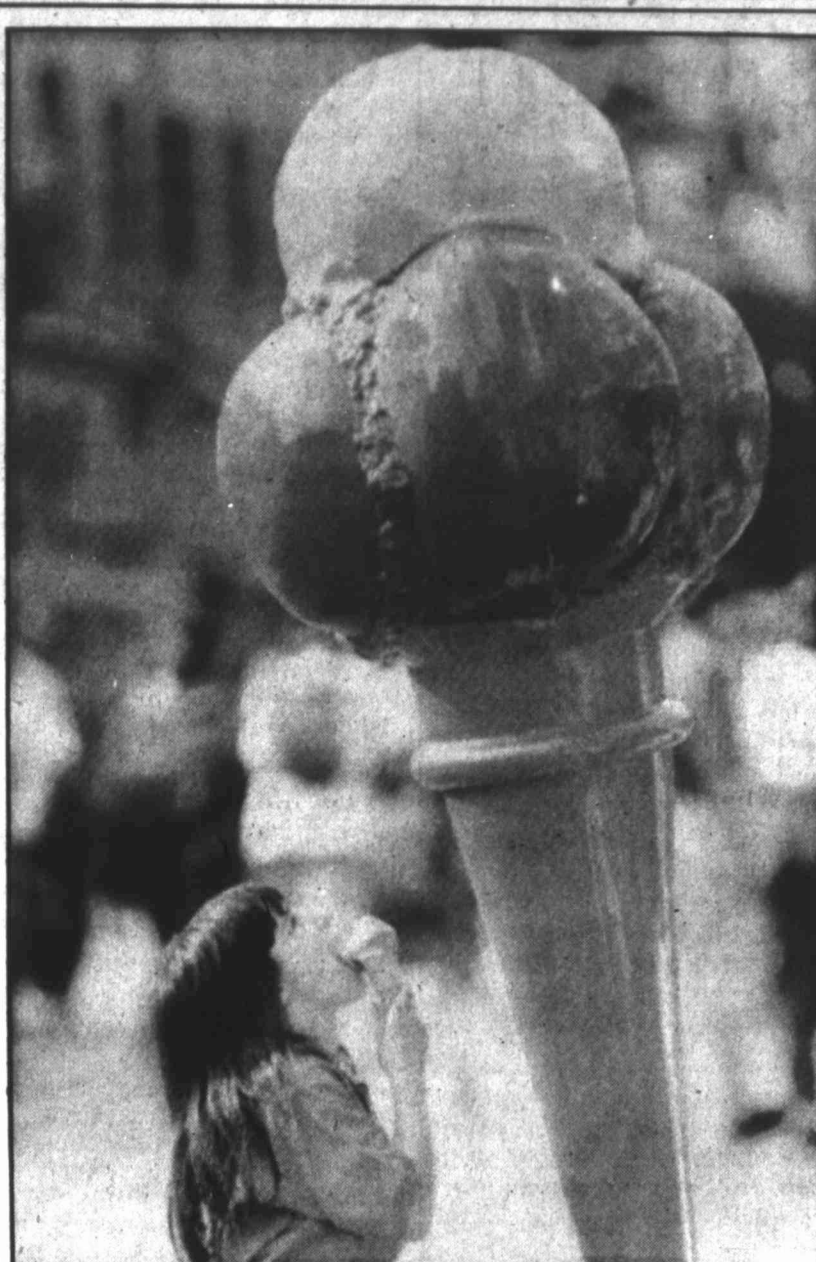
A year later, I met someone I thought was perfect for me. He was absolutely beguiling, attentive as could be, and he made me feel terrific. He was very well thought of, and an outstanding man in the community.

A few months ago, he was short of money, so I lent him my entire savings with the understanding that I would be repaid in full within the next few weeks. I was "in love," trusted him, and didn't want to "insult" him by asking him to sign a note. Well, so far, I've heard every excuse in the book as to why he can't pay me back, and I'm afraid this will have to be settled in court. Also, I am dealing with the humiliating realization that this guy never really gave a hoot about me.

I made two major mistakes: lending the money in the first place, and not getting it in writing.

Abby, please find room for this in your column as a warning to other women who let their hearts rule their heads. — RIPPED OFF IN COLORADO

Readers can write to Abby at P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069.



**Thinking big**

FRANKFURT, Germany — A young German girl ponders a giant ice cream cone display outside an ice cream shop in Frankfurt recently.

Associated Press photo

## Public records

### COUNTY COURT RULINGS

Prospero P. Yanez — case #40,746 dismissed.  
 Michael Dutchover — Order of discharge from the terms of probation.  
 Roy Lee Powell — Granted an Essential Operator's License.  
 Kelly D. Bradberry — Order granting essential license.  
 Norma Lopez — Order continuing defendant on probation.  
 Carlos Gonzales — Guilty of driving while license suspended — \$300 fine, \$129.90, court costs, 6 months probation at own expense, 8 hours community service.  
 Richard Ramirez Webster — DWI-2nd offense, \$600 fine, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense, 8 hours community service.  
 Tomas Torres Moreno — revocation of probation and imposition of sentence — 60 days jail, 12 months probation, \$142.50 court costs, \$450 fine.  
 Terry Baily — case #40,851 dismissed.  
 Terry D. Bailey — case #40,843 dismissed.  
 Rick Hair — case #40,821 dismissed.  
 Adrain Olivares — case #40,878 dismissed.  
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 Case #4510 dismissed.  
 Case #4611 dismissed.  
 Case #4649 dismissed.  
 J.D. Stoker — order for occupational driver's license.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES:**  
 Howard Eugene Miller, 49, Coahoma and Virginia MarieAnn Lawhon, 43, Coahoma.  
 Johnnie Lee Turner Jr., 40, 906 E. 16th and Jeanette Story Childress, 34, 1207 Wood St.  
 Kenneth Joe Rose, 27, Stanton and Susan Denise Self, 21, Box 2344.  
 Andrew Nathan Levesque, 20, 2612 Hunter and Kimberly Dawn Watkins, 20, 2206 Johnson.  
 Cecil Earl Shoemaker Jr., 34, 2402 Alabama and Jaynie V. Day, 24, same.  
 Wesley Norman Overton, 30, 2507 Hunter and Amy Diane Neill, 26, Arlington.  
 Allen Fred Winn, 26, 110 E. 15th and Teresa Ray Meyers, 24, same.  
 Lee Edwin Colette, 24, Cayon and Loryn June Russell, 22, HC 61 Box 164.  
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 Dennis Michael Sales, 30, 803 E. 20th and Rosa Maria Marinas, 32, Abernathy.  
 Danny Allen Spruill, 32, 1804 1/2 State and Tena Taylor Paker, 31, 4201 Dixon.  
 Lloyd Allen Mauldin Jr., 19, 100 Circle and Sundae Rochelle Chance, 18, 3707 Caroline.  
 Jimmy Juarez, 21, 1501 Sycamore and Valinda Pineda, 22, 430 Edwards.  
 James Burlin Williams, 42, McKinney and Lois Bernita Pryor, 31, same.  
 Kelly Gene Long, 26, 4213 Dixon and Melinda Angela Brooks, 22, Andrews.  
**DISTRICT COURT FILINGS:**  
 David Dean Fisher vs. Joanna Lynn Fisher — divorce.  
 Randy LeGrande vs. Debra LeGrande — divorce.  
 Mary Elizabeth Tumeys vs. Floyd William Tumeys — divorce.  
 Dennis Strawn, et al vs. Debbie Lu Forte — other.

Ronnie C. Payne vs. National Union Fire Ins. Co. — Workman's Compensation.  
 Janet Higgins, dba Crown Decorating Center vs. Ona Higgins — ANC (accounts, notes, contracts).  
 Amy Lynn Christian vs. Billy Wayne Christian — divorce.  
 Stacey Young vs. Rip Griffin Truck Service Center Inc. — IDO (injuries, damages, other).  
 Nona Stanley vs. Price Construction Inc. and David Castanosa — IDO (injuries, damages, motor vehicle).  
 Linda McCutcheon vs. Scenic Mountain Medical Center — IDO.  
 Rory Douglas Randal vs. Kimberly Ann Randal — divorce.  
 Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union vs. Charles Campbell — ANC.  
**DISTRICT COURT RULINGS:**  
 Thelma Mae Ditton vs. Jimmy Dale Ditton — decree of divorce.  
 Norma Sue Henson vs. Harley Leon Henson — final decree of divorce.  
 Scott Andrew Woolverton vs. Thomasa Denise Woolverton — amended final decree of divorce.  
 Hazel Beatrice Aaron vs. Chelsey Metcalf Wilson — motion of plaintiff for dismissal with prejudice.  
 Yolanda Saldana vs. Simon Antonio Saldana — final decree of divorce.  
 Walter B. Moore and Janice L. Moore — final decree of divorce.

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# Names

## Crazy — to a point

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Patrick Swayze likes to perform his own stunts in movies, but he's no fool.

Swayze surfed and skydived in his latest movie, "Point Break." But he drew the line at throwing himself off a skyscraper.

"Of course, I'm not going to do any of those wild things like jumping off a 20-story building or flipping a motorcycle over five times," Swayze said.

"Insurance companies get uneasy from time to time. But my record is good — I've never



PATRICK SWAYZE GLORIA ESTEFAN

seriously injured myself — and usually the director doesn't mind."

## Feelin' stronger

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Gloria Estefan says she's stronger than ever on stage after breaking her back in a bus accident last year. "I feel no limitations on stage," said Estefan, who on Saturday

kicked off the North American leg of her "Into the Light" world tour with the Miami Sound Machine.

"I'm working out six times a week. I probably overcompensated. Every time I do a show I feel better."

Estefan broke her back in March 1990 in an accident involving her tour bus in Pennsylvania.

## Some helpful advice

NEW YORK (AP) — Bridget Fonda says her aunt Jane offered advice that proved helpful when the media began examining their relationship: develop a thick skin.

The 27-year-old actress said her aunt told her, "If you take (the press) to heart, you'll get hurt."

# Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1991

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN LIFE: THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** The spotlight is on the things you treasure most in life — loved ones, home and travel. Stay on your toes! A job promotion is most likely in September. Consult family members before agreeing to a major move in November.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actors Tom Hanks, Jimmy Smits and Fred Savage, actress Kelly McGillis.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): A far-reaching agreement will provide you with a brighter and more secure future. Listen to friends who have had plenty of experience. Mixed trends require patience and persistence.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your day may be filled with meetings, discussions and phone calls. Long-range plans begin to take shape. Advance your ideas at an opportune moment. A former employer may

have need of your talents.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Although active involvement with a community group may not suit your mood today, the benefits could be greater than you imagine. Be willing to learn from others. Romance is on a roll.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Make requests rather than demands and your loved ones will be more willing to offer their assistance. What happens at work this week will be very enlightening. Something you visualize now can come to pass.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): A member of the opposite sex boosts your lagging spirits today. Go ahead and let your hair down when talking with a close relative. The results will be positive. Focus on the future.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your savings grow, thanks to changes in your spending habits. Show your best side at work and a major policy decision will be favorable. You are surprised to hear what the boss is thinking.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are able to move ahead with a new project. Do not let an emotional upset delay progress. You cannot afford to let other people interfere in your financial decisions now. Stand firm.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The spotlight is on your relationship with your mate or business partner. Underlying conflicts may come to a head. It will not be as difficult as you think to resolve your differences. Compromise!

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A hidden talent comes to the surface. Travel plans may have to be put on hold while you deal with more pressing matters. Make certain you have all the financial details.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some important decisions must be discussed. Your relationship with your mate picks up nicely. There may be a special event planned. Children contribute to your domestic happiness.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Both your personal finances and joint holdings are in the spotlight. While you could be successful in landing a contract, you should still curb a tendency to be extravagant. Romance sizzles!

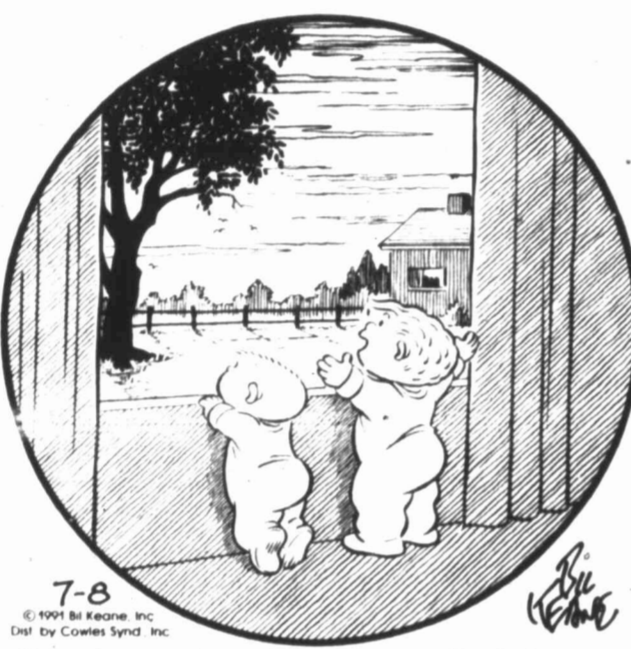
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel like splurging on your loved ones now. Be careful not to deplete your bank account. If your energy is low, make dietary changes and get more exercise. Romantic ties will deepen.

## DENNY THE MENACE



"MOM, WHAT DO I FEEL LIKE DOING?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

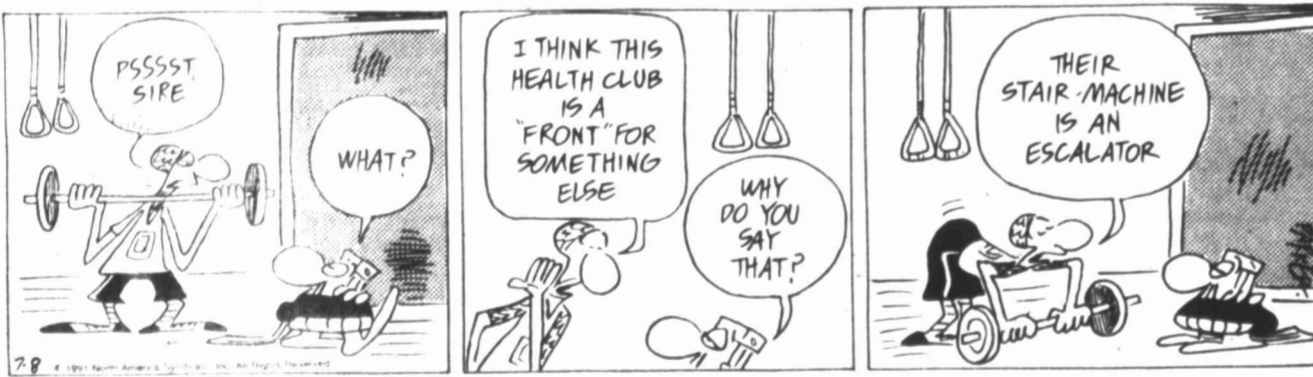


"God must've stayed up all night to make such a beautiful morning!"

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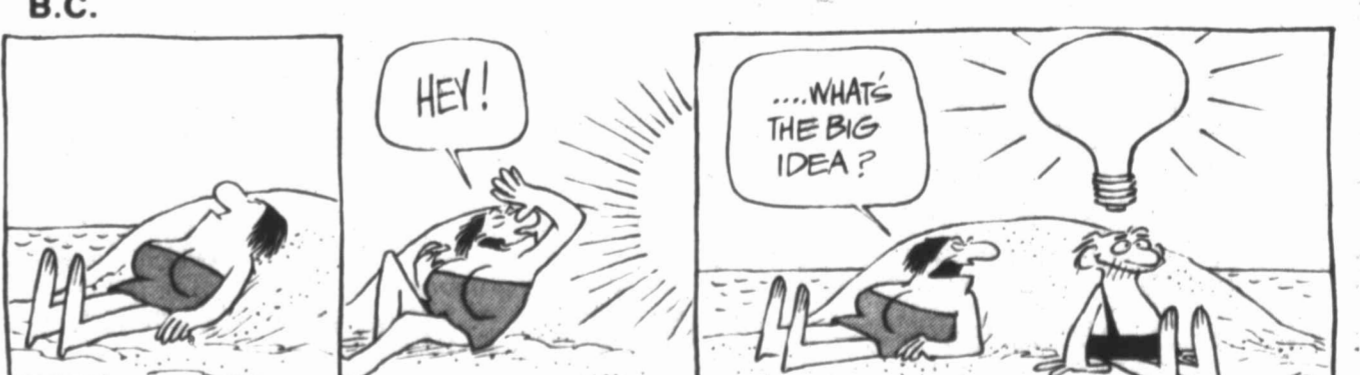
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