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## News Digest

### Colorado City to honor author Elmer Kelton

COLORADO CITY — Popular West Texas author Elmer Kelton will be honored with an autograph party at the Heart of West Texas Museum here Friday.

The autograph party will be held from 2-4 p.m. and coffee and cookies will be served. Kelton, of San Angelo, has written more than 30 books, several about early Texas. He has received awards and recognition from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Western Writers of America and the Western Literature Association.

Three of Kelton's novels have appeared in Reader's Digest Condensed Books.

### Senior writers sought

The Big Spring Herald is seeking senior writers to help generate material for a new publication dedicated solely to the members of our senior community.

The "Prime of Your Life" debuts Friday, Feb. 28 and will include articles and information regarding senior activities and items of interest to senior citizens.

For more information, contact John H. Walker at 263-7331.

### Cub fete set Saturday

Big Spring area Cub Scouts will be honored at their annual Lone Star District Blue & Gold Banquet, scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

A barbecue is scheduled, followed by the district's second annual awards ceremony and entertainment provided by the Lakota and Woapalanne Indian Dancers.

Tickets are \$5 each and may be obtained by calling 263-3407, 263-0144 or 263-3255.

### World

Files give glimpse of Nazi fugitives' lives: Some of the most notorious Nazi fugitives worked at common jobs after fleeing to Argentina and constantly worried about their pursuers, according to documents made public after decades of secrecy. See Page 3A.

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Dow reveals awareness of implant leaks: Dow Corning Corp. named a new chairman after revealing it long has known about complaints that its silicone gel breast implants leak. See Page 3A.

### Texas

Movie puts JFK buffs in spotlight: Don't call them conspiracy theorists. Assassination buffs? That's even worse. They're the legion of critics who seek an answer to one question: Who killed John F. Kennedy? See Page 2A.

### Sports

Lady Hawks clinch tie: The Howard College Lady Hawks laid claim to at least a co-conference championship Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. See page 5A.

### Weather

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
CLEAR	CLEAR	SUNSET 6:31 PM
		SUNRISE 7:34 AM
		TOMORROW

Tonight, fair. Low in the upper 30s. Southwest wind 5-10 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 60s. Southwest wind 5-15 mph. Extended forecast, Page 6A.

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### Sound off!

This week's question may be found on Page 6A. To contact the Herald, phone 263-7331

## Records: Wallace outspending Standard

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

The challenger in the race for the Democratic nomination for Howard County sheriff has spent one-third more on campaigning, as of Jan. 30, than the incumbent sheriff.

Sheriff's Deputy Jimmy Wallace, who was put on administrative leave without pay the day he announced for office Jan. 10, also has received one-fourth more in contributions than Sheriff A.N. Standard, according to

contribution reports filed Monday. "I'm going full steam," Wallace said of the campaign. He said he spends full days knocking on doors.

"It's going to become more active as time progresses," said Standard, adding that he spends what free time he has knocking on doors.

Sheriff candidate Neel G. Barnaby, a Republican, did not have to file a contribution report Monday because he is running uncontested for the March 10 primary. The sheriff's seat is the only

contested primary race out of three local and regional contested races that include Howard County.

Contributions to Wallace total \$1,340 while money collected on behalf of Standard totals \$1,075. Wallace has spent \$1,349 while \$1,009 has been spent on behalf of Standard.

The biggest contributors in the Wallace and Standard campaigns are themselves, according to the reports filed with the county clerk. Wallace gave himself a \$1,000 loan and Stan-

dard paid his own \$600 candidate filing fee.

Wallace has six other contributors who gave more than \$50 while Standard has three. All those contributors live in Big Spring. Also, a political action committee, consisting largely of current and retired sheriff office employees, paid more than \$200 for newspaper advertisements on behalf of Standard.

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Debbie Armenvariz, left, and Lisa Beckman, members of the Amnesty International, were part of a candlelight vigil outside the Walls unit of the

Texas Department of Criminal Justice in Huntsville Tuesday morning. The group protested the execution of Johnny Frank Garrett.

## Garrett executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Death row inmate Johnny Frank Garrett, convicted of raping and killing a 76-year-old Roman Catholic nun in 1981, was put to death by injection early Tuesday.

Garrett, 28, was pronounced dead at 12:18 a.m. In his final statement he thanked his friends and someone he described as his guru.

"I'd like to thank my family for loving me and taking care of me, and the rest of the world can kiss my ass," Garrett said.

His mother, two sisters, stepfather and brother-in-law sang "Amazing Grace" while the drugs were taking effect.

Garrett was put to death for the slaying of Sister Tadea Benz at the St. Francis Convent in Amarillo on Halloween night in 1981.

The Supreme Court rejected two requests for stays Monday night, and then turned down a third appeal about an hour before the scheduled execution.

Garrett came within an hour of execution Jan. 6 before Gov. Ann Richards issued a 30-day reprieve at the urging of Pope John Paul II and before the high court ruled on the case.

Richards' rare use of her authority to grant a reprieve prompted an equally unusual hearing by Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to consider whether to recommend to the governor that Garrett's sentence be commuted to life. But at the hearing last week, the 18-member board — by a 17-0 margin with one abstention — voted to keep the death sentence.

Richards said Monday she planned no further action in the case.

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Ray Sanchez, 21, Del Rio, practices for biological and chemical warfare at Big Spring's Texas National Guard armory Saturday. This armory missed a potential hit list of armories that might be closed.

## No danger of armory closure

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

The Big Spring armory of the Texas National Guard honed its fighting skills last weekend.

The Big Spring armory is not in danger of closure, like 21 others around the state, said Lt. Col. Edmond Komandosky, an Austin-based spokesman for the Texas National Guard.

"It's still uncertain whether any armories on the list will be closed, and Big Spring isn't even on the list," Komandosky said.

"We're in good shape here," said Sgt. Augustino Gaitan, first sergeant for the unit. Big Spring is the home of Field Artillery Unit, Battery A-3 of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, which is headquartered in San Angelo, said commanding officer Capt. Ramiro J. Perez, who has 15 years of service in the Guard.

"We are the Alpha Battery of the 132nd," Gaitan said. The primary difference between a guardman and military reservist is that, when activated for war, a reservist is used to fill individual niches, but a National Guard Unit goes to war as a single fighting unit, Perez

said. More than 60 men came together Saturday at the armory to practice NBC (nuclear, biological and chemical) warfare and tactics. Most of the men are from Howard and surrounding counties, but some come from as far away as Dallas, El Paso and Houston, Perez said.

In combat, the Big Spring unit will be essentially a mobile fire base for six 105 millimeter artillery pieces, Perez said.

The armory kept one of the big guns for practice, but the weapon was taken for service in Operation Desert Storm. In fact, the entire 132nd missed being called to duty by three days, Gaitan said. "The war just ended too soon — There were a lot of people here that wanted to go."

Battery A-3 is on its way to Fort Hood in March and April for live-fire exercises on the base's extensive gunnery range.

Meanwhile, even if bases as close as Sweetwater and Snyder, which are on the state's list for possible closure, cease to exist, the men of the Big Spring Unit are more concerned with getting their artillery piece back from the desert and acquiring the new "Hummer" jeeps they were promised.

## NAACP celebrates 83rd anniversary; steady growth noted

By MARTHA E. FLORES Staff Writer

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People celebrates its 83rd birthday Wednesday. It was founded on Feb. 12, 1909 — the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

"It was largely the brainchild of three people: William English Walling, a white Southerner who feared that racists would soon carry 'the race war to the north,'; Mary White Ovington, a wealthy young white woman who had attended the 1906 meeting of the Niagara group as a reporter for the New York Evening Post and had experience with conditions in the black ghettos of New York social worker; and Henry Moskowitz, a New York social worker," according to the Negro Almanac: A Reference Work on the African American.

"The trio proposed that a conference be called for the discussion of present evils, the voicing of protests and the renewal of the struggle for civil rights and political liberty."

The conference was followed by regular meetings, an increase in membership and the founding of the NAACP magazine, Crisis, which was edited by W.E.B. Dubois. In 1954, the organization triumphed with its judicial victory of Brown v. Board of Education. The Supreme Court ruling threw out the "separate but equal" doctrine which had been established with Plessy v. Ferguson.

Today, the organization has

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grown to more than 220,000 chapters nationwide, including the Big Spring chapter which was rechartered in 1983.

"We have about 100 active members here in Big Spring," said Clarence Hartfield Jr., chapter vice-president. "Throughout the year, the chapter works with the community in promoting education and political action."

The chapter has voter registration drives and is involved with the Axle program, which works with the community's youth, he said.

It also holds an annual banquet, a Black History program in February and participates in the Heart of the City Festival.

"Our February program is a tribute to black history and its people," said Liz Smith, program coordinator. "Also during the month, we have a student essay contest, which the winner is announced at the program."

This year the program is scheduled for Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. The theme is "Let Freedom Ring."

Nationally and locally, the NAACP gears its efforts toward development of the African-American community politically, socially, economically and educationally.

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# Nation/World

## Dow reveals awareness of implant leaks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dow Corning Corp. named a new chairman after revealing it long has known about complaints that its silicone gel breast implants leak.

The company took both actions Monday while continuing to insist the devices pose no threat of cancer or other life-threatening complications. Dow Corning voluntarily pulled the implants from the market late last year pending further study of their safety.

Dow Corning did acknowledge, however, that if leaking silicone gel works its way beyond the scar tissue that normally surrounds an implant, it can cause "persistent tissue inflammation."

In a display rare in corporate America, Dow Corning released an 800-page book of internal documents Monday that showed the company not only knew of implant problems for decades, but that some of its own employees were seriously worried — if not extremely angry — about them.

And, after the financial markets closed, the company announced separately a shakeup at its top — with Keith R. McKennon replacing John S. Ludington as chairman of the board. Ludington becomes chairman emeritus with no day-to-day authority.

Earlier, standing before a

cluster of microphones in Washington, Robert T. Rylee, chairman of Dow Corning's health care businesses, said the public disclosure of company documents was excruciating but necessary.

"In some of them there will be what some consider to be inflammatory language," Rylee said. "Obviously, we're not happy about that, but we believe that there's understanding and explanation for each one."

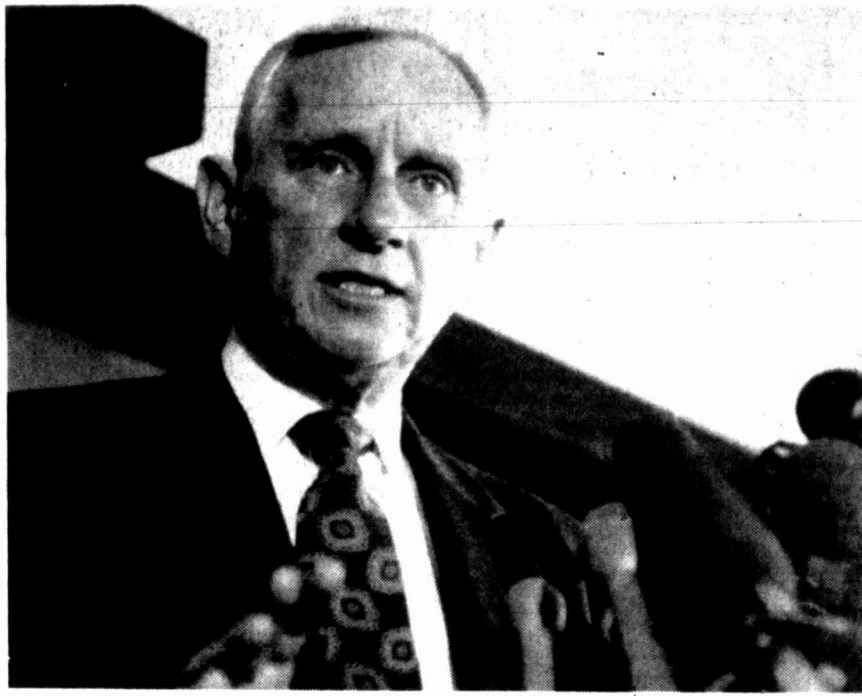
An example: On April 29, 1980, salesman Bob Schnabel wrote to the home office in Midland, Mich., to relay a doctor's complaint about a batch of implants that appeared to be leaky.

"To put a questionable lot of mammaries on the market is inexcusable," Schnabel wrote. "I don't know who is responsible for this decision but it has to rank right up there with the Pinto gas tank," — a reference to the Ford Pinto automobile.

Dow Corning said it checked that particular lot of implants and found nothing wrong with them.

"The memo was written by a salesman who had an unhappy customer," Rylee said. "While we're not happy about the memos, we have nothing to hide."

Still, it was a day of mea culpas for Dow Corning, and by sunset, the boss was out. The company's



Robert T. Rylee, chairman of Dow Corning's health care businesses, stands before a cluster of microphones at a Washington news conference Monday where Dow released an 800-page book of internal documents that showed the company knew of problems with breast implants for decades.

announcement said the Ludington-McKennon shift was to "focus fulltime top executive attention to both the complex issues related to silicone breast implants as well as the ongoing management changes."

Rylee said the company remained committed to the breast implant business even though it had not made any money from it in years.

## Bomb found before Quayle's arrival

LONDON (AP) — A bomb apparently planted by the IRA was found by police today near government buildings where Vice President Dan Quayle was scheduled to meet with British officials, the home secretary said.

The device — which Independent Television News said contained five pounds of the plastic explosive Semtex — was discovered after several bomb warnings reportedly prompted authorities to evacuate the buildings.

Home Secretary Kenneth Baker said the bomb was found in a telephone booth near the Foreign Office. He said quick action by police could have "saved a great

deal of destruction, damage, possibly even death."

Sky Television said telephoned bomb warnings were made in the name of the Irish Republican Army by callers using a recognized code.

The U.S. Embassy said Quayle, who is ending a six-day European tour today, had not changed his schedule, which included stops at the Foreign Office and at the nearby residence of Prime Minister John Major. The bomb was found five hours before Quayle was due at the Foreign Office.

Semtex is often used in bombs planted by the IRA, which is waging a violent campaign to drive the British from Northern Ireland.

## Wife calls for international support

BEIJING (AP) — The wife of a jailed Chinese dissident appealed today for international support in seeking his release on medical grounds.

Wang Juntao, a former newspaper editor and participant in the 1989 democracy movement, was sentenced a year ago Wednesday to 13 years in jail for allegedly plotting to overthrow the government.

He has been in a prison hospital since August for treatment of hepatitis B.

His wife, Hou Xiaotian, sent a letter last month to authorities asking for Wang's release on medical grounds. There has been no official

response.

"On the anniversary of Wang Juntao's trial, I again appeal to the justice of the world and ask all friends who are concerned about us to continue your kind help, because my effort is not strong enough," Hou wrote in an open letter.

"Let's make a further appeal to the Chinese government to release Wang Juntao," she said in the letter, which was written in English.

Wang, 33, was editor of the Economic Studies Weekly, a newspaper set up by a private research institute. He and the founder of the institute, Chen Ziming, played backstage roles in the 1989 protests.

## Harkin takes first Democratic win

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Democratic presidential candidates today opened an intense drive to court the big bloc of undecided voters in next week's showcase New Hampshire primary. "Things are fluid," said Sen. Tom Harkin following his favorite-son victory in the Iowa caucuses.

With the first trophy of the 1992 campaign in hand, Harkin was returning today for the finishing burst in New Hampshire, where his campaign has yet to command the

kind of attention he received at home Monday night.

Harkin received almost 80 percent of the vote, a result he deemed "far better than I ever imagined." He dismissed his trailing position in the polls in this state.

His rivals skipped Iowa, forfeiting to Harkin and trying to deny him any claim to campaign momentum — even as they jockeyed for some of their own during Harkin's absence from New Hampshire.

## Dahmer was questioned four times

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Police questioned Jeffrey Dahmer on at least four occasions and entered his apartment twice during his string of slayings without learning his grisly secret, according to records and testimony at his trial.

Records show Dahmer was questioned in connection with a robbery, a sexual assault, drunken driving and his relationship with a dazed, naked teen-ager during the years he was killing and dismembering 17 boys and men.

According to testimony, Dahmer was stopped on suspicion of

drunken driving in Ohio in 1978 while taking the body of his first victim to a dump. But he talked his way out of trouble even after police shined a light on the plastic bags.

Dahmer also was linked with a missing person's report and a complaint about foul odors coming from his apartment. But both times investigating officers went to the wrong address.

And in another case, police never followed up on a teen-ager's report that Dahmer hit him in the head with a mallet.

## Opened files give glimpse of Nazi fugitives' lives

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Some of the most notorious Nazi fugitives worked at common jobs after fleeing to Argentina and constantly worried about their pursuers, according to documents made public after decades of secrecy.

But the first batch of documents opened Monday shed little light on broader questions such as how the Nazis entered the country or whether the government of then-President Juan Peron abetted them.

The documents at the National Archives — covering Josef Mengele and some other Third Reich leaders — debunked the legend that top Nazis arrived flush with cash and lived in style.

Mengele, Eduard Roschmann, Walter Kutschmann and Josef Schwammberger sneaked past immigration officials using false names or passports. Schwammberger went on to work at a petrochemical plant; Kutschmann apparently drove a cab.

berger, 78, was arrested. He was extradited in 1990 and is now on trial in Stuttgart, Germany.

Mengele sought security by moving frequently. He was a naturalized citizen of Argentina and Paraguay, and is believed to have drowned in Brazil in 1979.

Several thousand Nazis may have come to Argentina after World War II, led by those "with the most hideous pasts," according to Shimon Samuels of the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust studies.

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President Carlos Menem last week ordered all records concerning the Nazis be made public and gave government agencies 30 days to turn over files.

The faded newspaper clippings, photographs, surveillance reports, identity card applications, fingerprints and other data viewed Monday told a story of lives spent on the run or fighting extradition.

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Mengele, the so-called "Angel of Death" at the Auschwitz camp, practiced medicine for several years in the 1950s and was known as a specialist in abortions, which were illegal, the documents said.

Martin Bormann, Adolf Hitler's top deputy, never made it to Argentina, files showed.

Schwammberger, who allegedly had a role in the deaths of 3,400 people in Poland, lived openly under his real name. So did Mengele.

But they always had to look over their shoulders to stay ahead of those seeking to try them from war crimes.

Adolf Eichmann, the architect of Adolf Hitler's plan to exterminate Jews, was kidnapped by Israeli agents in 1960 in Argentina. He was tried in Israel and hanged. His file may turn up at the Foreign Ministry.

In 1977, Roschmann slipped into Paraguay to evade an arrest warrant. The SS captain, accused of executing tens of thousands of Jews at labor camps in Latvia, died three weeks later of a heart attack at age 59.

Kutschmann, who was wanted in connection with the deaths of 1,500 Jews at a concentration camp in Poland, spent his last months in a Buenos Aires jail or hospital, fighting extradition to Germany. He died in August 1986.

The next year, Schwamm-

Nazi hunters are trying to trace 21 former Nazis who are believed to have reached Argentina after the war, including Ante Pavelic, the former head of the Croatian SS, and Heinrich Muller, the former Gestapo chief.

Samuels wants to document how they escaped war-torn Germany.

A common notion is that Juan Peron, president from 1945 until 1955, sold Argentine passports. But Mengele arrived on an International Red Cross passport; Schwammberger on a fake Italian passport, and Kutschmann on a Spanish one.

## Media accused of manufacturing story

WASHINGTON (AP) — It made headlines: President Bush visited a grocers' convention and seemed amazed at the high-tech supermarket checkout equipment.

Pundits and cartoonists seized upon the incident as evidence that Bush was out of touch with everyday life after 11 years in government mansions.

But the White House and the systems engineer who showed Bush a checkout stand scanner cried foul Monday.

"He's seen those (scanners) many times. This is a story that is totally media-manufactured and maintained," said White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater.

The scanner Bush viewed at the National Grocers Association convention in Orlando last Tuesday had special capabilities that set it apart from ordinary checkout machines, Fitzwater said.

Bob Graham, an NCR Corp. systems analyst who showed Bush the scanner, said in a telephone interview Monday: "The whole thing is ludicrous. What he was amazed about was the ability of the scanner to take that torn label and reassemble it."

A videotape shot by a press pool quoted Bush as saying "This is the scanner, the newest scanner?"

"Of course, this looks like a typical scanner you'd see in a grocery store," Graham replied.

"Yeah," said Bush.

"There's one big difference," said Graham, lifting off the scanner's top plate to reveal a scale underneath. He weighed and rang up a red apple.

The exhibitor had Bush put the machine through its paces before he showed off what he called the machine's "really quite amazing" new feature.

He had Bush scan a card with a universal product code ripped and jumbled into five pieces. The machine read it and rang up the correct sale.

"Isn't that something," the president said.

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Did you know in 1849 the Supreme Court established the "separate but equal" doctrine?

The decision was given in response to a suit brought by Benjamin Roberts to have his daughter admitted to a white school.

Source: The Negro Almanac: A Reference Work On The African American

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# Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

## Other opinion

### Some advice for education reform

Since schools are not producing the results society needs, the consensus is that schools need to change. But new research published in Scientific American gives that conclusion a twist. It isn't just the schools that need to be changed, but family social values.

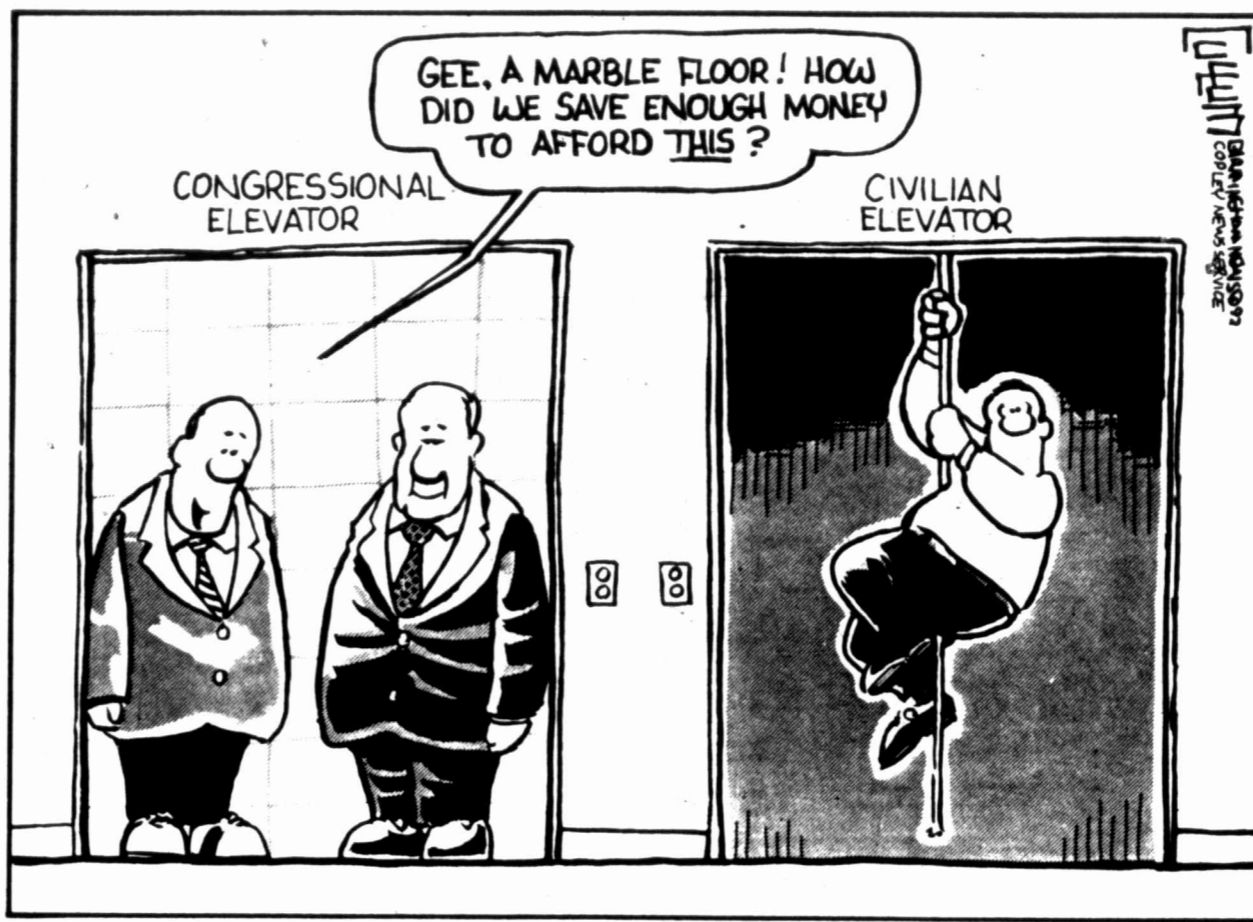
Nathan Caplan, Marcella Choy and John Williams of the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan studied the forces that shaped the academic performance of 1,400 recent Southeast Asian refugee households. The children succeeded academically after only three years in this country, despite often traumatic refugee experiences. Attending schools in urban low-income districts, they earned B averages, with half earning A's in math. The group scored above the mean on California Achievement Test, a national norm. The researchers asked why.

One reason is time spent on homework, on average more than twice as much as other American high school students. Add regular reading to young children at home, which helped learning become fun. The parents, who'd had no access to schooling themselves, believed in education, set high standards and created an environment for study.

Yet these families did not turn from their cultures; respect for the past proved a predictor of high academic performance. But they did accept the reality of opportunity through education, and they did not put a high value on materialism and free time. Previous studies of Jewish and Japanese immigrants and Chicago African-American families have all shown similar results: Students achieve well when parents support the schools and create strong learning environments at home.

Some advocates of school reform misunderstand parental involvement when they urge participation in school governance as the main solution. Student academic success requires parental support, but especially at home. Parents must use their non-work energies as did these Indochinese refugees — clean off the kitchen table after dinner to do homework together for two to three hours, the older children teaching the younger. Home is where educational results begin. Reforms that fail to recognize this reality will bring expensive failure.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune



## Almost anyone can be a perfect 10

Antoinette's heart is racing. Her stomach is if her toes, and her violet eyes are dilated. The seismic rumble within her measures 10 on the Richter scale and leaves her hands trembling, her knees knocking. Her symptoms are classic. She's in love.

Of course, Antoinette is the heroine of a romance novel. She lives a glamorous life, full of adventure; and her readers all know that, when *The Symptoms* strike, her true love has appeared and he will ultimately lead her off beyond the sunset into the land of Happily Ever After.

Her readers also recognize *The Symptoms* in their own bodies. So when their hearts, stomachs and knees go haywire, they know their true love has arrived and will one day lead them into that faraway, westward land. After all, it worked for Antoinette, didn't it?

Yes, it worked for Antoinette in her fairy tale world (and it is a fairy tale world, no matter how mundane the setting.) But in the real world, *The Symptoms* have an entirely different meaning. They are the indication of a stomach virus or an infatuation. They have nothing to do with love. Nothing.

Of course, no one wants to call up her best friend and gush, "Guess what? I'm in infatuation!" So call it love if you want to, but remember this: Love doesn't mean you ought to get married.

In Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace," the disgruntled husband of a beautiful wife tells his unmarried friend, "...never marry till you have ceased loving the woman you have chosen and can see her clearly, or you will make a cruel and irrevocable mistake."

I agree, except he is talking about infatuation. Love involves the ability to see clearly and keep on loving, and it is a powerful element in a good marriage. Infatuation, on the other hand, muddies up our vision and blinds us. It is a flimsy decoy.

We live in a society where popular media has tried to train us to base "love" on physical appearance. And it all begins at first

Betty Johansen



this area.

5. A respecter. Everyone deserves to be respected and treated with dignity. And your tastes and opinions and feelings are just as valid as anyone else's, so watch out for someone who makes fun of your preferences.

6. A talker. It's easy to talk about superficial subjects. You can talk to a stranger on the street about current events and how your car drives you crazy. But true communication gets below the surface, and it doesn't happen in many relationships.

7. A listener. Listeners are rare in my experience. If a person's eyes glaze over or they interrupt you in the middle of the sentence, they're not listening.

8. A lover. I understand that psychologists say a baby's first task is to learn to love himself. After he accomplishes that task, he moves on to loving others. A person who is trying to kill himself with drugs or tobacco or alcohol or unsafe driving or anything else hasn't accomplished the first task very well; I can't help wondering how well he's doing at loving others.

9. A winner. A winner is someone who plays until he wins. In other words, he's not a quitter. A person who never finishes anything and always blames someone else is a loser. You can marry him if you want to, but don't count on his playing until the game is over.

10. A worker. Back in the "good ole days," work was taken for granted. Now, more and more people are interested in getting something for nothing. And I still contend that it was the men, not the women, who were liberated in the recent liberation movement. I've met several modern men who were willing for a wife to support them, but it's hard to find a young man anymore who is willing to support a wife and family.

Well, with Valentine's Day approaching, I hope your Valentine is a perfect Ten. And I hope you're a perfect Ten for your Valentine too. If not, we can always change, and what better time to start?

Betty Johansen is copy editor for the Herald.

## Mailbag

### Impress us by arresting some real dealers

To the editor: One more time you can tell election time is coming soon, not because of slander but by the news. How many members of the out-of-town news media does it take to arrest a person? Three vans full of TV cameras and reporters went along for the thrill.

I was really impressed by the statement Jack Howard made in the local paper. "Big time dealers will be arrested soon." Now impress me more and arrest some for us.

I know firsthand how these few feel that got arrested. They claim entrapment. They are probably right. I know two female narcs that have been used by local law and they even went as far as having sex to get a drug delivery.

### Woman has right to drive without seat belt

To the editor: This is in response to the lady that was stopped in Lamesa for what she thought was for speeding, but she was fined for not wearing a seat belt. She refused to pay the fine, which was her right. She then was sentenced to five days in jail.

I agree 100 percent with her choice. I think the law is unconstitutional, because it takes away our right to choose. If it involved other people it would be different, but the law says it's our body.

Make a choice. If you want, go get an abortion. Get rid of your baby. Am I right? She doesn't

### Thanks for publicizing Settles cleanup

To the editor: On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Big Spring Main Street, I would like to thank the Herald for its part in the "Clean Sweep for the Settles" project. I commend to you the efforts of

your staff and ask that you convey our appreciation to them. Media relations are important to the Main Street effort, and we are certainly grateful for the access that you have afforded to us.

### USS Lexington Club will hold 39th reunion

To the editor: The USS Lexington (CV2) Club will hold its 39th Reunion in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the downtown Salt Lake Hilton Hotel from the 6th to the 9th of May 1992. This annual event commemorates the ship's sinking in the Battle of the Coral Sea on May 8, 1942. The aircraft carrier and its task force succeeded in preventing the Japanese from invading Australia.

Many daily functions, a business meeting, and a banquet and dance will be held on the final night. Anyone who has ever served on

the Lexington is welcome to become a member of the club. Now is the time to join. You'll meet some of the best friends you'll ever have. This year's president is Mr. Gerald Hutchins of Salt Lake City.

Contact: Walt Kastner, Secretary-Treasurer, USS Lexington (CV2) Club, 466 Ivy Glenn Drive, Mira Loma, Calif., 91752. Tel. (714) 681-1101.

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## Sidelin

### Coahoma girls finish perfectly

COLORADO Coahoma eighth grade girls finished their season by defeating Colorado City 38-21 Monday.

Tammy Bennett Coahoma with 16 points finished record.

Also finishing with a 12-0 record was the seventh grade girls. Tori Elmore led Colorado City with 11 points.

The Coahoma eighth grade girls finished their season with a perfect record by defeating Colorado City 46-3 their record to 13-0. Shifflet and Chris scored 11 points each.

Colorado City seventh grade boys scored 33-32. Freddy Oliv Coahoma with 16 points.

The seventh and eighth grade boys have one game each left in the Colorado City.

### Sweetwater Goliad boys

SWEETWATER water made a sweet victory Monday night.

Sweetwater won 51-28. Frankie Gre Goliad with nine points. Walker added eight Goliad B finishes 1 with a 1-8 record.

Sweetwater won 52-26. Cade Bower Goliad with five points. McVea and Garcia scored four points each.

### Big Spring gain split

SWEETWATER Spring Steers fresh ballers split victory Sweetwater here 1-0.

B. Spring won 35-29. Justin Robert David Belew scored points each. Sal R five points. The freshmen won 5-1 for the season.

### Coahoma h Pack Attack

COAHOMA Coahoma host a pack attack tonight when Coahoma Wall in basketball.

All Coahoma ballers encouraged to wear t-shirts. The varsity starts at 6:30 p.m. The freshmen play at 7:00 p.m.

### Detmer records another award

FORT WORTH Detmer, who set 6 records and tied 6 during his career at Young, has won his 6th award.

The 6 foot, 180-poundsman Trophy was presented for an NCAA 5,000 yards during career. It was presented during the Fort Worth Club night.

Detmer finished Florida State's Cas who completed 189 passes for 2,527 yards touchdowns last season.

### Lady Steers clinch tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers clinched the District basketball title tonight when they host the San Antonio Maidens at 7:30 p.m.

The Lady Steers district play and League play at 6 p.m.

The Steers are on against Lake View begins at 6 p.m. for varsity play at 7:30 p.m.

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. Texas-born Frank Robinson was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in what year?  
A. According to Texas Trivia, it was in 1982.

Calendar

- TODAY
• Bingo offered by the Lions, Elks and Main Street Clubs, Monday-Friday, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, 1 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m., at the Lions Club, 1607 E. Third.
• Free tax assistance through VITA, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church from Feb. 6 through April 14.
• Humane Society Valentine's Special. Adopt a pet, \$5.00 off. Pick a pet now and we'll hold it until Valentine's Day. Red bows and hearts included.
• Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Big Spring V.A. Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.
• The Kentwood Older Adult Center will have their annual Chili Supper from 4:30-7 p.m. Price is \$4.00. Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn St.
• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
• Recovery Solutions, Inc. Mens Support Group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.
• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free bread and whatever's available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
• AMAC (Adults Molested as Children) will meet 5:15 p.m., Saint Mary's Episcopal Church library. Anyone interested must call first- Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson, 267-8216, ext. 287.
• High Adventure Explorers Post 519 will meet 7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center, room 212. Ages 14-20.
• Self-Esteem Workshop, College Heights Elementary (Library), 7-8 p.m. The workshop contains information valuable to parents of Chapter I students. Door prize.
WEDNESDAY
• Recovery Solutions, Inc. Womens Support Group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.
• The Divorce Support Group will meet 6-7 p.m., First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care available. Use back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For information call 267-6394.
• Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
• The Rap Group will meet 6-7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center, room 212. All veterans of Vietnam, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama and Persian Gulf invited.
THURSDAY
• Adolescent Support Group will meet 4-5 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center. Anyone interested must call first- John McGuffy or Dawn Garrett, 267-8216 ext. 287.
• Spring City Senior Center will have a chili supper and cake auction at 5:30 p.m., \$3.50 per person. Public invited.
• West Texas Opportunities, Inc. will have commodities to be picked up from 8:15 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.
• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, room 414.
• Recovery Solutions, Inc., Teen Esteem Group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.
• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St, has free bread and whatever's available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
• Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of American will meet 7 p.m., in the Veterans Center (VFW Hall) on Driver Rd.
• Big Spring High School will have a financial aid workshop for area seniors and parents at 7 p.m.
• American Legion Auxiliary will meet 6 p.m., followed by the American Legion meeting at 7 p.m.

Scenic Mountain improves ER services

By GARY SHANKS  
Staff Writer

Around-the-clock coverage by specially trained emergency room physicians is now available to area residents at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A physician experienced in emergency medicine will be in the emergency room 24 hours a day and 365 days a year, said Mike McBride, assistant administrator for the hospital.

In the past, one of the hospital's staff physicians were on duty in the ER for only 12 hours on weeknights and all weekend, McBride said. During the day, ER personnel would contact whichever private physician was in the hospital at the time, or would contact the patient's family doctor.

Although all true emergencies were seen immediately by a physician, McBride said, the original practice sometimes caused waits as long as two to three hours for patients with non-life-threatening diseases or injuries.

With an "in house" ER doctor, all patients can now be seen in a timely fashion, he said.

This expanded emergency coverage is made possible by a contract between SMMC and

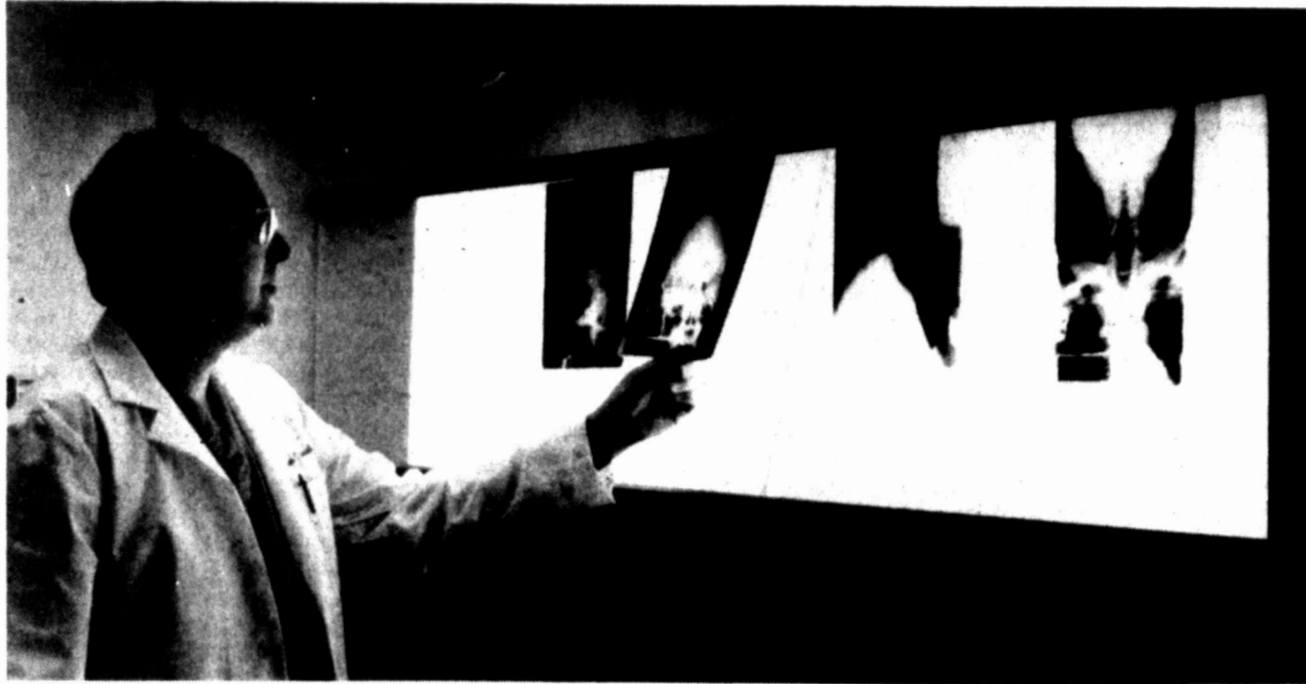
Coastal Emergency Services (CES). CES provides this kind of emergency medical practitioners to hospitals in many states, said Doctor John Small, who is now working at SMMC. Although some of the doctors provided by CES have private practices, many others just enjoy moving from place to place practicing emergency medicine.

Small has had extensive experience in Kentucky as an ER physician, but after moving to Arlington and receiving his Texas license, enjoys the freedom afforded him by CES.

The hospital benefits, because of the guaranteed coverage, and the rotating physicians benefit because they are freed from the bureaucratic problems associated with private practice.

Small, in his off time, is building a consulting firm in Arlington. But while on duty in the ER, Small and the others are paid an hourly wage (as employees of CES and not SMMC) and are freed from the astronomical burden of today's malpractice, which is handled by CES.

McBride expects about six months of transitory physicians before CES finds three physicians to



Coastal Emergency Services physician John Small checks X-rays in the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. A new program has the ER staffed 24-hours a day by a trained emergency physician.

relocate in the Big Spring area. If, and when, this occurs, one of these will act as the emergency medical director of the team, and CES will provide transitory ER doctors as needed, McBride said.

"All of (the ER doctors) are either board certified emergency physicians or have extensive experience in emergency medicine," McBride said.

This should enhance the quality

of emergency care at the facility, as SMMC's staff physicians have their own specialties to contend with and most do not have the level of ER experience of the CES physicians.

Local woman opposes FDA ruling

By LYNN HAYES  
Staff Writer

When the Food and Drug Administration recently called on doctors to stop using silicone gel breast implants until their safety can be determined, thousands of women scheduled for implants were emotionally distraught by the agency's decision, according to published reports.

Recently, a group of breast cancer patients and plastic surgeons filed suit against the government, asking for a reversal on the FDA's stand against silicone implants, according to published reports.

Sherrie Bordofske, who had her first silicone implant 14 years ago, says she also disagrees with the FDA and says women should be allowed to decide for themselves if they want silicone gel breast implants.

"I disagree with the FDA," Bordofske said. "Women should have the opportunity to make their own decisions."

Bordofske — who at the time of her surgery was the president of the local American Cancer Society — decided to have silicone implants after her right breast was removed due to cancer.

When her left breast was removed 10 1/2 years ago, she once again opted for silicone breast implants.

Bordofske, who said she was aware of her options before both surgeries, said she had no reservations about the implants.

"I knew there might be risks. There are risks with everything. And I didn't want to use a prosthesis," she said.



SHERRIE BORDOSKE

Bordofske, who said she hasn't suffered injuries or illnesses due to the implants, noted that the implant in the right breast did begin to leak.

"It just started leaking. . . We don't know why," Bordofske explained. "I've had no problems other than the leak I imagine about 1/6 had leaked out and I've had no problems. In fact I love 'em."

Bordofske said she doesn't understand why the women with silicone breast implants who have had illness or injuries blame their problems on their implants.

"Look how many women have had implants, and look how many say they're having problems associated with them," Bordofske said.

'Women should have the opportunity to make their own decisions. I would encourage anybody to do it. I personally don't feel any less a women. In fact, I highly recommend it.'

Sherrie Bordofske  
implant recipient

She pointed out there are certain risks with any type of operation.

"No two bodies are going to react the same to medications and treatment," she said.

Of the two million women who have received silicone gel implants in the last 30 years, the FDA has received 2,500 reports of illnesses or injuries associated with the implants, the agency has reported.

Bordofske said the FDA's moratorium is unfair and is just another topic for controversy.

"It's (the moratorium) just something to have another controversy over. . . Just some controversy to dwell on," she noted.

Bordofske said she's never felt better in her life and would encourage women to have the surgery.

"I would encourage anybody to do it. I personally don't feel any less a women. In fact, I highly recommend it," she said.

Surgical advances save thousands of infants

CHICAGO (AP) — More than half a million children with heart defects have been saved over the past 25 years, thanks to improved surgical techniques, a study says.

The study of 2,701 babies with eight common defects found that surgical advances have led to "dramatic, if not profound, improvements in survival."

"In the last 25 years, more than half a million children with functionally important heart defects have reached adulthood with medical and surgical intervention," according to the report, published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

But the March of Dimes said the strides aren't great enough.

"Congenital heart defects are still the most lethal group of birth defects in America," the White Plains, N.Y.-based foundation said in a statement.

March of Dimes President Jennifer L. Howse said researchers also must focus on the cause of heart defects, which afflict one in every 125 to 150 babies born in the United States.

The study, led by Cynthia D. Morris of the Department of Medicine at Portland's Oregon Health Sciences University, looked at all Oregon residents 18 or younger who had surgery for any of the eight defects between 1958 and 1989.

Surgery to correct three particular defects has achieved such high survival rates that it can be considered a cure

Researchers found that surgery to correct three particular defects has achieved such high survival rates that it can be considered a cure, with 100 percent of patients operated on after 1980 surviving 5 years or longer.

Two of those defects involve holes in the heart wall or vessel walls that allow oxygen-rich and oxygen-poor blood to mix. The third defect involves the narrowing of a certain heart valve, reducing blood flow to the lungs.

The death rate for a fourth defect, in which oxygenated blood is pumped back to the lungs instead of to the body, also dropped sharply after surgeons switched to a new procedure.

The old technique had a 28 percent death rate in the operating room, and an additional 15 percent of survivors died of heart problems in the next 15 years.

The operating-room death rate for the new procedure is 10 percent, with only 2 percent of survivors dying within 10 years of surgery, the researchers said.

Pharmacists angry over study on over-the-counter advice

LONDON (AP) — The village or neighborhood pharmacist in Britain sometimes plays family doctor, answering questions and recommending remedies for minor ailments.

Pharmacists are eager to do more, but doctors are resisting. A recent survey by the Consumer's Association suggests that pharmacists are in over their heads already.

"It's pretty traditional for people to go their local pharmacist for health advice rather than wait or pay a doctor," said Ruth Hilditch, a pharmacist at the C.E. Harrod in London's Chelsea neighborhood.

Many of her well-off customers go to private doctors instead of the National Health Service, so seeing a pharmacist saves money as well as time, she said.

British pharmacists are allowed to sell more drugs without prescriptions than their counterparts in the United States. There's a special class of drugs, labeled "over-the-counter-pharmacy," sold without prescriptions but only in pharmacies.

Certain allergy remedies and topical pain-killers also are sold over-the-counter in Britain but not in the United States.

In the last year, pharmaceutical organizations have been pressing for legislation expanding the range of non-prescription drugs. They

also want to be allowed to do basic health checks, such as measuring blood pressure.

The British Medical Association opposes these changes, believing pharmacists are not adequately trained to distinguish between trivial and serious complaints.

"Many trivial complaints mask serious problems," said Nigel Duncan, a spokesman for the medical association. "Although we value the role of the pharmacist, we believe diagnosis and advice about treatment is a matter for doctors."

The Consumer's Association sent eight researchers to 240 pharmacies in Britain to ask for help about five common problems: indigestion, cough, diarrhea, nutrition, and hemorrhoids. A panel of six pharmacists and two doctors assessed the advice and medicine suggested.

"Any proposals to extend the pharmacist's advisory role should take into account the quality of advice they give now. Our survey suggests it isn't good enough," said the Consumer's Association.

Among the findings published in December by the association:

— Nine out of 10 pharmacists failed to ask appropriate questions.

— Only a third of 66 pharmacists questioned about a dry cough asked how long the patient has been coughing. A long-lasting cough may mask a serious lung infection,

like bronchitis or cancer.

— Of 67 pharmacists asked about indigestion, 66 correctly recommended an antacid, but only one in 10 suggested seeing a doctor if symptoms persisted.

Both the National Pharmaceutical Association, which represents most pharmacy owners in Britain, and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, the professional organization, argued that having healthy volunteers pose as patients is not a fair assessment of a real-life situation.

The recent survey has rekindled an age-old turf war between doctors and pharmacists, said Beverly Parkin, spokeswoman for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

The society was founded 150 years ago in response to a campaign led by doctors who wanted to bar pharmacists from giving health advice. Legislation was never passed, she said.

Colette McCreedy, a spokeswoman for the National Pharmaceutical Association, said pharmacists are asked a million questions every day, heading off thousands of unnecessary visits to doctors.

A survey of 2,894 consumers, commissioned by the association, found last year that 73 percent believed pharmacists were expert in medicine.



An Egyptian archaeologist holds up No. 36, one of a group of beautifully crafted limestone heads found in burial shafts or in tombs alongside the Egyptian pyramids. Egyptologists have given them a name, 'reserve heads' but have not learned their purpose. No. 36 was found in December and is of particular interest because the ears are intact.

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# Privacy crusader wants to rid the country of 'bugs'

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Rudolph Brewington is not terribly worried that Big Brother may be watching. He's more concerned that his ex-wife was tapping.

In the heat of a bitter divorce — with the discovery of a tiny, voice-activated device his wife had used to record him in their home — Brewington became a man with a mission: to stop Americans from using such gadgets to snoop on each other.

"This is still America. We still have the right to and expectation of privacy," said Brewington, a 45-year-old radio anchorman for United Press International in Washington, D.C.

The story of Brewington tells is the same old story, with a kind of paranoid, 1980s twist: Boy meets girl, boy marries girl, boy and girl are at each other's throats, girl tapes boy in the course of divorce.

Brewington and Ms. Richardson were married four years. They had a son, Carter, who was 3 at the time of their divorce.

The couple separated but continued to live on different floors of their house in Bridgeville, a Pittsburgh suburb. But Brewington says he was unaware that the walls — or at least the closet — had ears.

He says now that his wife taped him at least 20 times in April and May 1987.

On May 4, according to Brewington, Ms. Richardson invited him

downstairs to her quarters and promptly yelled "help, help, stop, stop!" Brewington says it was a setup, that his wife was staging and taping an assault. She denied it.

Two weeks later, he found the tape recorder in a closet.

"I'll never forget the feeling I had when I heard the tape. I was sickened," Brewington said. "It was my voice, her voice, our son's voice."

He believes the recorder was under a couch during the confrontation. He said when presented with the recorder, Ms. Richardson said "the best tape is in my attorney's office."

Ms. Portis said Brewington has used the case improperly to draw publicity for his anti-wiretap fight and "will go to all ends not to be proven wrong."

And it has, in fact, become a crusade. Brewington's suit was filed under a Pennsylvania law allowing civil complaints and monetary awards for violations of its wiretap law, which requires all parties in a conversation to approve any taping; most states and federal law allow for the consent of only one party.

He wants those laws changed to match the Pennsylvania statute: "Of course one of the parties is going to consent. That's the party that's doing the taping," Brewington said in a telephone

interview.

Pennsylvania authorities, Brewington says, were right to prosecute a columnist, publisher and two editors at The Times Leader of Wilkes-Barre, which published the taped comments of a murder suspect.

Glen Wolsieffer, a Virginia dentist convicted of killing his wife in 1986, has testified he didn't consent to the taping and publication. Columnist Steve Corbett testified that no notification was necessary — Wolsieffer often called The Times Leader and previously had been quoted at length.

A magistrate has sent the case to trial.

At Brewington's prodding, U.S. Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., introduced a bill changing federal law to require two-party consent for taped conversations. The Privacy Assurance Act will be reviewed in a House committee when Congress returns this year, a Dellums aide said.

Brewington also has tried to persuade authorities to keep taping devices off store shelves and out of the mail. Title 18 of U.S. Code prohibits the manufacturing, advertising, mailing or sale of devices "primarily useful" for secretly intercepting wire or oral communications.

Even so, he said do-it-yourself snooping has become a multimillion-dollar business hawk-



Rudolph Brewington shows off listening devices outside his Washington D.C. office on Jan. 14. Brewington is on a mission to stop Americans from using these kinds of devices to snoop.

ed in catalogs, science and weapons magazines and most shopping malls. He is particularly upset over a telephone that allows someone to call home and monitor sounds in the room where the phone is.

"What we have now is spying for the masses," he said. "Human nature being what it is, we all want

to spy on someone to get a leg up on them. But I'm not sure we should be doing that, or have access to the materials for spying."

The machines Brewington wants to restrict are the business of Ed Sklar, president of Spy Tech, a New York City company. He said the surveillance devices Spy Tech sells often are the only way to

gather important evidence in divorce, sexual harassment or employee theft cases.

Sklar said he interprets the federal law as banning the sale of sophisticated devices like wiretaps and bugs but allowing simpler devices like voice-activated tape recorders or room monitors.



Robin Newton, 11, sits on the lap of her foster mother, Ella Newton at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland while her foster sisters Teena, left, and Mystea, right, hold their hands during a news conference. One half of Robin's body is affected by a rare disease which turns skeletal muscle to bone.

## Rare disorder turns girl to stone

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The right half of 11-year-old Robin Newton's body, along a dividing line that runs straight down her spine, is as hard as stone. The left half is normal.

Robin suffers from an extremely rare and mysterious disease in which the muscles become ossified, or turn to bone. But doctors said they have never seen anything quite like Robin's condition, in which normal tissue is symmetrically separated from diseased.

Because one side of her jaw is affected, her teeth are clenched shut. She can move her lips and talk through her teeth, but eating is a problem. Last week, doctors removed several teeth and put a feeding tube in her stomach.

Robin can walk but has trouble getting around. Her right leg is 8 inches shorter than her left, and bone spurs have made it painful for her to wear a lift in her shoe. Doctors removed the spurs last week to ease the pain.

Still, Robin is an active youngster who gets up early in the morning and goes to bed after midnight "unless we wear her out first," said her foster mother, Ella Newton. Robin lived in a Mexican orphanage until she was 9.

"She has a spirit that is uncanny as far as I'm concerned," Mrs. Newton said. "She has a will to live and a will to do whatever is required to make her as normal as possible."

Robin's condition is known as limited intramembranous heterotopic ossification. It is related to another disorder called fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva disease, which turns skeletal muscle to cartilage.

The bone spreads through tissue and muscle to the dermis, a second layer of skin below the surface layer. It does not affect her organs.

"This is sort of fracture healing gone mad," said one of her doctors, Vincent, a professor of orthopedics at Oregon Health Sciences University.

The disease itself is not fatal, Vincent said, although the sedentary lifestyle it can force on its victims slightly decreases life expectancy.

"But for Robin, since she's com-

pletely mobile, I would expect she'd have a normal life span," he said. "She's been a real motivated girl. In the long term, her biggest trouble will be that she continues to grow in a lopsided manner."

Doctors said they know of about 200 cases of fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva. Robin's condition is even more rare, said Fred Kaplan, chief of metabolic bone diseases at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

Kaplan, who has studied Robin's case, said he has known three patients with the disorder but none as severe. Robin is believed to be the first person with exactly half of her body affected, according to Vincent.

The exact cause of the disease is unknown. While there is no cure, doctors and the Newtons said they're trying to make life easier for Robin.

At a recent news conference at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital, Robin played Nintendo — a favorite pastime — while Mrs. Newton spoke about the financial and medical challenge of raising her at the family's home in the central Oregon town in La Pine.

Robins is in a special education class in school, but doctors said the disease probably has not affected

her intelligence. Her problems with school more likely are the result of her upbringing in a Mexican orphanage, they said.

Before doctors removed several teeth, "it took two to three hours to feed her because she only had a 1/2-inch space in her teeth to put food through," Mrs. Newton said. "She flatly refused to eat pureed foods or baby foods. She said 'I'm not a baby. I'm a big girl.'"

The family plans to get a wheelchair to help her get around, but doctors said it's healthier for her to walk. Her family plans on having her do both.

Robin, who was born in Mexico City, was among dozens of handicapped children adopted by another Oregon couple, Diane and Dennis Nason.

Mrs. Newton and her husband, Floyd, a supermarket produce manager, have had her since May, when the Nasons said they could no longer care for her.

Mrs. Newton, who has three other children, said that she worries about expenses but that she and her husband have wanted to care for a handicapped youngster since one of their children died of cerebral palsy 12 years ago.

"I would take 10 more if we could afford them," she said.

## Scientists create jobs and products through technology transfer

EDITOR'S NOTE — Biotechnology is on the move in the Baltimore-Washington area, led by scientists at the Johns Hopkins institutions, now the region's largest employer. Also stimulating the growth of test tube industries in the suburbs of Washington are the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration.

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Johns Hopkins institutions, which invented the way modern medicine is taught, are now looking for ways to make big bucks from biotechnology.

For example, when a researcher finds an enzyme in an organism living in a hot spring and realizes it can withstand the heat of his washing machine while still getting the dirt out, Johns Hopkins is no longer content to simply log the discovery in a journal.

Its scientists are looking for ways to put that knowledge to work, creating new products and therefore new jobs. They call it "technology transfer."

Abandoning its traditional academic aloofness and following the lead of other universities, Johns Hopkins has joined forces with the state of Maryland to capitalize on its discoveries and bring jobs and growth to the Baltimore-Washington area.

"When you think about how underutilized the knowledge that's located in American research universities is, technology transfer becomes a very important subject," says James McComas, president of the Dome Corp., the for-profit arm of Johns Hopkins. "We don't feel research universities have been mobilized to the extent they should be."

The effort to capitalize on biotechnology comes as the region's economy shifts from the smokestack to the test tube.

Ten years ago, Bethlehem Steel was Maryland's largest employer. Now the industrial giant, which employed as many as 30,000 during the 1950s, has less than 10,000 on its payroll in the state. The various Hopkins institutions currently employ 24,500, making them the state's largest private employer, says Dennis O'Shea, a spokesman for Johns Hopkins University.

The area is also home to federal agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, both based in Maryland's Washington suburbs.

"New Jersey is often referred to as the medicine chest of America, because they have so many pharmaceutical companies there," says Jared Cohen, vice provost of research at Johns Hopkins. "But the biotechnology industry is different from pharmaceuticals, so it's not too late for Maryland to become a leader."

G. Steve Burrill, who follows the biotechnology industry for the accounting firm Ernst and Young, says the Baltimore-Washington corridor can become a major player in the biotechnology field simply because of the institutions that already call it home.

"If you look at biotechnology companies and try to study why they are where they are, it isn't because there are pools of entrepreneurial talent, or pools of capital. It's because there are institutions like Johns Hopkins and NIH," Burrill said from his office in San Francisco. "And that would argue very well for the D.C. area."

The San Francisco Bay area is currently the leader in biotechnology, primarily because of the influence of research done at universities such as Stanford and the University of California at Berkeley. The Boston area is second and the greater New York area is third, mainly by dint of its sheer size. The Baltimore-Washington area and San Diego are the two rising stars in the biotechnology field, Burrill says.

Sixteen of the Baltimore-Washington region's top 50 employers are in the life sciences field, according to the Greater Baltimore Committee, an economic development group.

"In terms of its future potential for Maryland, it is certainly a key industry," says Robert Sklar, deputy director of the Maryland Office of Technology Development. "There are a tremendous

**'The mission of Hopkins is to push the limits of man's knowledge. MIT's mission is to apply man's knowledge.'**

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number of research contracts awarded and there is a tremendous wealth of talent here in terms of Ph.D.s and biochemists. These people both create jobs and are available to work in biotech companies."

The Dome Corp. manages Johns Hopkins real estate and institutional services, including a venture capital firm, a research park aimed at technology transfer, and a drug and device development center.

The effort has begun to produce results. Since 1986, annual patent applications have tripled, licensing has quadrupled and annual royalties have increased from \$153,000 to \$1.2 million at Johns Hopkins, officials say.

The patent office is alerted to an average of one Johns Hopkins discovery a week and 10 patents are awarded a year, says David Blake, senior associate dean at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

**Black History Month February 1992**

Did you know **Suppression of the African Slave Trade** was published in 1896?

The book was the first of some 20 annual sociological studies of blacks. It was published by W.E.B. Dubois in 1896. Dubois also published Crisis Magazine in 1910. He also became the first black nominated to the National Institute of Arts and Letters. He was chairman of the Department of Sociology in Atlanta, Geo. at the time of his admittance.

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# Love takes wing after woman reaches pilot

DEAR ABBY: Kudos to you for saying, "If a man and woman are attracted to each other, it doesn't matter if the man calls the woman or the woman calls the man. Women are people, and people shouldn't play games."

Eighteen years ago, I was an airplane pilot for a large corporation and I did a lot of traveling all over the USA. During the early years on that job, I met Patsy. There was an unmistakable mutual attraction. We exchanged telephone numbers because we both wanted to see each other again and get better acquainted. Well, I lost her telephone number. I tried to locate her, but to no avail. Meanwhile, I couldn't get Patsy out of my mind.



**Dear Abby**

About a year later, after returning from a long trip, I found this message on my answering machine: "Hi, Handy... this is Patsy. Call me and let's get together. Here's my telephone number..."

I called her immediately, and we got together. Our instincts were right... we were made for each other, and we have been together for 17 wonderful years.

Thank heavens for women who are secure enough to call men if they want to see them again. — **HANDY ELLIS, DAPHNE, ALA.**

**DEAR HANDY:** Congratulations! My mail was heavy on the subject of who should call whom. Most readers agreed that it's OK for a woman to call a man. Few did not.

**DEAR ABBY:** I work in an office where the desks are very close together. Our company is very much like a small family. Our problem is a woman who has a very offensive body odor. Apparently, she thinks one shower a week is more than enough. She wears large amounts of perfume the rest of the week. I am almost

positive she is not aware of how bad she smells because she has complained about others, so I doubt that she would see herself in this letter.

She has been with the company for a very long time, and so far no one has dared to tell this poor woman about her "problem." (She is not the type to take criticism very well.) She is not a sloppy person with a limited wardrobe. She has plenty of dresses, but maybe she's short on underwear.

If you print this, I'm sure she'll see it, and maybe she will take the hint. — **BREATHLESS CO-WORKERS**

**DEAR BREATHLESS:** If a person smells bad, it would be a kindness to tell that person. Please do not regard it as "criticism" — you would be doing the offender an enormous favor.

# Jeanie Dixon

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1992

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** New promises and projects make this a very busy time for you. Get a major work issue settled before this month ends. Joining a support group next June could lead to higher self-esteem. September brings a second chance for romantic happiness. Listen to your heart. An unusual business arrangement could prove highly successful in November. Seeking wise counsel next December will lead to new domestic harmony. Protect your family's interests.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** President Abraham Lincoln, actress Joanna Kerns, TV host Arsenio Hall, author Judy Blume.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Corporate types may be difficult to pin down today. Work on your own as much as possible. Home life offers a peaceful respite from your busy work schedule tonight. Turn in early.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** A quick quip could cause trouble. Be careful not to say anything that could be used against you later on. Returning telephone calls promptly prevents hurt feelings.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your ingenuity helps you handle any job snags that arise today. Take your time when considering a new financial commitment. Impulsive decisions will backfire.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Pay keen attention to all information your senses gather today. You will learn a lot! An exacting task will require all of your concentration. Be quiet about your career plans for now.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A financial talk or shopping trip will benefit you. You are a magnet for money now and will make wise choices. A night of discovery lies ahead. Intellectual endeavors enjoy favorable influences.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Curb your tongue and cool your temper. Lashing out at someone who has disappointed! you will create an even deeper rift. Try your hand at creative writing or plunge into the arts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do not let tedious tasks put you in an irritable mood. You will get much further than you think. Listen to the voice of experience when it comes to money matters.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Good timing is the key to success. Join forces with someone who is eager to pursue a moneymaking project. Do not play tricks on your loved ones. Keep any promises you make.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Work hard to maintain your work schedule, despite frequent distractions. Steady progress is essential for success. Spend some time alone later today, but do not become anti-social.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You may be asked to mediate a feud today. Maintain your objectivity. Recycling a project will let you make new business profits without incurring additional expense.

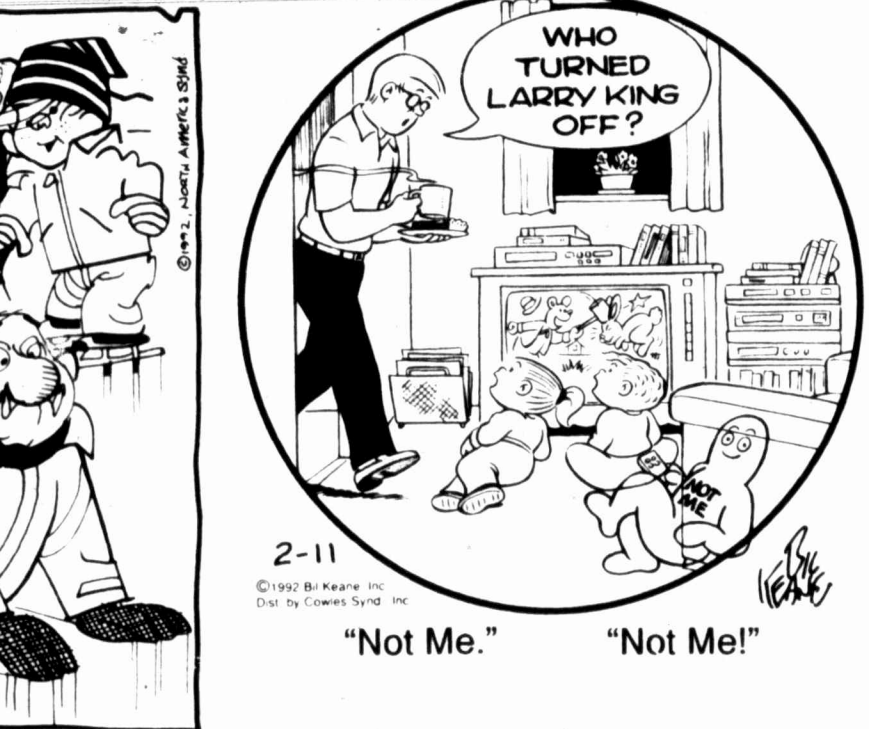
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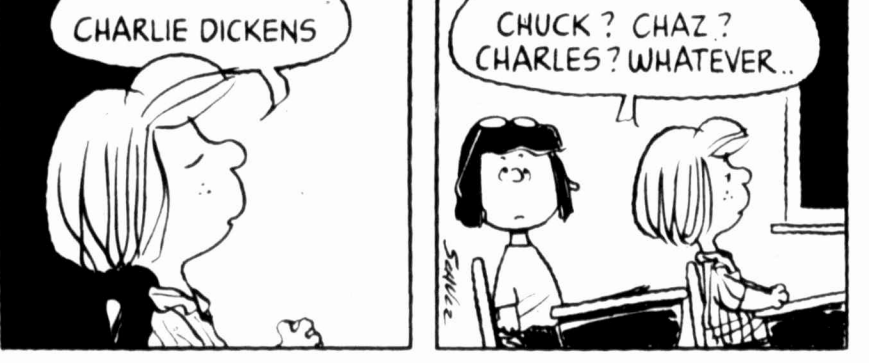
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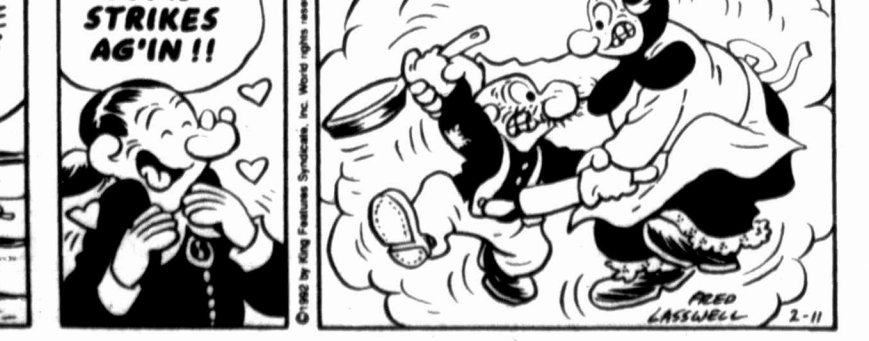
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