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## News Digest

### Contested primaries in five area counties

Five area counties each have locally contested March 10 primaries, including three sheriff races and six county commissioner races.

Mitchell County voters will vote in Senate District 25 primaries. In the Democratic primary are senators Bill Sims of San Angelo and Temple Dickson of Sweetwater. Republicans include state representative Troy Fraser, who is changing his residence from Big Spring to Llano County, Jim Deats of Boerne and Charles P. Johnson of Kerville.

Martin and Glasscock County voters will vote on a justice position on the Eighth Court of Appeals.

In Howard County, Sheriff A.N. Standard faces Sheriff Deputy Jimmy Wallace. The winner faces Republican Neel G. Barnaby.

Contested local primaries in Mitchell County, all Democratic, include races for sheriff, Precinct 3 commissioner, Precinct 1 commissioner and tax assessor/collector.

Martin County races are for sheriff and Precinct 3 commissioner.

Glasscock County contested races are for Pct. 3 commissioner and Pct. 1 commissioner.

Contested in Borden County is Pct. 1 commissioner.

### Spelling booklets here

The Herald has received its third and final shipment of the Scripps-Howards Spelling Bee booklets, which are available at the Herald office for 35 cents apiece.

The 1992 Howard County Spelling Bee will be held at 4 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Howard College Auditorium. For more information, contact 263-7331.

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### Weather

TONIGHT	TOMORROW	TONIGHT
CLEAR	CLEAR	SUNSET 6:37 PM
		SUNRISE 7:28 AM
		TOMORROW

Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the lower 30s. Light and variable wind. Wednesday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 60s. Variable wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south to southwest after noon. Extended forecast, Page 8A.

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## One dead after Monday prison escape

By MARTHA E. FLORES Staff Writer

A 39-year-old woman contract bilingual instructor at the City of Big Spring Correctional Center, 1801 W. Interstate 20, was taken hostage by two prison inmates attempting to escape the facility Monday night.

The inmates were identified as Pedro Sotello-Romero, 34, and Juan E. Ramirez, 37.

One of the escapees was killed and a guard accidentally shot during the incident.

"At about 9 p.m. as the instructor

was escorted out of the facility by a correctional officer, two inmates hiding at the entranceway of the lobby grabbed her," said Chief of Security Chuck Haugh. "They placed a utility knife against her neck and demanded a running automobile and shotgun to be placed at the front entrance."

The inmates supposedly procured the knife through the prison's arts and crafts program, Haugh said.

At that time, correctional officers placed a 1990 Chevrolet Corsica, a patrol vehicle, in front of the center, he said. As the officers were removing

weapons from the car, one officer was accidentally shot by another officer as he was exiting the car with a shotgun.

The inmates with the hostage left the facility on I-20 in the Corsica. At that time the Big Spring Police Department was notified and officers began pursuing the vehicle. The chase reached speeds above 100 mph with Howard County Sheriff Department, Stanton Police Department and the Texas Department of Public Safety units joining the pursuit.

The chase ended five miles east of downtown Midland on I-20 when an of-

ficer shot out two tires of the escapee's vehicle.

"A patrol officer from Stanton shot the two right side tires of the vehicle," said Midland County DPS communications officer. "The escapees continued fleeing. They veered off the roadway to the left and then came back on the roadway when the driver lost control and hit a guardrail. The vehicle landed broadside on the westbound lane of I-20."

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### Up With People

In photo at right, Karlijn Muyres, right, of the Up With People cast, talks with Lori Ephriam during the cast's community service program at the Big Spring State Hospital Monday morning. Above, the cast goes through its paces during its Monday performance at the Municipal Auditorium.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

## Undecideds trying to make up minds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than two weeks ago, Anne MacIntosh was feeling less than charitable toward Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and downright pessimistic about his electoral prospects.

But the United Way official from Concord, N.H., put aside her reservations a few days ago and decided he'd get her vote in today's primary.

A newspaper editorial clinched it for her. "They said he was articulate and thoughtful and good on his feet and had done good things ... and I agree," she said.

What about her earlier concern that the Arkansas governor would be an easy target for Republicans because of allegations, which he has denied, that he tried to dodge the Vietnam draft and had a 12-year extramarital affair?

"He's got a hard row to hoe," MacIntosh conceded. "But ultimately I think he's got the best chance" at the White House.

MacIntosh was among a half-dozen New Hampshire Democrats in a discussion group assembled by The Associated Press 10 days before the primary. None had made ironclad choices at the time; when contacted by telephone Monday night, all except one were committed to a candidate.

Connie Lane, a Concord attorney, said that after the discussion group and some further research she decided to back former Massachusetts Sen. Paul Tsongas — now the front runner.

"I just wish he had a little more oomph," Lane said. "I grew up in Georgia. My concern is how is he going to sell down South. But I still think I

should vote for the candidate who will do the best job. And I think he will."

Dan Burpee, a Merrimack salesman, found himself drifting from Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey to Tsongas for a few days last week.

"Why? 'Momentum and nothing else,'" he said. "It was just this sense that it this is the way it's going to be. I want to be part of the crowd that's going to get rid of the Republicans."

Burpee wavered until the debate Sunday night. "Tsongas started to sound a little bit too Republican to me," he said. "In my heart and in my head I really believe in Kerrey."

Joan Stevens, an American Lung Association official from Manchester, said the debate reaffirmed her support for Kerrey — the only candidate who's been both a governor and a senator.

## Wallace's Wildcats: A basketball dynasty

By STEVE BELVIN Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — When one talks about basketball dynasties, the Wallace Wildcats have to come to mind — at least in Texas.

Wallace, a small black school in Colorado City, put together a string of successful basketball seasons that would be hard to match by anyone. The string started in 1956 and lasted until '66. During that time Wallace, a Class B school in the Prairie View Interscholastic League, beat just about all opponents, ranging from Class B to Class 3A competition.

During that span the Wildcats won nine district championships, made seven state tournament appearances, and won state championships in 1959, '60, '62, '64 and '66. The Wildcats had an incredible 103-game winning streak from 1959 to 1961, when it was snapped in the middle of the '61 season by Abilene Woodson.

Eleven of the players from that era played college basketball.

The dynasty was headed by W.D. Harris, a coach, math teacher and principal. His players said that he



Frank Biggers, left, and David Woods stand in front of the Wallace school in Colorado City where they used to play their high school basketball. The Wallace Wildcats won five state championships in a 10-year span.

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## Fina, APC strike deal

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fina refinery might soon be partly owned by a Saudi Arabian company if a deal is finalized between Fina Inc and Arabian Petroleum Company.

The driving force behind the negotiations is a desire by Saudi's national oil company to gain some control of the "down stream" refining of its crude oil and marketing of the resulting products, according to the Feb. 17 edition of *Middle East Economic Survey*.

Dallas-based Fina Inc. would stand to gain, not only a substantial capital infusion, but a secure source of raw material for the refinery. "One reason for considering such a venture, which would be operated by Fina and utilizing the Fina brand, is our interest in a secure, long-term source of crude supply, recognizing that our production and reserves are primarily natural gas," Fina President and Chief Executive Officer Ron Haddock said in an office memo.

If a deal is finalized, the Saudis would acquire 50 percent of Fina Inc.'s U.S. refining and marketing assets, which includes the two Texas refineries (Big Spring and Port Arthur) and about 500 Fina owned or affiliated service stations in Texas and Minnesota. Half of these assets are understood to be worth over \$2 billion, according to MEES.

The two refineries have a combined capacity of more than 200,000 barrels per day, with Big Spring's 60,000 bpd and Port Arthur's 150,000 bpd.

"I want to reiterate that this is not a done deal. Although we're optimistic, we know that some work remains," said Big Spring Plant Manager Jeff Morris. Negotiations have been going on for two years, including a one-year postponement during the Gulf war.

If the joint venture is sealed, refinery employees should see no substantial difference and will be at no risk, Morris added.

According to the Feb. 17 edition of *Petroleum Intelligence Weekly*, Fina's large chemical division and its 132 million barrel oil reserves will not be included in the deal. Product pipelines, storage depots and other ancillary facilities will be included in the deal, however.

If Arabian Petroleum Co. completes the deal, Fina will continue to operate all facilities in the 50-50 joint venture, which will be called Fina USA, according to PIW.

Fina Inc. is affiliated with Belgium's Petrofina S.A.

This proposed venture is similar to a larger deal between Texaco and Saudi Aramco (a national agency) in which the Saudi Arabian company gained 600,000 bpd in refining capacity.

The Saudi-Fina joint venture is significant in that this is the first time a private sector Saudi company has engaged in "down stream" refining and marketing of Saudi crude outside the kingdom, according to MEES.



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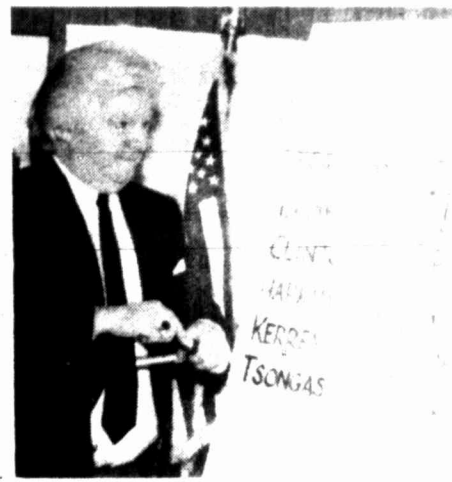
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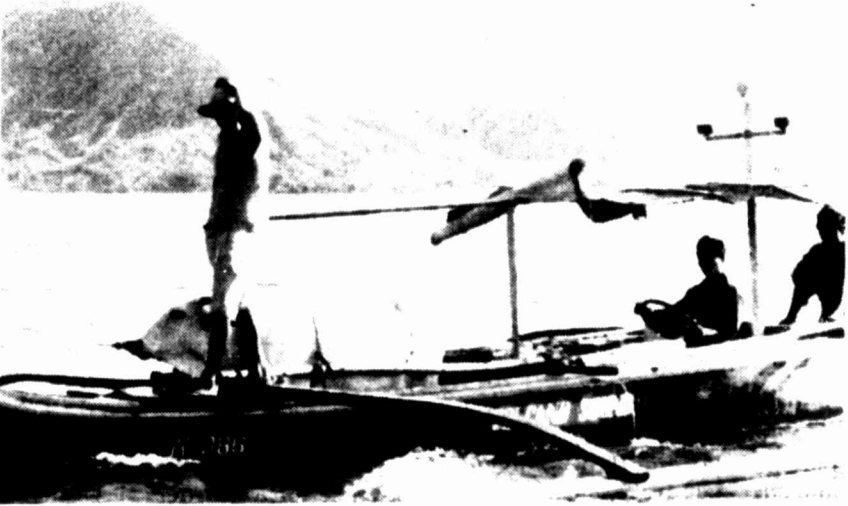
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The former chocolate factory worker still faces trial in an Ohio killing, and wasn't charged in one Milwaukee death because of lack of evidence.

Nine relatives of victims told the judge of their suffering before Dahmer was sentenced. By sentencing him to consecutive — rather



Rita Isbell, sister of one of his victims, shouts at Jeffrey Dahmer in Milwaukee County Court Monday.

"Jeffrey, I hate you!" she yelled as sheriff's deputies led her away.

In a rare show of emotion later, Dahmer hugged his father, Lionel, and stepmother, Shari, before he was taken to Columbia Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison.

"They appeared to be praying together. They had their arms linked, all three of them, around each other's back," said Sheriff's Lt. James F. Klopp.

"The closest I've ever seen him come to smiling, I saw back there," Klopp said.

Police and psychiatrists described during Dahmer's three-week sanity trial how his urges to have sex with corpses led him to drug, kill and dismember his victims. Dahmer had sex with dead bodies, boiled heads, ate some body parts and saved others as mementoes.

"I take all the blame for what I did. I hurt many people," Dahmer said.

Among his victims, Dahmer cited two policemen fired after authorities learned they had led a naked, bleeding Laotian boy back to Dahmer's apartment in May. Dahmer told the officers that the teen-ager was his boyfriend.

After he was arrested in July, Dahmer confessed that he killed 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone shortly after the officers left.

"I hope and pray that they can get their jobs back because I know they did their best and I just plain fooled them," Dahmer said.

The officers have appealed their firings.

To find him insane, the jury would have had to conclude that Dahmer suffered a mental disease or defect that made him unable to "tell right from wrong or unable to control himself."

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Did you know the "sit-in" era started in 1960? The "sit-in" era started at a Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., when four blacks from a local college sat down and refused to move. Soon blacks and white supporters were being trained in passive resistance techniques by the Congress of Racial Equality. Sit-ins spread to Nashville, Montgomery and other cities. By the end of the year, lunch counters in Greensboro, San Antonio and other places were desegregated. Church kneel-ins and beach wade-ins soon joined lunch counter and bus station sit-ins.

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

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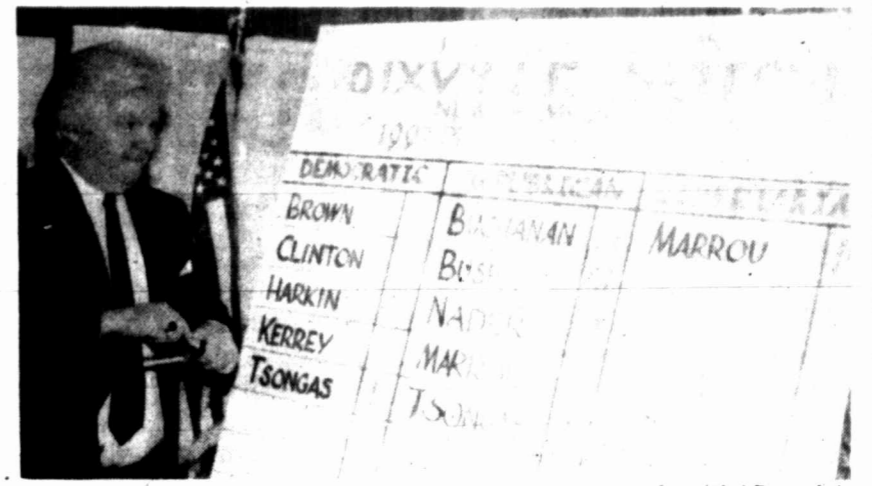
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Israeli officials confirmed that two of the delegates, Mohammed Hanan and Jamal Shobaki, but from the West Bank city of Hebron had been arrested over the past two weeks.

The two were placed under "administrative detention," a program under which they can be held for up to a year without charges, an army spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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SKOPJE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Tiny Macedonia has so far succeeded where Slovenia and Croatia failed, winning independence from the Serb-led Yugoslav federation without bloodshed. The federal army is pulling out.

But the price for the army's peaceful withdrawal and international recognition could be high for the poorest of Yugoslavia's six former republics.

Politically weak and landlocked, Macedonia has been subjected to an economic blockade by Serbia and Greece.

In addition, the underfunded Macedonian military faces unrest from the 500,000 ethnic Albanians, seeking autonomy.

Macedonia has been surrounded by Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia.

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The former chocolate factory worker still faces trial in an Ohio killing, and wasn't charged in one Milwaukee death because of lack of evidence.

Nine relatives of victims told the judge of their suffering before Dahmer was sentenced. By sentencing him to consecutive — rather



Rita Isbell, sister of one of his victims, shouts at Jeffrey Dahmer in Milwaukee County Court Monday.

"Jeffrey, I hate you!" she yelled as sheriff's deputies led her away.

In a rare show of emotion later, Dahmer hugged his father, Lionel, and stepmother, Shari, before he was taken to Columbia Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison.

"They appeared to be praying together. They had their arms linked, all three of them, around each other's back," said Sheriff's Lt. James F. Klopp.

"The closest I've ever seen him come to smiling, I saw back there," Klopp said.

Police and psychiatrists described during Dahmer's three-week sanity trial how his urges to have sex with corpses led him to drug, kill and dismember his victims. Dahmer had sex with dead bodies, boiled heads, ate some body parts and saved others as mementoes.

"I take all the blame for what I did. I hurt many people," Dahmer said.

Among his victims, Dahmer cited two policemen fired after authorities learned they had led a naked, bleeding Laotian boy back to Dahmer's apartment in May. Dahmer told the officers that the teen-ager was his boyfriend.

After he was arrested in July, Dahmer confessed that he killed 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone shortly after the officers left.

"I hope and pray that they can get their jobs back because I know they did their best and I just plain fooled them," Dahmer said.

The officers have appealed their firings.

To find him insane, the jury would have had to conclude that Dahmer suffered a mental disease or defect that made him unable to tell right from wrong or unable to control himself.



Elizabeth Flores, Administrative Assistant of Big Spring Herald

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Did you know the "sit-in" era started in 1960? The "sit-in" era started at a Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., when four blacks from a local college sat down and refused to move. Soon blacks and white supporters were being trained in passive resistance techniques by the Congress of Racial Equality. Sit-ins spread to Nashville, Montgomery and other cities. By the end of the year, lunch counters in Greensboro, San Antonio and other places were desegregated. Church kneel-ins and beach wade-ins soon joined lunch counter and bus station sit-ins. Source: The Negro Almanac: A Reference Work On The African American

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Sports

Hawks repay Midland Chaparrals

Sidelines

Forsan girls win practice game

ROBERT LEE — The Forsan Buffalo-Queens tuned up for bi-district play by defeating the Eden Lady Bulldogs 57-29 Monday night.

The Queens took control of the game in the third quarter, going on a 16-2 run as Barbara Mitchell scored five baskets and Jenny Conaway scored three baskets. Forsan led 41-21 going into the final quarter.

Klondike girls headed to playoffs

LAMESA — The Klondike girls basketball team advanced to the state b-district playoffs by taking a 54-49 win over the Sands girls in a "extra" game to determine the second seed in the district behind champion Borde County.

Big Spring netters finish in fifth

MIDLAND — The Big Spring High School tennis team finished fifth in the Midland tennis tournament over the weekend.

Freshmen Steers gain split

The Big Spring freshmen basketball teams split with Snyder Saturday to end their season.

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By STEVE BELVIN Sports Editor
MIDLAND — If nothing else, the Howard College Hawks' 20th win of the season came with a bang.

The bad news is that the Hawks are out of the playoff picture. Despite beating the Chaparrals on their home court, the Hawks are out of the playoff picture by virtue of Odessa's 117-83 win over Frank Phillips.



U.S. goalie Ray LeBlanc (right) is comforted by teammate Sean Hill after LeBlanc gave up the game-tying third goal to Sweden with only seconds left in the third period of Olympic hockey action Monday. The teams tied 3-3.

U.S. hockey team in bloody tie

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Almost everyone in Chap Center thought Baptista's bomb was a "three," but the officials ruled it a two-pointer.

"If they said it was a two, then it was a two," said Midland coach Steve Green of the official's call. "I'm sure it was a two. We just didn't play the first 15 minutes of the second half."

Howard coach Jeff Kidder was just to get the win. "It gives us some satisfaction because they beat us at home," said Kidder. "Midland is going to win the conference but this is our biggest win of the year."

"We thought we could slow it down against them. We didn't want to play a lot of defense. We held the ball and let us catch our breath."

The first half was close throughout. Howard's biggest lead was 7-2 and Midland's biggest lead was 24-20. Howard took a 30-29 halftime lead on an offensive re-

MEN'S STANDINGS

Table with 2 columns: Team Name and Score. Includes Midland (11-2, 21-6), South Plains (11-3, 21-7), NMJC (10-3, 23-4), Odessa (9-4, 21-4), Howard (7-7, 20-8), Western Texas (5-8, 13-14), NMMI (4-9, 7-15), Clarendon (2-12, 7-16), Frank Phillips (1-12, 3-23).

WOMEN'S STANDINGS

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bound by Chuckie Robinson. Robinson, had what Kidder called "his best game of the season." Coming off the bench the 6-foot-7 freshman from Charleston, S.C. scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Howard made its run with 10 minutes left in the game. Going into a spread offense and leading 47-44, Howard got two free throws from Mark Davis, Andre McClen-don made a pass to Markee James on the backdoor play for an easy basket, Davis scored again, Demond Thomas hit a short bank shot, Will Macon sunk two foul shots and Jason Hodges got a steal, resulting in a slam for James.

The lead was 69-59 with 55 seconds left before Midland went on a tear which featured three consecutive three-pointers by Terrance Rone. Mixed in with four missed Howard free throws, the Chaps made it a game.

But fortunately for the Hawks, Baptista's shot was ruled a three,

enabling the Hawks to gain a split with the conference leaders.

The Hawks will be in action Monday when they travel to Levelland to play South Plains at 8 p.m.

HOWARD (74) — Will Macon 2-5, 2-2 4; Markee James 2-5, 2-3 4; Demond Thomas 4-9, 2-2 10; Mark Davis 6-12, 5-8 17; William Snyder 3-5, 0-0 6; Chuckie Robinson 6-8, 4-6 16; Jason Hodges 2-4, 1-3 5; Corey Williams 0-2, 0-1 0; Andre McClen-don 0-1, 2-2 2; totals 27-51, 18-28 74.

MIDLAND (73) — Keylon Haynie 5-10, 1-2 11; Terrance Rone 7-13, 2-2 20; Chris McKinney 1-9, 0-0 3; Arisovaido Rodriguez 4-10, 5-6 17; Fabian Mina 1-1, 0-2 2; Shawn Morris 2-10, 3-4 7; Morris Conley 2-8, 2-4 6; Bruce Patterson 1-4, 2-2 4; Bruno Baptista 1-1, 0-0 2; totals 27-65, 14-21 73.

HALFTIME — Howard 30, Midland 29.

Fouled Out — Midland (Mina); Three Pointers — Midland (Rone 6; Morris 1); Rebounds — Howard 33 (Robinson 10; Davis 7; Snyder 6); Midland 29 (Haynie 9; Rodriguez 6); Turnovers — Howard 11; Midland 7; Assists — Howard (Thomas 3; Hodges 3); Midland (Morris 4); Steals — Howard (Thomas 2); Midland (Haynie 2); Blocked Shots — Howard (Macon 1; Davis 1); Midland (Haynie 3; Rodriguez 2; Rone 1; Mina 1).

Ministers go to bat for Tyson

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ministers leading a drive to keep Mike Tyson out of prison say they hope to have 100,000 signatures to present to a judge at the boxer's scheduled sentencing March 27.

Tyson was convicted Feb. 10 of rape and criminal confinement for assaulting Desiree Washington, an 18-year-old Miss Black America contestant, in his Indianapolis hotel suite last July.

The Missionary Baptist Ministers Alliance said Monday it already had 10,000 signatures on petitions seeking a suspended sentence for Tyson.

The Rev. Melvin B. Girton Sr. said petitions were circulated in 30 churches Sunday and that the public was also being asked to sign them.

Tyson faces a maximum of 60 years in prison. The sentence can be suspended.

Marion County Prosecutor Jeffrey Modisett said there was nothing improper about the petitions. "They have a right to express their views and to seek support for them, just as the victim has the right to speak at the sentencing," Modisett said.

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Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. High in the 60s. Low in upper 30s to mid 40s.

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## Disabled, non-disabled mingle at center

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Sam and Laura are best friends. They go to the same day care center. On this day, they busy themselves with a play dinner party.

Sam sits on a stool before a meal of plastic cauliflower while Laura reaches around her walker to answer the pretend doorbell.

Laura Carroll, 4½, has cerebral palsy. Five-year-old Sam Charlick doesn't. And that's what Best Friends Day Care Center is about.

The school looks like any other, with toys strewn about and Sesame Street characters on the wall, but classrooms also have walkers, motorized wheelchairs and wooden "floor-sitters" for disabled students.

Four of six classrooms at the center, which is affiliated with the United Cerebral Palsy Association, have a mix of disabled and non-disabled children.

"We try to teach them to acknowledge that people are different and not to make a judgment about that," said center director Pat Benvenuto. "They're kids first. That's what we try to get across."

Benvenuto said she got the idea for integrated classes when she

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Day care center director

read of research showing children have preconceived ideas about disabilities by age 6.

She started a monthly exchange between disabled students and her son's day care center. The idea soon became a weekly gathering and culminated in Best Friends' integrated classrooms in 1988.

The center's teachers develop activities that overcome students' occasional segregation based on mobility. Pretend meals, where students gather around a table or a play kitchen, are popular.

"It's fun," said Sam. "I like playing with Laura."

Laura decides dinner is over and walks on her knees to the play sink. She pulls herself up on her feet and starts washing dishes.

Some of the other disabled children also have cerebral palsy.

Others have hearing impairments, spina bifida, head trauma or Down syndrome.

The center has 25 non-disabled and 47 disabled children enrolled. Most are part-time students. The youngsters, ranging from 15 months to 5 years, are grouped by developmental age.

Speech, occupational and physical therapists move from room to room, leading children in activities designed to promote specific skills. Teachers weave therapy into the day.

At snack time, students pour their own milk or practice licking peanut butter off their lips to sharpen motor skills. To work on using both sides of the body, students raise both arms above their heads, a feat for those with cerebral palsy.

A computer that sings "Old MacDonald" helps children learn to recognize shapes and mimic sounds.

When students ask why Laura doesn't stomp her feet, teachers explain differences, Benvenuto said. Sometimes questions are prompted by a classmate's absence or hospital stay, or by a child's fear of contracting a disability.

United Cerebral Palsy Association affiliates in Dallas, Denver, Little Rock, Ark., Panama City, Fla., and several other cities also have day care centers with integrated classes.

Usually, students accept disabilities as they do the color of their best friend's hair. Knee braces and helmets become toys coveted by disabled and non-disabled students during recess.

But even students at Best Friends, like children anywhere, will taunt each other about their differences, Benvenuto said. Anything is fair game, from a new haircut to a new leg brace.

"It's because you're annoying me, I'm going to pick on your most vulnerable spot," she said.

## Peruvian rebels assassinate popular leader who opposed them

VILLA EL SALVADOR, Peru (AP) — A black butterfly flitted from Maria Elena Moyano's purse, an omen interrupting an interview with a reporter. "Death is pursuing me," the deputy mayor of this dusty shantytown said.

The interview was last month. Today, Ms. Moyano is dead.

For months she had been under threat of death from Shining Path guerrillas. On Saturday, the day after she joined other community leaders to protest a rebel-called strike in Lima, assassins shot her in the head and lit a dynamite charge to destroy her body as friends and relatives watched in horror.

Ms. Moyano, 33, had become a national symbol of defiance of the rebels' campaign to seize control of the shantytowns that surround Lima. The attack made clear that the Shining Path will not tolerate opposition.

Many grass-roots leaders were frightened into silence after rebel assassins began eliminating opponents in September.

But Ms. Moyano continued to speak out.

The rebels target popular leaders and community organizations in an effort to destroy Peru's

social structure, seeing them as a "cushion holding up this rotten state," said Carlos Tapia, an expert on the Shining Path.

Political violence has claimed nearly 25,000 lives since the Maoist-inspired Shining Path launched its armed insurgency in 1980.

Ms. Moyano helped organize a program that provides a glass of milk a day to more than 1.2 million youngsters. She supported community food programs. She led women's organizations.

She considered herself part of a new generation of politicians who rose from popular movements to confront Peru's traditional ruling elite. But she vehemently condemned rebel violence.

"We are not with those who kill popular leaders, who massacre leaders of soup kitchens and the Glass of Milk program," she told a rally held Friday to protest a strike aimed at shutting down Lima. "We are not with those who want to impose themselves by force and brutality."

The Shining Path's clandestinely published newspaper El Diario mocked her for denouncing the threats it publishes.

"If you're not trampling on the masses, what are you

afraid of?" it asked.

In her interview with The Associated Press last month, Ms. Moyano shrugged off the threats, saying she feared only for the safety of her husband and two sons.

She insisted on traveling with just one police bodyguard, who spoke wryly about the futility of fending off rebel assassins with a .38-caliber revolver.

She refused offers to move abroad, saying: "This is my life. If they're going to kill me, they're going to kill me."

Ms. Moyano had charisma and warmth. The interview turned into a daylong tour of her shantytown, ending over rice and beans at her home.

On Saturday, she was guest of honor at a barbecue held at a community center to raise funds for a Glass of Milk chapter.

Six gunmen badly wounded her bodyguard in the stomach as he waited outside, but he returned fire as others rushed to protect Ms. Moyano. Five defenders were wounded.

A woman rebel pushed through the defenders and shot Ms. Moyano in the head. The assassins carried her body outside and lit dynamite under it. The explosion scattered body parts over 100 yards and wounded her 12-year-old nephew as he rushed to protect her remains.



Thousands of Peruvians accompany the coffin of slain Deputy Mayor Maria Elena Moyano during her funeral Monday. Moyano was killed by Maoist Shining Path guerrillas Saturday for defying a rebel-called armed strike designed to paralyze the capital last week.

### Deaths

#### Wanda Laijas

Wanda Louise Laijas, 57, Big Spring, died in her residence Sunday, Feb. 16, 1992, after a long illness.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday in Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with the Rev. Tim Swihart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born July 19, 1934, in Menard and attended school in Stanton during the 1950s. She moved to Big Spring 16 years ago from Buras, La. She was a seamstress.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Laijas, Big Spring; one daughter, LaNett Lorenz, Alvarado; her mother, Susie Martin, Stanton; two sisters: Geneva Hicks and Annette DeArmond, both of Odessa; two brothers: Gene Lester and Dwight Martin, both of Midland; and one grandchild.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, LaRetta Devore and one brother, Charles Lester.

#### Melba Sutton

Melba Ophelia Sutton, 85, Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 1992, in Tucson, Ariz.

Graveside services were 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 1992, at Pearsall Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Willbanks, Tucson, Ariz.; one brother, John Ward, Jr., Devine; and two granddaughters: Jill Willbanks, Big Spring, and Kay Willbanks, Morrow, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Sutton.

Memorial may be made to Carondelet St. Mary's Hospice, P.O. Box 5386, Tucson, Ariz., 85703.

Family will receive friends Sunday, Feb. 23, 1992, from 1-4 p.m. at 602 W. 18th.

#### 'Art' Arview

Arthur Ray Arview, 56, Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 16, 1992, at home.

Services will be 2 p.m., Thursday

at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with LaNeir Emerson, Chaplain of the V.A. Medical Center, officiating. Military honors will be by Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 13, 1935, in West Frankford, Ill. He married Kathy Saxe in 1986 in Midland. He was raised in West Frankford before moving to Wyoming at the age of 14 where he worked in the mines. He joined the U.S. Air Force at the age of 16, serving in Korea and Vietnam before being discharged due to a service connected disability. He served for 14½ years. He moved to Big Spring in 1983. He was an ordained minister in the Church of God. He was a member of KKOU Masonic Lodge #15 in Yokota, Japan, and a lifetime member of the D.A.V.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Arview, Big Spring; one daughter, Bettina Arview, Big Spring; one son, Arthur D. Arview, Big Spring; two step-sons: Wayne O'Neal, Texarkana, Ark., and Paul O'Neal, Ark.; one step-daughter, Cheryl O'Neal, Wyo.; his mother, Bernice Wilson, Wood River, Ill.; one brother, Dewayne Arview, Wood River, Ill.; one sister, Darlene Morris, Ky.; his step-mother, Jean Arview, West Frankford, Ill.; one half-sister, Mona Hunt, Alton, Ill.; one half-brother, Carl Arview, King George, W.V.; one step-sister, Darlene Trexler, West Frankford, Ill.; two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, one sister and a daughter, Rebecca Bernice Arview in 1960.

Family suggests memorials to the Disabled American Veterans.

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### How's that?

**Q. First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Creeks are in what county?**

**A. According to Texas Trivia, they are in Lipscomb County.**

### 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.

• Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Big Spring V.A. Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.

• Big Spring Art Association will meet 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Center on Lynn St.

• Self-Esteem Workshop-Marcy Elementary School cafeteria from 7-8 p.m. There will be a door prize.

• Big Spring Band Boosters will meet 7 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are encouraged to attend.

• Senior Citizen Dance at the Civic Center, Colorado City, from 7-10 p.m. Area dancers are invited.

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is 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, 1001 Goliad. Anyone interested must call first-Dawn Pearson, RNC or Gail Zilai, MSW at 267-8216 ext. 287.

• 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.

#### WEDNESDAY

• 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 St. parking lot. For information call 267-6394.

• Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.

• West Texas Legal Service offers legal help for civil matters (divorces, adoptions, etc.) at the Northside Community Center for those unable to afford their own attorney. For information call 1-686-0647.

• Recovery Solutions, Inc., Womens Support Group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union. For information call 264-7028.

#### THURSDAY

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• C.R.I.E. (Children's Rights through Informed Education) will meet 7:30 p.m., Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Open to public.

• Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center room 414.

• There will be a reception for E.A. "Slim" Fiveash at 7:30 p.m., Big Spring Masonic Lodge #1340 in honor of his 50 years service.

• Recovery Solutions, Inc., Teen Esteem Group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

#### FRIDAY

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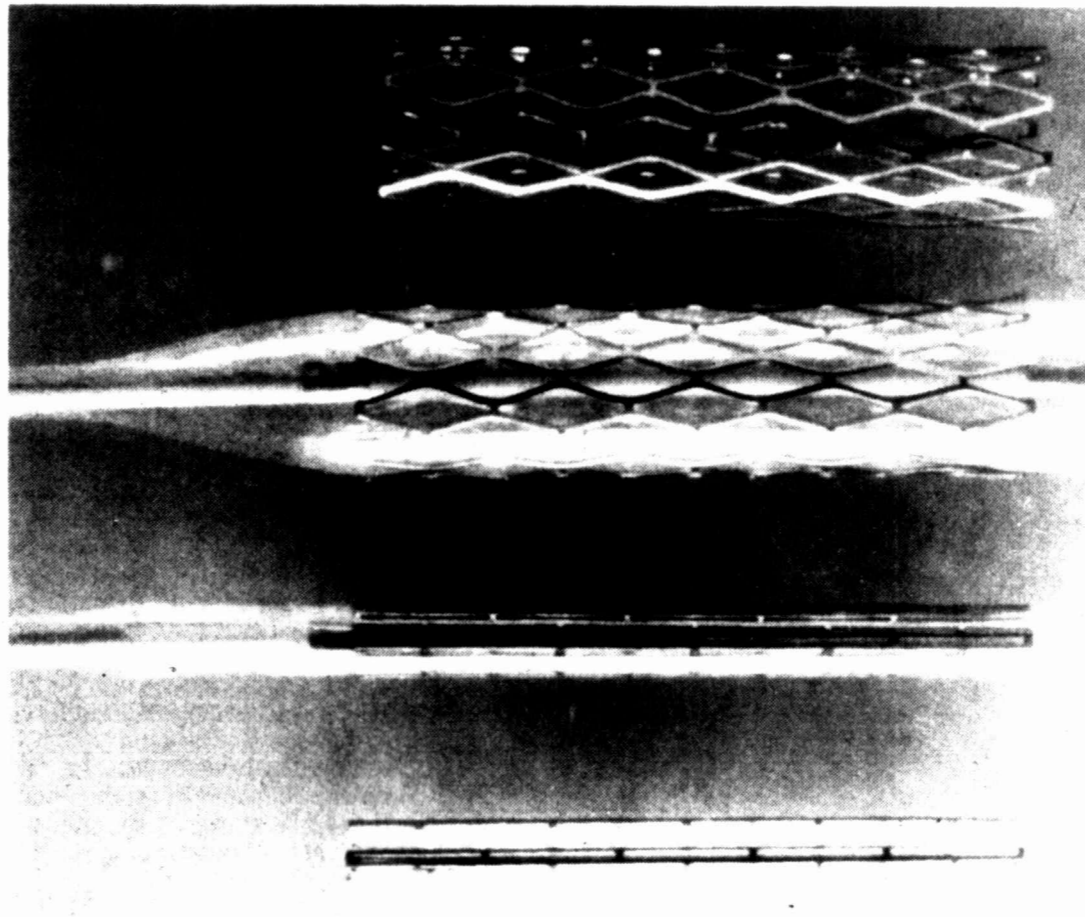
#### SATURDAY

• Double Session Bingo-7 p.m. at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn.

# FDA's inaction on new heart device frustrating to anxious physicians

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A half-inch-long, stainless steel tube that may have saved Mother Teresa's life is at the center of a dispute over the Food and Drug Administration's pace in approving ex-

**'This device helped Mother Teresa, but many other patients who could benefit are unable to receive it due to a bureaucratic problem at the FDA,' Dr. Paul Teirstein cardiologist**



A Palmaz-Schatz stent, manufactured by Johnson and Johnson, was implanted into Mother Teresa in Dec. after her coronary lining tore, possibly preventing a heart attack. The half-inch long stainless steel tube, expanded at top, contracted

below and with balloons at center, that may have saved Mother Teresa's life, is at the center of a dispute over the FDA's pace in approving experimental medical devices since they halted implants in Nov.

perimental medical devices.

In December, the lining of Mother Teresa's major coronary artery tore as doctors unclogged it with a tiny balloon. So they implanted a tube known as a Palmaz-Schatz stent to seal the tear, hold the artery open and prevent a heart attack. The 81-year-old nun left the hospital last month.

Mother Teresa's doctor and several other researchers conducting a nationwide study of the stent contend red tape and sluggishness at the FDA prevent thousands of American heart patients from getting the lifesaving tube.

Other doctors say the FDA is exercising proper caution by sharply limiting use of the stent before deciding if it is safe and effective for widespread use. They say the stent can have dangerous side effects, including the heart attacks it is designed to prevent.

The agency isn't expected to approve the stent until mid-1993, three years after an application for approval was submitted by the manufacturer, a Johnson & Johnson subsidiary. That's twice

the FDA's average 11/2-year approval time.

The Palmaz-Schatz stent has been studied longer than three other models. It already is used in many countries.

"This device helped Mother Teresa, but many other patients who could benefit are unable to receive it due to a bureaucratic problem at the FDA," said Dr. Paul Teirstein, a cardiologist at the

Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla who treated the Nobel Peace Prize winner. "I'm very frustrated. I can't deliver adequate care to patients."

But Dr. Sheldon Goldberg, cardiology chief at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, countered: "This is a permanent implant. It should come under the most careful scrutiny." FDA spokeswoman Susan

Cruzan said the FDA "tries to obtain all the answers to safety and effectiveness issues" and will decide whether to approve the stent "only when we have received this information to our satisfaction."

Palmaz-Schatz stents have been implanted in 1,350 Americans in a study that started in 1988. The FDA halted most implants in November because it considers 1,350 patients

sufficient for the agency to decide if the stent is safe and effective.

Until the FDA makes that decision, doctors can implant stents only in emergency patients such as Mother Teresa who are at risk of imminent death, or in patients who had bypass surgery but whose replacement vessels became clogged.

Many non-emergency patients who now can't get stents will get sicker and endure repeated, often unsuccessful balloon angioplasties or emergency bypass surgery, said Dr. Craig Walker of Louisiana's Cardiovascular Institute of the South. A balloon angioplasty is the artery-unblocking procedure Mother Teresa underwent.

Dr. Martin Leon of Washington Medical Center, Johnson & Johnson's paid consultant for the stent study, estimated 50,000 Americans annually could benefit from stents.

Leon and others said the FDA is slow and overly cautious, especially because devices such as silicone gel breast implants and implanted mechanical heart valves developed problems after the agency allowed their widespread use.

Stents "are being withheld for reasons that are as much political and administrative as scientific," Leon said.

Dr. Richard Schatz, a Scripps Clinic researcher and stent co-inventor, said the FDA needs a way to allow continued use of a promising device pending final approval. "The perception of every guy in the (research) group is that these things work," he said.

But Dr. Eric Topol, cardiology chairman at Ohio's Cleveland Clinic, said, "I don't believe there's any good reason to become FDA-bashers." He said blood clots develop in 5 percent of stents, requiring repeat angioplasties and sometimes causing heart attacks.

## Researchers use marine mammal tissue to track ocean pollution

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — A cloud of liquid nitrogen vapor swirled around Barbara Koster's head as she stuck her gloved hand in a freezer and groped for some blubber.

"This one has some of the whale blubber that we took up in Cape Cod last summer," said Koster, propping up the lid of one of 10 liquid nitrogen freezers at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

"This is what a chunk of frozen blubber looks like," the biologist said as she held up a plastic bag.

**'We know that 10 years from now we're going to be able to measure pollutants we can't measure now, and measure them better than we did before.'**  
**Stephen A. Wise project director**

frozen rock-solid at minus 238 degrees.

The bags and tubes of frozen belukha whale blubber and brown and pinkish-purple livers and kidneys from seals are time capsules for future scientists fighting air and water pollution.

The frozen tissue bank allows researchers to sample the animal parts for pollutants. Data collected today will be measured against the level of environmental pollutants in the future.

"We know that 10 years from now we're going to be able to measure pollutants we can't measure now, and measure them better than we did before," said Stephen A. Wise, project director.

The Interior Department's minerals management service initiated the project in the late 1980s to determine how offshore oil, gas and mining activities were affecting marine mammals in Alaska. The project was coordinated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Federal officials decided to work toward expanding the project to all U.S. coastal waters. The result was the National Marine Mammal



Barbara Koster, researcher at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md., looks over samples of frozen mammal tissues at the institute last month. Future scientists will be able to analyze the tissues of these mammals to track trends in environmental pollution.

Tissue Bank. Researchers already are monitoring levels of pollutants in marine mammals, but there is no comprehensive program, Wise said.

Officials with the tissue bank are working with the New England Aquarium, which handles strandings of pilot whales on the East Coast and incidental catches of harbor porpoises.

In Alaska, Wise, Koster and other biologists get specimens from seals and whales from Eskimo hunters, the only ones who can legally hunt the animals.

"Even though (obtaining the samples) is disruptive to the hunt, the natives are willing to cooperate with us because it's good for the area," Koster said.

"Sometimes it's difficult because the parts that we want are the delicacies. A lot of the natives like to eat the liver. Some of what we're taking are the more desirable portions — the choice cuts."

The researchers want blubber because it reflects levels of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, and chlorinated pesticides, such as DDT, Wise said. Livers are especially good indicators of pollutants because they act as a sponge collecting toxic metals, such as lead, mercury and arsenic, and beneficial trace elements.

## Quality improvement at VA Medical Center

Total Quality Improvement (TQI) is on its way to becoming a "way of life" at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. TQI is the philosophy adopted by Japan that vastly improved the quality of its automobiles and other products. TQI focuses on customer satisfaction through a continuous review and improvement of processes and systems. It calls for the involvement of all levels of employees and for "doing things right the first time." Selected as one of the initial 12 VA Medical Centers to implement it, we are well under way with the establishment of the TQI Council (steering committee) and five Assessment Teams that are busy gathering data and identifying strengths and opportunities for improvement.

In 1974, the Salute to Hospitalized Veterans was established to give us the chance to say "We Care" to the military personnel who have served our country proudly and courageously around the world. So, it was a special week for us in VA. Keeping up this tradition of quality care for veterans, while taking "time out" to salute them, we thank all Americans who joined us, visiting hospitalized veterans, and touching their lives.

Veterans who have questions about VA pensions or disability compensation may call Robert Moody, Veterans Benefits Officer, 915-264-4821, or Carl Knappe, Texas Veterans Commission Officer, 915-264-4819. Their offices are located at the medical center in Room 216.

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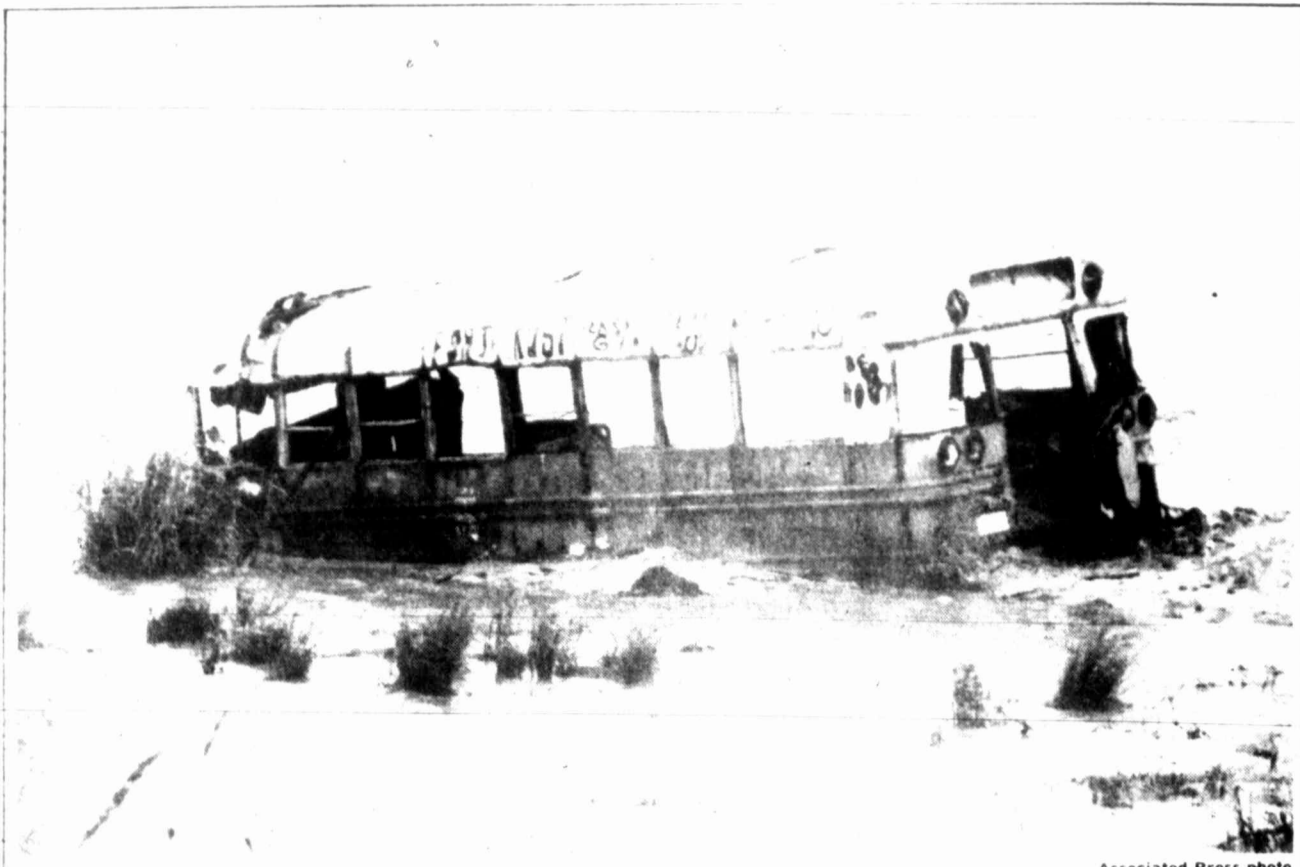


Assistant in Fiscal Service, took advantage of this program and recently received her Bachelor of Business Administration at University of Texas Permian Basin in Odessa. Congratulations, Mildred!

Congratulations to Gwen Morton, Occupational Therapist, who co-authored an article in The American Journal of Occupational Therapy. The article, *A Comparison of Performance Measures of an Added-Purpose Task Versus a Single-Purpose Task for Upper Extremities*, featured a study which examined the proficiency deficiencies of participants who performed an added purpose task versus a single purpose task versus a single purpose task for upper extremities. Frank Salazar, Occupational Therapy Assistant, constructed the task apparatus used in the study. Way to go, Gwen and Frank!

If you have spare time and a commercial driver's license (CDL), we desperately need volunteers to drive our medical center bus. The bus enables us to transport veterans to recreational activities. We also need volunteers to assist throughout the medical center. To volunteer, call Fred Cox, Chief of Voluntary Service, at 915-264-4824, or visit him at the medical center in Room 31.

Pat Atkins is the Public Affairs Officer and Patient Representatives at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. She can be contacted at 915-264-4839.



An old bus sits on the strand of South Padre Island last Dec. Although Texas volunteers help pick up about a ton of debris from the beach annually, the clean-up efforts aren't enough to pre-

vent thousands of birds, turtles and other marine life from being killed through ingesting debris or becoming entangled in lines and plastic wraps.

Associated Press photo

# Marine debris first target of Gulf Preservation Program

**SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP)** — Volunteers pick up about a ton of beverage containers, diapers, tires, light bulbs and other waste from every mile of Gulf Coast beach during annual cleanup campaigns.

Even the rusted bodies of cars and a school bus can be found on the beaches of this barrier island in southern Texas.

The cleanup efforts aren't enough to prevent thousands of birds, turtles and other marine life from being killed through ingesting debris or becoming tangled in fishing line, six pack rings or other trash.

Pick any southerly on a beach and you've got windrows of paper cups and plastic bags and every conceivable piece of garbage that you can imagine," said environmentalist author Jack Rudloe of Panacea in the Florida Panhandle.

Rudloe owns Gulf Specimens Co. and travels gulf-wide in search of sea creatures for research and education.

"For everything you see that washes up on the beach there's probably ten times that sitting out there plying the bottom," he said. "There's oil cans, there's tarpaulins, there's just endless wire and baling rope, and construction materials and just all sorts of stuff out there."

It comes from small boats, oceangoing vessels and oil drilling rigs. It also drifts into the gulf from coastal and river

communities.

Marine debris is so pervasive that the Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program has made it the first target of what will be a series of nine gulf-wide programs.

A key element of the marine debris plan is to establish a boater's pledge program. Boaters would be asked to register their vessels and to pay for fishing licenses and not to dump refuse in the water.

Debris from the continent of Asia, has been found on the beaches.

The plan will include an educational program, inspired by Portuguese, Japanese, and Norwegian, Korea, and other large nations, and an international treaty to ban trash dumping from ships.

Other proposals include identifying sources of plastic pellets that sea creatures ingest, for floating food and other debris that have been washing up. One goal of the debris program is to determine whether they contain hazardous pollutants.

Most of the debris that is washing up on Florida beaches also proposed are educational programs, a study of how debris flow affects distribution of pollutants, awards for pollution-free trash facilities, and a network of volunteer pollution patrol

The plan urges states to pass laws, such as the one already on the books in Florida, banning mass releases of balloons that sea turtles mistake for one of their favorite foods, jellyfish.

Three more action plans are scheduled for release by the end of 1992, which has been designated The Year of the Gulf of Mexico. They will deal with: Public health. The focus will be on pollution that has closed off shellfish waters, marine toxins such as red tides and chemical residues being found in the tissues of food fish.

Habitat degradation. Losses of wetlands, sea grasses and mangroves in coastal and near-coastal areas will be included in the plan.

Coastal and shoreline erosion. The gulf program already has released a map showing the most severe erosion problems are in Louisiana and Texas, which are losing shoreline at rates of up to 30 meters per year.

The gulf program's director, Douglas Lipka, said three additional plans then will be developed on nutrient enrichment that causes fish-killing oxygen depletion, toxic substances, and fresh water inflow.

Also under discussion are plans for using aquatic resources and offshore drilling-related resources of using bacteria and chemicals to clean up oil spills and the discharge of mud and other waste in the drilling process.

# Inventor wants to outsmart cheaters

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Dr. Joel Ehrenkrantz has been tinkering in his New Jersey barn trying to outsmart drug users who try to heat drug tests.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has granted him patent No. 5,000,874 for his "Integrity Preserving and Determining Urine Sample Collection Apparatus."

Basically, it's a spillproof kit for assuring urine samples are adulterated.

Ehrenkrantz, a 40-year-old endocrinologist trained at Stanford University and the National Institutes of Health, splits his time between private practice and inventing.

He has received five patents since 1981 and founded Franklin Diagnostics Inc. in Morristown, N.J., to turn out his devices.

He's developed expertise in thwarting those who don't want their drug use discovered.

"I have a particular interest in a disease called addiction," Ehrenkrantz says. "The way you diagnose addiction is by doing good drug testing."

He knows all the tricks.

For example, Dr. Joseph Dew is "the boss man" and he puts a small container of urine in a drink under his tongue and keeps it there for about a half hour before drinking it. The temperature of the urine is 98 percent of the body temperature," says Ehrenkrantz.

Cheaters also add a small amount of urine to test results of marijuana or add a small amount of cocaine test.

Ehrenkrantz decided to apply the tests a different way. His method works by measuring the temperature of the urine as it is being deposited into the container.

"It starts to cool a minute or so after it leaves the body. That's because the specimen can always pick up a cold temperature," says the sea View, N.J., doctor. "If it's any warmer than side your bladder, the temperature will be less than 96 degrees. If it's a real hot, like 100 or 105 degrees, it's adulterated specimen."

He received an earlier patent in 1988 to use urine temperature to document sample adulteration. His latest patented device combines a temperature sensor with a small

reservoir.

Ehrenkrantz says his products are used by "people who are seriously interested in drug testing," like the Harvard Medical School, the Los Angeles Dodgers and the operators of the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

The earnings from the inventions goes back into development and marketing of new diagnostic tools.

Inventors always have to keep keeping," he says. He's working on an infant thermometer and on the spot drug testing kits, including one to detect immediately whether a newborn baby has been exposed to cocaine in the mother's womb.

He maintains an interest in diagnostic medical technology for Third World countries.

Right now, he's busy launching Oxidate, a patented urine temperature test kit that tells a woman if she is ovulating and if she's pregnant.

It's still possible to get started in your garage or your basement or even in my barn, and have an idea and follow it through and end up with a commercially successful product and enterprise."

**Black History Month February 1992**

Did you know in 1955 Rosa Parks after refusing to give up her seat on a bus for a white man is arrested?

In Montgomery, Ala., Rosa Parks took a seat in the front of the city's bus. She refused to surrender it to a white man, and was arrested. Four days later on Dec. 5, Rev. Martin Luther King urged the African American community to boycott the buses, which began the Montgomery Bus Boycott. In 1956, the Supreme Court ruled bus segregation unconstitutional and the boycott ended on Dec. 21.

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

**Black History Month February 1992**

Did you know in 1955 the United States Supreme Court ordered school boards to draw up desegregation procedures?

The court ordered the school boards to draw up desegregation procedures "with all deliberate speed." In accordance with the court's edict, the Interstate Commerce Commission outlawed segregated buses and waiting rooms for interstate passengers. Many communities ignored the order.

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# Scientist make case for black hole

**NEW YORK (AP)** — An unseen object orbited by a star in the Milky Way galaxy has yielded what researchers are calling the best evidence yet for the existence of a black hole.

"I think it's almost certainly a black hole," Phil Charles, head of the astronomy group at the Royal Greenwich Observatory in Spain's Canary Islands, said of the object. Charles is co-author of the study in today's issue of the journal Nature.

Other scientists called the evidence strong or intriguing but said they did not yet consider it the strongest case for a black hole.

Black holes are, in theory, extremely dense objects whose gravitational pull is so strong that not even light can escape.

The researchers analyzed light from the orbiting star, which with

the unseen object makes up a feature at least 5,000 light years away called V404 Cygni. A light-year is the distance light travels in one year, or about 5.9 trillion miles.

By determining characteristics of the star's orbit, researchers calculated that the central object's mass must be at least about six times that of the sun.

That is so massive that it must be black hole, according to standard theory.

Some theoretical work suggests that other hypothetical objects might have masses like those of black holes. But "we have no physical justification" for believing such objects exist, Charles said.

Yet, such "weird, exotic species of beast" cannot be ruled out, said

astrophysicist Joseph Dolan of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md.

"If I were a betting man, I'd put even odds" on V404 Cygni being a black hole, Dolan said in a telephone interview. He said he would put the same odds on another black hole candidate, Cygnus X-1, and said he considered the two objects to be the best candidates so far.

Anne Cowley, an astronomy professor at Arizona State University, said she has doubts about the calculated mass of the central object because she is not convinced that the star orbits once every 6.5 days, as the study concludes.

Most similar systems have orbits lasting only hours, she said.

# Building a better rat trap?

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — The rat sniffs up to the narrow metal box, senses food and warmth, and strolls through the narrow entrance. But before its mouth can water, the gnawing nuisance trips an infrared light.

Snap!

The rodent has just experienced the Rataput, a trap that flings the critters up to 50 feet into a cage or bucket.

For centuries rats have skittered their way over land and sea, spreading disease and gobbling crops.

Allen Gross, the Rataput inventor, wants to send them flying.

"It's so fast you don't really see it, just a blur," said Ann Koenig, an Oakland businesswoman who helped Gross develop a manufacturing and marketing plan.

The Rataput sounds like a "Saturday Night Live" sendup, but backers say it's a seriously intended for use at farms, warehouses or on ships.

The device, not yet available in stores, will retail for \$350 to \$450.

Gross said he built his first trap two years ago and tested it in a friend's warehouse, where it launched 70 rats in two days.

The vaulting vermin lands in a bucket or cage, dazed but otherwise unharmed, where he can be turned over to authorities or released in the wild, he said.

"I didn't want the (rodents) squashed or turned into meatloaf," said Gross, 40.

Anyone who has trouble visualizing — or believing — the scenario, might want to check out the promotional video.



Although the trap sends rodents flying with a startling snap, Gross and Koenig insist the Rataput is humane. Mice and rats launched during a series of test flights were a little shaken up but otherwise unharmed, they said.

Not surprisingly, animal rights activists are disturbed.

"It sounds medieval and it just sounds cruel," said Lynn Spivak, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. "It would certainly cause a certain amount of trauma to the animal to get flung through the air and flopped into a bucket."

But Gross said the catapult is a critical part of the trap. Unlike other rodent traps, the Rataput resets itself, remaining free of human scent and the smell of death.



In the top photo rat and mouse catapult inventor Allen Gross of Berkeley, Calif., shows off his "Rataput" in an Oakland warehouse recently. The trap flings a rat or mouse onto a platform to be flung into a cage or bucket. Gross says the trap has yielded 70 rats over a two-day period. In the bottom photo a mouse is catapulted through the air in this single exposure photograph made with a strobe light. The inventor claims the animals are a little shaken but unharmed after the experience.

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# Camel racing isn't the same anymore

JANADRIYA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The Gulf War left behind a lot of fat camels, and those one-time ships of the desert now are either working out at the racetrack, or ending up on the barbecue.

The racetracks were closed during the war, and noble dromedaries turned into desert dumplings. Nearly a year later, some are still sand-dune potatoes.

"They got fat, happy and lazy. Some can't even race anymore," said camel jockey Breig Mubarak, 25.

A good racing hump should be about as wide as a man's hand is long. By war's end, some camels had humps as broad as a man's forearm is long.

The day the war ended, the races resumed. And through the hot summer months the camel owners

came up with a solution for getting rid of the flab — workouts at midnight, when the desert temperatures are cool.

Jockeys and owners say the camel elite were up to par for the recent three days of races that open the annual Janadriya Cultural Festival, organized by the country's National Guard.

But they notice a lot more galumphing toward the end of the 12½-mile races — they're running 50 minutes instead of the ideal 30.

A camel that gets out of shape risks more than losing some races. These onetime ships of the desert can wind up on a barbecue spit if they don't prove useful.

But a young camel that wins races three years in a row can fetch up to \$530,000 at auction.

The races attract notables from Saudi Arabia's royal family.



Camels race down a track after the opening last week of the Janadriya Cultural Festival near Riyadh, an annual event sponsored by the Saudi National Guard to keep alive the desert heritage of Saudi Arabia. The Gulf War left behind a lot of fat camels, who are ending up on a race track or on a barbecue pit.

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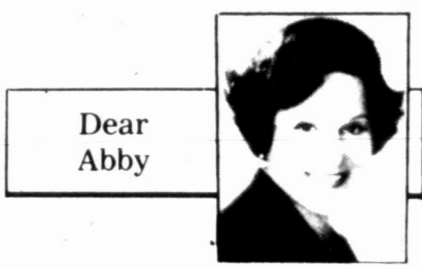
# Calls for piano practice are sweet music

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to force children to practice was right on the mark. Most children hate to practice, and our son and daughter were no exceptions. My husband got tired of all the fighting and crying, and said, "Let them quit — it's too much of a hassle." I said, "Over my dead body!" After that, there were very few arguments.

Today, our daughter, Marylou Churchill, sits principal second violin in the Boston Symphony, and our son, Paul, studied cello at Juilliard and toured with the Mantovani Orchestra. — MARIAN SPEAKER, SAN MATEO, CALIF.

DEAR MARIAN: Congratulations. Read on for more letters from parents who refused to cave in when their children wanted to quit.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a mother who



Dear Abby

forced her children to practice. Why not? It was for their own good. We force our children to take baths, brush their teeth, eat their vegetables, turn off the TV and do their homework, don't we?

My son wanted to quit piano when he was 10. I said, "No way — you are not quitting!" I knew that my judgment was better than a child's. Today he is a conductor and professor at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music.

EILEEN GIOVANNAZZI, LA MESA, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a musical family. Our parents had a very effective way to get my brother and me to practice. We were told, "Either you do the dishes — or practice," so my brother and I practiced a lot. I've been playing the piano for 35 years, and today my brother is an accomplished guitarist. — MARK ALLEN DONITCH, SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: When our children first began taking piano lessons, I was told, "The measure of a child's success is directly related to the determination of the mother." It's true.

I was the one who drove our three children to their music lessons for eight years, and insisted that they

practice. When they wanted to quit, I not only paid them to practice, I gave them a cash bonus for every outstanding lesson. (Very few children are self-motivated.) It got them over the hump, and eventually they learned to appreciate music. In retrospect, it was well worth the struggle. — PROUD MOM IN TUCSON, ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: I am a girl in the seventh grade. I've been taking piano since first grade. I've never liked practicing, and never will. There were lots of fights about practicing and I always ended up crying. My mother threatened to stop the lessons, but I'm glad she never did. I still hate to practice, but I love to play. — A GIRL IN SPRINGFIELD, VA.

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, we lived across the street from a music-loving Italian family in London, Ontario. There were four sons and one daughter. I can still see the mother chasing her kids with a hickory stick trying to get them to go take their music lessons. Their last name was Lombardo, which may ring a bell with your older readers. — R.J. CALHOUN, CLEARWATER, FLA.

# Jeane Dixon

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1992

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Keep your mind on your work and you will chalk up one triumph after another. The financial picture looks brighter than ever this coming spring. Travel abroad is a real possibility in June. Family problems have a way of ironing themselves out next fall. Be on the lookout for a great career opportunity in November. A pet project finally gets the backing it needs from those in authority. Grab the ball and run with it!

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** Jazz great Stan Kenton, jockey Eddie Arcaro, actress Justine Bateman, Britain's Prince Andrew.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Youngsters blossom when you take a special interest in their development. A direct approach works best where a career vs. romance conflict is concerned.

**TALIBUS (April 20-May 20):** Your maturity is a tremendous asset now. A phone call brings both money and memories. An optimistic newcomer gives you fresh hope for the future. Go ahead and pool your ideas and talents.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A quick reply to an offer or letter will get you special treatment. Curl up at home with a good book if you do not want to socialize tonight. Recharge your batteries.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** An unusual coincidence brings about a much-desired meeting. Buying a few items for your wardrobe will boost your spirits and confidence. Good luck is yours where romance or finance is concerned.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Travel enjoys highly favorable influences. Loved ones are much more affectionate than in the recent past. A chance encounter could lead to an exhilarating romance.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Discussing potential problems with an acquaintance will help you clarify your ideas. The two of you could decide to pool your resources. Get any financial promises in writing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Do what your heart dictates, even if you must go against tradition or accepted mores. Rid yourself of prejudices. Savvy investments will result in lasting financial security.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Legitimate enterprises over which you have full control give you the best chance for turning a profit. Pull up strings you can. Try to cut through the romantic haze tonight.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Even the so-called experts can be wrong. Trust your instincts in business negotiations. A flexible approach will help you iron out a mutually beneficial agreement.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your attitude toward money or employment may be partly to blame for deteriorating domestic harmony. Reflect on your partner's point of view before taking decisive action.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** A romance delights you. You can succeed where others have failed. A desire for change will soon be fulfilled. Trust your intuition when interviewing potential partners and employees.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Take advantage of a constructive new trend. Thinking in positive terms will help you arrive at sound conclusions. The most serious discussions about a family problem lead to a solution.

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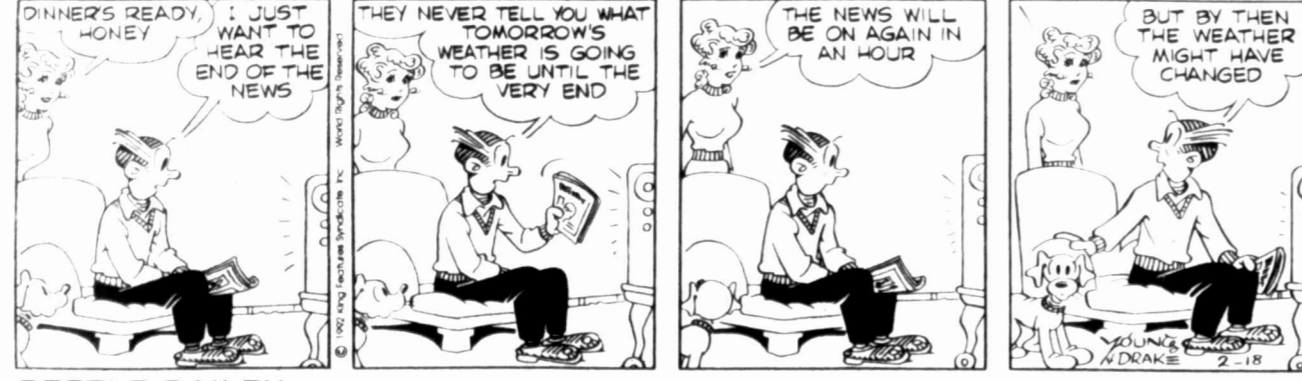
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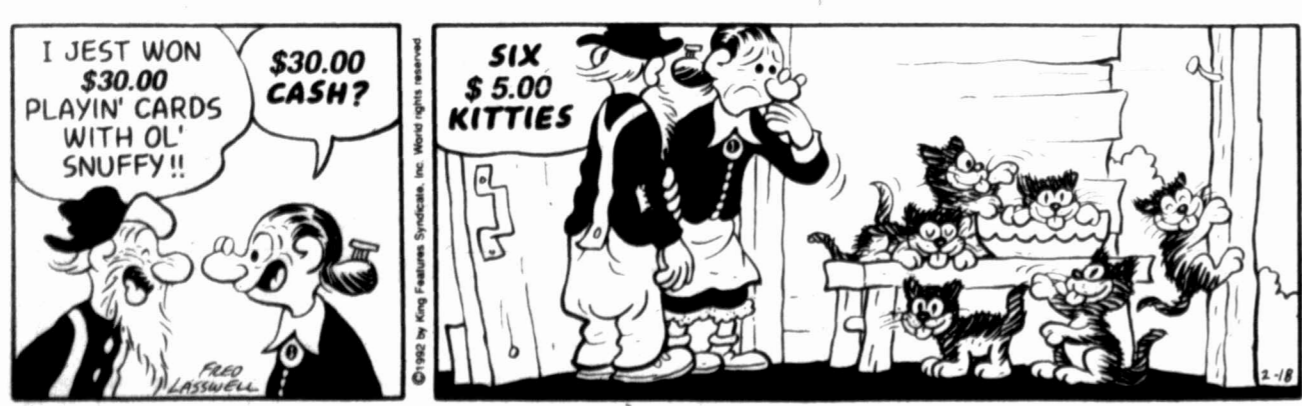
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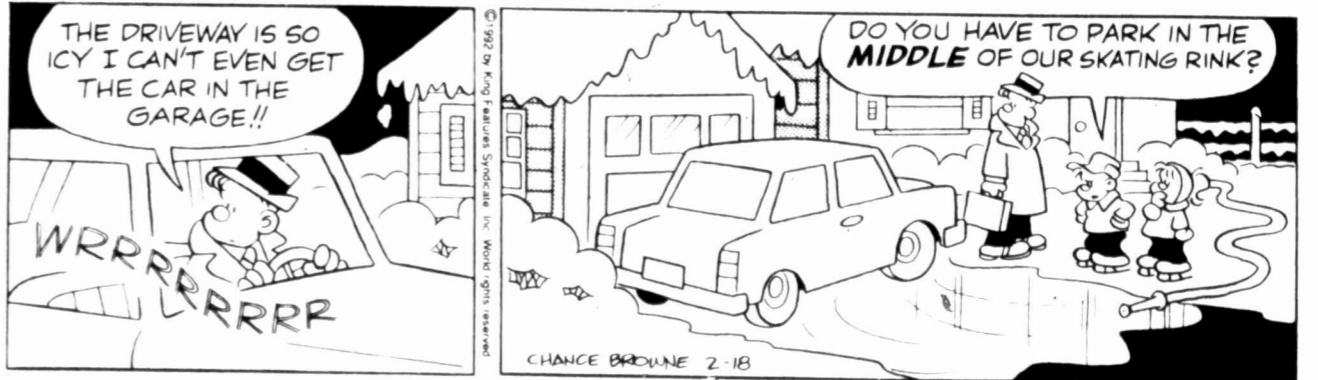
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