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News Digest

UIL One Act Play set for Big Spring, Stanton

Big Spring and Stanton high school students advanced to the district level of competition in the University Interscholastic League One Act Play contest, and will perform today and Tuesday for a chance to advance into area competition.

Tim Haynes, Big Spring theater teacher, said four schools will meet at Big Spring High School Tuesday for the district 3-4A contest. Big Spring students will perform "The Runner Stumbles," with a cast and crew of more than 30 students.

Big Spring students will compete against students from Monahans, Andrews and Sweetwater. The two winners from that contest will advance to area competition in Snyder.

Nearly 100 students are expected to participate in the competition at Big Spring High School.

Stanton UIL One Act play director Teresa White said her students are traveling to McCamey today to meet Ozona, El Dorado and Wall for district 6-2A competition. White said she anticipates more than 100 students will attend the contest.

The Stanton cast and crew will perform "The Toby Show," a comedy that features 16.

"They're really excited and I'm really nervous," White said before embarking to McCamey.

Glasscock group meets

A meeting is scheduled tonight at 7:30 in the Glasscock County Courthouse to determine interest and support for a centennial celebration project.

The county will celebrate its centennial in 1993 and some of the projects suggested to help celebrate include a history quilt, historical displays, recipe book, barbecue, parade and crafts fair.

Texas

• **Opponents of Panhandle horse track don't want venture:** Opponents of a proposed pari-mutuel horse track in the Panhandle say they don't want to bet \$10 million on the venture. Supporters contend a track in Randall County could pour up to \$51 million into the region during its first year alone. See Page 2A.

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• **Loving father key to child's sexual identity:** A loving father is the key to a child's sexual identity and sexual choices, according to the Southwest Center for Fathering. See Page 1B.

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• **Knight vs. Krzyzewski. The Fab Five vs. the Five Who?:** Saturday's Final Four games will feature a coaching clinic between Indiana's Bob Knight and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski, and a mysterious matchup between Michigan's fabulous freshmen and Cincinnati's unheralded Bearcats. See Page 5A.

Weather

Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low around 45. Southeast wind 5-10 mph.

Tuesday, considerable cloudiness with a 20 percent chance of afternoon showers or thunderstorms. High around 70. Southeast wind 10-15 mph.

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6th BSSH benefit dance full of promise

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The sixth annual Volunteer Service Benefit Dance for the Big Spring State Hospital promises to bring a banner year of donations for the hospital's patients.

"We raised \$10,000 for each of the past three years, but we've already raised that much at this time," said Evelyn Anderson, public relations and volunteer coordinator for the hospital.

The dance, featuring Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m. on April 10 at the Stampede. Tickets are \$25 for couples or \$15 for a single, and all proceeds benefit the hospital patients.

Tickets are available by calling 267-8216, extension 535. Tickets also

are available at the Citizens Federal Credit Union.

"There are no administrative costs. Don and Marilyn Newsom have always paid for the reception and the volunteer expenses are not very much. So this goes to benefit the patients," Anderson said.

Marilyn Newsom, who originated the idea of the dance and reception, has worked to make each and every year a success.

"Nobody could pay me enough to do this if I didn't love the patients. There just isn't enough money," Newsom said.

Because of the success of the dance, a dream of the volunteers was realized this year when a greenhouse for patients' use was completed. A special

dedication ceremony is planned for June, Anderson said.

"The money for the greenhouse came from the volunteer dances. We tried to get grants and things, but finally just set \$20,000 aside and used it as far as it would go. We've built the building and poured the concrete and built the benches," she said.

David Lubke has been generating patient enthusiasm about the project. The program is planned to include such skills as constructive leisure time for the patients, as well as some vocational learning, Anderson said.

A special reception honoring the special friends of the Big Spring State Hospital has been planned by Newsom for 7-8:30 p.m. before the dance. And four original paintings have been

donated for a drawing at the reception, Anderson said.

Robert von Rosenberg, superintendent of the hospital, E. Ray Tatum, quality oversight director, Helen Ainslie, volunteer and James Campbell, patients rights officer, have donated their paintings to benefit the patients through the drawing.

Although the location of the dance and reception have changed each year, the proceeds always benefit the patients through purchasing clothing, shoes, toiletries, Christmas gifts and picnics. The funds also are used to help patients obtain their general equivalency diploma, eyeglasses, transportation and dental care, as well as other special events, Anderson said.

Record crowd attends 30th roundup

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Record numbers attended the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup during its three-day run Friday Saturday and Sunday.

"We believe we had the largest crowd we've ever had," said Sherrie Bordsoske, of Saturday's attendance of 2,400 people. Total attendance could be as much as 5,000, said Bordsoske, who is a member of roundup co-sponsor AMBUCS and served as publicity chair for the event.

Although net proceeds have not been counted, thousands of dollars were raised, she said. AMBUCS uses the funds to support the Dorothy Garrett Rehabilitation Center and for their physical therapist scholarship program.

As well as watching snake handling exhibitions and shopping for arts and crafts, roundup-goers also consumed about 200 pounds of fried rattlesnake at the event, which was co-sponsored by Coors, said AMBUCS Ray Alexander.

Alexander said that 1,107 lbs. of rattlesnakes were purchased from hunters. Randy Jowers won the first place trophy and \$100 for the most rattlesnakes brought in.



Wyndel, Ann and Kyla Culp look at a rattlesnake being held up as Archie Archibald photographs it during the 30th Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fairgrounds Sunday.

Jowers brought 168 pounds of snakes to the roundup. Second and third places went to Darrell Green with 127 lbs and Richard Nixon with 89 lbs. Green and Nixon won trophies and \$75 and \$50 respectively. All three men are from the Big Spring/Howard County area.

The \$100 prize for the heaviest snake went to Steve Kinman of Big Spring for his 5 1/2 pound rattler.

Nixon came in second and Jowers third in the heaviest snake judging, and Rex Rainey won a trophy and \$75 for the

snake with the most rattlers. Rainey's snake had seven rattlers.

Although no money was awarded, Tim Blackshear and Debyee Valverde, both of Big Spring, won first and second place, respectively in the rattlesnake races, Alexander said.

Wallace benefits remain in effect

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Wallace, recent unsuccessful sheriff candidate on administrative leave without pay, will remain on the county health insurance policy at least one more month.

Wallace, who could resume regular duties, be fired, or quit, was forced to take administrative leave without pay Jan. 10, the day he filed for the Democratic nomination, challenging Sheriff A.N. Standard.

Standard, who won the March 10 primary 3,033 votes to 1,825, had said Wallace's candidacy was a conflict of interest.

Standard and Wallace met at least once following the election to discuss job status but no final disposition has been made.

County Judge Ben Lockhart, who this morning instructed the county treasurer to allow Wallace to keep health benefits during April, said he does not know when a final decision on Wallace's job status will be made. "That's the sheriff's department. That's up to him."

Standard, who has said a decision will be made in a "reasonable length of time," said today there is nothing new to report since a March 17 meeting between him and Wallace. "At such time I have something to release, I'll be glad to let you and the media know."

Standard and Wallace had agreed at the meeting to meet again but Standard declined comment on whether they have met again or not. However, Courthouse observers have not seen Wallace at the sheriff's office since that meeting.

Wallace, a deputy for eight years, has maintained that he is in effect fired from his \$25,416 a year job. Health and dental benefits that the county pays on his behalf total \$506 per month. Wallace is married and has three children.

But Standard, in office 28 years, said the night of his victory that the door is open for negotiation for Wallace to resume normal duties. The day after the election, a registered letter inviting discussion was sent from the sheriff's office to Wallace.

Standard now faces Republican Neel G. Barnaby Jr. in the Nov. 3 general election. Barnaby, facility administrator for the Big Spring Correction Center, says if elected he would implement changes and that he is a more effective community leader than Standard.

Perot effort picks up steam

FEDERAL WAY, Wash. (AP) — Supporters of Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot have started a drive to get him on the Washington ballot for November's presidential election.

A group calling itself the Perot Petition Committee of Washington State held an informational meeting Sunday at a library in this suburb south of Seattle.

At least 350 people showed up, and not all of them could fit into the room, said Yvonne Conway, a 59-year-old Olympia hairdresser who presided over the meeting.

"It was a meeting to get acquainted with our grassroots family, tell them how they can be part of this movement," Conway said later in a telephone interview.

Supporters decided to hold a

series of conventions across the state on June 28 at which they will collect signatures on a petition to put him on the ballot as an independent candidate.

The group needs only 200 signatures of registered voters, Conway said. She said she expects several times that many.

State law stipulates that only people attending the convention can sign the petition, she said.

Conway said she was among nine people, several retired and most from the Puget Sound area, who met after inquiring at the Secretary of State's office about the process of getting a candidate on the presidential ballot.

The group is disenchanted with candidates from the Democratic and Republican parties. It's also upset about such things as the bad-

check scandal at the now-closed House bank, Conway said.

"They think we are mad about that. We aren't mad, we're disgusted. That's kind of like the straw that broke the camel's back," she said.

Conway said Perot has the proper acumen to run the country.

"He's a businessman and a successful one. Most of us who have been in business know what a bottom line is and know that you cannot write bad checks for very long," she said.

Perot has not announced his candidacy, but he has said he would spend up to \$100 million of his own money on a campaign if he makes it on the ballot in all 50 states. His supporters are working to put him on ballots around the country.



Different eyesore

Despite the fact that a combined city/county work crew took down the old Jet Drive-In earlier this month, the rubble remains along Wasson Road. Some boards and other items have been

removed by persons scavenging the site, but workers have yet to begin cleaning up the mounds of rubble.

Nation/World

Clinton admits trying marijuana

Democratic front-runner Bill Clinton acknowledged that he tried marijuana while at Oxford University, but it caused little furor on the campaign trail. Rival Jerry Brown steered clear of the latest personal news about Clinton and focused on the environment in Vermont and Wisconsin.

GOP challenger Patrick Buchanan scheduled a speech outside the Capitol today to outline a plan to overhaul Congress. He then planned to fly to Wisconsin and Minnesota for a full day of campaigning Tuesday.

Clinton made his admission about marijuana during a televised debate Sunday with Brown, who appeared on the New York show from Wisconsin.

A questioner noted that Clinton had always answered questions about drug use by saying he had never broken state or federal law. Asked if he had broken any international drug laws, Clinton said:

"When I was in England I experimented with marijuana a time or two and didn't like it. I didn't inhale and I didn't try it again." Clinton was at Oxford as a Rhodes

scholar from 1968 to 1970.

Clinton later said he answered the question because "no one had ever asked me the direct question before... and I really do believe that public people really do have a right to some privacy."

"Asked if he knew he was breaking English law when he smoked marijuana, Clinton said, 'I assumed it was against the law, but when we got there they told us that as long as we did it inside our apartments or whatever nobody would hassle us... But I was not into that.'"

The 1992 campaign is the second presidential race to have candidates who went to college in the 1960s, when marijuana use became common on many college campuses.

In the 1988 campaign, Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore Jr. and former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt acknowledged smoking marijuana in their youths. Other candidates denied ever trying the drug.

Clinton's acknowledgment seemed to have little immediate impact on this year's race.

Journalists visit secret Soviet city

ARZAMAS-16, Russia (AP) — This city of 81,000 where Andrei Sakharov helped create the Soviet hydrogen bomb is surrounded by thick forests and appears on no map. There are virtually no telephone lines to the outside.

In 1946, it was designated a center for nuclear weapons research and sealed it off with barbed wire and guards.

Last month, Secretary of State James A. Baker III was denied permission to visit Arzamas-16.

But eight Western journalists, accompanying a group of Norwegians bringing in 33 tons of humanitarian aid, were allowed last week to pass the double rows of barbed wire and soldiers into the city 300 miles east of Moscow.

Townpeople surrounded the Westerners for autographs and handshakes.

"This is a historic moment," said Mayor Valery Takoyev. "You would not believe how difficult it was to arrange this visit."

But for all the hospitality, the aura of secrecy remained.

The nuclear facilities were off-limits to the visitors, and city officials insisted the delegation stick

'We cannot exclude the possibility completely, but I don't believe many scientists would like to leave the country.'

**Alexander Pavlovskii
Senior researcher at nuclear center**

to a strict program of sightseeing, meals and cultural events.

Photography was banned at most sites, prompting some to take pictures clandestinely. At one point on the bus, Norwegians sang loudly to mask the sound of their motor-driven cameras.

According to Mayor Takoyev, 25,000 people work at Arzamas-16's nuclear centers, including 2,000 to 3,000 scientists.

There are 10 secret atomic cities in Russia, and Western governments fear that scientists or nuclear materials from them might go astray, perhaps reaching terrorists or developing countries wanting to join the nuclear club.

One of the secret city's top scientists acknowledged the difficulties of trying to work in these economic hard times and said

February visit to the city will not be enough because of inflation.

The nuclear scientists, whose average monthly wage is 1,400 rubles, or \$14, were promised a 700 percent pay increase by Yeltsin, city officials said.

The city offered privileges and perks to its residents under the Soviet system and still has a much higher standard of living than most of Russia. Nevertheless, life remains hard.

"The situation here in our town, as in all our country, is difficult. We are not saved by all these barriers around our town," said Pavlovskii, who was allowed to speak briefly to reporters.

Pavlovskii worked with Sakharov, who lived and worked in the city for 18 years in the days before he became a human rights champion.

Pavlovskii said the nuclear center will continue to develop weapons. Its main task, however, "is to make existing weapons more secure," he said.

Although Arzamas-16 remains closed to outsiders, residents may leave freely and relatives may visit once a year.

Detroit children dying as a result of violence

DETROIT (AP) — It was a drug deal gone bad, and 7-month-old Clyde Jackson was caught in the middle — literally. A gunman used him as a shield against a hail of gunfire.

Clyde's death last year was nothing new in America's decaying Motor City. At least six children were killed in Detroit last week, three in the firebombing of a reputed crack house.

At least 13 children have been slain since October 1990; five or more of those deaths were drug-related.

"Children are treated like their lives don't matter, like no one cares," said Clementine Barfield, founder of Save Our Sons and Daughters, a support group for those who have lost a child to violence. "How many more children will have to die before we realize we have to take action?"

A survey in Detroit's high schools found every student knew of someone who had been slain — a neighbor, a family member or a friend of a friend, Barfield said. In elementary schools the figure was

about 80 percent, she said.

"They witness violence, and they live with violence," she said. "They grow up living in fear."

The latest victim was 3-year-old Donald Goines, who was among three people killed early Saturday when gunmen riddled a car with bullets.

Early Wednesday, Molotov cocktails were thrown into a reputed crack house where Charles Simpson, 2, and his sisters Erica, 3, and Laeisha, 4, had been left by their mother. The children died in the fire, along with a woman who tried to rescue them.

Police said the bombing may have been revenge for a ripoff in which buyers were sold fake drugs.

Some children become victims before they're born.

At Hutzel Hospital in Detroit, a 1990 study of 1,000 newborns found 44 percent had traces of illegal drugs in their systems, said Dr. Enrique Ostrea, the hospital's chief of pediatrics. The hospital is a referral center for pregnant women who did not get proper prenatal care.



Associated Press photo

Diana in mourning
Head bowed, Britain's Princess of Wales prepares to get into a limousine outside her hotel at Lech am Arberg, Austria, Monday en route to the airport after cutting short her family skiing holiday. Her father Earl Spencer died of a heart attack Sunday in Humana Wellington Hospital in London.

David Levy threatening to resign

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir held urgent talks with aides today aimed at preventing his governing Likud bloc from splitting over Foreign Minister David Levy's threat to resign, Israeli news media said.

Levy, the Cabinet's strongest champion of Middle East peace talks, on Sunday night told supporters in coastal Herzliya of his plan to quit. He accused Shamir of mishandling relations with the United States and of ignoring demands to give Levy's supporters more weight in Likud.

His threatened action was seen a

blow to the conservative Likud's chances in June 23 parliamentary elections. While Shamir was publicly silent on the issue, Israeli radios said he met with aides privately all morning to come up with a plan to appease Levy.

There appeared to be time for some compromise to be reached. If he goes through with his threat, Levy would give his resignation to the Cabinet on Sunday, and it would take effect April 7.

The center-left Labor Party, now under the leadership of Yitzhak Rabin, has been gaining in opinion polls.

Saudis deny they gave technology

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The Defense Ministry today denied reports that China received U.S. Patriot missile technology from Saudi Arabia.

An unidentified ministry spokesman quoted by the official Saudi Press Agency called the reports "totally fabricated."

London's Sunday Telegraph reported over the weekend that the Pentagon has evidence China received U.S. Patriot missile technology from Saudi Arabia rather than Israel, as previously suspected.

Israel radio, in an unattributed

report, said Saturday that U.S. investigators who visited the Jewish state last week apparently found no evidence Israel sold the missile technology to China.

Patriot batteries deployed in Saudi Arabia and Israel, manned by U.S. crews, were used during the Persian Gulf war to intercept and destroy Iraqi Scud missiles.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Sunday that he didn't believe the Saudis passed on the missile technology but had not yet heard from the inspectors, who returned Sunday after a weeklong visit.



Laeisha Simpson, 4, was one of four killed in a Detroit fire March 25.

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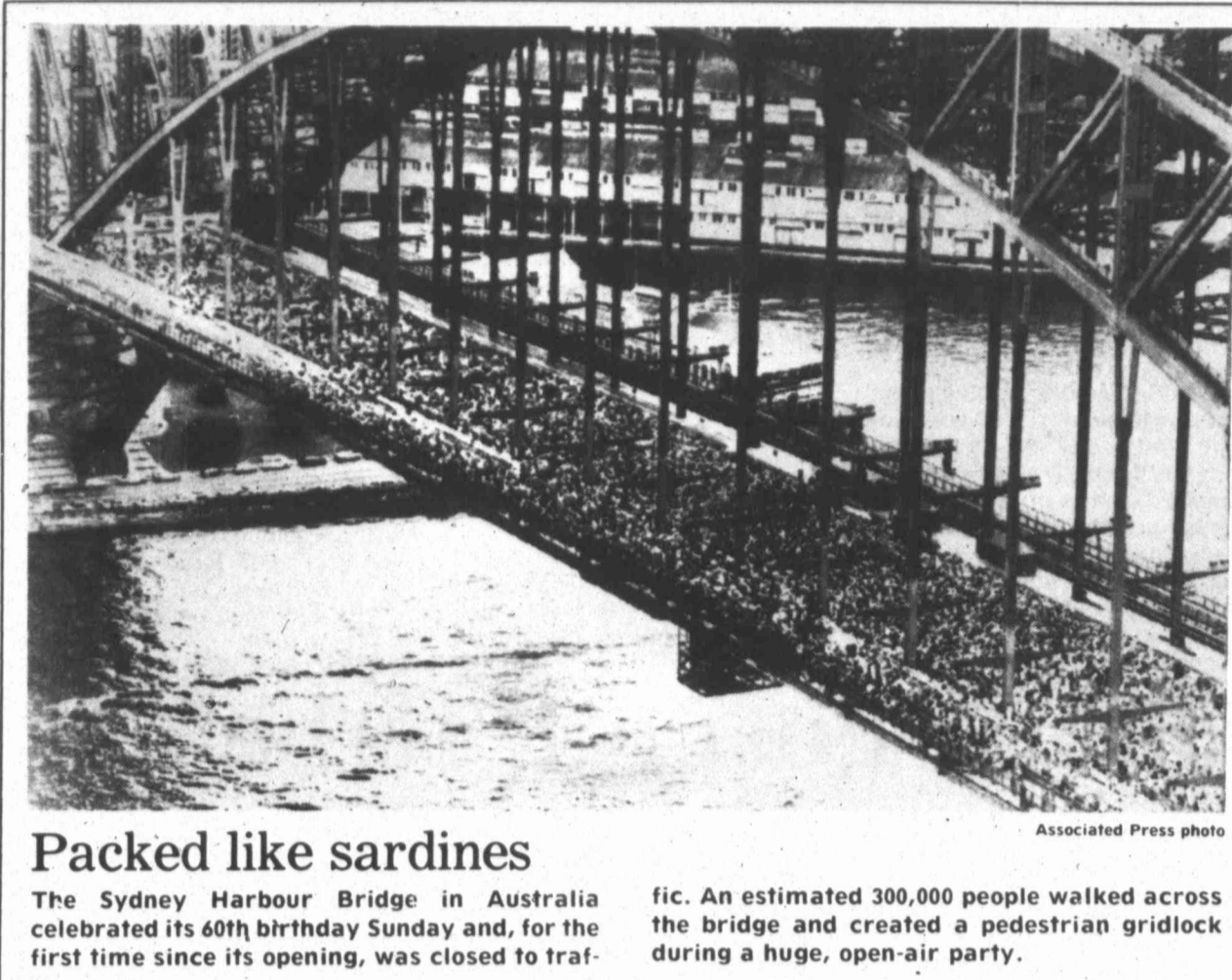
Herald National Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 31.

FRONTS:
COLD WARM STATIONARY

PERMIAN BASIN WEATHER

Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Fair.
Chance of showers or thunderstorms.	Cloudy with a chance of rain.	High in the 50s. Low in the 30s.	
High in the 70s.	Low in the 40s.		



Packed like sardines
The Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia celebrated its 60th birthday Sunday and, for the first time since its opening, was closed to traffic. An estimated 300,000 people walked across the bridge and created a pedestrian gridlock during a huge, open-air party.

Records

Sunday's high temp.	72	Rainfall Friday	Inches
Sunday's low temp.	40	Month to date	0.25
Average high	70	Month's normal	0.78
Average low	44	Year to date	05.25
Record high	95 in 1963	Normal for year	02.04
Record low	19 in 1944		

Oil/markets

May crude oil \$19.22, up 6¢, and May cotton futures \$6.10 cents a pound, down 48¢. Cash hog was steady at \$9.75; slaughter steers is steady at 78 cents even; April live hog futures \$9.70, down 9¢; April live cattle futures \$7.80, down 30¢ at 10:08 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

MARKET UPDATE

Activity for the week of March 23-27, 1992

Highest close	3,272.14—Mon.
Week's high	3,296.96—Tue.
Lowest close	3,231.44—Fri.
Week's low	3,218.92—Fri.
Week's change	Down 44.95

Deaths

Hollis Haddock

Hollis Glenn Haddock, 70, Westbrook, died Saturday, March 28, 1992, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Green officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Cooper. He married Dorothy Hodges on Aug. 9, 1947, in Big Spring. He was retired after 29 1/2 years from Monarch Tile Mfg. Co. in San Angelo. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Haddock, Westbrook; one son, Hollis Haddock Jr., San Angelo; two daughters: Glenna Jane Mangas, Armaugh, Pa., and Debbie Diane Doss, Westbrook; three sisters: Fannie Honeycutt, San Angelo, Johnetta Rolff, Austin, and Imogen Neidig, Elgin; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Lizzie Haddock; four brothers; and three sisters.

Otelia Young

Otelia Cundiff Young, 74, Van Horn, died Sunday, March 29, 1992, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Memorial services were 3 p.m.,

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Jessie Inez Lewis, 93, died Sunday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Shuttle crew to appear at Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' crew will make a guest appearance at tonight's Academy Awards. Meanwhile, gay rights activists upset over "The Silence of the Lambs" and other films threatened to disrupt the show.

"The Silence of the Lambs," with seven nominations, had the most momentum going into the ceremony. Nominated for best picture, it collected top prizes from the Directors Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America in recent weeks.

But activists upset with the portrayal of homosexual villains in that film, in "JFK," also nominated for best picture, and in the new movie "Basic Instinct," have said they will cause a commo-

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- A police officer was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center after being bitten by a dog in the 2500 block of West Highway 80. The dog reportedly attacked from under a car without warning. Officials are keeping the dog under observation for rabies. As yet, no one has claimed ownership of the animal.
- David Wayne Gillam, 25, of 1311 Wright was arrested for class C family violence.
- Michael Lee Huff, 28, was arrested for failure to appear on speeding charges.
- Lupe Hernandez, 28, of 309

Getting off the airplane

NEW YORK (AP) — Snow is falling, and a ground crew is de-icing the wings. Your seat belt is fastened, the runway is clear — and you want off the plane.

Can you get off? It depends, says those in the airline industry.

"There is no set moment at which we say, 'No, you're never going to get off,' or, 'Yes, you can get off.' In terms of reality, it's unlikely we'd return to the gate if we were second in line for takeoff," said Tim Smith, an America Airlines spokesman.

Some are asking themselves the question after the March 22 crash of a USAir jet at La Guardia Airport during a snowstorm. Flight 405 skidded off a runway on takeoff March 22, killing 27 people. Investigators are looking into whether the plane had ice on its wings.

Although no one asked to get off the plane, several passengers were considering it.

"If we take off like this, we're a dead, we're all dead," Tom Merrill of Norwalk, Ohio, reportedly said after looking out at the ice and snow on the wing.

"We are on the plane to help We're going to die," a fellow passenger quoted Merrill as saying, Merrill survived.

Most airlines handle such case individually depending on the person, the complaint and the circumstances, said David Melancon, spokesman for the Association of Flight Attendants.

A rule of thumb: If you're still at the gate, getting off the plane is no problem. But once the plane starts taxiing toward the runway...

"If somebody's fearful, really concerned about their safety, in that case we probably would go back," said Joe Hopkins of United. "We try to apply our best judgment as to what's reasonable."

The decision is ultimately that captain's under Federal Aviation Administration regulation 91.3.

"It's important to emphasize that people need to trust us and our decision on when it's safe to fly. We make every effort to err on the side of conservatism when it comes to any weather condition," Smit said.

Snow makes passengers antsy, said Beth DeProspero, a flight attendant for 2 1/2 years.

"Once it starts snowing... she said, her voice trailing off. "People don't understand. The know it's hard to drive in, so the assume it's hard to fly in. And one they see so many delays, they start panicking."

It doesn't take bad weather to make some passengers jump. DeProspero recalled one flight where a passenger, for no apparent reason, began shouting "Stewardess! I hate you! I want off the plane!"

The woman got her wish, to the relief of DeProspero and the other passengers. Such incidents are rare; DeProspero can only recall two cases in her hundreds of flights.

"If they start losing control, getting really hysterical, and causing danger to the rest of the passengers, we'll go back," DeProspero said.

Calendar

TODAY

- Bingo offered
- Elks and Main Monday-Friday Saturday, 1 p.m., p.m., at the Lions Third.
- Free tax through VITA, Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the First Presby from Feb. 6 through
- Al-A-Teen w p.m., 615 Settles.
- There will be 7 p.m., Kentwood Lynn Dr. Every For information c
- Recovery S will meet 6:30-8 p.m., St. For inform 264-7028.

TUESDAY

- Sesame Stu today, and 10:30 p.m., on Wednes Chaparral Cente Judd follows at 8 a.m. Tickets on Saturday Center and End in Midland and Od
- Narcotics And meet 7 p.m. V Center, room 44 welcome.
- Recovery Sol mens support group 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Uni formation call 264-7
- Spring Tabern 1209 Wright St., ha and whatever else for area needy fro noon.
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Water supply will be shut off Tuesday in homes and businesses in a grid from Birdwell Lane to Dixie and from Washington Boulevard to 15th Street.

Water flow will be interrupted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of changing out a valve.

Mace Durham

Mace Howard Durham, 84, Stanton, died Sunday, March 29, 1992, in Midland, after a long illness.

Services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, in the Stanton Church of Christ with Elmore Johnson of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Comanche. She moved to Stanton in 1941. She was married to Lester Durham on June 28, 1952, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1979. She was a member of the Stanton Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter-in-law, Betty Howard, Midland; four sisters: Faye Rhodes, Stanton, Connie Nance, Seminole, Alma Wiggins, Lamesa, and JoniLu Wright, Midland; one brother, Casey Jones, Midland; two stepsons: Glen Durham, Midland, and Rayburn Durham, Itasca; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jessie Lewis

Jessie Inez Lewis, 93, Big Spring, died Sunday, March 29, 1992, in a Lubbock hospital.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 5, 1907, in Comanche. She moved to Stanton in 1941. She was married to Lester Durham on June 28, 1952, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on May 1, 1979. She was a member of the Stanton Church of Christ.

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Charles Lacy

Charles Lacy, 71, Fort Worth, died Friday, March 27, 1992, at his home.

Services were 10 a.m., today at Riverside Church of God. Burial was in West Hill Cemetery in Sherman.

He was born in Greenville and lived in Fort Worth for 40 years. He was affiliated with the Pentecostal Church of God and was an

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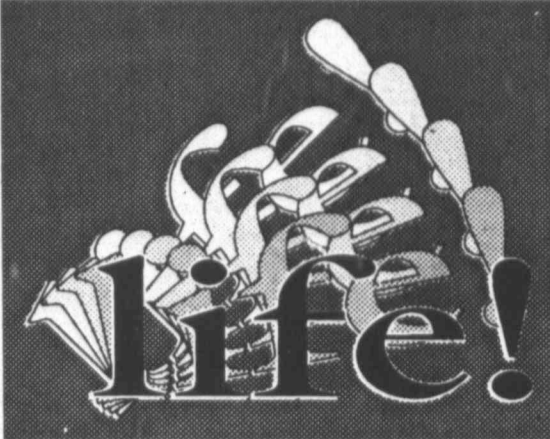
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Calendar

- 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.
 - Al-A-Teen will meet 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
 - There will be gospel singing 7 p.m., Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.
 - Recovery Solutions, Inc. will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
- TUESDAY**
- Sesame Street Live! 7 p.m. today, and 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Wednesday, at the Chaparral Center. Wynonna Judd follows at 8 p.m., Thursday. Tickets on sale at Chaparral Center and Endless Horizons in Midland and Odessa.
 - Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.
 - Recovery Solutions, Inc., mens support group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
 - 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., Howard County Mental Health Center, 315 Runnels. Anyone interested must call first- Dawn Pearson, RNC, or Gail Zilai, MSW, 267-8216 ext. 287.
 - Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- 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.
 - Recovery Solutions Inc., womens support group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
 - Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.
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 - Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, room 414.
 - Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
 - Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill will meet 7 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center, 4th & Runnels. For information call 267-7380.
- FRIDAY**
- Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chicken track from 5-8 p.m., 2805 Lynn Dr., Kentwood Center. Public invited.
 - Borden County Cancer Society will have their annual Barn Dance, 8:30 p.m., in the County Show Barn, Gail. Music by Jody Nix.
- SATURDAY**
- Double Session Bingo, 7 p.m., Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn.

Learning to be a better father

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

A loving father is the key to a child's sexual identity and sexual choices, according to the Southwest Center for Fathering.

"Research has shown that the more nurturing the father, the more masculine the son. And the more nurturing the father, the less sexually promiscuous the daughter," said Michael O'Donnell, director of the center located at Abilene Christian University.

"(Children with) fathers who verbalize their values to their son or daughter have a greater increase of abstinence. They need to hear their fathers say it, and they need to build that relationship over the years," O'Donnell said.

The center, now in its second year, was the first university-based program developed to help families strengthen their relationships, and the first to focus that program on the father. The program is also a part of the National Center for Fathering.

"This is novel because it is the first time men have support groups just for them," O'Donnell said.

child's needs, and (N) nurturance.

O'Donnell said the success of the program builds on a "pyramid effect." Fathers who complete the program are eligible to train others, thus involving more families. He estimates that by the end of 1992, 36,000 children will have been positively affected, multiplying the number of fathers who take the course by an average of two children each.

The Texas Department of Human Services has also endorsed the program, and has trained more than 77 of its Abilene-based Child Protective Workers and volunteers in the parenting education program.

"The DHS strategy is they want CPS to live up to the expectations of its name. Their current strategy is to go in and intervene, when someone's been charged with abuse. But that's after the fact, so it's not really protective.

"They're hoping to target parents and give them the skills and insight necessary. If they have the necessary coping skills, they're less likely to lose control and abuse the child," O'Donnell said.

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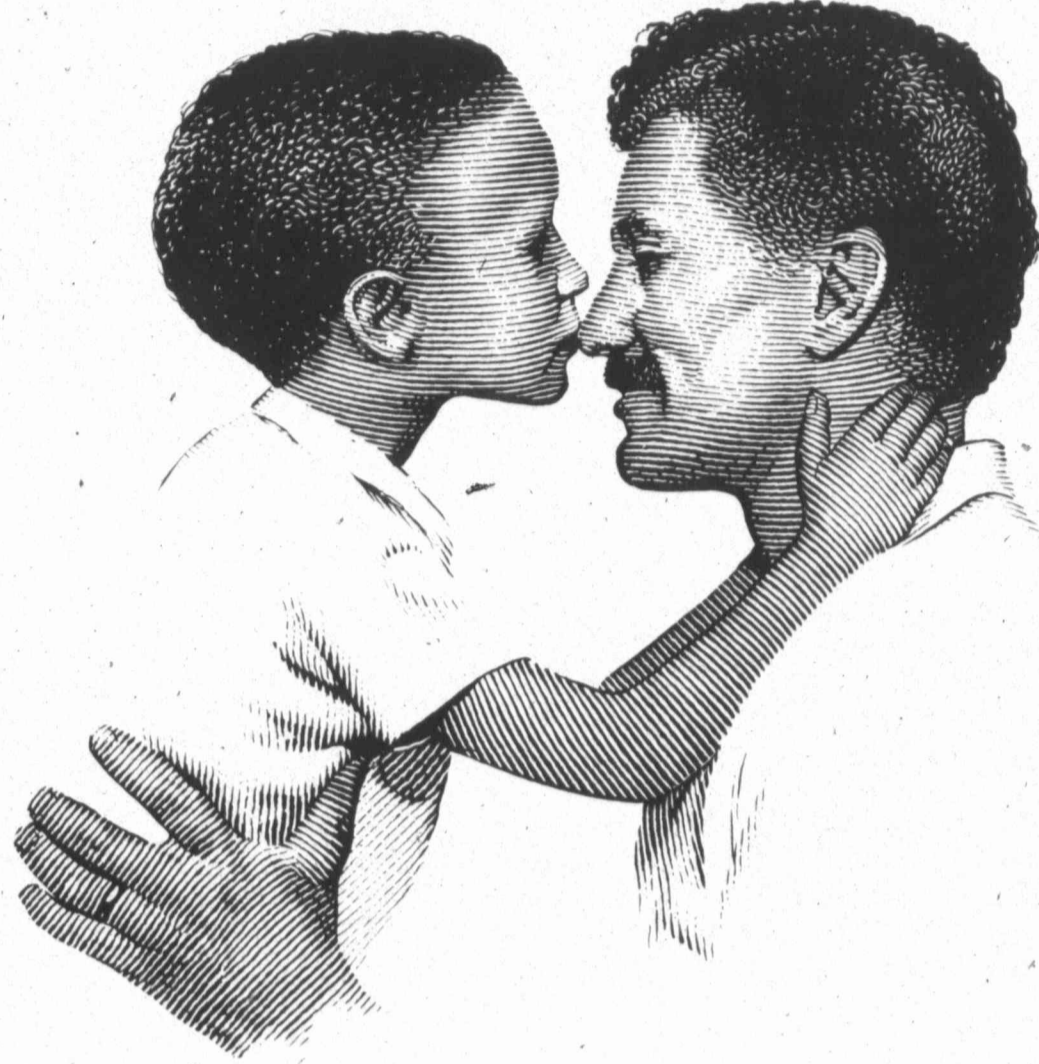
A seven-week seminar teaches fathers to assess their own strengths in the roles as parents and helps them evaluate ways to improve those relationships. A parenting profile is administered to every man who participates in the program.

The seminar uses a "father empowerment program, I CAN," O'Donnell said. This philosophy includes (I) involvement, (C) consistent...actions, (A) awareness of the

DHS will also offer the training to parents applying for foster care homes. And fathers at-risk of child abuse will be encouraged to attend the program.

An at-risk father, O'Donnell said, is a spouse who dissolves one marriage, often due to his abusive behavior. He then remarries a woman with children, and those children are at risk for becoming abused.

"The hope is that if that father



goes through the program, it will break the cycle. It's called intergenerational pathology; a poor role model - I parent how I was parented - but if we can break the cycle, provide the skills and insight, it impacts the next generation," O'Donnell said.

Joe Carter, Colorado City, and Jim Petty, Sterling City, attended a two-day workshop at the center in November 1991. Both men said they recommend the program, especially for fathers at risk for abuse.

"I thought it was very good. This helps with fathers being more aware of their communication with their kids, and puts the responsibility on the father's shoulders. In the past, we left things up to the mother. This shows the importance of the father and his role in the home," said Petty, the Sterling City Church of Christ minister and father of four children.

Carter said he attended the program as part of his foster parent application. Although he found the parenting profile informative he said the questionnaire might lend to bias.

"It would be pretty simple to anticipate what the answers should be. I don't know if a guy couldn't skew that," Carter said.

Carter said he did find information he plans to use to train others in his area. And some of the information might be new material for fathers.

"People tend to think that if they recreate with their child and stay home nights and are good providers, that's all there is. But children need more nurturing than that. Life is not a weekend at the Eagle Scouts, although that has its place. Let's face it, life is drudgery, it's not all that much fun, and children become highly disillusioned. They need interac-

tion with their parents on a daily basis. Children are a reflection of their parents, they patternize them and they emulate them," Carter said.

The fathering seminars are available at the university, although O'Donnell said a workshop should be offered in the Howard County area by year's end.

The cost for the seven-week seminar is \$210 each, but the Abilene welfare council sponsored scholarships at no charge for those who volunteered to undergo the program. A Midland and a Big Spring Child Protective Worker said they were not familiar with the program, but agreed a fathering class might help parents engaged in child rearing.

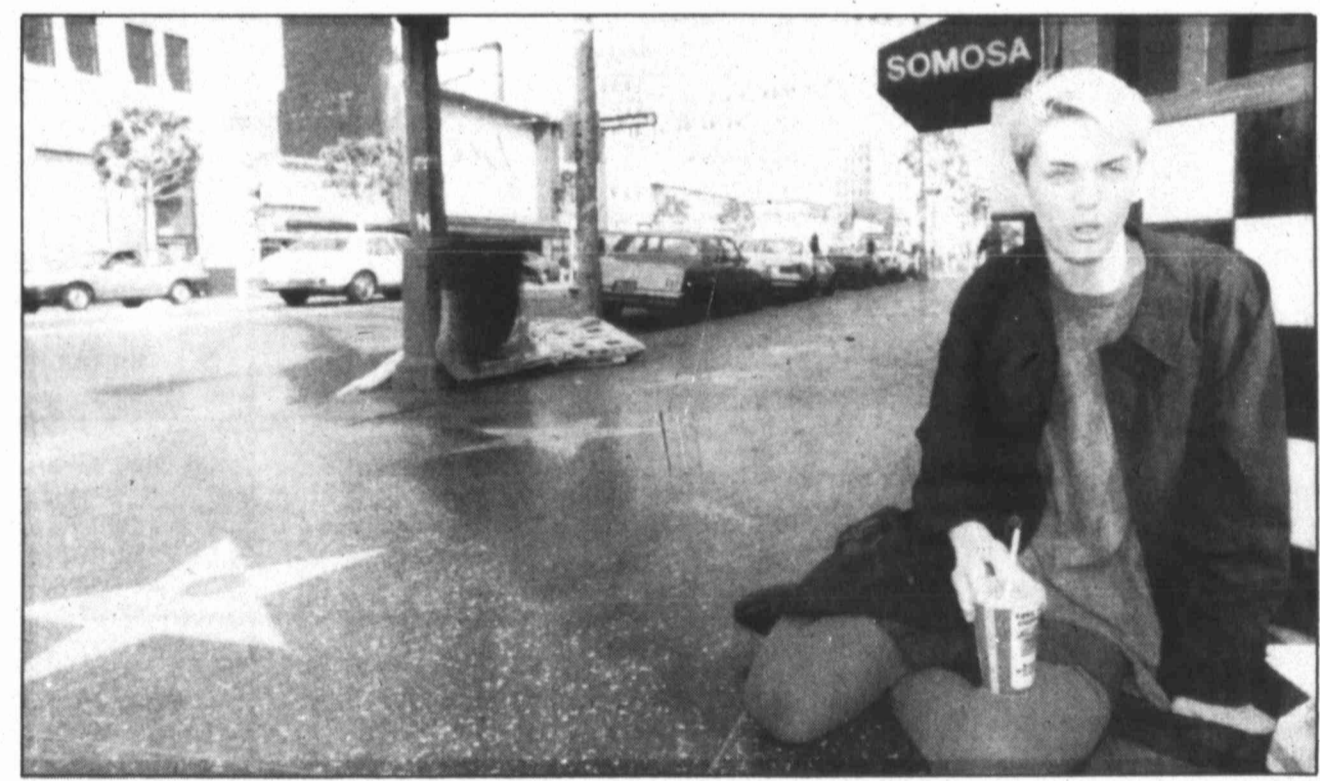
"In this case, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This gives greater coping skills and insight to deal with children over the life cycle," O'Donnell said.

Hollywood glitz fades for homeless teens

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Traveling down a highway in Nebraska, 17-year-old Nikki saw a billboard for Hollywood and took it as a summons. Once there, he found himself homeless, panhandling by day on Hollywood Boulevard and hooking by night at a West Hollywood strip frequented by homosexuals.

"I used to think that if I walked up and down Hollywood Boulevard all day I would get seen and get an agent," the David Bowie look-alike said as he begged for money.

"Kids from different towns and cities form an idea of Hollywood from movie and TV glitz," said Elizabeth Gomez of the Los Angeles Youth Network, a shelter for homeless teens. "They hear stories of actors that got discovered on the street and they kind of think it will happen to them."



Nikki, a 17-year-old runaway from Nebraska, is just one of thousands of troubled youths who come seeking their fame and fortune on the streets of Hollywood. Instead, most end up homeless and making a living largely by prostitution and begging.

Troubled youths who come to Hollywood soon discover that movie agents do not wait at bus stations or cruise the boulevard looking for new faces.

Like Nikki, they become lost in a sea of faceless teen-agers who make their living largely by prostitution and begging. (All of the teen-agers interviewed spoke on condition that only their first names or street names be used.)

A girl who goes by Little Bit crouched on a ledge next to a Hollywood Freeway off-ramp, looking more like a dirty, frightened cat than a girl. She clutched a battered sign reading "HUNGER."

She said she was 19, but appeared to be 10 or 11. She had dirty blond hair, pale blue eyes and a black smudge on her chin. The Miami Heat basketball jacket and tennis shoes she wore were far too big for her.

During one five-minute stretch, a motorist stopped to hand over a bill and another woman ran across the freeway from her bus stop to give money.

Chris, a 19-year-old from Charlotte, N.C., said he uses his formidable punk rock appearance to make money. Tourists who flock to Hollywood for a bit of tawdry glamour pay to take a picture of the young giant with his four green-tinted hair spikes.

Some kids leave home to escape parental abuse. Others — some

with alcohol or drug problems — are thrown out. Few are wanted back by their families, social workers said.

"There are some rotten kids," Ms. Gomez said. "But with the majority of kids, it's the parents' fault. They are really puppy dogs. On the exterior they are rough and tough, but inside they are sweet little kids."

Ms. Gomez said about 10,000 teens are homeless in Los Angeles County.

Absent a real family, teens who aren't in a shelter program loosely band together for company and protection. They live in empty buildings, bathe where they can and eat \$1-a-slice pizza.

Little Bit found shelter and a family of sorts with a group called the Trolls when she arrived from Seattle. But since their cavern underneath the Hollywood Freeway was closed by the California Department of Transportation, she sleeps in a different place every night.

Some sleep in the bushes by the freeway. Better conditions can be

found in abandoned buildings turned into "squats" or temporary homes.

Chris led the way to what he described as the worst squat in Hollywood just a block from the celebrated Hollywood Walk of Fame. Once a music store, now it's abandoned, rain-soaked and filled with trash.

At least three people were sleeping on the cluttered floor, but it was difficult to count all the huddled figures in the musty gloom. The ceiling was caved in and the dry wall ripped up.

The floor was littered with moldy clothes, broken tiles, old paint cans, phonograph albums, a rusty shopping cart, magazines, a soggy copy of the predictions of Nostradamus and garbage.

Social workers and police say the only hope for the street kids is programs that offer a place to live, job training, counseling and drug treatment.

Those who stay involved in a program have a good chance of staying off the streets, said Ms. Gomez.

Both her organization, which

sees 1,000 kids a year, and Children of the Night claim at least 80 percent of the kids who complete their programs "stabilize" or stick with a job.

But some never join because they dislike rules and curfews, said Vikki Balet, program director for Children of the Night.

Ms. Balet thinks states should enact a runaway law that would force kids to stay in a shelter and go to school.

"We have 13- and 14-year-olds who are HIV positive" because they become prostitutes or are sexually exploited, Ms. Balet said. "I think that if someone snatched them up and took control of their lives, many of these kids wouldn't have such a hard time."

But these independent-minded teen-agers seem to want control of their own lives, such as they are.

Drake, 18, said he has been homeless off and on since he left his abusive father in Atlanta at age 14. "Nothing much can be done," Drake said. "Nobody can really help us but ourselves."

Kids warn of smoking

NEW YORK (AP) — One poster reads, "Cold turkey is better than dead duck." The duck is smoking. Another entices, "Send in 100 cigarette box tops, receive one free coffin."

If the messages have child-like simplicity, there's a reason. All 48 posters reproduced in the book "Kids Say Don't Smoke" were drawn by children ages 7 to 18.

The book is part of a campaign to stop children from smoking by asking them to draw posters describing the dangers posed by lighting up.

The poster campaign received publicity a year ago when 12-year-old Melissa Antonow's drawing of a skeleton riding a horse through a cemetery — "Come to where the cancer is" was put in subway cars. It became one of the most popular ads ever, and thousands of riders made off with the posters, forcing a second printing for the one-month display.

Melissa's poster, a parody of the Marlboro line — "Come to where the flavor is" — is included in the book.

Also in the book is information such as: more Colombians will die from American tobacco products than Americans will die from Colombian cocaine, and 60 percent of smokers start using cigarettes by age 13.

But the key features are the miniature color posters.

Some have elaborate drawings. In an ad featuring "St. Butte's Cemetery" stand various cigarette-pack tombstones.

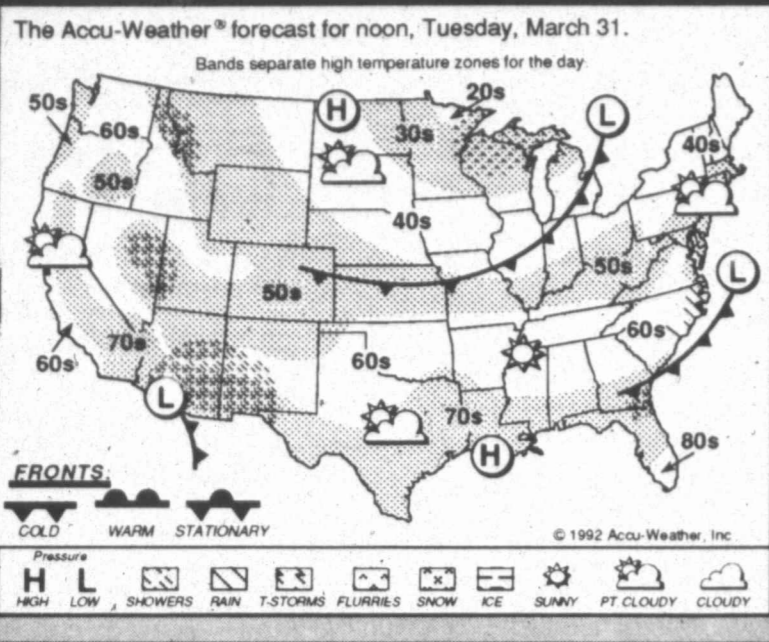
EDITOR'S NOTE: The book costs \$5.95 and is available in bookstores, or by writing Smoke Free Educational Services, 375 South End Ave., New York, N.Y., 10280.

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Herald National Weather



The Accu-Weather[™] forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 31.
 Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.

Permian Basin Weather
 Wednesday: Fair. Chance of Cloudy with a High in the 50s. showers or chance of rain. Low in the 30s. thunderstorms. High in the 60s. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s.
 Thursday: Fair. High in the 50s. Low in the 30s.
 Friday: Fair. High in the 60s. Low in the 40s.

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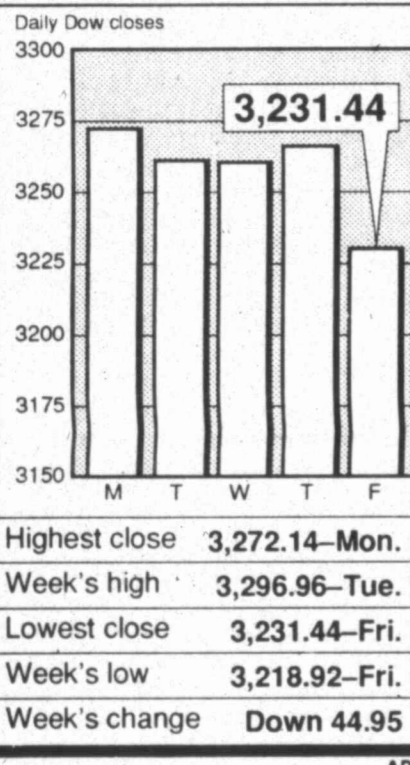
Sunday's high temp.	72	Rainfall Friday	.14
Sunday's low temp.	40	Month to date	0.25
Average high	70	Month's normal	0.78
Average low	44	Year to date	05.25
Record high	95 in 1963	Normal for year	05.04
Record low	19 in 1944		

Oil/markets

May crude oil \$19.22, up 4, and May cotton futures \$8.10 cents a pound, down 48; cash hog was steady at \$9.75; slaughter steers is steady at \$8 cents a pound. April live hog futures \$9.70, down 92; April live cattle futures \$7.85, down 30 at 10:08 a.m. according to Delta Commodities.

MARKET UPDATE

Activity for the week of March 23-27, 1992



Name	CURRENT QUOTE	CHANGE from close
ATT	41	+1/2
Amoco	43 1/4	+1/8
Atlantic Richfield	98 1/4	+1/2
Bethlehem Steel	15 1/4	NC
Cabot	41	-1/4
Chevron	43 1/4	+1/4
Chrysler	17 1/2	+1/2
Coca-Cola	82 1/2	-1/4
De Beers	23 1/4	+1/4
DuPont	47 1/2	-1/4
El Paso Electric	3 1/4	+1/4
Exxon	55 1/4	NC
Fina Inc.	71	NC
Ford Motors	38 1/4	+1/2
GTES	18 1/4	+1/4
Halliburton	23	+1/4
IBM	83 1/2	+1/4
JC Penney	63 1/2	+1/4
Mesa Ltd. Pri. A	4 1/2	+1/4
Mobil	59 1/4	+1/4
New Atmos Energy	19 1/4	NC
NUV	10 1/4	-1/4
Pacific Gas	29 1/4	+1/4
Pepsi Cola	34 1/4	-1/4
Phillips Petroleum	23	NC
Schlumberger	54 1/2	+1/4
Sears	65 1/2	+1/4
Southwestern Bell	58 1/4	+1/4
Sun	27 1/4	-1/4
Texas	36 1/4	-1/4
Texas Instruments	33	+1/4
Texas Utilities	27 1/4	+1/4
Unocal Corp.	20 1/4	-1/4
USX Corp.	25 1/4	-1/4
Wal-Mart	53 1/4	+1/4

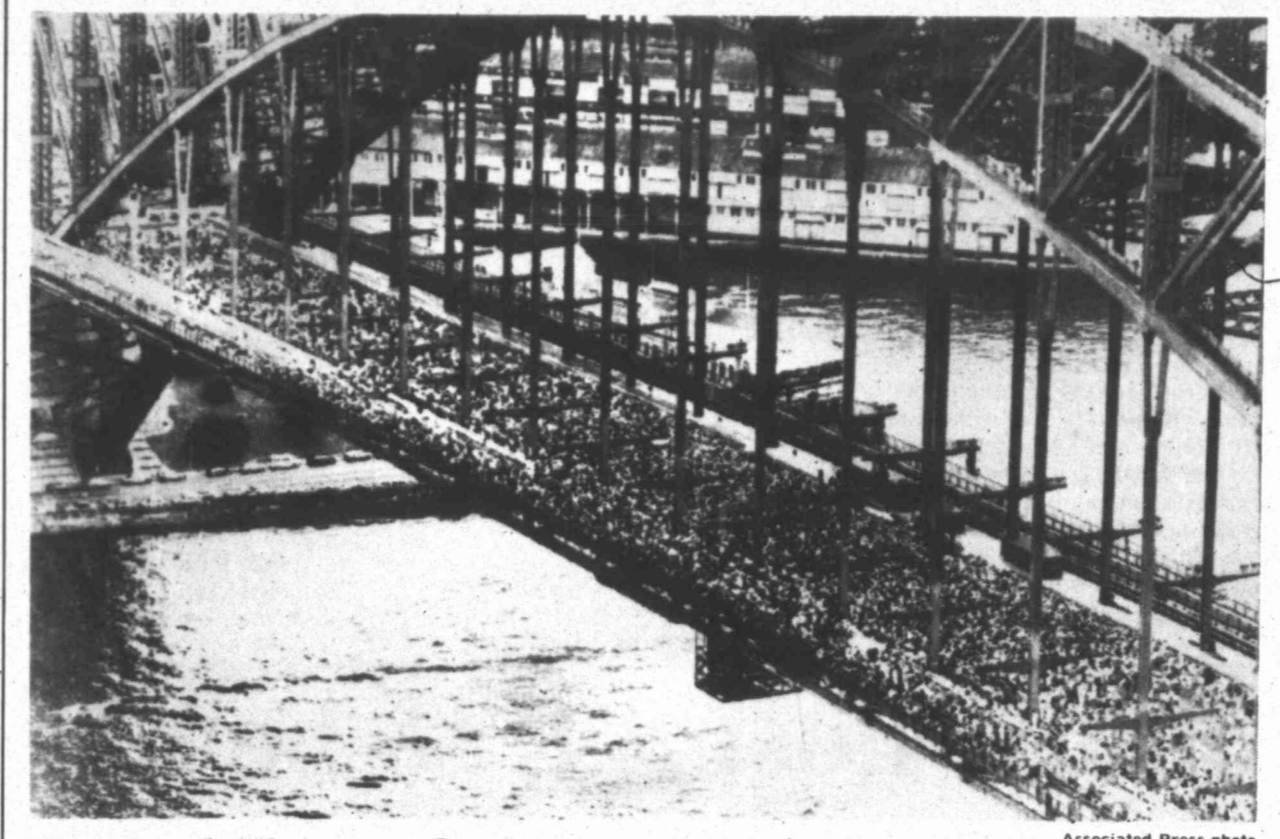
Deaths

Hollis Haddock
 Hollis Glenn Haddock, 70, Westbrock, died Saturday, March 28, 1992, at Midland Memorial Hospital.
 Services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Leon Green officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.
 He was born Dec. 20, 1921, in Cooper. He married Dorothy Hodges on Aug. 9, 1947, in Big Spring. He was retired after 29 1/2 years from Monarch Tile Mfg. Co. in San Angelo. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps.
 Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Haddock, Westbrock; one son, Hollis Haddock Jr., San Angelo; two daughters: Glenna Jane Manges, Armaugh, Pa., and Debbie Diane Doss, Westbrock; three sisters: Fannie Honeycutt, San Angelo, Johnetta Rolff, Austin, and Imogen Neidig, Elgin; seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
 He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Lizzie Haddock; four brothers; and three sisters.

Otelia Young
 Otelia Cundiff Young, 74, Van Horn, died Sunday, March 29, 1992, in Midland Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.
 Memorial services were 3 p.m.,

today in the First Baptist Church of Van Horn with the Rev. Victor Taylor, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Tuesday, in the Water Valley Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.
 She was born May 2, 1917, in Rockwood and was married to W.L. "Diddle" Young on Sept. 13, 1937, in Melrose, N.M. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1966. She had lived in Van Horn 32 years, was a retired school teacher and a member of the First Baptist Church in Van Horn.
 Survivors include one son, Bill E. Young, Stanton; one daughter, Pamela A. Young, Van Horn; one sister, Veoma McGuire, El Paso; and two grandchildren.
 She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Karen D. Young, on Oct. 25, 1985.
 Family suggests memorials be made to the Building Fund, First Baptist Church, Van Horn.

Edamencio Acosta
 Edamencio Mendiola Acosta, 64, Stanton, died Saturday, March 28, 1992, in Stanton, after a brief illness.
 Graveside services were 2 p.m., Monday in St. Joseph Cemetery with the Rev. Tom Barley officiating. Burial was under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.
 He was born Oct. 31, 1927, in



Packed like sardines
 The Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia celebrated its 60th birthday Sunday and, for the first time since its opening, was closed to traffic. An estimated 300,000 people walked across the bridge and created a pedestrian gridlock during a huge, open-air party.

Shuttle crew to appear at Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' crew will make a guest appearance at tonight's Academy Awards. Meanwhile, gay rights activists upset over "The Silence of the Lambs" and other films threatened to disrupt the show.

"The Silence of the Lambs," with seven nominations, had the most momentum going into the ceremony. Nominated for best picture, it collected top prizes from the Directors Guild of America and the Writers Guild of America in recent weeks.

But activists upset with the portrayal of homosexual villains in that film, in "JFK," also nominated for best picture, and in the new movie "Basic Instinct," have said they will cause a commo-

tion. Rick Wilson of Queer Nation said the gay-rights group would block cars going to the show.

Ric Robertson, executive administrator of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, said, "We will do whatever we can to make it a safe and enjoyable evening for the guests and fans and everyone."

There was little the Academy could do to help Oscar host Billy Crystal, who was fighting the flu. He planned to emcee the ceremonies despite the illness, which forced him to cancel an appearance at Saturday night's taping of the American Comedy Awards.

Academy officials refused to say where or how the seven Atlantis astronauts, not scheduled to land

until Thursday, would participate in the 64th annual Academy Awards, nationally televised from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on ABC beginning at 9 p.m. EST.

The astronauts sent down a video for the academy on Friday. In a scene inadvertently shown on NASA television, one crew member appeared to be holding an Oscar.

The likeliest possibility was that the astronauts would join in the presentation of the honorary Irving Thalberg award to "Star Wars" creator George Lucas, who also was responsible for "Indiana Jones" and "American Graffiti."

"Bugsy," nominated as best film, had the most nominations with 10.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- A police officer was treated and released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center after being bitten by a dog in the 2500 block of West Highway 80. The dog reportedly attacked from under a car without warning. Officials are keeping the dog under observation for rabies. As yet, no one has claimed ownership of the animal.
- David Wayne Gilliam, 25, of 1311 Wright was arrested for class C family violence.
- Michael Lee Huff, 28, was arrested for failure to appear on speeding charges.
- Lupe Hernandez, 28, of 309

- North Goliad was arrested for driving while intoxicated. Joe Juarez, a passenger in the vehicle was arrested for public intoxication.
- Janie Aguilar, 25, of 900 South Aylford was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- A vehicle window was reportedly broken with a beer bottle in the 2600 block of Dow.
- Jackie E. Conaway, of 300 Tulane was arrested for public intoxication, failure to appear and disorderly conduct/language.
- A burglary of a home in the 1600 block of Lark caused \$45 in damage.
- Charles Eugene Cooper, 22, was arrested at the Northcrest Apartments for possession of mari-

- juana under two ounces.
- A car was reported scratched at the Highland Mall parking lot.
- An asphalt roller, a trailer and a seal-coating pump worth \$3,550 were reported stolen in the 100 block of Northwest 12th.
- A telephone and light fixture were reported damaged at the Motel 6. Loss is estimated at \$125.
- Beer worth \$8 was reported stolen from a 7-Eleven at 1801 South Gregg Street.
- A cellular phone was reported stolen during the burglary of a vehicle in the 1600 block of Marcy.
- A pocket color television worth \$149 was reported stolen from Radio Shack in the Big Spring Mall.

Water supply will be shut off Tuesday

Water supply will be shut off Tuesday in homes and businesses in a grid from Birdwell Lane to Dixie and from Washington Boulevard to 15th Street.

Water flow will be interrupted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the purpose of changing out a valve.

Getting off the airplane

NEW YORK (AP) — Snow is falling, and a ground crew is de-icing the wings. Your seat belt is fastened, the runway is clear — and you want off the plane.

Can you get off? It depends, say those in the airline industry.

"There is no set moment at which we say, 'No, you're never going to get off,' or, 'Yes, you can get off.' In terms of reality, it's unlikely we'd return to the gate if we were second in line for takeoff," said Tim Smith, an American Airlines spokesman.

Some are asking themselves the question after the March 22 crash of a USAir jet at La Guardia Airport during a snowstorm. Flight 405 skidded off a runway on takeoff March 22, killing 27 people. Investigators are looking into whether the plane had ice on its wings.

Although no one asked to get off the plane, several passengers were considering it.

"If we take off like this, we're all dead, we're all dead," Tom Merrill of Norwalk, Ohio, reportedly said after looking out at the ice and snow on the wing.

"We are on the plane to hell. We're going to die," a fellow passenger quoted Merrill as saying. Merrill survived.

Most airlines handle such cases individually depending on the person, the complaint and the circumstances, said David Melancon, spokesman for the Association of Flight Attendants.

A rule of thumb: If you're still at the gate, getting off the plane is no problem. But once the plane starts taxiing toward the runway...

"If somebody's fearful, really concerned about their safety, in that case we probably would go back," said Joe Hopkins of United.

"We try to apply our best judgment as to what's reasonable."

The decision is ultimately the captain's under Federal Aviation Administration regulation 91.3.

"It's important to emphasize that people need to trust us and our decision on when it's safe to fly. We make every effort to err on the side of conservatism when it comes to any weather condition," Smith said.

Snow makes passengers antsy. said Beth DeProspero, a flight attendant for 2 1/2 years.

"Once it starts snowing..." she said, her voice trailing off. "People don't understand. They know it's hard to drive in, so they assume it's hard to fly in. And once they see so many delays, they start panicking."

It doesn't take bad weather to make some passengers jump. DeProspero recalled one flight where a passenger, for no apparent reason, began shouting. "Stewardess! I hate you! I want off the plane!"

The woman got her wish, to the relief of DeProspero and the other passengers. Such incidents are rare; DeProspero can only recall two cases in her hundreds of flights.

"If they start losing control, getting really hysterical, and causing danger to the rest of the passengers, we'll go back," DeProspero said.

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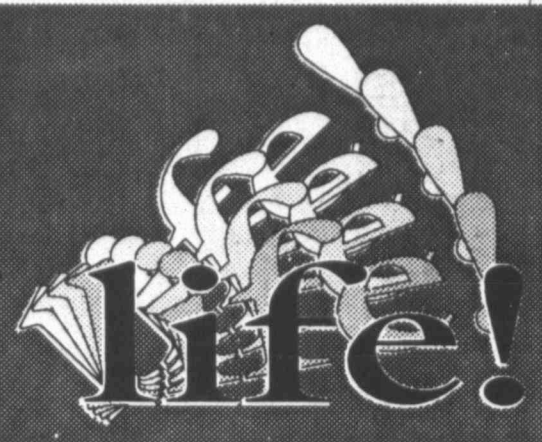
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Spring board

How's that?

Q. How old was "Spanky" when he made his first Little Rascals film?
A. According to Texas Trivia, he was three.

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.
- Al-A-Teen will meet 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- There will be gospel singing 7 p.m., Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.
- Recovery Solutions, Inc. will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.

TUESDAY

- Sesame Street Live! 7 p.m. today, and 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., on Wednesday, at the Chaparral Center. Wynonna Judd follows at 8 p.m., Thursday. Tickets on sale at Chaparral Center and Endless Horizons in Midland and Odessa.
- Narcotics Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., V.A. Medical Center, room 401. Anyone welcome.
- Recovery Solutions, Inc., mens support group, will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
- 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., Howard County Mental Health Center, 315 Runnels. Anyone interested must call first- Dawn Pearson, RNC, or Gail Zilai, MSW, 267-8216 ext. 287.
- Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

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.
- Recovery Solutions Inc., womens support group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
- Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor.

THURSDAY

- Recovery Solutions, Inc., teen esteem group will meet 6:30-8 p.m., 307 Union St. For information call 264-7028.
- Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, room 414.
- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill will meet 7 p.m., Howard County Mental Health Center, 4th & Runnels. For information call 267-7380.

FRIDAY

- Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., 2805 Lynn Dr., Kentwood Center. Public invited.
- Borden County Cancer Society will have their annual Barn Dance, 8:30 p.m., in the County Show Barn, Gail. Music by Judy Nix.

SATURDAY

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

Learning to be a better father

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 Staff Writer

A loving father is the key to a child's sexual identity and sexual choices, according to the Southwest Center for Fathering.

"Research has shown that the more nurturing the father, the more masculine the son. And the more nurturing the father, the less sexually promiscuous the daughter," said Michael O'Donnell, director of the center located at Abilene Christian University.

"(Children with) fathers who verbalize their values to their son or daughter have a greater increase of abstinence. They need to hear their fathers say it, and they need to build that relationship over the years," O'Donnell said.

The center, now in its second year, was the first university-based program developed to help families strengthen their relationships, and the first to focus that program on the father. The program is also a part of the National Center for Fathering.

"This is novel because it is the first time men have support groups just for them," O'Donnell said.

'Research has shown that the more nurturing the father, the more masculine the son. And the more nurturing the father, the less sexually promiscuous the daughter.'

**Michael O'Donnell
 Southwest Center for Fathering**

A seven-week seminar teaches fathers to assess their own strengths in the roles as parents and helps them evaluate ways to improve those relationships. A parenting profile is administered to every man who participates in the program.

The seminar uses a "father empowerment program, I CAN," O'Donnell said. This philosophy includes (I) involvement, (C) consistent...actions, (A) awareness of the

child's needs, and (N) nurturance. O'Donnell said the success of the program builds on a "pyramid effect." Fathers who complete the program are eligible to train others, thus involving more families. He estimates that by the end of 1992, 36,000 children will have been positively affected, multiplying the number of fathers who take the course by an average of two children each.

The Texas Department of Human Services has also endorsed the program, and has trained more than 77 of its Abilene-based Child Protective Workers and volunteers in the parenting education program.

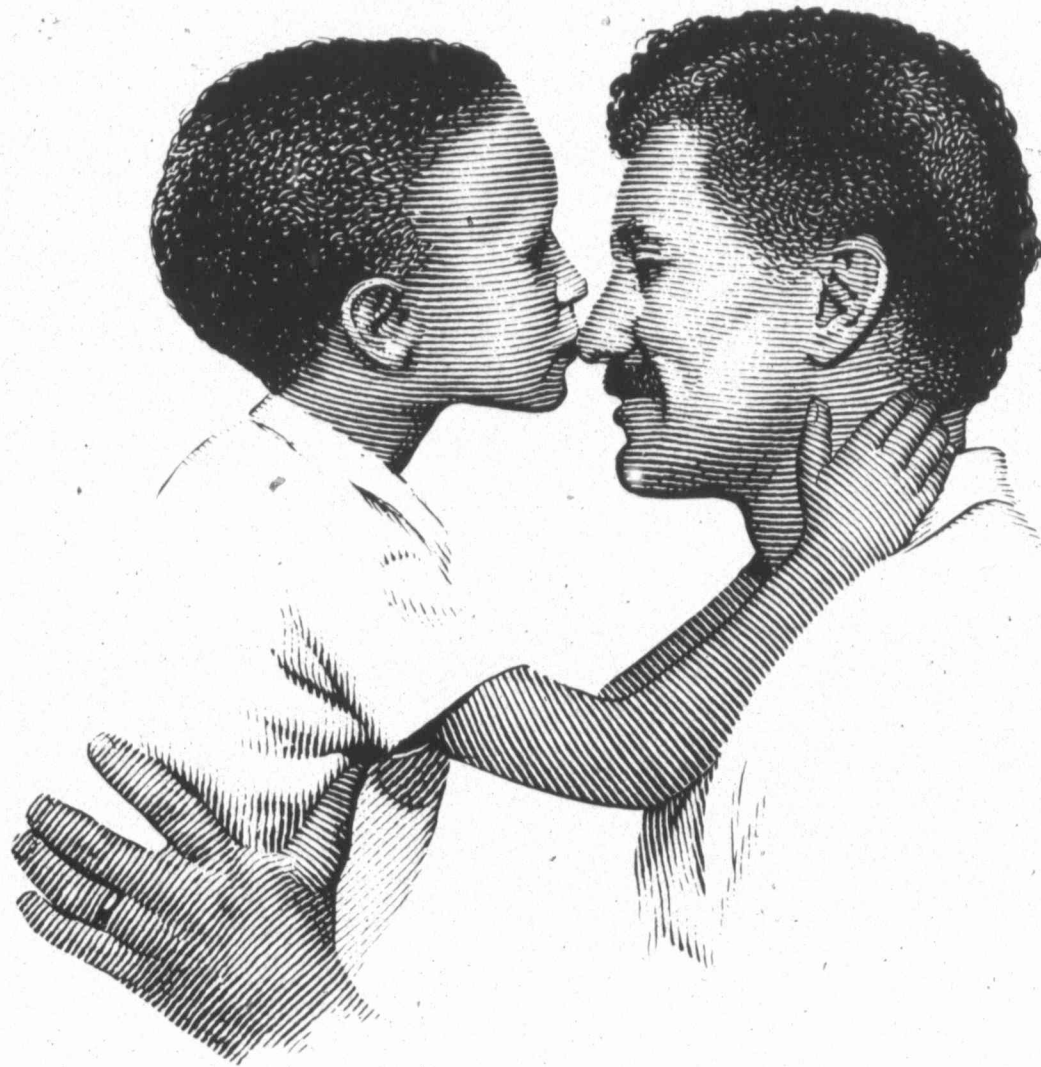
"The DHS strategy is they want CPS to live up to the expectations of its name. Their current strategy is to go in and intervene, when someone's been charged with abuse. But that's after the fact, so it's not really protective."

"They're hoping to target parents and give them the skills and insight necessary. If they have the necessary coping skills, they're less likely to lose control and abuse the child," O'Donnell said.

DHS will also offer the training to parents applying for foster care homes. And fathers at-risk of child abuse will be encouraged to attend the program.

An at-risk father, O'Donnell said, is a spouse who dissolves one marriage, often due to his abusive behavior. He then remarries a woman with children, and those children are at risk for becoming abused.

"The hope is that if that father



goes through the program, it will break the cycle. It's called intergenerational pathology; a poor role model - I parent how I was parented - but if we can break the cycle, provide the skills and insight, it impacts the next generation," O'Donnell said.

Joe Carter, Colorado City, and Jim Petty, Sterling City, attended a two-day workshop at the center in November 1991. Both men said they recommend the program, especially for fathers at risk for abuse.

"I thought it was very good. This helps with fathers being more aware of their communication with their kids, and puts the responsibility on the father's shoulders. In the past, we left things up to the mother. This shows the importance of the father and his role in the home," said Petty, the Sterling City Church of Christ minister and father of four children.

Carter said he attended the program as part of his foster parent application. Although he found the parenting profile informative he said the questionnaire might lend to bias.

"It would be pretty simple to anticipate what the answers should be. I don't know if a guy couldn't skew that," Carter said.

Carter said he did find information he plans to use to train others in his area. And some of the information might be new material for fathers.

"People tend to think that if they recreate with their child and stay home nights and are good providers, that's all there is. But children need more nurturing than that. Life is not a weekend at the Eagle Scouts, although that has its place. Let's face it, life is drudgery, it's not all that much fun, and children become highly disillusioned. They need interac-

tion with their parents on a daily basis. Children are a reflection of their parents, they patternize them and they emulate them," Carter said.

The fathering seminars are available at the university, although O'Donnell said a workshop should be offered in the Howard County area by year's end.

The cost for the seven-week seminar is \$210 each, but the Abilene welfare council sponsored scholarships at no charge for those who volunteered to undergo the program. A Midland and a Big Spring Child Protective Worker said they were not familiar with the program, but agreed a fathering class might help parents engaged in child rearing.

"In this case, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This gives greater coping skills and insight to deal with children over the life cycle," O'Donnell said.

Hollywood glitz fades for homeless teens

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Traveling down a highway in Nebraska, 17-year-old Nikki saw a billboard for Hollywood and took it as a summons. Once there, he found himself homeless, panhandling by day on Hollywood Boulevard and hooking by night at a West Hollywood strip frequented by homosexuals.

"I used to think that if I walked up and down Hollywood Boulevard all day I would get seen and get an agent," the David Bowie look-alike said as he begged for money.

"Kids from different towns and cities form an idea of Hollywood from movie and TV glitz," said Elizabeth Gomez of the Los Angeles Youth Network, a shelter for homeless teens. "They hear stories of actors that got discovered on the street and they kind of think it will happen to them."

Troubled youths who come to Hollywood soon discover that movie agents do not wait at bus stations or cruise the boulevard looking for new faces.

Like Nikki, they become lost in a sea of faceless teen-agers who make their living largely by prostitution and begging. (All of the teen-agers interviewed spoke on condition that only their first names or street names be used.)

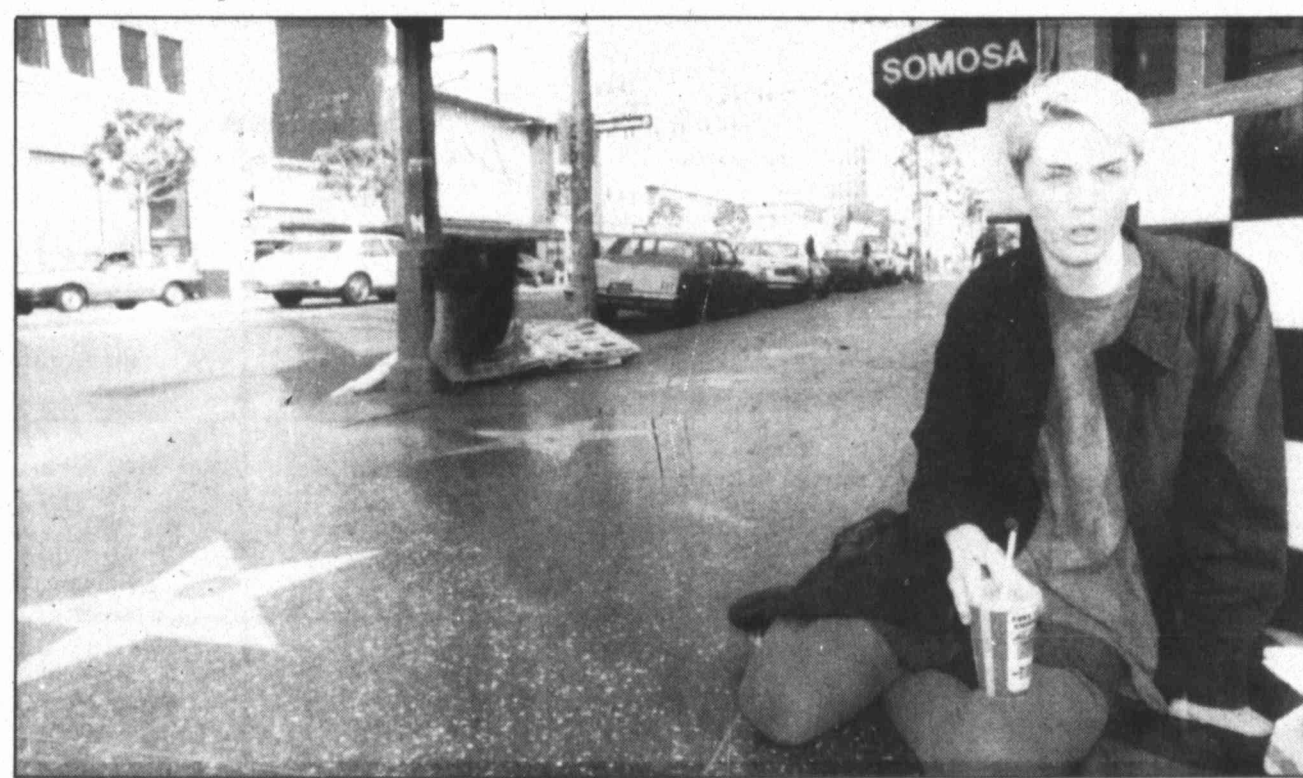
A girl who goes by Little Bit crouched on a ledge next to a Hollywood Freeway off-ramp, looking more like a dirty, frightened cat than a girl. She clutched a battered sign reading "HUNGER."

She said she was 19, but appeared to be 10 or 11. She had dirty blond hair, pale blue eyes and a black smudge on her chin. The Miami Heat basketball jacket and tennis shoes she wore were far too big for her.

During one five-minute stretch, a motorist stopped to hand over a bill and another woman ran across the freeway from her bus stop to give money.

Chris, a 19-year-old from Charlotte, N.C., said he uses his formidable punk rock appearance to make money. Tourists who flock to Hollywood for a bit of tawdry glamour pay to take a picture of the young giant with his four green-tinted hair spikes.

Some kids leave home to escape parental abuse. Others — some



Nikki, a 17-year-old runaway from Nebraska, is just one of thousands of troubled youths who come seeking their fame and fortune on the streets of Hollywood. Instead, most end up homeless and making a living largely by prostitution and beg-

ing. Nikki, shown on Hollywood Boulevard where he panhandles by day, talks about his life on the streets during an interview in February. His nights are spent "hooking" on the gay strip of West Hollywood.

with alcohol or drug problems — are thrown out. Few are wanted back by their families, social workers said.

"There are some rotten kids," Ms. Gomez said. "But with the majority of kids, it's the parents' fault. They are really puppy dogs. On the exterior they are rough and tough, but inside they are sweet little kids."

Ms. Gomez said about 10,000 teens are homeless in Los Angeles County.

Absent a real family, teens who aren't in a shelter program loosely band together for company and protection. They live in empty buildings, bath where they can and eat \$1-a-slice pizza.

Little Bit found shelter and a family of sorts with a group called the Trolls when she arrived from Seattle. But since their cavern underneath the Hollywood Freeway was closed by the California Department of Transportation, she sleeps in a different place every night.

Some sleep in the bushes by the freeway. Better conditions can be

found in abandoned buildings turned into "squats" or temporary homes.

Chris led the way to what he described as the worst squat in Hollywood just a block from the celebrated Hollywood Walk of Fame. Once a music store, now it's abandoned, rain-soaked and filled with trash.

At least three people were sleeping on the cluttered floor, but it was difficult to count all the huddled figures in the musty gloom. The ceiling was caved in and the dry wall ripped up.

The floor was littered with moldy clothes, broken tiles, old paint cans, phonograph albums, a rusty shopping cart, magazines, a soggy copy of the predictions of Nostradamus and garbage.

Social workers and police say the only hope for the street kids is programs that offer a place to live, job training, counseling and drug treatment.

Those who stay involved in a program have a good chance of staying off the streets, said Ms. Gomez. Both her organization, which

sees 1,000 kids a year, and Children of the Night claim at least 80 percent of the kids who complete their programs "stabilize" or stick with a job.

But some never join because they dislike rules and curfews, said Vikki Balet, program director for Children of the Night.

Ms. Balet thinks states should enact a runaway law that would force kids to stay in a shelter and go to school.

"We have 13- and 14-year-olds who are HIV positive" because they become prostitutes or are sexually exploited, Ms. Balet said. "I think that if someone snatched them up and took control of their lives, many of these kids wouldn't have such a hard time."

But these independent-minded teen-agers seem to want control of their own lives, such as they are.

Drake, 18, said he has been homeless off and on since he left his abusive father in Atlanta at age 14. "Nothing much can be done," Drake said. "Nobody can really help us but ourselves."

Kids warn of smoking

NEW YORK (AP) — One poster reads, "Cold turkey is better than dead duck." The duck is smoking. Another entices, "Send in 100 cigarette-box tops, receive one free coffin."

If the messages have child-like simplicity, there's a reason. All 48 posters reproduced in the book "Kids Say Don't Smoke" were drawn by children ages 7 to 18.

The book is part of a campaign to stop children from smoking by asking them to draw posters describing the dangers posed by lighting up.

The poster campaign received publicity a year ago when 12-year-old Melissa Antonow's drawing of a skeleton riding a horse through a cemetery — "Come to where the cancer is" was put in subway cars. It became one of the most popular ads ever, and thousands of riders made off with the posters, forcing a second printing for the one-month display.

Melissa's poster, a parody of the Marlboro line — "Come to where the flavor is" — is included in the book.

Also in the book is information such as: more Colombians will die from American tobacco products than Americans will die from Colombian cocaine, and 60 percent of smokers start using cigarettes by age 13.

But the key features are the miniature color posters.

Some have elaborate drawings. In an ad featuring "St. Butte's Cemetery" stand various cigarette-pack tombstones.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The book costs \$5.95 and is available in bookstores, or by writing Smoke Free Educational Services, 375 South End Ave., New York, N.Y., 10280.

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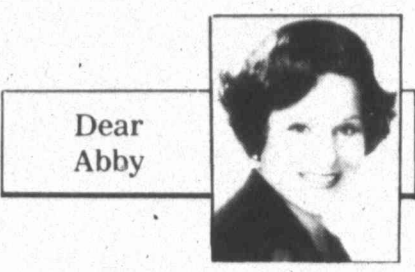
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'Homefront' fans are happily hooked

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for plugging "Homefront" on ABC-TV. I, too, am hooked on it, but we might not be seeing it much longer. In Chicago, it was on only twice last month. Once, its time slot was filled with "Mobs and Mobsters." (What can ABC be thinking?) It's hard enough for a new show to make it these days without bouncing it all over the schedule. Anyway, here's hoping we can watch "Homefront" for many years to come. — SHARON R. PORTERFIELD, PARK RIDGE, ILL.

DEAR SHARON: You and I aren't the only ones who are hooked on "Homefront." Read on.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are also avid "Homefront" fans.



Dear Abby

We love it! The characters and story line are wonderful. We panic when it's pre-empted or moved around. We hope this terrific show stays on for a long, long time. — FAY AND MARK GRANTHAM, BARTOW, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: My family and I — especially our 14-year-old daughter, Amber — are also hooked on "Homefront." This is the

"quality television" for which people have been asking the networks for years. — M.J. NARKAWICZ, ST. PETERS, MO.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been reading your column in the Desert Sun ever since you started more than 30 years ago, so when you recommended "Homefront" on television, we took your word for it and tuned in to find out what kind of show Abby could get "hooked" on.

Our married daughter and her husband were over for dinner that evening and they stayed to watch it with us. Now there are two more couples who are hooked on "Homefront." — LONGTIME ABBY FANS IN PALM SPRINGS

DEAR ABBY: I read in the San

Francisco Chronicle that you are "hooked" on ABC's "Homefront." So am I. I love it.

I heard a "soap" expert on a radio talk show say that if people care about "Homefront," they'd better write to ABC because its contract has not been renewed yet, and it may not be.

I'm sure your plug helped, but another boost couldn't hurt. — LORETTA GOULD, SAN RAFAEL, CALIF.

DEAR LORETTA: Thanks for alerting me. I was not aware that the situation was so crucial.

Readers, if you're as hooked on "Homefront" as I am, please write to: Robert Iger, President, ABC Entertainment, 2040 Avenue of the Stars, Century City, Calif. 90067, and make your feelings known. The voice of the people is tremendously powerful.

Jeane Dixon

FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Keep an eagle eye on investments, especially those involving real estate. Early spring could find you busy with a home renovation project. Insist on quality materials and expert labor. Contacts made during a summer vacation can be used to boost business next October. Christmas should find you in a generous mood. Avoid going overboard. Pursue educational interests early in 1993. You have an important message to share.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: fashion designer Liz Claiborne, actress Shirley Jones, actors Richard Chamberlain and William Daniels.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Continue to assure a difficult young person of your affection and good intentions. Staying on your toes will help surge ahead of a competitor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Any business mistakes made today could be not only costly but embarrassing. Certain people are very quick to pass judgment; be careful. Begin to gather income tax materials together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Even if you have some doubts about the efficacy of your methods, you should not change them right now. They may have a delayed effect on boosting the bottom line. Wait and see.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Check to see that the books of a business are up to date. You need to know exactly how things stand. Loved ones are glad to go along with your entertainment plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): One thing leads to another. Those who took advantage of yesterday's fine opportunities can extract even greater benefits today. Loved ones may be waiting for you to express your wishes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You have all the skills and information you need to turn out superlative work and boost your financial worth. Go over business contracts with a fine-toothed comb before signing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Spirits run high today. Constructive plans have an excellent chance of success. Make sure a collaborator shares your enthusiasm. A positive attitude helps attract you new allies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Aim high when setting goals and persevere until you reach them. You should be obtaining better results for your efforts. Taking an objective view helps resolve a domestic dispute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you want tomorrow or in the days to come may have to be arranged for now. It is never wise to wait until the last minute. Take a chance on romance tonight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A young relative may not realize that money does not grow on trees. The more assets you have, the better your chances of boosting your social prestige.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A brilliant idea comes from out of the blue. You know how to handle a service, health or romantic problem. Shun the limelight and go for the gold in business and investments.

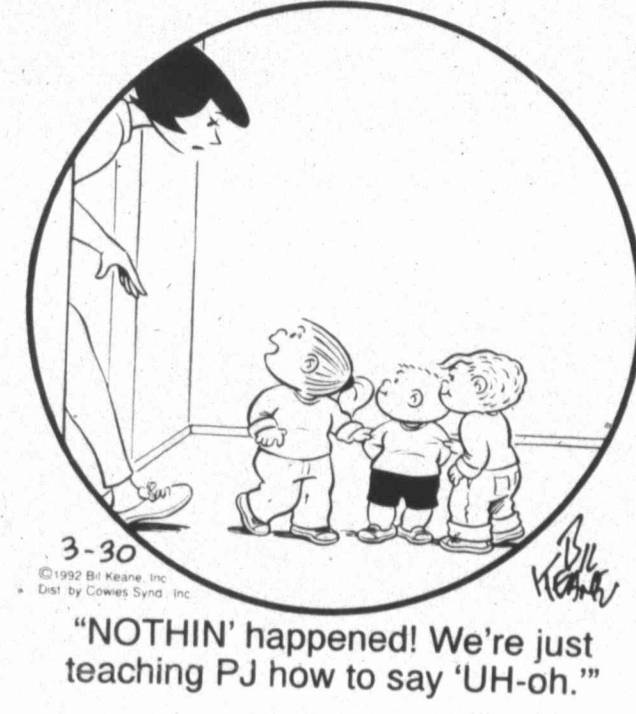
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Letting things slide at work would be a mistake. On the off chance that you have been misinformed, move cautiously in a delicate personnel matter. A telephone call or letter brings welcome news.

DENNIS THE MENACE



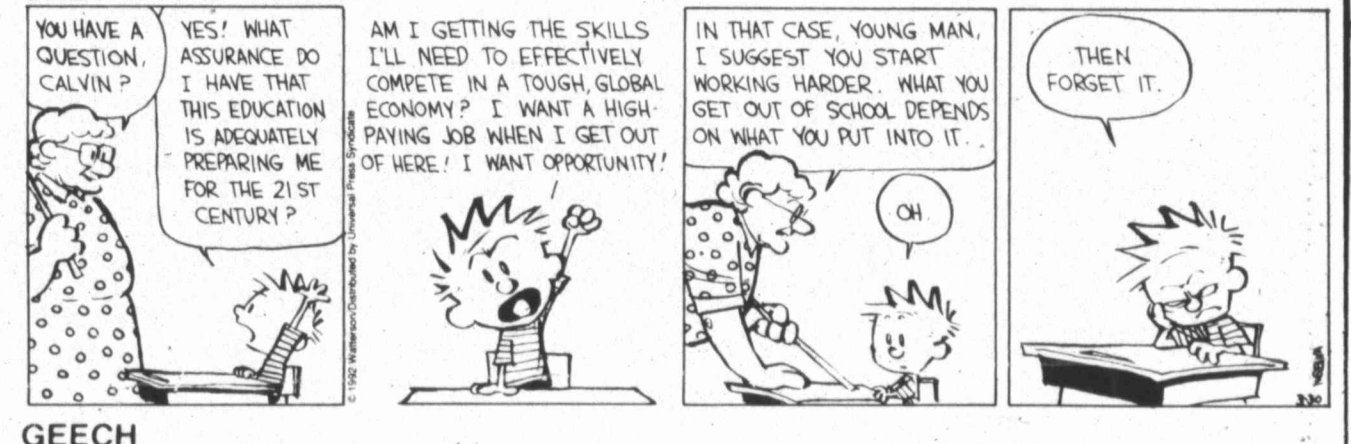
"MY DAD LIKES THE SUNSHINE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T HAVE TO SHOVEL IT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"NOTHIN' happened! We're just teaching PJ how to say 'UH-oh.'"

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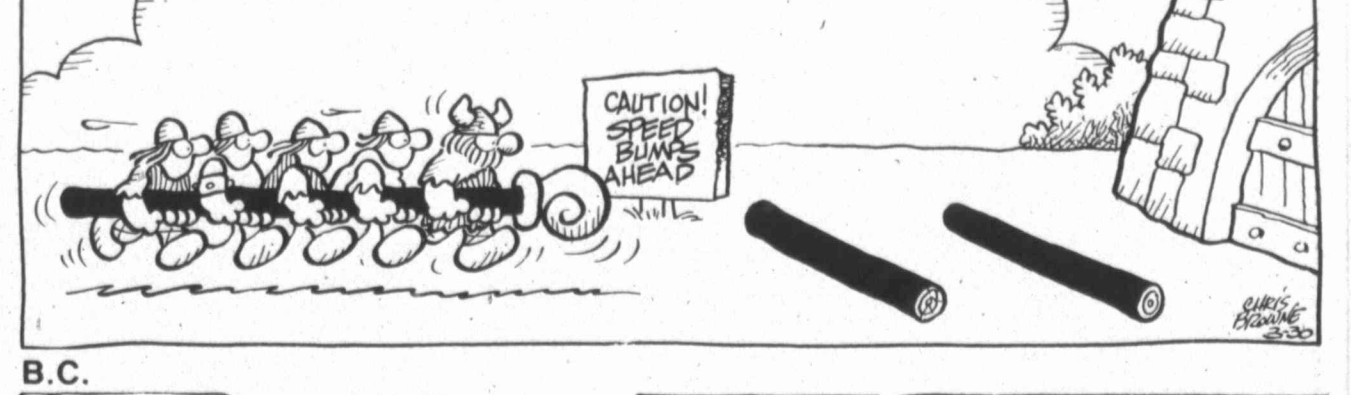
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