

NEWS DIGEST

'Starting a Business' seminar being offered

The Howard College Business Development Center is offering a "Starting A Business" seminar Tuesday at the college. Registration begins at 12:45 with Karl V. Painter opening the session. Other topics include money matters, business house keeping and opening a business.

New school bus schedules

New bus schedules for Lakeview Head Start, effective Tuesday:
White bus: Marcy, 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Cedar Crest, 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.; and Bauer, 8:20 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Yellow bus: Washington, 8:30 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.; Boydston, 8:40 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.; Anderson, 7:50 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and College Heights, 8:05 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
Times may vary five to 10 minutes.

Leadership classes begin

Leadership Class of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will begin Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. with a tour of area agricultural facilities. Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson will conduct the tour.

Banks Addition cleanup

A cleanup of the Banks Addition near the Lakeview school will be Sept. 12. For more information call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Texas

• One of Texas' most notorious killers to be released: A former University of Texas student who became one of Texas' most notorious killers will be released from prison this month after serving 27 years of an 80-year murder sentence. James C. Cross, who will be 50 next week, was only 22 years old when he allowed Shirley Stark, whom he once dated, and her friend, Susan Rigsby, stop at his apartment to shower and change clothes while on their way back to school in July 1965. See Page 2A.

World

• Unrest continues to mark former Soviet Union: President Rakhmon Nabiyev of Tajikistan resigned today after being blocked at the Dushanbe airport by armed anti-government militants, the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies reported. Tajik authorities in Moscow said shooting was reported near the airport, but it could not confirm Nabiyev's resignation. Interfax said Nabiyev left the airport accompanied by armed guards after signing his letter of resignation. See Page 3A.

Sports

• Arkansas' Jack Crowe quits after Hogs eat crow: It used to be that Arkansas would pummel a team like The Citadel. It used to be that Jack Crowe was Arkansas' head coach, too. Things change fast with the Razorbacks these days. Hours after Arkansas was embarrassed by The Citadel, Crowe resigned as Razorback football coach and defensive coordinator Joe Kines was named interim head coach. See Page 5A.

life!

• Rotary Exchange program helps couple travel: Lee George is busy with work and civic activities, and he's putting two children through college, so he doesn't travel much. But the local entrepreneur feels like he's been all over the world. George and his wife, Janet, have done their traveling through the eyes of others. They've spent three years working with exchange students and couples through Rotary International. See Page 1B.

Weather

Today, sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South wind 10-20 mph. Tonight, fair. Low in mid-to-upper 60s.
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No such thing as a typical day

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a seven-part series, "Behind the Badge," which explores various aspects of the Big Spring Police Department from staff and budget cuts to a day in the life of a patrol officer.

Today: A "typical" day in the life of a Big Spring patrol officer.
Tuesday: Police Chief Joe Cook and dispatch, the nerve center of the PD.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

What can be described as a typical day for a Big Spring Police Department patrol officer is unlike what many people consider typical, according to officers. In fact, because of the constant possibility of threats, typical days can be risky. "You get into a rut and a routine and that can be deadly for you," said Steve Wright, 28, an officer here the past three years. "I wouldn't say I've ever had a typical day as a police officer,"

said Tom Hain, 27, an officer here nine years. "I never say it was an easy day until I get in the house and close the door. "You never know," Hain said. "It's an occupational hazard," said Big Spring psychologist Wayne Bonner, who does psychological screening of potential officers for the department. "You have to be hyper and alert a good part of the time." Bonner said studies have shown the high stress of the job leads to higher than average divorce rates and can cause stress-related problems like ulcers, lack of sleep and irritability. Officers frequently take job problems home and are always on call anyway. Just being an officer can affect their social lives, he said. It "changes any person to a degree," Bonner said. "It's one of the more stressful jobs out there." Officers in Big Spring also face 12-hour shifts that alternate from nights and days about once a week. They also work with a fourth-less patrol officers on streets than the



previous year — an average of three at any time — because of city budget cuts. Some officers say that creates more stress. And, some point out, patrol officer pay here is only \$18,000 to \$24,000 a year. But each officer is affected dif-

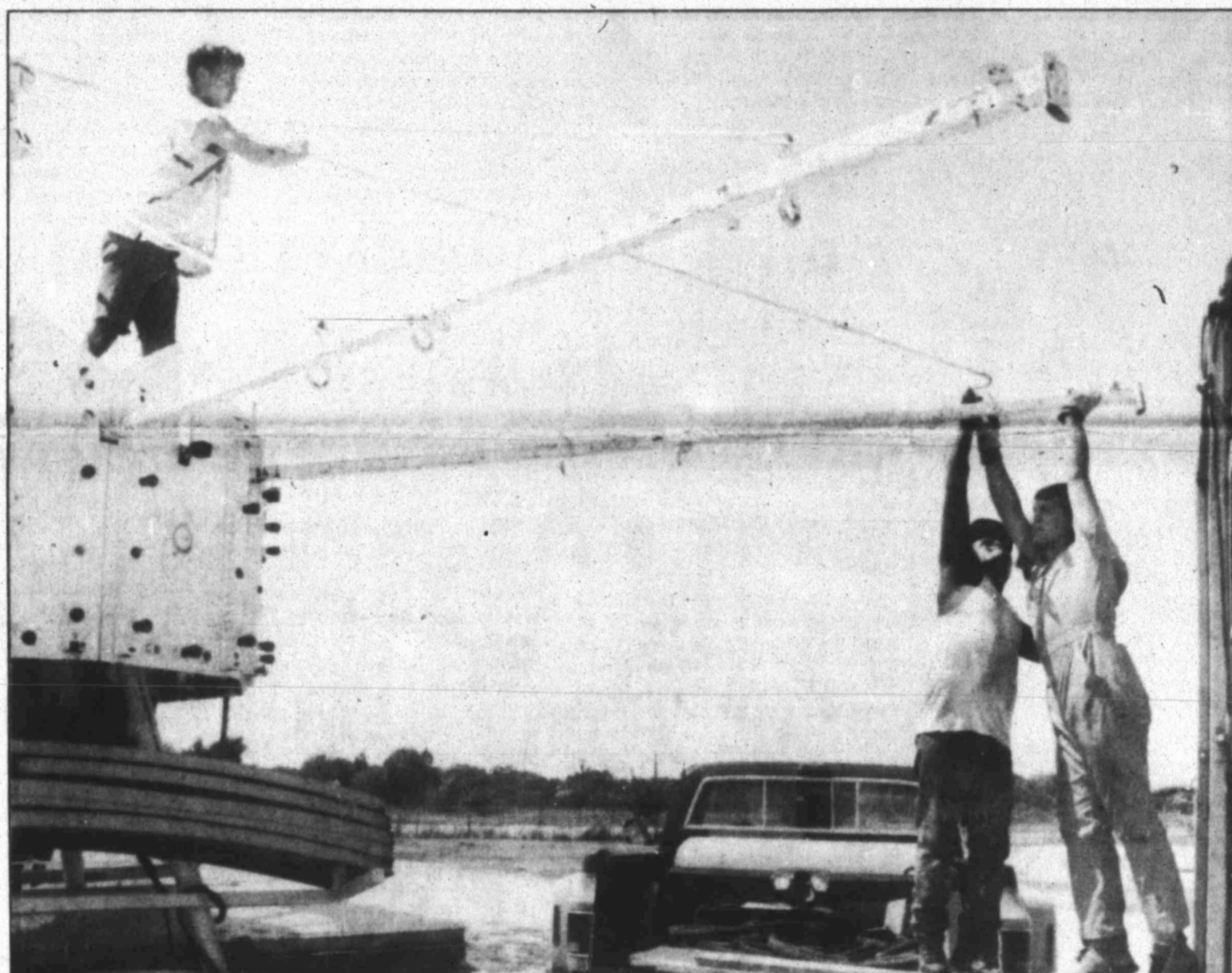
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Variety of calls liven patrol shift

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

While there may be no such thing as a normal day in the life of a police officer, a "typical" shift includes a wide variety of calls. On Saturday, Aug. 15, a Big Spring Herald reporter spent seven hours of a 12-hour night shift with officer Steve Sasser and recorded responses to calls. Saturday nights are among the busiest times faced by officers. Events described do not indicate that the police department in July handled an average of 17 calls per patrol officer on each 12-hour shift and averaged three officers on patrol at any one time. This year, more than 23,000 calls for service were made and more than 3,800 follow reports made by police. Last year 5,208 reports were made. Also, day shifts — from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. — are significantly different from night shifts.

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Getting rides ready
Carnival workers Alan DeAx, left, Robert Bureson and Chris Hogg work Saturday afternoon to set-up the carousel ride at the Howard County Fairgrounds in preparation for the Howard County Fair which got under way today. Gene Ledel Shows operates the rides at the fair.

Congress returns from recess

By JANET HOOK
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — When the 102nd Congress began in 1991, lawmakers were transfixed by events abroad. By and large, they submerged partisan differences as the United States entered and won the Persian Gulf War. But this Congress now seems destined to end on a radically different note. Democrats and Republicans are at each others' throats, and they are preoccupied with issues close to home: the U.S. economy and their own reelection. Lawmakers return from their August recess Tuesday to a nasty political climate, as President Bush makes Congress-bashing central to his reelection strategy this fall. But both Bush and Congress are under pressure to put aside partisan bickering long enough to cope with urgent legislative demands. Government agencies will run out of money less than a month after Congress reconvenes unless it clears and Bush signs fiscal 1993 appropriations bills. In addition, Florida and Louisiana urgently need federal funds to recover from Hurricane Andrew. And the nation's economy is still in the tank. World affairs are reasserting their claim on Congress' attention as well, as civil war rages in what used to be Yugoslavia and a change of government in Israel has transformed prospects for peace in the Middle East.

As they contend with all these issues, Democrats and Republicans will have one thing in common: a desire to end this session of Congress quickly. With anti-establishment fever running high in the electorate, incumbents have a powerful incentive to get out of Washington and onto the hustings. A key question in the run-up to adjournment is how Bush's relations with Congress on legislative matters will be affected by his anti-Congress campaign. It is not new for Bush to be taking potshots at Capitol Hill, but the barrage became more intense after the Republican convention. The legislative risk is that Bush will alienate Democrats who can retaliate by withholding support for bills Bush wants and needs, such as aid to the former Soviet Union. Bush also may alienate Republicans who want him to focus on a more positive campaign theme about what he hopes to accomplish in a second term. "I would hope that the president ... wouldn't devote quite so much time to the failings of the Democratic Congress," Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., said in a television interview at the GOP convention. "Nobody wants anybody who's always giving an excuse." Democratic leaders in the House and Senate are hoping to adjourn in early October. But first they want to produce a legislative record that helps counter Bush's contention that they run a "do-nothing" Congress. Top priorities — apart from Hurricane

Andrew relief — include energy legislation; a tax bill to boost the economy and aid cities in the wake of the Los Angeles riots; family leave legislation, and regulation of the cable television industry. Some bills, such as family leave and cable regulation, are likely to fall to a veto, which Bush has used to kill 31 bills since he took office. Enacting appropriations bills is the biggest task that stands between Congress and its adjournment. Only one of the 13 has been signed into law, and the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1. In addition, a supplemental appropriations bill is still awaiting action in the Senate. And special aid is assured for Hurricane Andrew's victims. Bush set himself up for a series of confrontations with Congress this fall by threatening to veto any appropriations bill that exceeded his budget request. But it is not clear how serious a threat it is, because Bush already has signed one spending bill that busts his budget. If Bush follows through with his policy, it will likely throw off a legislative schedule that already leaves little room for error. A calendar put out by House Democratic leaders includes only 14 days in which votes will be held on the House floor from Sept. 9 until Oct. 3. Workdays in September are few because of a two-day holiday, Rosh Hashana, and because House leaders are keeping Mondays free so members can stay in their districts to campaign.

Vidor loses battle

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

VIDOR — A federal judge has ordered this all-white town of 10,000 to integrate its public housing after a seven-year court battle. U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice of Tyler has ordered 121 public housing projects in East Texas to be integrated. Vidor's was included. "This will change the image of Vidor like nothing else will," Carlos Renteria, director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regional desegregation program, told the Houston Chronicle. Renteria said HUD officials consider the Vidor project — operated by the Orange County Housing Authority — one of the most difficult to desegregate, "given the history, or at least the perception, of the Ku Klux Klan in the area." Vidor has long been known as a bastion for the white supremacy movement. In fact, few blacks have ever lived in Vidor, just eight miles east of Beaumont, which is home to about 40,000 blacks. According to the 1990 census, no blacks live in Vidor now. "We've worked hard for 20 years to change our image," Mayor Ruth Woods said, adding there have been no major Klan activities for years. Four handpicked black families, — including four women, two men and nine children — are planning to move from Beaumont and Port Arthur to Vidor in October. Ultimately, Albert Harrison, who operates a desegregation program for four public housing authorities in Jefferson and Orange counties, said he hopes to recruit sufficient volunteers to populate 40 percent of the Vidor complex with minorities. "Oh, there's going to be trouble all right," said Ross Dennis, president of the residents' council for the 74-unit complex. Most residents are willing to accept a few black families, but an attempt to move that many blacks to Vidor, Dennis predicted, "would mean open warfare." Already a cross has been burned. Michael Lowe, the grand dragon of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, said his Waco-based group will conduct a rally on the steps of the Orange County Courthouse in Orange Sept. 19. Later that night, he said, the group plans a public cross burning ceremony on private property somewhere near Vidor. Meanwhile, suspected Klansmen have been seen cruising the neighborhood around the projects, Dennis said. Racist cartoons and leaflets have been stuck on doors and a sheet bearing the words "White Power" has been hung from an Interstate 10 overpass.

Nation/World

Fear stalks families of El Paso murder victims Once-delayed jury selection to begin later this week in Dallas courtroom

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — Desiree Wheatley's birthday was Sept. 2. Her mother gave her flowers for her grave.

Marcia Wheatley, Desiree's mother, has been gritty, persistent and tough since her daughter's remains were found buried in a shallow desert grave in 1987. She has dogged police and the district attorney, demanded justice at public forums, sat through court hearings and pressed for victims' rights.

But on the hot September morning of her daughter's birthday, her fearsomeness vanished, laying bare her true self: a grieving mother.

"She would have been 21. I can't even imagine that," Wheatley said. "She would have been a full grown woman with her life ahead of her."

Jury selection for the serial murder trial of David Leonard Wood, the man accused of killing Desiree and five other women and girls, is scheduled to begin this week in Dallas. It's the sixth trial date set after more than a year of legal wranglings and delays. Last September, attorneys were a day into jury selection when a dispute over evidence brought the proceeding to a halt.

"I'm set on doing this. I just hope it doesn't get ripped out from under me again," Wheatley said.

An icy fear gripped the city five years ago as the decomposed bodies were unearthed from beneath the desert sand and citizens waited for a suspect to be arrested. The police chief tried to calm fears, but as the body count rose, he was forced to admit a serial killer could be stalking the city.

"I pray to God they have the right person," said Carm-n Franco, aunt of victim Angelica Frausto.

The first body, that of Rosa Maria Casio, was found by a utility worker while digging at work. Four others, Karen Baker, Desiree Wheatley, Dawn Marie Smith and Angelica Jeanette Frausto, were found when police searched a 10-square-mile area using state prison dogs and heat-sensing equipment mounted on airplanes. Police had given up the search when aluminum can collectors stumbled on the remains of Ivy Susanna Williams four months later.

Most of the victims were either runaways or young women with

troubled lives. Wheatley says her daughter was neither.

"Some nights I can't go to sleep. I have these thoughts: Did she suffer? When did she know she was going to die? ... I'd like to ask him (Wood) those questions," Wheatley said. "I know she called out for me. I can hear her sometimes. I'm asleep and I can hear her crying 'Mama!' and I wake up and think, was that real?"

Three other young girls from the same area disappeared around the same time and still are missing.

Wood, who maintains he is innocent, wasn't indicted until July 1990, three years after Williams' remains were found.

But he had long been a suspect.

Wood, who had been raised in El Paso, had been in and out of prison several times on sex-related times. His first parole came in 1980, after serving 3½ years of a five-year sentence for indecency with child. Later that year he was convicted of raping a 19-year-old and a 13-year-old and sentenced to concurrent 20 year sentences.

Seven years later, he was paroled again and headed home for El Paso.

A month after he got there, girls started disappearing.

Later that same year, a prostitute was raped, although she didn't report it until September.

But she identified Wood as the rapist, and told police she had been taken to the same desert area where the bodies had been found. She said Wood began digging a hole, but when they heard voices, he tied her to a shrub raped her and left her naked in the desert. The woman has been called as a witness in the trial.

"Wood had a history of sex-related crimes. He was already pinned as a violent person in my opinion because rape is a violent crime, yet they paroled him time after time after time," Wheatley said.

A former cellmate of Wood's has said he provided the information that led to Wood's indictment. In an interview with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Randy Wells said Wood told him he lured his victims to the desert with drugs and killed 15 women. He said he thought one of his victims was buried alive.

Wells is scheduled to testify in the trial.

So is Wheatley, who sold her home and bought a smaller one so she could afford to attend the trial. She has said she hopes to find out whether Wood, 35, is indeed guilty

and she wants him to know she is there.

Wood said he appreciates Wheatley's efforts.

"I have never blamed Wheatley for doing anything she's done to find justice for her daughter," he said in earlier this year in a phone call from jail.

"That's exactly what it should be, justice, and not to convict on a case just to please the people," Wood said. "She will defend for her daughter, and I will defend for my life."

In all, more than 200 people have been subpoenaed for the trial.

As the trial approaches, Wheatley said her steely exterior is giving way to emotion.

She is grateful that she told Desiree she loved her as she dropped her off for school on the day she disappeared and she thinks that may be why she has been staunch since her daughter's death.

Her loss led her to start a chapter of the national group Parents Of Murdered Children where she says she shares the advice that the "awful, gut-wrenching pain in your stomach will go away." Meetings have drawn up to 20 people monthly.

It also has made her cynical of the criminal justice system and an advocate for changing it.

"It wasn't until I became (a victim) that I realized how few rights I had," she said. "They call this the criminal justice system because that's who gets the justice."

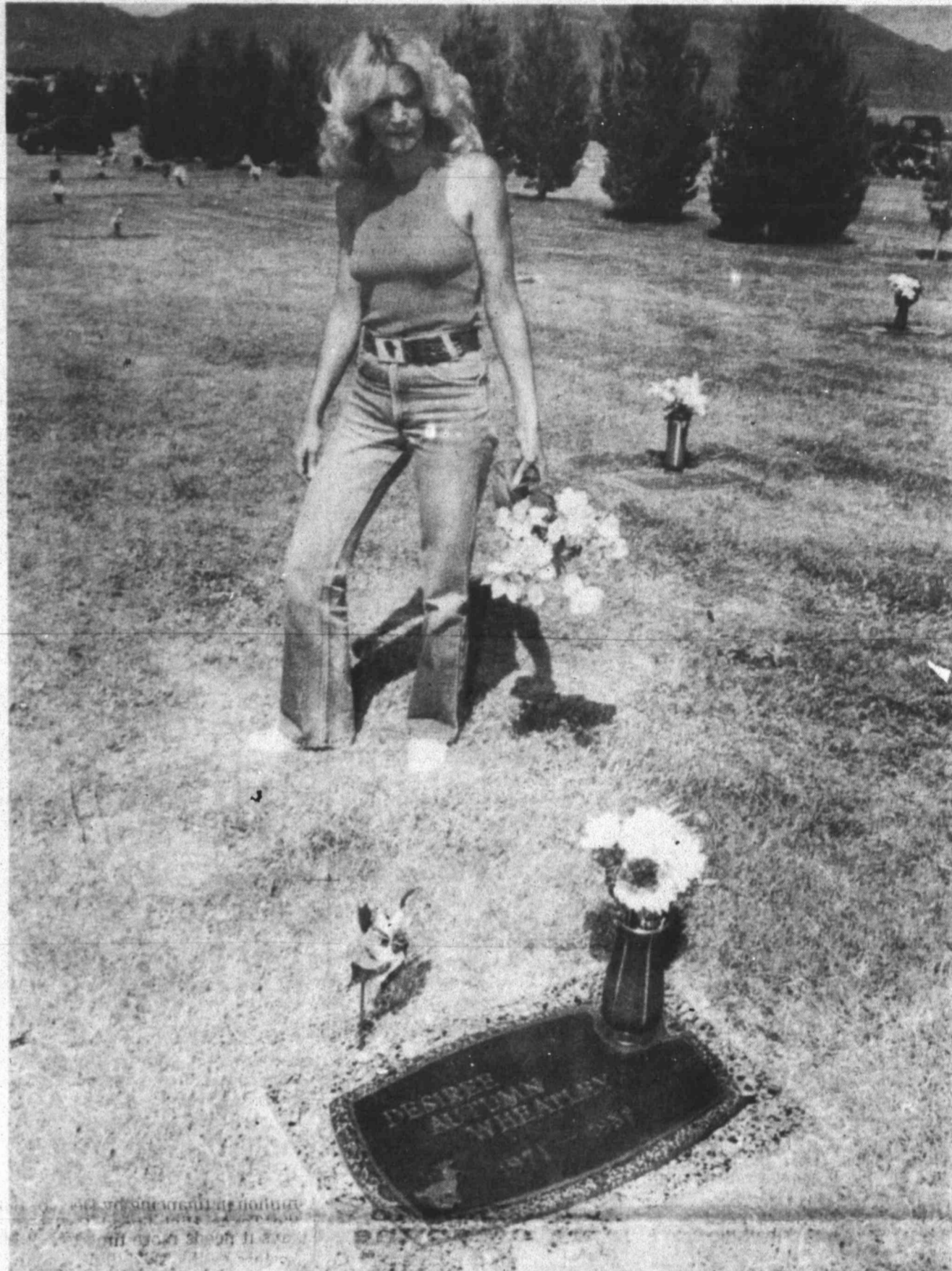
She wanted District Attorney Steve Simmons to request a special prosecutor and asked the attorney general to appoint one. She wanted one with more experience in capital cases. But she was refused.

"I wanted a different prosecutor. I didn't get it. Wood didn't like one of his attorneys and what happens? He fires him and gets a new one. Once again he has more rights than I have. I find that absurd, insane and unsettling," she said.

Karen Shook and Debra Morgan will prosecute Wood. His defense attorneys are Dolph Quijano and Norbert Garney, both court-appointed.

Wheatley hopes to begin lobbying for victims' rights when the trial is ended but she knows that it will be a long time before the case is closed if Wood is convicted and sentenced to death. Death sentences are automatically appealed.

No matter what the outcome, Wheatley said she'll never be able to resolve the feeling she has as a



Marcia Wheatley replaces flowers at her daughter's grave last Tuesday in El Paso to observe what would have been Desiree Wheatley's 21st birthday. Desiree was one of six girls and women who were murdered in El Paso.

mother being unable to be with her daughter in her time of need.

"I tell people to go home and tell

their children, 'I love you' because there are three things that haunt me. One, I couldn't hold her as she died. Two, I couldn't say I love you (once more). And three, I never got to say good-bye."

Takij president Nabiyev resigns

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — President Rakhmon Nabiyev of Tajikistan resigned today after being blocked at the Dushanbe airport by armed anti-government militants, the Interfax and ITAR-Tass news agencies reported.

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Interfax said Nabiyev left the airport accompanied by armed guards after signing his letter of resignation.

ITAR-Tass said gunmen fired on the presidential motorcade as it approached the airport.

Armed militants detained the president and his entourage in the VIP lounge, preventing them from

leaving or boarding the airplane, ITAR-Tass and Interfax said.

Nabiyev's resignation must still be accepted by the legislature, Interfax said.

When he was stopped at the airport, Nabiyev was attempting to get to the northern Khuzhand region for talks with lawmakers who are boycotting a special session of the Supreme Soviet legislature, said Serafjedin Nasreddinov, deputy chief of the Tajik mission in Moscow.

Local journalists said up to 300 people demonstrated at the airport, and some held negotiations with Nabiyev in the VIP lounge. The special session was called after the Cabinet of Ministers and senior lawmakers passed a resolution saying the president had been "displaced from power."

The talks are aimed at ending the political crisis in the poorest former Soviet republic. The instability threatens to spread elsewhere in central Asia.

Nabiyev has not been seen in public for more than a week, since anti-government militants seized the presidential palace on Aug. 31. The palace was evacuated and turned over to police on Saturday.

Nabiyev was Tajikistan's hard-line, Communist Party chief before being elected president with 60 percent of the vote in November 1991.

Opposition groups, including nationalists, the liberal Democratic Party and the Islamic Revival Party, say he has not moved fast enough to introduce political and religious freedoms, and to end fighting between Tajiks from the north and south.

Tajikistan's Cabinet of Ministers and senior lawmakers passed a resolution last week saying Nabiyev was "displaced from power."

Fighting between opposition and pro-Nabiyev forces in Tajikistan's southern region of Kurgan-Tyube left 22 opposition members dead and 65 missing Tuesday and an undetermined number since then, the opposition says. There is no toll for pro-Nabiyev forces.

Nabiyev has blamed Tajikistan's highest-ranking Muslim leader, or "kazi," for his country's problems, saying Kazi Akbar Turadzhonzoda is trying to replace his secular government with an Islamic state.

Turadzhonzoda has repeatedly denied the charge that he seeks to establish an Iranian-style, hard-line Islamic republic.

Bush, Clinton hit Midwest on Labor Day

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

President Bush and Bill Clinton targeted the Midwest today as the already turbulent 1992 campaign reached the ceremonial Labor Day starting line with the Democratic challenger ahead and the anemic economy dominating the debate.

With daylight just breaking in St. Ignace, Mich., Bush led thousands of people in the annual walk across the Mackinac Bridge that connects the state's upper and lower peninsulas.

He told a crowd on the northern end of the 5-mile bridge that the way to reduce unemployment "is to spend a little less government money, tax a little less, and stimulate the economy and get it going."

"Don't let anybody tell you we are a nation in decline," he said. "We are a nation on the rise. Our workers are the most productive of any nation in the world."

Clinton was opening his campaign day later with a symbolic visit to the hometown of Harry Truman — Independence, Mo. — before heading to a labor rally in Ohio and then on to Connecticut.

Bush was heading for Wisconsin before returning to the White House early this evening.

On the eve of their holiday appeals, Bush and Clinton appeared for back-to-back interviews on national television and competed for voters' trust to revive the sluggish job market.

Clinton blamed slow growth on Reagan-Bush economics, while the president said Congress was the true villain.

"Adopt the end of trickle-down, don't go back to tax-and-spend economics but instead go into investment, education and training," Clinton said in describing his approach.

"I don't pretend that it is going to be easy or quick," the Arkansas governor said. Still, he said of the deficit: "We can cut it in half in the next four years if we have real discipline."

Bush said the economy was ready for "dramatic growth," a prediction that seemed a bit rosy given the bad economic news that dominated government reports last week.

In one, the Labor Department unemployment report showed there were fewer private-sector

jobs in August than when Bush took office. But the president said he was "not prepared to buy into those statistics. I'm not sure there are fewer people at work."

Bush said the economy would be growing faster had Congress passed an administration package that included a modest tax credit for first-time homebuyers, investment incentives to encourage businesses to buy new equipment and a reduction in the capital gains tax, which Bush argues will spark job-creating investment.

"What we're trying to do is turn things around and get people back to work," Bush said. "I have been stymied in those incentives and more by the Congress."

Bush and Clinton were interviewed by NBC anchor Tom Brokaw as part of a hour-long election program on the network Sunday night. Its title — "58 Days" — was a reminder of the countdown to Election Day. A new NBC poll showed Clinton with a 9-point lead over incumbent Bush — who led Democrat Michael Dukakis by a similar margin at this point four years ago.

Jobs also dominated debate today between Labor Secretary Lynn

Martin and Clinton economic adviser Robert Reich, appearing jointly on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Martin said Clinton was prescribing "a heavy dose of high, new taxation to produce government jobs." And, she said, Clinton has proposed cuts in defense spending that "will cost a million jobs."

Reich, however, said "not only has this Republican administration not produced a single new job, it actually has lost" jobs since Bush took office.

A hectic primary season, Ross Perot's abortive independent campaign and the decision by Bush and Clinton to forego any summer break have made for a volatile election year and taken a bit of the luster off the traditional Labor Day sendoff.

Still, both camps wanted to use today to frame the debate to come, and their schedules underscored the fight for Midwestern states both camps believe could decide the election.

During the NBC show, Clinton said he was eager to debate Bush and pointedly noted that he had accepted a bipartisan commission's plans for three debates.

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OPINION

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

Voltaire

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Labor Day well earned

Today's Labor Day holiday is a well-earned and well-deserved day in recognition of those who must work for a living. Still, in the hustle and bustle of today's world, there are many of us who toil today as well. As you follow your routine today, stop for a moment to give thanks for the many things we take for granted... among them, the right to live and work and raise a family in the community of our choosing. True, there are many things that need fixing in this society of ours. Those that should not be counted on that list are our many freedoms. The right to work in a safe environment is a freedom that was fought for in this country through end of last century and well into the 1930s. And while it is something that we have come to expect, it is a right that was won only after a hard and bloody fight. Today we think of Labor Day as the last weekend of the summer... the last long holiday until Thanksgiving. And while that is true, let's not forget why we really celebrate the holiday.

Letters

Firefighters appreciate MDA help

To the editor: Once a year the Big Spring Firefighters ask for your help — not in fighting fires but with the fight against Muscular Dystrophy. On Aug. 22 you probably saw us at the intersections of FM 700 Service Roads and South Gregg. When we asked for help you answered with donations of \$1,200 in less than five hours. "I can't believe it," "This is great," and "look at this," were just a few of the comments made by the firefighters when we started to count the money. For such a short collection time, this was our best year ever. Everyone in Big Spring and Howard County should be proud of yourselves and

our community. A check will be presented on the Telethon today for \$1,200 because of your generosity. We would like to say a big thank you to Wal-Mart, the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Cable TV, KBST Radio and to Pizza Hut. Also to fire Chief Frank Anderson who allowed us the use of the fire trucks and manpower, to Captain Rodney Phillips for coordinating the trucks and personnel, to the firefighters and rookie firefighters we had passing the boots and finally, to the citizens of this community who gave so graciously. Thank you very much. THE BIG SPRING FIREFIGHTERS

Cartoon paints wrong picture

To the editor: A recent editorial cartoon made it appear that during President Bush's administration nothing has been done about job training for the unemployed. Many of us in Big Spring have received help of great value from the Job Training Partnership Act. I know personally that I and many others were encouraged,

guided and helped to find employment by the wonderful network of people who lay politics aside to help the unemployed. I would not like to see a program go down the political drain because the American people are not aware of the good it is doing. NANCY PATRICK Big Spring

VFW rummage sale upcoming

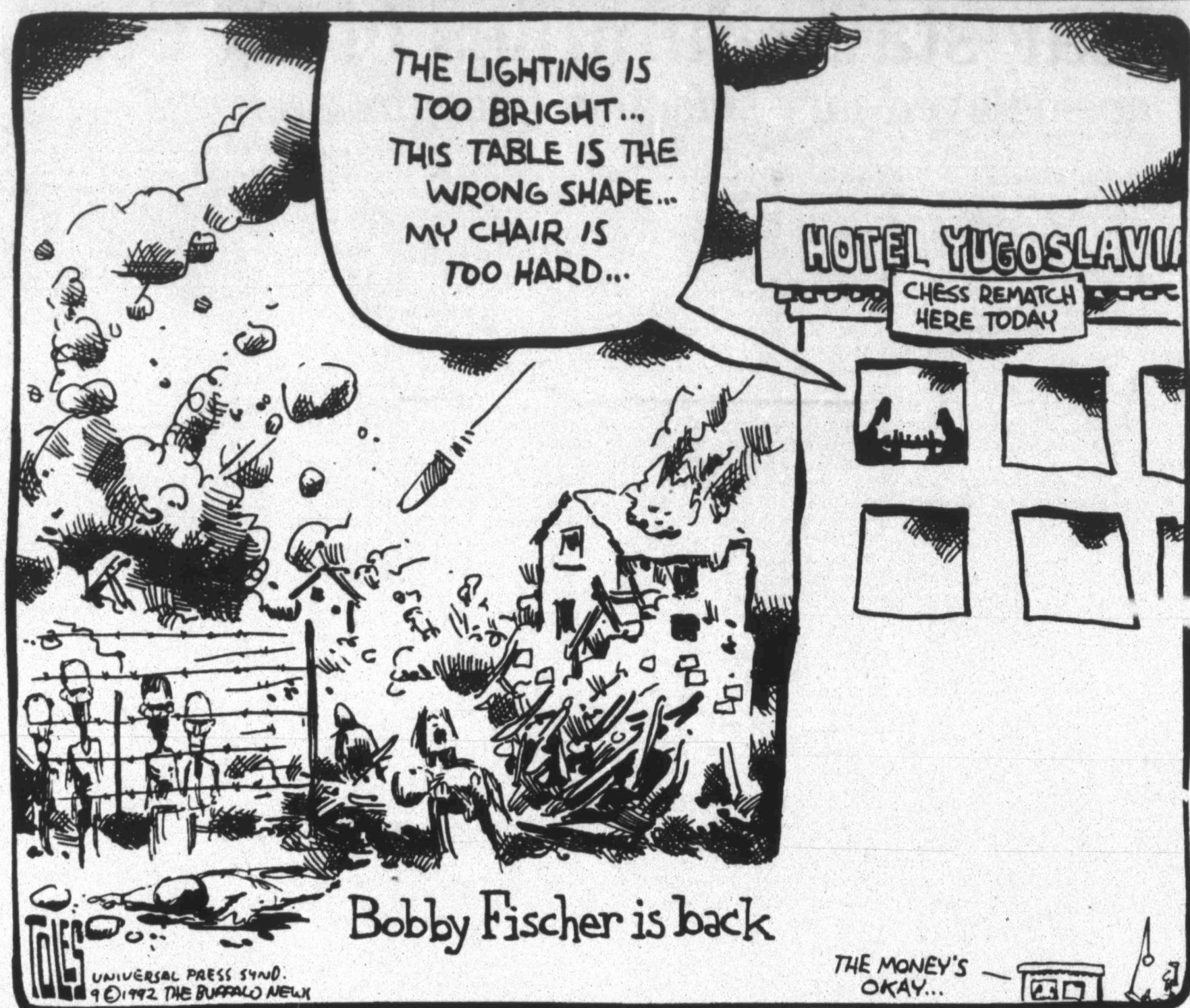
To the editor: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 2013 must once again raise funds. Insurance must be paid, a new air conditioner paid for and other operational expenses paid. The VFW of Big Spring does not operate a bar or bingo. To raise funds we sponsor a huge rummage sale twice per year. September 12 will be the next sale. We need items for sale. If you have items to donate to the VFW for this giant rummage sale, please call 263-2043. Also vendors may rent tables for only \$10 each

to sell your own merchandise. Also call 263-2043 to rent tables. Also this sale is to raise funds for the veterans relief funds at the VA Hospital. Please help support this event. All members of all veterans organizations in Big Spring need your help. We need items to sell and to rent these tables. All inside an air conditioned building. Be sure and attend this big last rummage sale of the season. VFW on Driver Road Big Spring the Country Club Road. DON R. BROOKS VFW Post 2013

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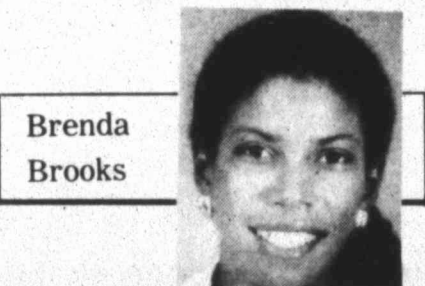
The Big Spring Herald recognizes the importance of the "Letters to the Editor" column and letters on issues of general interest are welcomed. To be considered for publication, letters must adhere to the following guidelines: Letters must be signed and must include a street address and daytime phone number for verification, although the address will not be published. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. While some lengthy letters are published, we reserve the right to edit when necessary due to space limitations. Letters should be typewritten and double-spaced if possible. If handwritten, letters must be legible. Form letters will not be published.

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Who decides if you're 'enough'?

How well I remember my grandmother's dire warning, which she issued every Sunday, as my mother, brother, sister and I left her house to cross the street to attend church. "You know you're going to hell" she would say. The reason for such a proclamation was very simple, the church we were crossing the street to attend was a Methodist Church. According to her Christian belief, we couldn't get into heaven unless we belonged to her church. Over the years my grandmother's view has changed. She has been known on occasion to cross the street and attend church. She now acknowledges that labels do not a Christian make. Gosh, I wish she would have a long talk with President Bush and those guys who advise



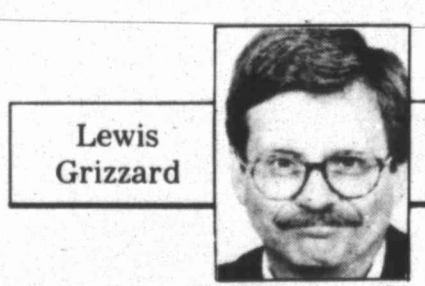
him. It seems by checking the box labeled Democrat when I registered to vote, I have sent myself straight to hell. According to these politicians, I am not only a heathen, but I don't have any family values. How can they say such awful things about me and not even know me??? And just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, along comes the Soul Patrol. I didn't know there was a test to deter-

mine blackness. Well, I flunked the "Soul Patrol Test." Of the 12 listed "non-black" activities listed, I'm guilty of nine. Sorry, Soul Patrol, but I just don't understand how any black person with half a brain, could say that being academically inclined is a non-black behavior. I do know that in our family the worst thing in the world you could do was to bring home a bad report card. Education was, and still is, very important. My Daddy told me those kids who didn't want an education wouldn't need one because they'd end up in prison or on welfare. What about the rule that states not playing "black" sports makes you a non-black? Sounds suspiciously like the stereotype a lot of white people have about blacks. My dad has played golf

for as long as I can remember. In fact he was playing when blacks weren't even allowed on a lot of courses. Wait until he hears about being non-black. One more thing I'm unsure of — who makes up these rules? Who decides if I'm American enough, Christian enough, or Black enough. Whose business is it anyway? The problem with trying to monitor everyone else's character is that it leaves precious little time to monitor your own. Brenda Brooks writes a column addressing issues pertinent to black Americans. Her column appears every other Monday in the Herald. Readers may write to Brenda Brooks, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

There are some things I'll never try

During the coverage of Hurricane Andrew, television was showing a military plane flying through the storm. A reporter was inside the plane describing what was happening. My friend, Mike, who was watching with me, asked, "Would you go up in a plane and report what it's like flying in a hurricane?" My answer was quick and decisive. "No." "You would be afraid?" was the next question. "I don't like flying on a clear day with the Pilot of the Year at the controls," was my next answer. "You're really a chicken, aren't you?" Mike went on. I was tiring of the conversation. "Listen," I said, "there are enough risks in life already. It makes absolutely no sense to me to add more." "Bwaaack, bwaaack," clucked Mike. "OK, so there are some things I'm chicken to do. We've already



established I'm not getting in an airplane and reporting from inside a hurricane. I wouldn't want to ride through a hurricane in a Roto-Rooter van or a beer truck." It was reported recently my friend Pepper Rodgers, former football coach at Kansas, UCLA and Georgia Tech, who presently resides in Memphis, went bungee jumping. I've known Pepper for 15 years. He always seemed sane to me. Why would anybody bungee jump? They attach some kind of cord to your leg and you jump off a bridge or out of an airplane. The idea is the cord isn't long enough to allow you to fall all the way to

the ground or the water, so you get some sort of thrill freefalling. Because the cord has a great deal of elasticity to it, when it stops you from drowning or being splattered on the ground, it also seems to jerk the "bunger" so violently that his or her pancreas may go to his or her throat. I don't know if that happens or not, but I'm never going to find out. But somebody else eventually will bungee jump out of an airplane flying through a hurricane. That's because there are a lot of crazy people in this world, which is how Russian roulette, skydiving, hang-gliding, diving off cliffs, riding a rocket ship to the moon, and taking part in a rattlesnake roundup got started. I'm not doing any of those things either, and men who do obviously have death wishes and would marry a female lawyer who hypenated her last name in a previous marriage. Here's a list of a few more things I'm not going to do: Spelunk. That means explore a

cave. The name comes from the sound a large rock makes inside a cave when it falls on an explorer. "Speelunk!" Insult Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife, Maria Shriver. She looks like Elvira the Halloween spook, but I would never mention it to her. "Speelunk!" is also the sound my head would make if Arnold decided to mash it flat. Go on safari. I've dedicated my entire life to avoid being trampled by an elephant or a rhinoceros. Sniff glue. I'm afraid my nose hairs might get stuck together and I would have to have them separated surgically. Climb a high mountain. I might get altitude sickness, and I make loud noises when I throw up. I could cause an avalanche. Marry a female lawyer who used a hypenated last name in a previous marriage. However, if I fastened my seat belt tightly and took some Dramamine, flying through the eye of a hurricane might not be so bad, comparatively speaking.

This date

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, Sept. 7, the 251st day of 1992. There are 115 days left in the year. This is Labor Day. Today's Highlight in History: One hundred years ago, on Sept. 7, 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan in the 21st round to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans. (It was the first major prize fight under the Marquis of Queensberry rules — which called for the use of gloves.) On this date: In 1533, England's Queen Elizabeth I was born in Greenwich. In 1822, Brazil declared its independence from Portugal. In 1825, the Marquis de

Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House. In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China. In 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial "blitz" on London during World War II. In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio. In 1967, 25 years ago, the situation comedy "The Flying Nun," starring Sally Field as a nun who finds that she can fly, debuted on ABC. In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington, D.C. In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United

States to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Gen. Omar Torrijos Herrera. In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years. In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut. In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa. Ten years ago: In an unusually candid first annual report since taking office, United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar acknowledged the world organization was being defied or ignored by many

members. Five years ago: Erich Honecker became the first East German head of state to visit West Germany as he arrived for a five-day visit. The Rev. Jesse Jackson declared his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. One year ago: The European Community opened a peace conference in the Netherlands aimed at bringing peace to Yugoslavia. Monica Seles won the U.S. Open in New York, defeating Martina Navratilova 7-6, 6-1. Today's Birthdays: Heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey is 84. Producer-director Elia Kazan is 83. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is 68. Actor John Philip Law is 55. Actress Julie Kavner is 41.

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Dagwood Bumstead is a '90s kind of man

By WALTER KITA
Thomson News Service

WESTPORT, Conn. — OK, men, listen up — it's time to forget that male liberation mumbo jumbo you've read about lately and get real!

Well, almost real. Today, we have a new role model: Dagwood Bumstead, husband of that famous cartoon cutie, Blondie.

By now, you may have heard he's quitting that dead-end job he's had for 60 years with J.C. Dithers.

Yeah, Bumstead's going to work for his wife. In the catering business, no less!

Now that is a secure, sensitive male perfect for the 1990s.

"Let's put it this way: I'm not so sure I could do it," says Westport artist Stan Drake, illustrator of the Blondie comic strip for the past 10 years. "There are plenty of guys who can't stand to be around their wives after quitting time, much less work for 'em. That takes guts."

But in the cartoon world of Blondie, where art has imitated life since 1933, anything can happen. And, often, it does.

Blondie, a flirtatious flapper when the strip debuted, shocked

her legions of followers the world over last year, when she chucked her housewife's role to become a successful entrepreneur.

That move sparked a flood of media attention. The latest change, which Blondie's creators announced Monday, has had much the same effect. It made headlines in newspapers across America, and it was a featured item on all the network news programs.

Drake is surprised.

"People are starting to die in Somalia, Hurricane Andrew destroyed half of Florida, and people are talking about a comic strip — amazing!"

But brace yourself. You ain't seen nothing yet.

"A change like this is obviously going to have a ripple effect," predicts Drake, sitting behind a desk in his cluttered studio above Cottonails, a children's clothing store.

"This is quite a shock," says James Konatsotis, a devout Blondie fan who tends bar in one of Drake's favorite local hangouts, Orion Alley. "I mean, Dagwood had worked for Mr. Dithers for so long.

"If he thought Mr. Dithers was a tough boss, he could be in for a real surprise."



Framed face
Amy Watt of Camarillo, Calif., does what her friends call "glass face" and what she calls "I'm framed" Friday. She was performing a taped audition for television's "America's Funniest People" at a mall in Ventura, Calif.

In miniature Golf exhibit curious, fun

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The older couple stood in the art gallery, miniature golf clubs in hand, eyeing signs arranged on the Astroturf in front of them: "Private." "Keep Out." "No Trespassing."

The clustered signs were surrounded by a low white-picket fence. A wall plaque explained that this particular miniature golf hole was titled "Welcome."

"Maybe it's a New York kind of welcome," said the man.

Elmer and Hazel Buhler had traveled all the way from Sioux City, Iowa, for the opening at Soho's Artists Space of "Putt Modernism" — a show of 18 playable miniature-golf holes each designed by a prominent New York artist or architect.

The Buhlers' visit was to surprise their son Ren, the gallery's registrar, who came up with the idea for this seasonal doldrums-filler. Hazel swung her club; the ball curved upward, hit a "Keep Out" sign and, with a ping, bounced back. "Darn," Hazel muttered.

Opening night was a carnival of art, live music, mingling media and art-world personalities — and more reminders that this was not your average game of miniature golf.

"Please remember that these are works of art," read signs on the walls. And behold, in fine print on the scorecards: "There is a \$25.00 charge for unreturned golf balls." Why? Because the colored spheres had artist Jenny Holzer's self-declared "truisms" printed on them and were therefore valued art objects.

"Protect Me From What I Want" requested one. "Boredom Makes You Do Crazy Things," frankly admitted another.

There was a school-art-fair feeling to the evening, as the works of top students photographer Cindy Sherman, architect Michael Graves and painter Elizabeth Murray competed for attention with those of lesser-known artists.

Artists greeted each other, offering encouragement.

"I see you got yours done in time," said John Torreano, shaking the hand of Sandy Skoglund.

They stood in front of Torreano's ring of black Astroturf covered with what appeared to be bowling balls of various sizes, interspersed among glittering dark-blue "gems."

"It's nice to see the art world not take itself so seriously for once. A lot of the work here focuses on contemporary political agenda. Mine doesn't."

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Winners will be announced in the next Tuesday Herald. Winners may pick up prize money at the Herald office, 710 Scurry, Big Spring, Tx. Prizes will be awarded in "Herald Football Bucks" which can only be spent with the merchants on this page. Herald employees cannot participate. Must be 18 or older to play. Only 2 entries per person, per week. Must be entered on original contest entry form. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. When using the tie-breaker, the closest guess to the winner's score will be judged the winning entry.

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BASEBALL NL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Includes National League and American League standings for various teams like Toronto, Baltimore, Milwaukee, Detroit, New York, Boston, Cleveland, Oakland, Minnesota, Chicago, Texas, California, Kansas City, Seattle.

U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) - Results Sunday of the \$8.56 million U.S. Open tennis championships at the National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows (seedings in parentheses): Men Singles Michael Chang (4), Piactencia, Calif., def. Arnaud Boetsch, France, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. Wayne Ferreira (12), South Africa, def. Wally Masur, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Richard Krajicek (15), Netherlands, def. Mark Woodford, Australia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. Ivan Lendl (9), Greenwich, Conn., def. Chuck Adams, Pacific Palisades, Calif., 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

FOOTBALL NFL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Includes American Conference and National Conference standings for teams like Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Houston, Denver, Kansas City, LA Raiders, San Diego, Seattle.

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