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NEWS DIGEST



Remember those lost to the Vietnam War

Several residents stand around an empty dinner table in memory of those missing in the Vietnam war during the annual Feb. 12 candlelight ceremony at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Saturday evening.



Saving the day

When David Peterson collapsed and quit breathing, babysitter Corrina Rios used CPR, learned in a babysitting class at Howard College, to revive him. Read about it on page 7.

Over the defense

Stanton High School girl's basketball player Kindra Woodfin jumps up to grab a rebound over several Wall players Tuesday. See Sports, page 8, for game details.



Too low to paint

Enrique Diaz kneels low to apply a coat of paint onto a metal beam as he was painting part of the exterior of the Dora Roberts Community Center as part of the renovation project.

Briefs

Navy Band on tap Sunday.
The U.S. Navy Band will perform at the Municipal Auditorium Sunday at 3 p.m. Free tickets can be obtained at the Herald, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Printing.

Quartet performs tonight.
An a cappella touring quartet from the Institute for Eastern Orthodox Studies will present a show featuring Lenten and Eastern music of the Christian East 8 p.m. tonight at St. Mary Episcopal Church, Goliad and 10th Street. For more information, contact St. Mary Episcopal Church at 267-8201.

Spelling bee books in.
Spelling books for the Howard County Spelling Bee are now in at the Big Spring Herald priced at 60 cents each. The county spelling bee will be 4 p.m. March 1, at the Howard College Auditorium.

Weather

Partly cloudy, low mid 30s:
Tonight, partly cloudy, low mid 30s, southeast winds 10 to 15 miles per hour.
Permian Basin Forecast:
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high low 70s, south to southwest winds 10 to 20 mph; fair night, low upper 30s
Friday: Partly cloudy, high low 70s; fair night, low upper 30s.
Saturday: Partly cloudy, high mid 70s; fair night, low upper 30s.

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Econo Lodge opens today

Ribbon cutting and open house is schedule for 2 p.m.

By TIM JONES
Staff Writer

The Econo Lodge of Big Spring celebrates their grand opening today with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2 p.m.

The 52 room hotel, owned by Roy Burnes of Eden, is near the northwest corner of the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87.

"We feel that this is a prime location with the possible advent of I-27 through Big Spring using U.S. 87 as a route," said Don Johnson, general manager of the hotel.

"The closest flagship to Big Spring in Choice Hotel's International franchise is an Econo Lodge in Abilene," Johnson added. "We are the only newly remodeled hotel in Big Spring as far as we can tell."

Choice Hotel International operates a nationwide reservation system, and this Econo Lodge features first-class guest facilities with a swimming pool, exercise room and restaurant, opening in the near future.

Cyndi Billington will be on-site manager until 24 hour-a-day desk service is deemed appropriate. The desk will be open from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Already Econo Lodge has business. Veritas, a geophysical company has booked 20 rooms for the next 90 days, according to Veritas spokesman Bob Boyeson. Later in the month, the Indy Regency racing team will be staying there.

"We offer a family plan, where children under 18 stay free, and extra roll-away-beds are available," Billington. Also offered is government and American Association of Retired Persons discounts and non-smoking rooms are available.

The lounge, when it opens, will



Flo-Lite Sign Company employees work on installing the Econo Lodge sign along the north service road of Interstate 20 Tuesday afternoon. The motel is slated to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday, and the sign is of a trampoline material to withstand the strong West Texas winds.

also be very nice and will maintain a family/businessperson image, Johnson said. He added they are still negotiating with

vendors for the lounge/restaurant contracts.

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Crisis or simply a problem, health care coming to fore

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Is there a health-care crisis? The president insists there is; Republicans say he's crying wolf. Not even doctors agree.

The question is mainly one of semantics, the experts say. But it's an important one, because whenever there's a crisis, Americans tend to rally around their president.

"The crisis rhetoric is used often in wartime, and I suspect that's why the issue is being debated now," said Dr. Steven Schroeder, president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. "Sometimes people act, when there's a crisis, for the common good."

The public hasn't chosen sides. A CNN-Time poll on Saturday found 43 percent of Americans think there's a crisis while 51 percent call it a problem. A Harvard University study last week suggested millions of Americans don't even know about the health reforms Congress is considering — and those that do have no clear preference.

"It is possible that an apathetic public unconvinced that there is a health-care crisis could grow disinterested in the debate entirely," said Harvard's Dr. Robert Blendon.

Added Schroeder, "Whether you call it a crisis or a problem or a concern, the facts are there are things that could be made better."

The debate on health-care reform opened with fierce arguing between President Clinton and Senate GOP leader Bob Dole over the term "crisis." Although Dole, R-Kan., quickly backed off his attack, he sparked an uproar.

The Democratic National Committee is airing commercials portraying Republicans as out of touch, and activists bought ads saying nonbelievers should talk with AIDS sufferers. Clinton simply says they should "go visit your local hospital."

At George Washington University Hospital's emergency room, just blocks from the White House, doctors and nurses are exasperated at the argument. While the politicians quibble, they said, the hospital is treating hundreds of those 37 million uninsured Americans — at a cost of \$30 million a year.

But even the doctors argue over the term "crisis." "You need to be aghast at some of the problems of the under class, the under-served," said Dr. Cary Pigman, pausing between patients. "There is a crisis for a substantial number of people."

Not so, says the vice chairman of Pigman's department.

"We've built the most effective, accessible health-care system in the world and we have a few problems that need ironing out," said Dr. Robert Shesser. "The danger with reform is we'll take all we've done good and screw

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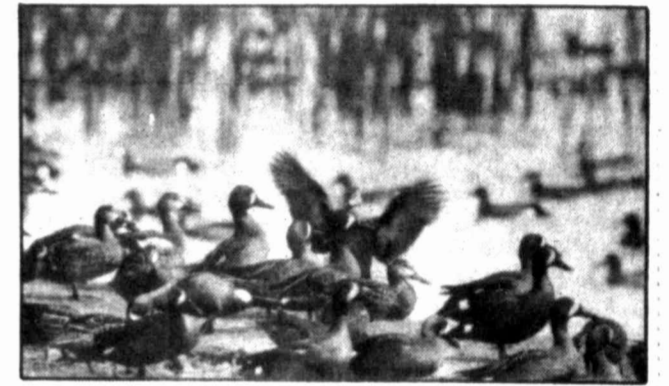
Wetland program signup beginning

By TIM JONES
Staff Writer

Rick Liles, with the Howard County Stabilization and Conservation Service office, announces it will soon be time to sign up for the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

Sign up is scheduled to from Feb. 28 through March 11 and producers will have the opportunity to enroll eligible acreage in the WRP.

The WRP, funded at \$66.6 million to enroll up to 75,000 acres during fiscal year 1994, protects and restores habitat for migratory birds and other wildlife; helps purify water supplies; and helps absorb flood waters.



Farmers signing up for the Wetland Reserve Program help protect the habitat of migratory birds and other wildlife.

The program provides for purchasing permanent easements from participating landowners of farmed wetlands, prior converted wetlands, and riparian areas that link wetlands. Participants agree to accept no more than the fair market value of their land for agricultural use, in return for a lump sum payment and cost-share assistance for implementing wetland restoration practices. Specified compatible uses would be permitted on the restored acreage by the landowner and any successors.

Interested parties should contact their local ASCS office for further information. Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by the ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap, marital status or national origin.

Liles said a regional training workshop will take place in Big Spring this Friday at Howard College.

ASCS District offices from Midland County, Martin County, Mitchell County, Coke-Stirling Counties (combined office), Nolan County, Glasscock County, Reagan-Upton Counties, Pecos County, Brewster-Terrell Counties, and Jeff Davis-Preisdio Counties will all have representatives coming to Big Spring to participate in the ASCS in-service training.

'Atomic veteran' wants to remember

DICK STANLEY
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Frank Washington has never forgotten the towering mushroom clouds in the Nevada sky, nor the misting sand that fell upon him and his Army buddies huddled in a desert trench.

It was fall 1951 and the Central Texas native was a soldier in one of the Army's last segregated units. He and a few others from the predominantly black 1402nd Combat Engineer Battalion were ordered to join hundreds of white paratroopers in trenches at a place called Camp Desert Rock. A few miles away, two nuclear weapons were detonated above ground.

"They told us it was an experiment," Washington said. "I was just a 17- or 18-year-old kid. Later they ran us through a line with Geiger

counters, checked us all out. We didn't know what it was."

More than 40 years later, he and thousands like him have become known as "atomic veterans" — military men purposely exposed to potentially lethal radiation by a government caught up in the Cold War and anxious to know how such exposure would affect the troops.

Washington, now 62, went on to serve in the Korean War, came home to Austin, worked for Tractor and the state, married three times and had nine children and 18 grandchildren. But he lost track of his Desert Rock companions. Many records of his Army days, kept in an old cardboard suitcase, are tattered.

This year, recovering from a disabling stroke and an auto accident — and prompted by news stories of government-sponsored radiation experiments on unwitting Americans

in the 1940s and 1950s — Washington sought a reporter's help in finding survivors of the 1402nd who were at Desert Rock.

Locating veterans of the 1402nd Combat Engineers Battalion, with the help of the California National Guard, proved simple. Former officers and men of the old San Diego-based guard unit, most now in their 60s and 70s, began organizing reunions in the 1980s.

"We had several Mexican American fellows and one Japanese American but basically the 1402nd was all black," said Joseph Brown, 64, a retired City of San Diego employee. "Our 12th reunion, in Kansas City in 1992, was the first one out of state. Close to 160 people came."

Harold Henson, a 70-year-old retired Army colonel living in

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Any way's the right way
During recess, Megan Morrison manages to sit indian-style as she hangs upside down from a bar as she was outside on a warm Tuesday afternoon at Moss Elementary School.

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Veteran

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Alexandria, Va., said he was a veteran of World War II when the California National Guard asked him to recruit for the 1402nd in 1947. In 1950, it became a part of the regular Army.



Frank Washington of Austin is one of thousands of military men known as atomic veterans who were exposed to potentially lethal radiation in government experiments.

More than 4,000 veterans, members of the National Association of Atomic Veterans, also ask that question, said Dr. Rosen, commander of the program, often based in Salem, Mass.

Added Washington, "I only know that lots of my friends in the unit died of cancer."

Despite its delayed integration, some of the 1402nd's soldiers, like Henson, made the Army a career. One was his brother, Allison Henson, whom Washington remembered as his company commander in the 1402nd.

Other than Washington, the only known surviving atomic veteran of the 1402nd is Brown's old friend Gene Richardson, a retired San Diego security guard who, like Washington, recently was disabled by a stroke. Richardson and Washington don't remember each other, but their memories of the desert are equally sharp.

Alison Henson joined his brother in Korea and served two tours in Vietnam. They retired from the Army in 1970. Harold as a full colonel and Allison as a lieutenant colonel. Harold became an executive of the District of Columbia government, retiring in 1992. Allison became a chiropractor. Harold Henson said his brother died in 1988 from kidney failure and a stroke.

One of Harold Henson's sons is continuing the military tradition in the Air Force. He is a B-1B bomber navigator based in Abilene.

Crisis

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When they all agree is that the patient's condition is not quite life-threatening — blood transfusions, antibiotics, and other treatments. The company answering their biggest fear — cost control.

Officers at the Federal Surgical Agency, the government's oldest medical source for medical care on the atomic testing site, are currently seeking medical records of the 1402nd.

Patricia Sue Deen paid fine and was released.

Deaths

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Lucille Britt of Arlington, died Monday in an Arlington hospital. Services are pending with Gilchrist Funeral Home of Stanton.

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J. W. Griffin, 84, of Spade, died 10:31 p.m. Monday at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital, Lubbock, after a long illness.

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Six wounded in restaurant shooting spree

The Associated Press
TULSA, Okla. — Six people were wounded today when a worker at a fast-food restaurant walked into the building and started shooting, police said.

Emmons said the man, standing in the restaurant parking lot, surrendered when police arrived. Two people were in critical condition at St. Francis Hospital, said spokeswoman Nancy Hall. Leslie Ripley, a spokeswoman at Hillcrest Medical Center, said two people were being brought to her hospital. She didn't have conditions on either.

shooting. "We were at a back table and didn't get to get out. He started shooting all my friends," she told radio station KVOO. "And then he came to me and held the gun right in my face. And he said you better be awful lucky." The man asked if she believed in God. "I said yes. He said the clip is out," she said. No motive was immediately known for the shooting. Emmons said the Wendy's manager had called the man in earlier today. The man's name was not immediately released.

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Police
The Big Spring Police Department reports the following incidents:
-The following individuals were transferred to county jail: James Avants, Guadalupe Ledezma, Edward Lee Hurlington, Pedro Amaro and David Tovar Cantu.

Lotto
WENTZ (AP) — The Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn today by the Texas Lottery, in this order: 0-9-2

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Amcap 13.02-13.81
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New Economy 31.52-33.44
New Perspective 15.32-16.25
Van Kampen 15.53-16.29
Gold 383.40-383.90
Silver 5.23-5.26

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Billington says that Econo Lodge of Big Spring has hired local people for their hotel service staff. They are Danne Pruitt, housekeeper; Martin Puga, desk

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Mollie Ray, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending.
Fay Devez, 82, died Wednesday. Services are pending.

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Electronic job bank goes public

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — People around Texas will be able to get state employment information at shopping malls and grocery stores through touch-activated video screens in a pilot program that's being touted by Gov. Ann Richards.

The Texas Employment Commission and California-based North Communications plan to put in 50 kiosks with screens over the next three months. Fifteen will be placed in the next few days in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, El Paso, Houston, McAllen, Port Arthur and Tyler.

"Info-Texas will help connect Texans who are still looking for work to the jobs that can make a difference to them and to their families and to our economy," Richards said Tuesday.

The kiosks — which combine elements of the computer, television and automated teller machines — use video and graphics to provide TEC information and services. They can be used in Spanish or English.



Gov. Ann Richards looks on as Michael North, president of North Communications, left, explains Info/Texas, the new Texas Employment Commission electronic job bank.

For example, people can search a current list of state agency employment opportunities and get information about unemployment benefits, worker re-training and child labor laws.

The company in the future plans to expand the services offered. Anglers, for example, could buy fishing licenses by inserting a credit card, while job-seekers could register their skills and interests in a job-matching system.

Texas is the seventh state government to use kiosks from North Communications, which designed the computer software and network and is responsible for their ongoing maintenance and operations.

Officials said the network has cost the state nothing in initial capital expense. The state will use a federal grant to pay for the program at a cost of \$1.50 to \$3.50 each time a person uses the machine, according to commission administrator Bill Grossenbacher.

Gingrich notes waste of killing super collider

The Associated Press

DALLAS — House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich says too much money and effort has been invested in the doomed superconducting super collider to let the project go to waste.

"If there are research assets and medical assets that already exist, let's not tear them down and destroy them. Let's find a way to use them in a practical common sense way," Gingrich said Tuesday at a news conference before departing for a tour of the Waxahachie site.

"In a time of tight budgets, I'd like to make sure we use common sense as much as possible," said Gingrich, who has supported the SCC.

Rep. Joe Barton, whose Ennis district encompasses the collider, escorted the Georgia Republican to "show Congressman Gingrich what \$2 billion worth of federal and state money has created."

In 1993, Congress approved \$640 million for the program's shutdown and the Clinton administration has requested \$180 million more for 1995.

Last week, the Energy Department issued the first of its SSC termination reports, estimating the shutdown costs at \$695 million.

Gingrich and Barton, also a Republican, said they hope the federal government would reimburse Texas for the \$440 million-plus already spent on the giant atom smasher.

The Energy Department last week reaffirmed Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's commitment to reimburse Texas. Gov. Ann Richards has been pressing the administration for a settlement.

But Republicans said the money's not coming soon enough. Barton says the DOE's statement is just talk. "So far, the Clinton Administration has not honored its commitment to make that loss good to Governor Richards and the people of Texas," he said.

It's imperative that the administration swiftly decides what to do with the project, Barton says. If no action is taken soon, there may not be enough employees or equipment to carry out whatever solutions are decided upon, he said.

Briefs

Presbyterian leaders looking to heal rift

IRVING (AP) — Leaders of the Presbyterian Church are seeking to placate both sides of a dispute over attempts by some to present feminine images of God.

During a weeklong meeting here, the Presbyterian General Assembly Council has addressed several issues raised during an ecumenical conference on women. Critics of the conference last November in Minneapolis allege that its theological basis did not adhere to the Christian faith.

The Minneapolis "Re-imagining" conference invoked "Sophia, Creator God" and used other feminine references.

The feud has long been waged over attempts to modify pervasively male references to God as "He" or "Father" and to bring out biblical indications that God also has "motherly" qualities.

Christian theology has long held that God is not limited to male nor female, but transcends sexual limitations.

Jurors sleeping, new trial wanted

FORT WORTH (AP) — An attorney says she is asking for a new murder trial for her client because she caught at least three jurors sleeping at various times during the proceedings.

Attorney Brenda Vickers of Fort Worth represented Raymona Rhena Dowthitt, who was convicted Dec. 8 and sentenced to 15 years in prison for the November 1991 shooting death of her husband.

A hearing on her request was scheduled for today in Stephenville before State District Judge Don Jones.

"I'm putting five people on (to testify), including myself, to say they saw jurors asleep," Ms. Vickers said Tuesday.

In an affidavit filed with the court Jan. 7, alleging jury misconduct, Ms. Vickers says that "at least one, sometimes two, and on occasion three, separate jurors were asleep."

Settlements secret in more than 30 cases

DALLAS (AP) — Over the past three years, the Texas attorney general's office has settled out of court on more than 30 lawsuits in which it persuaded a judge to keep the terms

secret, according to a published report.

The Dallas Morning News reported today that among them were suits alleging discrimination, civil rights violations, retribution against whistle blowers, sexual harassment and medical malpractice.

Settlements on two major cases were made public only after newspapers sued under the Texas Open Records Act.

The existence of the 32 other suits that remain sealed was gleaned from monthly budget reports by the attorney general of legal settlements over \$5,000.

In 1990, after four months of legal wrangling by The Morning News, the state finally was forced to reveal that it paid a secretary \$85,000 to drop a sexual harassment case against top prison administrators.

State worker is jailed on prostitution charges

AUSTIN (AP) — A longtime Texas Department of Human Services employee was suspected of running a prostitution service on state time — even using an office computer — for at least two years, police say.

James Bunch was jailed today at Travis County's central booking facility in lieu of bail bond.

Police have records and computer disks that contain lists of escort service employees and customers who used the service, according to a search and arrest warrant affidavit.

Bunch, 45, was fired earlier Tuesday from his job with the state agency, which had furnished authorities with results of its investigation into suspicious telephone calls.

A municipal judge set bond at \$5,000 for Bunch on a charge of aggravated promotion of prostitution, said sheriff's officer Susan Bonilla.

Health-care coalition unveils ad campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of comprehensive health-care reform have unveiled an advertising campaign aimed at rebutting the insurance industry.

But a spokesman for the insurance industry said Tuesday that their criticism of insurers was off the mark. "It's totally unfair to say the insurance industry is not cooperating in the current debate," said Jerry Johns.

The Health Care Reform Project said its first round of print, radio and television ads will be launched in selective markets nationwide and cost about \$500,000.

Davidian trial enters defense stage

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — An emergency 911 call from David Koresh and a top lieutenant made while gunfire raged out in the background anchors the defense case starting today in the federal murder trial of 11 Branch Davidians.

Defense lawyers contend the taped phone call bolsters their position that the Davidians were trying to protect themselves during a Feb. 28, 1993, gun battle that left four federal agents and six cult members dead.

"I think it's very important that the jury hear it," attorney Richard Ferguson said. "What the tape shows to me is that they were in a self-defensive posture."

The gun battle at the Davidian's Waco-area home began a 51-day standoff between the religious group and federal authorities that ended with an April 19 fire that killed Koresh and 78 followers, including

18 children. The 11 Davidians on trial are charged with murder and murder conspiracy in the agents' Feb. 28 deaths. The cult members could face up to life in prison if convicted.

Ferguson told U.S. District Judge Walter Smith on Tuesday the 911 tape begins three minutes into the shootout and is full of "excited utterances" about the events taking place.

Smith indicated the hour-long tape — complete with pauses and what he termed "self-serving" statements by Koresh aide Wayne Martin, an attorney — would be played for jurors today.

A congressional subcommittee last summer heard parts of a 911 call made during the initial gun battle. In it, Koresh tells the McLennan County Sheriff's Department dispatcher that authorities "killed some of my children."

"We're being shot all up out here," Koresh said in the tape. Martin told the dispatcher there

were "75 men around our building shooting at us."

"Tell them there are children and women in here and to call it off," Martin said.

The tape indicates the dispatcher had difficulty establishing radio contact with ATF agents while trying to negotiate a cease fire with Martin.

Defense lawyer Mike DeGeurin said hearing the entire call would allow jurors to understand "the feeling, the senses" of what happened during the bloody shootout.

"It's the one rare example (when) you actually ... hear what's going on while a crime is supposed to have been committed," DeGeurin said.

Prosecutors rested their case Tuesday after 24 days of testimony and more than 120 witnesses.

Texas Ranger Joe Haralson, the last prosecution witness, testified defendant Graeme Craddock of Australia said Koresh had stockpiled weapons and taught for months the Davidians might die in a confrontation.



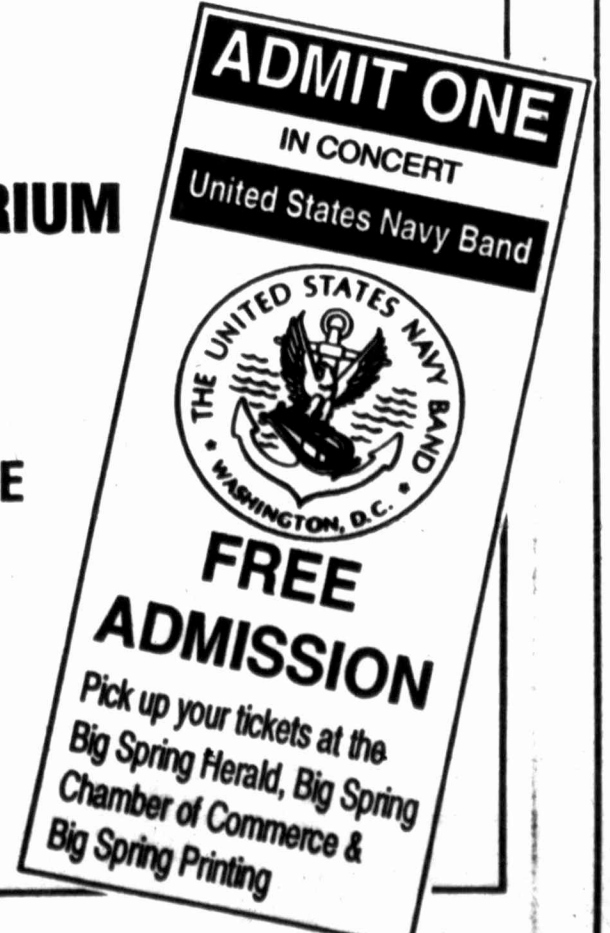
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Politicos get blasted over crime bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Newly freed from the constraints of government service, former Deputy Attorney General Philip Heymann is swinging hard at the posturing of politicians over crime legislation.

"It seems the powerful, powerful politics of it ... make it almost impossible for political figures — federal, state, Republican, Democrat — to keep in contact with real and common sense," Heymann said in an interview Tuesday, one day after cleaning out his Justice Department office.

Heymann left Justice after less than a year because of management and personal differences with Attorney General Janet Reno. If there were policy differences, he didn't reveal them. In fact, he took loud exception to certain measures Reno has been more quietly questioning.

Chief among them is the so-called three-strikes-you're-out proposal, which President Clinton has supported in general.

"It's a bad idea being spread as far and as fast as it could be," said Heymann at the Georgetown Law Center, where he will maintain an office for four months.

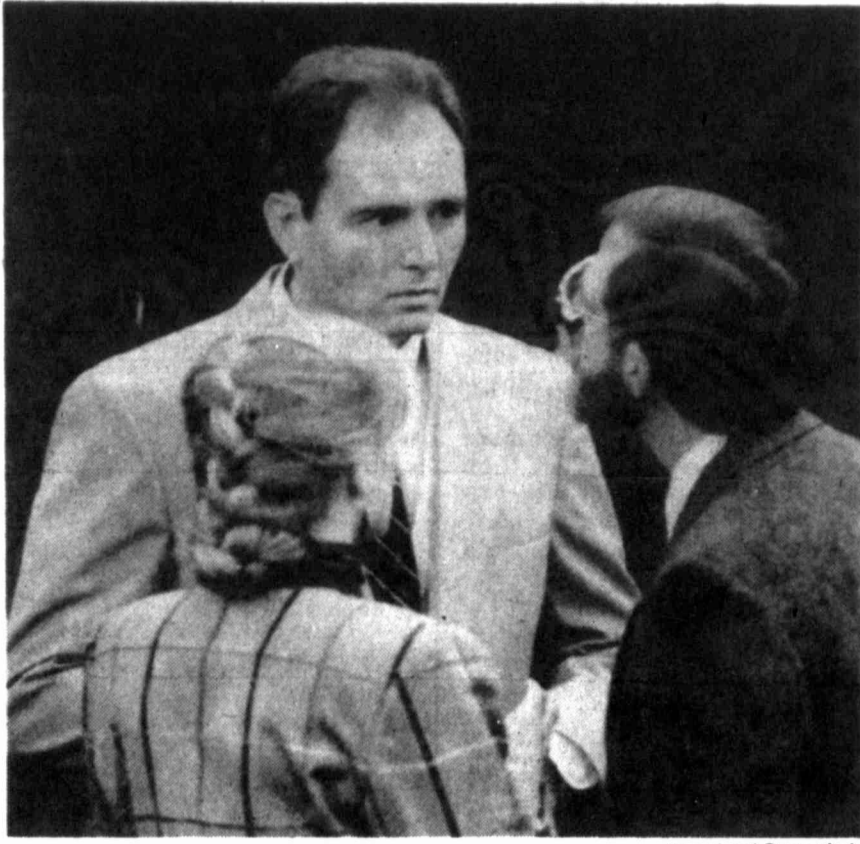
The Senate has passed a version that would impose life sentences without parole on people convicted in federal court of a third violent or drug-related felony. Clinton has not spelled out details of what version he supports, but cautioned on Tuesday against making the provision overly broad.

Similar proposals are pending in more than two dozen states.

"I would not let a dangerous juvenile, or a dangerous person of any age, out until ... I'm ready to ride up and down in an elevator alone with him," Heymann said.

But housing old and infirm inmates long after their crime-producing years have ended is a waste, the former Harvard law professor said.

"There's plenty of deterrence in 25 years, and we can't afford to be throwing \$600,000 to \$700,000 away on the care and feeding of old armed robbers 25 years after their last crime," Heymann said. "That would pay the medical bills for 150 American families for a year."



Danny Rolling, center, listens to his attorneys at the Alachua County Courthouse after pleading guilty to the 1990 murders of five students.

Death penalty possible after surprise confession

The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A drifter faces a possible death penalty following his surprise confession to the mutilation murders of five college students.

"We know now what happened. We are about to embark on a process to show how it happened," State Attorney Rod Smith said.

Prosecutors seeking the death penalty for Danny Harold Rolling, 39, plan to introduce details of how Rolling targeted his female victims, bound them with tape, raped them, stabbed them and arranged their bodies in lewd poses.

Jury selection for the penalty phase of the trial was to begin today.

Rolling, a drifter from Shreveport, La., pleaded guilty Tuesday to five counts of first-degree murder, and three each of sexual battery and armed burglary.

He is already serving three life terms for burglary and robbery, and now faces another life term or death in the electric chair. Rolling's lawyer, Rick Parker, said

he will argue that his client was mentally ill when he killed the students and should not be executed.

"This evidence will be helpful in understanding how the same person can rape and murder, then later regret these acts and feel compassion for the living loved ones surviving his violence," Parker said.

Rolling told Circuit Judge Stan Morris. "I have been running from first one thing and then another all my life. Whether from problems at home or with the law, or from myself. But there are some things that you just can't run from."

The mutilated bodies of Christina Powell, 17, and Sonja Larson, 18, both University of Florida students, were found on Aug. 26, 1990, in their townhouse.

The decapitated body of Christa Hoyt, 18, a student at Santa Fe Community College, was found early the next day.

The bodies of Tracy Paules and Manuel Taboada, both 23 and University of Florida students, were found in the apartment they shared on Aug. 28.

Briefs

Clintons pushing health care reform to seniors

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Clinton are beginning a two-week push to try to convince senior citizens that the White House strategy is the best medicine for the nation's health care ills.

The president's speech today to an elderly crowd at Edison, N.J., marks the latest attempt by the White House to focus its health care campaign on a specific audience or issue. In the previous two weeks, Clinton and his aides pounded home the same theme: The nation's health care system is in crisis.

"We think one of the really strong parts of the president's health care plan is how we treat seniors — things we do with drugs and long-term care," White House spokesman Jeff Eller said. "We also know we're better when we concentrate on one thing."

Mrs. Clinton renewed her attacks on the health insurance industry Tuesday. "We have to change the insurance market and the way it operates," she told the American Legion.

Kelso hopes retirement marks end of Tailhook

WASHINGTON (AP) — Adm. Frank B. Kelso II hopes his hastened retirement will mark "the end of Tailhook." But questions about the

Navy's handling of the sex scandal are likely to dog the service, Congress and Kelso for months to come.

Kelso said Tuesday that he would retire as the Navy's top officer on April 30, two months earlier than planned, to rid the Navy of a "lightning rod" that continued to attract controversy over the infamous 1991 Tailhook convention.

Kelso's announcement came in exchange for testimonials from Defense Secretary William Perry and Navy Secretary John Dalton attesting to his personal integrity.

Pentagon officials said President Clinton is considering Adm. Jeremy M. Boorda, now running NATO's Bosnia operation, as the top candidate to replace Kelso as chief of naval operations. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., called Boorda "a truly excellent choice."

Taking along some comforts of home

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — They're pros at traveling light. But they want to be prepared.

When astronauts Norman Thagard and Bonnie Dunbar leave next week for a year of cosmonaut training in Russia, they'll be taking along some of the comforts of home.

For Thagard, 50, a physician who designs amplifiers in his spare time, that means a stereo, TV and VCR.

For Dunbar, 44, a biomedical engineer, that means a tool kit, batteries, film, and — oh yes — instant oatmeal.

"There are no 7-Eleven stores over there," Dunbar explained Tuesday.

Thagard and Dunbar are the first Americans assigned to Russia's cosmonaut training program. It's part of the same agreement that had Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev flying last week on space shuttle Discovery.

Under the astronaut-cosmonaut exchange program, Thagard will be rocketed into orbit aboard a Russian Soyuz in March 1995 and will spend three months on Russia's space station Mir, conducting mostly medical experiments. Dunbar is his backup.

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Hillary Clinton cleared of violating regulations

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Banking regulators found that Hillary Rodham Clinton did not violate federal regulations when she represented the government in a 1987 lawsuit against a friend, the Chicago Tribune reported today.

"Mrs. Clinton's involvement was confined to two hours," Alan Whitney, a spokesman for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., said Tuesday.

The newspaper reported earlier this month that Mrs. Clinton, working for the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp., helped settle a \$3.3 million lawsuit against a friend and political supporter, Dan Lasater, for \$200,000 — less than a dime on the dollar.

Lasater's bond firm was accused of mishandling funds belonging to a savings and loan that later failed.

The FDIC reviewed court documents and billing records submitted by the Rose Law Firm of Little Rock, Ark., where Mrs. Clinton worked.

Investigators did not question Mrs. Clinton, Whitney said.

They found that Mrs. Clinton signed an amended complaint that reduced the damages sought from \$3.3 million to \$1.3 million. She was not involved in the final \$200,000 settlement, Whitney said.

Her role did not constitute a conflict of interest under federal savings-and-loan regulations, the FDIC said.

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Poor of Haiti used to suffering

The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — It is the stench that assails you first when you enter Cite Soleil, the huge slum in Port-au-Prince. Burning garbage mixes with smoke from charcoal fires. The smell burns your nostrils.

Then the sheer volume of humanity stuns you.

Women balance big baskets of produce or what looks like garbage on their heads. A shirtless mother washes clothes in a sewer, her naked toddler splashing beside her in the mud. A man in green briefs bathes in a bucket of water in the middle of the road.

There's no escape from the squalor — or the fear. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, ousted as president in a 1991 army coup, seems far from the people who elected him, many of them Haiti's poorest citizens.

Some of the most desperate have tried to flee to the United States in rickety boats, but U.S. policy mandates their return. The drowned bodies of four boat people washed up on Florida shores last week.

Military oppression has produced a spate of violence in recent weeks. The worst was the shooting deaths of at least 10 Aristide supporters Feb. 2 in a safe house where some had fled threats by an army-supported paramilitary group.

So most of Haiti's poor keep their heads down and drudge on.

Everywhere in Cite Soleil, people stand or crouch in front of shacks of aluminum, plywood, cardboard or cinder block, peddling wares or cooking food to sell.

It looks like a never-ending market, but it is not. People live in these hovels. Corrugated aluminum sheets cover some shacks. Others lack even a roof.

Everyone is an entrepreneur, peddling whatever they can get their hands on to scrape by.

The trouble is, no one has the money to buy.

"Sometimes we don't sell anything all week," said Margarete Saint-Just, standing at a bus stop waiting to go home after 12 hours of work.

She sells clothing at a market in downtown Port-au-Prince.

Eyes dull from exhaustion, she said she had sold nothing that day, and was depending on God and the generosity of friends to feed her three youngsters.

The world gasoline embargo, imposed to pressure Haiti's ruling military to restore Aristide to power,



Halsy Frantz, 1-1/2, bathes in a basin in a one-room sheet-metal shack in the sprawling Port-au-Prince slum known as Cite Soleil in this file photo. The slum is home to some of the poorest people in the poorest nation in the Americas.

has driven fuel costs sky high. In turn, prices have soared for necessities such as food and public transportation.

But the poor in this poorest country in the Americas are accustomed to suffering. They live without electricity, running water or toilets. They must cook, eat, bathe and perform bodily functions outdoors, in sewers and crowded streets. By night they crowd into their tiny shacks to sleep.

There is a constant scramble for water.

A man stood in the middle of one intersection, lowering a bucket by rope into a manhole to collect water flowing from a broken pipe.

When the local Prestige beer factory released used water one recent afternoon, people came running from all directions with big buckets to get some. Some stripped and bathed right there in the creekbed below the open pipe.

Many jitney buses, called tap-taps, have tripled prices and shortened routes because of the fuel shortage. Truck owners idled by business shutdowns have jumped in to fill the void, driving people to the distant suburbs for the same price as a tap-tap.

People wait hours in blocklong lines, then pile onto the truckbeds and stand jammed together atop their sacks for the bumpy ride home. Riders hang off backs of loaded-down trucks, which almost scrape the road under the weight.

Others walk miles to and from work, school, the market.

Cows wander across roadways, goats chew grass in deserted gas stations, hogs slop in the sewer.

But once accustomed to the squalor, you notice something else, something unexpected: an element of hope.

A woman skips by, curlers under hairnet, planning to make herself pretty for later in the day. A group of jobless young men walk down the middle of the street talking and laughing. Girls in faded dresses point at a visitor and giggle.

A graying man, sweat coursing down his back, pulls a heavy wooden cart piled high with produce. A little girl runs by, her hair carefully braided with pink plastic barrettes. People sit gossiping in small groups. Their clothing is worn, but clean and well-tended.

In colorful paint, the tap-taps proclaim messages of faith: "Patience," "Love," "Glory to God," in French, the language of this former French colony. And after the sun sets, children are heard singing inside a church, the glimmer from their candles beaming hope into the dark night.

Briefs

Russia struggles with Afghanistan fall out

MOSCOW (AP) — Five years after the last Soviet armored personnel carrier rolled across a bridge over the Amu Darya River, Russia still struggles with the physical and emotional fallout from its bitter experiences in Afghanistan.

Movies, books and newspapers are focusing increasingly on Afghanistan's hidden side. The veterans, along with tales of heroism, speak of drugs, torture, rape and killing that became a way of life.

Short stories published last year by Oleg Blotsky, a war veteran turned investigative reporter, depicted senseless violence and army corruption.

Many of the 320,000 veterans find it hard to adjust. The Soviet breakup left no legal base that could secure benefits for the veterans and their families, many of whom now are living in poverty because of the country's economic changes.

Japan react coolly to U.S. charges

TOKYO (AP) — Wary of inflaming tensions, Japan reacted coolly today to U.S. charges that it broke promises to open its cellular phone market — the first volley in what could be a series of punitive actions on trade.

Chief government spokesman Masayoshi Takemura said Tokyo would wait for a U.S. decision on sanctions before responding to the U.S. trade representative's announcement Tuesday that he believed Japan had failed to fulfill a 1989 pact to give Motorola Inc. access to the cellular phone market.

NATO jet crashes, pilot ejects safely

ROME (AP) — A U.S. Air Force F-16, part of the NATO mission

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Sumatra quake kills 117

The Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A powerful earthquake shook the island of Sumatra today, burying sleeping residents in the rubble of their homes and demolishing many buildings. At least 117 people were killed.

Another 450 people were seriously hurt, said Hotman Apik, a government spokesman.

The earthquake struck just after midnight (12:07 p.m. Tuesday EST). It had an initial Richter reading of 6.5, according to officials in Jakarta. The U.S. Geological Survey in Washington put its strength at 7.2.

"Most of the victims were sound asleep," Apik said. "Some of the victims died without knowing what hit them."

Believed to be hardest hit was the province of Lampung, on southeastern Sumatra, which is about 125 miles northwest of Jakarta.

Destruction from the quake and heavy rains made it difficult to contact Lampung. Roads have been churned up and phone lines cut by the quake.

A blackout plunged western Lampung into darkness soon after the tremor hit.

Many homes, mosques, government offices and police stations were demolished, Apik said. He did not have more details on the scale of the destruction.

Within Lampung, the devastation was believed greatest in the district of Liwa and the sub-district of Sekincau, which has a population of 50,000 people.

The quake, the first in Lampung in the 20 years, was felt throughout south Sumatra, and the tremors were noticed as far away as Jakarta, the weather bureau reported.

In December 1992, an earthquake of magnitude 7.5 killed at least 2,500 people and destroyed thousands of buildings and houses on Flores Island, 950 miles southeast of Jakarta.

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Springboard

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Today

•St. Mary Episcopal Church will present a concert of Lenten and Easter music of the Christian east, featuring an a capella touring quartet from the Institute for Eastern Orthodox Studies. For more information contact St. Mary Episcopal Church at 267-8201.

•Gamblers' Anonymous will meet 7 p.m. at St. Stephens Catholic Church, Room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. For more information call 263-8920.

•New Phoenix Hope group of Narcotics Anonymous will meet 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Adults Molested as Children will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For information call Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312.

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

Thursday

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center offers art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 55 and older invited. Bingo from 12:45-1:45 p.m.

•The Salvation Army will have a drug education program sponsored by the Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse at 7 p.m. at the Salvation Army Building, 308 Alford.

•The Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse is offering a community re-entry group meeting at noon, 905 N. Benton. For information call 263-8920.

•Support Group for battered women will meet 2:30 p.m. For information call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•New Phoenix Hope Group of Narcotics Anonymous will meet 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Al-Anon will meet 8 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster. For more information call Tommy Shankles at 263-6071.

•Human Services Council will meet 10 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce meeting room. Individuals representing any organization, club or group providing human services to our community are invited. For more information call Naomi Hunt at 264-2237.

•Christian Home Schoolers of Big Spring will be having a field trip at 3 p.m. For more information call Lori at 394-4054.

•Christian Home Schoolers of Big Spring will be having a mothers' night out starting at 7:15 p.m. For more information call Jeana at 264-0304.

Friday

•M.A.S.C. will meet 7 p.m. at the courthouse. For more information call Pat DeAnda, 267-7839.

•Tonight there will be games of dominoes, 42, bridge, and Chickentrack from 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Spring City Senior Center will have a country-western dance. Public invited.

•The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 55 and older invited.

•Adults Molested as Children will meet from 5:15 to 7 p.m. For information call Rape Crisis/Victim Services at 263-3312.

•Turning Point A.A. will meet from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th & Goliad. This meeting is open to all substance abusers.

Babysitter saves boy's life with CPR

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

When 12-year-old Corrina Rios took a babysitting course at Howard College last summer, she never really thought about when she might have to use the lifesaving skills she was learning.

Last week, the Goliad Middle School sixth-grader discovered she had learned her lessons well.

Corrina, her mother Debbie, and Missy Peterson—a neighbor for whom Corrina babysits—don't remember the exact day two-year-old David Peterson collapsed and quit breathing. They remember it was about a week ago, and what they won't forget is Corrina using cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to revive David.

David suffers from seizures, usually triggered by pain, which cause him to stiffen and quit breathing. He has been diagnosed at different times as having asthma, epilepsy and involuntary stoppage of breathing. Further visits to neurologists have been scheduled to come up with a final diagnosis.

Missy and her husband, Mike, had to perform CPR on David shortly before Christmas. The experience frightened them and their children, but reassured them they could revive David if he quit breathing.

Having someone outside the family look after David was a new experience, however. "Whenever we go out, we usually take him with us," said Missy. David had occasionally been looked after by his stepsister or Missy's mother.

When the Petersons moved to Big Spring three months ago from Ashtabula, Ohio, Missy met Corrina, who lives four houses away. Missy was impressed by her maturity. "She seemed older than 12," said Missy.

Corrina began babysitting the Peterson children. Last week, when Missy and Mike needed to go grocery shopping, they let David stay home. Corrina's mature demeanor and the lifesaving skills she had learned in her babysitting class made the Petersons feel David was in good hands. Besides, what could happen in a 25-minute trip to the store?

A lot, as Corrina found out. While David was playing with his brothers and sisters, he caught his fingers in a cabinet door. "He stiffened and fell backwards," she recalled. "He turned blue and wasn't breathing."

She knew she had to remain calm, especially around the other children, who were crying and frightened. "The youngest girl kept asking, 'Am I going to lose my brother?'" said Corrina.

Corrina did not call 911. "I had to do something right then," she explained. "I was afraid he was going to die." She began doing CPR compressions on David's chest.

After a minute or two, he began coughing and crying. After seeing that David was once again conscious and breathing, Corrina called her



Corrina Rios, 12, hugs 2-year-old David Peterson. Corrina was babysitting David, his brothers and sisters last week when David collapsed and quit breathing. Corrina revived him with CPR.

parents. "She sounded so calm," Debbie Rios said.

The Petersons were returning home at the same time Debbie arrived. "Corrina came to the door with David and said, 'He stopped breathing.' I threw all the groceries down and ran into the house," said Missy.

David was pale and tired but otherwise all right. Everyone else, however, was shaken. "Corrina kept fol-

lowing me from room to room, saying, 'I was so scared, I was so scared,'" said Missy. "Her hands were shaking."

Corrina agreed, saying she was much less calm after the incident had happened. "I couldn't sleep that whole night. I kept thinking about David," she said.

She credits her babysitting class and watching episodes of "Rescue 911" for her ability to carry out the

lifesaving procedures on David while reassuring the other children their brother would be fine.

"After it was all over, they all ran up and said, 'Thank you for saving my brother's life,'" said Corrina.

Missy said David used to be leery of his babysitter, but has become affectionate and playful with Corrina since she performed CPR on him.

"It's like he understands what she did for him," said Missy.



California Artichoke Board notes that March through May is the peak harvest period for artichokes. Here's a trendy dip for artichokes, courtesy of the board:

CREAMY THAI DIP
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
2 tablespoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sesame oil
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
Combine all ingredients and mix well. Makes 3/4 cup.

For fans of Stove Top Stuffing, six simple recipes featuring the stuffing are available free from Kraft. The recipes come in a long, skinny strip on slick paper with unrealistic-looking pictures on the back. These are all one-dish meals. For a copy, send your name and address to: Fast, Fun One-Dish Dinners, Kraft General Foods, Box 28006, Kankakee, Ill. 60902.

Beef fanciers, want to try your hand at the National Beef Cook-Off. The grand prize is \$25,000, so it might be worthwhile. For contest details and a sheet that will help you do it right, call toll free 800-621-7011 or write: National Beef Cook-Off Entries, Box 3240, Chicago, Ill. 60654.

The deadline for entries is June 1. —Scripps Howard News Service

French stew makes quick, delicious brunch

By JOYCELYN WINNECKE
Scripps Howard News Service

Imagine chopped onion and garlic cooking in a little bit of olive oil. Then strips of pretty pepper — red, green, whatever you find — are added, and then chopped tomatoes and fresh basil.

Into the big skillet, then, you pour a bowl of lightly beaten eggs and you stir them as they cook gently, until they are lightly scrambled.

What you have is a wonderful brunch or Sunday supper — PIPERADE.

From the Basque region of France, PIPERADE (pee-pay-RAHD) is a stew of tomatoes and sweet peppers cooked in olive oil or butter and then mixed with beaten eggs. To this concoction can be added any number of ingredients — including more vegetables or pieces of ham or cooked sausage.

PIPERADE
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, chopped
2 large red bell pepper, cored, seeded and sliced into strips (or 1 red and 1 green)
1/2 pound tomatoes, seeded and chopped
1 tablespoons fresh chopped herbs
1 cup or so chopped ham or smoked sausage pieces (optional)
8 eggs, beaten lightly
Salt

Freshly ground black pepper
Heat oil in a large frying pan. Add the onions and garlic, and cook over medium heat until soft and golden. Add the bell peppers and cook 15 minutes. Add the tomatoes and herbs; cover and cook until very soft. Add the ham or sausage, if you're using it.

Add the eggs, stirring gently, until lightly cooked and scrambled but not hard. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes about 6 servings.

Ten microwave uses

By WOODENE MERRIMAN
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Cookbook author Ann Clark gave her favorite microwave uses in "Quick Cuisine, Easy and Elegant Recipes for Every Occasion."

- 10 Best Uses for Microwave Ovens
- Cooking vegetables (keeps them crisp)
- Heating water, milk or broth
- Melting and clarifying butter
- Sauteing chopped onion
- Toasting nuts
- Melting chocolate
- Plumping raisins
- Plumping sun-dried tomatoes
- Melting honey or jam for glazes
- Cooking bacon

—Scripps Howard News Service



Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteers promote their new "Unbearably Good" cookbook at Friday's 9 a.m. tea-tasting party. From left: Jean Wynn, Jo Reynolds, Jacque Thomas, Jean Sledge, Ethel Guthrie and Erma Steward.

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope. FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1994. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Watch the tendency to go to extremes today. TEMPERIUM... TAURUS... GEMINI... CANCER... LEO... VIRGO... LIBRA... SCORPIO... AQUARIUS... PISCES.

Dear Abby - Letters... Reader rebuts column on childlessness. DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed your tongue-in-cheek column on "The Childless Couple." The author offered a "cup is half empty" version of parenthood. I respectfully submit a "cup is half full" version. — STEVE PARKER, CHICAGO. DEAR STEVE: I'm sure many will thank you for your cleverly written rebuttal: PARENTS. What a pitiful lot parents are. How any soul can survive the daily monotony of nurturing a child from innocent infancy to flourishing adulthood is beyond me. It's a boring life. Imagine actually experiencing a child's birth and then having to pretend the animalistic ritual was a breathtaking, unbelievable miracle never to be forgotten. Consider the shallow pride parents feign as junior becomes the spitting image of Dad, acts just like Mom and laughs like Grandpa. Meaningless, egocentric images. Rather than putting in those extra productive hours at work, parents must spend nights and weekends at home with children. Oh, the burden of teaching them to take their first step, say their first word and throw their first ball. Can't someone throw these parents an 80-hour work-week lifeline? While carefree adults enjoy fine dining, opera and exotic travel, parents are stuck with reliving their childhood. They tolerate building sandcastles at the beach, endure birthday parties of giggling children where "pin the tail on the donkey" is new and exciting, and survive camping outings that end with marshmallows and "Kumbaya" around the campfire. How juvenile! How childish! Children tie you down. Rather than do what they want, parents spend most of their time on their children. They deal with their DENNIS THE MENACE THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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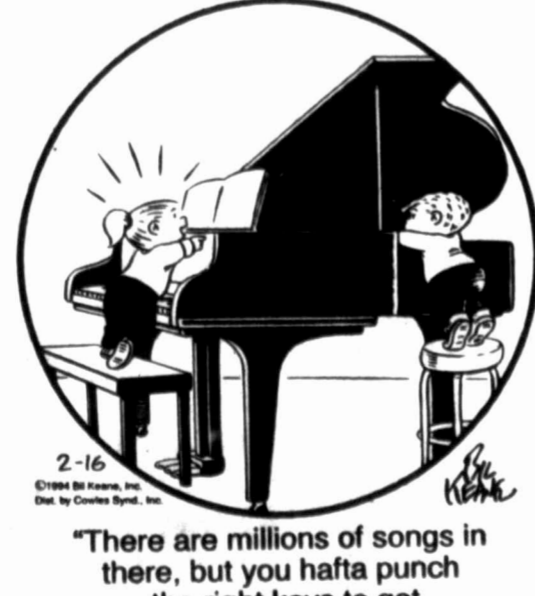
Verna, Thank you for being the best wife a man could ask for...Pat Ryan, Congratulations on making the honor roll! Mom and Dad. Happy Birthday Bob! If you were an alligator, you'd be a billboard by now...Sue. We would like to thank all those who made clean-up day a success! Janie, You make me feel like a million dollars when you smile...Joe. Dear Mary, Thanks for 25 years with the "right woman"! Your loving husband Jim. Happy 40th Herb... Mom and the kids. You're not getting older, you're getting better.

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