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50 Cents

Carelessness main reason behind heavy highway death toll

WEATHERFORD (AP) — One day after Texas roads claimed 43 lives, someone had placed a cross and flowers at the site where 12 children and two adults died in a van-truck collision.

Officials with the state Department of Public Safety and the National Transportation Safety Board on Monday inspected the accident scene, the deadliest of 12 wrecks in Texas Sunday.

The van, carrying relatives to a family reunion, lost 14 of its 18 occupants after apparently pulling into the path of a tractor-trailer. The van was hit from behind on Interstate 20, about five miles west of Weatherford, authorities said.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Charles Seale said the van's driver, Claudia Funches, reported that the air-shock system was causing problems. The shocks were failing to hold air, and the load in the van caused the vehicle's frame to come down on the rear tires, he said. "She had pulled off several times to try to correct the problem and was just trying to get to a service station or some place that they could get it repaired when the accident occurred," Seale said.

As accident reconstruction efforts continued, state officials discovered that Ms. Funches apparently was driving with a suspended license.

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Citizens keep police busier than bees with 600 calls for service

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is investigating an aggravated robbery that took place in the early morning hours of July 4.

According to reports, three males entered the 7-11 at 2310 Wasson Road around 2:40 a.m. Monday. The suspects ordered the clerk to lay down on the ground at gunpoint and stole five 12 packs of Bud Light beer and three cartons of cigarettes then fled the scene.

No one was injured in the incident and police are searching for one Hispanic male and two black males as suspects. No other description of the subjects are available at this time and the investigation continues.

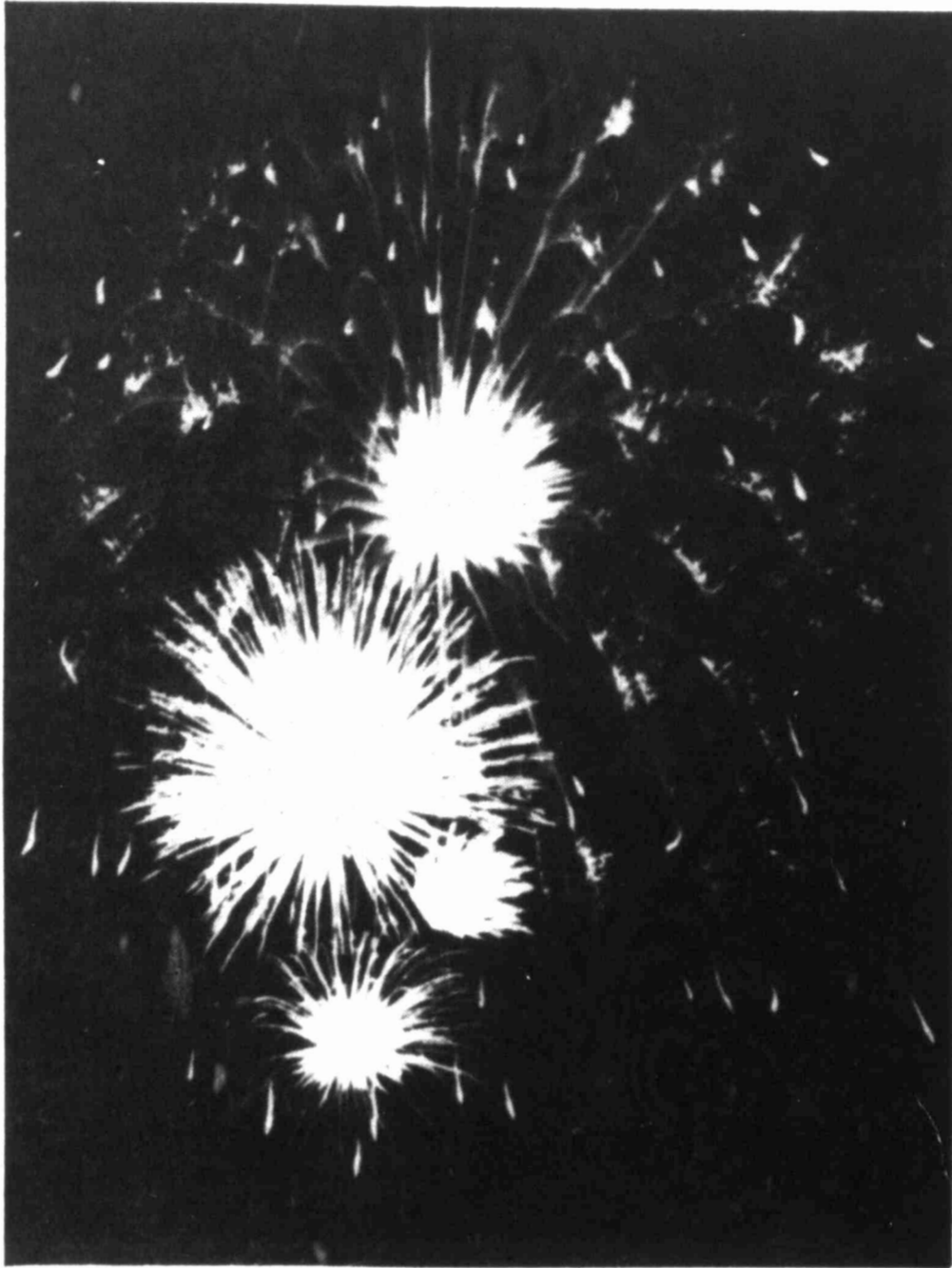
Meanwhile, officers were kept busy over the Fourth of July weekend. Between 7 p.m. Friday and 12 a.m. Tuesday, there were over 600 calls for service, 105 offense reports taken and 29 people arrested.

There was a disturbance in the 100 block of N.W. 12th Street Monday night where people were gathered to watch the fireworks. Officers stated the crowd was unruly, combative and aggressive. At one point, a fight involving approximately 30 to 40 people broke out. Verbal commands to disperse were ignored. Officer (Lisa) Dulin then sprayed OC fog into the crowd, which effectively cleared the area," said Sgt. Scott Griffin.

According to reports, Donald Vanderbilt, 18 of

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A BURST OF FREEDOM



Fireworks explode above South Mountain Monday night as Big Spring celebrated the Fourth of July. The holiday began with the annual children's Highland South Parade in the morning.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

New laws hinder rather than help

Editor's Note: This is the third of a four part series that looks at the changes in the Texas Penal Code which go into effect Sept. 1.

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, co-author of the new Penal Code laws, said Texas can no longer afford to put nonviolent drug offenders in prison cells needed for violent criminals.

A poll of street-level undercover officers and some prosecutors around the state reveal the laws could hinder their fight against drug crime.

Whitmire commented on this by saying, "(they) have tunnel vision. Stiff prison sentences have not deterred or rehabilitated people who commit nonviolent property crimes and drug offenses.

On the books On the go



Part three of four

PATRIOTIC DISPLAY



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Laura Hughes and daughter Krystal Hughes add the finishing touches to their mailbox in front of their home at 508 Highland Drive Monday morning. The decorations were part of the annual decorating contest in the neighborhood.

Park will spruce up the north side

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A swimming pool that used to serve Big Spring's north side, in the Banks addition, was abandoned in 1960, but Councilwoman Stephanie Horton would like to see the area cleaned up and turned into Earnest S. Morgan Park.

Horton said this is an excellent project for Big Spring's north side and there are plenty of kids to fill the park so they won't be playing in the streets.

Following a study, a public hearing was conducted last Tuesday in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department requirements. The measure was approved by the council.

Horton made the request of the council because the pro-

posed park would be funded by a matching grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Grant program and the deadline for submitting the grant proposal is July 31.

The total cost of the park is estimated at \$143,000. City Manager Lanny Lambert said the grant would pay for the park equipment and the city's obligation would be "in kind" as city crews would actually provide the labor and build the park.

The goal of the project is to provide a safe, enjoyable, low maintenance and secure outdoor recreational facility and should provide activities for the majority of Big Spring residents regardless of age or physical ability.

The park plan calls for the old pool to be filled with sand and turned into a volleyball court,

playground equipment installed, a basketball court built and a walk-way (trail) through the park.

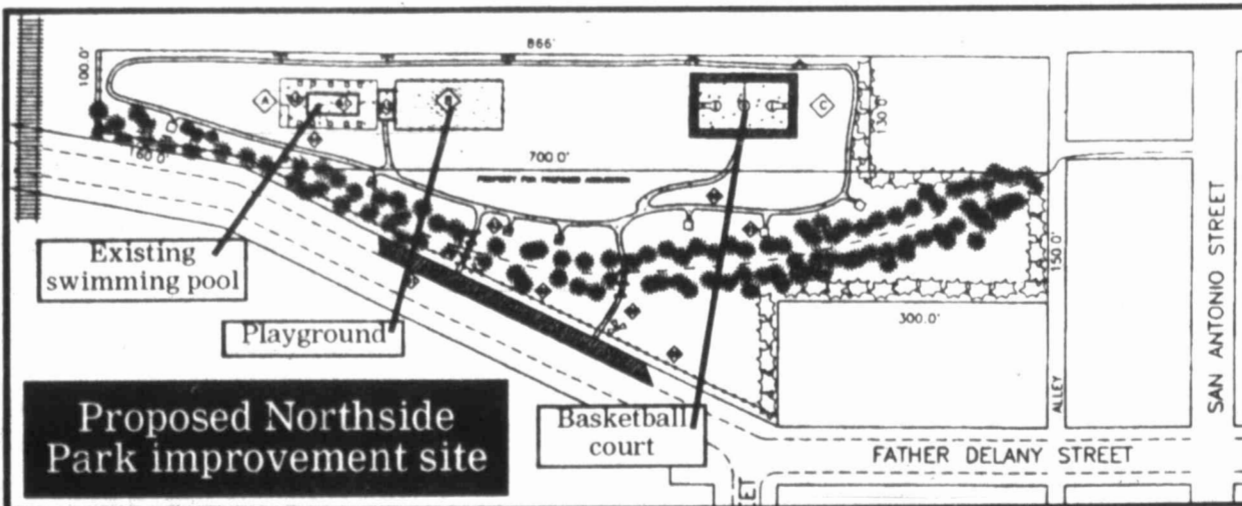
The park will also include several cabanas.

If the grant proposal is rejected by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the city would not be out of pocket any more than the original \$500 consulting fee paid to Gary R. Traylor and Associates.

Traylor and Associates will re-submit the proposal to the TPWD as often as the city needs it to, but the feeling is the park project stands an excellent chance of being approved.

Horton asked for and received council approval to name the park after World War II veteran and former educator Dr.

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Texas Trivia

Best farmland is which region?
North-Central Plains

Record number of oil wells drilled in 1956?
13,082

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WORLD/NATION

World: Yasser Arafat received a frenzied welcome today after his helicopter descended from a cloudless sky to the seat of power of the newly autonomous Palestinian territories. See page 5.

Nation: Federal Reserve policy makers are meeting amid continuing concern that the falling dollar will prompt the central bank to raise interest rates for the fifth time this year. See page 5.



STATE

Burning 4th

The Fourth of July time was hardly a time for firefighters to relax, particularly in West Texas, where thousands of acres in brush fires were burning. Hot weather, high winds and low humidity made Independence Day 1994 the equivalent of Christmas at the post office for firefighters in Amarillo. See page 3.

Gypsy feuding

A couple went to police telling a terrible tale of how they were held and robbed at gunpoint by four men they thought looked familiar. See page 3.



TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: **95** ▲ Highs **75** ▼ Lows

Fair, low near 70

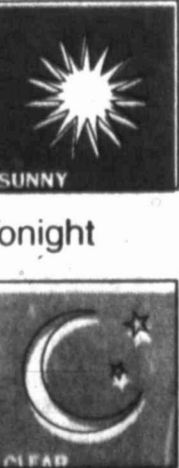
Tonight, fair, low near 70, south wind 15 to 25 mph, lake caution advised.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s, south winds 15 to 25 mph; fair night, low near 70.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s; fair night, low mid 70s.

Friday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s; fair night, low mid 70s.



OBITUARIES

Alvin E. Nabors

Alvin E. (Gene) Nabors, 64, Big Spring, died Monday, July 4, 1994, in a Ruidoso, N.M., hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

James W. Hunter

James W. Hunter, 73, of Big Spring, died on Monday, July 4, 1994, at his residence following a one year illness. Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 7, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Elwin Colom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on July 6, 1921, in Colorado City, and married Grace White Callahan on Dec. 10, 1947, in Big Spring.

He grew up in this area, went to school in Dunn and graduated from Coahoma High School in 1938. He received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Texas Tech. He worked as general manager for Kent Oil Company for 18 years retiring in 1970. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter moved to Llano in 1978, and returned to Big Spring in Nov. of 1993.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, Coahoma. He was a veteran of the United States Army Air Corp. and served in the 4th Fighter Group stationed in England during World War II.

Survivors include his wife: Grace Hunter, Big Spring; stepson: Michael Callahan, Big Spring; granddaughter and her husband: Dana and Dennis Witt, Big Spring; great-grandsons: Cody Kyle Witt and Braden Michael Witt, both of Big Spring; brother and sister-in-law: Jack A. and Agnes Hunter, San Diego, Calif.; two sisters and brothers-in-law: Dimple and Glen Fleming, Escodendo, Calif., and Deanna and Grady Masoff, Union Grove, Ala.; several nieces and nephews.

The family suggest memorials to: First Baptist Church of Coahoma, 267 South Ave., Coahoma, Texas 79511 or the American Cancer Society, %Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

Paid obituary

Park

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Earnest S. Morgan of Big Spring who died in May of 1990.

Morgan, who was married to Lottie V. Hargest, came to Big Spring in 1959 as principal of Lakeview School and went on to serve as director of Big Spring's kindergarten and Head Start programs. He also served as an instructor at Howard College before retiring from the Big Spring ISD in 1986. Morgan retired from the Head Start program in 1988.

In 1978 and 1979 Morgan was chosen as the Texas Classroom Teachers Association Administrator of the Year.

Lambert said the park would be a winter project for the city and should take about six months to build. He noted it probably won't get off the ground this winter because projects such as this tend to take the state a little time.

Both Horton and Lambert agree this is a positive step in attacking one of Big Spring's biggest problems - the physical appearance of the city.

Big Spring residents may have noticed city crews out working during the last few weekends, clearing property and tearing down old structures.

Lambert said there is \$60,000 allotted in this year's budget for the cleaning and clearing of unempt and potentially hazardous properties.

The city is filing a lean against any privately owned property it has to clear and assessing the owner a 15 percent penalty fee.

"One of our biggest complaints around the city is its physical appearance," Lambert said.

**Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel**
906 GREGG
BIG SPRING

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Police

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1002 North Main #43, was arrested at the scene for aggravated assault after he struck someone with a brick.

The construction site at the new Wal-Mart Supercenter was burglarized. Most of the tools stolen were recovered by officers investigating another burglary at the Dominguez convenience store. A vehicle was scene leaving from behind the store. Officers pursued it to the Sandra Gale parking lot, where three unknown males fled on foot. Inside the vehicle, officers discovered the tools stolen in the Wal-Mart burglary. The investigation is continuing," continued Griffin.

There were 38 thefts, 29 of those being from convenience stores, four arrests for marijuana possession, 14 reports of burglary, two people arrested for driving while intoxicated, five assaults were reported, 13 criminal mischief reports were taken by officers, two people were charged with resisting arrest, four people were taken into custody for driving while their licenses were suspended, one person was arrested for fleeing to elude, one stolen vehicle was reported, there were four state hospital committals and an escape from the Juvenile Detention Facility.

A 15 year old white female fled on foot from the facility Friday afternoon but was caught a few minutes later in the downtown area.

Deaths

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"All we know right now, preliminary until we find out from California next week, she shows to be under suspension," said DPS Sgt. Larry Peterson.

The reason for the suspension was unknown Monday. California authorities were unavailable because of the July Fourth holiday.

The Texas license of truck driver Richie Darrell Ware of Arlington is clear, he said.

Neither driver recalls much about the accident, although Ms. Funches remembers looking behind her and being on the roadway," Seale said.

The 1977 Dodge van, borrowed from a relative who installed the air shocks, is believed to have left Los Angeles Friday night with the group planning to drive straight to Mississippi, Seale said.

"We do know that she had made one stop to sleep," he said. "However they had been switching off drivers back and forth between her and one of the other ladies in the van."

The group spent a few hours at a rest area along Interstate 20 near Odessa before heading on, Seale said.

Ware told authorities he had gone to work about 1:30 a.m. Sunday, dropped off a load in Cisco - about 75 miles west of Weatherford - shortly after 8 a.m., then was headed back east when the accident occurred.

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ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 12 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**GERALD BLACK**, 51 no address given, was arrested for burglary of a building. Police had responded to a call that someone was inside the Golden Corral on East FM 700. Officers found Black in the building and arrested him.

•**DONALD RAY VANDERBILT**, 18 of 1002 N. Main #43, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and outstanding local warrants.

•**GARY MERVIN REDLIN JR.**, 19 of 2604 Carleton, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•**JAMES EARL MAGERS**, 32 no address given, was arrested for fleeing to elude and driving while license suspended.

•**MICKEY ALVAREZ**, 26 of 505 West Eighth, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and parole violation.

•**MARTIN LEE BENTACUR**, 27 no address given, was arrested for failure to identify and outstanding local warrants.

•**ARTURO TREVINO**, 22 of 1411 Runnels, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•**EUSEBIO SAIZ**, 55 no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**EMMANUEL CERVANTES**, 21 of 409 East Fifth, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•**CARMEN CERVANTES**, 17 of 1110 Austin, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

•**JOHNNY FRANKLIN MILLS**, 24 no address given, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•**PATRICK RIOS**, 23 of 3206 West Highway 80, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**JOE ERIC CANALES**, 19 of 811 Willia, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

•**JOSE ERNESTO FRANCO**, 20 of 2513 Chanute, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

•**JACK R. CATHEY**, 44 of 2707 East 25th, was arrested on

outstanding local DPS warrants.

•**ALBERT CONTRERAS**, 35 of 1102 Lamar, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•**FIREWORKS** warnings were issued at: 1800 block of Scurry, 2500 block of Albrook, 1300 and 1400 block of Wood, 1100 block of Lloyd, 1600 block of Main, 600 block of Baylor, 100 block of West Marcy, 2900 block of Cherokee, 500 block of N.W. Seventh, 2200 block of Grace, 1100 block of Johnson, 900 block of Aylesford, 800 block of Abrams, 1300 block of Grafa, 1700 block of Austin, 1000 block of North Main and 2300 block of Main.

•An ASSAULT was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson.

•THEFTS were reported in the 700 block of East 15th Street, 1800 block of Gregg, 1700 East Marcy and in the 1100 block of East Sixth.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1400 block of Tuscon.

•Police responded to DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 800 block of Ayleford, 1600 block of West 11th and 2600 block of Wasson. Verbal warnings were issued.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING and UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE were reported in the 700 block of West Third. The complainant told police that someone broke into his business, took a set of keys and stole a 1990 Dodge flatbed truck.

RECORDS

Monday's temp.	98
Monday's low	75
Average high	93
Average low	70
Record high	106, 1983
Record low	56, 1915
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0
Month's normal	.29
Year to date	11.12
Normal for year	9.08
**Statistics not available.	

Laws

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tunity for nonviolent criminals will increase because the penalty for thefts and stolen cars is being reduced.

"They don't need to change the laws but rather enforce the ones that already exist," commented Griffin. Part of the PD's criminal investigations division includes the narcotics unit of the department.

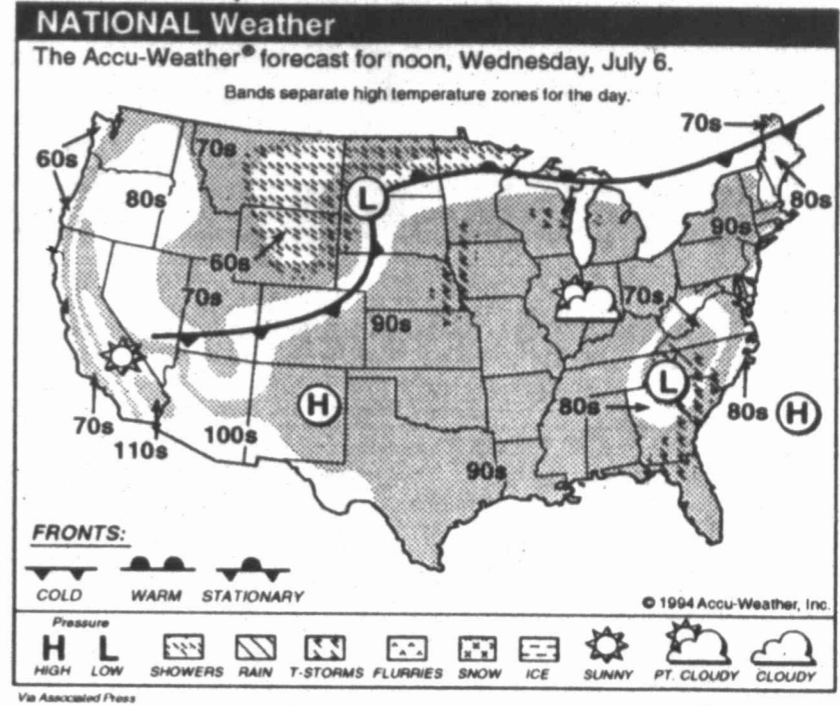
"I'll have to see it to believe it when they say this will keep violent offenders in longer. A recent report I read said that there will be no state prisoners in any county jail by 1995," said Edwards.

"Also, I think each crime should be weighed differently

because one punishment won't do for every crime that is going to be a state jail felony. I have never seen stiff penalties. When a person's parole is revoked, they go back in for 90 days and not the rest of their time. In my opinion, life is life and a criminal should stay in that long."

Putting the fear of punishment back into the people who commit crimes needs to be a grassroots efforts, noted Edwards.

"It's hard to tell now how this will affect us. We probably won't feel the impact until November or so because it takes 60 to 90 days for a person to go to court on an offense so we will



DID YOU WIN?

PICK 3: 2, 4, 5

SPRINGBOARD

- TODAY
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free bread for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
•Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
•New Phoenix Hope Group, 901-A W. Third, open meeting, noon. Women members only, 8 p.m.
•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.
•Support for MS and related diseases, 7 p.m., Canterbury West. Call 267-1069, public invited.
•Coahoma Senior Center Group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North

- Ave. Call 394-4439, visitors welcome.
•Big Spring Bass Club, 7 p.m., Elks Lodge. Call Gary Gillihan, 264-0919, or Randy McKinney, 267-4843.
•Cancer Support Group, from 12 to 1 p.m., room 213 of the VA Medical Center. Another meeting is held from 7 to 8 p.m., room 213 of the VA Medical Center.
•Old Fashioned Tent Crusade, 7:30 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, Third and Lancaster.
WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.
•Public meeting, New Phoenix Hope Group, 901-A W. Third, noon. Members only, 8 p.m.
•West Texas Legal Service, Northside Community Center, for those unable to afford their own attorney. Call 1-686-0647.

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NEWS IN
BRIEF

Fireworks, parades
bring out patriotism

HOUSTON (AP) - For Eric Yonkin, who moved from Canada in March and does not intend ever to leave the United States, it was something special to attend one of the nation's largest Independence Day celebrations. He attended Houston's Freedom Fest celebration - the eighth annual Fourth of July event featuring live music, food and fireworks.

Across the state, the scene was duplicated on a smaller scale. Texans enjoyed music, fireworks, kite-flying, lemonade and barbecue as they celebrated the 218th anniversary of American independence.

"The whole feeling of it is almost equivalent to Christmas," Yonkin said. "It's just a feeling. It's just an experience. You just soak it all in."

Texans aboard USAir
recall terror, recover

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - From his 16th-row window seat just behind the wing, Stanley Williams of Dallas knew USAir Flight 1016 was in grave danger, he said.

Moments later, the DC-9 slammed into a field in Charlotte, N.C., killing at least 37 people and injuring 20 people - including Williams, his wife, Lori, and another Texan, Dorian Doucette, 20, of Baytown.

Shifting winds buffeted the doomed craft as the pilot struggled for control on its second approach for a landing at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

"I felt the power to the engines and saw the rudders were down," Williams, a 29-year-old Army air traffic controller based in Hanau, Germany, said Monday. "He did the best he could do, he just didn't make it."

"He did a good job getting the nose up," Williams said. "If he hadn't, there would not have been any survivors."

Death of child
shakes neighborhood

FORT WORTH (AP) - Jaime Fulton was four days short of her sixth birthday when she was cut down by spray of bullets in her aunt's front yard.

As police continued to search for three or four suspects Monday, relatives and friends of a 5-year-old girl killed in a drive-by shooting struggled to come to grips with their loss.

The shooting in the Fort Worth suburb of Como was apparently random, authorities said.

About 60 people were in the yard at about 2 a.m. Sunday when the gunfire erupted, police said. Nine other people were wounded.

Two-state chase ends
in car dealership

BOWIE, Texas (AP) - A teenage girl led officers from Oklahoma and Texas on a chase down U.S. 81 early Monday, then died when she drove a van into several cars at a Bowie automobile dealership, authorities said.

Alysia Rowe, 13, of McLoud, Okla., was thrown through the windshield and died at the crash site, said Department of Public Safety trooper Marshall Thomas of Bowie.



Associated Press photo

Rescue personnel lift a body bag from the site of an accident on Interstate 20, five miles west of Weatherford. Fourteen people, including 12 children, died when their van was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer.

Tragedy strikes again
when 12 children die

PETE SLOVER

The Dallas Morning News

VICKSBURG, Miss. - When Claudia Funches steered her van into the path of an 18-wheeler this weekend, she was hurrying to the annual Independence Day cookout at the old family place, down a shady lane and within shouting distance of the Mississippi River.

But the crash that killed 13 family members and one family friend - including 12 children - moved the planned reunion to hospitals two states away, leaving a gloomy, nearly empty homestead behind.

"Everyone was coming here, to visit and have fun," 20-year-old Derrick Funches said with-out expression Monday.

Funches, a nephew of Claudia Funches, was the only person watching over the intended reunion site. "We were going to have a big cookout."

Most of the other adults packed up and made the seven-hour drive to Dallas on Sunday and early Monday to console Ms. Funches, pick up the other three survivors and start collecting their dead.

"They've gone," said Errick Funches, a cousin of Derrick Funches who was taking care of many of the youngsters left behind in Mississippi. "They've all gone to Dallas."

In Dallas, the relatives gathered at Ms. Funches' bedside on the second floor of Parkland Memorial Hospital, where she was in good condition Sunday night.

In Fort Worth, they picked up 4-year-old Ricky Wince at Cook Fort Worth Children's Medical Center.

In Weatherford, they gathered Ms. Funches' youngest daughter, Nichole, and a grandchild, 4-year-old Greg Bell, from Campbell Memorial Hospital.

And on Independence Day in Vicksburg - site of a historic 1863 Civil War siege - furred stars and stripes dressed up the white-clapboard antebellum homes, sunshine-baked meadows and verdant, 100-foot-tall woods.

Vicksburg is a city of the Old South and New South. In the last year, modern casinos have sprouted along the restored and historic Mississippi River waterfront.

But a drive to the Funches place is a drive into the past. It's

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Derrick Funches

actually outside the limits of Vicksburg proper, south on Fisher Ferry Road from downtown and then west across U.S. Highway 61.

There, in two modern houses, at least 50 members of the extended Funches family were supposed to meet this weekend. The homes have been built on the site of the old homestead, near a small cornfield and a neatly tended lawn.

Family members said Claudia Funches was in a hurry to get there from her home in Los Angeles, leaving Saturday morning and driving straight through until the crash west of Weatherford on Interstate 20 ended the trip.

The Los Angeles contingent was to spend two weeks in Vicksburg, Derrick Funches said. She was eager to show off the grandchildren she loaded in the van, and eager for the kids to say where generations of Funches had grown up.

In this part of Mississippi, family reunions are as much a part of July Fourth as fireworks and charcoal grills. Signs outside the packed motels along I-20 greeted the people coming home, many of them African-Americans who were forced to migrate elsewhere for jobs and a sense of security earlier in this century but who make an annual homeward pilgrimage.

Ms. Funches was coming with two of her eight children - daughters Nichole, 21, and Henriella, 30, - a dozen grandchildren and Katherine Deal, a family friend they were going to drop off in Biloxi, Miss., on the Gulf Coast.

The front page of Monday's Jackson, Miss., newspaper had the story of the Funches crash and that of a calamity at another family reunion, where two cousins drowned during a picnic.

As if to prove the prevalence of family get-togethers - and Funcheses - a second faction of the family, mostly strangers to the crash victims, convened Monday about 10 miles east of Vicksburg in Edwards, Miss.

West Texas brush is burning

The Fourth of July time was hardly a time for firefighters to relax, particularly in West Texas, where thousands of acres in brush fires were burning.

Hot weather, high winds and low humidity made Independence Day 1994 the equivalent of Christmas at the post office for firefighters in the Amarillo area.

In the Panhandle, temperatures reached only 98 degrees Monday, but the humidity dropped to 17 percent, with steady winds of 25 to 35 mph and gusts up to 40 mph, the National Weather Service said.

All three factors contributed to grass fires. In Armstrong County, just

southeast of Amarillo, a fire that began during a lightning storm Saturday continued to burn, consuming more than 13,000 acres of grassland and forcing officials to declare a state of emergency Monday.

Fire officials set up a command post near Goodnight, about 40 miles southeast of Amarillo.

The Texas Forest Service's fire control department joined forces with fire crews from surrounding counties and cities to help control the blaze, summoning an Army helicopter to douse inaccessible areas of the countryside, the spokesman said.

In Amarillo itself, fireworks sparked blazes across the city

and in both Potter and Randall counties, officials said.

Amarillo District Chief Buddy Wilkerson said fireworks started a fire that burned several acres of farmland southwest of the city on Monday.

On July 4 and 5 of last year, fire crews in Amarillo, Canyon, and Potter and Randall counties responded to more than 100 grass fires.

This year, with temperatures higher and conditions drier, officials feared even worse blazes and took measures against it, prohibiting fireworks in Potter County except for an area west of Amarillo.

By The Associated Press

INTO THE
ICY BRINK



Associated Press photo

Fishing Fiesta Queen Beth Bautsch gets dunked in a tub of icy water Monday in Freeport as part of the annual Jaycees tradition. Given the temperatures of almost 100 degrees, the dip probably wasn't that bad. The Jaycees sponsor a four day fishing tournament over the holiday weekend, capped off with activities on the Fourth of July.

Perjury charges come
out of gypsy feuding

DALLAS (AP) - A couple went to police telling a terrible tale of how they were held and robbed at gunpoint by four men they thought looked familiar.

As investigators began unraveling the story, they found they were mired in the middle of a bitter feud between two of Texas' most powerful Gypsy families.

Officers across the state say they have listened to many stories - mostly fictitious - of robberies, assaults and revenge attacks on Gypsies by other Gypsies seeking to stir up trouble with their enemies.

The officers say the false stories waste their time and taxpayers' money and they have grown more and more weary of attempts to draw them into the fray.

"There has always been a problem and probably always will. A lot of it has to do with tradition," said Lt. Donald J. McWilliams of the Houston Police Department's robbery division.

"You still have to handle it as a major investigation, and it ends up you go out and waste your time," agreed detective Stephen Haines of the Dallas Police Department's swindle unit.

But officers are optimistic. Perjury charges resulting from false reports filed in the feud should cut down on the misleading tales, they say.

The feud involves the Mitchell family, who live primarily in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and the powerful Evans family, who are mostly in Houston.

Both families agree the feud began in 1991 after Joey Mitchell broke Gypsy law by having an affair with a Gypsy woman married to a member of the Evans family.

A meeting of the Romani Kris, or Gypsy court, was held in Dallas in 1991, and about 1,000 Gypsy leaders from Texas and neighboring states fined Mitchell \$2,500.

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Quote of the Day
"News is the glue that binds free societies together."
Allen H. Neuharth
Freedom Forum chairman, 1993

Good behavior needed on holidays

Why is it that every holiday seems to bring out the worst in people as evidenced by 600 calls to service to the Big Spring Police Department alone. That doesn't include the calls to the Howard County Sheriff's Department.

On the July 4 holiday, in particular, you expect calls to go up when people violate the city ordinance banning fireworks inside the city limits.

But, on this holiday, there were 38 thefts reported, 14 burglaries reported, 13 criminal mischiefs reported. It was as if people were making up for lost time during this one weekend.

Holidays are for having a good time - for you, for your fellow cit-

izens. It is not an excuse to go nuts and break the law.

It's bad enough that this was one of the bloodiest holiday weekends in some time with 63 people killed on Texas' highways. Crime simply didn't need to be added to the mixture in the numbers reported.

Next holiday, give the police a break and let them celebrate without having to work so hard.

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Hidden hazards on golf courses?

As with any bureaucracy, the Environmental Protection Agency is sometimes durned if it does and durned if it doesn't.



Paul Harvey
Columnist

Directives by the EPA may be at once too rigid for some industries and too lenient for some environmentalists.

If any generality is fair, the EPA is inclined to rely heavily on science to the exclusion of empirical evidence.

Example: In my discussions with golf course superintendents concerning pesticides that are killing birds and might be killing people, I receive reassurances that "we are carefully adhering to what the EPA decrees to be 'safe.'"

What the golf course people are counting on - in any litigation that might eventuate - is that they can base their defense on "adhering to EPA evaluations of their chemicals."

Perhaps that's not good enough. The United States Golf Association (USGA) is researching "the effects of golf courses on people and wildlife."

In a recent mailing to its membership, the USGA promised to affirm its support of 21 separate environmental projects at a variety of universities, each of which is seeking



to evaluate pesticides, fertilizers and turf disease.

The USGA has budgeted to these projects \$3.2 million over three years.

Already two publications have sought to update ongoing research: "Landscape Restoration Handbook" and "Golf Course Management and Construction, Environmental Issues."

USGA members are promised a "fact file" to be created "over the next several months."

The USGA promises to address five major issues: Benefits of golf to the environment.

Golf and water quality. Golf and water use. Golf and human health. Golf and wildlife ecology.

All this academic-sounding research is supposed to reassure golf course personnel that their association is on top of things, so - not to worry.

At the risk of sounding impa-

tient, much of what professional golf associations are saying is reminding of what tobacco trade associations have been telling smokers for the last half of this century: "We are dutifully researching health hazards; meanwhile, don't pay any attention to the alarmists."

Golf course superintendents are good ol' boys - most of them farm-bred - who have sprayed chemicals all their lives for the fertilization and protection of crops.

How much is too much of any fungicide may or may not conform to the specific amount the EPA has deemed to be safe.

But someday - and it's only a few lawsuits away - you will hear public acclaim for golf courses which are "environmentally friendly."

As in Scotland, where the game began, the fairways will be less than lush, but the game will be no less challenging.

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Market-based health reform a winner

Through all the convoluted wrangling over health reform on Capitol Hill this week, one telling pattern emerged: Only Democrats favored employer mandates, while defecting Democrats as well as Republicans opposed them. In key committees in both houses, opposition to mandates like those in the Clinton health plan, requiring employers by law to provide health insurance to their workers and to bear 80 percent of the cost, was the bipartisan view.

The Democrats prevailed in House Ways and Means, giving the president his major triumph of the week: 20 Democrats endorsed Chairman Sam Gibbons' comprehensive overhaul of the health care system, complete with employer mandates, government price controls and universal coverage by 1998. Even so, some Democrats defected. The 18 no votes came from 4 Democrats and 14 Republicans.

In Senate Finance, mean-

while, the bipartisan front was successful, rejecting employer mandates by a resounding 14-6. The most the senators would authorize was the goal of 95 percent coverage by 2002, to be achieved through insurance reforms and income-related subsidies; a commission would make nonbinding recommendations on further steps after that.

We hope this latter vote - and the underlying well-founded fear of a government redesign of one-seventh of the U.S. economy - will ultimately carry the day. Long experience with sweeping, universal entitlements compels utmost wariness.

Thus, the Gibbons bill, which will form part of the basis for a Democratic leadership bill on the House floor, would open Medicare to millions of uninsured people. Under Gibbons, nearly half of all Americans would be enrolled in Medicare within a decade.

The trouble is, Medicare, the federal government's mandatory health insurance for the

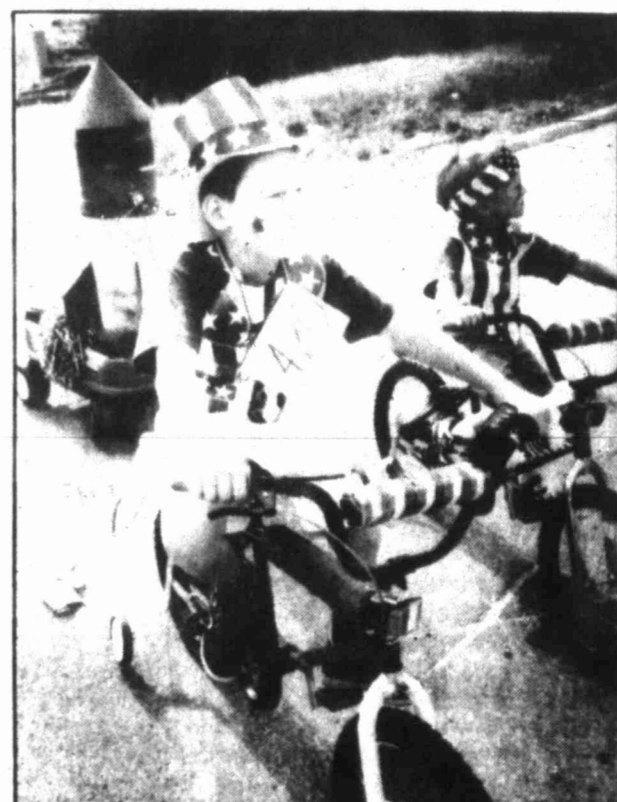
elderly, is already in financial straits. The trustees say its hospital fund will be empty by 2001. From its very inception, it has been plagued by gigantic cost overruns, not to mention waste, fraud and abuse on all sides and, for users, torture by paperwork.

With this history for warning, reformers should be seeking not new government mandates but market-based, incentive-driven solutions. Cost control, for example, when imposed from above in the form of rationing, generates political strife and distorts the practice of medicine. By contrast, discipline imposed by consumers of health care voluntarily shopping smart - as they would if they paid for everyday medical care out of tax-free medical savings accounts - would squeeze waste out of the system from the bottom up.

That's the kind of reform that people of both parties could get behind.

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A Children's Fourth



Clockwise from top: After the parade, participants and viewers gathered for songs and awards; Brennan Bailey stands as the Statue of Liberty; Amy St. Clair and Steven St. Clair watch the parade with flags in hand; Cameron Churchwell waves as he and Sage Kolden sit in a decorated wagon; Willie Wrinkle sits on his bike, waiting for the parade to begin.

ANIMAL HEALTH

Dolphin virus outbreak could worsen

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) - Marine biologists say a disease related to a virus that makes humans and dogs sick weakens the immune system of dolphins, making them vulnerable to a fungal pneumonia that chokes them to death.

Morbillivirus disease is a strain of a virus that causes measles in humans and distemper in dogs. It has been linked to a significant increase in the deaths of dolphins in Florida and Alabama waters since last year and is moving west to Texas waters this year.

"It's not a matter of pollution. This is a perfectly natural phenomenon," said marine biologist Gerald Regan of Spring Hill College, who heads a network of volunteers to locate and rescue stranded dolphins.

Morbillivirus outbreaks caused the deaths of thousands of harbor seals in the North Sea in 1988; thousands of striped dolphins in the Mediterranean Sea in 1990 and numerous bottlenose dolphins along the U.S.

I'm bracing for another big dolphin kill this year, but not as big as last year unless the virus gets into Perdido Bay.

Gerald Regan

Atlantic Coast in 1987-88.

The virus has been linked to the deaths of dolphins off Panama City, Fla., and in Mobile Bay. Now it has been linked to more than 220 dead dolphins so far this year in Texas, according to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Normally, only about 150 dolphins would wash ashore along the Texas coast in a year. But more than 220 dolphins have washed up so far this year, according to Graham Worthy of the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

"I'm bracing for another big dolphin kill this year, but not as big as last year unless the virus gets into Perdido Bay," Regan said.

Dolphins in Perdido Bay were spared the virus because they don't seem to mingle with dolphins in Mobile Bay, he said.

Regan predicted a smaller kill based on what happened in Europe - the dolphins built an immunity to the virus and the number of deaths has decreased continually ever since.

"All I can do is to imagine it will behave here the way it did in the Mediterranean: It will be here a couple of years, not every single dolphin will get it, and after that they start building immunity to the virus," Regan said.

Others remain fearful because so little is certain. "What we're afraid of is massive kills," said Bill Fisher, head of the marine and estuary research branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian threat tops Baltic states' agenda

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — When President Clinton meets his counterparts in the Baltic states this week, the top item on the agenda will be the security threat posed by Russia.

"The old colonial, expansionist tradition is still strong in Russia," Estonian President Lennart Meri said in an interview. "This worries us."

Latvian Prime Minister Valdis Birkauks agreed.

"There are many problems we want to address with Clinton, but our security is the most important one," he said.

Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania broke with Moscow in 1991, and the ex-Soviet republics still view their former ruler with deep suspicion. They are especially anxious about the continuing presence of Russian armed forces and expect to discuss the issue during Clinton's six-hour stop Wednesday in Riga, the first visit to the Baltics by a U.S. president.

Later, Clinton plans to stop in Poland and Germany, and visit Italy for the annual economic summit of industrialized nations and talks with Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Defense attorneys want evidence thrown out

LOS ANGELES (AP) — With no eyewitnesses and no murder weapon, prosecutors have crafted a largely circumstantial case against O.J. Simpson that includes 34 pieces of bloody evidence seized from his home and car.

Now defense attorneys are asking a judge to throw out that evidence, claiming it was improperly gathered by police after the bodies of Simpson's ex-wife and her friend were found.

Arguments on the motion were scheduled for today, when a preliminary hearing resumes to determine whether Simpson should stand trial.

Municipal Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy-Powell also was to decide what to do with a sealed manila envelope containing possible evidence that defense attorney Robert Shapiro turned over to the court on Friday.

Koreas come together amid protocol minefield

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Amid the barbed wire and guardposts of the demilitarized zone, negotiators from the two Koreas are picking their way through a protocol minefield.

In the border village of Panmunjom the two sides have taken up the delicate task of planning the first-ever North-South presidential summit, to be held later this month.

After 10 hours of talks over two days, the delegates reached a general accord Saturday on summit logistics. By now, they probably agree on at least one other thing: that arranging a get-together for neighbors who are still technically at war is an etiquette nightmare.

"Both sides are very proud and stiff-necked, and very conscious of symbolism," said Rand Corp. analyst Kang Dan Oh. "So any small dispute can become a big, big deal."

More comfortable, but no sure victory

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Ernesto Zedillo has grown more comfortable as a presidential candidate after months of campaigning, but this time his governing party is not assured of victory.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari picked Zedillo, 42, as the Institutional Revolutionary Party's nominee after his first choice, Luis Donaldo Colosio, was assassinated in March.

For 65 years, nomination by the ruling party has guaranteed victory. On Aug. 21, that could change.

Opposition parties have gained surprising strength since the last election in 1988. The economy is slumping and Mexico has been shocked by a rebellion in the south, questions about Colosio's murder, wars between drug gangs and a wave of spectacular kidnappings.

Frenzied welcome home for Arafat

JERICHO, West Bank (AP) — Yasser Arafat received a frenzied welcome today after his helicopter descended from a cloudless sky to the seat of power of the newly autonomous Palestinian territories.

The PLO leader basked in the emotional outpouring, one of the most dramatic events since Arafat crossed into Gaza — the other area now ruled by Palestinians — five days ago. Arafat paused during his speech several times to reach down to shake hands and embrace admirers. An old woman collapsed after he kissed her.

He stressed the same themes as in previous speeches — Palestinian unity and the desire to travel to Jerusalem. But he turned harsh in comments about right-wing Israelis and Jewish settlers who have blocked roads and held protests against the PLO-Israel accord granting Palestinian autonomy.

"There are people who want to attack the peace and divide the Palestinian people," said Arafat, wearing his customary olive-drab uniform and checkered head scarf.

"I say: The mountain cannot be moved by the wind." The crowd of more than 4,000 people was much smaller than the turnout for Arafat's first speech in Gaza City on Friday. But the passion and drama was far greater.

Thousands of Palestinians trampled down a seven-foot-high chain-link fence encircling the landing area and raced to get their first glimpse of Arafat on the final leg of his return exile.

Bagpipers played the Palestinian protest anthem "My Homeland, My Homeland," and a police corps pounded out a beat that was nearly drowned out by the screaming and shrieking crowds. Arafat traveled by Egyptian military helicopter under Israeli air force escort from Gaza.

Arafat walked over a path of red Persian carpets on his first steps on West Bank land in 27 years. He was greeted by top Palestinian officials on the



Associated Press photo
An Israeli soldier, right, lifts his fist as if to hit a Jewish settler demonstrating near the Jewish settlement of Maale Adumim on the Jericho-Jerusalem highway, against PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's visit to the Palestinian autonomous areas Tuesday.

platform.

"We are a noble nation," he began his speech and the crowd chanted his name. But Arafat asked them to change the chant to "Palestine."

Police struggled to keep the crowd back, and some admirers reached the stage. One woman embraced and kissed

Arafat. Another person handed him a flower.

"When he said, 'I am returning,' they (Israel) didn't believe him," said Seab Erekat, a Palestinian leader who spoke before Arafat. "Believe him, believe him."

Palestinians from all over the West Bank streamed into this oasis town before dawn.

Walls of Jericho tell varied tales of struggle, sacrifice

JERICHO, West Bank (AP) — The Walls of Jericho tell a story. It is a story of sacrifice, struggle, return, division. Yasser Arafat is both hero and goat.

Most new signs and banners — trimmed with Palestinian flags and pictures of the PLO leader in military uniform — welcome Arafat's "return" in the name of family clans and West Bank cities.

"Let us all protect the PLO," said one slogan by Arafat's own Fatah faction.

"Turn our city into a paradise," said an even more public-spirited one.

But on walls only a short distance from the three-story villa with a red-tile roof where Arafat will be staying, there are graffiti that condemn the PLO-Israel accord that is bringing Arafat back to the West Bank for the first time in 27 years.

"Down with the humiliating and traitorous agreement," said an angry slogan with a

bright red star — the symbol of the Damascus-based Democratic Front — spray-painted in black.

The future hopes of Palestinians, too, are reflected on the walls.

"Yes to Palestine on all Palestinian land with Jerusalem as its capital," said one in red, an expression of the desire to reclaim east Jerusalem — which Israel captured and annexed in the 1967

Mideast war — and make it the capital of a Palestinian state.

"Let the (Jewish) settlements stop, and let the settlers leave," said another signed by FIDA, the Palestinian Democratic Federation which is aligned with Arafat.

Its fading letters indicated it was left over from the "intifadeh," or Palestinian uprising in which 1,300 Palestinians were killed in clashes with Israelis over a nearly seven-year period.

Interest rate could rise as dollar falls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve policy makers are meeting amid continuing concern that the falling dollar will prompt the central bank to raise interest rates for the fifth time this year.

But many economists predict the Fed will be content to stay on the sidelines for now — awaiting further developments on the domestic economic front.

"I don't believe for a moment that the Fed is going to unilaterally intervene in exchange markets to protect the dollar unless things really got out of hand," said Michael Aho, senior international economist at Prudential Securities.

"I believe the Fed is going to stand pat and do nothing and hope that the currency markets stabilize themselves," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis.

President Clinton, in recent interviews with foreign journalists, also played down the need to bolster the dollar with higher interest rates. "I do not want the dollar to be too low," he said, but added that "great care should be taken before unusual actions are taken" to raise the value of the dollar.

SIFTING FOR CLUES



Associated Press photo
A member of the National Transportation Safety Board sifts through wreckage of USAir flight 1016 in Charlotte, N.C., Monday. The plane crashed Saturday, killing 37 of the 57 people aboard.

Packed Haitian boat capsizes; 150 believed to have drowned

ST. MARC, Haiti (AP) — As many as 150 Haitians may have died in the capsizing of a boat packed with 200 of them fleeing toward America, survivors and local witnesses say.

After the boat overturned off Haiti's west coast Monday, survivors said dozens drowned. It was the second refugee calamity at sea since a liberalized U.S. immigration policy took effect June 16.

A refugee surge which critics say was triggered by that policy turned into a tidal wave Monday, with the U.S. Coast Guard intercepting 3,247 boat people in 70 boats, doubling the previous single-day high of May 1992.

"Not only have we broken our record, we broke our record big-time," Coast Guard spokeswoman Toni Long-Gay said.

Coast Guard boats have intercepted about 10,000 Haitians in the past 11 days and more than 54,000 since the military overthrew elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide in September 1991.

Panama's government agreed Monday to accept up to 10,000 Haitians. But that would help for only several days if the exodus continues at its current pace.

The Haitians are fleeing rising

poverty and political persecution. Up to 3,000 political killings have occurred since Aristide was deposed. A U.N. human rights mission says 30 political killings occurred in June.

President Clinton's new policy permits boat people to appeal for political asylum. It followed intensified economic sanctions imposed on Haiti.

Clinton has not ruled out a military invasion to topple Haiti's military leaders and restore Aristide to power.

An accurate death count could not be determined in Monday's accident, which took place before dawn about a half-mile off the Haitian coast.

The capsizing followed a June 23 accident in which at least 30 people died when a refugee boat listed off Haiti's south coast.

Committees finish, real health reform work begins

WASHINGTON (AP) — Now that congressional committees have finished producing their health legislation, the real task of writing a reform bill begins.

This time, the Democratic leadership holds the key to what actually gets to the floor of the House and Senate, not committee chairmen.

In all likelihood, it will be August before the debate begins and votes are taken in either chamber.

In the Senate, Majority Leader George Mitchell has to meld the Clinton-style plan for universal coverage that emerged from Sen. Edward Kennedy's Labor and Human Services Committee with the less-than-universal package that Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's Finance Committee approved Saturday.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt must figure out how to reconcile the Clinton-style House Education and Labor bill with the Ways and Means version, which would open up Medicare to the poor, the jobless and some workers from businesses with fewer than 100 employees.

All of the committees altered President Clinton's plan, but only Finance abandoned his main financing mechanism: making all employers pay to help cover their workers.

Finance dumped that requirement and voted instead to set a goal of getting 95 percent of Americans covered by 2002, and letting a national health board tell Congress what to do if it isn't reached.

Mitchell faces a daunting task of trying to marry the disparate Kennedy and Moynihan bills. But there is at least a glimmer of bipartisanship in the Senate, where four Republicans voted for the committee bills.

Not a single Republican voted for the bills that emerged in the House, and Gephardt will have a tough sell trying to muster 218 Democratic votes.

He will face strong pressure from moderate and conservative Democrats to move in the direction that Moynihan's committee went.

Many Democrats, up for reelection, are leery of being "Btued" on health care — forced to vote for compulsory insurance for employers that is doomed in the Senate anyway. That's what happened last year when Clinton insisted House Democrats vote for an unpopular energy tax based on a fuel's heat content in British thermal units. Clinton then retreated from the Btu tax in the Senate.

Gephardt also will be under pressure from the left too.

Some of the 90-odd Democratic supporters of a Canadian-style, single-payer health system could take a walk if the House bill veers away from universal coverage. They have been promised a vote on the House floor on their own plan.

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Got an item?

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Brazil stomps USA's World Cup dreams

Red, white and through. America's exhilarating World Cup ride ended Monday with a 1-0 loss to Brazil that affirmed two facts of life in soccer: Brazil, a three-time champion, plays a masterful game; the United States has come a long way in this game.

On a cloudless day at Stanford Stadium in California, the trappings of the Fourth of July could carry the Americans only so far. They were hoping to create a bit of soccer history. A tough and gallant Brazilian team stood in the way.

"It's a great script, except for the ending," U.S. midfielder Cobi Jones said.

Now the Americans get to ponder what might have been while the Brazilians go on to the quarterfinals. On Saturday in Dallas, they will face the Netherlands, a 2-0 winner over Ireland in the day's other second-round game.

The United States played practically the entire second

half with a man advantage. Brazil lost Leonardo in the last minute of first half after the defender cracked Tab Ramos with an elbow, sending the U.S. midfielder out of the game with a slightly fractured skull.

Then Brazil showed what it's made of. This was not a day for samba-swaying soccer. That would have to wait. This was a day for Brazil to show its heart and grit and savvy.

"We knew it would be difficult," the striker Bebeto said. "We had to exceed ourselves, and we did."

The defense tightened and the midfield pushed the ball forward. The United States could barely get the ball out of its own end. The Brazilians outshot the Americans 16-4. Taffarel, the Brazilian goalkeeper, might as well have called for a pillow and taken a nap. It was as if Brazil had the extra man, not the United States.

"These guys are dribbling maniacs," U.S. defender Alexi Lalas said.

Brazil, whatever the circumstance, always keeps a bit of magic in reserve. This time it came courtesy of Romario and Bebeto.

Romario burst upfield, with U.S. midfielder Thomas Dooley in pursuit. Romario eluded Jones and passed to Bebeto at the right side of the penalty area. He slid the ball just past goalkeeper Tony Meola to the far post.

Earlier in Dallas, the Dutch made the quarterfinals for the first time since 1978.

Dennis Bergkamp scored in the 11th minute and Wim Jonk in the 41st before a Citrus Bowl crowd of 61,355. Jonk ripped a 25-yard shot that whizzed by the fingertips of goalkeeper Packie Bonner.

By the Associated Press



United States team captain Tony Meola, right, comforts crying teammate Marcello Balboa after the United States lost 1-0 to Brazil in the second round of the World Cup Monday. Brazil will play Holland in the quarterfinals Saturday in the Cotton Bowl.

Rangers walk over Tigers in 9th; A's continue surging

In the weak AL West, where no wins seem to come simply, the Texas Rangers were glad to get a gift from Mike Gardiner.

Will Clark drew a four-pitch walk from Gardiner with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the ninth inning Monday night, giving the Rangers a 4-3 win over the Detroit Tigers.

"He never threw me anything, so it was fairly easy," Clark said.

The victory increased Texas' lead in the division to four games over Seattle and Oakland. The Rangers are only 39-42, however, making them the first team in major league history to be in first place on the Fourth of July with a below-.500 record.

In other games, Toronto beat Kansas City 9-4, Chicago defeated Milwaukee 3-2, Oakland downed New York 4-0, Baltimore beat Seattle 9-3, Cleveland topped Minnesota 7-1 and Boston defeated California 4-1.

The game in Texas was tied in the ninth when Oddibe McDowell singled with one out against Gardiner (2-2). Jeff Frye followed with a double that had a chance to drive in McDowell, but he pulled his left hamstring as he neared third base. McDowell was later placed on the disabled list.

Darren Oliver (2-0) pitched two innings for the win.

Dean Palmer homered for Texas. Cecil Fielder homered for Detroit.

Blue Jays 9, Royals 4

Joe Carter hit his 17th homer and drove in four runs as Toronto won at Kansas City.

The Blue Jays were held hitless by Bob Milacki (0-3) before breaking loose for five runs in

American League

the sixth. John Olerud keyed the burst with a two-run double, making him 5-for-8 with the bases loaded this season.

Dick Schofield homered and drove in two runs for Toronto. Mike Macfarlane hit a pair of two-run homers for the Royals.

Pat Hentgen (10-5) pitched eight innings and improved to 5-0 lifetime against Kansas City.

White Sox 3, Brewers 2

Pinch-hitter Norberto Martin doubled home the winning run with two outs in the ninth inning, lifting Chicago past Milwaukee at Comiskey Park.

Craig Grebeck doubled with two outs off Ricky Bones (7-6) and Ron Karkovice went in as a pinch-runner. Brewers manager Phil Garner brought in Jesse Orosco — over Bones' objections — and Martin broke his 0-for-19 slump.

Roberto Hernandez (3-3) was the winner.

Athletics 4, Yankees 0

Steve Ontiveros extended his scoreless streak to 24 innings as Oakland won at Yankee Stadium.

Ontiveros (5-2) gave up four hits in 6 1-3 innings, and four pitchers finished with hitless relief.

Troy Neel hit a two-run homer off Scott Kamieniecki (5-4). Mark McGwire hit a 452-foot home run for Oakland.

Red Sox 4, Angels 1

Roger Clemens struck out 10 and allowed only two hits in



Jeff Frye of the Texas Rangers slides late into second base as Detroit Tiger second baseman Chris Gomez fires the ball to first to complete a double play Monday. Texas beat Detroit 4-3. At left in the background is Detroit shortstop Alan Trammell.

seven shutout innings as Boston beat California at Fenway Park.

Clemens (7-4) left the game with tightness in his right groin.

Scott Cooper's two-run double highlighted a four-run second inning against Phil Leftwich (3-7).

Indians 7, Twins 1

Dennis Martinez won his sixth straight decision and Cleveland completed a sweep at Jacobs Field.

Martinez (7-4) pitched a six-hitter, walked none and struck out four. Dave Winfield homered, tripled and singled for Minnesota.

Candy Maldonado's two-run

double off Jim Deshaies (4-8) made it 3-1 in the fourth inning.

Orioles 9, Mariners 3

Leo Gomez homered twice and Baltimore again hit a lot of long balls in defeating Seattle at Camden Yards.

Chris Holles and Mark McLemore also homered.

Sid Fernandez (5-4) went five innings. Mark Eichhorn pitched four scoreless innings for his first save.

Chris Bostle (3-10) took the loss.

By the Associated Press

Sidewinders smiling after national meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

The Big Spring Sidewinders had quality but not quantity, and that led to both good and bad news at last week's National YMCA Gymnastics championship meet in San Diego.

The team's quality, represented by Stephanie Stewart, Casey McKim and Kristen Myers, showed itself in the all-around competition. Stewart finished fifth, the best-ever for a local gymnast, while Myers and McKim finished 13th and 14th, respectively.

But a lack of experienced depth also showed. The team failed to qualify four gymnasts for the all-around competition, meaning the Sidewinders could not seek their goal of finishing in the top five in team competition.

If you think team coach Russ McEwen is the least bit disappointed by how the tournament came out, think again.

"We were significantly younger this year than we were last year, and that showed the first day when some of the younger girls didn't advance," McEwen said. "But looking at the future, I think it bodes well for the team. The young girls got some valuable experience ... and they should be significantly better next year."

McEwen also saw plenty of positives from the performances of Stewart, Myers and McKim.

"The first day was tough. We didn't perform as well as I anticipated," he said. "But the second day was a great day. Stephanie finished fifth, and that was with two falls in her

routines.

"In the event finals, Kristen absolutely nailed her bars routine (moving up in the standings from eighth to fourth) and Casey nailed her beam routine as well (moving from sixth to third)," he added. "Stephanie was real solid (in the event finals) but she wasn't as up as the other girls, because her fifth place the day before was really the highlight of the meet for her."

Stewart, who said before the meet she wanted to win the all-around title, wasn't disappointed by her finish.

"I was very happy," she said. "It was a little bit easier (than I thought it would be) ... I had a good year. Next year, I'm really going to try to win nationals."

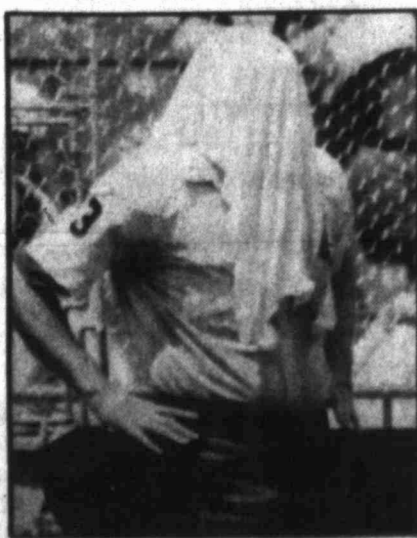
McEwen credited an assistant with much of the team's success.

"We had an extremely successful year," he said. "And a lot of that can be attributed to (assistant coach) Casey Jones. This being the first full year of her being here made a tremendous difference. Her floor and beam routines made all the difference."

The team also is looking forward to next year's competitions. The squad will be without Myers and national qualifier Kaitlyn McCarthy, who are bowing out of the sport. However, the return of Stewart and McKim, along with national qualifiers Hayley Whiteside, Jana Duncan and Emily Mouton provide a solid core for next year's team.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Throwing in the towel National League umpire Ron Barnes cools his head with a wet towel during a break in the action in St. Louis Monday during the Cardinals-Astros game. Field temperature exceeded 110 degrees.

TEXAS SPORTS

Hakeem knows soccer

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Nigeria's soccer players got a visit from one of their biggest fans.

Houston Rockets star Hakeem Olajuwon stopped by the team's hotel in Foxboro, Mass., Monday with what he said were just "words of encouragement" on the eve of their second-round game with Italy. "When I was growing up in Nigeria, it was a dream of mine to watch a World Cup live," he said. "There is no better opportunity than to be here today to support my home country."

Olajuwon met privately with the players before greeting a crowd of about 100 and accepting an unframed diploma from the Nigerian sports association recognizing his contribution to sports.

AROUND THE WORLD

Jordan still struggles

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Michael Jordan was 1-for-4 in Birmingham's 8-0 victory over Nashville in the Southern League to raise his average to .195.

Dutchman takes stage

BOULOGNE SUR MER, France (AP) — Jean-Claude Van Poppel of the Netherlands won the 126-mile second stage of the Tour de France from Roubaix in 5 hours, 5 minutes, 40 seconds. Chris Boardman, the first Briton to lead since 1962, retained the yellow jersey. Defending champion Miguel Indurain of Spain was second overall, 15 seconds behind Boardman.

ON THE AIR

World Cup
Nigeria vs. Italy, 11:55 a.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Bulgaria vs. Mexico, 3:25 p.m., ESPN.

Baseball
Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).
Cleveland at Texas, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

Olympic Festival
Basketball, noon, HSE.
Diving, 8 p.m., HSE.

Bowling
PBA Oregon Open, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

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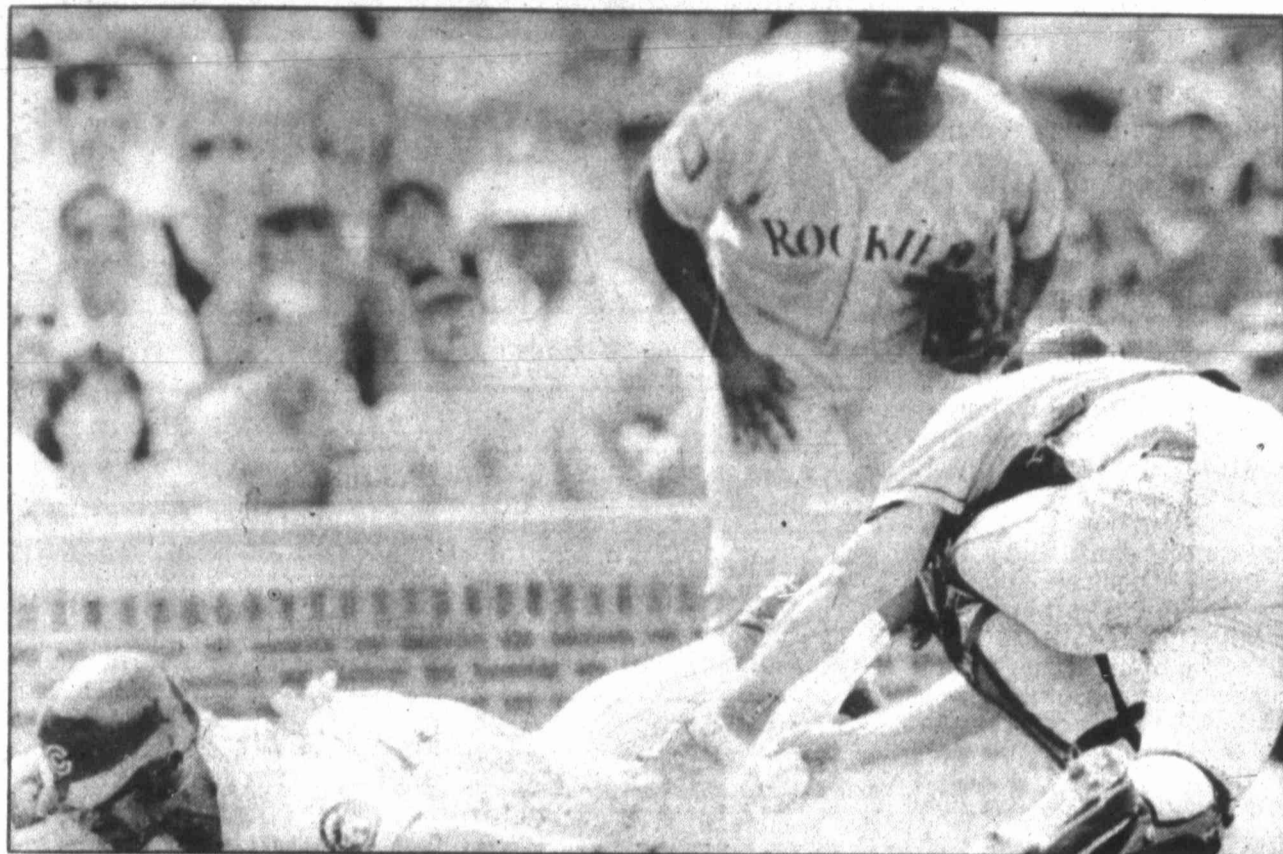
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Associated Press photo
Jose Hernandez of the Chicago Cubs is tagged out at home plate by Colorado Rockies catcher Joe Girardi in the first inning of the second game of a doubleheader.

Cubs, Rockies split 10-hour marathon; Astros rip Cards

On a lazy holiday afternoon, the Colorado Rockies and Chicago Cubs started playing a doubleheader under almost perfectly clear skies.

More than 10 hours later Monday — after three lengthy rain delays, a broken hand, an "I got it, no, you got it" fly ball and other assorted oddities — everyone finally went home.

So it went on a strange Fourth of July at Wrigley Field, where the Rockies and Cubs split a doubleheader. Chicago won the opener 4-3; Colorado won the nightcap 4-2 in 15 innings.

It took 10 hours and 10 minutes to finish both games, and only about 1,000 fans remained at the end from a crowd that numbered 37,167 earlier in the day.

A 34-minute rain delay interrupted the sixth inning of the second game. Then, Chicago pinch-hitter Kevin Roberson struck out and punched a door in the clubhouse in anger.

Roberson broke his hand, and the Cubs announced he was going on the 15-day disabled list. And the game wasn't even over yet.

Colorado scored a run in the

National League

11th, going ahead 2-1, but shortstop Walt Weiss made two straight errors in the bottom of the inning, allowing the Cubs to tie it.

In the top of the 14th, rain stopped play for 59 minutes.

In the top of the 15th, Bichette lifted a high fly ball to right-center and outfielders Sammy Sosa and Eddie Zambrano let it drop between them at the base of the wall. Two runs scored, making it 4-2.

Then it rained. Again.

Finally, 52 minutes later, play resumed. Bruce Walton (1-0), the sixth of seven Colorado pitchers, got the victory by pitching the 13th and 14th. Randy Myers (1-4) took the loss.

Reds 5, Marlins 1

At Miami, All-Star Jose Rijo (7-4) pitched six scoreless innings and Reggie Sanders broke the game open with a two-run, eighth-inning homer. Florida starter Pat Rapp (4-5) allowed two runs in the first.

Astros 13, Cardinals 6

At St. Louis, Tony Eusebio had a career-high four hits and four RBIs and Andujar Cedeño also drove in four runs. Houston had 15 hits and 11 walks.

Brian Williams (5-4) pitched six innings in 95-degree heat and allowed only two runs on seven hits.

Allen Watson (5-4) gave up four runs in the first inning.

Expos 5, Dodgers 1

At Los Angeles, Butch Henry pitched 6 2-3 scoreless innings and Larry Walker had three hits, including his 15th homer.

Henry (5-1) allowed five hits in the third start this season in which he pitched shutout ball and failed to finish.

The Expos took a 4-0 lead with three runs in the fourth, getting four hits before Ramon Martinez (7-5) got an out.

Phillies 10, Padres 4

At San Diego, Todd Pratt, who entered the game hitting .150 with no RBIs, had a three-run double and a two-run homer.

By the Associated Press

SPORTSEXTRA

BASKETBALL

Girls' League

Crossroads Summer League

Final Standings	W	L
Gray	6	2
Green	5	3
Pink	5	3
Orange	5	3
White	4	4
Red	3	5
Gold	2	6
Blue	2	6

Thursday's scores

Gold 40, Pink 30
White 39, Blue 34
Gray 2, Red 0 (forfeit)
Orange 27, Green 23

BASEBALL

Standings

American League

All Times EDT

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	48	31	608
Baltimore	46	34	575 2 1/2
Boston	40	40	500 8 1/2
Detroit	37	43	463 11 1/2
Toronto	34	46	425 14 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	48	30	615
Chicago	46	33	582 2 1/2
Kansas City	42	39	519 7 1/2
Minnesota	40	40	500 9
Milwaukee	38	43	469 11 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	39	42	481
Oakland	35	46	432 4
Seattle	35	46	432 4
California	34	49	410 6

Monday's Games

Cleveland 7, Minnesota 1
Oakland 4, New York 0
Boston 4, California 1
Baltimore 9, Seattle 3
Chicago 3, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 9, Kansas City 4
Texas 4, Detroit 3

Tuesday's Games

Chicago (Sanderson 7-2 and McDowell 5-7) at Detroit (Wells 1-5 and Gohr 2-0), 2, 5:35 p.m.
California (Finley 5-8) at Boston (Hesketh 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Reyes 0-2) at New York (Mullolland 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Converse 0-0) at Baltimore (Moyer 2-6), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 6-9) at Minnesota (Mahomes 7-3), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wegman 6-0) at Kansas City (Gubicza 5-7), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Clark 9-2) at Texas (Brown 5-8), 8:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

California (Springer 2-1) at Boston (VanEgmond 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Darling 6-9) at New York (Abbott 7-5), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Fernandez 7-7) at Detroit (Gullickson 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Salkeld 2-4) at Baltimore (Mussina 12-4), 7:35 p.m.
Toronto (Stottiemyre 5-5) at Minnesota (Erickson 7-6), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Scanlan 0-5) at Kansas City (Appier 5-6), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Morris 7-5) at Texas (Dettmer 0-2), 8:35 p.m.

National League

All Times EDT

East Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Jackson (Astros)	9	5	643
x-Shreveport (Giants)	7	7	500 2
Arkansas (Cards)	6	8	429 3
Tulsa (Rangers)	6	8	429 3

Western Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Padres)	8	6	571
Midland (Angels)	7	7	500 1
San Antonio (Dodgers)	7	7	500 1
x-El Paso (Brewers)	6	8	429 2

Tuesday's Games

El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Tulsa
Midland at San Antonio
Jackson at Shreveport
Wednesday's Games
El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Tulsa
Midland at San Antonio
Jackson at Shreveport

Texas-Louisiana League

First Half

Eastern Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Alexandria	23	10	696

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Atlanta	50	29	633	—
Montreal	49	32	605	2
Philadelphia	41	41	500	10 1/2
Florida	37	45	451	14 1/2
New York	36	45	444	15

Central Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cincinnati	48	33	593	—
Houston	46	36	561	2 1/2
St. Louis	40	39	506	7
Pittsburgh	38	41	481	9
Chicago	34	46	425	13 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Los Angeles	43	39	524	—
Colorado	39	45	464	5
San Fran.	35	48	422	8 1/2
San Diego	33	50	398	10 1/2

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Florida 1
Chicago 4, Colorado 3, 1st game
Colorado 4, Chicago 2, 15
innings, 2nd game
Houston 13, St. Louis 6
New York 2, San Francisco 1, 10
innings

Pittsburgh at Atlanta, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 10, San Diego 4
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 1

Tuesday's Games

New York (Sabershen 8-4) at San Francisco (Hickerson 2-7), 3:35 p.m.
Montreal (Fassero 6-5) at Los Angeles (Astacio 6-5), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Schourek 3-1) at Florida (Hough 5-7), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Neagle 7-8 and Smith 8-6) at Atlanta (Smoltz 6-7 and Mercker 7-2), 2, 5:40 p.m.

Colorado (Ritz 1-4) at Chicago (Foster 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Harnisch 3-4) at St. Louis (Palacios 1-6), 8:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Munoz 4-2) at San Diego (Hamilton 4-3), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Colorado (Leskanic 0-0) at Chicago (Trachsel 7-5), 2:20 p.m.
Philadelphia (West 3-6) at San Diego (Krueger 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Roper 5-0) at Florida (Gardner 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Wagner 5-6) at Atlanta (Avery 5-2), 7:40 p.m.

Houston (Drabek 10-5) at St. Louis (Sutcliffe 5-3), 8:35 p.m.
New York (Jones 6-7) at San Francisco (Burkett 5-6), 10:05 p.m.
Montreal (P. Martinez 6-4) at Los Angeles (Gross 7-5), 10:35 p.m.

Texas League

Second Half

Eastern Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Jackson (Astros)	9	5	643
x-Shreveport (Giants)	7	7	500 2
Arkansas (Cards)	6	8	429 3
Tulsa (Rangers)	6	8	429 3

Western Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Padres)	8	6	571
Midland (Angels)	7	7	500 1
San Antonio (Dodgers)	7	7	500 1
x-El Paso (Brewers)	6	8	429 2

Monday's Games

Wichita 5, El Paso 3
Tulsa 7, Arkansas 3
San Antonio 5, Midland 2
Shreveport 7, Jackson 6

Tuesday's Games

El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Tulsa
Midland at San Antonio
Jackson at Shreveport
Wednesday's Games
El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Tulsa
Midland at San Antonio
Jackson at Shreveport

Texas-Louisiana League

First Half

Eastern Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Alexandria	23	10	696

W L Pct. GB

Tyler	15	18	455	8
Mobile	13	19	406	9 1/2
Beaumont	13	19	406	9 1/2

Western Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Corpus Christi 20	13	606	—	
Amarillo	19	14	576	1
San Antonio	18	14	563	1 1/2
Rio Grande	9	23	281	10 1/2

Monday's Results

Alexandria 4, Mobile 1
Tyler 6, Beaumont 5 10 Innings
Corpus Christi 5, Rio Grande Valley 4
Amarillo 8, San Antonio 7

Tuesday's Games

Mobile at Beaumont
Only game scheduled

Class A All-State

AMARILLO — The Texas Sports Writers Association's 1994 Class 1A all-state baseball team, released Monday.

FIRST TEAM

Pitchers — Don Mercado, Gunter, junior; Bucky Allen, Colmesneil, senior; Robby White, Trinidad, sophomore.
Catcher — Chad Devivo, Lipan, senior.

First baseman — Robby White, Trinidad, sophomore.
Second baseman — Rick Quattebaum, Covington, senior.
Shortstop — Joey Mason, Trinidad, senior.

Third baseman — Dale Burk, LaPoyner, junior.
Outfielders — Cody Bounds, Gunter, senior; Alan Huff, Granger, junior; Jeff Williams, Flatonia, senior.

SECOND TEAM

Pitchers — Benji Snider, Ponder, senior; Greg Hester, Evadale, senior; Cody Pierce, Gary, senior.
Catcher — Jeff Allen, Colmesneil, senior.

First baseman — Shawn O'Toole, Evadale, senior.
Second baseman — Kerry Doan, Bremont, senior.

Shortstop — Kevin McQueen, Colmesneil, senior. Third baseman — Jason Johnson, Bremont, junior.
Outfielders — Noah Landis, Gorman, senior; Matt Johnson, Gunter, freshman; Zach Parkey, Strawn, junior.

THIRD TEAM

Pitchers — Nathan Grayson, LaPoyner, senior; Scooter Vernier, Lago Vista, junior; Bubba Finlayson, Bloomburg, sophomore.
Catcher — Don Mauney, Gorman, junior.

First baseman — Jerry Krause, Gorman, junior.
Second baseman — Tommy Kaika, Riesel, senior.
Shortstop — Aaron Masek, Flatonia, junior.

Third baseman — Mike Regino, Strawn, junior.
Outfielders — Ray Pace, Patrola, junior; David Bobb, Ponder, senior; Guy Rodriguez, D'Hanis, senior.
Player of the year — Robby White, Trinidad, sophomore.
Coach of the year — Charles Wigley, Trinidad.

SOCCER

World Cup

All Times EDT	W	L	Pct.	GB
Germany 3, Belgium 2				
At Washington				
Spain 3, Switzerland 0				
Sunday, July 3				
At Dallas				
Sweden 3, Saudi Arabia 1				
At Pasadena, Calif.				

Romania 3, Argentina 2

Monday, July 4
At Orlando, Fla.
Netherlands 2, Ireland 0
At Stanford, Calif.
Brazil 1, United States 0
Tuesday, July 5
At Foxboro, Mass.
Nigeria vs. Italy, 1:05 p.m.
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Mexico vs. Bulgaria, 4:35 p.m.

QUARTERFINALS

Saturday, July 9
At Foxboro, Mass.
Nigeria-Italy winner vs. Spain, 12:05 p.m.
At Dallas
Netherlands vs. Brazil, 3:35 p.m.
Sunday, July 10
At East Rutherford, N.J.
Mexico-Bulgaria winner vs. Germany, 12:05 p.m.
At Stanford, Calif.
Sweden vs. Romania, 3:35 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Activated Sid Fernandez, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned Arthur Rhodes, pitcher, to Rochester of the International League.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Placed Andy Allanson, catcher, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Chris Turner, catcher, from Vancouver of the Pacific Coast League.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned Albe Lopez, pitcher, to Charlotte of the International League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed Wally Joyner, first baseman, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 26. Recalled Nelson Santovena, catcher, from Omaha of the American Association.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Signed Greg Harris, pitcher. Optioned Sterling Hitchcock, pitcher, to Columbus of the International League. Waived Sam Miletello, pitcher, from Columbus.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Optioned Roger Smithberg, pitcher, to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League. Called up Ed Vosberg, pitcher, from Tacoma.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled Kevin King, pitcher, from Calgary of the Pacific Coast League. Optioned John Cummings, pitcher, to Calgary.

TEXAS RANGERS—Signed Tim Leary, pitcher. Placed Doug Strange, infielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Placed Oddie McDowell, outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled David Hulse, outfielder, from Oklahoma City of the American Association.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS—Activated David Segui, first baseman, from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned Shawn Hare, outfielder, to Norfolk of the International League.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Activated Larry Andersen, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned Tom Marsh, outfielder, to Reading of the Eastern League.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned Salomon Torres, pitcher, to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League. Activated Mark Portugal, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list.

Star athletes keep falling hard

It's a little bit ironic, but the one area of our lives many of us seem to enjoy above and beyond all else is the one area that is teaching us the biggest lesson about ourselves. Sports.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

AAU team compiles 2-3 record

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Seminole Indians, a 13-and-under AAU team, has compiled a 2-3 record through Friday at the National Amateur Union Tournament in Memphis.

The Indians have defeated Baltimore, Md. and Charlotte, N.C., while losing to Center Grove, Ind.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Potomac Valley, Md., the tournament's No. 1 seed.

Kyle Herm of Stanton has averaged 8.2 points and 7.0 assists per game during the tournament, and Coahoma's Blake Nichols has averaged 7.0 points per game.

Advanced hitting clinic this week

An advanced baseball hitting clinic will be conducted by Big Spring baseball coach Bobby Doe at the East Fourth Street batting cages this week.

The first session begins today and runs through Wednesday. A second session will be held Thursday and Friday. Times for both sessions are 7-9 p.m.

Cost of the clinic is \$25 per person. Hitters will be videotaped and reviewed during each clinic. Players need to bring a bat and a videotape.

For more information, contact Doe at 263-4810 or 263-8813, or Charlie Hall at 263-5111.

Entry fee needed for softball tourney

All softball teams wishing to play in the district qualifier tournament in Midland Friday through Sunday must contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236 by Wednesday and pay their entry fee.

For more information, contact Martin.

Women's tennis league forming

Women 18 and older are invited to join a tennis league in Big Spring.

Bill Willis, Big Spring's municipal tennis professional, is forming the league and will direct it. For more information, call Willis at 267-3924.

Howard schedules baseball camp

The Howard College Baseball Camp, for youth of all ages, will be July 18-21, Monday through Thursday, at Jack Barber Field.

The sessions will be 8 a.m.

noon. Friday will be used as a camp day if rain makes it necessary.

Cost of the camp is \$60. Brochures are available at the HC athletic office. For more information, call the office at 264-5040.

Girls' hoop camp set for Howard

The Howard College Girls Basketball Camp's second session will start Monday and continue through July 14. The camp will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, and openings are still available.

The camp will be open to both day and overnight campers. Cost for overnight campers is \$190, while day camp cost is \$95. A \$25 deposit is required a week before camp begins.

Campers will be separated according to age and skill level. Instruction will be provided by Howard College coaches, high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks' basketball team.

For more information, contact the Howard athletic office at 264-5040.

Forsan tennis camp on tap

FORSAN - Forsan will host a tennis camp for boys and girls ages 10-14 Aug. 1-5.

Registration fee for the camp is \$40, and will include a T-shirt, awards and use of the swimming pool. Only the first 64 entries will be accepted.

For more information, call 398-5344.

Hunter education course on tap

A course in hunter education has been scheduled for Aug. 20-21, beginning at 8 a.m. in Big Spring, according to Boyce Hale, area hunter education instructor.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations state that anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 and ages 12 or over must successfully complete a hunter education course to obtain a hunting license in Texas.

For more information, contact Hale at 267-6957.

Cowboys camp opens July 15

AUSTIN - Training camp for the world champion Dallas Cowboys opens July 14 on the campus of St. Edward's University in Austin.

Two-a-day workouts begin July 15, and camp will break Aug. 19. All practices are open to the public free of charge. Fans may call (512) 217-CAMP for information on practice schedules, scrimmage times and special events.

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FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1994

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New information comes in that allows you to handle an issue more appropriately. Follow through on what's important. A neighbor has a piece of gossip that you can't resist listening to. Tonight: Be more aware of your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Financial spending is more than likely as you open up to new options. You come out ahead. A money matter clears up because of your willingness to look at things differently. Trust your gut. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You resolve a misunderstanding and then feel much better than you have in a while. You become more personable. Listen to your instincts regarding a loved one. You can't always have everything your way. Tonight: Be the personality kid in your circle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Open up to new options, and so you can get ahead. Be more progressive in how you look at life and how you proceed with a situation. Start up talks and explore who, what and why. Tonight: Vanish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on getting more of what you want out of life. A friendship makes a big difference. Tonight: You are heading toward the winner's circle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Responsibility is a primary issue for you today. You finally find out what has been going on with a boss who has been cantankerous and has left you wondering if you want to quit your job. Be understanding. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on a new venture. Reach out for another. Be open to new information. Your upbeat side comes out. Play amateur psychologist, and try to understand another better. Tonight: Go to the movies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-to-one relating is highlighted. Instincts are excellent with

money and partners. Listen carefully to information that comes to you about a partnership. It is time to straighten out a grievance. Tonight: Be a love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Popularity is high. You see another in a new light. Be ready to make changes. A conversation helps you understand another's motivation. People reveal more than they have for a while. Be a good listener. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on work, and get the job done. A positive approach gets you far. Another shows caring for you in interesting way. Communications from a distance are most enlightening. Consider an exercise program. Tonight: Get some exercise, the fun kind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your energy surges. You feel as if you have made an important connection in a discussion. You get a second chance to open up and move in new ways. Focus on creative thought. Tonight: Play.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A roommate or family member has an awful lot to share. Prepare to take action and get to the bottom of a situation. The more creative you are about your opportunities, the better. Concentrate on security. Tonight: Enjoy a peaceful night at home.

IF JULY 6, 1994 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might need an extraordinary amount of downtime in the year ahead. You will be successful and feel much better if you give yourself that privilege. You will be more focused on creativity and potential than you have been in a long time. Listen carefully to your intuition. Finances will be highlighted because of your creative endeavors. Learn to handle stress. If you are single, be careful, because you could meet someone who is attached. If you are married, your vulnerability and sharing will make all the differences in the way the relationship goes. GEMINI reads you cold.

Travel dress code stresses comfort

DEAR ABBY: Concerning the woman who thought her husband should wear trousers instead of shorts while vacationing in Europe:

During the past 10 years, my husband and I have vacationed in England, France, Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Hungary during the hot summer months.

We have both worn walking shorts (not short shorts, jogging shorts or cutoffs), and not once have we been denied admittance to any museum or church. However, we were not allowed to enter two churches because our heads were not covered! — JEAN ANN ROBISON, OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR JEAN ANN ROBISON: After receiving your letter, I consulted my travel agent, who said: "Years ago there was a dress code, but not today. However, in Rome, they still do not permit halter tops in houses of worship. Also, because most Europeans consider dining out to be something special, the better restaurants require a tie and jacket after 5 p.m., which makes their dress code even stricter than that of the Church."

Readers: Two more letters from those who sided with the husband:

DEAR ABBY: Times have changed! In 1992, I was allowed into Ste. Chapelle and Notre Dame in Paris, and also into various restaurants, museums and cathedrals, in shorts and polo shirts during the sweltering summers. Still, I wouldn't try to get into the Tour Eiffel restaurant without slacks, jacket and tie. (Some of the better restaurants and some cathedrals will lend those who need them a jacket and tie.) — RECENT TRAVELER

DEAR ABBY: With regard to men wearing shorts while vacationing in Europe: Over the past 75 years, I have noted many changes in dress. I remember helping my father button his spats — in the days when "informal" meant "black tie."

Now, during the summer, a shirt and no jacket is the typical dress in even three-star restaurants. But one rule has not changed with time: One must always be neat and clean.

The British have always recognized tropical dress. Their summer military uniforms are short pants with knee-length socks. When I go cycle-touring in Europe, I wear white short pants and white knee-high socks, and I have yet to be refused entrance to any hotel or restaurant.

Female attire, however, is an entirely different story. It can be from next to nothing, to a complete cover-up. Many years ago, I was invited to a formal dinner at the home of a friend on the Avenue Foch in Paris. The required dress: white tie and kid gloves.

A most charming young lady arrived wearing a jeweled necklace, and ruby and diamond anklets. That was all. She may have worn sandals, but I honestly do not remember. —PIERRE CORDELL-REEH, METAIRIE, LA.

DEAR ABBY: How do you handle the following situation? If you are at a large gathering (for example, a church tea), and someone approaches you, and you know you have seen her before but can't remember her name ... what should you do?

I hate to come right out and ask a person what his or her name is. —OFTEN STUMPED

DEAR STUMPED: Etiquette expert Letitia Baldrige recommends honesty combined with a touch of flattery.

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TUESDAY

JULY 5

Table with 24 columns (stations) and 12 rows (timeslots). Columns include station call letters and numbers, and rows include time slots from 6:30 AM to 12:30 AM. Content lists various news, entertainment, and sports programs.

B.C. comic strip panels. Characters are in a room, one says 'LUCKY FOR YOU HE TEES IT HIGH, JAKE!'. Another says 'DO YOU HAVE TO MAKE THAT AWFUL MOORNFUL NOISE?'. A third says 'SIR! BAGPIPE MUSIC IS SOLENN, SERIOUS MUSIC WHEN PROPERLY PLAYED!'. A fourth says 'OKAY, HE'S GONE... LET'S BOOGIE!'.

GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip. A man says 'Oh, Chipper! This is so romantic! Our first night in our first new home!'. A woman replies 'Amy! A 140-year-old house isn't exactly new!'. Another man says 'Hey! It's starting to rain outside!'. A woman replies 'And inside too! The roof leaks!'.

CALVIN AND HOBBS comic strip. Calvin says 'MY TV SHOW IS STARTING. I'M MISSING MY SHOW!'. Hobbes replies 'I'M SURE YOUR INSTINCT FOR SURVIVAL WILL KICK IN SHORTLY'. Calvin says 'WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT DINNER? WHY CAN'T I GO WATCH TV? LOTS OF PEOPLE WATCH TV WHILE THEY EAT'. Hobbes replies 'CALVIN, DINNER IS THE ONE TIME DURING THE DAY THAT WE SET ASIDE TO BE TOGETHER AND TALK. THERE'S MORE TO BEING A FAMILY THAN JUST LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSE. WE NEED TO INTERACT ONCE IN A WHILE'. Calvin says 'WE COULD ALL ARGUE OVER WHAT CHANNEL TO WATCH'. Hobbes replies 'YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN'.

GEECH comic strip. A woman says 'I WANT A PERFUME THAT'LL BRING MEN TO THEIR KNEES!'. A man replies 'JUNGLE PULSE IS QUITE NICE...'.

BEETLE BAILY comic strip. A man says 'HEY! THERE'S NOT MUCH FOOD ON THOSE PLATES'. A woman replies 'IT'S CALLED "NOUVELLE CUISINE"'. The man says 'RIGHT. AND HERE'S YOUR "NOUVELLE TIP"'. The woman replies 'JACKIE WALKER'.

PEANUTS comic strip. A man says 'THE COUNSELOR WANTS YOU TO LEAD IN OUR BREAKFAST PRAYER, SIR'. A woman replies 'DEAR LORD, THANK YOU FOR THESE PANCAKES.. AMEN!'. A man says 'NO ONE CAN ACCUSE YOU OF VAIN REPETITIONS, CAN THEY, SIR?'. A woman replies 'THE PANCAKES WERE GETTING COLD'.

IT STARTS AT \$89.00 AN OUNCE. A woman is looking at a perfume bottle.

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip. A man says 'I'M HUNGRY!! WHEN ARE YOU PUTTIN' SUPPER ON TH' TABLE?'. A woman replies 'SOON AS PAW'S BIZNESS MEETIN' BREAKS UP'. A man says 'RIGHT. AND HERE'S YOUR "NOUVELLE TIP"'. The woman replies 'JACKIE WALKER'.

HI AND LOIS comic strip. A man says 'DID THE MAIL COME?'. A woman replies 'IT CAME...'. A man says '...AND WENT...'. A woman replies 'CHANCE BECAME'.

DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip. A man says 'DID YOU KNOW ALL OF YOUR REFRIGERATORS ARE EMPTY?'. A woman replies '...stuck a feather in his cap and called it pepperoni!'.

BLONDIE comic strip. A man says 'DID THE PLUMBER GET OUR PIPE UNCLOGGED?'. A woman replies 'YES'. A man says 'AND WE ALSO DISLOGGED OUR SAVINGS'. A woman replies 'YOU MUST GET OVER THIS THING WITH YOUR HORSE AND FIND A NICE GIRL'. A man replies 'I'LL TRY'. A woman says 'COULD I SEE YOUR TEETH?'.

RITZ 401 S. Main 263-7480. Listings for Wyatt Earp PG-13, I Love Trouble PG, and Blown Away R.

CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4. Listings for THE LION KING G, THE SHADOW PG-13, KIDDIE SHOW G, LITTLE BIG LEAGUE PG, and BABY'S DAY OUT PG.

THE Daily Crossword by Al Becker. Includes a crossword puzzle grid, a list of clues (ACROSS and DOWN), and a 'Yesterday's Puzzle Solved' section with a grid and answers.

This date in history. Includes a world map and text about Venezuela's independence (1811), the French occupation of Algiers (1830), the Salvation Army (1865), the bikini swimsuit (1946), and the American League (1947).

Thought for Today: "The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again." - Alan Paton, South African author (1903-1988).

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