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Suspect in stabbing death arrested

■ **Carmen Viasana Jr. on parole for murder**

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

An anonymous telephone call to the police department led to the arrest of a murder suspect recently paroled from prison. Reports say officers received a call last night that Carman Viasana Jr., 32, was at 1210 Mar- ljo. Upon arrival, Daniel Deleon, 32, answered the door and was asked by officers if

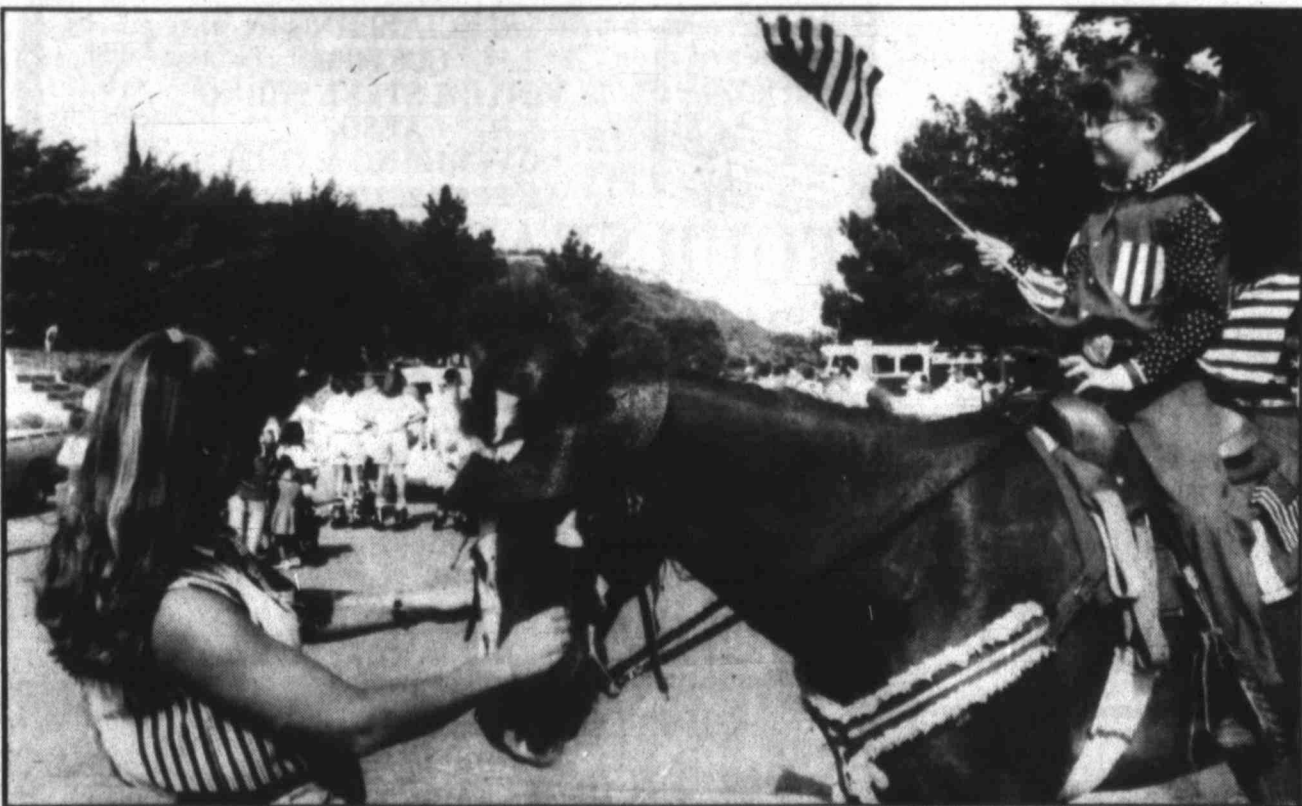
Viasana was there. Deleon reportedly told them no but officers entered the home and found Viasana. Deleon was arrested and charged with hindering an apprehension. Viasana is accused of stabbing Marcos Aguilar, 34, early Tuesday morning. Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake says the two men were related and in recent months officers

had responded to several domestic violence calls involving the family but no one ever pressed any charges. "Earlier that day, we were asked to do a civil standby as Marcos was moving some property out of his residence. The place (1200 Lamar) where the murder happened is a vacant house owned by the family," Brake explained. Preliminary autopsy reports

show Aguilar was stabbed three times, once on the top of the head, once on the left side of the abdomen and also on the right side of his neck. Brake says the preliminary report indicates the stab wound to the neck severed Aguilar's arteries. Viasana was found guilty in Sept. 1980 of murdering Leslie Dean Richardson, 17, and sentenced to 25 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Reports indicate he was paroled from Huntsville May 12. Newspaper articles state Viasana was a passenger in Richardson's car when Viasana shot him in the right temple as he was driving. At the time of this earlier incident, Viasana reportedly had been on probation for burglary of guns and stereos from Gibson's and had warrants out for aggravated assault and violating probation.

PARADING 'FOURTH'



Herald photos by Tim Appel
Above left, Small "firecracker" Scarlett Robertson stands around and waits for the beginning of the annual Highland South Parade Tuesday morning. Above right, Kelli Warrington wanted to take along her stuffed animals in the annual Highland South Parade, so she incorporated them into a float Tuesday morning. At left, Hollie Harris sits atop her horse as friend Robin Romine checks out the hat on the horse before the start of the annual Highland South Parade Tuesday.

Fireworks' fires quickly handled at the state park

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Several small grass fires broke out during the fireworks display at the Big Spring State Park last night. Fire Chief Frank Anderson says the display was going very well but a number of the fireworks were apparently not gaining enough altitude to extinguish before hitting the ground. "We could see there would be a problem. Right at the end of the show when there were several going up together, the embers landed on some brush that was tender and dry and it literally exploded," said Anderson.

He adds there were several fires in the central part of the park near the maintenance building and one on the west side of the mountain as well. Because the volunteers and equipment were strategically located, all the fires were quickly extinguished without causing a lot of damage. "All of the volunteers did an excellent job in controlling the blazes. The fire on the west slopes was put out in about 30 minutes and burned several acres. The ones near the maintenance building were put out quickly and did not have an opportunity to spread," Anderson added.

Seven arrested over weekend on drug charges

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Several Big Spring residents are facing drug charges after being arrested at Moss Lake during the holiday weekend. A total of seven people have been charged with possession of marijuana within the last two days. Reports say three people were arrested at the lake on Monday and have since bonded out. Leonides Vela Jr., 17, of 4103 Muir, Toby Shalyon Cerda, 17, of 1518 Wood and Kathy Jean Lesly, 42, of 1003 were all charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces. Vela was also charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon and his bond was set at \$3,500.

Cerda was also ticketed for minor in possession of alcohol and his bond was \$1,500 while Lesly was released on a \$1,000 bond. John Henry Raymond, 21, of 3702 Connally, Rodney Glynn Poe, 24, of 3305 Maple and Greg Allan McDaniel, 26, of 1410 1/2 Harding were arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces. All three men were transferred to the county jail early this morning and released on \$1,000 bonds. Johnny A. Martinez III was also arrested Tuesday and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana under four ounces. He remains in the city jail.

Congress in cyberspace

WASHINGTON (AP) — New on the information superhighway: A Louisiana gumbo recipe from Sen. John Breaux and the latest on the St. Louis Cardinals from House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt. Members of Congress are finding that they can put a lot more information on the global Internet computer network than just

their speeches, press releases and criticism of the opposing party. Lawmakers can use the Internet to give their constituents an electronic handshake, while voters can use it as a sounding board on the issues. "I tell people to give me hell Please see CYBERSPACE, page 2A

Texas Trivia
Waylon Jennings hails from what town?
Littlefield
What was the first circus in Texas?
The Bailey Circus, formed in 1888

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WORLD/NATION

World: Police stepped up patrols today in Tokyo's trains and subways after cyanide bombs were discovered in two stations, frightening anew a country that had hoped the crackdown on a doomsday cult would put an end to such attacks. See page 3A.

Nation: The crew of the shuttle Atlantis resumed exhaustive medical tests on its three newest members today. See page 6A.

STATE

Worst yet
Things looked great for cotton in the Lower Rio Grande Valley early this season. The plants started off well, the market was solid and a boll weevil eradication project was getting under way. See page 5A.

Celebrating the Fourth
Summer heat and a dousing of rain couldn't stop the state's largest Independence Day celebration in Houston Tuesday. See page 4A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
92 ▲ Highs
67 ▼ Lows

Mostly clear
Tonight, fair, low upper 60s, east to southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny, high in the mid 90s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low upper 60s, southeast winds.
Friday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s, southeast winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low upper 60s.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s.

OBITUARIES

Margo Johnson



Graveside services for Margo Glickman Johnson, 20, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 1995, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Johnson died Tuesday, July 4, in a Lubbock hospital. She was born on Aug. 9, 1974, in Big Spring, and married David Johnson on March 4, 1995, in Big Spring. She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1992. She attended Texas Tech University for two years and was working as a desk clerk for Motel 6 in Lubbock.

Survivors include her husband: David Johnson, Lubbock; her father: Jake Glickman, Big Spring; her mother: Mercy Brackeen, Lewisville; one sister: Melanie Glickman, Lumbard, Ill.; and her maternal grandmother: Mercy Molina, Irving.

Robert Johnson

Graveside services for Robert James Johnson, infant son of David Johnson and the late Margo Glickman Johnson, of Lubbock, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 6, 1995, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died on Tuesday, July 4, in a Lubbock hospital. He was born on July 4, in Lubbock.

Survivors include his father: David Johnson, Lubbock; paternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. James L. Johnson, Lubbock, maternal grandfather: Jack Glickman, Big Spring; maternal grandmother: Mercy Brackeen, Lewisville; maternal great-grandmother: Mercy Molina, Irving; paternal great-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Whitaker, Jr., Buna; and his paternal great-great-grandmother: Bertha Whittaker, Buna.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

Marcus Aguilar, 34, died Tuesday. Rosary 7 PM Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Funeral Mass 10:30 AM Friday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel

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267-6331

Helen Reed West, 89, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Margo Glickman Johnson, 20, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Robert James Johnson, son of David Johnson and the late Margo Glickman Johnson, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Erma Jeffery, 88, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Helen West

Services for Helen Reed West, 89, Granbury, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister at 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating and assisted by Ron West her grandson. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. West died on Monday, July 3, 1995, in a Granbury Nursing home.

She was born on March 22, 1906, in Stonewall County and married Leon West on Sept. 29, 1924, in Stanton. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1969. She had been a resident of Granbury for the past four years. She was a homemaker and a member of Granbury Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son: Henry West, Granbury; two daughters: Jo Nell Hutto, Marietta, Ga., and Janice Fowler, Bedford; two sisters: Dollie Moore, Big Spring, and Ruth Hoffman, Ballinger; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Reed West in 1968, and also by a grandson, Barry West.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Erma Jeffery

Services for Erma Jeffery, 88, Conroe, formerly of Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, July 4, 1995, in a Conroe nursing home.

Marcus Aguilar

Rosary for Marcus Aguilar, 34, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Thursday, July 6, 1995, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Horace Yanez officiating. Funeral Mass will be 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 7, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Rev. Robert Vreteau officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Aguilar died Tuesday, July 4, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. He was born on Aug. 14, 1960, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of the Catholic church. He was a roofing contractor.

He is survived by three brothers: Faustino G. Aguilar, San Angelo, Samuel Aguilar and Abram Aguilar, both of Big Spring; two sisters: Martha Alcantar and Juanita A. Garcia, both of Big Spring; paternal grandmother: Juana C. Aguilar, Raymondville; maternal grandmother: Isabel Gonzales, Edinburg; and several nieces and nephews.

Old Settlers set to socialize "Social Life in the 30's" is the theme of the 62nd Annual Old Settlers' Reunion Saturday in Stanton. Registration begins at 9 at the Community Center, and the downtown parade begins at 10. Grand Marshalls will be Inez and Gordon Stone, Velma and Bill Clements, and Winnie and John Connell.

The day's activities will include reunions of the classes of 1949-50, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1990, and Courtney School Dinner at the Community Center will begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 per plate, catered by Johnny's Barbecue. For more information, please call Lynn Porter at (915) 756-3855.

Cyberspace

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or agree with me if you want. I find people are not reluctant to do either one," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt.

Lawmakers don't have to depend on the usual news outlets or log miles of travel to reach thousands of people, potentially all over the world, right in their own homes.

"Americans who enter the information age and superhighway can take a detour around the traditional media roadblocks," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas said.

Actually, neither Dole nor House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia yet has a "home page" — a signature trove of information accessible by computer — on the Internet's World Wide Web, which is the latest rage in Congress.

But more than 40 lawmakers and leadership groups had such pages by the end of June, with three or four more coming on line each week.

While Gingrich often gets credit for putting Congress online with creation of the Thomas system — named for Thomas Jefferson — Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., actually pioneered use of the home page two years ago.

Democrats have been winning the cyberspace race thus far, with 34 House and Senate members on the World Wide Web, compared with only nine Republicans.

Home pages are popular because they provide graphics, including color photographs and sound, and enable a computer user to move from topic to topic with the clicks of a mouse.

"You can go to a multitude of other resources," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore.

Most members of Congress provide color photos, press releases, biographies, descriptions of their districts, speeches and links to other government departments or political home pages. For example, someone visiting Gephardt's page could jump directly to the Internal Revenue Service or the Democratic National Committee.

Constituents can order flags that are flown over the Capitol, find tourist information about Washington and reserve tickets for the White House tour.

Some are more creative, such as Breaux's gumbo recipe or Gephardt's link to the Cardinals.

"My wife Lois and I love to cook. Here's one of our favorite Louisiana recipes," Breaux says on his page.

Gephardt, D-Mo., also provides a color photo of the view from the top of the St. Louis Arch. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle's page features favorite recipes and tourist information for his home state of South Dakota.

Many lawmakers have an e-mail address permitting constituents to write electronic letters and receive responses.

MARKETS

July cotton futures 114.40 cents a pound up -80 points; Aug. crude oil 17.13 cents down 47 points; cash hog steady at 46.50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 63 cents even; Aug. live hog futures 44.65, down 47; Aug. live cattle futures 62.37, down 40 points; according to Delta Commodities. Index 4608.66 Volume 91,744,650

ATT 54% + 1/2
Amoco 66% - 1/2
Atlantic Richfield 111% + 1/2
Atmos 20% - 1/2
Boston Chicken 24% nc
Cabot 51% - 1/2
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Chrysler 48% + 1/2
Coca-Cola 65% + 1/2

Big Spring ON THE RUN

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•BOBBY HARRIS SIMMONS, 44, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication.

•FIREWORKS in the 1900 block of North Lamesa, Marcy and East 11th, 1000 block of North Main, 800 block of North Scurry, 200 block of West Marcy, West Sixth and Presidio, 3600 block of Hamilton, 1500 block of Nolan, 15th and Settles, 100 block of Jefferson, 4700 block of West Highway 80, Sixth and State, 1400 block of Mesa, 16th and Runnels, Allendale and Brent, 1200 block of Mesa, 1300 block of Mesquite, 3600 block of Connally, 1600 block of Canary, West Eighth and San Antonio, 2600 block of Chanute, 3700 block of Hamilton, 900 block of Willia, Eighth and Douglas, 400 block of N.W. Fourth, 100 block of Airbase, 700 block of Creighton, 500 block of Douglas, 3300 and 4000 blocks of West Highway 80, 800 block of East 16th, 700 block of Johnson, 1700 block of Johnson, 800 block of East 18th, 2000 block of Johnson, 1900 block of Nolan, 400 block of Edwards, 1500 block of Sycamore, 1700 block of Young and at Calvin and Willard.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 2300 block of Morrison, 500 block of Westover, 500 block of North Gregg, 400 block of Benton, 500 block of North Lamesa, 600 block of North Lamesa, 1000 block of Wasson, 300 block of Gregg, 600 block of Lancaster, 1200 block of Benton, 700 block of Pine, 700 block of West Marcy, 900 block of Willia and 1500 block of Oriole.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY FIGHTING in the 1000 block of North Main.

•LOUD PARTIES in the 1300 block of Lamar and 2500 block of Albrook.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1600 block of Canary.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 100 block of Owens. A citation for failure to control speed to avoid an accident was issued and no injuries were reported.

•MINOR ACCIDENT at Sixth and San Antonio. Citations for failure to yield right of way and no valid driver's license were issued. No injuries were reported.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1400 block of East Sixth.

•DOG BITE in the 2600 block of Lynn.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIO-

LENCE in the 500 block of East 18th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1100 block of North Douglas.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 1800 block of Scurry and 800 block of East Interstate 20.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•PROWLER at Desert Hills Trailer Park.

•FIREWORKS in Highway 176, Val Verde Street, Hilltop Road and Eubanks Road.

IN BRIEF

Nature walks, storytelling at park

There will be a nature walk, 8 p.m., and storytelling, 9 p.m., every Saturday in June and July (except July 1), at the Big Spring State Park. Meet at the upper picnic pavilion/playground area. \$3 park admission. Call 263-4931 for more information.

VFW meets on July 11

The next meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 of Big Spring will be July 11. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and all members are urged to be present. Applications to join the VFW from Korean War Veterans will be accepted. All veterans who served in Korea during the conflict years are eligible to join the VFW. All veterans from all wars that served overseas during the conflict years may be eligible to be a member. For more information call 267-4503.

Reception planned for Fergusons Saturday

First United Methodist Church, Coahoma, will have a reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday honoring Dale and Cliff Ferguson, who are leaving Coahoma. If you cannot attend, send comments and memories to the church at P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas, 79511, Attn: Ferguson Reception.

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Riots over release continue

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Rioters threw gasoline bombs and torched cars and buildings in a second straight night of violence over the early parole of a British soldier convicted of murdering a Catholic woman.

Police said sporadic violence around the province continued until the early hours of this morning.

More than 60 gasoline bombs were thrown at Belfast's New Barnsley police station. Officers fired plastic bullets to drive the attackers off.

More than 30 gasoline bombs were tossed at police elsewhere in Belfast and in Londonderry, the province's second-largest city. None of the officers was reported injured.

In north Belfast, rioters set a car showroom on fire, destroying the building and 19 autos. Two fake bombs left on the Belfast to Dublin, Ireland, railroad track disrupted train services.

The violence was sparked by Monday's release from prison of paratrooper Pvt. Lee Clegg, sentenced to life in 1993 for the murder of 18-year-old Karen Reilly. She was a passenger in a stolen car that sped through an army checkpoint in Catholic west Belfast in 1990 without stopping.

Religious and political leaders said peace negotiations and new foreign investment — made possible because of cease-fires last year by Northern Ireland's rival paramilitary groups — were now at risk.

"Northern Ireland is already tense enough without such a grave blunder," Cardinal Cahal Daly, leader of Ireland's Catholics, said Tuesday. Daly said Britain must commit itself to releasing some Irish Republican Army prisoners, otherwise the IRA cease-fire begun last Sept. 1 would be "in grave difficulty."

In the first night of rioting, more than 150 cars and trucks across the province were set on fire.



Associated Press photo

A group of firefighters dressed in anti-chemical safety suits enter the compound of the Tokyo central station at midnight Wednesday after fumes were reported and three people taken to a hospital. Lethal gas devices were discovered at two other stations several hours earlier.

Cyanide bombs found in subways

TOKYO (AP) — Police stepped up patrols today in Tokyo's trains and subways after cyanide bombs were discovered in two stations, frightening anew a country that had hoped the crackdown on a doomsday cult would put an end to such attacks.

Police say thousands of people could have been killed had the homemade devices gone off. Both were discovered before their timers had activated a motor that would have cut through vinyl bags and allowed the chemicals inside to mix, creating a cloud of lethal cyanide gas.

The first bomb was found Tuesday night by a janitor in one of the same stations targeted in the nerve gas attack that killed 12 people and set the country on edge this spring.

Many Japanese had hoped the arrest of the leaders of the Aum Shinri Kyo cult, blamed for the March 20 attack and a series of other crimes, meant they could relax.

"I'm frightened again," Hiroko Takizawa, a university student, said today. "I really hope police would work harder and catch everyone as soon as possible."

Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama called an emergency

meeting of Cabinet ministers and announced they had decided to increase security in trains and other public areas.

Government spokesman Kozi Igarashi said there was a strong possibility, but no immediate evidence, that the Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth, cult was behind Tuesday's attacks.

Cult officials today denied involvement.

Scores of rush-hour passengers, some screaming, ran out of Kayabacho subway station after the first bomb was found in a women's restroom there.

The other device was found about six hours later by an employee at a men's restroom in Shinjuku, the world's busiest train station.

A similar poison-gas device was found in a Shinjuku restroom exactly one month ago, also before its chemicals could combine. Several Aum members have reportedly admitted to investigators that the group placed the earlier Shinjuku device.

Noxious fumes were also reported Tuesday night at two other major stations — Ginza and Tokyo. Three people complained of throat and eye irritation at Tokyo station, but the source of the fumes was not found.

Security has been tight in Tokyo train and subway stations since the nerve gas attack, but has relaxed somewhat since 34 top cult members were indicted last month. Police are still searching for seven cult members suspected in the March 20 gassing.

After the May 16 arrest of cult guru Shoko Asahara, many Japanese feared possible retaliatory attacks. There have been a series of unexplained releases of noxious fumes in the past several months, most recently on Sunday and Monday in Yokohama, just south of Tokyo.

Akira Ikota, a professor of criminal law at Osaka International University, said it is not easy to obtain sodium cyanide, one of the substances in the devices discovered Tuesday.

In their searches of Aum facilities, police have confiscated tons of dangerous chemicals that could be used to make nerve gas and other poisons.

Asahara has predicted an apocalypse that only cult members would survive. Japanese press reports have said the group was developing chemical, electronic, biological and conventional weapons in an apparent attempt to attack population centers and overthrow the government.

Election gives Major some breathing room

LONDON (AP) — It may not be the huge triumph he wanted, but Prime Minister John Major has gained some breathing room, and some respect, with one wild, winning gamble to hold onto his job as party boss.

Yet his government still faces rock-bottom approval ratings, and in the end, Tuesday's victory may only mean that Major will lead the Conservatives to defeat in the next national election, due by April 1997.

Certain that opponents in his party were planning to attack, Major caught them off guard by resigning last month and forcing an immediate party leadership election.

It paid off Tuesday, when Major took two-thirds of the vote against former Cabinet member John Redwood, who leads the party faction opposed to closer ties to Europe.

"I believe that has put to rest any question or any speculation about the leadership of the Conservative Party up to and beyond the next election," Major said.

The issue of Britain's role in the European Union has riven the Tories, many of whom fear the government is relinquishing too much national sovereignty.

Yet despite open hostility from most of the traditionally

Conservative press and sniping from his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, Major demonstrated once again that his opponents often underestimate his political skills.

He immediately set to work shuffling his Cabinet, and those choices will be closely watched to see whether Major will continue confronting his tormentors or revert to his usual style of seeking compromise.

With a majority of just nine in the 651-member House of Commons, Major still can be thwarted by a handful of rebels.

After three years in which dissent had made his job what he called a "hell on earth," Major shocked the party on June 22 by resigning and inviting his critics to "put up or shut up" in a leadership election.

Some commentators thought Major acted impulsively, but during the campaign the prime minister acted like a man who had thrown off a burden.

He was polite but combative in interviews with Britain's aggressive broadcast reporters, and surprised and charmed the House of Commons with a confident, joking performance in the middle of the short campaign.

Major won 218 votes to challenge Redwood's 89.

Rebel leaders harden positions

SAN ANDRES LARRAINZAR, Mexico (AP) — Indian rebel leaders have hardened their position in peace talks, demanding that Mexico strengthen its democratic system and end political repression.

The Zapatista National Liberation Army's stance was outlined in a statement it made public Tuesday evening, just before a four-hour session with government representatives ended.

Both sides are scheduled to meet again today to pursue their fourth round of talks to settle a peasant uprising Jan. 1, 1994, in southern Chiapas state. More than 145 people were killed in fighting before a cease-

fire was called 12 days later. The rebel statement, dated June 30, accused President Ernesto Zedillo's party of "resorting to election fraud, selective crime, mass assassinations, repression and the militarization of national life."

"Only a profound democratization of national life will enable the country to emerge from the crisis," said the statement signed by the rebel leader known as Subcomandante Marcos.

Government representatives responded that the Zapatista rebels should limit their demands to conditions affecting Chiapas Indians.

Death toll at 128 in building collapse

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Legislators began considering tighter safety regulations today as workers searched around the clock for bodies in the rubble of a ritzy department store.

Six days after the collapse, hopes of finding survivors had virtually vanished. Overnight, 10 more bodies were found, raising the confirmed death toll to 128 in one of South Korea's worst peacetime disasters.

One city government official, arrested Monday, reportedly confessing he had received thousands of dollars for overlooking illegal changes in design and construction.

Strike averted as government lifts ban on newspapers

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Journalists and publishers called off a planned nationwide strike today after the government lifted a week-old ban on six newspapers it claimed were inflaming Karachi's ethnic violence.

About 1,000 people have been killed this year in the southern port city. The government had accused the six Karachi-based papers of sensationalism and adding to ethnic tensions.

The government said late Tuesday it was lifting the ban on the Urdu-language evening papers, and the Joint Action Committee, an umbrella group for various media and publishing groups, called off the strike.

Armed militants of the Mohajir Qaumi Movement, representing migrants who moved to Pakistan from India when the subcontinent was divided in 1947, have been responsible for most of the killings in Karachi.

The group has been demanding a more political power and

opportunities for the migrants, who make up about 70 percent of Karachi's 12 million people.

On Sunday, the government imposed a ban on mobile telephones, pay phones and pagers in Karachi, claiming the militants were using them to coordinate attacks.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day
"One thing I've learned is that democratic schooling and freedom of expression are not a gift of the gods."
Gloria Pipkin, teacher, 1993

Bad judgment call blacks the eye of Howard College

Yes, it was a bad judgment call on the part of the Howard College professor to give a former Texas Tech basketball player a passing grade for a course he never attended and did very little work to earn. The publicity reflects bad on the college's image as an institute of learning especially since there is a new administration and a new athletic director whose emphases is education. Once again, we are shown, with clarity, where our true priorities lie and it isn't on education. Nate Jackson was a highly recruited junior college basketball star out of the College of Southern Idaho. He needed the credit in order to become a member of the Texas Tech basketball team but he refused to attend summer school in Lubbock. What should have happened was Jackson should have been told to attend the class or not be drafted. If basketball was that important to him, he should be making the grade instead of having it given to him. Instead, coaches finagle a deal for

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him and a bad judgment call is made on the part of a professor which allows Jackson to continue to play basketball until he is suspended for not meeting the academic requirements at Tech. The main question we are going to have to settle someday is: Just how important is athletics and is it more important than an education which lasts a lifetime? We also have to ask ourselves why the two can't be compatible? They are compatible because many athletes are showing they have the mind for the classroom along with the skills for the court. We see it altogether too often - athletes who have gotten beyond their prime and have no skills for anything else. That's a shame we should not want to keep perpetrating no matter how skilled the athlete is.

FOURTH OF JULY



Willie Nelson performs "Whiskey River" as Johnny Gimble plays the fiddle behind him at Nelson's Fourth of July Picnic in Luckenbach Tuesday. The 25-act show returned to the hamlet for the more-or-less annual picnic.

Neither heat nor rain stays Fourth

Summer heat and a dousing of rain couldn't stop the state's largest Independence Day celebration in Houston Tuesday. "I absolutely love the U.S.A.," exclaimed Chris Sweet, bedecked in a patriotic ensemble of an Old Glory T-shirt and an Uncle Sam-style hat. "The Fourth of July is my favorite time of the year because of good ol' American patriotism, rah, rah and all that. It beats any other holiday."



Doug Ewing struggles against a stiff breeze as he helps the Arlington Jaguars Cheerleaders Association carry a large American flag in the 30th Arlington Fourth of July Parade.

Sweet, along with husband Ray and grandson Dusty Bilski, was among an estimated 200,000 revelers in Buffalo Bayou Park for the annual Freedom Fest, which takes place in the shadows of the downtown skyline. "We wanted to hear the band and see what goes on," said Janice Dunnagan, who moved here from Illinois last August and had looked forward to a Houston-style Independence Day. "I always like going to see fireworks on the Fourth."

The start time of the event, which featured classic rock bands Steppenwolf and Foghat and the requisite fireworks spectacular, was pushed back to 4 p.m. this year by organizers to beat the heat. The strategy worked as showers cooled things off a bit during the middle of the day. Meanwhile, it isn't the Fourth in Pecos without a rodeo. The 13th annual West of the Pecos Rodeo featured 130 bull riders and lots of hard-scrabble action under a hot West Texas sun. "I've been from New York to L.A., but I can't imagine being anywhere else on the Fourth," said Rick Prealar. "This is the time of year to party and have a good time." Elsewhere in Texas, Gov. George W. Bush was grand marshal of a parade in Arlington and Willie Nelson took the stage in Luckenbach as Texans celebrated Independence Day in Lone Star style Tuesday. Nelson sang his classic "On the Road Again" before a crowd

gathered in the central Texas town of Luckenbach, pop. 3. The 25-act show marked the first time Nelson has held his more-or-less annual picnic at the hamlet. "It was a natural," Nelson said. "I'm not sure why we didn't come here before because Luckenbach and the Fourth of July picnic are sort of like cake and ice cream. They really go good together." Kevin Kline, manager of the Exxon station in downtown Luckenbach, said the event was some cause for worry. "It's a little town and some of the residents were concerned (about the crowds), but I think they're doing a good job patrolling it," he said. "There's a lot of people going through. Yesterday and today have been our two busiest days of the year," Kline said. He had to work during the concert, but said he'd get off to see the fireworks display Tuesday night. In Arlington, Bush rode in the back of a flag-bedecked white

pickup truck as the parade wended its way through town. Meanwhile, Texans across the state marked the holiday with marching bands, watermelon seed-spitting contests and concerts. In San Antonio, some 27,500 volunteers worked on projects at the National Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Youth Gathering, a national event that takes place every three years. In one project, attendees were building a house inside the San Antonio Convention Center for donation to a needy family. Robert Warren, an 18-year-old from Lapeer, Mich., said his volunteer work likely would keep him from celebrating the holiday, although he said he might go dancing Tuesday night. Warren was working with fellow Lapeer volunteer Lisa Cline, 16, making care packages from donated items, including toiletries and baby care products. "There's a lot of less fortunate people out there that need it, and if there's anything I can do to help make them feel better about themselves and who they are, then I'll be more than happy to do it," Ms. Cline said. Realtors placed small American flags in front of homes in Dallas. But North Texans were worried that high winds might scuttle fireworks shows Tuesday night. Officials in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton postponed their Monday night fireworks and rescheduled them for Wednesday. Gusty winds forced officials to halt a planned fireworks display at Lake Ray Hubbard. Small craft warnings were in effect on many North Texas lakes because of high wind. The winds also fanned numerous grass fires in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, most believed started by fireworks. Also, two children were reported missing and presumed drowned.

Patriotism, pride fire up Fourth of July

Oklahomans used an Independence Day flag-raising under brilliant blue skies to help put the darkest day in state history behind them, as people nationwide reveled in patriotism, fireworks and parades. Spirits soared in Oklahoma City, where 14 U.S. flags were raised to full height at the state Capitol for the first time since the federal building bombing that killed 168 people. "I think it is going to make kind of a big jumping off point in terms of healing," said Peggy Brawner, who had used her dog, Hooch, to help comfort rescue workers and survivors. "The pessimism and despair of April 19 are over," Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating told a crowd of thousands Tuesday. "Today we restore our flags to their rightful place - proudly, as free men and women who will never bow to terror," Keating said. Volunteers and rescue workers came from as far away as Virginia, California, Maryland, Florida and Arizona for ceremonies that began with the flag-raising at 9:02 a.m., the time of the blast. "I just feel like any other

American who has a sense of civil duty, and I just did whatever the spirit was leading me to do," said Mike Ryan, an Oklahoma City truck driver who volunteered for the Red Cross after the bombing. Across the country, hundreds of people were busy becoming Americans, including 302 immigrants who stood in the rotunda of Utah's Capitol and took their citizenship oaths. "Now I can vote for president," said Michael Sosa, who moved from Mexico 30 years ago. About 400,000 people gathered on the Mall in Washington, D.C., to watch fireworks. President Clinton missed the show, spending the holiday at Camp David. A late afternoon thunderstorm briefly disrupted the all-day festivities, and at least three people were injured by lightning. Bob Mawkes of Ipswich, England, went to New York City instead, where an estimated 1 million people watched fireworks blasted heavenward from two sites on the East River. "This is the biggest and the best, this river setting,"

Mawkes said. "I was either going to come here or Washington. I'm glad I came here." History took a back seat to tradition of a sort at New York City's Coney Island, where Edward Krachie choked down 19 hot dogs in 12 minutes to unseat the defending champion in the 80th annual holiday frankfurter-eating contest. "At the moment right after, it was a little tough," said the 6-foot-6, 350-pound Krachie, his stomach a bit queasy. Kay McCarte, 58, was among the 350,000 to 400,000 people gathered along Boston's Charles River for the annual July 4 Boston Pops concert. "It feels good to be an American," she said. Thousands braved chilly winds in the San Francisco Bay area, where fog cloaked some of the fireworks. "You see these beautiful rockets going into the clouds and disappearing," said meteorology consultant Mike Pechner. He may have been feeling responsible - he had predicted clear skies.



A southern belle to the core

My friend has spent her life being the perfect Southern lady in faraway Canada, not a bad stick with which to stir wealth. She was a shy Mississippi girl who went to Ole Miss during World War II, taking with her a trunkload of smart if homemade dresses and a single bit of wisdom, all courtesy of her mother. "You are the only one who can overcome your own shyness," the wise woman said. "I can't do it for you." So Ann worked at it, conquering that internal governor that had kept her from speaking up or out when she had something to say. Tall and thin with an easy, Lauren Bacall way of wearing clothes, she became an Ole Miss belle as easily as Castro became Communist. She danced with soldiers in the moonlight on the roof of Memphis' Peabody Hotel and held hands for long walks around the Lyceum. She had Faulkner's niece for a roommate

and endless cups of black coffee on the famous Oxford square. Army officers go to West Point, belles to Ole Miss. For the time and the place, she married late - an ancient 24 - but married well, as they used to say; he was a handsome Canadian in the textile business. On the obligatory dinner party circuit of the 1950s, she was an instant, drawing, exotic hit, a pansy in the snow. In a land where life moves underground for its long winter, she was its shining skylight. When she ventures South, when she comes home, Ann sees it as her duty to try and help me have a life. "But I do have a life," I protest, only a little and only at first. There is no use waging a battle from such an eroded shore. She teaches me things that Southern ladies should know, odd bits of style and miscellany that I must admit I have never heard or read anywhere else. The first night, for instance, we rehung all the pictures in my house, which were positioned much too high, according to Ann. "They are so high that none of your friends can see and enjoy them," she says in that dramatic way of hers. She makes it sound so important I keep expecting to hear about the problem of my misplaced art on the network

news. I explain to her that most nights I am the only one admiring the dogs-playing-poker print, anyway, and you can see it better from my customary prone position on the couch if it's way up there near the ceiling. More urgently in need of fixing is my closet, which consists of casual and dress denim matched by the appropriate Dr. Scholl's footwear. Ann is waiting for me when I return from work one afternoon. She is wearing a loose, silk blouse with a navy miniskirt for which she definitely still has the legs. I jumped into the same loose pair of mold-green pants that I inhabit every night as a reward for having finished another day. "One Chanel suit that could be dressed up or down, pearls, single strand, pearl earrings," Ann says out of the blue, her perfect nose pointed skyward. During her visit we discuss shrub-pruning, vegetable-cooking, sheet panel-painting and childrearing. Inevitably, Ann gives up, or I give in, depending on the issue. We part good, good friends, Ann in her linen and summer hat, me in my mold-green pants. ©1995, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Distributed by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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Suspects still sought in random killing spree

DALLAS (AP) — A Mexican woman who had come to Dallas to seek a better life had it come to an end during an apparent random killing spree.

Police said Tuesday night they are still searching for the two men they suspect of killing 24-year-old Maria Guadalupe Delgadillo and four others during an early-morning rampage Sunday.

"I think these two men are extremely dangerous. I can't say that they will do this again, but

I certainly can't say that they won't," said homicide Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick.

Police think two men traveling in a stolen car killed five and wounded three others between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. Sunday in the western parts of the city.

Ms. Delgadillo immigrated into the United States from the Mexican hamlet of Ojuelos, Jalisco, to make money to send back to her father-in-law, her brother-in-law said. Rosendo

Now I have to tell my 3-year-old daughter she can't see her grandmother — her best friend — ever again.

Jennifer Ferguson

Rodriguez said she had been dating another victim, 29-year-old Alfonso Contreras, for two months.

The pair were the last two killed during the wild night.

Police think the same attackers killed Jose Morales, 39; Susan Ferguson, 41 and a 25-year-old security guard Sunday night in addition to Ms. Delgadillo and Contreras, who were sitting

Contreras' pickup truck. A \$10,000 reward has been offered by a local business.

"There's been some information come in, but we haven't got enough information to clear the case," Kirkpatrick said. A \$10,000 reward was offered by a local business.

Contreras was both shot and run over by a car. The gunmen apparently dumped their car nearby and stole Contreras' truck.

Ms. Ferguson, who was unarmed, had taken a job with Smith Security Service three months ago so she could buy clothes for her grandchildren, her daughter said.

"I asked her not to do it. I asked her to please do something else. But she liked to buy her grandchildren things," said Jennifer Ferguson, 20.

"Now I have to tell my 3-year-old daughter she can't see her grandmother — her best friend — ever again."

Worst Crop Yet

■ From pests to lack of rain, valley cotton is suffering

SAN PERLITA (AP) — Things looked great for cotton in the Lower Rio Grande Valley early this season. The plants started off well, the market was solid and a boll weevil eradication project was getting under way.

But drought, heat, strong winds and an unusually strong pest invasion have destroyed what looked like a lucrative season.

"I don't know whether it would pay to harvest," said A.J. Shewmaker, who calls it his worst crop since he began growing cotton in San Perlita in 1946.

"It almost seemed like it was too good to be true. A fantastic market, something you rarely see, and the crop took off. A lot of people would have paid a lot of bills," said Willie-Weills, who has 400 irrigated acres near La Paloma.

Instead of looking ahead to the harvest this month, many growers are trying to figure out how much their crop insurance might pay.

Shewmaker, 84, blames the majority of his problems on the new pesticide-spraying program to eradicate the boll weevil.

"It's what they call a scorched-earth policy," he said. "They started when the cotton was three-leaf stands and they killed every good insect that was out there."

He believes the malathion, sprayed from crop-dusters, has killed not only the boll weevils but also the bugs that eat boll weevils and other pests.

"It cost Shewmaker Farms a



A.J. Shewmaker, 84, a cotton farmer in San Perlita poses in a cotton field June 30. Shewmaker, who has been farming since 1946, says it is the worst year since he started, and he blames the Boll Weevil Eradication Program, a pesticide spraying effort to get rid of the pest.

half-million dollars," said Shewmaker, who farms 1,200 acres of cotton in Willacy County.

John Norman, an entomologist with the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension in Weslaco, lays the blame on a combination of factors.

"Drought, heat and insects — in that order," he said.

Norman said the plants became stressed during an unseasonably hot and bone-dry May, which created ideal conditions for the beet armyworm to thrive. Growers first noticed that the beet armyworm was destroying their harvest during Memorial Day weekend.

Bollworms, tobacco budworms and aphids also have taken their toll. In the past week, huge numbers of whiteflies have added to the invasion.

Norman said that pesticide

spraying in general can kill many natural predators, raising the potential for secondary pest infestations. But he believes the hot, dry weather also contributed to the unusually heavy infestation of beet armyworm.

"It's too simplistic to say the eradication program started this problem," agreed Osama El-Lissy, director of the eradication effort in the Valley. "We didn't even treat 20 percent of the acreage when we first started experiencing the beet armyworm problem."

The eradication program, supported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension, coordinates spraying among all Valley cotton fields to prevent boll weevils from moving from field to field.

Supporters note that

malathion is less toxic than many other pesticides. They add that the program is designed to wipe out weevils so that spraying can be reduced in years to come.

Boll weevils aside, there's no debate that growers are hurting.

Texas A&M Extension economist Merritt J. Taylor conservatively estimates that Valley cotton farmers will lose nearly \$100 million in expected sales this season.

Merritt's projection is based on a harvest of 150,000 bales, which would be roughly half of last year's harvest. The pessimistic projection is even worse — only 65,000 bales.

"It's something we have never experienced, the devastation of this year," said Larry Skloss, who farms 1,000 dry-land acres near McCook.

Nobody knows why new investigation into sexual harassment charges opened

AUSTIN (AP) — Despite two previous inquiries, internal affairs officers have reopened an investigation into sexual harassment allegations by former Texas Ranger Cheryl Steadman.

But nobody professes to know why.

Department of Public Safety investigators questioned a female highway patrolman last week about her contact with Ms. Steadman a short time after a controversial Rangers outing in March 1994.

Ms. Steadman spent the night at the trooper's home following a Ranger meeting where some of the men were drinking, playing poker and purportedly using abusive language.

Ms. Steadman, 34, said her abbreviated Ranger career "went to hell in a handbasket" after the meeting, and she soon left the force in frustration.

She is currently assigned to a DPS motor vehicle theft unit in Houston.

Dana Wickland, a DPS trooper stationed in Beaumont, confirmed that she was contacted by DPS Internal Affairs last Friday and questioned at some length.

She said she was interviewed by Lt. David Dudley, who conducted the earlier investigations.

"The first thing he said to me was they wanted to keep me out of it," Ms. Wickland said. Asked

why they waited nearly a year to talk with her, she said, "I really don't know."

She said Dudley told her that DPS Director James Wilson simply instructed him to "get with me."

Wilson was out of his Austin office Monday and Tuesday, a holiday, and could not be reached for comment. DPS spokesman Mike Cox expressed surprise at the renewed questioning.

"That's news to me," Cox told The Associated Press. "If it's been reopened, I'm not aware of it."

Ms. Steadman, one of the history-making first female Rangers, said she is "baffled" by the ongoing inquiry. She said her husband, a DPS trooper, also considered it "extremely odd."

Ms. Steadman told investigators last August she refused to spend the night at the remote cabin and instead drove alone to Ms. Wickland's home in nearby Lumberton.

She arrived before midnight, apparently in tears.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press last month indicate that Dudley completed a broad investigation of Ms. Steadman's complaints last spring and submitted his report to director Wilson on May 19.

The investigation dealt in part with the March 1994 meeting at a privately owned lodge.

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Group turning wetland protection into profit

HOUSTON (AP) — Not everyone is cursing laws that restrict development of wetlands. Some groups see dollar signs in building ones.

Among them is the Houston trash-hauling company Browning-Ferris Industries, which plans to scoop out shallow pot-holes in a former rice field as a future home for water-loving plants and animals.

The company plans to turn 236 acres of the Katy Prairie into a wetland mitigation bank and will sell wetlands credits to anyone who needs them as compensation for destroying wetlands during the course of developments elsewhere on the prairie.

Meanwhile, the Harris County Flood Control District will soon sign a memorandum of understand-

standing with federal agencies that will allow it to proceed with wetlands creation on 1,400 acres.

The agency will use these credits to offset other areas from which it drains water. Any extra credits could be sold to other government units and the private sector.

Creating wetlands as mitigation for damage elsewhere isn't new, but doing it for profit is.

There are perhaps four or five for-profit wetlands in the

nation, according to Harold Stone, a marine advisory agent with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service office in Houston.

How much wetland is worth is impossible to know at this point, said Joan Eckerman, a marketing manager for BFI. It will depend on supply and demand, she said.

BFI will have some competition in the rapidly developing Katy Prairie. A private entrepreneur is doing basically

the same thing on a nearby tract of about the same size as BFI's, said Woods of the Corps of Engineers.

To begin with, these pioneers have to prove they can create wetlands. This is a more complex task than one would expect. It takes time, money and expertise. Historically, about 75 percent of the efforts to create wetlands in the United States have been failures, according to Stone.

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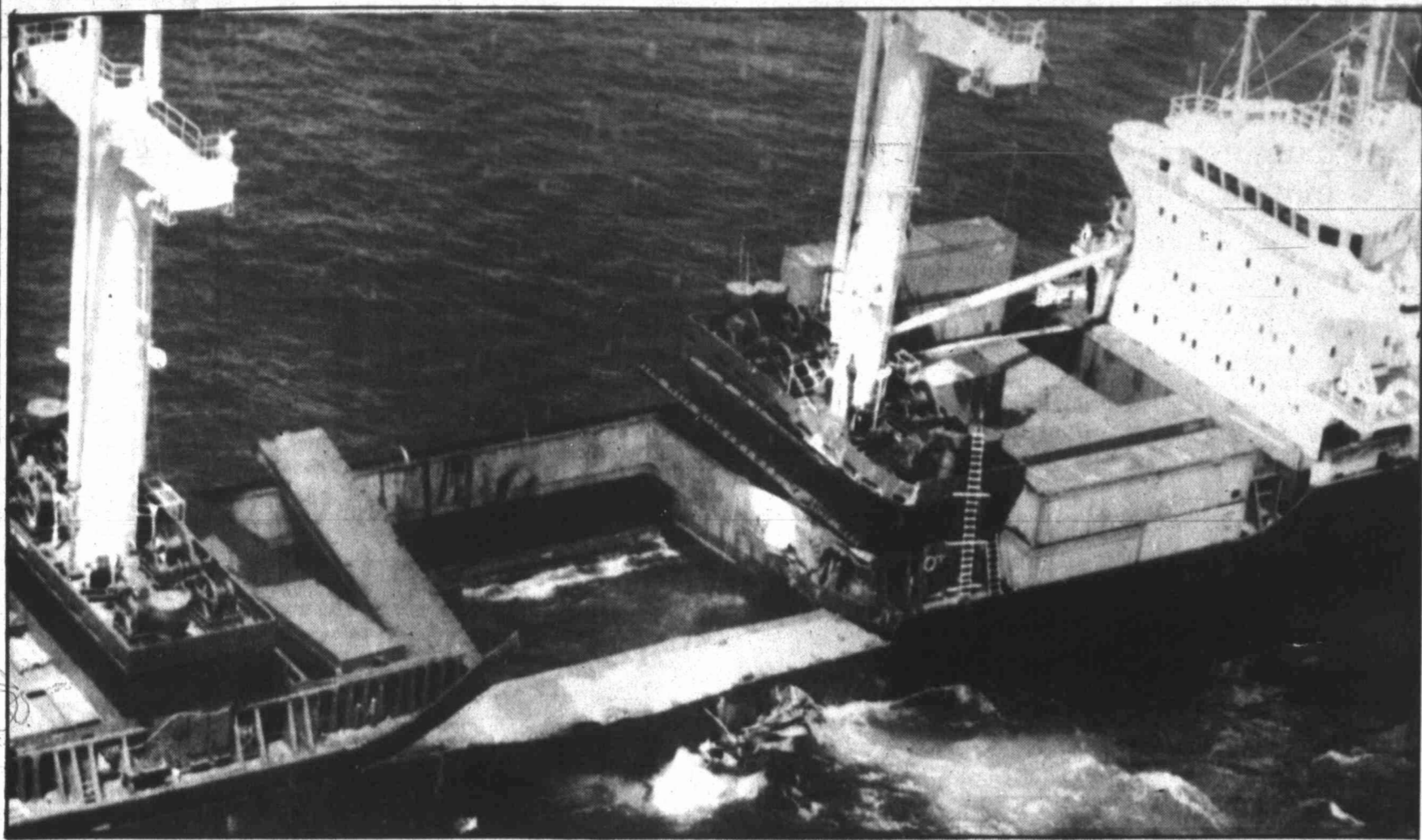
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The 514-foot Singapore freighter Enif is shown separated from the 750-foot Greek-flagged freight ship Alexia. Although one cargo hold is filled with water, the Enif remains afloat in the Gulf of Mexico about 30 miles south of the South Pass of the Mississippi River Tuesday. The two ships collided in the early morning hours Saturday and were locked together until Tuesday.

Survey: Students not ready for work force

WASHINGTON (AP) — Schools in the United States fall down in preparing students for the work force, the American Federation of Teachers concludes in a study of three European educational testing systems.

Students in France, Germany and Scotland reach higher levels of achievement, and do so earlier than American students, the study released Tuesday reported.

"The harsh truth is that the United States currently has the worst school-to-work system in the industrialized world," said a statement accompanying the report. The union represents about 875,000 public school teachers and other education workers.

The report notes that the United States has the largest number of university graduates in the world, but it raises concerns about the education given the 75 percent of U.S. students who do not graduate from college.

It indicates that U.S. schools are concentrating too much on preparing youngsters for college and ignoring students who will be seeking jobs in a rapidly changing world.

Students in Europe "are motivated to work hard because they see a direct relationship between their performance in school and the options that will be available to them after they complete their compulsory education," the report said.

Eva Gabor dead at 74

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eva Gabor, the much-married actress best known for playing a farm-bound socialite on television's "Green Acres," has died at age 74.

The younger sister of Zsa Zsa Gabor died Tuesday from respiratory distress and other infections, said Ron Wise, a spokesman for Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Several family members were at her bedside.

She entered the hospital on June 21 after breaking her hip in a fall. She also was found to be suffering from pneumonia, Wise said.

Eva, older sisters Zsa Zsa and Magda, and their mother, Jolie, emigrated to the United States from Hungary in the 1930s and '40s.

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Medical tests resume; Mir recedes

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — The crew of the shuttle Atlantis resumed exhaustive medical tests on its three newest members today while watching the space station Mir recede into the blackness of space.

The American shuttle and Russian station parted ways Tuesday after five historic days flying as a single 223-ton spaceship — the biggest ever to orbit Earth.

Atlantis commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson could still see Mir on the horizon, roughly 140 miles behind the shuttle, when he awoke early today.

"It's kind of far away, but you can see it in the sunrise real clearly," Gibson said. "It's real

ly a ball of light."

The work pace slowed considerably for most of Atlantis' crew, but there was more poking and prodding for NASA astronaut Norman Thagard and Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhurov and Gennady Strekalov.

The three lived on Mir from mid-March until Atlantis arrived to ferry them home and replace them with two Russian cosmonauts. Astronaut-physician Ellen Baker and crewmate Bonnie Dunbar are conducting scores of medical tests to see how they have held up.

Atlantis is to visit Mir again in late October with another crew. Altogether, six more dockings are planned over the next

two years as a prelude to the construction of an international space station.

Atlantis was launched June 27 with seven occupants, and will land Friday at Cape Canaveral, Fla., with eight people aboard.

The shuttle is also bringing back Russian equipment and hundreds of saliva, urine and blood samples donated by Thagard and his comrades during their long stay in orbit.

After the ships parted, shuttle pilot Charles Precourt said he couldn't believe the long-awaited union was over.

"It's as if it were a dream, that we didn't really live it, it happened so fast," he said. "But what a great time, what a great effort."

Plant's closed; clean-up long, costly

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although the Yankee Rowe nuclear power plant closed three years ago, it could be several decades — and cost millions of dollars — before the site in western Massachusetts will be free of radiation.

The problem: There's no place to send the highly radioactive spent fuel left over from years of reactor operation.

The dilemma over storing the deadly reactor fuel is causing shutdown costs for nuclear power plants to soar, industry experts say. The additional costs at Yankee Rowe could be as much as \$100 million, the owner of the facility has told state regulators.

The utility industry is pressing Congress to provide a storage site for the spent fuel that has piled up at reactors across the country — some 30,000 metric tons in 34 states.

That figure is expected to double by 2010 when a permanent repository is supposed to open at Yucca Mountain, Nev. — if the proposed facility survives congressional budget cutting.

The storage problem is even more of a concern at plants that already have shut down.

Ivan Selin, chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, told a House hearing last week that while dry storage of spent fuel at reactor sites is safe, it poses greater management and monitoring problems than if the fuel were at a centralized site. And, Selin added, these concerns increase once a plant no longer is operating, especially if the fuel remains in water pools, instead of dry casks.

Of the eight permanently closed commercial nuclear reactors in the United States, all still have their spent fuel stored on

site because there is no place to send it.

Closed in 1992, the Yankee Rowe plant in the Berkshire mountains near Pittsfield, Mass., still has 533 spent fuel assemblies stored in water pools. Its owners plan to build dry storage casks for long-term storage on site, perhaps until 2018, if needed.

When Yankee Atomic Electric Co. closed the aging reactor three years ago, it put the anticipated shutdown cost at under \$200 million. But earlier this year the company, which provides wholesale electricity, said it may have to spend an additional \$100 million because of expected fuel storage and waste disposal.

Including inflation, the shutdown costs for Yankee Rowe now is at \$369 million. The additional cost likely will be passed on to electricity users.

Weather service preparing to go to private sector

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some work now done by the National Weather Service will be transferred to private meteorological services on Oct. 1 for an annual savings of \$3.3 million, the Commerce Department announced today.

Services to be transferred are agricultural weather, fire weather services to non-federal agencies for non-wildfire activities, distribution of weather charts to marine radiofacsimile broadcast stations and the National Weather Summary, the department said in its statement.

Details are appearing today in the Federal Register.

Transfer of agricultural weather services to private companies will result in the closing of government weather service offices in College Station, Texas, Stoneville, Miss., Auburn, Ala., West Lafayette, Ind., Yuma, Ariz., Twin Falls, Idaho, and Riverside, Calif.

Transfer of some fire weather services to private companies will result in the closing of gov-

ernment weather offices at Olympia and Wenatchee, Wash., Salem, Ore., and Riverside, Calif.

The National Weather Summary scheduled for elimination describes weather events such as tornadoes and floods that occurred during the previous 12 hours. Newspaper and television meteorologists use the summary to write weather news stories or to highlight weather events, but several private companies already offer a similar product.

"The evolution of the partnership between the weather service and the private weather industry has come a long way in the past 50 years," said Elbert W. Friday Jr., director of the National Weather Service. "We feel confident that private meteorologists can successfully manage these four additional programs being transferred to them, ensuring that the nation receives the full benefit of available weather information from both the weather service and the private sector."

Helms: Too much spent on AIDS research

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms says the government should spend less money on people with AIDS because they got sick as a result of "deliberate, disgusting, revolting conduct," The New York Times reported today.

Helms spoke to the Times as the Senate considers whether to renew a federal program for the care and treatment of AIDS patients.

"We've got to have some common sense about a disease

transmitted by people deliberately engaging in unnatural acts," Helms told the Times.

The Republican from North Carolina argued that AIDS gets a disproportionately large amount of funding for medical research despite being only the ninth-leading cause of death in the United States.

Public Health Services statistics show that heart disease receives the most federal funding, at \$36.3 billion annually, followed by cancer, \$16.9 billion.

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Houston 16, Colorado 8

TEXAS LEAGUE

Second Half
Midland 10, San Antonio 4

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Wimbledon Ladies' semis set

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Steffi Graf was in that untouchable element that athletes call "the zone."

Even the normally self-critical Graf couldn't conceal the state of invincibility she experienced during the second set of Tuesday's 6-3, 6-0 quarterfinal victory over Mary Joe Fernandez.

"Perfect," is how Graf described her standard of play. "I was really going for my shots," she said. "I felt I could do anything I wanted to."

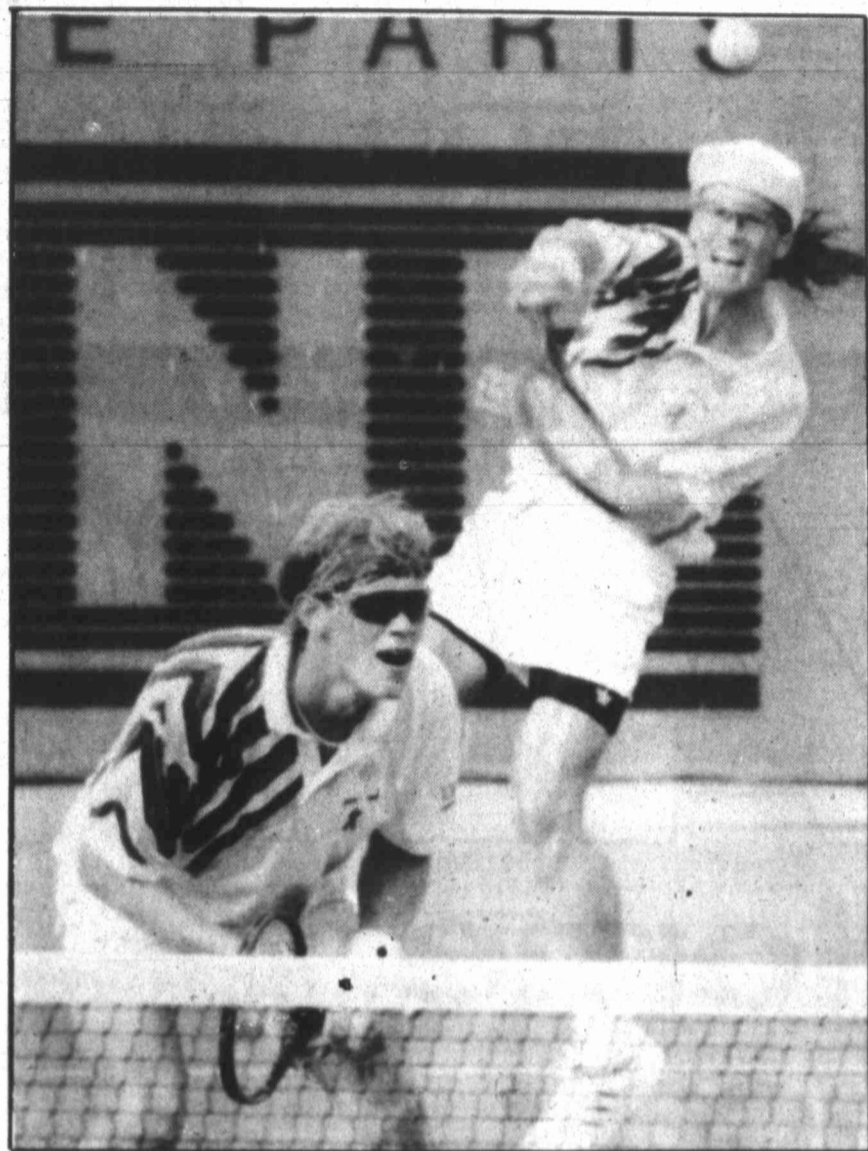
With the first set even 3-3, Graf reeled off nine straight games. She won 14 straight points while finishing off the first set and moving to a 3-0 lead in the second. She dropped only seven points during the second set.

Fernandez, yet to win a match against Graf in 12 meetings, looked helpless as the five-time champion pounded forehand winners all over the court. On the last two points of the match, Graf whooped with joy after ripping shots beyond Fernandez' reach.

Graf described it as her best performance in years and said it would be impossible to play any better.

British oddsmakers were impressed, shortening the odds on Graf winning her sixth title from 1-2 to 4-9.

Graf led a march of the top four seeds into the semifinals — including No. 2 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, No. 3 Conchita Martinez and No. 4 Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic — making it the first time in



Associated Press photo

Murphy Jensen waits at the net while his brother, Luke, volleys the ball in this file photo. Jensen disappeared from Wimbledon before a doubles match Monday but eased his anxious family Tuesday with a telephone call. Jensen and his family will not comment on why he missed the match — he was fined \$1,000.

the Open era that an American woman failed to reach the Wimbledon semis.

Today, the top four men also could advance. No. 1 Andre Agassi faced Dutch doubles specialist Jacco Eltingh; two-time defending champion and second-seeded Pete Sampras played Shuzo Matsuoka of Japan; No. 3 Boris Becker was paired against Frenchmen Cedric Picline; and No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia took on No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia.

Sanchez Vicario, displaying new confidence on grass, reached the first Wimbledon semifinal of her career with a 6-4, 7-6 (7-4) win over Brenda Shultz-McCarthy of the

Netherlands. Martinez, the defending champion, held off a late challenge from Gabriela Sabatini to win 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Novotna beat Japan's Kimiko Date 6-2, 6-3.

In Thursday's semifinals, Graf will face Novotna and Sanchez Vicario will play Martinez in an all-Spanish match.

Martinez, who has been largely overlooked so far in this tournament, reacted sharply when a reporter spoke up and asked whether she felt Graf would take her title.

"I'm the defending champion," she said. "I'm the Wimbledon champion. Nobody can take it away from me."

Lakers show signs of wanting 'Magic'

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Magic Johnson is once again talking about returning to the Los Angeles Lakers. And for what is believed to be the first time, the Lakers publicly have said they are considering such a move.

"The Lakers have asked me to return," Johnson said in Tuesday's editions of The Honolulu Advertiser. "We're talking about it, so we have to see what happens. It's nothing that's definite yet."

Johnson, who turns 36 next month, says he must soon

decide on his plans, and his biggest concern is the rigors of NBA life and the time he would have to spend away from his family.

"There's a very definite possibility that he will play," Lakers general manager Jerry West told the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. "We would like an answer soon so we can start doing things for the season, and I think it would help put his mind at ease."

Johnson, now part-owner of the NBA team, twice retired since announcing in 1992 he has the AIDS virus.



Associated Press photo

Earvin "Magic" Johnson has said repeatedly he wished to resume his NBA career, and now the Los Angeles Lakers appear interested.

Tennis star Gonzalez dies at age 67

Before the tennis world knew of Jimmy Connors or John McEnroe, there was Pancho Gonzalez.

Gonzalez died of cancer Monday night in Las Vegas, Nev., at age 67, and word quickly reached Wimbledon, where

he won the most memorable marathon in tournament history.

In 1969, Gonzalez beat Charlie Pasarell in 112 games over two days, 22-24, 1-6, 16-14, 6-3, 11-9. It remains the longest singles match in Wimbledon history.

At the time, Gonzalez was a 41-year-old grandfather. Pasarell was 24. He won two U.S. singles titles, two Grand Slam doubles titles and eight singles titles.

By the Associated Press

Goin' National

Long-time Sidewinder battles injuries

Stewart making third appearance at YMCA nationals

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

Stephanie Stewart has learned a new meaning to the term "high-impact workout" this year.

Stewart, one of the mainstays of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders, has collected the usual assortment of bumps and bruises to be expected by any gymnast, but that's only the beginning.

Earlier this season, while working on the uneven bars, Stewart's nose got into a fight with one of the bars.

Her nose lost. Surgery has the nose looking good as new, but other injuries, including shin splints and toe problems, have

the 12-year-old Big Spring native looking like a poster child for a M A S H unit.

Still, Stewart will be one of the Sidewinders' brightest hopes when she takes the floor this week at the national YMCA gymnastics meet in Savannah, Ga.

Her coach, for one, doesn't believe Stewart's aches and pains will adversely affect her

performance. "The injuries don't affect her approach to doing things, but they do affect her approach to training," Russ McEwen said. "But Stephanie is extremely intense and will excel in anything she does."

Stewart, who is a five-year veteran of the program, said gymnastics is still fun, the broken nose aside.

"Gymnastics changes the further you go," she said. "You learn new things, and it stays fun."

What would really be fun, in her opinion, would be to improve about four spots on the fifth-place overall finish she received at last year's national meet.

"I want to win," she said simply.

Don't discount her chances.



STEWART

Newest Sidewinder making the grade

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

For Brooke Lawrence, "happy to be here" is more than just a saying — it's a motto.

Lawrence, an 11-year-old from Odessa, is one of the newest members of the Sidewinders gymnastics team and will make her first appearance at the national YMCA gymnastics meet in Savannah, Ga. this week.

Lawrence joined the Sidewinders because she was quickly outpacing the program she was involved with in Odessa, she said.

"I was the highest-level kid there," she said. "The coach had never had an optional kid,

and I was kind of like a guinea pig. He didn't know how to do the routines, so I didn't feel motivated anymore."

A move 60 miles to the east changed that frame of mind.

Lawrence is no longer the big cheese of her program, but she doesn't mind a bit.

"I love my teammates," she said.

She doesn't mind her new coach, Russ McEwen, either.

"If you do what he wants you to do then it's OK," she

said. "He doesn't just get mad if you do things wrong, but if you don't really go for it, then he gets kind of mad, because he knows what you're capable of."

Her coaches have been just as impressed.

"She's learned a great deal," Sidewinders assistant Casey Jones said. "She's very talented and it's amazing what we've gotten out of her. It's incredible how much she's willing to work."

"I knew she was an outstanding gymnast," McEwen said. "I think it was difficult for her. We train harder and more intensely than I think she was used to. But once she got into the routine, she blossomed."



LAWRENCE

Here's how you save baseball

Everybody has a pet idea how baseball can win its fans back, and your vaunted expert (that's me, if you're curious) is no exception.

There's no denying baseball is in trouble. Attendance is off 20 percent or more this season. The Baseball Network is dead and TV ratings from ESPN and other outlets are down from a year ago.

The players and owners are to blame. When the strike wiped out the World Series (something World War II couldn't

do), baseball's warring factions told the fans that they didn't matter. The fans, suitably offended, have struck back by staying away from the ball park and not even watching games when they're on the tube. It's as if they're saying,

"We'll see who doesn't matter." Baseball used to have a lock on this country during the summer.

Now, people are finding other things to do.

Yep, baseball is sick, and unless something is done quickly, the old sport might just go belly-up.

I've heard a lot of touchy-feely ideas how baseball can woo the fans back. I've heard people suggest, in all seriousness, that owners and players ought to pay the fans' way into all the games this year.

This is wonderful, except for one thing — ain't gonna happen.

A lot of folks want the players and owners to wear sackcloth and ashes this season, begging the fans' forgiveness at every turn.

That's not bad, either. Not practical, but not bad.

Well, let's cut out all the New Age crap and cut to the chase.

Here is Uncle Stevie's Two-Stage Formula for Fan Forgiveness (patent pending):

1. Promise not to kill the World Series this year.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? But have you noticed, despite

the fact the games are back, that no one has promised there won't be another strike this year?

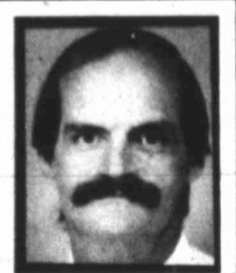
In all probability, there won't be another strike (or lockout) this season. The players and owners may be exceedingly greedy, but they're not stupid. Another strike this year would just about pole-axe the game.

So how hard would it be for both sides to say they'll play? A good, old iron-clad promise from the players and owners to the fans that, yes, the World Series will be played this year would be a figurative Band-Aid, sure, but even Band-Aids serve a purpose.

2. Declare peace.

This is the biggie. Forgiveness is ultimately impossible until both the players and owners sit down and hammer out a long-term labor agreement. Until that happens, every fan who still cares about the game is going to be holding his or her breath wondering where the next explosion going to come from.

Get it done, guys. Do the deal. Then get back to the game.



Steve Reagan
Sports Writer

SHOT OF THE DAY



Head over heels about the rodeo
Jeff Shearer is thrown off his horse during saddle bronc riding at the Greeley Independence Stampede Tuesday in Greeley, Colo.

TEXAS SPORTS

Spurs want another arena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — After just two seasons in the spacious Alamodome, the San Antonio Spurs want a new hardcourt to call home.

Despite having eight seasons remaining on a lease on the relatively new multi-purposed domed stadium, Spurs board chairman Robert McDermott told the San Antonio Express-News Tuesday that the city in the long run needs "an up-to-date arena."

Rangers rally to tame Tribe

CLEVELAND (AP) — Matt Whiteside earned the save Tuesday as the Texas Rangers held off the Cleveland Indians 7-6. The Rangers took the lead on Mark McLemore's two-out, two-run double in the eighth off Eric Plunk.

NATION/WORLD

Seattle star involved in shooting

PLANTATION, Fla. (AP) — A cousin of Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Brian Blades was shot to death early today at the player's home, and Blades was believed to have been in the same room of the condominium at the time, police said.

Detectives hoped to interview Brian Blades later today to get more details.

Jalabert holds lead in France

ALENCON, France (AP) — Frenchman Laurent Jalabert held to his overall lead in the Tour de France when his ONCE team finished second in a team time trial. The Italian team Gewiss won the 41.6-mile race in 1 hour, 13 minutes, 10 seconds. Jalabert maintained an eight-second lead.

ON THE AIR

Baseball

Major League
Texas at Cleveland, 6 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
Toronto at California, 9:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Cycling

Tour de France, 2 p.m., ESPN.

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American League

W	L	Pct.	GB
37	26	.587	—
33	30	.522	4 1/2
29	34	.460	8
23	38	.377	13

W	L	Pct.	GB
37	27	.578	—
35	29	.548	2 1/2
32	31	.508	4 1/2

Chicago 27 34 .443 15 1/2
Minnesota 19 44 .302 24 1/2
West Division
California 37 27 .578 —
Texas 35 29 .548 2 1/2
Oakland 32 31 .508 4 1/2
Tuesday's Games
Texas 7, Cleveland 6
New York 4, Chicago 1
Oakland 5, Milwaukee 3
Minnesota 6, Baltimore 3
Detroit 9, Seattle 8
Boston 6, Kansas City 5
California 14, Toronto 0
Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Carmona 1-2) at Detroit
(Lira 5-4), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Gross 3-7) at Cleveland

National League

W	L	Pct.	GB
34	30	.531	—
33	31	.516	1 1/2
32	32	.500	2
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W	L	Pct.	GB
40	23	.635	—
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Florida 23 38 .377 14
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San Francisco 32 32 .500 2
San Diego 31 32 .492 2 1/2
Tuesday's Games
Montreal 5, St. Louis 0
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Florida 6, San Diego 4

Martinez 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Trombly 0-3) at
Baltimore (Rhodes 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Cormier 3-1) at Kansas
City (Gordon 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Boehring 0-1) at
Chicago (Alvarez 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roberson 4-2) at
Oakland (Ontiveros 8-2), 10:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 4-6) at California
(Boskie 6-1), 10:35 p.m.

Texas League

W	L	Pct.	GB
9	5	.643	—
7	7	.500	2
6	8	.429	3
6	8	.429	3

Jackson 4, Tulsa 3
Wednesday's Games
El Paso at Shreveport
Midland at San Antonio
Tulsa at Jackson

Texas-La. League

W	L	Pct.	GB
28	16	.636	—
25	19	.561	2
25	21	.543	4
19	25	.432	9
16	28	.364	12

Rio Grande 25 19 .568 2
Corpus Christi 22 22 .500 5
Mobile 17 27 .385 10
Laredo 16 28 .364 11
Tuesday's Games
Laredo 4, Corpus Christi 0
Wednesday's Games
Mobile 7, Rio Grande Valley 5
Arlene 6, Pueblo 4
Amarillo 6, Lubbock 0
Wednesday's Games
Corpus Christi at Laredo
Mobile at Rio Grande Valley
Lubbock at Amarillo
Thursday's Games
Corpus Christi at Laredo
Mobile at Rio Grande Valley
Pueblo at Abilene
Lubbock at Amarillo

SPORTS IN BRIEF

District tourney begins today
Howard County Little League all-stars begin District 3 tournament action today in Midland and Odessa.

The 9-10-year-olds open play at Windlands Park in Midland. Big Spring International takes on Greenwood, while Big Spring National faces Midland North Central. Both games are at 6 p.m.

Three Howard County teams open play in the 11-12-year-old tournament in Odessa. At 6 p.m., Coahoma faces Odessa Floyd Gwin, while Big Spring National takes on Lamesa. Big Spring International has an 8 p.m. game with Greenwood, while Big Spring American plays its first game Thursday at 6 p.m.

The Big Spring Junior League All-Stars face West Odessa tonight at 8 in Midland, while the local Senior Leaguers begin play in their tournament Thursday at 6 p.m. vs. Midland Western in Midland.

BSHS boys' hoops camp will start Monday

The Big Spring High School boys' basketball camp will start Monday at the BSHS physical education gymnasiums.

The camp is Monday through Thursday: 8 a.m. - noon for grades 4-6 and 1-5 p.m. for grades 7-9.

Cost is \$35, and campers can register the first day of camp. For more information, call BSHS boys' coach Gary Tipton at 267-8002.

UGSA sponsors ragball tournament

A co-ed ragball tournament to benefit the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association 1995 all-star teams will be Friday and Saturday at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Entry fee is \$14 per player, and team rosters have a 14-person maximum.

For more information, call 267-1993, 267-5980 or 263-0778.

Astros schedule camp at HC

The Houston Astros will conduct a tryout camp for free agents Saturday at Jack Barber Field, located on the campus of Howard College.

High school underclassmen are encouraged to attend. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with tryouts beginning 30 minutes later. The camp will be limited to players ages 16-22.

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Kick up those heels for volunteer firefighters' dance

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Time to shine your boots and practice your dance steps to help raise money for the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

They are sponsoring a dance Saturday at the Dora Roberts Fair Barn from 8 p.m. to midnight. Chief Tommy Sullivan says this is the first time the department has sponsored a dance to raise money.

The money will be used to help pay for firefighter training courses offered throughout West Texas. Currently, each volunteer must pay most, if not all, expenses out of their own pocket.

"This money would help pay for the fee and fuel for the fire-

fighters and then all they would be out would be the cost of their meals. We have 90 active firefighters and we can't send all of them to Texas A&M for training and there are some good courses offered locally they could attend," Sullivan remarked.



HELTON

Some of the courses offered in the area include emergency medical technician classes, rescue courses and fire suppression classes.

Sullivan says the dance will be alcohol-free and a chance for

the whole family to come out and have fun.

Sheila Helton and the Texas Lawmen will headline the dance. Tickets are \$7.50 each at the gate or \$15 per family. You can purchase them in advance for \$6 each from Sullivan by calling 393-5853.

Helton is a resident of Haskell County and grew up in the Panhandle. She has opened for and guest starred with the 1989 Country Music Association Hall of Fame recipient Hank Thompson and opened for Marty Stuart as well.

She was recently nominated, for the second year in a row, as the "Most Promising Female Vocalist" and "Country and Western Singer-Songwriter of the Year," at the Indi Awards in Nashville, Tenn.

Don't fight snack attacks

Snacks are a part of the American way of life, especially for youth. Do not fight it! Instead encourage your child to eat snacks that can supplement regular meals as an important source of nutrients as well as calories.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Snacks that are high in nutrients but low in cost are the best values. Following is a list of good snack foods.

•Fruits and vegetables (packed with fiber and vitamins A and C): Apples, pears, grapes, oranges, tangerines, apricots, bananas, melons, carrots, celery, raisins, vegetable juices, green peppers, tomatoes, cauliflower, dried fruit, canned fruit, dehydrated juices.

•Breads and cereals (eat whole-grain or enriched for B vitamins, iron and some protein): Oatmeal, popcorn, granola, crackers, cereal snack mix.

•Milk and cheese (full of calcium, protein and riboflavin): Yogurt, milk, nonfat dry milk, pasteurized cheese spreads, cottage cheese, cheddar cheese.

•Meat and other protein foods (for body building and repair): Peanut butter, nuts, sunflower seeds, canned fish and meats, pizza, hard-cooked eggs, jerky, Wieners.

Youngsters need certain key nutrients to assist in and main

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STRUNG ALONG



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Don Harms shows several children how a marionette works before the performance of "Aladdin and His Magic Lamp" at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The event was sponsored by the West Texas Center for the Arts.

IN THE BAG

If you buy a marvelous munchie that can only be ordered by mail, there may be a few things you want to consider. Advice from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Direct Marketing Association:

— When ordering by mail, ask what kind of cold source will be used to preserve perishable food and how long the package will be in transit. The food must arrive still frozen or firm and cold.

— Check that the package will be labeled as perishable on the outside.

— Set a delivery date to make sure someone will be home to receive the package.

— Keep a record of your transaction — including the company's name, address and phone number, information about the purchased item, the date it was ordered or called in, and the canceled check or copy of the money order.

— Know the company you're ordering from. If unfamiliar with the purveyor, or if there's a question about practices, check with the Better Business Bureau in the company's town.

— When you get the package, immediately follow instructions for storage.

— Fresh or cooked meat, poultry or fish should arrive frozen or still hard in the middle. If never frozen, it should be cold to the touch and cooked or used immediately.

— Except dry-cured country hams, baked hams and most canned hams need refrigeration and should arrive cold.

Scripts Howard News Service



Jim LeMarr works on a radio while Lee Reed sweeps the area. The two were among members of Big Spring's Amateur Radio Club participating in the 24-hour American Radio Relay League's Annual Field Day. The field day tested the radio club's emergency preparedness.

Field day for radio fanatics

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

"CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, this is W5AW..."

From a barn at 24th and Baylor in Big Spring, the call went out.

Beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, members of Big Spring's Amateur Radio Club transmitted continuously for the 24 hours of the American Radio Relay League's Annual Field Day.

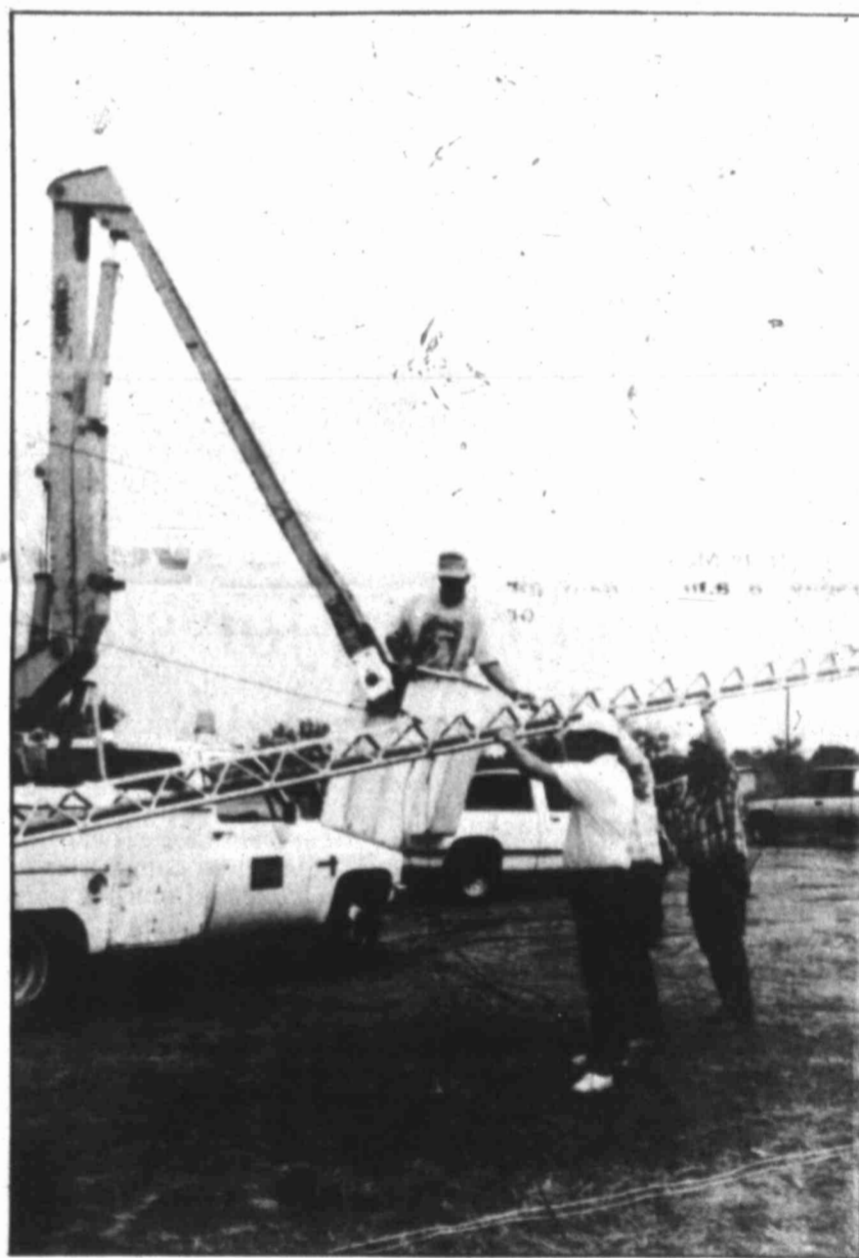
A test of people and machines, Field Day brings out the best in "hams" practicing emergency preparedness. A thunderstorm the night of June 30 turned the road to the Big Spring location into a temporary quagmire, and a generator needed to be moved and re-grounded because of lightning.

Difficulties overcome, weather clearing, operators were ready to go. W5AW logged its first transmission at 1301; that's 1:01 p.m. for non-radio types.

"It was more fun than I thought it would be," said club member Irene LeMarr.

Big Spring's Club worked in teams - one person operating - doing the calling - and one person logging - writing down the contacts. Fourteen operators rotated between positions in one hour shifts. LeMarr comments she made a lot of progress over the course of the day. "I went from logging in the first hour to operating in the last hour."

Club member John Harvey, logging during the early morning hours, remembers a period with no contacts. "I woke up



It's a long way up, but somebody - in this case, radio club members Ron Briley, Jerry Farmer, LeMarr and a man identified only as "Bob" - has to put up the tower.

and I was asleep over my log-book."

Counting duplicates, W5AW recorded 1,011 contacts during Field Day, the most distant from the Virgin Islands, Newfoundland, Alaska, and Hawaii; the closest from another station in Big Spring.

They contacted clubs operating 12 radios at one time, and stations that were one person working alone. "Wow! I thought I got tired," said Harvey.

Big Spring's oldest operator chronologically was Lee Reed, 66, and the youngest was Ron Briley, 25. Both are considered young as hams, as Mrs. Reed

has been a ham only a few months, and Briley about a year.

In addition to the 14 operators, LeMarr said several other hams and at least one future ham helped set up and organize and helped clean up afterwards.

Big Spring hams regularly serve as weather spotters, and scanner monitors interested in hearing them can listen on the club frequency, 146.820, or the West Texas Connection, 147.040.

For more information about amateur radio, the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, or Field Day, call Irene LeMarr at (915) 394-4424 or Jim LeMarr at (915) 263-9430.

SLICE of life!

PICTURE THIS



All tied up
Morongo Indian Reservation firefighter Roy Mathews coils firehouse coils firehouse a day after a brushfire swept through the foothills above Whitewater, Calif. Photo by the Associated Press.

LOCAL TIDBITS

Nichols recovering from stroke at local health care center

After having a severe stroke in January of this year, Ray Nichols was in Scenic Mountain Hospital until he was transported to Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Midland.

He then spent some time at Stanton Health Care Center in Stanton until recently when he was taken to Comanche Health Care Center here in Big Spring.

He was a locomotive engineer for the Texas and Pacific Railroad, vice president of Trinity Memorial Park and served as county commissioner for two terms.

He has many friends in this area and is looking forward to having them drop by room 316 for a visit.

Showered with gifts

The parlor of the First Baptist Church was the setting of a wedding shower for Angela Dennis May 20. Approximately 55 guests were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Collingsworth, parents of the bride-elect and Mrs. Buddy Smithie, mother of the groom.

Special guests were relatives of the bride and groom including Kathryn Guidley, grandmother of the bride, and Mrs. Bob Dennis, step-mother of the bride.

Saying goodbye

First United Methodist Church, Coahoma, will have a reception 2-4 p.m. Saturday honoring Dale and Cliff Ferguson, who are leaving Coahoma. If you cannot attend, send comments and memories to the church at P.O. Box 50, Coahoma, Texas, 79511, Attn: Ferguson Reception.

THE LAST WORD

In war there is no prize for the runner-up.
—General Omar Bradley

The Constitution does not provide for first and second class citizens.
—Wendell Lewis Wilkie

Four be the things I am wiser to know:
Idleness, sorrow, a friend, and a foe.
—Dorothy Parker

Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.
—Lord Acton

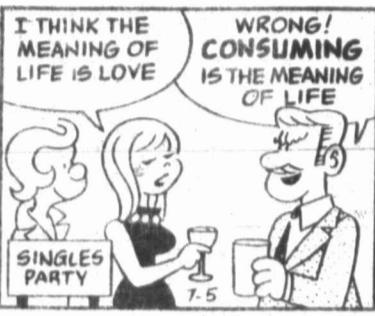
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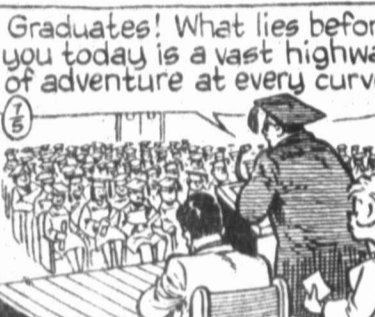
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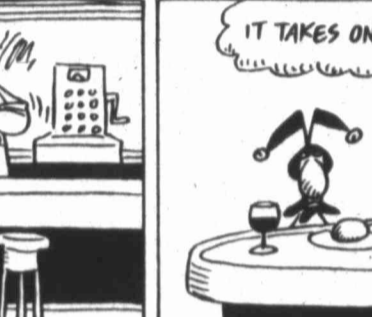
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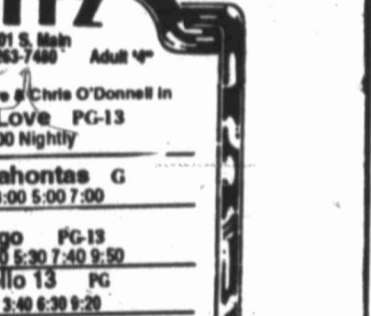
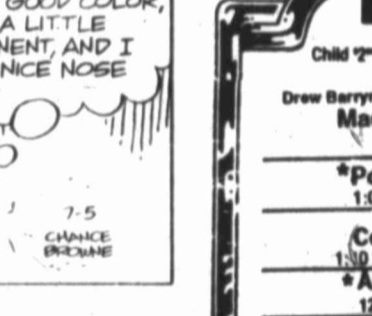
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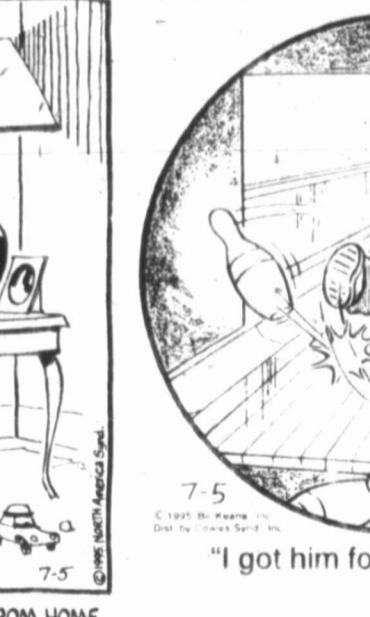
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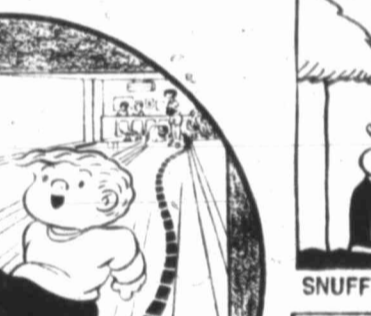
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THE QUIGMANS



RITZ advertisement listing showtimes for Mad Love, Congo, and Apollo 13.

CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4 advertisement listing showtimes for Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, Judge Dredd, Batman Forever, Casper, and Braveheart.

THE Daily Crossword by Dorothy B. Martin

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

Answers to the crossword puzzle, including words like Pitiless, Frosts, Treaty acronym, Cavalry weapon, Peace symbol, Mr. Wiesel, Constellation, Prove to be true, Volume, Be unsuccessful, Tapered filler, Melee, Wanderers, Bull's-eye, Extremely, Busy as, Ring of light, Lizard, Lariat, Destiny, Joshua or Ella, Animal hides, Alfresco, Guthrie, Listen to, Keep, Sea between Greece and Turkey, Cicatrix, Mirrors, Energy, Columnist, Barrett, Russian range, Canary's cousin, Of certain poetry, Body of water, Wear away, Bottle part, Bend, Cowboy, at times, Heavy shoe, Uncommon, Distinct entity, A social science, abbr., Poe heroine, Boise's state, Crave, Always, Peaceful, Irritates me, Island greeting, Mousy, Abounds, In the company of, Voiced, Canvas covering, 's Irish Rose', Genuine, Be fired, Cast a ballot, 'When I was, I served...', Actor Chaney of old, Taj Mahal site, Bamako's land, Shortly, On the briny, Epitaph, Swallow, Blackboard cleaner, Brother of Moses, Lyric poem, Tele or photo end, Financial share, Mosquito, Of an age, Pianist Peter, Fall fall, Novelist Andre, Lollapalooza.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, July 5, the 186th day of 1995. There are 179 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 5, 1935, President Roosevelt signed the National Labor Relations Act, which provided for a National Labor Relations Board, and authorized labor to organize for the purpose of collective bargaining. On this date: In 1801, American naval hero David G. Farragut was born in Knoxville, Tenn. In 1811, Venezuela became the first South American country to declare independence from Spain. In 1865, William Booth founded the Salvation Army in London.

In 1940, during World War II, Britain and the Vichy government in France broke diplomatic relations. In 1946, the bikini swimsuit, designed by Louis Reard, made its debut at a fashion show in Paris. In 1947, Larry Doby signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League. In 1948, Britain's National Health Service Act went into effect, providing government-financed medical and dental care. In 1954, Elvis Presley's first commercial recording session took place at Sun Records in Memphis, Tenn.; the song he recorded was "That's All Right (Mama)." In 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors.

In 1975, the Cape Verde Islands officially became independent after 500 years of Portuguese rule. In 1984, the Supreme Court weakened the 70-year-old "exclusionary rule," deciding that evidence seized with defective court warrants could be used against defendants in criminal trials. In 1991, a worldwide financial scandal erupted as regulators in eight countries shut down the Bank of Credit and Commerce International. Ten years ago: The New York Mets defeated the Atlanta Braves, 16-13, in a 19-inning game that had begun the night before and lasted six hours and 10 minutes before ending just before 4 a.m. EDT.

Five years ago: NATO leaders opened a two-day meeting in London to revise the alliance's strategy in light of easing East-West tensions in Europe and the unraveling of the Warsaw Pact. One year ago: In an attempt to halt a surge of Haitian refugees, the Clinton administration announced that it was refusing entry to new Haitian boat people. President Clinton set out on a four-nation European trip that included a Group of Seven summit in Naples, Italy.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information, office hours, and a list of staff members including Charles J. Williams, Publisher, and Ken Dulaney, Advertising Sales Manager.

THE QUIGMANS comic strip by Buddy Hickerson, featuring a man talking to a woman about eating him.