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Police to begin bicycle patrols at Comanche Trail Park on June 15

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Park visitors should prepare to face the music if they break city ordinances on park grounds. As of June 15, the Big Spring Police Department will be increasing its surveillance of Comanche Trail Park with weekend bicycle patrols.

Assistant City Manager Emma Beaugard said the police department suggested the patrol as a way to cut down on vandalism and breaches of policy during summer.

"It seems as though our park is being used more than ever ... We (the city) felt like it was a good idea to make it (the park) a safer place for everybody," she said.

Police officers will sign up for the patrols on a voluntary overtime basis. The project will be funded through the parks department, Beaugard said. Future plans for the park's security, include locking the entrances at night, she added.

Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards said, "The city's kind of doing

a push this year to get more people out at the park, I felt like it was a good idea to increase law enforcement there also."

He said bike patrols will be an asset at the park because the officers will be able to patrol the hike and bike trails, as well as the park's roadways.

Officers on bicycles are more accessible to the people and will help combat the stereotype that police officers are unapproachable, he added.

"At one time we (the police department) had a Cushman scooter

patrolling the park," Edwards recalled. Eventually the scooter broke down and the program was discontinued.

Lt. Pam Jordan said the bike patrol is a test program and, if successful, will be conducted each summer at the park.

The officers will have police-issued bike uniforms and helmets and will ride salvaged mountain bikes. "We had some bikes that we were going to auction that we fixed-up," she said. "If this program works this year, we will probably have to find some money to buy some new bikes."

Officers will work in two-man teams from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and summer holidays. The shift is subject to change once an analysis of the park's use is assessed.

Officer response to the program has been positive. "I've got 18 people signed up already," she said. The bike patrol will be in effect through Labor Day.

"We're pretty excited about it, we hope it gets the results the city wants, not only city hall but the people of Big Spring," Jordan added.

Children getting 'Ready ... Set ... Read!'

Redman ready to begin move into new library

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Pint-size readers enrolled in the Howard County Library's summer reading program are gearing up for the summer Olympic games.

Librarian Loraine Redman said the reading program's theme this year is "Ready ... Set ... Read!" and focuses on the Olympics. The program began May 28 and will end July 1, with a special closing party for those children who read at least 10 books during the five-week session.

The summer program features movies, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Mondays; a weekly Read-To-Me session for children entering the first-grade and younger, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesdays; and a weekly activity day for children entering the second-grade and older, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Thursdays.

Children's Librarian Martha Vierra said generally 45 to 50 youngsters attend each session. "Teachers tell me that if the kids keep reading through the summer they tend to retain their reading skills, and some improve over the summer," she said.

Vierra said the program seems to be a success. "We've had kids that started the program in preschool who have come back every year," she said.

Infants are welcome to attend the Read-To-Me sessions with their parents. "We encourage



Amanda Rollins sits at a table and reads a book in the Howard County Library Thursday morning after the weekly Summer Reading Program. This year's theme focuses on the Olympic games and continues to July 1.

parents to read to their newborns," Vierra said.

The Read-To-Me session includes an age-appropriate craft. The children are either read to from a book, or a story is demonstrated with the use of a flannel board.

"Last year we did some shadow puppet stories, the kids loved those because that's something they don't see all the time," she said.

The activity day for the older children encompasses an arts and crafts session and a guest speaker.

Vierra said several craft activities have been planned, including the design of a western vest during rodeo week.

Scheduled guest speakers include rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, Laurie Churchwell of the Dance Gallery and Fitness

Center, the Big Spring Police Department, prominent high school athletes and Stephanie Stewart of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders gymnastic team.

This year's summer program will be the last in the existing library building. Construction on the new library, located in the old Bluebonnet Bank building on Main Street, is scheduled to be complete some time in January, Redman said.

The current library has approximately 7,000 square feet of usable space, while the new building will offer 20,000 square feet. "We are just out of room, our shelves are over 100 percent full," Redman said of the library's present condition.

She said she had a letter penned by Reference Librarian

Rebecca Taylor in 1970, the year the present library opened, that complained of space restrictions. The letter states that upon moving into the building the first thing the employees discovered was the lack of available space.

Redman said she hopes to conserve shelf space when the library moves to the new building, allowing for future expansion. "This needs to last us a long time," she said.

The new library, she added, is something the whole community should be proud of and not a single dollar of taxpayer money has been used for its construction.

Construction of the new library is being funded through grants from the federal government and private foundations as well as personal donations.

Governor okays county's request on fireworks ban

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Gov. George W. Bush responded Thursday to a request for help from local leaders and issued an executive order banning the use of and sale of fireworks in Gray County (including the city of Pampa) in the Texas Panhandle.

The order was issued because of the drought and extreme fire hazard there. Gray County is the first county in the state to formally ask Gov. Bush to use his authority to enact a ban.

Bush has the authority to enact a ban, if requested by a specific county, under powers granted by the Disaster Act of 1975, which gives the Governor authority to issue executive orders which have the force and effect of law during times of disaster.

All 254 Texas counties have been declared disaster areas because of the drought, which leaves the possibility of wildfires lingering as long as land conditions remain the same.

Howard County commissioners decided earlier this week not to issue a ban or any type of restrictions on fireworks, particularly aerial fireworks, but there is still the possibility commissioners will discuss the issue again before the June 15 deadline passes. As required by state law, any action on the part of county commissioners concerning bans or restrictions on fireworks during the Fourth of July holiday must be in place by June 15.

In a statement released Thursday, Bush said, "Fireworks are as much a part of Fourth of July celebrations as picnics and flags, but parts of Texas are a tinderbox and no one wants fires to threaten lives or property."

"I urge county leaders to look at the situation in their individual counties and take appropriate action," he added. "As a strong advocate of local control, I will not issue a statewide ban

but will authorize a ban for individual counties who believe a ban is necessary to protect public health and safety."

Bush's office is also urging counties to use the provisions of new State Law 828, which allows counties to limit the use and sale of certain aerial fireworks during times of drought, but the county in question has to provide at least one safe area where aerial fireworks may be used.

In his statement, Bush also commended the Texas Pyrotechnic Association for its efforts to reduce the threat of fire from fireworks during the drought.

TFA represents a vast majority of the fireworks industry in Texas and has voluntarily agreed to exclude dozens of aerial fireworks from retail sale statewide and to encourage the use of safe areas in counties.

One agency that has been tracking the drought is the Texas Water Development Board, which is charged with statewide water planning and administration of low-cost financial programs for the planning, design and construction of water supply, wastewater treatment, flood control and agricultural water conservation projects.

The TWDB has also been informing the governor on the severity of conditions in the different regions of the state.

Janie Cartwright of the TWDB said different regions in Texas vary as to the conditions of the land, but overall, the state simply needs rain.

The Palmer Drought Severity Index is the primary index of meteorological drought, but it also takes into account hydrologic factors such as precipitation, evaporation and soil moisture.

According to the PDSI, the High Rolling Plains, which includes Big Spring, has a drought index of -3.52, meaning the region is in a severe drought situation.

Cowboy boots, Grasshopper Festival headline events

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures or for such events as dances where admission is charged.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720. If you wish, you may fax your



listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. No information will be taken by phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music by CW & Co.

• Sole of the West: The Art and History of Cowboy Boots. Today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring. Showcases are over 40 pairs of boots ranging from working cowboy boots to those worn by Val Kilmer in the movie "Tombstone."

• "The Twenty-third Annual Osco County Grasshopper Festival," tonight and Saturday at 8 p.m., Colorado City Playhouse. For more information, call 728-3491.

• 19th Cannibal Draw Reunion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m.,

Golden Corral Steak House, Big Spring.

• Nature Walks and Sunset Tales, Saturday from 8-10 p.m., Big Spring State Park. Park Ranger Ron Alton will lead tours of historic "Scenic Mountain" while Heritage Museum curator Angie Way will tell stories of old Howard County.

• Old Sorehead Trade Days, Saturday and Sunday, downtown Stanton. Hours are from "can'til can't" on Saturday and noon to 5 on Sunday.

• 14th annual Big Spring Model Aircraft Association Fly-In and Swap Meet, Saturday and Sunday, Moss Creek Lake Miniature Airport. For more information, call 263-5917.

White touts Democratic unity

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Democrats have a history of feuding among themselves, but those days are over, state Democratic Chairman Bill White says. Now, he says, it's the Republicans' turn.

"We are a party united like we haven't been before. ... The Texas Democratic Party is back with a vengeance," White told the State Democratic Executive Committee as they prepared for today's kickoff of the two-day state convention.

"If you want to find a big feud and ideological divisions, don't

come here, go to San Antonio in a few weeks" for the GOP convention, he said.

Republican National Committeeman Ernie Angelo of Midland, in response, said the Democrats are "having hallucinations."

White noted reports that presumed GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole is skipping his party's state convention later this month.

Democrats will be united in hearing from First Lady Hillary Clinton today and U.S. Senate nominee Victor Morales.

BBB warning merchants of scam from prisoners

Special to the Herald

The Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin is warning West Texas area businesses to be wary of a nationwide jewelry scam.

The BBB received a call Thursday from David Watson, owner of Elegante Jewelers of Midland, who informed the BBB of the scam. Watson said he had been told by the U.S. Secret Service that the scam was nationwide, and being run from a Texas state prison.

Watson said he was contacted by a man who identified himself as being in a military hospital. The caller said he wanted to purchase gold coins as an investment and wanted them shipped directly overnight to a different address. He added he would pay for them by credit card.

While Watson was having the card number checked, he also contacted the U.S. Secret Service and found out the whole transaction was a scam, and was under investigation by the FBI and the Secret Service.

The BBB is warning all businesses to be wary of callers who want to do transactions in a hurry and want the merchandise shipped to a different address.

Anyone wanting to contact the BBB may call 563-1880 or 800-592-4433 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or go by the office located at Midland International Air Terminal.

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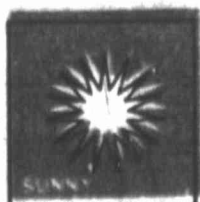
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Sharp calls program part of 'Texas tradition'

AUSTIN (AP) — A new state program designed to help welfare recipients find jobs is part of "the Texas tradition of reaching out to our needy neighbors," Comptroller John Sharp says.

The comptroller's Family Pathfinders program seeks to organize civic clubs, churches and businesses to help families wishing to find jobs and become self-sufficient.

It matches Aid to Families with Dependent Children recipients to volunteer organizations in local communities.

About 500 representatives of local organizations attended a conference on the new program Thursday, a turnout Sharp called overwhelming.

"Each of you understands that a job is the most effective tool for leaving public assistance behind," he said. "That's why the goal of Family Pathfinders is to tackle welfare reform one family at a time."

Exxon's \$250 million claim against insurers goes to jury

HOUSTON (AP) — Exxon Corp.'s long battle to secure a \$250 million insurance payment related to the 1989 Exxon Valdez disaster has been turned over to a Houston jury after a month-long trial.

The lawsuit pitting Exxon against its insurers, Lloyd's of London and some 250 other underwriters, went to jurors Thursday after attorneys summed up the month-long trial with closing arguments.

Jurors were given today off and will resume deliberations on Monday.

Exxon is hoping to recoup a portion of the \$2.4 billion it claims was spent cleaning up after the Valdez ran aground on Bligh Reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound. Some 470 miles of coastline were spoiled when 11 million gallons of oil gushed from the supertanker.

The company claims the insurers owe \$250 million under a policy that covered Exxon as owner of the oil.

Former Perot aide says he shouldn't get matching funds

DALLAS (AP) — Election officials unexpectedly postponed a final decision about whether Ross Perot qualifies for federal election money after a former Perot volunteer submitted last-minute comments calling the funding "a travesty."

In a letter to the Federal Election Commission, Herb Rosenberg, a former leader of Perot's 1992 volunteer movement in New York, said the Texas billionaire should not get federal dollars because the Reform Party is not a legitimate political party and Perot billed his 1992 candidacy as one that was purely self-financed.

"There is no connection between this Reform Party and any organization that was involved in the effort to elect H. Ross Perot as U.S. President in 1992," Rosenberg wrote. "For the commission to now extend public funds to him due to our efforts in 1992 would be a travesty."

The FEC's general counsel said in an advisory opinion that Perot qualifies for the funds because of his standing in the 1992 election.

Congressman says reporter 'invaded' his home

FRIENDSWOOD (AP) — A Republican lawmaker's visit at home from a reporter has prompted accusations of trespass and assault, although an aide later acknowledged he invited the man inside.

The Houston Press reporter, Tim Fleck, denied engaging in any physical confrontation at Congressman Steve Stockman's Houston area home on Thursday.

Former A&M secretary pleads no contest

Admits falsifying state vouchers to hide liquor purchases by regents

BRYAN (AP) — The executive secretary of the Texas A&M University System board of regents pleaded no-contest Thursday to a charge of tampering with government records.

Vickie Running, 38, acknowledged falsifying state vouchers to hide liquor purchases by regents.

State District Judge J.D. Langley, in a deal agreed to by prosecutors, placed her on six months' probation and fined her \$500, but deferred final adjudication of her case. The tampering charge will be dismissed and she'll have no permanent criminal record if she successfully completes probation.

Ms. Running, who earns \$53,000 a year as secretary to the regents, was indicted in February 1994 on three felony counts of tampering with government records.

In Thursday's plea bargain, two of those counts were dropped, and the third was reduced to a misdemeanor.

"After much contemplation over this situation, I am con-

vinced this is the best avenue for me to take," Ms. Running said in a statement issued by the A&M University System.

"I am convinced this is the best avenue for me to take. Rather than go through the time and expense of a trial, I have decided to accept the dismissal of the felony charges by the state. I believe it is time to put this behind me and move forward with my life," she said.

Regents chairman Mary Nan West and A&M chancellor Barry Thompson issued a joint statement saying they are happy that "after a very short period of informal supervision, all alleged charges... will be dismissed. We are glad this unfortunate episode is at an end."

Ms. Running's case was one of a dozen A&M officials and employees charged with crimes in the past two and a half years in connection with an investigation into A&M spending and management policies.

Eight of those individuals have been convicted or pleaded guilty or no contest. Charges

were dismissed against two others, including Sasha Waltrs, an administrative aide in the regents' office, who was indicted with Ms. Running.

Brazos County District Attorney Bill Turner said the case against Ms. Walters was dropped because of her cooperation with authorities and her minimal involvement in the voucher-altering scheme.

Turner said he agreed to the plea-bargain because he is convinced that university policies have been changed to prevent similar falsifications in the future.

Judge Langley echoed that belief.

"I hope the policies of the university have been changed," the judge told Ms. Running before accepting her plea.

"They have," she replied. Texas law prohibits the use of appropriated funds to buy liquor.

Ms. Running was accused of masking such purchases on behalf of the regents for consumption at football games,

receptions and other social functions, then listing them on expense reports as soft drinks, food, cups and ice.

She also was accused of falsifying documents requested by a reporter to change the account from which such expenses were reimbursed.

The count to which she pleaded no contest involved the alteration of records requested by the reporter. The two counts that were dismissed involved the listing of liquor as other items on vouchers.

The cases resulted from a 10-month investigation into questionable business practices at the university, including the indictment and subsequent conviction in November of former A&M vice president Robert Smith.

Smith was sentenced to one year probation and fined \$2,750 for soliciting gifts from a bookstore company that was negotiating to privatize the university's bookstore.

Drought taking its toll on illegal immigrants

SARITA, Texas (AP) — The trail peeks out from under a clump of mesquite trees whose skimpily flowers provide no shade from the merciless Texas sun.

As you plod forward, thick dust kicks up, coating your lips and scratching your throat. It takes only a moment to feel choked.

Desperate for water, you look around for relief. Empty plastic water jugs are strewn about teasingly, amid yellow and red wildflowers. Across the endless expanse of ranch land, milelong river beds — once filled with water — are bone dry.

This is the trail where two female illegal immigrants died of dehydration and heat exhaustion in the past week. About 30 miles to the west, on a similar stretch of South Texas ranch land, two other female immi-

grants died for the same reasons.

Border Patrol agents say the drought is at least partly to blame.

"It is very hot and the conditions are extremely dry," said Tom Slowinski, an agent in this town about 80 miles north of the Texas-Mexico border. The ranch town is a common gateway for illegal immigrants heading north.

"It's hard when the people are walking out there, and they don't have any ways to sustain themselves," Slowinski said. "Unfortunately tragedies like this can happen."

Allens trying to reach interior U.S. cities often hike through blazing brush country with little or no resources and depend on natural lakes and ponds for drinking water. But the persisting Texas drought has sucked

such watering holes dry.

"It used to be they could get water anywhere in the lakes, and now it's kind of hard. A lot of them are dried up already," said Chief Gavino Hernandez of the Kenedy County Sheriff's Department.

The latest victim was discovered Tuesday in the brush alongside a popular immigrant trail running through the Kenedy Ranch in Sarita. The unidentified woman, believed to be in her late 20s, was wearing a T-shirt and shorts.

Another woman in her early 30s was found on the same trail on May 29 after her brother flagged down Border Patrol agents for help, said agent Roy Chavez.

"He said he and his sister had been walking all day, and she became ill sometime during the travel and collapsed," Chavez

said. "By the time the agents and he got to where she was, she was already dead."

Chavez said the two were not carrying water.

The Kenedy Ranch trail is popular among immigrants and alien smuggling organizations, Slowinski said, adding that the latest victim probably was traveling with a group.

"She probably couldn't keep up with the group that was being smuggled, and they left her behind," he said.

Two other women were found dead of dehydration on May 28 in brushy areas near the Border Patrol checkpoint in Falfurrias.

Border Patrol agents said it is not uncommon for aliens to suffer from dehydration while crossing through Texas, particularly during the summer, when temperatures can soar into the high 90s and 100s.

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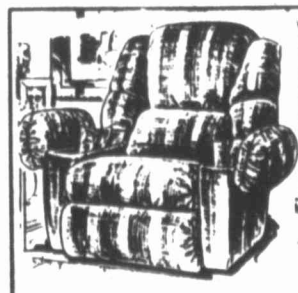
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"Intelligent discontent is the mainspring of civilization." -Eugene V. Debs

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Charles C. Williams, Publisher; John H. Walker, Managing Editor

OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

- This week we salute: Texas Utilities and the Big Spring Police Department, for working together to ensure the safety of local children through the McGruff Safety program. Those who participated in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's "Lock-up," which raised over \$9,000 to help fight muscular dystrophy. The Ackerly Sluggers, winners of the City Minor League Baseball Tournament. Jim and Carolyn Cawthron, of Rip Griffin's Truck Stop, for their commitment to and involvement in our community during their stay. Jim and Carolyn have been promoted to a Griffin facility in Phoenix and their absence will be noticed. Charlie Marmolejo, formerly of the Federal Correctional Institute, for his commitment and involvement in the community. Charlie has retired and he and his family have relocated to the Lower Rio Grande Valley, where he will be employed by Wackenhut.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing - no phone calls.

OTHER VIEWS

Like most Clinton problems, Travelgate rears its head again

Nothing, it seems, ever goes away for good in the Clinton White House. And now the Travelgate scandal is back again and snorting with new life.

Travelgate - the firing of seven long-serving White House travel office employees so their jobs could be used to reward Clinton political allies - seemed safely on its way to closure, to use a term in vogue.

The loose ends were in the hands of the special prosecutor and a bill making the fired employees whole for their legal fees was wending through Congress.

However, now comes the disclosure that seven months after his firing, the White House sought and kept the confidential FBI records of Billy Dale, the ousted travel office director.

The White House pretext for firing Dale was financial mismanagement, an allegation quickly shown to be baseless. Nonetheless, the Justice Department pursued Dale on embezzlement charges, of which a jury quickly found him innocent.

Ostensibly, the president's counsel sought Dale's private records because he was being considered for access to the White House, a ludicrous possibility in the circumstances.

The worst interpretation of the White House motive - and the one being retailed by congressional Republicans - is that the Clinton aides were not content with taking Dale's livelihood and ruining him financially. They wanted dirt to trash his reputation as well.

The kindest explanation, which is the White House's, is that a clerk carelessly included Dale's name in the haste to catch up with a growing backlog of security clearances. And, the White House points out, once it had Dale's personal file, no one bothered to look at it.

We're inclined to accept the stupidity and incompetence defense, but just the same we'd like the special prosecutor and the House committee investigating Travelgate to look into this latest White House mystery

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Space burials -- the last frontier

Determining where our final resting place will be isn't something most of us give a lot of thought, nor is the manner in which our mortal remains will be handled.

Well, at least it's not on my top 10 list of things to give much thought today. Of course, that was because an interesting story came across the Associated Press wire the other day, concerning "space burials."

It seems pretty interesting. You have your ashes - I assume they're not interested in sending caskets into orbit - placed in a container and a Houston-based company has them rocketed into space with other payload it's sending into the heavens.

Celestis Inc., a two-year-old company that advertises space funerals for \$4,800, plans to launch the ashes of at least 15 people on its "founders' flight" this fall, hitchhiking on a commercial satellite launch. The price includes a commemorative video of the launch. It's an idea that appeals to me, although the price probably puts it out of the range of most folks.

The saddest thing to me is that these "space funerals" are getting more interest than normal because Timothy Leary, the inner-space traveler and prophet of LSD who died Friday at the age of 75, decided he wanted seven grams of his ashes placed in an aluminum capsule the size of a lipstick and blasted into orbit.

Call me a "Republican," if you will - one of our readers did so the other day in canceling his subscription - but I've seen far too many people suffer terribly as a result of following Leary's "tune-in, turn-on and drop-out" proviso from the '60s. To my way of thinking, it's far more interesting that among Celestis' other scheduled passengers is Gene Roddenberry, the creator of "Star Trek" who died in 1991.

His wife, Majel Barrett Roddenberry, said this week she hopes to join her husband in space after she dies. "What a marvelous place to go," she said. "There's nothing that's going to be in your way, and I would love to just keep on going into space, although I know I'll never know about it. I just think the thought is there."

Some of Roddenberry's ashes made an earlier trip to space aboard a space shuttle, but his science fiction and fantasy contributions seem to shadow Leary's contribution to society. I guess it's just a matter of Leary's death being more recent news.

In September or October, Roddenberry's and Leary's remains will be among those to be strapped to the final stage of a rocket being launched by Orbital Sciences Corp., said Charles Chafer, a Celestis vice president.

Once in orbit, the cosmic mausoleum will separate from

Orbital Sciences' primary payload, a Spanish communications satellite. Celestis says the ashes should orbit for between 18 months to 10 years before they plunge back into the atmosphere and burning up.

"What we've done is kind of an ashes-to-ashes situation," Chafer told the AP. "Most of the people that select our service are space nuts in and of themselves, and an awful lot of them don't want to have more debris in space."

Perhaps it's only fitting that Leary and Roddenberry be among the first involved in a "burial in space" ceremony, but there's not much doubt which one meant more to man's quest to search the cosmos.

It says here, in fact, that Roddenberry's "Star Trek" creation had more effect in peaking space exploration interest than anything NASA's accomplished.

What a trip! John A. Moseley is assistant news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.



John Moseley, Asst. News Editor

Suspicious and loyalties in the Middle East

By WILBUR G. LANDREY, St. Petersburg Times

AMMAN, Jordan - King Hussein went out of his way to assure Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that Jordan wouldn't allow the new Israeli government to play one of them against the other to deny the Palestinians an independent state.

"It is impossible to see Jordan involved in this," the king said. "We will never, under any conditions, be a substitute for (the Palestinians). We don't impose ourselves on them. They are the ones to decide; our job is to support them."

The words were clear, but in the conspiracy-minded Middle East, some suspicions will remain despite the fact they were uttered after a meeting among Arafat, Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in the Jordanian port of Aqaba on Wednesday.

The leaders sounded as upbeat as they could, saying that it is too early to judge Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu and that they are firmly convinced he will carry out Israel's commitments.

Yet the meeting underlined divisions that still make it hard to get the Arab leaders around the same table. Not only was Syrian President Hafez Assad, on the outs with Hussein, absent Wednesday, but so was any leader from Saudi Arabia, which is only slowly patching up relations with the Jordanian monarch.

Assad met with Mubarak in Egypt a couple of days ago where they held their own news conference. On Friday, the Saudis will host their meeting with Assad and Mubarak but not Hussein, who will be off to the United States, no doubt to receive his own assur-

ances from President Clinton. All this has its roots in past Arab quarrels, but Netanyahu's election provides another impulse for the Arab states to again begin chasing the will-o-the-wisp of Arab unity.

Mubarak is at the center of all the gatherings, obviously hoping to get everyone together at another meeting that would agree on a united Arab stand, not only to confront Netanyahu but to agree on giving him a chance.

The perennial suspicions of Hussein spring from the fact that Jordan incorporated the West Bank in 1950, after the war that established Israel, and ruled it until 1967, when Hussein, deceived by then-Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser, entered the war against Israel.

Only in 1988 did Hussein finally give up his claim to the territory. In the meantime, he had to fight a bloody war to keep the PLO from taking over Jordan in 1970 and suffer the rebuff by other Arab leaders who in 1974 reaffirmed the PLO as the sole leader of the Palestinians.

As late as September 1993, Hussein was surprised by the Oslo agreement between the PLO and Israel at a time when

the PLO was part of his delegation at the formal peace talks in Washington. Again Jordan's role in the Middle East appeared diminished.

The peace between Israel and the PLO nevertheless opened the way for Hussein to be able to conclude his own peace with the Jewish state and establish what are the warmest relations with it of any Arab state.

Israeli governments have tried to play the Jordanian card against Arafat and the PLO before, and Netanyahu is widely suspected of wanting to try again - a temptation that Hussein appeared to be warning him against.

And the question remains about the relations between Jordan and a future Palestinian state. Will it be a federation, a confederation or what?

While they smiled, embraced and shook hands before the television cameras, Hussein and Mubarak have hardly been on speaking terms since the Persian Gulf war, when Egypt joined the American-led coalition against Saddam Hussein and King Hussein tried to stay neutral.

He then accused Egypt of torpedoing a Jordanian attempt to win a peaceful settlement of the Kuwait crisis.

And with Hussein's own almost warm relations with the United States and Israel, Mubarak may have reason to suspect that the Jordanian king is now his rival for the title of America's major Arab partner in the Middle East.

Relations between Jordan and the Saudis suffered the same setback in the Gulf War when Saudi Arabia led the Persian Gulf states in cutting off cheap oil and subsidies to the Jordanian monarch, most of which still have not been restored.

As for Assad and King Hussein, they have been enemies off and on for years. Assad disapproves of Jordan's too warm rapprochement with Israel. Jordanian newspapers have carried reports of Syrian agents provocateurs trying to infiltrate Jordan.

Syria represents the extreme suspicion of Netanyahu, Jordan perhaps the extreme of trust.

The Islamic extremists who gave us the Hamas suicide bombers are as such a danger to the Arab leaders as they are to Israel. The Jewish extremists who gave us the assassin Yigal Amir are as such a danger to Israel as they are to Arab.

Together they have conspired and acted against peace.

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Air Force lists several factors in crash of Brown's plane

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force is casting a wide net of blame for the plane crash that killed Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 34 others in Croatia. The Air Force's 2-month investigation cites pilot error, military commander misjudgments, and outdated navigation equipment as contributing to the tragedy, Defense Secretary William Perry said Thursday. The Air Force was scheduled to release its conclusions today. The 22-volume, 7,000-plus page report will attempt to explain why the plane crashed short of Dubrovnik airport on April 3 in a heavy rainstorm. Only the U.S. flag-decorated tail section remained intact, sheltering the lone survivor who died en route to a hospital.

Family of four elects to leave Freeman ranch

JORDAN, Mont. (AP) — A family of four, including two children, left the Freeman ranch days after the FBI cut off the group's electricity and began other pressure tactics to try to end the 2-month-old standoff. The departures Thursday afternoon of the Ward family — the first from the compound since April — led some lawmakers to speculate that authorities would now move quickly and aggressively to force a surrender. "Now they can do what they have to do," said Montana state Rep. Joe Quilici of Butte, one of four state legislators involved in early talks with the anti-government group. "You should see things start moving now." Others insisted the FBI still was hoping for a peaceful end to the 75-day-old standoff, noting that a 16-year-old girl remained on the eastern Montana ranch.

Dole wants GOP to soften its anti-abortion stance

WASHINGTON (AP) — Walking a delicate line on the volatile abortion issue, Bob Dole wants the Republican Party to maintain its anti-abortion stance but add a "declaration of tolerance" to its platform so those who disagree will feel welcome. In a statement issued Thursday night, the presumptive GOP presidential nominee said he supported Republican platform language calling for a constitutional amendment banning abortion. "I will not accept a retreat from those commitments," Dole said. Still, in an overture to abortion-rights supporters who oppose the conservative platform language, Dole said: "Our convention must reflect not only our strong pro-life convictions, but a decent regard for the opinions of those who disagree. This is not compromise, it is civility." It was the first time Dole said flatly that he wanted to change the existing Republican platform. But his statement was carefully worded to prevent, or at least limit, criticism from anti-abortion forces.

Pesticides, other pollutants create a deadly mix

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pesticides in the environment that have been linked to breast cancer and male birth defects may be up to 1,000 times more damaging when paired with other pollutants than when working alone, a study reports today. The finding was called "astounding" by a federal environmental official, who said it may lead to major changes in methods of measuring the environmental effects of chemicals. Published today in the journal Science, the study centered on endosulfan, dieldrin, toxaphene, and chlordane, all pesticide chemicals that are known to activate a gene that makes estrogen in animals.

Senate panel cancels plan to question Hale

WASHINGTON (AP) — With only a week left in its Whitewater investigation, a Senate panel canceled plans to question President Clinton's chief accuser, who refuses to speak unless ordered by a court or given immunity. The Senate Whitewater Committee subpoenaed former Arkansas banker David Hale to appear today for questioning behind closed doors. But Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., the panel's chairman, told its ranking Democrat, Maryland Sen. Paul Sarbanes, on Thursday evening he decided against summoning Hale, according to Democratic aides. "The subpoena smoked him (Hale) out," said David Carle, a spokesman for the committee Democrats. "The name of his game is blanket immunity and he will blatantly manipulate the committee to get it." D'Amato's spokesmen didn't return telephone calls seeking comment. Hale's attorney, John Mintz, said he believed Hale's notice to the committee that he would not answer its questions without an immunity grant was behind D'Amato's decision. Hale made it clear his Senate appearance "would be pointless," Mintz said. "The committee's still struggling with what they're going to do about that." He declined further comment. D'Amato had been pushing for Hale's testimony and for the committee to grant him limited immunity, which would mean his Senate testimony could not be used against him in other cases. Hale, who began serving a 28-month federal sentence last Friday for defrauding the federal government through his lending company, has said he would assert his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. A state prosecutor in Arkansas disclosed he plans to

charge Hale by July 16 with stealing \$150,000 from a burial insurance company he controlled. Earlier Thursday, D'Amato had proposed using a special procedure aimed at getting Hale to testify to the committee before it goes out of business next Friday. The committee's chief Democratic counsel rebuffed the proposal, which called for asking a legal expert to determine whether Hale should be forced to testify without a grant of limited immunity. D'Amato has wanted Hale to testify about a \$300,000 loan made by his government-backed lending company to Susan McDougal in 1986. Hale testified last month in a federal trial of Ms. McDougal; her former husband, James McDougal, and Arkansas Gov. Jim Guy Tucker that Clinton, then Arkansas' governor, had pressured him to make the loan. Clinton testified by videotaped deposition in the same trial that he had never talked with Hale about money. The McDougals, who owned the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, and the Clintons were partners in the Whitewater real estate venture. Mintz wrote D'Amato and Sarbanes on Thursday that, without immunity, any Senate testimony by Hale "may be used against him in some fashion in connection with an announced criminal prosecution ... in Arkansas and any other state or federal prosecution." Mintz asked the panel to spare Hale the "embarrassment" of "having to appear in person for the sole purpose of stating his privilege claim." The committee voted Wednesday to seek a court ruling on whether Hale can legally refuse to answer the panel's questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment right.

Senate kills budget amendment, but question won't just disappear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate defeat of the balanced-budget constitutional amendment kills the measure for this year, but Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole thinks he's gained an issue for his White House race. To no one's surprise, senators rejected the proposal Thursday, voting for it 64-35 — two votes shy of the two-thirds majority required to alter the Constitution. Dole, the outgoing Senate majority leader, brought the matter to its second unsuccessful vote in 15 months knowing that President Clinton's opposition put him at odds with the vast majority of Americans who support the idea. "We'll be back next year," said Dole, R-Kan., seemingly speaking of efforts to revive the amendment and his own campaign for the White House. The amendment would have required an end to deficits by 2002, but leave unanswered the question that has stymied politi-

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Agriculture Secretary discusses drought relief with lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will release 45 million bushels of emergency feed grain reserves to help farmers and ranchers pinched by the severe drought, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman says. Emerging from a Capitol Hill meeting Thursday with Texas lawmakers, Glickman confirmed that the administration has decided to tap the emergency reserves of corn, barley and grain sorghum. The reserves have a market value of approximately \$200 million. Congress this week approved a resolution urging the Agriculture Department to release the feed grains. A 1970 law permits the release of commodity reserves during emergencies, either by presidential disaster declaration or congressional resolution. Parts of the South and Southwest are experiencing the worst drought in more than a century, leaving grain stocks at record-low levels and forcing the sale of livestock at disaster prices. Texas officials estimate the drought already has cost growers some \$2.4 billion, making it the second-worst natural disaster to hit the state this century. Before the reserves are released, Glickman said, his department must decide where to sell the grain, whether prices should be at market value or

lower, and where to plow back the profits. President Clinton "wants a plan in place before the grain is released to make sure it's out sensibly and responsibly," he said. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, who had been critical of Clinton's refusal to declare the drought a disaster, pronounced himself "delighted" by the impending grain sale. While welcoming sale of the reserves, Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Clarendon Republican who himself is a rancher, said it's likely to produce little relief. "I don't know that it's going to

have an appreciable effect on the price of grain," he said. Nonetheless, Thornberry added: "The bottom line really is that there are only very small things the federal government can do to help. And we ought to do all that we can to help." Glickman went to Capitol Hill at the request of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, to brief the Texans about the steps the government is taking to help farmers and ranchers reeling from the lack of rain. Some Republicans had questioned whether the government was doing enough.

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Netanyahu's new policy guidelines call for strengthening settlements

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister-elect Benjamin Netanyahu is committed to expanding Jewish settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to a draft of policy guidelines disclosed by Israeli news media today.

The draft also rules out the creation of a Palestinian state, a division of Jerusalem and an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak said today that a final

decision on guidelines would be made next week. "There are all kinds of drafts, some were published, some were not," Bazak told The Associated Press.

A significant expansion of the 144 Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza would cause an immediate crisis between a Netanyahu government and the Palestinians and cast a shadow over attempts to negotiate a final peace agreement.

In a public exchange with

Netanyahu this week, Yasser Arafat said that the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, with Jerusalem as its capital, was inevitable, despite Netanyahu's objections.

Netanyahu ran on a hard-line platform, but since his election victory on May 29 has sought to balance the right-wing ideology of his Likud Party with the need to reassure Arab partners and Israelis concerned about the fate of the peace process.

The draft of policy guidelines

— reported in the Maariv newspaper and by Israel radio — suggested that, at least on paper, Netanyahu remained close to the positions he held as a candidate.

The document defines the Jordan River as Israel's eastern border. It says Israel will maintain control over water resources in the West Bank and give Israeli security forces greater freedom of operation in the area, one-third of which is now controlled by Palestinian

police. "Settlement in all parts of the Land of Israel is an expression of our right to the land and it represents an inseparable part of our national security," Maariv quoted from the document.

"The government will ensure the continued existence and development of new settlements and will allot the required funds for that purpose."

Netanyahu's narrow defeat of Prime Minister Shimon Peres

was in part a result of the overwhelming support he won from Jewish settlers and religious Jews, many of whom oppose giving up parts of what they consider the biblical Land of Israel, including the West Bank and Gaza.

In a related development, Maariv said Netanyahu planned to broaden his authority, "White House-style," by bringing a number of government offices under his direct control.

Investors hold breath, hanging back waiting for Russian vote result

MOSCOW (AP) — Doing business in Russia has always been risky. But only those with big pockets or cool nerves are willing to take any chances ahead of next week's presidential elections.

Investors are holding off on billions of dollars' worth of projects — partly for fear Communists will be voted back into power and partly because all efforts to improve Russia's tax laws, land code and other life-or-death questions for businesses have been shelved until after the June 16 vote.

"Political factors are not as important to businesses as the operating environment, but the atmosphere is so politicized that it's having an impact on those things, too," says Peter Charow, executive director of the American Chamber of Commerce in Moscow.

The paralysis is felt throughout Russia's rickety economy. Many Russian companies aren't paying bills or taxes, not knowing who might be collecting next month or how strictly.

The biggest Western players appear confident that Russia will ride out the storm, and are forging ahead. Moscow still looks like a boomtown, its skyline bristling with construction cranes.

Just this spring, McDonald's opened two new Moscow restaurants, General Electric signed on to make jet engines, PepsiCo launched a splashy \$550 million investment campaign and Baskin Robbins opened its first Russian ice-cream plant.

"The elections are not affecting our expansion plans," says Marc Winer, general director of Moscow McDonald's. "We've lived through a lot of changes here already and our experience has been very positive."

Per Mellstrom, head of

research in the Moscow office of Brunswick brokerage house, says such giant, consumer-oriented companies "have reasons to neglect risk and invest anyway, to secure market share. ... These are longer-term commitments."

International lenders like the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund also continue to commit billions of dollars to Russia — contingent on continuation of Yeltsin-style reforms.

Russia's puny stock market has come back to life. Portfolio investors — who take shorter-term risks — have been attracted by low prices and are betting on Yeltsin.

But much direct investment has been put on hold.

Vladimir Shcherbakov, a leader of Russia's Business Roundtable and head of a political party of Russian industrialists, says he is waiting until after the elections before making business decisions.

"In the last half year, we have prepared projects for \$2 billion (in largely Western investments) — just us. Everyone's agreed to it, but nobody gives a kopeck. Everyone's waiting for the elections to be over," he told a news conference called by the Yeltsin campaign this week.

Russia's huge oil and gas companies, which have close ties to the government, are actively involved in Yeltsin's campaign. They say their plans depend on his re-election.

Western firms that have yet to really dive into the Russian market are prone to wait. Unilever chairman Morris Tabakshlat said last week, for instance, that the Anglo-Dutch consumer-products group hopes to expand its Russian operations — but only if Yeltsin wins.

OPEC continues talk on Iraq's return

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC ministers showed fresh signs of discord today as they haggled over how to avoid an oil price collapse when Iraq returns to the market.

Algerian oil minister Ammar Makhloufi said he hopes to get a higher production quota — even though others in OPEC say the only way out of their current dilemma is to raise Iraq's quota while leaving others unchanged and cutting back on overproduction.

OPEC sources said Algeria might object to any OPEC production ceiling that leaves its quota at 750,000 barrels a day.

It was the cartel's third day of talks on Iraq's return to the oil market, a specter that has haunted OPEC since the Persian Gulf War. It could lead to a price drop if the market ends up flooded with crude oil as recent strong demand dries up.

Iraq, with the world's second-largest oil reserves, has been banned from oil exports since its invasion of neighboring Kuwait in August 1990. The United Nations will now allow it to sell limited amounts of oil to buy food and medicine for its

suffering people. OPEC ministers agree they must raise OPEC's stated level of production to make room.

But this will be a sticky issue, because it is unclear when Iraq will be back, or how much oil it will pump. Under the U.N. deal, Iraq can sell \$1 billion of oil every 90 days.

Because the deal specifies a dollar target rather than a volume target, a new production quota for Iraq is hard to set. At current prices the Iraqis would sell 700,000 barrels a day. But if prices drop, Iraq would have to sell more barrels, in what could become a vicious circle.

Iraq's return comes at a time when oil prices are relatively high, which makes the issue more palatable for OPEC, but also at a time when many members of the cartel have taken advantage of the high prices by cheating on their own production quotas. That complicates the matter because nobody wants to cut back.

Ministers believe there might be room for Iraq in the market if the others reduce their quota-busting — but this has always been an insoluble problem for

the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

For some time, Venezuela has been accused as the biggest cheater, pumping an estimated 600,000 barrels a day over its quota of 2.395 million — but analysts say virtually everybody in OPEC is pumping too much.

OPEC's production ceiling is 24.52 million barrels a day, but the actual total believed to be about 1.5 million barrels higher.

The International Energy Agency in Paris said today that OPEC produced 26.1 million barrels a day last month, about 2.1 million barrels higher than expected third-quarter demand.

An OPEC source, who spoke to reporters late Thursday on condition of anonymity, said the cartel is likely to make a statement about overproduction whenever the meeting finishes.

Iraq says it wants to begin exporting 800,000 barrels a day.

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U.S., Chinese grappling as treaty deadline nears

GENEVA (AP) — China dropped its demand to continue "peaceful" nuclear tests under a proposed global test ban Thursday, but the United States dismissed the move as a veiled attempt to limit international inspections.

"This is a major move by the Chinese government for the sake of an early treaty," said Chinese Ambassador Sha Zukang. "It is our hope that other countries will seriously consider this formulation and reciprocate with the same spirit of flexibility."

Sha told the the 38-nation Conference on Disarmament that China wants to be able to reopen the issue later. China has said peaceful nuclear explosions might be used for massive construction projects or energy production.

But U.S. chief negotiator

Stephen J. Ledogar charged that China was merely using the concession to make other countries give ground on inspections provisions, making it harder to verify possible Chinese treaty violations.

"That just stands truth on its head," Ledogar told The Associated Press. "I find this quite outrageous."

He said the Chinese concession was ironic in light of reports that China is about to explode another nuclear bomb at its test site.

The environmental organization Greenpeace, which has been mounting a campaign to pressure China, was also critical of Beijing's new position, calling it a "non-compromise."

Other countries have rejected the idea of permitting civilian nuclear explosions.

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Cowboy Ranch: Visitors afforded hearty helping of the Old West

MILL CREEK, Okla. (AP) — It's a picture of the West the way it used to be — cowboys with dusty hats and chaps riding herd on horseback and dining on beans and cobbler from dutch ovens before sitting around an open fire listening to the day's tales told through the verse of cowboy poet.

It's not a picture bigger than life on the silver screen, but an up-close and personal look at a day in the life of a cowboy from the 1800s. This is the Legend of the Cowboy Camp, where visitors are urged to "check your guns with the cook" and strap on authentic cowboy duds to live the life of their heroes for a week.

A group of about 90 visitors from across the state converged on the Gray Ranch near Mill Creek to see for themselves how life on the range was for the cowboys, courtesy of hosts Don McMeans and Keith Gray. In a natural setting beside a bubbling Pennington Creek, they experienced most everything except sleeping under the stars.

Maki Hanada had seen cowboys, of course, but seeing them surrounded by their natu-

ral habitat and performing their duties like they did when the country was young. Ms. Hanada learned some things aren't that different.

Watching cattle being herded into the corral, Ms. Hanada and her parents, Mat and Nori Hanada who work with the Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce tourism department, pulled aside one of the cowboys and asked a seemingly endless stream of questions about the animal's ages, diet and how the cowboys care for them. Casey Runyan, who is part of the nearby 3 C Cattle Co., explained how still today they ride horseback covering 15 pastures to watch 700 head of cattle.

"On each ranch we help each other out whenever something needs to be done," he said. "It's cheaper than having to hire somebody." He also explained the concept of team roping as a skill cowboys used to doctor a calf with the others. "For most everything you see in a rodeo, there's a history behind what the cowboys used it for."

Teaching the public those skills is something McMeans and Gray hope to accomplish

through their "City Slicker" type encampment.

"Several years ago, we got to thinking about the working cowboy and what he's meant to us and the impact he's had on our lives," McMeans said. "We thought, how great it would be to build a camp and bring people out here. All our efforts have been to bring back the type of camp they've had 100 years ago. They will dress in old clothes from the late 1800s and participate in daily activities and team competitions."

Adding to the authenticity is the true cowboy "grub" rustled up by Brandon Reid of Fort Worth, Texas, who operates a chuckwagon catering business for such occasions.

To Reid, there's one main ingredient which defines cowboy cooking — "a cantankerous cook." Other than that, it's naturally all the way.

"I met an old cowboy and his wife that do it for a living around the Van Horn area and the Guadalupe," he said. "I started out learning how to make bread and cooking cobbler. It became a calling, I guess."

His dark eyes shining from

underneath his wide-brimmed black cowboy hat and a smile turning up the corners of his handlebar moustache, Reid poked the fire underneath cast iron kettles hung over coals as he explained his craft.

"There's such an art to doing this," he said. "The main part of the art of it is making bread from scratch and the cobbler from scratch. When you start firing up those ovens with bread in it, people come running."

Gray said the camp is designed for the corporate market and for international tourists as a way to promote tourism into Oklahoma and help build leadership and teamwork in the business world. It's also an attempt to recapture some of the magic of the past so it will live on in the hearts of the people.

"This is the heart of the country and we have something to offer the rest of the world," he said. "This is as close as we can get to how it used to be and we're excited to share it with people."

Recycler gives away dated brew, but ABC officials not amused

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — It seemed too good to be true: thousands of cases of slightly out-of-date bottled beer — free.

One answer to the Texas drought? A way to recycle glass bottles?

It turned into serious business when the owner of a San Marcos recycling company landed in jail.

"I put out the word. The beer is free, but you have to bring the bottles back. We started with over 60,000 beers and gave 51,000 away to the community," said Kyle Hahn, who opened his recycling business last year.

But he said he advised visitors to the Green Guy Recycling Center the brew was not for sale, that they should inspect the contents for spoilage and — return the bottles.

"People offered money, but I would not accept it except as a donation to the recycling center," he told the San Antonio Express-News.

But a Hays County Sheriff's Office undercover agent said he bought two cases of imported

stout from the center last week.

After the purchase, Hahn was charged Saturday with two misdemeanor counts related to the unlicensed sale of alcohol and released on \$4,000 bond. Police also confiscated 6,909 bottles of dated beer and ale.

"He just said it was a good price, and he had to get it all out of there. I bought two cases for \$6," said John McGuire, a captain in the narcotics division.

"He's just a typical bootlegger," McGuire said.

But Hahn said he intends to fight the charges.

"As far as I know, the undercover guy was the only one who insisted on paying. I told him it was free. Take a whole pickup load. But he set the money down on a case," said Hahn, 25.

He said Shiner of Austin, a beer distributor now out of business, asked for his help earlier this year in getting rid of 5,000 cases of old beer on which about \$7,000 in state taxes had been paid.

Book recounts author's journey through racism

FORT WORTH (AP) — "I know it's crazy," said Elizabeth Griffin-Bonazzi. "I've married two writers and one is doing the biography of the other. But it just seems so natural, kind of crazy and great."

Thirty-five years after her first husband, Fort Worth author John Howard Griffin, published "Black Like Me," a profoundly influential, first-person exploration of American racism, Griffin-Bonazzi's second husband has completed Griffin's official biography.

"Strangers in the Mirror," which poet Robert Bonazzi recently shipped to a New York literary agent, is the first full-scale account of Griffin's life and professional career, much of which is generally unknown.

"Black Like Me" is only one part of a fascinating life story, and it has tended to overshadow many of Griffin's other achievements," Bonazzi said in an interview at his Seminary Hills home in south Fort Worth.

Completion of the biography also fulfills a shared passion.

"Griffin was my friend, fellow artist and mentor," said Bonazzi, who first met the writer in 1966, and married his widow in 1983, three years after Griffin's death. "At one point, doing the biography just seemed logical."

Explained Griffin-Bonazzi: "Howard was unique."

"If I remarried, it was going to have to be to someone who shared my concern for his legacy. It may sound silly, but I think I knew that only Robert had the insights, or the connection, to be able to do this biography."

"Black Like Me," for which Griffin darkened his skin, shaved his head and traveled the South in 1959 posing as a black man, was published first as a six-part series in the Fort Worth-based Sepia magazine, and then as a full-length book in 1961.

To date, it has sold more than 10 million copies worldwide, Bonazzi said, and has been translated into 14 languages.

Newsweek in 1961 called "Black Like Me" "a piercing and memorable document."

Dan Wakefield in the New York Times Book Review lauded the book as "a brief, unsettling, and essential document of contemporary American life."

Yet for all the notoriety and praise "Black Like Me" generated for Griffin, the experience eventually became for him a personal "nightmare," as Bonazzi puts it.

"It changed his whole life," Bonazzi said. "In some ways it swallowed him, professionally. For one thing, he never wrote fiction again."

Bonazzi said Griffin's "Black Like Me" adventure typified the writer's determination to directly learn of life from life.

"The key thing was to

immerse himself in something greater than himself," the biographer said.

So it was at age 15 that Griffin, disappointed with the quality of education in the Fort Worth public schools, wrote to a French boarding school, the Lycee Descartes in Tours, seeking admission for which he was willing to work as a janitor.

Griffin, who spoke no French at the time, later told Bonazzi that he had found the school's name and address in a magazine.

"Six weeks later," Bonazzi said, "he got a letter back. 'You can come,' it said. 'You don't have to sweep the floors. Tuition will be free.'"

Griffin graduated from the Lycee in 1937, and matriculated as a medical student at the University of Poitiers, where he began to study psychiatry.

At the same time, the teenager also assisted in the experimental use of music, specifically Gregorian chant, as therapy for inmates at a mental hospital in Tours.

With the outbreak of World War II, the hospital director was conscripted into the French army. Griffin was left in charge.

Before being forced to flee France, Griffin joined the French resistance. He turned the hospital into a way station

on the underground railroad, providing Jewish children with straitjackets as disguises as they were surreptitiously moved across the French countryside to safety.

Griffin later wrote that that encounter with the repugnance and horror of Nazi anti-Semitism was a chief motivation for assuming a black identity to personally experience racial hatred in "Black Like Me."

Back in the United States, he joined the Army Air Corps in 1941, and was shipped to the South Pacific as an intelligence officer. There, according to Bonazzi, Griffin contracted a form of malaria curious for its multi-year incubation period. He also suffered a concussion during a Japanese bombardment.

Doctors would later tell his wife, Elizabeth, that the physical shock her husband received, possibly together with his then-undiagnosed diabetes, probably caused Griffin's ensuing slide into blindness.

Warned by physicians that he would probably be totally blind within a year, Griffin returned to France in the summer of 1946 and studied Gregorian chant for several months with the Benedictines at the Abbey of Solesmes.

Returned once again to the United States and the farm his parents had purchased in Mansfield, Griffin took up lecturing on musicology and completed two novels.

Dictating first in French into an old-style wire recorder, and then translating the narrative into English on a typewriter, Griffin in seven weeks produced the sometimes steamy "The Devil Rides Outside," published in 1962.

Based in part on his experiences in Solesmes, the novel was attacked as pornographic in a legal battle ultimately decided in Griffin's favor by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The second novel, "Nuni," drawn from his South Seas experience, was issued in 1966.

In 1950, he met Elizabeth Holland of Mansfield and married her in 1953 when she was 17, only four days after she graduated from Our Lady of Victory preparatory school in Fort Worth. Griffin was 32.

"I was always attracted to older men," Griffin-Bonazzi said. "And he was just by far the most interesting man I'd ever run across."



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A guide to being fashionable and 50-plus

Scripps Howard News Service

"I hate to go shopping because I can never find anything that's flattering." "The styles are too young." "All the designer clothes are for women who are thin — and rich!"

These are the oft-heard laments of women 50 and older, who say they're frustrated by fashion's obsession with youth at a time when they're, not getting any younger — or thinner.

Those in and around the industry admit there is validity to the criticism, but they also have ideas on dressing your best — at any age.

Let's note from the outset that if you want to look good, it's going to take some work. Few women are so blessed with beauty and grace that they can roll out of bed looking gorgeous every day, no matter whether they're 25 or 55.

"What I see are a whole lot of people who give up. They don't try any more," says Emily Cho, a New York image consultant whose latest book, "Instant Style," co-authored with Neila Fisher, offers 500 tips on fashion and beauty.

"Once in a while, I'll see a client who looks fabulous just because she's put on the right scarf or belt, or makeup. She made the effort."

Comfort is important, but shouldn't be an excuse for dressing like a slob or spending

90 percent of your life in a sweat suit, she says.

Presuming you are going to make the effort, where are the clothes?

"It's an extraordinarily difficult season for those of us who are not 100 pounds and 5-foot-9 inches tall," says Robyn Wackerli, 50, a Denver image consultant.

She says she wasn't wild about styles of the 1960s and 1970s the first time around, and now that they're popular again, "it's not an inspiration."

Instead of spending a lot of time in the stores with her clients, she says she has been "shopping in their closets," finding new ways of wearing the styles that already fit and flatter them.

Vicky Hakim, 51, a personal shopper at Joslins department store in Denver, agrees that many designers cater to a size 6 or 8, rather than the more typical size 10 she helps.

She steers her clients toward clean, traditional looks rather than trendy lines.

Hakim also counsels her clients to buy the best quality their budget allows, especially if they have figure problems.

"I learned this from a buyer years ago," Hakim says. "If you're hard to fit, stick to expensive clothes." A thin person can get by with an imperfect dress, but if you're heavy or older, good fabrics and tailoring are going to flatter you.

Wearing the right lingerie is important, she says. She often recommends women invest in an all-in-one undergarment that has a bra and girdle-type cover for the hips and stomach. She also recommends control-top hosiery to help hold in the tummy and buttocks.

Unless you're very fashion forward and fit, don't even think about wearing skinny pants and very short skirts, Wackerli says. Wackerli also believes in wearing skirts at the length that suits you.

She's suggesting clients hem skirts at every length from mid-thigh to the ankle, depending on what flatters the woman.

Still, she dismisses the idea that only certain types of clothes can be worn by the young.

"I will never be held to any age," she says. "Figure plays a big part in how good you look — women now are more fit than they ever have been before. But you have to accept the fact that you change. This is a natural process and there's grace, dignity and wonderful style to be found at any age."

Older women still buy young beauty aids

Conventional wisdom aside, the majority of American women 50 and older keep buying all the beauty aids they used in their younger years, according to a survey by The Senior Panel, a service of Research 100, a Princeton, N.Y.

market research company.

For example: 63 percent of women say they are using the same amount of hair coloring; 77 percent the same amount of skin care potions, 60 percent cosmetics, 68 percent hair styling products, and 88 percent shampoo and conditioners.

The only areas showing decline in usage were cosmetics and hair styling products.

The fashion industry has also erred in not catering to the mature woman. This consumer doesn't stop buying clothes as she gets older, says Hazel Jackson, associate professor of apparel design and merchandising at California State University at Long Beach.

Jackson, 54, for 10 years has been focusing on the 55-plus consumer's spending habits. She studied government consumer expenditure surveys and found that there is little relationship between age and spending level, until age 80.

"All the earlier studies before had said people stopped spending on attire," she says. "We found that was not the case."

"About one-quarter of the sample that we identified were making significant purchases and the higher their income, the more they spent. Age wasn't the determining factor."

"Now, as baby boomers age, we will have a much larger population of people who will need attention. I don't think enough study has been done on

what they want from the retail environment, whether it's companions to shop with or a special mall where they won't have to put up with teenagers.

"What we do know is that they want quality, clothes that fit and will last."

Just putting elastic in a skirt waist doesn't cut it, either, Jackson says. "Many clothes don't fit our body proportions."

She lauds the underwear and hosiery industry for adding more sizes; such companies as Levi Strauss, who offer "relaxed" fit jeans to accommodate wider hips; and Land's End, whose catalog offers detailed body measurements as a guide to knowing what size to order.

quickly.

- Wear slimming undergarments that will minimize the bulges and lumps in your figure when you wear knits or other close-fitting clothes.
- Add color to your wardrobe with a bright T-shirt under a black and white suit.
- Buy fewer, better accessories rather than changing costume jewelry ensembles every day. The right pair of earrings and bracelet can be worn with many outfits.
- If you're spreading around the middle, cover it with a third layer, be it a work shirt worn as a jacket over a T-shirt, a vest, or a blouse tied in a knot below the waist.
- Just because your hair is turning gray, you don't have to leave it that way. "People are using hair color like makeup — and if your current color isn't flattering and making you feel good, change it," Cho says.
- When it comes to makeup, use enough that it enhances your face without calling too much attention to it. In applying cosmetics, use more finesse and get lessons periodically so you stay current.
- DON'T**
- Make the mistake of thinking that junior styles will make you look younger.
- Make getting dressed complicated. It shouldn't scream a designer or a certain date. It should have a classic, confident elegance to it.

WARDROBE DO'S AND DON'TS

- DO:**
- Analyze what works in your closet and figure out how to maximize its use.
 - Sell or donate to charity clothes that no longer suit your shape or style and find new ways to wear the styles you already own.
 - Buy quality. Young people can get by with wearing inexpensive styles, but they don't always flatter a mature woman.
 - Regularly update your shoes and accessories; nothing will date your wardrobe more

SYMPHONY GUILD GATHERING

The Big Spring Symphony Guild had their annual membership brunch June 1 at the Proud Citizens Headquarters. Cynthia Scott, president, presided over the program and welcomed new members. Polly St. Clair and Pat Simmons gave a short presentation about Keep Texas Beautiful and several projects the Proud Citizens Committee is working on. Everyone involved in the guild looks forward to supporting the Big Spring Symphony Association next season.

ABWA auction set for Monday

HERALD Staff Report

The Scenic Cactus Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is sponsoring its second annual scholarship auction June 10.

The event starts at 7 p.m. at the Garrett Hall of First United Methodist Church. Proceeds from the auction benefit ABWA's scholarship fund. The club gives two scholarships per year to a female trying to further her education at Howard College. They have also donated to the Alice B. Haynes Scholarship Fund at the college.

The recipients must be in good standing with the college, have a good grade point average and they aren't able to receive assistance from other sources. "The scholarships are for women who would otherwise struggle to make ends meet if they attended college. We gave scholarships to someone pursuing a nursing career and another as an office assistant last year," said Danelle Castillo, ABWA secretary.

The number of scholarships to be given out this year will depend on the success of Monday night's auction.

Area merchants donated the auction items including meal certificates, grocery shopping sprees, oil changes, floral certificates, hair care items and appointments, massage certificates, antiques and more.

Members of ABWA are encouraged to attend and the public is also invited.

What to do when the boss brings chips

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: Our hefty beauty salon owner has gone on a no-fat kick and all her employees are expected to follow. She's so thrilled about the potato chips made with a new fat substitute that she schleps in a hefty bag each morning and puts a plate of them at each work station. Aside from the fact that I hate to have any food around my hair styling tools, I have no intention of eating fake fat. I'm a weight lifter and a health food addict, but I don't want to offend my chubby boss or lose an excellent job providing great tips. How do I say, "Keep your junk food to yourself" without sounding rude? — Hairdresser Hunk, Grand Junction, Colo.

A: I couldn't agree with you more. But I don't suspect your boss would appreciate either of our attitudes. So just focus on your need for a clean, sanitary work station without any kind of food around, including the no-fat chips. If she's an intelligent businesswoman, she'll appreciate your attitude.

Q: How would you deal with a boss who refuses to accept a call from anyone who telephones him on a "squawk box"? I'm not kidding! He has a real thing about it, claiming that he wouldn't take a call from the president of the United States (I don't believe him) if it came in on a speaker phone. "I like my privacy," he explains to everyone, "and a squawk box is like a fax — the whole world knows your business." I'm trying to follow my

employer's orders, but it's very embarrassing to dictate to people how they can contact our boss. What's wrong with this guy using a squawk box in our office or, for that matter, accepting a fax or two from customers? He sounds like an angry parrot, anyway! — Anonymous in Grand Island, Neb.

A: Quit complaining and start following your boss's orders! Even if your employer sounds like an escapee from the Amazon jungle, he still is the guy who hands you your pay envelope. And unless it's filled with sunflower seeds, consider yourself lucky to have a steady job.

Q: Each spring at this time, my brother and I sell large flats of annual and perennial flowers in the wholesale district of our city. The prices for these small plants are very fair and much, much lower than at other retail farm markets in surrounding areas. But that sure doesn't stop people from haggling for a better deal, like the well-dressed guy who asks, "How about knocking off a few bucks on that flat of petunias — one of the flowers looks a bit sick?" Or the customer who waves a blank check in front of my face and says, "How much do you really want for these snapdragons?" Just between you and me, I would like to snap at him and tell him to take his business elsewhere, but we can't afford to get a nasty reputation. What do I say to convince these bargain-hunting flower lovers? Please see **WORK**, page A9.

Oklahoma artist designed new stamps

Scripps Howard News Service

OKLAHOMA CITY — Keith Birdsong was the perfect choice by mistake.

Out of thousands of artists, he was chosen by the U.S. Postal Service to create its new stamps commemorating American Indian dance.

The postal service will issue the five stamps on the first day of the Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival in Oklahoma City on Friday. They will be released nationwide Saturday.

"They didn't know I was from Oklahoma, and they didn't even know I was part Indian," said the 36-year-old from his home in Muskogee, Ok.

"I thought it was kind of cool that my first American stamps and my first project with the post office involved American Indians. I felt like I was making some sort of contribution to my culture."

Birdsong spent the last two years designing the stamps with dance experts and pictures of pow wows.

"I know more than I did, but I still have to plead ignorant," he said.

The stamps were created to give "a glimpse of the people, places and events that have shaped our nation," said Terry Wilson, district manager for Oklahoma postal operations.

Five dances are featured on the stamps — the Fancy Dance, the Butterfly Dance, the Traditional Dance, the Raven Dance and the Hoop Dance.

The Hoop, Traditional and Fancy Dances are still performed. They are descended from dances of the Plains and Pueblo Indians. The Raven Dance is performed in the Pacific Northwest and the Butterfly Dance is performed in Southwest Pueblo Indian Villages.

The postal service will print 139 million stamps, a poster with the stamp designs and other stamp-related products.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Loss of water pressure on June 10

The city of Big Spring's Distribution and Collection Department is informing residents of an interruption of water service on Monday, June 10 due to valve replacement activity.

Residents in the areas of Coronado Avenue, Belvedere Road, Crestline Road, Craigmont Avenue and Craigmont Circle, Capri Court, Whipkey Drive (including the Dora Roberts Community Center), Melrose Lane, Courtney Place (includes Bent Tree Apartments), Chevy Chase and Avondale Drive, will experience no water pressure between the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Residents with questions should contact D&C Supervisor Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 264-2392.

Summer program registration

Registration for Westside Community Center's summer program is scheduled for Friday from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The program is open to children ages five to 12 and will include such field trips as skating and swimming. The center is located at 1311 West Fourth. Call 267-6680 for more information.

DAV needs donations

The Disabled American Veterans are having a rummage sale at the V.F.W. Hall on Driver Road. Donations of usable and saleable items are needed. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

THE LAST WORD

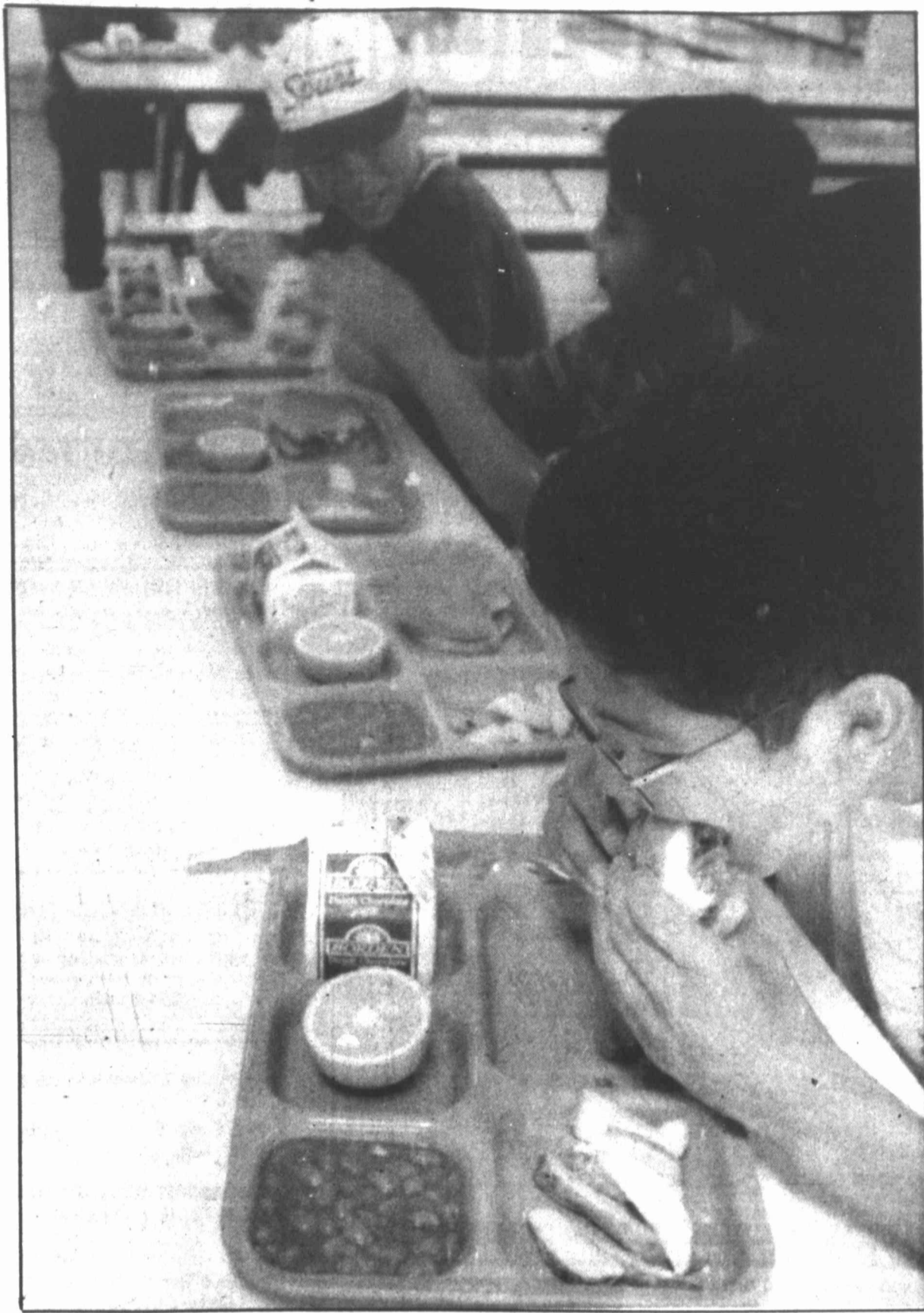
Bodily exercise, when compulsory, does no harm to the body; but knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind. —Plato

Trust only movement. Life happens at the level of events, not of words. Trust movement. —Alfred Adler

Why is there so much month left at the end of the money? —Anonymous

There's nothing wrong with teenagers that reasoning with them won't aggravate. —Unknown

YUMMY FOR THE TUMMY



Marcus DeLeon and others dig into their lunch at Bauer Magnet School Wednesday as part of the Summer Food Service Program. The lunch, free to all children under 18, is being provided at Bauer, Gollad Middle School and Marcy Elementary School.

A chair made for Clinton

Scrapps Howard News Service

There is a chair in Washington, D.C. that only one man has the right to sit on: Nobody else may settle his or her gluteus max on President Clinton's sax.

That is, if Rebecca Crain has her way.

Crain, 25, a Dallas graphic designer, created a saxophone-shaped chair with Clinton in mind three years ago, during her last semester at the Colorado Institute of Art.

The industrial design major was enrolled in a chair designing class, and needed to come up with a final project.

"I didn't want to do just any old chair. I wanted to do something really different," she said.

Ideas swarmed around, but none stuck until late one night, when Crain was watching the "Tonight" show. Jay Leno's guest was President Clinton, who wowed the audience by playing his saxophone.

A light bulb went off in Crain's head.

"I knew I wanted to incorporate something about music — I had this idea for musical chairs," she says. "When I saw him playing, I realized a saxophone lends itself to a chair better than say, a flute or piccolo would."

"And, if it turned out well, I thought I could send it to him." The saxophone chair is 66 inches high and forged from pine ("That was the only material I could afford as a starving artist," Crain jokes) with the instrument's neck as a backrest and the horn as a seat.

She received an excellent grade and sent the chair off to the White House.

The Clintons liked it just as much as Crain's professors did; it was accepted for inclusion in the Presidential Library System, a series of museums set up in past presidents' home states.

But earlier this year, Clinton and his people decided they really, really liked it.

The chair was chosen to be part of a special year-long show at the National Archives, which showcases 200 of the hundreds of thousands of gifts that have been sent to Clinton and his predecessors.

"Tokens and Treasures: Gifts to Twelve Presidents," features items presented to presidents and administrations from Hoover to Clinton. It's an eclectic collection that includes everything from T-shirts and handmade quilts to antique vases and precious jewelry.

The gifts come from just as many foreign dignitaries and heads of state as from ordinary folk who just want to send a friendly greeting to the chief.

Like Crain.

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Work

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that they're already receiving rock bottom prices? — Max from Zellenople, Pa.

A: You probably have some tough customers, but maybe a few huge signs should prove to them that your pricing policy applies to everyone. List your fixed prices for individual plants and flats, then hang the banner-like signs right on the wall behind your cash registers. When someone asks, "Is that the best you can do?" just wave your hand at the signs and smile sweetly. No explanation necessary!

Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss," has taught executive seminars at Pittsburgh's Carnegie-Mellon University's Graduate School of Urban and Public Affairs. Questions may be mailed to Dr. Paula Bern, 1090 Vermont Ave. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC, 20005. Questions can be answered only through this column.

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by June 17. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for June 26.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length.

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. Photo suggestions: pets or children doing funny or interesting things. For more information, call 263-7331 ext. 112.

CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news is Wednesday at noon.

American Business Women's Association

The Scenic Cactus Chapter of A.B.W.A. will be having its second Annual Pink Elephant Auction on Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in Garrett Hall of the First Methodist Church. Proceeds from this auction will benefit our Scholarship Fund for Howard College. All members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. The public is also invited to attend.

Tall Talkers

Tall Talkers Toastmasters Club had its weekly meeting June 4. Table Topics were led by Virginia Martin, and the word of the day was heinous. Each member was given the opportunity to speak on the topic of the day, which was the Supreme Court. Best Table Topic speaker was Ester Schneider. Kathy Terrazas was voted best speaker. Her speech was titled too much television. The best evaluator was Ester Schneider.

The goal of Tall Talkers is to educate people to become better leaders and communicators. If you are interested in becoming a Tall Talker Toastmaster, please contact Bailey Anderson at 267-3008.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Book designed to get Americans to improve language

Scrapps Howard News Service

The language is changing, you guys, faster than us guys can grasp it. In fact, you guys is, in the opinion of one writer, second only to yunz as words to avoid.

James Fisher sees people sinking fast into a flood of poor language uses, redundancies and other horrors of substandard American English.

"I feel as though I am merely putting my finger in the dike," Fisher says, "and the water's getting higher. Kids who don't know the difference become teachers who don't know the difference."

The Pittsburgh marketing consultant has just published "Talking Correctly for Success," a 196-page guide showing readers where they stand on how they speak. Fisher has cared intensely about good usage for many years and pointing out foibles is one of his specialties.

"I became an arbiter on correct usage when I headed the advertising department at Fisher Scientific Co. for 40 years," he says. Fisher's father founded the firm.

While attending Phillips Exeter Academy in 1938, Fisher and a friend co-wrote a slang dictionary giving daring nicknames to faculty members. It sold out three editions, and the authors received royalties while they were roommates at Yale University.

Harry Schwalb, artist-critic and Fisher Scientific retiree, recalls Fisher's style at the firm. "Jim was so fastidious, if one of his sales managers used the word medication he would say, 'Don't use that; use medicine.'"

"Personally elegant, he has always seemed to me almost a throwback to 18th-century writers of journals and novels, like Richard Steele or Henry Fielding. He used to have meetings at his house where he and friends would seriously discuss many forms of good writing. But he is also contemporary."

Fisher retired in 1985 at age 65 and became a marketing consultant for technical businesses. Finding this part-time work, he chose to be a volunteer with nonprofit organizations.

As a result, he wrote "Fund-Raising for Museums," reprinted many times since it came out five years ago. Fisher, on the board of Carnegie Institute since 1979, is emeritus trustee and sits on boards overseeing the museum of art and science center.

But most of all, he notices how people use language. He thinks speakers are often not sure of themselves and make incorrect word choices. Among many barbarisms he has noted over the years is using myself or yourself instead of the more direct I, me or you.

"Almost all misuse of these words is cowardice," he says. "The speaker is faced with choosing either I or me, and, being unsure which is right, chickens out and says myself."

Flight attendants may address passengers, "Serving you in the main cabin is (meaning are) Cheryl, Michele, Ronnie and myself, Christy." Fisher's unspoken reply is, "Myself is a passenger and myself resents hearing our language being murdered. Would you say, 'Myself is fine?'"

He writes in his book, "The

subject 'I' must appear in a sentence if myself is to be used: 'I cut myself with a knife.' 'Don't contradict me; I saw the accident myself.'"

The book is divided into four parts: usage, pronunciation, foreign words and pages where the reader can test himself. The book is orderly but selections are arbitrary, based on Fisher's listening to others. He is not concerned with why a word or phrase is used, the approach of word columnist William Safire, but how to use them correctly.

Fisher sighs. "The whole book may be a lost cause. But as a teacher said to me 60 years ago, lost causes are the only ones worth fighting for — because the other ones you're going to win."

He realizes the language is changing. "It always has but there is a standard speakers should know."

Fisher is pleased with the book's reception. "One thousand sold without trying from a first printing of 4,300. It retails for \$10.95. If it's picked up by college bookstores, that could be helpful."

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Baker's Chapel AME

Baker's Chapel AME Methodist Church will host a Appreciation Service for their pastor, wife and family, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Green, Jr., Sunday, June 9 at 3 p.m.

The services will be at the church located at 911 N. Lancaster Street.

The church invites all of Rev. and Mrs. Green's friends to join in this celebration, come out and greet the Green Family.

There will be inspirational singing and the speaker of the hour will be the Rev. James Green, of Rockdale, Texas.

Ackerly First Baptist Church

Ackerly First Baptist is hosting Vacation Bible School June 10-14 for children ages three through seventh grade. The school is from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Contact the church for more information.

First Assembly of God

First Assembly of God is sponsoring a tent meeting "Send the Rain" tonight through Sunday, June 9 starting at 7 p.m. The orange and black tent is located adjacent to Denny's on Fourth Street. There will be music and singers along with services.

Big Spring Gospel Opry

The opry has moved to the amphitheater at Comanche Trail Park for monthly singing. It is the second Friday of each month but in case of rain, it will be the Kentwood Center, 2507 Lynn. The opry is looking for local talent that would like to sing gospel music. Contact Grade Victors at 267-7214. Free admission to the opry.

Evangel Temple Assembly of God

Evangel Temple Assembly of God will host the University Campus Ministry of Chi Alpha Sunday at 10:50 a.m. Rev. and Mrs. Roger and Laurie Kuykendall are the directors of Chi Alpha on the Texas Tech University Campus. They will be presenting a message both in music and in the word of God. They will also be sharing about the need to reach students with the gospel of Jesus Christ on America's University campuses. Chi Alpha is a national campus ministry outreach of the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The community is welcome to attend. The church is located at 2205 S. Goliad.

Rev. Chuck Redger, Director of Midland Teen Challenge, will be the guest of Evangel Temple Assembly of God Sunday June 16 at 10:50 a.m. Chuck Redger is a well known person in the Permian Basin and has been at Midland Teen Challenge for over twenty years. Teen Challenge is a Ministry Outreach, but also a practical program that helps to free people from alcohol and drug addictions with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Friends of Unity

Everyone is invited to a June birthday celebration Saturday, June 8 from 3-5 p.m. Friends of Unity want to share the joy of living. Located in the East Boxcar at 100-A S. Main, Friends of Unity is a fellowship for believers in the Unity Message of Jesus Christ. The phone number is 267-8783.

Chair

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"This is a very big honor," said Crain, who traveled to Washington in March for the show's opening ceremony. "They told me the curators had to choose from more than 250,000 entries."

"My chair is behind glass, just 50 feet from the Declaration of Independence and the Magna Carta. Can you believe it? It's just amazing to me."

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By STEVE Sports Editor

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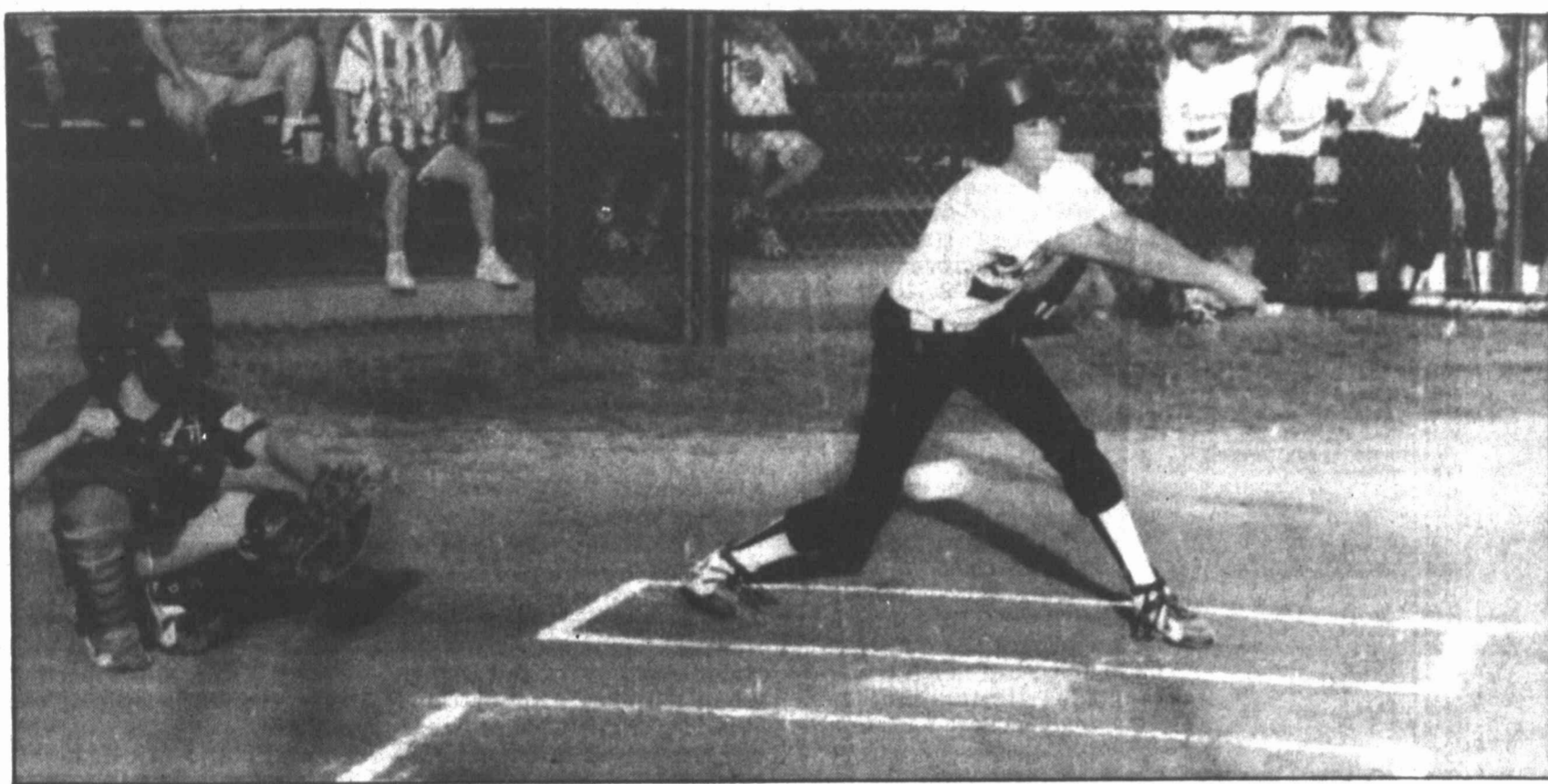
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Rangers' shortstop Eric Chavez swings at a pitch during the Rangers' city Little League tournament game against the Braves Thursday night. The Braves won the game 5-0. HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Accusations fly before Game 2

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

■ NBA FINALS

CHICAGO (AP) — It took exactly one game for accusations and admonitions to grab most of the attention in the NBA Finals.

The Chicago Bulls claimed that the Seattle SuperSonics in general, and Frank Brickowski, in particular, were guilty of goon tactics against poor, defenseless Dennis Rodman.

When the Sonics weren't laughing at the charge, they were firing back with their own: Rodman is a fraud who is making a mockery of the NBA.

Almost lost in the commotion was the fact that if the Sonics don't improve tonight, they'll take a 2-0 deficit to Seattle and might not get back to Chicago.

"I'm not saying it's a must-win," Sonics coach George Karl said, "but if they win the first two games at home, they deal the cards for the rest of the series."

The tone of the series might have been set in the second quarter of Wednesday's opener. That's when Brickowski, a seldom-used forward, entered the game.

Rodman, who already had been called for a technical foul, would have been ejected had he gotten another. So Brickowski immediately went to work on the man known as the "Worm." But it was Brickowski who was called for a flagrant foul after sending Rodman reeling and was then assessed two quick technicals.

"I don't think it's any secret around the league that people try to do this to Dennis," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said Thursday. "I happen to know Frank and like him as a person. Whether he is encouraged to do that from his coaching staff or that's their technique to do that to Dennis, that's not what we consider a

basketball-related tactic." Karl practically hit the United Center ceiling when told of Jackson's remarks.

"Phil should be happy because he got a flop flagrant foul," Karl said. "Rodman is the guy that creates the problem. He did an unbelievable flop, a faking job. Here's a guy that pushes and grabs and fights as much as anybody, and then he gets bumped and flops and gets a flagrant foul. It's crazy."

Rodman, who in drawing the foul threw his tattooed body backward as if he had been hit by a truck, "is laughing at the NBA," Karl said. "It's silly to give him any credibility for what he does out there."

The Bulls ended up with five points from the sequence. Rodman finished the game with 13 rebounds, and the Bulls won 107-90.

Rodman said the league made a statement: "Hey, no one's going to come in and do something like that. Let's play clean basketball."

The Worm made his own statement with his latest — and wildest ever — hairdo: several multicolored symbols that looked like a combination of graffiti and hieroglyphics. "You've got peace and love over here," Rodman said, pointing to one side of his head. "You've got the AIDS symbol here. You've got Pearl Jam on this side. And you've got the gay and lesbian symbol in the back. It's about representing the people that don't get any respect these days."

As for the game, Rodman didn't mind that he was burned for most of Shawn Kemp's 32 points.

Please see NBA, page 2B

Ornales pitches Braves to 5-0 win

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

To defeat the defending City Little League champs, the American League Braves knew they'd have to play an almost-perfect game.

So that's what they did. The Braves were quite immaculate, but they never gave the National League Rangers any room to operate en route to a 5-0 victory Thursday in city tournament action.

The victory advances the Braves to the winner's bracket final Saturday against the Coahoma Reds, while the defending champion Rangers drop down into the consolation bracket.

The Braves, top seed from the American League, scored two quick runs in the first, and that proved enough for pitcher Michael Ornales. The 11-year-

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Thursday scores

Winner's bracket
AL Braves 5, NL Rangers 0
CL Reds 11, AL Stars 4
Consolation bracket
IL Panthers 8, AL Astros 7
CL Angels 9, NL Yankees 5

Today's games

Consolation bracket (7:30 p.m.)
IL Indians vs. IL Rebels (IL park)
AL Colts vs. NL A's (NL park)
CL Rockies vs. IL Panthers (AL park)
AL Cardinals vs. CL Angels (CL park)

old hurler allowed only three hits, while striking out nine and walking one.

"He's a good pitcher," Braves coach Robbie Wegner said. "He's got a good fastball and an excellent changeup ... he's been doing this for us all year."

Ornales' teammates gave him all the offensive support he needed in the bottom of the first when they scored two runs on doubles by Braden Wegner, Andrews Vizcaino and Anthony Spencer. Wegner in particular had an effective

night at the plate, going two-for-three and scoring three runs.

The Rangers, meanwhile, found themselves shackled by Ornales. The pitcher, relying heavily on his offspeed pitches, did not allow a runner past second base until the final inning, when the Rangers put men on first and third with one out.

Ornales countered, however, by striking out Josh Hempstedler and forcing Cody Barraza to ground out to second to end the game.

The defending champs were not without their highlights, however, as they pulled off a rare triple play in the fifth inning. Jason Thomas snagged a liner off the bat of Clinton Fulgham, stepped on first to force out Anthony Spencer then threw to second for the

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Monterey advances to Class 5A title game

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Jeff Horn hit a two-run double in the top of the seventh inning, lifting Lubbock Monterey to a 4-3 victory Thursday night in the Class 5A semifinals of the state baseball tournament.

Monterey (35-3), which has tied a record for most state tournament appearances (12), will face Klein Oak in tonight's championship game and will be seeking its fourth state title.

With a 3-2 lead heading into the top of the seventh, Clear Creek (24-8) simply needed to close out the inning for the victory. But after getting Joe O'Jibway to ground out, Clear Creek pitcher Cody Sundbeck walked Eric Jorgensen, Dusty Hart and J.R. Mize to set up Horn's dramatic double that scored Jorgensen and Hart.

In the bottom of the seventh, Monterey ace Mark Martinez, a lefty curveballer, struck out Joe Raugh, forced Cory Witt into a ground out and then ended the game by fanning Justin Syfert.

In the other semifinal, Trey Hodges threw a one-hitter and Klein Oak exploded for five runs in the second inning.

The game was stopped under the 10-run rule in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Hodges, a lanky senior right-hander who improved to 12-2, was nearly flawless, giving up just one hit in the second inning as Klein Oak (29-4-1) earned its first trip to the state finals since losing to League City Clear Creek in the 1991 5A championship.

Eagle Pass, which got its only hit from Jaime Salinas, finished the year 24-9 after making its fourth state tournament appearance.

Class 4A Semifinals

Fort Worth Arlington Heights 7, Corpus Christi Calallen 6
Little Cypress Mauriceville 5, Southlake Carroll 2

■ UIL BASEBALL

Mark Austry drilled a two-run triple in the bottom of the sixth inning to help Fort Worth Arlington Heights defeat Corpus Christi Calallen.

Arlington Heights (29-11), making its third state tourney appearance, will face Little Cypress-Mauriceville at 1:30 p.m. today for the championship.

Calallen finished the year 34-2 after making its third trip to Austin.

Austry, who also had a double in a 2-for-4 day, helped Arlington Heights seize control of a seesaw battle in which it trailed 4-0 early in the game.

In the other semifinal, Beau Hale pitched a complete game and drove in three runs to help Little Cypress Mauriceville (32-3) defeat Southlake Carroll.

The game figured to be a showcase for Carroll (25-10) pitcher Chance Caple, an eighth-round draft pick of the San Diego Padres. But Hale was dominant, confusing batters with a variety of pitches and then providing key hits at the plate.

Class 3A Semifinals

Graham 10, Mineola 0
Crockett 3, Dripping Springs 2

Ryan Dollar gave up just three hits, pitching Graham to victory over Mineola in a game that was halted by the 10-run rule after the fifth inning.

Graham (23-9) scored seven runs in the fourth and fifth innings to end the contest early. The Steers will play Crockett for the state championship at 4:30 p.m. today.

Mineola (25-5) was led by senior John Nutt, who had a single and a double.

Crockett pitcher Kendall Rhodes, 11-2, fanned 10 batters from Dripping Springs. The Bulldogs, which won a UIL

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READY, SET ...



Several girls display their basketball skills during a public demonstration on the final day of the Howard College Lady Hawks' basketball camp Thursday at Garrett Coliseum. HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Fans get a double thrill at Fenway

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Some players go their entire careers without seeing a triple play in person. Some fans go their whole lifetimes without being in attendance when a player hits for **■ AL**

Anyone at Fenway Park on Thursday night was doubly lucky — they got to see both things happen in the same game for the first time in American League history.

John Valentin became the 19th Red Sox player to hit for the cycle, and the Chicago White Sox turned their first triple play in 10 years in Boston's 7-4 victory.

"I don't know if I've ever been in a game with a triple play or the cycle, never mind both in one game," Boston reliever Mike Stanton said.

It only happened once before in major-league history — on July 1, 1931. Chuck Klein of Philadelphia hit for the cycle in the same game that the Phillies turned a triple play against the Chicago Cubs.

Valentin went 4-for-4 and became the first Boston cycle hitter since Scott Cooper on April 12, 1994. He hit a two-run homer in the first inning, a triple in the third, a single in the fourth and, aware of what he could accomplish, got his double in the sixth.

"I was looking for a good ball to hit, trying to be aggressive, but to be honest with you I didn't think I'd ever accomplish this feat," Valentin said.

The White Sox had their six-game winning streak stopped, but at least had one highlight. In the first inning, they turned Tim Lincecum's grounder to Robin Ventura into a third-to-second-to-first triple play, their

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American League

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" You got a big star like that, you let him score his points and shut everybody else down."
Rodman said. "We shut (Gary) Payton down, we shut (Detlef) Schrempf down and that was the key."

outplayed Schrempf. And Toni Kucuk came off Chicago's bench to score 18 points.
"We have to challenge ourselves to increase our defensive pressure," Kemp said. "And we've got to take care of the ball. If you turn the ball over on Chicago, it's either going to be a dunk, a 3-pointer or a foul on you."

NBA

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state title in 1982, will face Graham at 4:30 p.m. today.
Rhodes clinched the victory when he got Dripping Springs' Nathan Hardin to ground out for the game's last out. Hardin had ripped him for a triple in the third inning that gave Dripping Springs a 2-1 lead.

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first since June 15, 1986.
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Baltimore sent Detroit to its 19th loss in 20 games.
Roberto Alomar extended his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games and raised his batting average to .406. The Orioles completed a three-game sweep at Camden Yards and won their fourth in a row overall.

because of injuries to Randy Johnson and Chris Bosio. Wells' performance came a day major league debut at Jacobs Field, giving up three runs in six innings.
Last October, Mariners manager Lou Piniella used rookie Bob Wolcott in Game 1 of the AL playoffs, and he beat the Indians.

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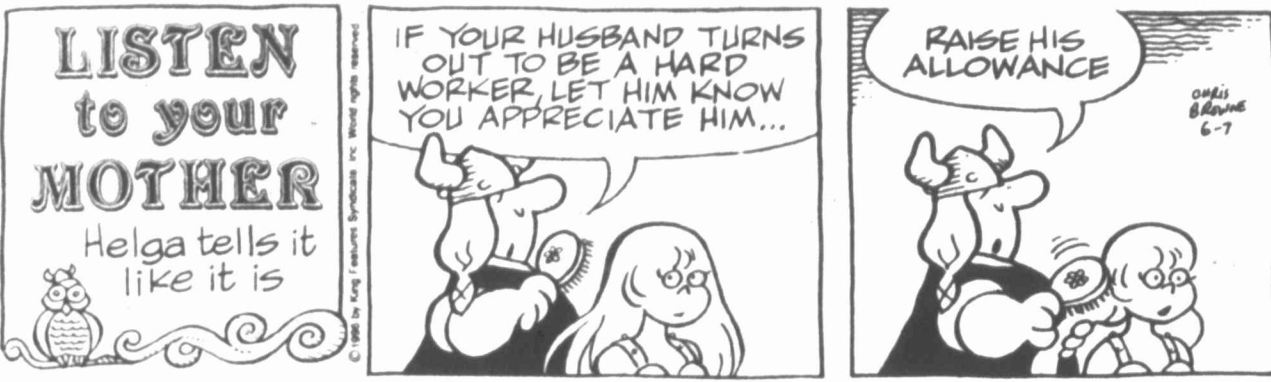
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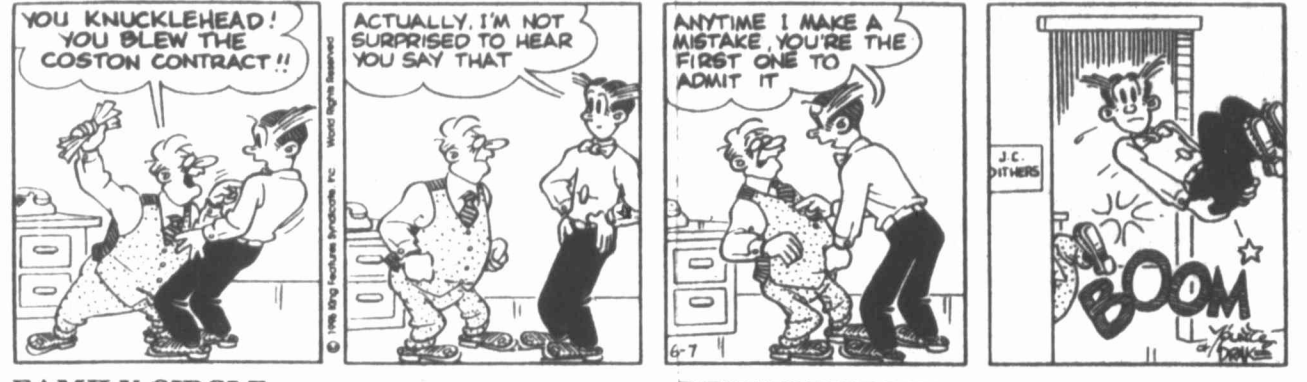
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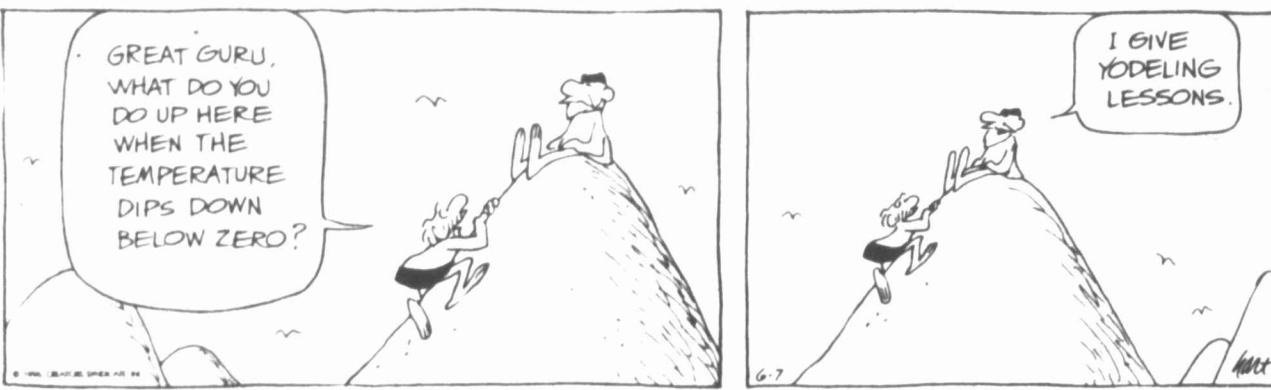
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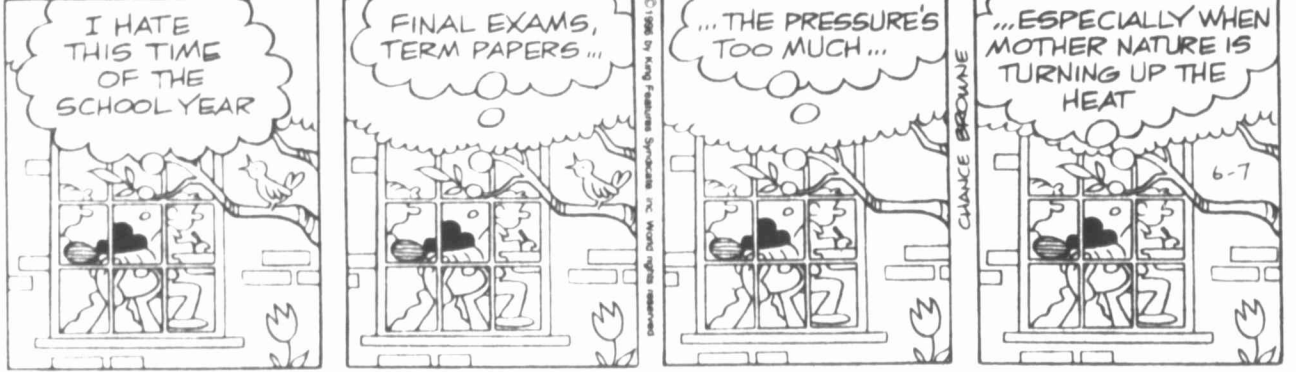
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In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence. In 1848, French postimpressionist painter Paul Gauguin was born in Paris. In 1864, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for another term as president at his party's convention in Baltimore. In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome. In 1939, King George VI and his wife, Queen Elizabeth, arrived at Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Canada on the first visit to the United States by a reigning British monarch. In 1948, the Communists completed their takeover of Czechoslovakia with the resignation of President Eduard Benes. In 1967, author-critic Dorothy Parker, famed for her caustic wit, died in New York.

THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Witte

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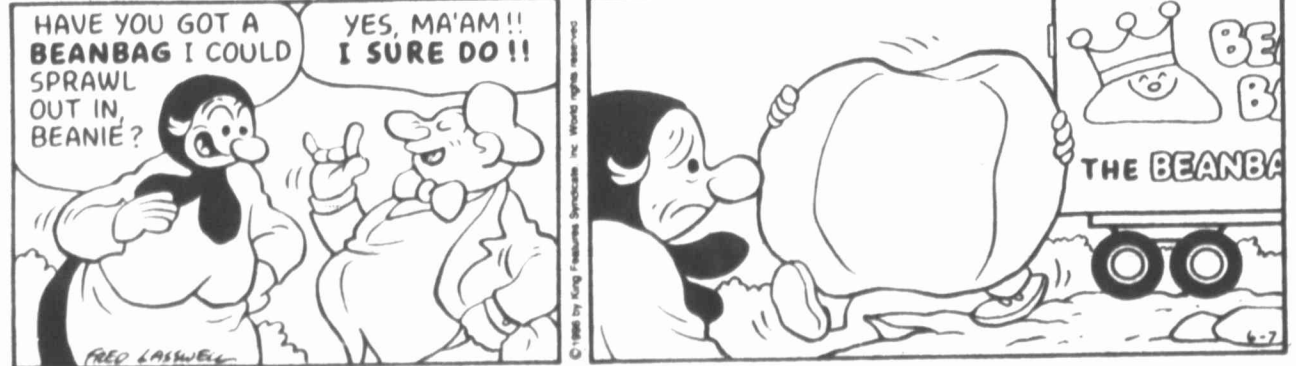
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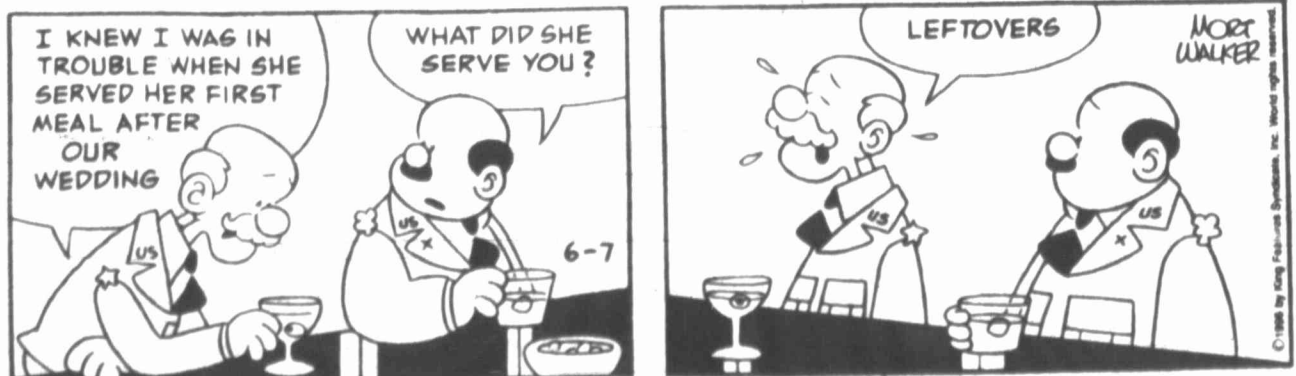
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