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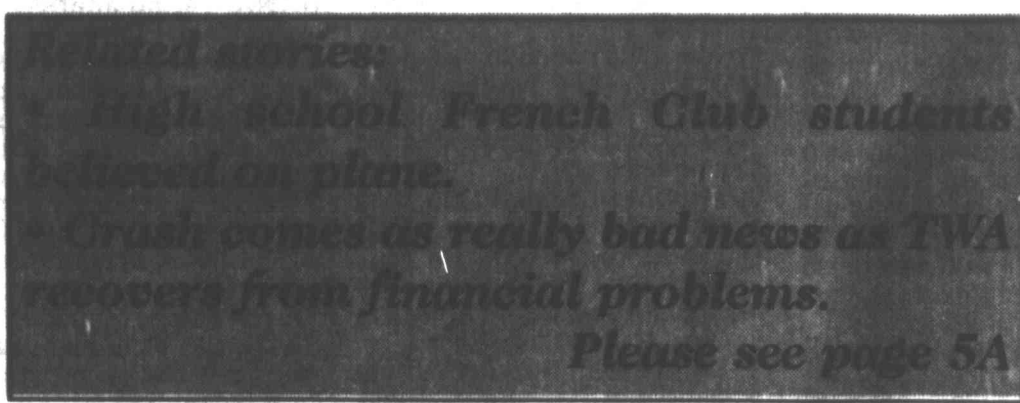
## TWA jet explodes over Atlantic; No survivors found

NEW YORK (AP) — Rescuers pulled burned bodies from the waters off Long Island early today as an FBI terrorism team investigated what caused a TWA jumbo jet to explode over the Atlantic shortly after takeoff, apparently killing all 229 people aboard.

"It's too early to tell if it's a bomb," FBI spokesman Jim Margolin said.

Flight 800, a Boeing 747 bound for Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport from Kennedy Airport, exploded about 8:45 p.m. Wednesday and plunged into the ocean off Fire Island, a narrow strip of land 40 miles east of New York City that runs parallel to Long Island.

Wreckage and fuel on the water burned for hours as helicopters hovered. A C-130 transport plane circled, dropping parachute flares to illuminate the scene. Overnight, rescuers used infrared night vision goggles to help



spot bodies.

Fresh crews were brought in at daybreak to relieve those that had been working through the night, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Phyllis Kay in Boston.

By 7 a.m. today, rescuers had pulled at least 70 bodies from the water, some

of them burned beyond recognition.

With a water temperature of 65 degrees and an air temperature of 73, officials estimated that survival would not be possible much beyond noon today.

Among those booked on the flight was a group of students from a Penn-

sylvania high school French club.

One of the first private boats at the crash site came upon a macabre sight: a yellow TWA life jacket floating on the water.

"It was inflated and it was buckled," said Jimmy Vaccaro, who hooked the empty jacket into the boat. "These things don't light and inflate by themselves — you have to pull on it or blow through the tube."

The Coast Guard said none of the bodies recovered wore life preservers, suggesting that the explosion indeed came without warning. There was no immediate word on whether the plane had made a distress call.

The boom and fireball shattered a calm summer night.

Vic Fehner, who was fishing, said "it started off like a little ball, like a flare."

"It came down for a few seconds and all of a sudden burst into flames, a big ball of flame," Fehner said.

Standing at John Scott's Raw Bar in Westhampton Beach, cook Jason Fontana saw "a big fireball with pieces coming off of it. You heard two big explosions, like two big firecrackers going off."

There were 212 passengers and 17 crew members on the flight, said Mike Kelly, a TWA vice president. The plane had arrived from Athens, Greece, and had been on the ground about three hours before its scheduled 8 p.m. takeoff for Paris. Some of the passengers were from an earlier canceled flight to Rome.

When the plane took off from Greece for New York on Wednesday, "every-

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### SCOUTING FUN



Volunteer Mitch Gill helps Kegan Lewis blast Tommy Gnuschke with water during a game at Hughes Aquatic Base during the Buffalo Trail Cub Scouts summer activities Wednesday. Both boys were blindfolded and had to follow directions from other Scouts to find the water bottles and then to squirt the opponent.

## Montford linked to Tech chancellor job

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Shock and concern over the future of representation for Big Spring and Howard County should State Sen. John T. Montford (D-Lubbock) resign to accept the newly created chancellor's post at Texas Tech University was the response of the day today.

The news that Montford, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee, could resign caught most West Texans off-guard.

Long-time Democratic Party activist Annabel Barker, a member of Montford's standing committee, said she was "shocked."

"This is the first I've heard of it," she said earlier today. "If that happens, it would be a big loss for us ... both parties ... for Big Spring and Howard County."

Montford, a former criminal district attorney in Lubbock County, has served Texas' 28th

District, which includes 14 counties, since 1983. He defeated former Odessa mayor Jim Reese in the general election.

The job is Montford's if he and the school can agree on compensation, sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday. Indications are that the salary would be in the neighborhood of \$225,000 annually.

"I think it would be good for Tech, but bad for Big Spring and Howard County," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce President Frances Wheat. "I think he's been an asset and we'll miss him."

Montford interviewed for the position with the regents' search advisory committee in Lubbock on Monday.

He said he's been offered nothing so far.

"I think that the board of regents is intent on acting within a reasonable time frame," Montford said. "I don't know the time parameters."

Regents have kept their choices close to the vest, though state law requires the public release

of a list of finalists three weeks before a formal decision.

Officials say they want to fill the post before the fall semester begins on Aug. 26.

Montford has been a key lieutenant to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, having handled the state budget as chairman of the Finance Committee.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush said he has had an amiable relationship with Montford and would support his appointment as Tech chancellor.

"I got an indication maybe a week ago, when a member of the board of regents that I appointed called and asked whether or not I would have any objection whatsoever," Bush said. "I didn't have any objection. He's a good, decent fellow and I think he'll do a fine job."

If Montford quits the Senate, a special election would be held to fill out the term. Lubbock Mayor David Langston and City Councilman Victor Hernandez, both Democrats, say they're interested.

"If you have an interest in serving the people, that's a spot where you might want to put your name in the hat," said Langston, who reportedly joins Republican state Reps. Delwin Jones and Robert Duncan as well as State Board of Education member Monte Hasie and GOP party leader Tim Lambert in expressing interest.

A vacancy in Montford's largely conservative district also would raise questions about whether Democrats could retain their 17-14 Senate majority.

Montford, 53, is a former Lubbock County district attorney who earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He is midway into his fourth term.

About half of his electorate lives in the Lubbock area. Big Spring and parts of Odessa, San Angelo and El Paso also are in the sprawling district.

(The Associated Press contributed to this report.)

## Commissioners to begin budget work meetings

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will begin the annual summertime process of hammering out a new budget for the coming fiscal year at 10 a.m. Friday during their first work session of the budget season.

Last year at this time, commissioners entered budget work sessions with the attitude of doing whatever it takes for the county to survive.

Howard County has survived pretty well during the last year, but declining mineral values will again play a part in what is funded in the county's new budget, what is cut and what won't be funded at all.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore says pay raises will probably be a topic this year, but he's having to look at the issue very closely because taxpayers themselves haven't received a raise. "I'm having a hard time with the raise issue right now, but the one thing I'd like to see us accomplish is getting a budget ironed out and not have to see another tax increase," Kilgore said. "I'd also like to see us get rid of as much wasteful spending as possible and be able to hold our own."

After last year's county budget was worked out, commissioners reluctantly decided to increase taxes from \$0.44324 or 44 cents per \$100 valuation (the 1994-95 tax rate) to \$0.47495 or 47 cents per \$100 valuation.

County Auditor Jackie Olson pointed out that last year's tax increase also included .1214 cents being dedicated to the debt service of the courthouse renovation bond issue voters passed earlier that spring.

Last year's tax increase was also supposed to generate approximately \$4.59 million for the county if a 95 percent tax collection rate of assessed taxes were realized.

For the last few years, the county has had to deal with declining mineral values as well as a declining tax base, meaning several agencies normally funded by the county each year

may be faced with slimmer allocations than normal.

Howard County Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire will begin briefing commissioners on the state of the county's mineral values at Friday's budget work session.

In 1995 Howard County lost more than \$32 million in appraised mineral value, which translated into approximately \$160,000 in lost tax revenue.

According to Toomire, mineral related personal property in the county has increased on the industrial side, but other figures for the county are still being compiled.

Kilgore said the doorbell is already beginning to ring as agencies line up to see if they will continue to receive county funds.

Agencies like the Heritage Museum, Rape Crisis/Victim Services, The Corral, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Spring City Senior Citizens Center and the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens rely on part of their annual budgets being funded by the county.

Commissioners are expected to have several work sessions before a final budget is set and agencies wanting to continue receiving county funds will have to wait. Commissioners typically look at each agency individually and don't arbitrarily say each agency will be cut across the board.

"I'm looking forward to working on the budget," Kilgore added, "because I know more this year than I knew last year."

Another issue commissioners will continue to tackle as they iron out the 1996-97 fiscal budget is selecting an insurance carrier for county employees.

Because language was left out of last year's new contract with GEM Insurance of Utah that would have allowed commissioners to renew GEM's contract, the county is having to seek bids for a new contract.

Olson said this year commissioners will add the necessary clause to the new insurance

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TODAY'S WEATHER	
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Partly cloudy, slight chance of thunderstorms. Low in lower 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 90s.	



## Man attempts suicide after climbing hill near apartments

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Don L. Brooks, 29, threatened to kill himself with a handgun as he sat on top of a mountain near Barcelona Apartments Wednesday afternoon.

Shortly after 4 p.m., officers were called to the 500 block of Westover in reference to a suicidal subject. While officers were en route, Brooks made his way up the mountain and eventually sat down at the top, facing FM 700.

The area was blocked off from

the 400 block of Westover to FM 700 in case any rounds were fired to protect the public's safety.

Officer Job Bob Morales was first to make verbal contact with Brooks and, according to police procedures, was the only one who is allowed to have contact with him. If the situation had progressed, a trained hostage negotiator would have been called in.

Sgt. Victor Brake said, "By having just one person making verbal contact with the person, it makes it less confusing to the

individual. They establish a rapport and talk to the person in a calm, clear voice."

Morales talked to Brooks about a variety of subjects to help convince him there was a reason to live. At one point, Brooks did point his gun at the officers on the mountain but they did not perceive it as a threat. "He was motioning to them to get away and it was with the hand that was holding the gun. He may not have realized what he was doing because of his mental state at the time," Brake added.

Lt. Scott Griffin said all officers are trained during the police academy and receive on-the-job training in negotiating, psychology and how to talk to people. Morales is a member of the Special Operations Response Team as a tactical officer.

Brooks was taken to the Big Spring State Hospital for evaluation and no criminal charges are being sought at this time, pending the outcome of the evaluation.

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Pauline Armstrong Baker

Graveside service for Mildred Pauline Armstrong Baker, 63, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, July 19, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Arnold Tonn, pastor of Spring Tabernacle, officiating.

Baker, 63, died Tuesday, July 16. She was born on March 13, 1933, in Coffeyville, Kan. She married Harold Baker on Dec. 1, 1968, in Denton County. He preceded her in death on March 5, 1996. She had lived in Big Spring since 1950, and she was a Baptist and a homemaker. She had also worked at several drive-in restaurants including The Big M and Circle J.

She is survived by one daughter: Glenda Statham, Big Spring; four sons: Robert Reagan, Big Spring, Rannie Lee Riddle, Temple, Larry Teeter, Plano, and Bobby Joe Teeter, Waco; one brother: Charles Armstrong, Sand Springs; one sister: Anita Johnson, Ruidoso, N.M.; her mother: Dorothy Armstrong, Sand Springs; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myer & Smith Funeral Home.

Nona Shortes Blagrove

Nona Shortes Blagrove, 84, of Ackerly, died on Wednesday, July 17, 1996, in a Lubbock hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 8, 1911, in the Brown community, Martin County, Texas and married Floyd L. Blagrove on June 29, 1935, in Sterling City, Texas. He preceded her in death on May 8, 1977.

She grew up and graduated from school in the Brown community. She and her late husband moved to Ackerly in 1940 from the Brown community. They farmed in Ackerly until her husband's death and then she continued to help her son, Doug, on the farm.

Survivors include one son: Doug Blagrove, Ackerly; two daughters-in-law: Cathy Blagrove, Lubbock, and Rena Blagrove, Big Spring; grand-

children: Kaci and Carson Blagrove, Ackerly, Bryan Blagrove, Midland, and Brandon Blagrove, Big Spring; great-granddaughter: Lynsey Blagrove, Midland; two sisters: Erma Blagrove, Ackerly, and Norma Wheeler, Big Spring; three brothers: L.O. Shortes, Big Spring, Fabain Shortes, Simi Valley, Calif., and Mark Shortes, Ackerly.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Darrell Blagrove, on Feb. 22, 1994.

Funeral services will be Steve Blagrove, Stan Blagrove, Calvert Shortes, Gerald Shortes, Don Shortes and Dale Froman.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Katie Smith

Graveside service for Katie Smith, 63, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. today at the Andrews North Cemetery, Andrews, with Bill Hufstetler officiating.

Mrs. Smith died Wednesday, July 17, 1996, at her residence. She was born on Jan. 9, 1933, in Edwinton, Ky. She had been living in Big Spring for the past 10 years and had previously lived in Andrews for eight years. She married Walter Clay Smith on April 15, 1966, in Salina, Tenn. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1988. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter: Glenda Carroll, Andrews; three sons: Michael Smith, Mark Smith, both of Odessa, and Ronnie Smith, Andrews; three brothers: Ashby Nancy, Arley Nancy and Jasper Nancy, all of Edmond, Ky.; one sister: Pauley Hurt, Glasco, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of McNett Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

Robert Elmer Booth

Service for Robert Elmer Booth, 80, Stanton, will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 19, 1996, in the First Baptist Church of Stanton. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Booth died Tuesday, July 16, in Odessa after a lengthy illness.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1916, in Merkel. He married Freda Mae Pennington on Feb. 23, 1936, in Seminole. He moved to Stanton 12 years ago from Colorado City.

Survivors include his wife: Freda Mae Booth, Stanton; a son: Johnny Don Booth, Stanton; two daughters: Marvis Belt and Ann May, both of Odessa; two sisters: Lucille Driver, Colorado City, and Faye Gibson, Lubbock; two brothers: Enoch Booth, Tescola, and Granville Lee Booth, Abernathy; eight grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Carla Dedmon

Carla Dedmon, 25, Forsan, died on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, at a Lubbock hospital from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Services will be 3 p.m. Friday, July 19, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born and raised in Portales, N.M., and attended school there. She then graduated from Jessie Lees School of Cosmetology in Lubbock. She lived in Lubbock for five years and was the assistant manager of Pro-Cuts. She came to Howard County in September of 1995 from Lubbock and was working at Beall's Department Store at the time of her death. She was an avid pool player.

She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her mother: Sharon Dedmon, Big Spring; her father and step-mother: Gary and Marie Dedmon, Corpus Christi; her grandmother: Marion Bozart, Big Spring; her grandfather: Thomas Simmacher, Olton; two brothers and their wives: Rhett and Teria Dedmon and Bobby and Ticia Park, all of Big Spring; her fiancé and his children: Van Gaston, Jr. and Vanna and Curtis Gaston, all of Forsan; four aunts: Gay Noble, Sand Springs, Ronda Gentry, Portales, N.M., Diane Marquis, Clovis, N.M., and Oleta Pace, Roswell, N.M.; three nieces; one nephew and many loving friends.

Funeral services will be Mickey

Crash

Continued from page 1A thing went very normal," Takis Tassopoulos, director of aviation security in Athens, told CNN.

In Paris after the crash, the large black arrival board at de Gaulle Airport listed Flight 800 as "canceled."

Kelly noted that the Federal Aviation Administration had been placed on an increased level of security because of the Olympics, which begin Friday in Atlanta, but said there had been no specific threats against TWA.

The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating along with the terrorism task force, which includes officials from the New York Police Department.

Asked about the possibility of a bomb, FAA spokesman Eliot Brenner said "we can't discuss security issues." He said the agency had no information on whether there was a distress call.

Oliver Revell, a former FBI official, noted that such a jet had never been destroyed in air by an explosion that was not sabotage.

If there was a bomb, said former CIA counterterrorism agent Vincent Cannistraro, "this is another notch in the ladder of terrorism. ... In the past year domestic aviation security has been tightened considerably."

Cannistraro said terrorists had never blown up an airliner with a bomb planted in the United States; the Pan Am flight blown out of the air in 1988 over Lockerbie, Scotland, originated in what was then West Germany.

In St. Louis, where TWA is based, police patrols and surveillance were increased at Lambert Airport following the crash. Leonard Griggs Jr., the airport's director, did not mention the crash in a news release about the changes and did not immediately return phone calls for comment.

To an international TV audience, the crash site was a jagged, bright red splotch on the screen. To rescue workers out in the water, said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, "the reality of what occurred is settling in. ... They are carrying bodies back to shore."

Ralph Lettieri, a firefighter, was out on the water for several hours in his boat. He saw three bodies taken aboard a Coast Guard vessel.

"It's the darkest night," he said. "It's something that's going to bother you for a long time."

Of the wreckage, he said, "you couldn't tell it was a plane."

A temporary morgue was set up on shore. "We are not finding any survivors," said Steve Sapp of the U.S. Coast Guard. "We are locating lots of bodies."

Names were not immediately released pending notification of passengers' relatives, some of whom gathered at an airport hotel soon after the crash. An elderly woman was taken out in a wheelchair.

Sixteen high school students and five adults from a rural town in northeastern Pennsylvania were believed to have been on the flight. The students were members of the French Club of Montoursville High School, which has only a few hundred students.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-9411.

•Rackley-Swords Chap. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

•Encouragers Support Group, 5:30 p.m., the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish for supper and the Senior Center's Line Dancers will demonstrate a number of line dances. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Friends of the Library of Howard County meeting, 7 p.m., the library. If you are a member of the Friends of the Library or interested in becoming one, please attend the meeting. We are about to start a fund raising effort for the Children's section of our new library. For more information contact Irene LeMarr at 394-4424 or any Friend of the Library.

•MICKIE RENEE HAT-AWAY, 37, of P.O. Box 2292, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and for not having a driver's license.

•ANDREW HERNANDEZ, 19, of 313 N.E. Ninth, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and no insurance.

•PHONE HARASSMENT in the 2900 block of E. Interstate 20.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 33 and 2000 blocks of Gregg, 400 block of Johnson, 1400 block of E. 11th Place, Comanche Trail Park pool, 1700 block of E. Third and 2007 block of Galveston.

•THEFTS in the 800 block of W. Seventh, 2900 block of Melrose, 1700 block of Wasson, 3600 block of Hamilton, 800 block of N. Highway 87, 600 block of Baylor, 1100 block of N. Lamesa, 1800 block of Gregg and 600 block of Colgate.

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•ANIMAL CRUELTY in the 500 block of E. 17th. The complainant told officers someone shot their cat with a pellet gun.

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•SHERIFF

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

•PEDRO ROMERO, 29, of 603 Douglas, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after being arrested for burglary of a habitation.

•GLORIA KATHLENE TORRES, 28, of 1512 Wood, turned herself in on an outstanding warrant for issuance of a bad check. She was released on a \$500 bond.

•RUSSELL LEE HENRY, 18, of Route 1 Box 504, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department after being

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POLICE

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•SIMON ANTONIO SALDANA, 26, no address given, was arrested for public intoxication, failure to identify himself to a peace officer, and outstanding warrants for assault, theft of service and failure to appear in court.

•RICHARD HERNANDEZ ARENIBAZ, 30, of 1000 W. Fourth, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

•WILLIAM EDWARD LATIMER, 20, of 2407 Alamesa, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•HORACE CARROLL MURDOCK, 65, 1103 E. 19th, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, running a stop sign and running a red light.

•JIM COKER, 17, of Route 1 Box 510, was arrested for no insurance and no driver's license.

•EARNEST HENRY JR., 53, of 709 Wyoming, was arrested on outstanding local warrants.

•RONNIE CLAYTON, 27, of 1207 Marijo, was arrested on outstanding local warrants and for having defective equipment on his vehicle.

•ALLEN D. GILBERT, 22, of 700 E. 15th, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces and outstanding local warrants.

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•MAHE BOX DAMAGE on Wasson Road and Gail Highway.

CORRECTION

The address given for Randall Wayne Conner listed in yesterday's sheriff's report was incorrect. He does not live at 2511 Larry. Police records indicate Conner's address is listed as 613 Davis Rd., a county address.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 98 Wednesday's low 76 Average high 96 Average low 71 Record high 110 in 1989 Record low 60 in 1936 Rainfall Wednesday 0.00 Month to date 0.29 Month's normal 0.98 Year to date 4.62 Normal for the year 9.74 \*\*Statistics not available

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 72.30 cents a pound, down 15 points; Aug. crude oil 21.50, down 30 points; Cash hog steady at 60 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 65 cents even; July live hog futures 60.80, down 40 points; Aug. live cattle futures 67.27, down 62 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson .267-8288 Mildred Pauline Armstrong Baker, 63, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M., Friday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch FUNERAL HOME 906 Gregg St. Big Spring, Tx. (915) 267-6331

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# Report finds \$470 million in potential school cost savings

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas schools can save a potential \$470 million in non-instructional costs, according to a report that identifies travel by school board members and legal services as the fastest-growing expenses.

"We urge district stakeholders to review the Savings Profile and determine which savings can actually be realized," says the report by State Auditor Lawrence Alwin released Wednesday.

The report analyzed expenses by 1,044 school districts for the 1994-95 school year.

The Texas Association of

School Boards, however, says the way the audit is done makes it useless to all but a handful of school districts.

The report compares per-student, non-instructional costs of each school district to a "peer group" of 25 similar school districts.

The cost in various expense categories is compared to the median per-student cost of the group. The difference then is multiplied by the school district's enrollment and, if a positive number, is deemed a potential savings.

"With the exception of a very

small handful of school districts that find it useful because they have peer groups that make sense, I think the value of this thing has been discounted locally for several years. They really don't pay much attention to it," said Dan Casey of the school board group.

"It's a personal computer exercise. They haven't done any field visits to school districts in probably four years now, and so I think many districts feel if you haven't been here and seen our situation, you're not going to contribute a lot in terms of identifying potential savings,"

he said.

The report, which analyzed data from the Public Education Information Management System, is billed as a tool for school districts to assess their non-instructional costs.

"Over the years, school districts have indicated that the information from the Savings Profile System is valuable," the report said.

The analysis said that most non-instructional costs grew at a faster rate than instructional costs during the time analyzed.

Board member travel was the fastest-growing expense, up 18.8

percent, according to the report. The report says travel by school employees and board members grew to \$10.4 million.

Legal services grew at nearly the same rate, 18.5 percent, to \$13.5 million, according to the report.

Expenditures on electricity and natural gas, however, decreased by 5.3 percent, to \$42.6 million, according to the report. It said this was in part the result of a warmer-than-normal winter.

The auditor said a more detailed account of the Savings Profile System would be sent to

each school district's board president, chief financial officer and internal auditor.

"The potential cost savings should be viewed as a starting point for district budget discussions," the report said.

"In addition, districts may want to evaluate whether they want to have the lowest expenditures in a category. For example, having the lowest cost per student in the plant maintenance and operations area may mean the district is not adequately maintaining its facilities. In this case, higher costs may be beneficial," it said.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

**Amtrak to meet with officials on possible new route**  
ODESSA (AP) — Amtrak executives will attend a statewide conference in Odessa next week to discuss a possible passenger train route along the Interstate 20 corridor between Dallas and El Paso.

Iris Correa, executive director of the Mexican American Network of Odessa, said officials are interested in developing a profitable passenger train route.

The only current east-west Amtrak route through Texas is the "Sunset Limited" running between El Paso through San Antonio and on to Houston along Interstate 10. It's been almost 40 years since passenger train service was available along an El Paso-to-Dallas route.

Amtrak corporate officials will give a presentation to city and county officials representing the I-20 corridor during the annual Texas Association of Mayors, Council members and Commissioners meeting next Thursday and Friday.

"We want to see if we can have passenger train service between El Paso and Dallas with Odessa being the hub," Correa said. "With the interstate, the airport and train service, it would make us complete as far as the transportation angle."

**Mom accused of fatal abuse blames roommates**  
BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A woman accused of abusing her two daughters, one fatally, denied the allegations and blamed the beatings on her roommates.

Marla Dora Castillo, 24, told The Brownsville Herald for its Thursday edition that she was only a witness to the beatings of her 4-year-old and 13-month-old daughters.

The older child, Monica Castillo, died from her injuries on Monday, almost one week after Ms. Castillo was arrested. The younger girl is in custody of Child Protective Services and living in a foster home, officials said.

"I felt real bad when I saw all of that happen. I would try to stop them or call the police, but they would interfere," Ms. Castillo said in a Wednesday interview at the Cameron County Jail.

Ms. Castillo is charged with two felony counts of injury to a child and remained jailed in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Cameron County prosecutor Oscar Ponce said authorities are considering whether to add a murder charge.

**Marshals arrest man connected to 1985 DEA slaying**  
MCALLEN (AP) — A drug smuggler accused of torturing a DEA agent and killing two men mistaken for agents has been arrested in a trailer park 11 years after the crimes.

"If nothing else, it's justice," Abel Reynoso, a spokesman for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, said Wednesday.

Ezequiel Godinez Cervantes, 54, a native of San Juan, Texas, is accused of kidnapping and torturing undercover agent Enrique Camarena Salazar in 1985 while a member of the Guadalajara Narcotics Cartel in Mexico.

Camarena was found dead at a ranch outside Guadalajara, his body mutilated and beaten.

Days before the killing, Godinez is accused of helping kill John Walker, a Vietnam veteran, and a friend, Alberto Radelat, after the two walked in on a cartel meeting at a Guadalajara restaurant in January 1985.

**Suspect in California murder arrested in Houston**  
HOUSTON (AP) — A man suspected in the brutal shooting death of a California highway patrolman has been arrested in Houston, the FBI and police say.

Hung Thanh Mai, 25, was taken into custody at 4:15 a.m. CDT Wednesday, officials said. Another man, who was not identified, was being held for questioning but was not charged.

Mai was being held in the city jail on warrants for murder and possession of firearms, Houston police spokesman Joe Gamino said. Mai appeared before a magistrate and waived extradition.

"Since we have ... officers from California here, it's expected that perhaps they'll be taking him back," Gamino said.

**City Of Blanco may resort to hauling water**  
BLANCO (AP) — The Blanco River, the sole source of drinking water for this Hill Country hamlet, is drying up and forcing the town's residents to search for another supply.

Last week, the town began pumping water from a creek in nearby Blanco State Park to supplement its reservoirs at the Blanco River, which is perilously low.

"Our fate depends on whether or not it's going to rain," Blanco Mayor Ryan Trimble said Tuesday.

# Judges to redraw three unlawful districts

HOUSTON (AP) — Three Texas congressional districts are back in the hands of a judicial panel after a compromise plan to redraw the voting boundaries failed to materialize.

Now the fate of the mostly Democratic 18th, 29th and 30th districts falls to three Republican-appointed federal judges, who could order a new election for those districts and adjoining ones.

"I am greatly disappointed that we were unable to strike a deal," said Paul Hurd, attorney for seven voters who argued successfully that the three districts — two in Houston and another in Dallas — improperly were racially gerrymandered.

The three judges — Appeals Court Judge Edith Jones and U.S. District Judges David Hittner and Melinda Harmon — have set a July 22 hearing to consider how new congressional lines will affect Texas voters if a new election is called.

"Of course we're disappointed that we were unable to reach an agreement," said Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales. "The problem is now in the hands of the court and this is all the more reason for the state to abandon its current system of drawing district lines."

The three judges have indicated up to 14 districts would have to be redesigned.

"At this late date it's pretty difficult to get some elections done," Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday. "But I always have thought that holding elections in unconstitutional districts was somewhat contradictory to what the courts have decided."

Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the three-judge panel's decision two years ago that the three districts were unconstitutional because the boundaries unlawfully were designed by race.

Last week, the judicial panel ordered the seven voters who filed suit opposing the race-based districts and the state of Texas to hammer out a settlement among themselves and bring it to court by Wednesday afternoon.

To be redrawn are the majority-Hispanic 29th District in Houston held by Democrat Gene Green, who is white; and two predominately black districts: the 18th held by Houston Democrat Sheila Jackson Lee, who is black; and the 30th in Dallas, held by black Democrat Eddie Bernice Johnson.

The three congressional representatives were added by the

court Wednesday as "friends of the court" in the case, essentially giving them a seat during future discussions.

Last week, the judges discouraged the parties from trying to file last-minute requests for more time to negotiate after the 4 p.m. Wednesday deadline.

However, a motion was filed for more time after the deadline by Ms. Lee and Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I would hope the court, in its wisdom, would consider it," Ms. Lee said.

Timing in the Texas redistricting case is critical as three Democrats sit poised to recapture their seats in the disputed congressional districts this November.

The judges could draw a map of their own; allow the current, unconstitutional plan to remain in effect until the 1997 Legislature redraws the boundaries; or Bush could call the Legislature into special session soon to adopt a new plan.

Bush previously has said he would not consider a special session.

On Wednesday, however, Bush said a special session would be possible but only with certain restrictions.

"I wouldn't rule it out totally. If there was an agreement ...

where we'd have a 30-minute special session. Something like that, I would consider it," Bush said.

Republican sources, who have requested anonymity, would like to see 26 districts changed. Democratic sources, who also asked not to be named, have said no more than 10 seats should be redrawn.

Said Dusek: "We would want and support a plan that would affect the fewest districts."

Attorney General Dan Morales, Bullock, Texas House Speaker Pete Laney and other top Democrats have asked the judges to wait to redraw the districts so Texas officials can try to settle the matter.

In any case, the judges appeared intent on redrawing the districts in time to hold elections this year with new configurations.

At last week's hearing before the panel, the judges hinted at interest in scheduling a special election to fill the congressional seats. Two scenarios were discussed: a September special primary with final voting in the general election, or selecting nominees in the November balloting with a special congressional election in December.

# Mud an unwelcome guest at Sea Rim State Park

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — When Jack Grant and his family left Central Texas for the Gulf Coast, they looked forward to escaping to the beach for a few days.

They didn't expect to find mud extending up to 150 yards from the shoreline into the Gulf of Mexico at Sea Rim State Park.

"I just couldn't believe it," the Belton man said. "It looked like it was firm, but I stepped on it and went down in it about 3 inches."

Grant, his wife and their 10-year-old daughter decided to stay for the weekend anyway, since they had driven eight hours.

"We made the best of it," he said.

Grant said he wasn't warned about the problem when he signed up with the state parks reservation center for a spot to park his camper last week.

Dave Buzan, a Texas Parks and Wildlife Department spokesman, said that isn't surprising, considering the center is located hundreds of miles away in Austin.

And mud is a natural occurrence that has been seen in the past at Sea Rim, which is about

20 miles south of Port Arthur.

"We have a lot of natural phenomenon that go on, and some people find them interesting and some people don't like them," Buzan said. "It's one of these things that happen periodically but one of these things that Mother Nature takes care of."

Officials speculate the mud is coming from the Mississippi Delta or Sabine Lake, which filter into the gulf.

"Historically that area ... has had higher concentrations of

clay and things that make up mud than other parts of the Texas coast," Buzan said.

To avoid paying cleanup costs and taking up landfill space, the state is letting nature take care of the mess.

"A high tide is going to come one day and going to wash it back out to the Gulf of Mexico," he said.

In the meantime, vacationers continue to show up at the park.

"I can't say people aren't disappointed about it. But there just isn't anything we can do,"


said Charlene Demster, Sea Rim office manager.

"Some people don't care. They go out and play in the mud. Others don't want anything to do with it at all."

Ms. Demster said she has alerted the reservations center. This week, potential visitors who called the center were informed of the problem.

"We're generally very busy, and it's caused our visitation to drop considerably," Ms. Demster said. "It has not been a good summer."

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-Voltaire

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## OUR VIEWS

# Junior rodeo's a worthy activity

Beginning tonight at 7 at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl, competitors and spectators alike will have the opportunity to enjoy the High Plains Junior Rodeo.

The event, which also gets under way at 7 p.m. Friday before switching to a 6 p.m. start Saturday, could give us a glimpse of things to come.

Just think ... some of these youngsters could wind up competing at Howard College one of these days, or even in the big time!

That's not such a far-fetched dream, is it? After all, how many of us grew up playing sandlot baseball and imagining we were Mickey Mantle or Whitey Ford or "Say-hey" Willie Mays?

It's no different for a youngster who enjoys the sport of rodeo to imagine he's a Tuff Hedemann or a Ty Murray ... or for some young lady to pretend that she's Charmayne James and she's competing for the world championship!

All of that starts with support -- and West Texans have always been good about supporting their youth.

Take time out from your schedule to go to the Rodeo Bowl and cheer these youngsters on. We believe you'll be glad you did!

# Dole and his party: Who's in charge here?

By MARTIN SCHRAM  
Scripps Howard News Service

Buried back on the 18th page of The New York Times for June 18, tucked into the 14th paragraph, was a remarkable sentence that said it all about the pathetic way politics is now commonly practiced -- and covered.

Especially the presidential campaign of Bob Dole '96. The sentence was remarkable both for what it revealed and for the fact that it was merely printed matter-of-factly -- and was accepted as a piece of pre-conventional wisdom by Washington journalists.

The subject: The controversy about Bob Dole's declaration that a statement of "tolerance" of dissenting views would have to be attached to the abortion plank in the Republican Party's platform.

"I made that decision," Dole said at the time. "It is not negotiable."

The sentence (attributed only to "one operative close to the campaign"): "The candidate has gone off the reservation."

Say what? Have we fallen so far that we cannot even recall eras past, when the candidate was the chief and his word ruled the reservation? Here we have a Republican operative who is telling us that the problem with what Dole said is that the party's prospective presidential nominee does not have the authority to tell us just what he thinks on a given issue. Or, apparently, what he will do. And it is presented as though it has come to be the normal way of doing things.

The operative's assertion sounded outrageous; and it was. But it also turned out to be prophetic. For Bob Dole's "not negotiable" declaration of tolerance on abortion turned out to be much like the Fourth of July fireworks -- long on sound and excitement, but easily blown away by the first incoming opposition breeze.

Citizen Dole's staff and party faithful on the far right quickly put him wise. The man who wants to lead the nation is not, apparently, the leader of his party. Dole wound up demonstrating he is being led by his followers. The combined forces of the evangelical right and other anti-abortion activists forced him to negotiate his "not negotiable" statement of conscience -- and then waffle and accept a half-way measure. As Dole agreed, the Republican plat-

form will contain an expression of tolerance of opposing viewpoints in general, in the platform; but it will not be tied to the abortion plank, the one issue that requires great tolerance.

The result: What Dole began by presenting as a statement of conscience wound up as a statement of semi-conscience.

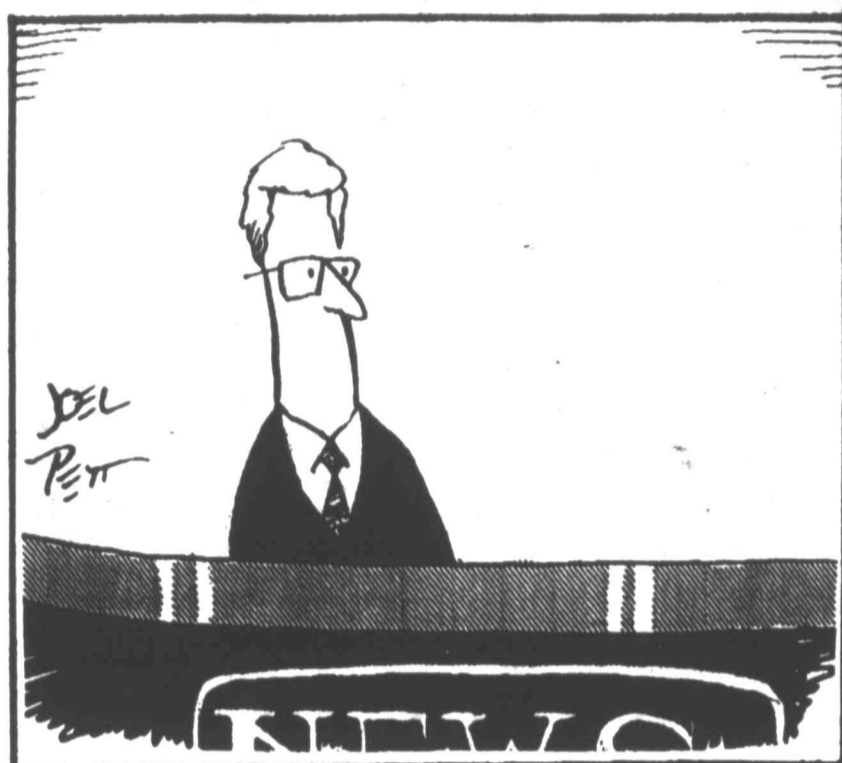
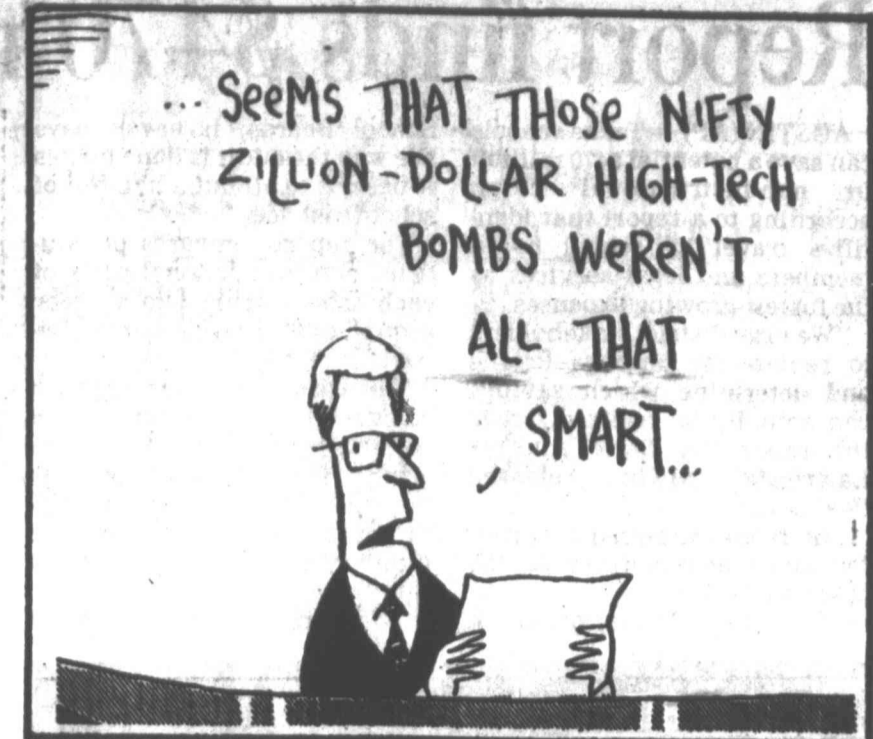
The trend in political coverage is to analyze not the issues (which can be complex and challenging) but the strategies and behind-the-scenes jousting (which can be simple to understand and a hoot to cover). So that story in The New York Times back on June 18, and another that said much the same thing last Sunday (some three weeks later) were basically written from the perspective that the problem with the Dole campaign is that the candidate insists on overruling his staff on matters not really of strategy but of major policy.

Examples of Dole's major policy statements that became major political controversies in recent days: Dole's claim that medical science is divided over whether tobacco's nicotine is addictive; Dole's flip-flop on the abortion tolerance statement; his flip-flop on the National Rifle Association's ongoing assault on the current ban on 19 assault weapons. (Dole said he will no longer fight to overturn the ban, as he promised when he was courting conservative voters in the Republican primaries.)

Now, in the back rooms of the Dole campaign headquarters, advisers are working on yet another policy pronouncement -- the one they feel will become the centerpiece of Dole's campaign to wrest the presidency from Bill Clinton. They are fashioning a plan to have Dole propose a sweeping tax cut -- to try to lure voters now unhappy with both major party candidates. But there is one problem that has the Dole team worried. It's Dole again. Advisers fear that after a career as a deficit-fighter skeptical of big tax-cuts as cure-alls, Dole may not be willing to embrace a tax cut big enough to seem like the promised land to voters. The party leader may have the temerity to say what he thinks is right and lead.

Or as today's staff members might phrase it, there is a danger that the candidate might stray the course and wander off the reservation.

(Martin Schram writes a weekly column that focuses on the intersection of the news media, policy and politics.)



# Molinari's keynote address: Pushing the envelope

By DALE McFEATHERS  
Scripps Howard News Service

If Rep. Susan Molinari gets up before the GOP convention and only shows snapshots of her new baby, she will have given a far better keynote speech than the average.

Of course, the standards of what constitutes a good keynote speaker are fairly low: a felony-free past and the ability to read a TelePromTer non-stop for 30 minutes.

Even so, keynote speeches are better known for ending political careers than launching them.

Sen. John Glenn gave a speech of such life-threatening solemnity at the 1976 Democratic convention that he talked himself out of being a vice presidential candidate.

At the 1980 Republican convention, Rep. Guy Vander Jagt wandered so deeply into his rhetorical thicket that he disappeared from running mate consideration and eventually

from public life.

Texas Gov. Ann Richards opened the 1988 Democratic convention and had one of the few, maybe the only, memorable lines in the whole forlorn field of keynotery. President Bush, she said, "was born with a silver foot in his mouth." She lost her job to Bush's son.

Her fellow Texan, Sen. Phil Gramm, keynoted the 1992 Democratic convention and went on to set a speed record for a presidential campaign crashing and burning.

In fairness, a Keynote speech is a difficult, even impossible, task. The speaker must drum up enthusiasm for an event which no longer has a purpose, whose outcome is a foregone conclusion and which even its friends say is a day too long.

And she must do this on national television, a medium which having ruined the conventions has now lost interest in them and conveys this to the viewers, frequently while the keynoter is speaking.

However, hope springs qua-

drenial, and Republican candidate Bob Dole feels Molinari, a New York congresswoman, is up to the task. Maybe Dole didn't think about this personally but you can bet somebody on his staff did: Even the disenchanted Family Values Republicans wouldn't boo a working mother with a three-month-old baby.

Molinari is something of a one-person political dynasty. Her father was a New York congressman, and she is married to a New York congressman. And, unless New York politics have changed considerably, the baby will vote in its first election this fall.

Molinari probably doesn't need any advice, but veterans whose vital signs have slowed to a crawl through many a keynote suggest talking to as few people as possible about the speech. There's a natural tendency to ask a lot of people to help, and then the speaker feels obligated to use their contributions. The result is speechwriting by Chinese

menu, and the final product is about as comprehensible.

Some political scientists, mostly those who don't get out much, believe that today's Americans aren't serious about politics because they won't sit still for long periods of time listening to bad oratory.

They remind us that in the 19th century, politicians would speak and debate for hours at a time. But 19th century Americans had the privilege of flinging dead skunks and rotten produce at their politicians, a valuable recourse denied modern audiences in the name of "security."

This historical observation is not meant in any way to urge or even condone hurling rotten bean sprouts or avocados -- the convention is in California -- at a young mother as a way of enlivening a tedious proceeding. No, no, never.

But how about during the nominating speeches? (Dale McFeathers writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

# Celebrating a 75th birthday in a care facility

By SHARON RANDALL  
Scripps Howard News Service

My father-in-law is celebrating his 75th birthday, or maybe his 77th.

"Do you know how old you are?" I ask.

"Seventy-seven," he says, his bald head nodding with conviction.

"You can't be 77, Pop," my husband says in his math teacher voice. "You were 22 when I was born, remember? That makes you 75."

"Seventy-five," says my father-in-law, nodding again. He's never been one to argue, and he's not about to start. We could have said he was 2 or 200, and he'd have let it go. It's all the same to him.

For a year now, he's been at Golden Haven, an upscale facility for the elderly and infirm who can no longer live well on their own. It's not far from his real home, the house

he built with his own hands

years ago, when he was young and strong and had all his hair; his wife, whose health isn't the best any more, doesn't have far to drive to visit him.

For us, it's almost three hours, so we don't get to see him often. Not often enough.

Seventy-five. I roll that number around in my mind until it finally hits me: When I became his daughter-in-law 27 years ago, he was the age I am now. I thought he was old then. I was wrong. Old is what he is today.

Back then, when my husband and I came to visit him for a weekend, my father-in-law loved to make our breakfast: French toast, bacon and eggs, juice and coffee.

When it was ready he'd open our bedroom door and, oh my, we'd smell bacon and coffee. Then he'd stand by the bed, as he did when my husband was a boy, sinning "Lazy Bones,

sleeping in the sun ..."

Funny, sometimes I miss him more when I'm with him than I do when we're apart.

Golden Haven is a fine enough place to live, but it can hurt like hell to visit it. That may explain why there aren't more visitors. I count nine of us today: Six adults, three children, no babies.

Rest homes need babies the way day care centers need old people; if they each have the other, they don't need TV.

I wish I'd brought a baby today, rented or borrowed one somehow. I'd plop it down in my father-in-law's lap, let it pull on his nose, drool on his shirt, chew on his suspenders.

My babies did all that and worse to him years ago. He loved it then, or seemed to, and I'm sure he still would. Probably. Some things you don't forget, even if you can't remember your age.

"Wanna shoot some hoops,

Grandpa?" I ask. We shuffle, arm in arm, to a mini-basket. He shoots once and misses.

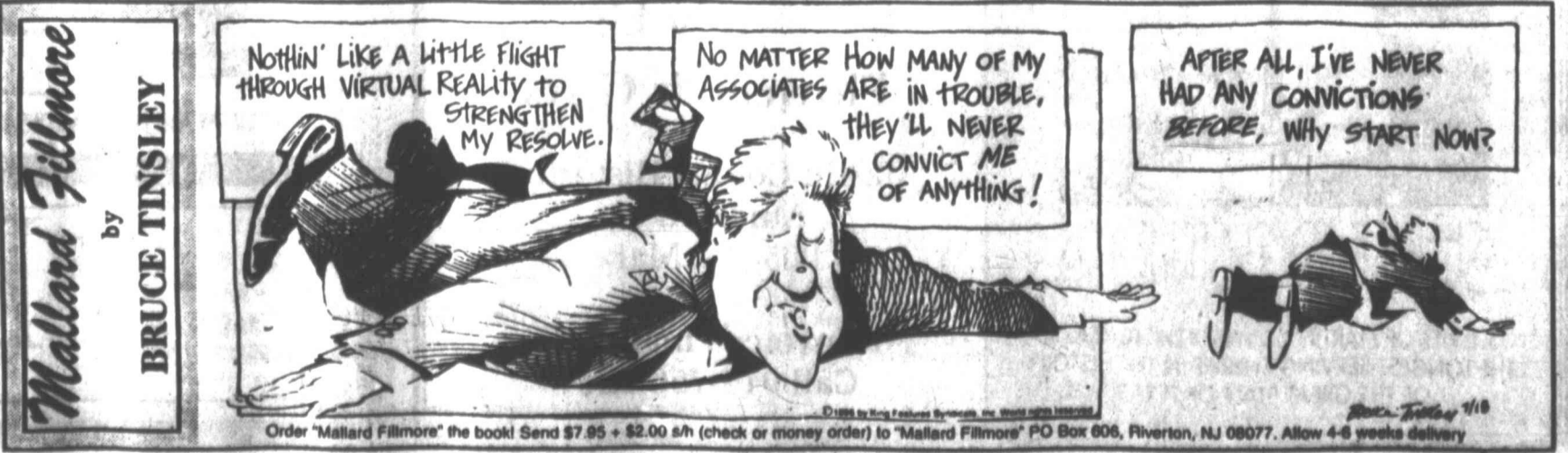
"Step up closer," I say. He gives me a look. "I do this all the time," he says, and fires up another brick.

It's my turn now and I step up closer, but miss all my shots, too. Score's tied, 0-0. We agree to call it game.

Minutes later, he's nodding off. Soon he'll be snoring. I wonder, if he dreams, what he dreams about. Leaning close, I whisper-sing in his ear all I remember of "Lazy Bones."

He doesn't open his eyes, but he starts to smile, that old grin we seldom see any more. And for a moment, I smell bacon and coffee.

(Sharon Randall, winner of the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors and Best of the West commentary awards, writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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# High school French Club students believed aboard TWA plane

MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — They were "the best of the best," high school French Club members who departed in high spirits from this farm country town for their long-awaited trip to Paris.

Now, their classmates weep and clutch one another for support, holding only faint hope that the 16 students from Montourville High School had somehow missed TWA Flight 800.

Relatives traveled before dawn today to a makeshift morgue in New York, desperate to learn if the group had survived Wednesday night's fiery

crash in the waters off Long Island.

The teens and five adult chaperones were believed to be aboard the Paris-bound 747 when it exploded in a fireball Wednesday night shortly after takeoff from New York's Kennedy Airport. All 229 people aboard the plane were feared dead.

Because there was no confirmation the French Club group had boarded the flight, school superintendent David Black decided to charter two tour buses to transport parents and other relatives to Long Island.

"The worst part is not know-

*'They are exceptional kids, both academically and socially, the kind of kids you'd like to take home and make your own.'*

*Dan Chandler  
School principal*

ing," Black said this morning. "This is hitting all of us here very hard."

The names of the students and their chaperones were not

immediately disclosed.

"They are exceptional kids, both academically and socially, the kind of kids you'd like to take home and make your

own," said Dan Chandler, principal of the school 120 miles northwest of Philadelphia.

The group — among them, the French teacher, her husband and a school secretary — left by motorcade Wednesday morning for New York, the students bubbling with excitement, Black said. They had raised the money for the 12-day trip by holding fund-raisers through the year.

Nothing was heard from the group before the flight's scheduled 8 p.m. departure.

"They were booked on that flight," Black said. "It's a monumental tragedy."

After the news came, dozens of students and parents rushed to the high school. Its flag was lowered to half staff, and groups of weeping students clutched each other outside, fearing the worst.

"We have clergy here and counselors to help people deal with grief — and uncertainty," Black said.

Hopes were dim, Mayor John Dorin said today.

"The whole town is in mourning," he said. "These kids were the best of the best; honor students, athletes, students involved in all types of activities."

## No welcome ahead for Netanyahu's first visit to Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Benjamin Netanyahu promised today to adhere to agreements Israel has signed with its Arab neighbors but offered no major steps to push forward the stalled Middle East peace process.

Netanyahu made the pledge in Cairo on his first visit to an Arab country as Israel's prime minister. His words appeared aimed at diminishing anger in the Arab world over his hard-line stands.

"We believe that the peace should be based on the idea of fulfilling existing commitments," Netanyahu said at a news conference with President Hosni Mubarak.

Netanyahu said there are "different interpretations" of the land-for-peace formula, which has served as the basis for Arab-Israeli negotiations since 1991. He stressed that Israel's security was the most important issue in any peace agreement.

Netanyahu said he is ready to renew talks with Syria, a position he has stated before. The two nations have been at odds over the Golan Heights, a strategic plateau captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

He offered no timetable on a withdrawal from Hebron, the last West Bank city under Israeli occupation. Netanyahu's predecessor, Shimon Peres, had promised to withdraw troops from most of the city.

He said Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat would meet next week. Netanyahu's failure to meet Arafat has angered the Palestinians and Arab countries.

Although one of the Middle East's most moderate countries, Egypt has forcefully led the campaign to slow normalization with Israel since Netanyahu defeated Peres in elections less than two months ago.

With the backing of Syria and Saudi Arabia, Egypt last month convened the Arab world's first summit in six years and has helped orchestrate a flurry of meetings among Arab leaders.

Despite the strain in Egyptian-Israeli relations, Netanyahu praised Egypt as

"the pivot of peace" and said he that after meeting with Mubarak, he had "renewed confidence" that peace can be achieved.

Netanyahu also said he would allow 10,000 more Palestinian workers to enter Israel. Those workers have been barred under a nearly five-month closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip that followed a series of deadly suicide bombings by Islamic militants.

Israel Army radio said Netanyahu's government would release Palestinian prisoners.

"Our intention is to make life easier and to make an open economy, an open relationship rather than a closed one," Netanyahu said.

Mubarak and Netanyahu clashed at one point in an otherwise cordial news conference when the Israeli prime minister said he appreciated Mubarak's position on not dividing Jerusalem.

Mubarak interrupted, saying, "I did not say to have a wall separating the city ... but I think that a formula can be arrived at."

Jerusalem is one of the toughest issues in Arab-Israeli negotiations. Israel claims the entire city as its capital, while the Palestinians want shared sovereignty or east Jerusalem as the capital of a future state. Netanyahu has said he will not negotiate over the city's future.

Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal el-Ganzoury met Netanyahu at Cairo International Airport, and the two left for Egypt's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the burial site of the late President Anwar Sadat, who was killed by Muslim militants in 1981.

Sadat was the first Arab leader to make peace with Israel after a remarkable visit to Jerusalem in 1977.

Netanyahu set wreaths at the tomb and at Sadat's grave, bowing his head in respect during the brief stopover.

Netanyahu's talks with Mubarak lasted most of the morning. He was scheduled to return to Israel this afternoon.

In the days leading up to his visit, the Israeli prime minister was greeted with a barrage of insults in Egypt's newspapers.

## Crash big blow to rebounding TWA

NEW YORK (AP) — The deadly explosion of a TWA jet taints an extraordinary turnaround at the airline, which hours before the crash announced that it had finally recovered from the economic woes that had twice taken it into bankruptcy.

Trans World Airlines had reported a 400 percent gain in its second-quarter earnings Wednesday, the day after the aviation pioneer announced expanded plans to rejuvenate its fleet of 189 planes, the oldest in the country.

But the toasts were hardly over when news came Wednesday night that one of TWA's jumbo jets, a 1970s-era Boeing 747-100, had exploded after taking off from New York's Kennedy airport for Paris and plunged into waters off Long Island. Authorities said there were no signs of survivors among the 229 people aboard.

While strong airlines like American, United and Delta have easily survived crash disasters, their weaker brethren have stumbled or watched their business fail.

USAir has struggled through a series of crashes. No-frills ValuJet was shut down last month after one of its planes crashed May 11. Pan American World Airways, which along with TWA helped pioneer the industry's international routes, spiraled into bankruptcy and collapse in 1991, three years after terrorists bombed one of its planes over Scotland.

Although it's premature to speculate on how the TWA crash will affect the airline's future, it certainly shattered what had been a day of celebration.

The St. Louis-based carrier earned \$25.3 million in the second-quarter, compared with \$5.2

million a year ago. Revenue rose 12 percent to \$965.8 million from \$860.5 million. It also announced more details of a plan to replace many of the planes in its 189-jet fleet, the oldest in the country.

The disaster coincided with a visit to London by TWA chief executive Jeffrey Erickson, seeking to re-establish the airline's permission to fly from Kennedy to Heathrow airport, one of the most profitable routes.

TWA sold the rights to fly to Heathrow years ago when it was struggling to survive. The airline once was so cash-strapped it mortgaged landing rights at airports and sold bonds backed by light bulbs and other spare parts as collateral.

Despite the better results, the carrier is still not financially secure, magnifying the potential damage of the crash if it dis-

courages passengers from flying on TWA.

Such was the case for Pan Am, which folded as an indirect result of the stigma it suffered after Flight 103 exploded in a terrorist bombing in 1988 over Lockerbie, Scotland. The crash killed 259 passengers and crew members.

USAir, on the other hand, has emerged as an enduring survivor despite suffering through five crashes in five years. In the first quarter of this year, the airline narrowed its chronic losses.

ValuJet is still trying to pull itself from a financial mess. The Atlanta-based carrier was grounded by the Federal Aviation Administration in June 17, a month after the crash in the Florida Everglades killed 110 people.

## Buchanan suggests walkout over abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pat Buchanan is suggesting anti-abortion delegates will storm out of next month's GOP convention in San Diego if Bob Dole selects a running mate who favors abortion rights.

The conservative commentator and defeated GOP presidential contender also hinted he might lead such a defection, saying the Republican Party "ceases to be my party" if it takes such a stance.

"I'm not going to walk away from the unborn," Buchanan said Wednesday night on CNN's "Larry King Live."

The conservative commentator's militant comments came amid indications Republican leaders had decided to freeze Buchanan out of any significant role at next month's GOP convention in San Diego.

Buchanan, unlike other vanquished GOP rivals, has yet to make peace with Dole. In fact, Buchanan snubbed a unity luncheon the prospective GOP presidential nominee held on Tuesday for other primary presidential contenders.

GOP officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said late Wednesday that the snub annoyed Dole and all but ruled out any high-profile convention role for Buchanan.

Paul Manafort, in charge of planning next month's San Diego convention for the Dole campaign, said party officials would block any effort to put Buchanan's name in nomination and that he "will not be a presence" at the convention. The Washington Post reported in today's editions.

In Milwaukee, where Dole

was campaigning, his spokesman Nelson Warfield made little of Buchanan's veiled threats. "There's a powerful force that draws all parts of the Republican Party together and that's the need to retire Bill Clinton. We're confident that when we leave San Diego, Pat Buchanan will be part of the team dedicated to taking back the White House."

Buchanan has vowed to give a speech on the streets outside the convention hall if denied a prime-time slot inside.

"If Senator Dole should pick a pro-choice running mate ... the right-to-life movement, which is a vital part of our party, would likely break, and part of it would leave the convention. I don't think that's even arguable," Buchanan said.

Asked by Larry King whether

he would participate in a convention walkout if Dole should do just that, Buchanan said: "I'm going to that convention as a Republican. I hope to leave as a Republican."

But, he said, "The character of the Republican party is going to be determined by the convention we run, the platform we write, the ticket we pick. There's a lot of issues in play right now. There's a lot of momentum."

"My belief in the right to life and the innocent unborn is even deeper than my love for the Republican Party," Buchanan said. Dole has said he would not rule out a running mate who supports abortion rights. Earlier this week, he selected Rep. Susan Mollinari, R-N.Y., who supports abortion rights, to deliver the convention's keynote address.

## White House, Secret Service at odds over security lists

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disputing the White House, Secret Service agents told Congress the service did not provide lists used by a temporary White House employee to collect FBI background files on hundreds of officials from the Reagan and Bush administrations.

The agents also said Wednesday that some Clinton White House employees placed in a special drug testing program had used cocaine and hallucinogenics and originally were denied security passes by the Secret Service. The employees got the passes after the testing program was instituted in May 1994.

The House hearing was called

to discuss the FBI files affair, but it veered off onto the drug use issue, which was revived earlier this week.

On the matter of the improper file gathering, John Libonati, supervisor of the Secret Service's White House access control branch, testified that of the 476 people on whom the White House gathered files, 379 had been listed as inactive prior to the project of updating security passes.

"No list of active employees created by the Secret Service in 1993 would have included those names," Libonati said.

Congressional Republicans investigating the background files have rejected the White

House's explanation that the files were collected by mistake because the employee on loan from the Army, Anthony Marceca, unwittingly used an outdated passholders list provided by the Secret Service.

Wednesday's testimony prompted Republican chairman of the House committee, Rep. William Clinger of Pennsylvania, to say it was "plausible to suspect this is all in fact a cover story."

"The White House would like us to continue to go into this minutiae and talk about lists and point the finger at the Secret Service while ignoring the two characters who orchestrated this disaster," said

Clinger, chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee.

He was referring to Marceca, who gathered the files at the White House in late 1993 and early 1994, and to Marceca's boss who brought him there, former personnel security chief Craig Livingstone — who resigned as a result of the files controversy.

The Senate Judiciary Committee voted Tuesday to subpoena Marceca, who has twice invoked his Fifth Amendment privilege against incriminating himself.

He was to appear before the panel in a closed session today.

## NRA official says group might not endorse Dole

NEW YORK (AP) — A National Rifle Association official says the group is likely to withhold its endorsement of Bob Dole for president because he has backed off his support for repealing an assault weapons ban. The New York Times reported.

"What he's done is turned off N.R.A. members from being active campaign workers in his election," Tanya Metaksa, the group's chief Washington lobbyist, told the Times in an interview published in today's editions.

"N.R.A. members don't just vote; they are campaigners, they walk precincts, they make phone calls, they stuff envelopes," she said.

Even though the organization's board will not vote on an endorsement until September, the Times said Metaksa made clear it was highly unlikely

Dole will get an endorsement.

"Members will be active in state and local legislative elections, but I doubt they'll be active in the presidential election," she said. "President Clinton is the most anti-gun president to every occupy the White House. But our members are very disappointed and disillusioned with last week's statements of Senator Dole."

She continued: "I'm not sure Dole wants the endorsement. In my way of looking at things, I think Dole has decided that he doesn't need it."

Dole campaign manager Scott Reed said: "Bob Dole has a long history of supporting Second Amendment rights and, as he said last week, we have to move beyond this debate on assault weapons to instant checks, which will keep the guns out of the hands of those who should not have them."

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## Rape Crisis/Victim Services seeking volunteer advocates

By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is currently looking for volunteer advocates to assist them in helping victims of crime.

The next training session will begin the first part of August, according to RC/VS Executive Director Colleen Craver. All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age, fill out an application, be interviewed by RC/VS Assistant Director Vonda Johnson and go through a background check. The training program is 40 hours and once on board, you have to go

through an additional eight-hour update training each year.



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Craver added the advocates are also required to be on-call three to six times a month for a 12-hour shift. The volunteer will be responsible for accom-

panying the victim to the police department, hospital or court house depending on the need of the person. If a volunteer is asked to help a victim, they would be responsible for follow-up with that person throughout whatever activity comes from the call.

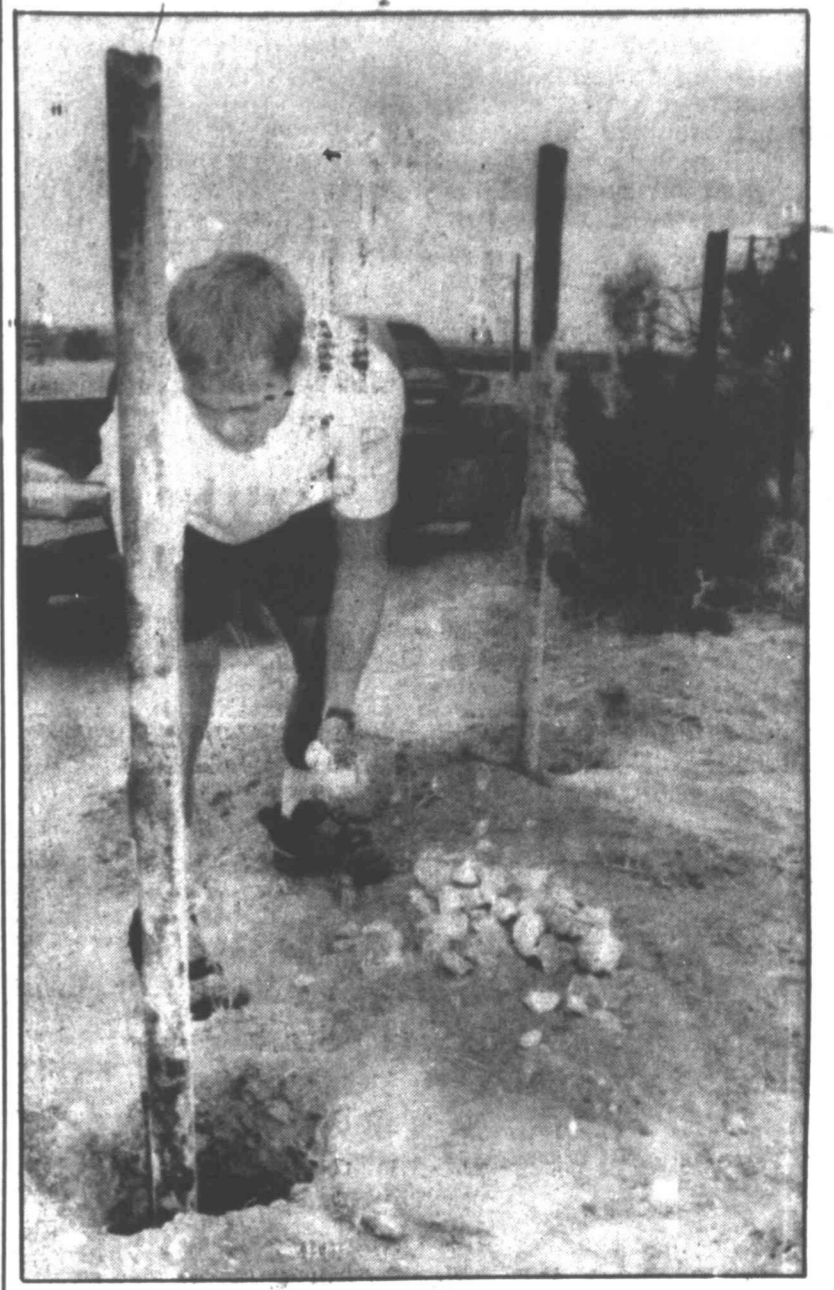
For example, if a person is raped, the volunteer will meet the victim at their location then, if necessary, take them to the hospital and a law enforcement agency to file a report. Once the case is handed over to the prosecutor, the volunteer would accompany the victim to hearings and/or a trial if warranted.

Pagers are provided by RC/VS and must be worn by the volunteer while on duty. If a victim needs assistance from RC/VS, they can contact the office during the day or call Scenic Mountain Medical Center after hours. The hospital staff will then page the volunteer on duty.

RC/VS assists victims of many crimes including rape, domestic violence, assault, drunk driving accidents and others. RC/VS also provides different support groups for victims of emotional, physical or sexual abuse.

Contact RC/VS at 263-3312 or 267-3626 for more information.

### FIXING FENCES



Blake Wright drops rocks into a hole to secure a post as he was helping to fix part of the fenceline at Moss Creek Lake recently. Vandals have been cutting the barbed wire and driving through the posts recently.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

## Kids getting fatter as schools cut P.E. programs

Scripps Howard News Service

Jeanne Orth never thought she'd have to work so hard to get her kids to break a sweat.

Three times a week, she takes daughter, Nikki, and sons, Kevin and Robbie, for long walks around their Thousand Oaks, Calif., neighborhood or for a dip in the pool.

Otherwise, their only exercise might come from channel surfing with the remote control or from pushing the joystick in a quest for the computer game's high score.

"If we didn't walk or swim, it would be a lot harder," says Orth. "They want to sit and play computer games, play Nintendo, watch TV. I have to

limit it, and sometimes I tell them they need to choose something outside."

Orth isn't alone in her frustration. Experts say cuts in physical education programs at schools and an increased preference for sedentary activities has led to a generation of out-of-shape kids who wheeze at the thought of running a mile.

Though some schools vowed to beef up their physical education programs, experts say there has been little improvement in fitness levels.

A 1987 study showed the number of overweight kids had doubled in 20 years. Only 37 percent of high school students exercise for at least 20 minutes three times a week.

The National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends 30 minutes daily.

Experts fear the continuing decline in youth fitness will lead to overweight adults who are at higher risk for heart disease, diabetes, hypertension and some types of cancer. Health care costs connected to obesity and a lack of fitness already have spiraled to \$100 billion a year, according to Dr. C. Everett Koop, the former U.S. Surgeon General who recently launched his "Shape Up America" campaign.

The problem is that physical activity has slacked off both at home and in school. At home, kids may choose reruns on TV, computer games, or online chat

rooms over kick-the-can or a game of catch. And some parents of latchkey children feel safer keeping them inside during the day.

At school, many physical education programs have been reduced, often falling to budget cuts, says John Cates, executive director of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in San Diego. Where high schools once required four years of P.E., most now only require two. And as funding continued to shrivel from the Kennedy years, few elementary schools retained full-time P.E. specialists. Instead, the burden has fallen on classroom teach-

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## Fraudulent returns stretch bounds of imagination

Scripps Howard News Service

Ever "bought" a camcorder to shoot your daughter's wedding, then blithely returned it the next week?

Some guy tried to pull that one at the Banksville, Pa., Radio Shack recently. The manager, Darrell Northcraft, brimmed with similar anecdotes, asking, "How many hours do you have?"

Fraudulent returns have become such a phenomena that members of the National Retailers Federation held a session to discuss it at their recent convention.

Bruce Van Kleeck, one of the federation's vice presidents, said though the practice is on the upswing, "it's difficult to quantify because the first abuse you may not know was abuse."

Most of the time it's less audacious than the one you hear most often: The guy who "buys" a big-screen TV the day before the Super Bowl and returns it the day after.

Some borderline excuses might have honorable intent, like, "Yes, I wore this dress to the gala I bought it for, but it itches and fits funny."

It's clear, however, that many consumers are using retailers the way readers use libraries.

"People are very bold about it and think it's an acceptable practice," says Van Kleeck, "but they are defrauding a retailer."

Northcraft said the bride's father even revealed why he was buying the camcorder. "On Monday, he came in to return it, and I said, 'So, basically, you just borrowed it for the weekend?'"

"He said, 'Well, no, uh, but I don't think I have need for it now.'"

The audacity of such an act would either imply the person doesn't think there's anything wrong with what he did or that he's just taking full advantage of lenient policies.

You could return a camcorder just days after using it for, say, your daughter's wedding and have a decent excuse for wanting your money back: Your bursitis flared up when you used it, for instance.

Validity of excuse is rarely an issue, so fraudulent returns do not violate most return policies. Stores have few conditions other than that you present a receipt within a certain amount of time, if there is a time limit, and that the item isn't beat up.

Some give you 30 days, like Radio Shack; some allow 90, like Kmart, and some are open-ended, like Barnes & Noble. The most lenient stores don't even require a receipt.

J Crew stores have a vigorous policy. You must present the item with its receipt and original tags in place within 10 days for a full refund. After 10 days, you can get only store credit.

"There's some discretion,"

says manager Sherri Sopol. "If a shirt has no tags but all the creases are in it, I might take it back. But things people have worn, to put them right back on the floor? That could be a health issue."

Barnes & Noble has no deadlines but a condition — that the book you're returning look new. And Karen McDermott, one store's general manager, says return abuse is not a problem.

"We've had people who say, 'I started this and really don't like it.' But why wouldn't we take it back? We have so many people coming back week after week, we wouldn't want to insult them."

More retailers are looking for ways to deter abuse without confronting customers, he says. Placing tags prominently on items like prom and party dresses is one way. You can't return the dress unless the tag is still on it.

Erica Kirby, a Kaufmann's spokesman, says department store has been placing tags on its better dresses for about two years.

For other items, a deterrent might be a tighter expiration on the return. If Radio Shack had a five-day return policy, the father of the bride still could have defrauded the store. But the guy who "bought" a radar detector for his vacation would have missed the deadline.

## What annoys people at work

Scripps Howard News Service

The best way of knowing how your office manners can be improved is to know what really annoys others.

Britain's Industrial Society has compiled a list of "some top pet etiquette hates in business." These include:

- Turning up late for meetings.
- Dominating meetings by straying off the agenda to deal with your own complaints.
- Leaving the photocopier out of paper or set on multiple copies.
- Leaving meeting rooms untidy.
- Borrowing pens or equipment and not returning them.
- Never offering to get coffee for colleagues.
- Trying to talk to someone who is already on the phone.
- Sitting on someone's desk.
- Not greeting colleagues in the morning.
- Shouting across the office.
- Complaining when asked to do your job.
- Reading over other people's shoulders while they're working.
- Sexist or racist comments.

## Books for children of all ages

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Take a look at these great new paperback books for children:

### BABIES AND TODDLERS

Nick Sharratt is one of the brightest talents to emerge in recent years as both an author and illustrator. Here's a selection of his latest work, all published by Candlewick Press:

• Sharratt is both author and artist in "Snazzy Aunties" and "Mrs. Pirate" (\$2.99 each, ages 2-5). In both books, he merges humor with color and rhyme to produce books that are fun to read, even for the 100th time.

• Sharratt offers a splash of color and whimsy in his illustrations for a new four-book series by author Judy Hindley. Each of the four books in this standout series teaches a different concept to preschoolers, but Hindley's breezy style helps make the learning fun. The books, which cost \$3.99 each and are aimed at ages 3-6, are:

"Little and Big," "One By One," "Isn't It Time?" and "Crazy ABC."

### PRESCHOOLERS

Even adults will learn something from "Alison's Zinnia" (Mulberry Books, \$4.95), a unique alphabet book by author-artist Anita Lobel. Using flowers as her theme, Lobel cleverly tells a story of friends and flowers as she moves through the alphabet.

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## CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Hotel/Motel Manager

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Working environment: Practically all of their work is done inside the hotel or the motel. This can be a very demanding position. The manager must solve problems concerning personnel, administration, and customer service.

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Continuing education/training: Junior college, senior college, technical schools, and on-the-job training.

Some sources of training/education: Howard College (basics), Texas Tech University, University of Houston, and University of North Texas.

Salary: Average starting salary in 1995 was \$39,901.00. The salary is determined partly by the size of the hotel or motel.

Job prospects: average

## Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

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### Barbecue on Saturday

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 506 will sponsor a barbecue Saturday starting at noon. Carryouts available. The cost is \$5 per plate. Call 263-2084.

### Forsan Reunion Aug. 3

The Forsan All-Class Reunion is scheduled for Aug. 3 starting at 9 a.m. at the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends are invited for morning refreshments and lunch. Preregistration is suggested at a cost of \$10 per person or \$6 for those under 17 years of age.

Donations are also welcome so the group can continue their ex-student newsletter.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### AARP driving course

The American Association of Retired Person's 55 Alive/Mature Driving Course will be July 23 and 24 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., including a one-hour lunch, Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road. Both sessions must be attended to receive a certificate which entitles enrollees to up to 10 percent reduction in auto insurance premiums for each of three years. One need not be a member of the AARP to take the course but must be at least 50 years of age. Tuition is \$8. Reservations for the two four-hour sessions can be made by calling Marcy House, 268-2741.

#### DAV rummage sale July 26-27

The Disabled American Veterans are having a rummage sale at the V.F.W. Hall on Driver Road July 26 and 27. The times are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donations of usable and saleable items are still needed. Call 263-1625 or 267-7773 for pick up.

### THE LAST WORD

Caricature: putting the face of a joke on the body of a truth.  
—Joseph Conrad

If I could say just one thing to parents, it would be simply that a child needs someone who believes in him no matter what he does.  
—Alice Keiher

In American there are two classes of travel — first class and with children.  
—Robert Benchley

There's a difference between a philosophy and a bumper sticker.  
—Charles M. Schulz



Kids

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ers who may have little training.

And what little P.E. elementary school children get may turn them off to fitness. Traditional P.E. mainstays like kickball or dodgeball can be discouraging to children who can't make it to first base or who get knocked out of the dodgeball game early, says Paul Rosengard, director of education services for SPARK Physical Education, a non-profit research organization at San Diego State University.

Those children end up standing around and may decide they're not going to be good at any athletic activities, Rosengard said.

But that's starting to change. The new trend in P.E. emphasizes activities that keep all children engaged and moving.

Though proponents of children's fitness are focusing their efforts on the schools, parents also have a role to play.

The most important thing parents can do is take their kids to a place where they can exercise, says Rosengard.

Tips to help your kids get fit

The statistics are dismal: 22 percent of children between the ages of 6 and 17 are overweight. Sixty-three percent of children are no longer physically active by the time they reach high school.

That's why the summer months can be critical. Children tend to return to school in the fall more out of shape than when they left in June. For parents who want to make sure their kids get off the couch this summer, Rosengard has some tips that will put them on the road to fitness:

- Give gifts that encourage physical fitness. Buy a basketball rather than a computer game, scuba fins instead of the latest Disney video.

- Set up a system of goals and rewards and have the kids record their progress in an activity log. For example, if Johnny can only do 10 pushups and he works up to 20 by the end of the month, he gets to go to the movies.

- Don't assume little Johnny or Sally will get enough exercise on their own. Talk to them about what physical activity they would like to pursue this summer. Then decide whether it's something they can do safely in the neighborhood or something they should do with a team or an organization.

- If it's not something they can do in the neighborhood, take your kids to a place where they can exercise. Studies show transportation is a key factor in determining whether a child will develop good fitness habits.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

Books

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From "Alison acquired an amaryllis for Beryl" to "Zena zeroed in on a zinnia for Alison," Lobel uses a formula of "girl-verb-flower" to provide a treat for both the ears and the eyes. The 26 portraits of the flowers are especially lovely and helpful for parents who have trouble identifying the various kinds when their children ask them. (Ages 4-7)

SCHOOLAGERS

Eight-year-old Roz Sasser wishes she had a "normal" family and the six-year-old pest named Ozzie who lives next door wasn't her uncle. But Ozzie is her mother's stepbrother, which makes him Roz' uncle — something he loves to announce to the world. In "Roz and Ozzie" (Beech Tree Books, \$4.95), beloved schoolage author Johanna Hurwitz shows how Roz learns to appreciate the good things about Ozzie. Hurwitz has a sure sense of what kids care about and does

Home decorating: Country style

By BARBARA MAYER  
Associated Press

Country is the decorating fad that refused to die. The comfortable, slightly cluttered-looking style that burst on the scene almost 20 years ago — supposedly to be replaced in short order by something else — is, if anything, even more popular than it used to be. It is considered as suitable in the city and suburbs as in rural reaches.

Of course, over two decades, there have been some changes. What started as a tradition-based style, with clear distinctions between American, English or French country, is now a freer idiom. It is more contemporary, less keyed to so-called national differences, and less reliant on cute accessories such as heart-shaped wreaths and pillows with homey sayings.

"The latest trend is for personalized rooms that don't conform to preconceived ideas," says Vicki Enteen, a spokesman in New York for the Laura Ashley Company, which

has been identified with the English country look.

"If you have painted furniture, wide-plank pine floors, lace curtains and rag rugs, do you have an American country room or a Scandinavian country room?" Enteen asks. The answer is either or both. "Country furnishings have always crossed national boundaries, but now we admit it, and the Laura Ashley catalog and stores feature merchandise that fits equally into an English, American, Mediterranean and Scandinavian country scheme."

By now, it might seem as if every imaginable permutation of country style had been explored, but new items continue to issue forth. The Spiegel Catalog for fall 1996 will include a wide range of new furniture and accessories.

"Country is one of four looks that we are emphasizing," says Irene Wilson, vice president of fashion for the catalog firm based in Downers Grove, Ill. "It is extremely popular, and right now perhaps our number one style." (The other style themes are Victorian, 18th century and modern.)

"Those who choose country usually prefer for furniture to be versatile, functional and casual rather than of any special style. They typically furnish each room for multiple activities, as in a kitchen or a dining room that is also a home office, and a living room that is a media room."

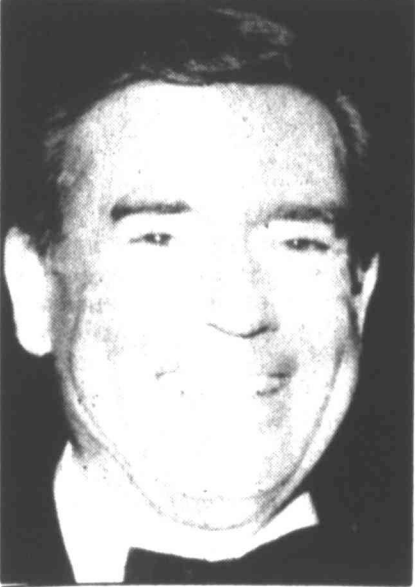
What's in are pieces based on the spareness of Shaker design and romantic furniture, such as a pie-safe painted blue, pieces that convey a casual contemporary feeling.

The essence of the country style always has been accessories used with a lavish hand. These go in and out of fashion with fair rapidity. What's hot right now, are primitive objects — South-of-the-border religious figures known as santos, flea market finds, and found objects such as seashells and birds' nests.

Other examples are natural things, like bunches of fresh vegetables and fruit from farmstand or supermarket that can be heaped in a big bowl and set out on tables. But lose those dried flowers because they aren't in style at the moment.

Dan Rather interviews Cuban leader

By FRAZIER MOORE  
Associated Press



RATHER

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Rather and his "CBS Reports" colleagues have outdone themselves with "The Last Revolutionary," an absorbing look at Cuban president Fidel Castro and the revolution that thrust him into office four decades ago.

Rather & Co. scored quite a "get": Castro himself, who welcomed them to Cuba this spring and spent some 30 hours with the CBS correspondent over a three-day period. It was by no means Rather's first encounter with Castro, but quite likely was his richest.

"We got a good look behind the beard," Rather said recently, "the ego and enigma. What you have here — we know and he knows — is a man who's in the twilight. He'll be 70 in August. He was certainly very candid about his hearing the clock ticking."

Speaking with barely disguised pride of the program, which airs at 8 p.m. CDT Thursday, Rather explained the Cuban leader "knew what we were going to do: a one-hour

documentary, prime time, (aired) in the United States at a critical time for Fidel Castro. He gave us time and access, and he really put himself into it."

They revisit the revolution — literally. Castro takes Rather, and us, to the Sierra Maestra mountains, where the uprising began that would end the corrupt reign of dictator Fulgencio Batista.

Castro and Rather walk the

beach of the Bay of Pigs, where, 35 years ago, the United States mounted an invasion with an army of Cuban exiles in what would be only the first U.S. attempt to oust Castro. This humiliating failure to orchestrate his fall would push him into the arms of the Soviet Union and bring the world to the precipice of nuclear conflict.

A man both loved and despised, hailed as a savior of the people and damned as a cold-blooded killer, Castro concedes to Rather human flaws. Then, through an interpreter, he hastens to add, "in political terms ... I can assure you that I am a man of integrity, a man of firmness, the same as the saints are."

"The Last Revolutionary" doesn't stop with its remarkable Castro tete-a-tete, as remarkable as it is. Instead, the program ambitiously uses its Castro-granted access as an opportunity to go much further in exploring what he's accomplished, and failed to accomplish, as a fixture on the world's political stage.

Did school judge girls too big for twirling?

Scripps Howard News Service

PITTSBURGH — Three would-be majorettes are suing their school district, claiming they were kept off the squad because they are too large.

The three girls, Indiana (Pa.) High School seniors Tarrah Armstrong and Jennifer Lightcap and junior Nicole Clemons, wear a size 12 or larger. The suit will be filed Monday in U.S. District Court here on behalf of them and their families by the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a July 2 letter to Mary Beth Sweeney, president of the Indiana Area School Board, ACLU lawyer Marjorie Crist claim that the girls were not picked for the team because they "fell above (an) arbitrarily

chosen weight/size limitation" and were "not allowed to enjoy the benefits of the squad in spite of their majorette skills."

The letter added "this gender stereotyping has not been applied to male students who wish to be involved in various high-school activities."

Crist said she knew of no written policy regarding the selection process for the squad. She said it resulted from "the practices and conduct of the district and the band director."

David Laird, district superintendent, defended the school's selection process.

"... (T)he district believes that it does have a fair and

non-discriminatory process for the selection of students for extracurricular activities," he said.

Both parties have tried unsuccessfully to settle the case since May. The letter asked the board change its policy and allow the girls on the team. But after meeting with district officials July 8, Crist concluded they were not interested in a settlement.

Lightcap, who has failed to make the team for three years, said she was determined to take the case to court. She was offered a spot on the squad July 3 but has yet to decide whether to accept it.

MORGAN PARK CONSTRUCTION



City of Big Spring workers drop a fire hydrant into place at the new Morgan Park recently. The city tapped into a nearby water line for both the hydrant and a newly-built park fountain.

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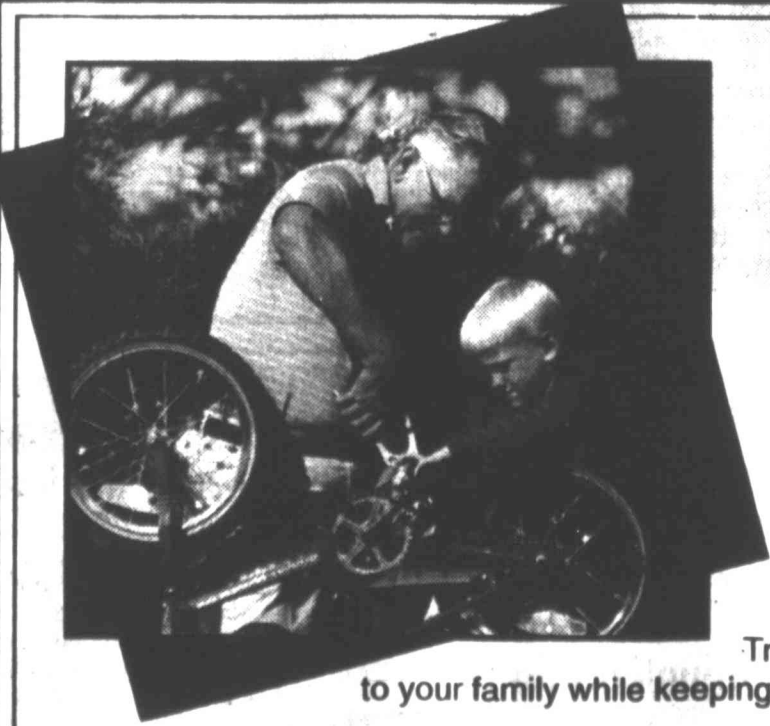
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## No Irvin, but Deion makes splashy entrance as Cowboys open camp

AUSTIN (AP) — Deion Sanders has managed to push fallen Cowboys star Michael Irvin out of the limelight, as least temporarily. As the Super Bowl champions arrived for camp Wednesday, Sanders showed up with a custom-made Mercedes golf cart that even included a stereo system. The vanity license plates for "Prime Time" read "Full Time."

Sanders, attending the first NFL camp of his athletic career, is being counted on to help at wide receiver as well as cornerback this year.

"I haven't seen Deion's mode of transportation but I've heard about it and can't wait to see it," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "We're going to need some help on offense from Deion this year. Right now he is an unknown at receiver so we'll see what happens."

Sanders will be spending most of his time at wide receiver instead of defensive back as Dallas prepares for the possibility Irvin might be suspended by the NFL for at least four games for his no-contest plea on a drug possession charge. Irvin will spend some time in

Miami and hasn't said when he will rejoin the team. Owner Jerry Jones said he suspected the club would hear the NFL's decision soon. "I don't think this will drag on," Jones said. "I think it will be a prudent and quick decision."

Switzer expects Irvin to bounce back from his troubles. "He always stays in good physical condition and I think he will be in a lot better mental condition the next time we see him," Switzer said. Meanwhile, the rest of the team was to have its first work-

out at St. Edward's University this morning. The Cowboys hold their annual Blue-White scrimmage Sunday and play their first game July 27 at Texas Stadium against Oakland. Emmitt Smith reported to camp although he still was waiting for Jones to sign him to a multiyear contract. Smith is playing on the final year of his contract and would like at least a five-year deal in the \$30 million range. "I'm not worried about a deal getting done," Smith said. "Jerry takes care of his pivotal

players." Said Jones: "There is no time frame on this thing."

Kavika Pittman, the Cowboys' first pick in the draft, signed a four-year, \$2.3 million contract and was in camp. Pittman, a second-round pick, will be counted on to give Tony Tolbert and Charles Haley some help at defensive end. Third-round pick center Clay Shiver of Florida State also signed, giving the Cowboys some needed depth in the offensive line. Jones said the rest of the draft picks should be signed by

the first workout today. Veteran defensive lineman Tony Casillas, who will play for the Cowboys a second time, didn't report to camp. Casillas still has some medical tests pending, Jones said. Jones wouldn't make a prediction on the 1996 Dallas team. "Time has flown by since we were walking off that field in Phoenix," he said. "We have a long journey ahead of us to win a fourth Super Bowl in five years. We will have a lot of pressures on us. I'd like to bottle what we did last year."

## Junior roper ready to ride

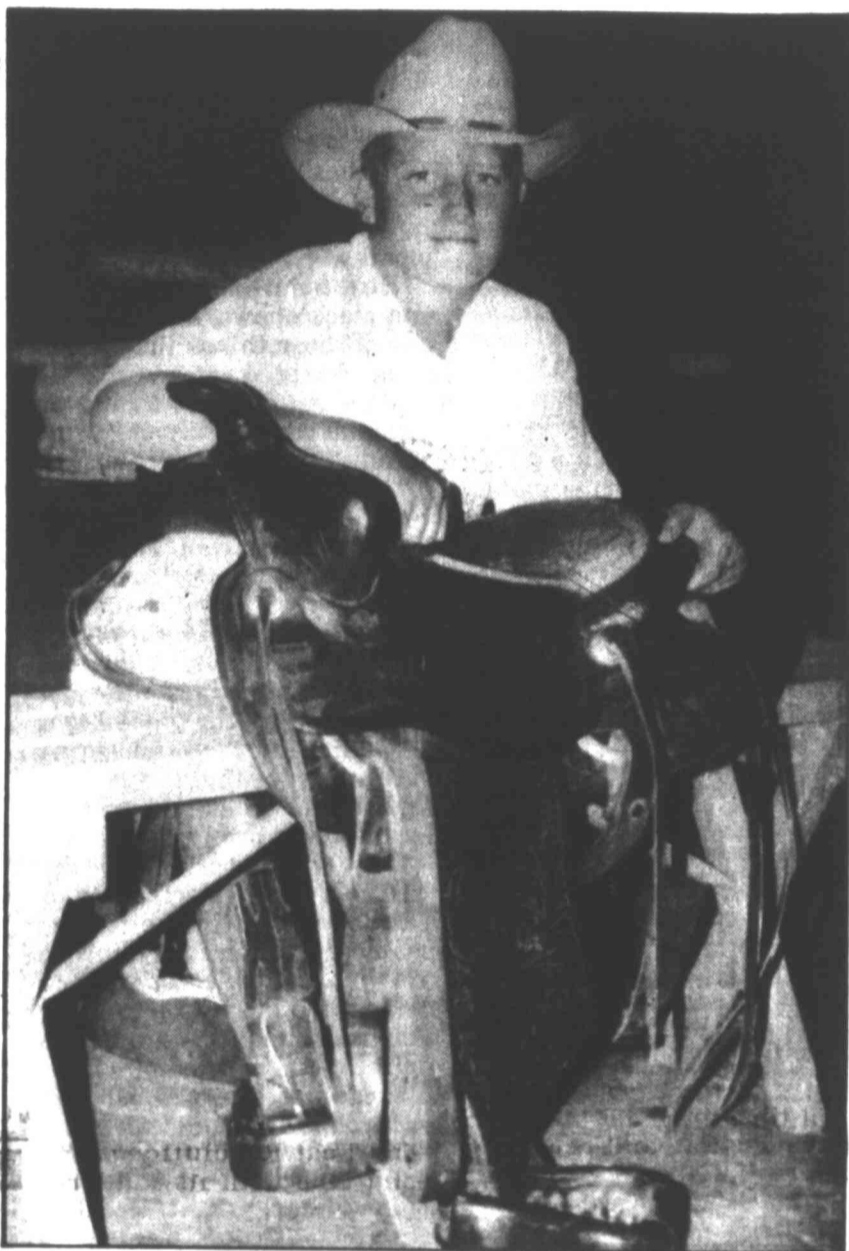
### 13-year-old hopes to succeed in both rodeo, racing events

By STEVE REAGAN  
Sports Editor

There's just something about speed and horsepower that appeals to Tony Wyrick. Wyrick, 13, of Big Spring, has already made a name for himself on the junior dragster circuit, driving scaled-down versions of top-fuel racers on an 1/8-mile strip. Now, Wyrick is trying to make a name for himself using real horsepower. He will be one of almost 300 youngsters competing in the High Plains Junior Rodeo, which begins tonight at the Rodeo Bowl. Wyrick and his horse Cricket are entered in breakaway roping, an event where a time of seven seconds is considered small-like. This need for speed — on the drag strip and the rodeo arena — appeals to Wyrick. And it may just be in his genes: One

**High Plains Junior Rodeo**  
When: 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday; 6 p.m. Saturday.  
Where: Rodeo Bowl, FM 700 and W. Business 20.

uncle, Jess Slaughter, is a former pro rodeo competitor, while another, Fuzzy Carter, is crew chief for champion drag racer Eddie Hill. "The thing I like most about (roping and racing) is the speed," he said. "You've got to have speed in both of them to do any good. I got racing from my mom's side of the family, and roping from my father's side." Wyrick's father, Craig, said



Tony Wyrick, 13, will be among almost 300 competitors at this week's High Plains Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl.

## Tickets still plentiful as Olympics approach

ATLANTA (AP) — Talk about Olympic myths. When people lined up before dawn more than a year ago to snatch ticket order forms, it seemed the only Olympic seats left by this summer would be in front of the TV. But here it is, one day before Summer Games start, and unsold tickets are plentiful. Three million of them. That includes some prized seats. On Wednesday, you could still get seats to the opening or closing ceremonies — at \$636 a pop — and some medal rounds of track and field. And airlines still have plenty of space on flights into Atlanta. In some cases they're even discounting seats. Hotel rooms can be found, too. Atlanta is laying out a fresh welcome mat in the final hours of its Olympic countdown: C'mon down, y'all. "We're seeing a lot of people literally just now having their Olympic awakening," said Jack Tyson, ticket sale director at the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. People who couldn't get the seats they wanted from ACOG by phone or by mail have been lining up at the recently opened Olympic box office. Tyson predicts that Saturday

may be the biggest sales day "because of the opening ceremony (Friday night) and the reality of it being the games." There weren't supposed to be any hotel rooms by now, either. But ACOG overestimated the number it would need for VIPs and corporate sponsors, and released thousands to the market. Late cancellations added more. Though rooms downtown are about as scarce as Pepsi stands, a spot check Wednesday found hotels within about 20 minutes of downtown Atlanta had a limited number of rooms available. About an hour from Atlanta, there were plenty. There's also a glut of private homes and apartment owners trying to rent rooms to Olympic visitors. The classified advertisements in Wednesday's Atlanta Journal-Constitution included two full pages of Olympic rentals. The easiest part is flying in. "We still have seats available for every day, even on the peak days," said Jackie Pate, a spokeswoman at Delta Air Lines. Delta handles about 80 percent of the flights at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport. Please see GAMES, page 2B

## Red Sox blow lead; Wetteland blows save

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Imagine the surprise of the Boston Red Sox when they blew a seven-run lead after seven innings. Even more surprising, John Wetteland blew a two-run lead in the final inning for the New York Yankees. Wetteland's record saves streak came to an end Wednesday when the Yankees' star relief pitcher failed to hold a lead for the first time in 25 games, resulting in wild 12-11 victory for the Red Sox. After wasting a 9-2 lead in the seventh and falling behind by two, the Red Sox stopped Wetteland's 24-game streak with a three-run ninth, winning on Jeff Frye's single. "Losses like this don't go away," Wetteland said. "But it is another hump in the roller-coaster. My stuff was good. I missed with my location." Elsewhere in the AL, it was Baltimore 11, Toronto 10; Minnesota 4, Chicago 3; Milwaukee 3, Detroit 2 in 10 innings; Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2; Texas 7, California 3; and Oakland 7, Seattle 6. Kevin Mitchell drove in four runs, three on a bases-loaded double in the fifth, to help the Red Sox take their 9-2 lead. But the Yankees scored the next nine runs behind the hitting of Paul O'Neill and Tino Martinez, who each had four hits. With the Red Sox trailing 11-9 in the ninth, Tim Lincecum walked with one out, Mike Stanley doubled off the Green Monster and Reggie Jefferson was intentionally walked after Mitchell struck out. Troy O'Leary's double tied the score and Frye singled with two outs to give Boston its seventh win in eight games. "It looked pretty grim for us when Wetteland got two outs, but I just told myself not to pull the balk," said Frye, who struck an opposite-field hit to right. Heathcliff Slocumb, who blew a save for the sixth time in 19

chances, allowed four runs and five hits in one inning. Vaughn Eshelman (4-2) got the victory after getting the last two outs in the top of the ninth. **Orioles 11, Blue Jays 10** Bobby Bonilla's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth capped a two-run rally for Baltimore. The Orioles blew an early 7-3 lead and lost an 8-7 advantage in the eighth, then overcame a 10-8 deficit to beat Mike Timlin for the second time in three games. It was the second ninth-inning comeback in three days for the Orioles. Timlin, the Blue Jays' closer, blew a three-run lead in the ninth on Monday when the Orioles rallied for an 8-6 victory. "Maybe you're starting to see that this team doesn't give up," said Brady Anderson, who scored the winning run. "We have a lot of intensity on this team — we can come back. In my opinion, we've been coming back all year." **Twins 4, White Sox 3** Denny Hocking, who entered the game batting .169, went 3-for-4 and singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth for Minnesota. The rally came off Bill Simas (0-5). Hocking, who also scored a run, improved his average to .194. Mike Trombley (3-0) pitched 4 2/3 innings of shutout relief. **Brewers 3, Tigers 2** Jesse Levis singled home Jose Valentin from second base with one out in the bottom of the 10th as Milwaukee moved within one game of .500 (46-47). Detroit's Omar Olivares and Milwaukee's Ben McDonald both pitched nine innings, leaving with the score tied at 2-2. Mike Fetters (2-1) pitched a scoreless 10th in relief of McDonald, who allowed only

two unearned runs. Tom Urbani (1-2) was the loser. **Royals 3, Indians 2** In Kansas City, Jose Offerman doubled twice as the Royals beat the Indians. Winner Tim Belcher (8-5) allowed nine hits in eight innings. Jeff Montgomery finished for his 20th save of the season and the 238th of his career, tying Dan Quisenberry's team record. Loser Orel Hershiser (9-6) gave up 10 hits in his first complete game since June 5, 1995, and the 67th of his career. He had been 5-1 in his previous seven starts. **Rangers 7, Angels 3** In Arlington, Juan Gonzalez extended his career-high hitting streak to 19 games with a two-run homer and RBI double as Texas beat California. Texas starter Ken Hill (10-5) gave up six hits and two walks in the first three innings, but escaped with only two runs, then settled down to notch his third straight decision. Hill scattered 11 hits in 8 2/3 innings before needing last-out relief help from Ed Vosberg, who balked in a run before shutting the door. Chuck Finley (9-8) lost his fourth straight. **Athletics 7, Mariners 6** Ernie Young's seventh-inning home run, one of four hits by Oakland, broke a tie and sparked the Athletics over visiting Seattle. Young's 13th home run, a one-out shot off reliever Blas Minor (0-1), landed in the soon-to-be-open bleacher seats over the left field fence to break a 5-5 tie. The A's, who also got a three-run blast from Terry Steinbach, a two-run homer from Geronimo Berroa and a solo shot from Scott Brosius, lead the majors with 150 home runs, including 24 in their last 13 games.

## Piazza's bat remains hot, but arm lets down Dodgers again in 5-4 loss

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

However much Mike Piazza helps the Los Angeles Dodgers with his bat, he isn't able to save them with his arm. Steve Finley ignited a three-run eighth inning by stealing second and third, and the San Diego Padres knocked the Dodgers out of first place in the NL West with a 5-4 victory Wednesday night. Piazza, who leads the NL in batting with a .361 average, has thrown out only 12 of 97 runners this season. Runners were successful in 40 consecutive steal attempts before Piazza threw out Jody Reed on Monday night. Los Angeles blames its pitchers. "Obviously, the word is out that you can run on our staff and we'll have to address it," interim manager Bill Russell said. "But these guys will make the adjustments. It's not that we haven't worked on it." In other games, Florida beat routed Houston 11-2, Colorado beat San Francisco 4-3, New York beat Philadelphia 3-2 and St. Louis beat Cincinnati 6-4. Pittsburgh's game at Chicago was postponed by rain with the Pirates leading 5-1 in the second. It will be made up as part of a doubleheader on Sept. 27. At Dodgers Stadium, Piazza's 26th homer gave Los Angeles a 4-2 lead in the fifth. But San Diego came back in the eighth when Mark Guthrie walked Finley, who promptly advanced himself to third and scored on Ken Caminiti's sacrifice fly. Wally Joyner singled, Antonio Osuna (4-4) hit Marc Newfield, and John Flaherty and Reed followed with RBI singles.

**NL** Bryce Florie (2-2) pitched a hitless seventh for the victory, and Trevor Hoffman pitched the ninth for his 19th save in 24 chances. **Marlins 11, Astros 2** Kurt Abbott, batting leadoff for the only second time in his career, hit a bases-loaded triple and three-run homer for a career-high six RBIs as Florida completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Astros. Al Leiter (10-8), who had lost five of his previous six decisions, allowed two hits in six innings, walked six and struck out six. Florida has seven extra-base hits off Shane Reynolds (11-6). **Rockies 4, Giants 3** Colorado extended its winning streak to a club-record eight, overcoming a 2-1 deficit in the seventh at Coors Field when Vinny Castilla hit a run-scoring single and Eric Young tripled in a run. San Francisco, missing five regular starters, lost for the 20th time in 24 games. Rookie Jamey Wright (1-0) got his first major league win. Osvaldo Fernandez (4-11) lost his fifth consecutive decision and for the 11th time in his last 12. **Mets 3, Phillies 2** Butch Huskey hit a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded and one out in the ninth, giving New York its fourth straight win and sending visiting Philadelphia to its fourth straight loss. Pinch-hitter Chris Jones singled off Steve Frey (0-1) to open

**Obviously, the word is out that you can run on our staff and we'll have to address it. But these guys will make the adjustments. It's not that we haven't worked on it.**  
Bill Russell

the ninth and Lance Johnson sacrificed. Phillies right fielder J.R. Phillips dropped Jose Vizcaino's fly ball for a two-base error, allowing Jones to move to third. After Bernard Gilkey was walked intentionally, Huskey flied out to right off Toby Borland. Jones scored without a play. Dave Mlicki (5-4) pitched two innings of one-hit relief. **Cardinals 6, Reds 4** John Mabry hit a three-run homer in the first and Brian Jordan hit a solo homer in the eighth at Riverfront Stadium, leading St. Louis to its sixth straight win. St. Louis has 15 homers and 49 runs during its winning streak. Andy Benes (8-8) scattered eight hits and allowed all four runs in eight innings. Dennis Eckersley finished for his 16th save, completing a three-game sweep. Mark Portugal (6-6) gave up five runs — four earned — and five hits in seven innings. Lenny Harris and Barry Larkin homered for Cincinnati.



SPORTS EXTRA

BASEBALL

American League

East Division

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Central Division

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Tuesday's Games

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Wednesday's Games

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Thursday's Games

Minnesota (Aguiar 2-4) at Cleveland (Gage 5-1), 7:05 p.m.; Baltimore (Walls 5-9) at Boston (Soto 4-5), 7:05 p.m.; Detroit (Nikowski 1-1) at Toronto (Hergan 9-6), 7:35 p.m.; New York (Gooden 9-4) at Milwaukee (Karl 8-5), 8:05 p.m.; Kansas City (Apple 7-7) at Chicago (Fernandez 9-5), 8:05 p.m.; Oakland (Wengert 3-7) at Texas (Pavik 12-2), 8:35 p.m.; Seattle (Meacham 0-1) at California (Boadle 10-3), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota (Rodriguez 8-7) at Cleveland (Nagy 11-2), 7:05 p.m.; Baltimore (Erickson 5-7) at Boston (Moyer 5-1), 7:05 p.m.; Detroit (Lira 6-8) at Toronto (Janzen 4-4), 7:35 p.m.; New York (Pettite 14-4) at Milwaukee (McDonald 10-3), 8:05 p.m.; Kansas City (Rosado 0-1) at Chicago (Baldwin 8-1), 8:05 p.m.; Oakland (Johns 6-10) at Texas (Helling 1-1), 8:35 p.m.; Seattle (Wells 10-2) at California (Grimsley 4-6), 10:05 p.m.

National League

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Tuesday's Games: Atlanta 3, Montreal 2; Pittsburgh 10, Chicago 5; San Diego 10, Los Angeles 1; Florida 3, Houston 2; St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4; New York 5, Philadelphia 3; Colorado 5, San Francisco 3.

Wednesday's Games: St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4; New York 3, Philadelphia 2; Pittsburgh at Chicago, p.p.d., rain; Colorado 4, San Francisco 3; Florida 11, Houston 2; San Diego 5, Los Angeles 4.

Thursday's Games: Colorado (Ritz 11-6) at San Diego (Sanders 1-9), 8:05 p.m.; Philadelphia (Mimbe 1-4) at Florida (Brown 7-8), 7:05 p.m.; Cincinnati (Jarvis 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 2-3), 7:35 p.m.; Montreal (P. Martinez 7-4) at New York (Hamisch 5-6), 7:40 p.m.; Chicago (Butlinger 3-8) at St. Louis (Stottlemire 9-6), 8:05 p.m.; Atlanta (Smoltz 15-4) at Houston (Hampton 6-6), 8:05 p.m.; Los Angeles (Nomo 8-9) at San Francisco (Sates 1-9), 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games: Philadelphia (Williams 3-7) at Florida (Hammond 2-5), 7:05 p.m.; Cincinnati (Burba 4-9) at Pittsburgh (Wagner 4-7), 7:35 p.m.; Montreal (Comier 5-6) at New York (Lirio 10-9), 7:40 p.m.; Chicago (Telemaco 4-4) at St. Louis (Alan Barnes 5-6), 8:05 p.m.; Atlanta (Woodall 0-0) at Houston (Kile 8-5), 8:05 p.m.; Los Angeles (Candotti 6-7) at San Francisco (VanLandingham 5-9), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Colorado (Reynoso 5-6) at St. Diego (Valenzuela 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: BATTING—Piazza, Los Angeles, .361; E. Young, Colorado, .354; Gracie, Chicago, .343; Burks, Colorado, .336; Bichette, Colorado, .333; Mabry, St. Louis, .324; Grudzielanek, Montreal, .323.

RUNS—Burks, Colorado, 84; Bichette, Colorado, 78; Finley, San Diego, 75; C. Jones, Atlanta, 71; Bagwell, Houston, 71; E. Young, Colorado, 70; Bonds, San Francisco, 70; R. Hernandez, San Diego, 70.

RBIs—Bichette, Colorado, 87; Galarraga, Colorado, 79; Burks, Colorado, 78; Bagwell, Houston, 77; C. Jones, Atlanta, 73; H. Rodriguez, Montreal, 73; Sosa, Chicago, 73; McWilliams, San Francisco, 73; McGriff, Atlanta, 73.

HITS—Johnson, New York, 129; Bichette, Colorado, 128; Grudzielanek, Montreal, 123; Burks, Colorado, 122; Finley, San Diego, 117; Piazza, Los Angeles, 116; Atlanta, 114; Grissom, Atlanta, 114.

DOUBLES—Finley, San Diego, 29; Lansing, Montreal, 27; Bichette, Colorado, 27; Bagwell, Houston, 26; Burks, Colorado, 26; H. Rodriguez, Montreal, 25; Castilla, Colorado, 25; DBell, Houston, 25; Javier, San Francisco, 25.

TRIPLES—L. Johnson, New York, 14; Grissom, Atlanta, 12; Lofgren, San Diego, 7; Morandini, Philadelphia, 5; Lankford, St. Louis, 5; DeShields, Los Angeles, 5; Vizcaino, New York, 5; D. White, Florida, 5.

HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 30; Piazza, Los Angeles, 26; H. Rodriguez, Montreal, 26; Sheffield, Florida, 26; Klesko, Atlanta, 24; Hundley, New York, 24; Burks, Colorado, 24; E. Jones, San Francisco, 24.

STOLEN BASES—E. Young, Colorado, 32; L. Johnson, New York, 31; DeShields, Los Angeles, 30; McRae, Chicago, 27; R. Hernandez, San Diego, 24; Larkin, Cincinnati, 23; 6 are tied with 4.

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TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled C Scott Hatteberg from Pawtucket of the International League. Optioned INF Tony Rodriguez to Pawtucket.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Signed RHP George Kaufman and assigned him to their Gulf Coast League rookie team.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Activated 1B Hal Morris from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned OF Eduardo Perez to Indianapolis of the American Association.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Optioned RHP Jason Christensen to Calgary of the Pacific Coast League. Recalled LHP Chris Peters from Calgary.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ORLANDO MAGIC—Re-signed F Horace Grant to a five-year contract.

DENVER NUGGETS—Agreed to terms with G Ervin Johnson on a seven-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed DT Shannon Brown to a three-year contract.

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DE-LB Gabe Norther.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DL J.C. Price, FB Scott Greene, WR Donnell Baker and DL Kerry Hicks. Released S Bubba McDowell.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed DE Kavari Pittman to a four-year contract. Signed C Clay Shiver.

DENVER BRONCOS—Re-signed C Tom Nalen to a series of one-year contracts. Waived DE Ray Jacobs.

HOUSTON OILERS—Signed OT Jon Runyan.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed WR Andre Rison.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed TE Johnny Mitchell. Waived TE Ronnie Williams. S Pat Johnson, WR Shannon Myers and CB Rodney Ray.

THAT WINNING FEELING



Members of the Midland Northern Little League all-star team celebrate after their 11-3 victory over Midland Western in the District 3 Little League Tournament championship game Monday in Big Spring.

Roper

Continued from page 1B Tony has been roping since he was 6, but has only competed in rodeos for the past few months. He's been involved in 4-H and stack shows, and this was one of those things that he fell into, Craig Wyrick said. He said he wanted to do it, and we said that was OK. Tony is not into roping just for the fun of it - he is also very determined to be a winner in the sport as well. While his burgeoning trophy case consists mostly of awards from his racing days, a handful of ribbons attest to his emerging skill as a roper. I've been roping since I was 6, so naturally, I've been getting better every time I rope, he said. I practice every night, so I want to win pretty bad. Tony, who hopes to be either a large-animal veterinarian or a county agent in the future, has no plans for competing on the pro rodeo circuit. And other rodeo events - particular roughstock riding - are out as well. I rode steers before, just goofing around, he said. My mom probably wouldn't go for me riding bulls. My dad might, but mom wouldn't.

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Addition of Gatling gives Mavs powerful new look on front line

DALLAS (AP) - In six weeks, the Dallas Mavericks' front line has gone from pitifully ineffective to potentially powerful. The club on Wednesday announced the addition of free-agent power forward Chris Gatling to a refurbished frontcourt that includes new Mavericks Eric Montross and first-round draft pick Samaki Walker. Forward Jamal Mashburn, the NBA's fifth-leading scorer two years ago who missed 64 games last season with a knee injury, also will be back in the mix. "I feel a lot better than six weeks ago," said Keith Grant, the team's vice president for basketball operations. "I think we've really improved our frontcourt. It was a goal." After Mashburn's injury last season, Dallas was left with a front line of Lorenzo Williams at center, Popeye Jones at power forward and George McCloud at small forward. There was no consistent

inside scoring, few offensive rebounds and no way to stop opposing big men from driving the lane. Opponents' shooting percentage - and point totals - soared. This year's front line is shaping up as a much more formidable force. Mashburn, who averaged 23 points and five rebounds in 18 games last season, will start at small forward, with McCloud spelling him off the bench. Montross, obtained in a trade with Boston last month, will play most of the time at center. Gatling, 6-10 and 230 pounds, averaged 11.1 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in part-time roles for Golden State and Miami last season. He's known for his defense and someone who can score. "I like to dive on the floor. I like to get down and get dirty. I like to do the dirty work," he said Wednesday. Gatling, who prefers coming off the bench as a sixth man, will likely share time at power forward with Jones, who aver-

aged 11.3 points and 10.8 rebounds last year as the starter. Head coach Jim Clemons said he doesn't know if Gatling will start, but he likes the player's attitude. "What he brings to the table is his work ethic, day in and day out," Clemons said. "This is one thing that we need to get better at." If nothing else, the Mavs' corps of big men will be deeper than it has been in years. With Walker, the No. 9 overall pick in the June NBA draft, also competing for time at one of the forward positions, Dallas will be at least two-deep everywhere. Gatling can also back up Montross at center, and Clemons said that's one reason he was so interested in the 28-year-old veteran. Clemons said the revamped frontcourt, along with the dynamic - if not exactly peaceful - backcourt duo of Jason Kidd and Jim Jackson is a combination he can live with.

Games

Continued from page 1B Delta is offering buy-one-get-one-free fares from several Southeastern cities to Atlanta during the games. For \$168, for example, a couple can fly round-trip to the Olympics from Columbia, S.C. "We did it because we knew people were going to make last-minute plans," Pate said. Other airlines that serve Atlanta also said seats were plentiful, though buying tickets on less than seven days' notice usually means high fares. No discounts once they arrive, either. Bring money, because one day at the games could cost a family of four more than \$500 for tickets, meals, souvenirs and lodging.

MLB tightens ban on Schott

NEW YORK (AP) - If Marge Schott wants to attend a Cincinnati Reds game, she'll have to buy a ticket. Reacting to Schott's vow that "I do not intend to disappear," baseball officials decided to banish Schott from all non-public areas of Riverfront Stadium starting this week. "There are several major issues that need to be addressed," NL president Len Coleman said Wednesday at Wrigley Field, where he was watching the Cubs play. "Once those issues are remedied, we hope to be able to lift the order and reinstate the terms of the original agreement." Schott, facing a suspension from baseball's executive council for her remarks about Adolf Hitler, African-Americans, women and Asians, agreed June 12 to give up day-to-day control of the team through the 1998 season.

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**READ ALL ABOUT IT**

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

**Smallpox Virus Stocks Targeted**

GENEVA (AP) — After years of scientific wrangling and nightmare scenarios of biological warfare, the World Health Organization agreed Friday to wipe out all traces of the deadly smallpox virus in the next three years.

At the U.N. health agency's annual meeting, a key committee gave the go-ahead to destroy all remaining stocks of the virus — held at high-security laboratories in the United States and Russia — by June 30, 1999.

The agency's 190 members will be asked to approve the decision Saturday, but that is regarded as a formality. They will have to give the final nod at their May 1999 session.

Known as the "spotted death" and the "great fire," smallpox killed about 600,000 people a year in Europe from the 16th century through the 18th century. It kept killing and disfiguring millions more worldwide even after a vaccine was discovered in the 1790s.

Only after WHO organized a huge immunization campaign was the disease wiped out completely. The last recorded case was in Somalia in 1977; three years later, WHO declared smallpox eradicated.

For years, health experts have urged eliminating the laboratory stocks for fear the virus could escape. Others cautioned that if terrorists got hold of the virus, it could become a frightening weapon in biological warfare.

Over the past decade, WHO experts have set a series of dates for destroying about 400 samples of the virus locked in special freezers at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and a smaller amount at Russia's State Research Center of Virology and Biotechnology.

The deadlines were repeatedly postponed because of objections from scientists who said it was wrong to destroy an entire species of virus that might hold clues to fighting other diseases.

But with the development of harmless clones of DNA fragments, scientists are now confident they have the full genetic blueprint of the virus and no longer need to keep the virus itself.

Use the information from the story to answer the following true and false questions:

- Smallpox is a deadly disease that kills about 600,000 people each year.
- About two centuries ago, a vaccine was discovered that prevented scarring in people infected with smallpox.
- The last known case of the "spotted death" occurred in Somalia almost ten years ago.
- The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is mainly responsible for eradicating (wiping out) smallpox.
- All remaining stocks of the deadly virus are stored in special freezers in the United States and Russia.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has agreed to save the last 400 samples of the smallpox virus.
- It will take about three years to get rid of the high-security laboratories.
- Terrorists recently used the harmful virus to kill innocent people.
- Some scientists believe that by studying the smallpox virus, researchers may be able to find cures for other diseases.
- Today it is possible for experts to study the smallpox virus without using live samples.

**BONUS:** WHO members agree that only when the virus samples are destroyed will smallpox be declared eradicated.

Answer key: 1)F. 2)F. 3)T. 4)F. 5)T. 6)F. 7)F. 8)F. 9)T. 10)T. Bonus)F.

**PART TWO: CHECK UP**

Infants are vaccinated against harmful diseases. Ask a parent about your immunizations. What diseases are you protected against? Using a dictionary, define each of the diseases. Did your parents have any of these serious illnesses?

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By BETTY DEBNAM

**Company's Coming**

**Atlanta Is Ready**

Atlanta is the 12th-largest metro-polluted area in the U.S. It spreads over 20 counties and has a population of about 3 million.



Atlanta is ready for a world of company! The guest list includes:

- 10,000 athletes
- 15,000 members of the press
- 5,000 coaches
- 25,000 athletes' family members and VIPs

The guests are coming for the Olympic Games. The dates are July 19 through Aug. 4.



Lizzy, the official mascot, is ready! ACOG stands for Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. The folks in Atlanta call it A-COG.



**A warm welcome**

Atlanta is well-known for its gracious Southern hospitality. The folks in Georgia have planned a special warm welcome for their Olympic guests.

The South is famous for its handmade quilts. Just looking at them makes one feel at home.

As a welcoming gift, quilters around Georgia made a total of 394 quilts. Each country in the Olympics will receive two quilts to take back with them. One will go to the flagbearer who holds the flag during opening ceremonies. The other will go to the Olympic committee in that country.

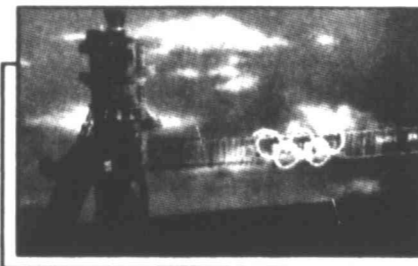
The quilts were made by men and women, schoolchildren, parents and grandparents. The quilters did not know which country would receive the ones they created.



**Atlanta 1996**

**Look of the Games**

ACOG has created a special "quilt" look to represent the Atlanta Games. This design is called "a quilt of leaves." The leaves stand for Atlanta's green landscape. They also stand for laurel leaves for victory and the olive branch for peace.



**A place to stay**

The ACOG will operate eight villages. The largest will be the Atlanta Olympic Village, which is downtown on the campus of Georgia Tech. This is the largest village in the history of the Olympics. It is also the first to be fully air-conditioned.

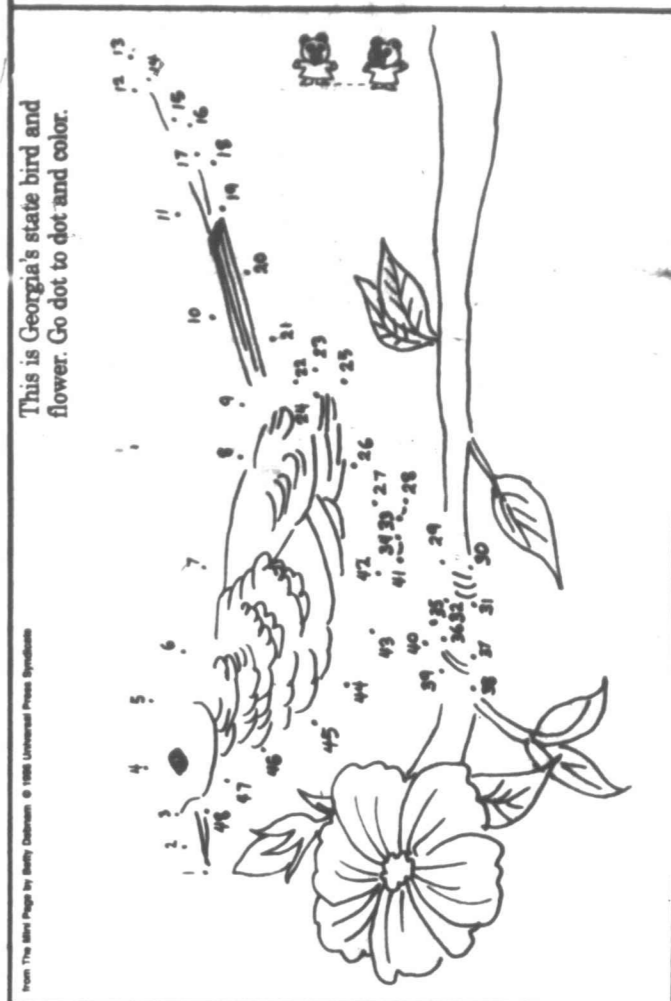
**A place to play**

The Olympic Stadium is the centerpiece of the 1996 Olympic Games. It will seat 85,000 spectators. After the Games it will become a 48,000-seat stadium, the home of the Atlanta Braves.

**To lead the way**

The Olympic flame will be kept in the Olympic cauldron. It looks like a big reactor set.

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**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

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Q: Why can't a banana be out in the sun?  
A: Because it'll peel!

Q: Who was Snow White's brother?  
A: Egg White! Get the yolk!

(all jokes sent in by Theodora Strates)

**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Georgia Nut Cookies**

**You'll need:**

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/2 cups biscuit mix
- 1/2 cup peanuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips

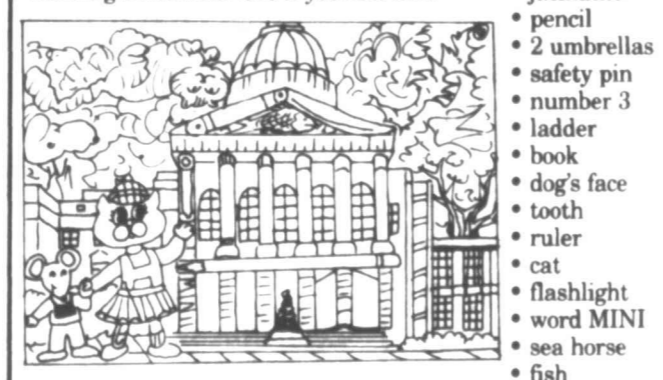
**What to do:**

1. Combine first three ingredients in a large bowl. Mix until smooth and creamy.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients. Mix well.
3. Place by teaspoonfuls on a baking sheet several inches apart.
4. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven 10 minutes. Makes about 3 1/2 dozen.



**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are visiting the Capitol building in Atlanta. See if you can find:



- jackknife
- pencil
- 2 umbrellas
- safety pin
- number 3
- ladder
- book
- dog's face
- tooth
- ruler
- cat
- flashlight
- word MINI
- sea horse
- fish

**THE NEWS HOUND'S TRY 'N FIND ATLANTA**

Words that remind us of Atlanta are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CITY, CAPITAL, OLYMPICS, SOUTH, HAWKS, FALCONS, PEACHES, KING, CARTER, PUPPETS, CABLE, NEWS, PARKS, BRAVES, HOSTS, ZOO.

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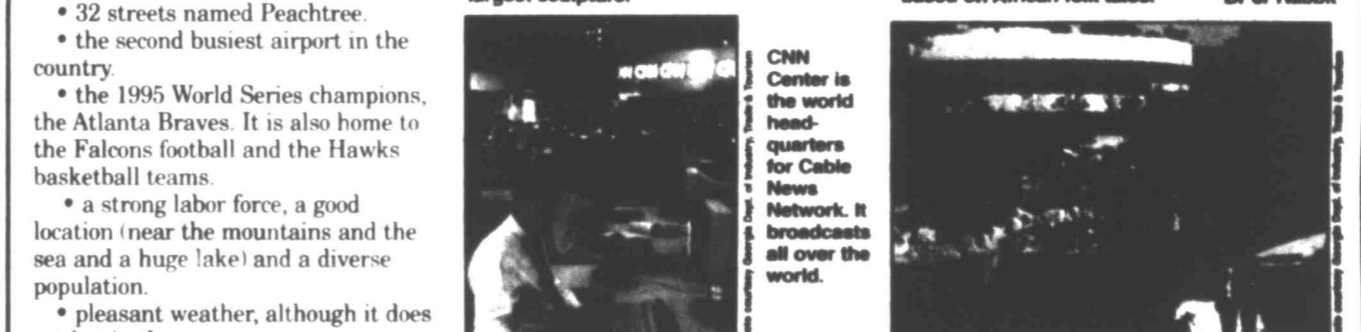
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**Welcome to Atlanta**

Atlanta is the capital of Georgia. In 1864, the city was burned to the ground during the Civil War. Today it is a bustling convention, transportation and business center. Atlanta is proud to have this chance to show off to the world how well it is doing.

Among many things, Atlanta has:

- 32 streets named Peachtree.
- the second busiest airport in the country.
- the 1995 World Series champions, the Atlanta Braves. It is also home to the Falcons football and the Hawks basketball teams.
- a strong labor force, a good location (near the mountains and the sea and a huge lake) and a diverse population.
- pleasant weather, although it does get hot in the summer.



Stone Mountain Park has 3,200 acres of lakes and woods. Stone Mountain is carved with a scene of Confederate Civil War leaders on horseback. This is the world's largest sculpture.

Wren's Nest is the home of Joel Chandler Harris, author of the Uncle Remus stories. These Br'er Rabbit stories are based on African folk tales.

CNN Center is the world headquarters for Cable News Network. It broadcasts all over the world.

The Jimmy Carter Library has documents, pictures and other exhibits from his presidency.

The 30-year-old gorilla Willie B. is the main attraction at the Atlanta Zoo. Willie B. lived alone for 27 years. Then he was placed with other apes, including females. Today Willie B. is the proud parent of gorilla baby Kutsoo.

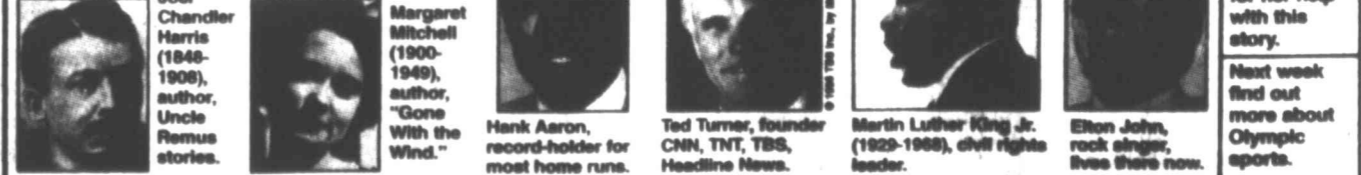
The Road to Tara Museum explores Margaret Mitchell's book and the movie "Gone With the Wind." Displays include costumes and items from the Battle of Atlanta.

An Atlanta pharmacist invented Coca-Cola as a headache remedy in 1886. The World of Coca-Cola shows the spread of this soft drink all over the world.

The Mini Page thanks Paula Crouch Treasurer, editor of the Leisure section of the Atlanta Journal and Constitution, for her help with this story.

Next week find out more about Olympic sports.

**Some famous Atlanta people**



Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908), author, "Gone With the Wind."

Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949), author, "Gone With the Wind."

Hank Aaron, record-holder for most home runs.

Ted Turner, founder CNN, TNT, TBS, Headline News.

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), civil rights leader.

Elton John, rock singer, see there now.

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ALASKA SUMMER JOBS- Earn to \$6,000/month this summer working in Alaska's fishing industry. No experience necessary. Over 8,000 openings. Alaska Employment Service: 1-206-971-3512 Ext. A73414.

ASSEMBLE ARTS, Crafts, toys in your spare time. Earn extra CASH! Phone work, Typing, Sewing, Electronics, more. Great pay! Call 24 hr. INFO: 1-800-632-8007.

ATTENTION! CRUISE Ships now hiring. Earn up to \$3,000+/Month. World travel. Seasonal and full time employment. Transportation. No experience. Call toll free: 1-888-813-9986, Ext. C415.

"ATTN: BIG SPRING" Postal Positions. Permanent fulltime for clerk/sorters. full benefits. For exam, application and salary info call (708)906-2350 Ext. 2543 8am to 8:00pm.

AVON - \$8-\$15/hr. No door to door. No min. order. Bonuses. 1-800-827-4640. ind/sls/rep

AVON & AVON OUTLET SALES- Earn more! \$10,000 part-time plan. Local support!!! (75% by telephone) Free shipping! Free credit!!! 18+ Independent Representative 1-800-735-5286

CARDSERVICE BANK CARD- NOW HIRING!!! Up to \$6000/mo. Deliver applications locally. No experience necessary. Call 24 hours/7 days. 1-800-215-3344 Ext. 6031.

CHURCH SECRETARY NEEDED: Must have secretarial experience, some computer skills, and good public relation skills. Send resumes to: Church Secretary, HC 69 Box 82, Big Spring, TX. 79720.

COOK NEEDED. Must be able to make tortillas. Apply in person at Country Corner Cafe. 3004 N. Lamesa Hwy. Between 7:00am-2:00pm.

CRUISE SHIPS HIRING- Earn up to \$2,000/mo. working on cruise ships or land-tour companies. No exp. necessary. For info. Call 1-206-971-3552 ext. C73417.

FULL-TIME DAY and evening cooks. Monday-Saturday. Willing to learn we will train. References required. Apply at Red Mesa Grill. 2401 Gregg.

DENTAL HYGIENIST: Full-time position in Alamogordo, NM. Personable, highly qualified Hygienist needed in thriving practice. Inquire can be sent to: Hygienist, P.O. Box 328, Alamogordo, NM, 88311-0338.

DIET MAGIC! Will power in a bottle. You need not another diet. You need a faster metabolism. 30 day programs start at \$300. Call Norene 1-800-650-0856

EARN \$1000'S WEEKLY. Workers Needed Immediately! Processing mail at your location. Free supplies/information. No Obligation. Send S.A.S.E.: Sterling Dept. #39, P.O. Box 149167, Orlando, FL 32814.

EARN \$18.50/hour mystery shopping for local department stores. Will train. Details; call toll free: 1-800-813-9986. Ext. S250.

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EARN MONEY Reading Books! \$30,000/yr income potential. Details. 1-800-513-4343 Ext. Y-22435.

ELECTRICIANS/PIPEFITTERS/WELDERS/Millwrights: Get listed! Assignments nationwide. Must travel. Pay based on prevailing rate at jobsite. Benefits include: vacation/holidays and health insurance. 1-800-282-4178

Help Wanted 085

EXPERIENCED COOK wanted, to work morning hours, 6:00am - 11:30am, Monday - Saturday. Apply at 2200 Gregg St.

EXPERIENCED ROOFING salesman in Indianapolis IN. Leads furnished. Call 317-882-0978.

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EXPERIENCED child-care workers needed. Must be 18 yrs. old and have a high-school diploma. Only qualified applicants need apply at 409 Golled.

Grounds keeper for 50 acres, 40 hours week, \$5.00 hour. Call for interview, 263-1120.

HELP WANTED: Full-time/Part-time drivers, \$5.00/hr + mileage. Good part-time job for people who need to supplement their income. Also 1 inside position. Domino's Pizza, 2202 Gregg.

\*\*\*\*\* BLIND BOX REPLIES \*\*\*\*\* When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example) \*\*\*\*\* BOX 999 c/o Big Spring Herald P.O. Box 1431 Big Spring, TX 79721 \*\*\*\*\*

The information for a blind box is CONFIDENTIAL, therefore, the Big Spring Herald cannot disclose the identity of the advertiser to anyone for any reason.

If You Have Any Questions Please Call The Big Spring Herald Classified Department at 263-7331.

\*\*\*\*\* HILL BROTHER'S TRANSPORTATION is currently seeking 10-15 qualified drivers for steady run between Denver, CO, Amarillo and Garland, TX. Main route of travel: Hwy 287. 2800-3200 miles per week. Some weekends. For more information call Vance at 800-228-4462 ext. 306.

HOME TYPIST, PC users needed. \$45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-22435.

HOUSEKEEPER- Needed. 30 hours per week. All daytime hours. 9:00am to completion. Benefit package available after probation. Motel experience required. If interested apply at Texas Workforce, 310 Owens. Ad paid for by employer.

LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA is now accepting applications for employment. Applicants must be 18 or older with good references. Please apply in person at Gregg & 22nd between 1:00pm-4:00pm.

LOOK HOMEOWNERS Unlock the equity in your home. Debt consolidation, home improvements, purchase, credit problems & bankruptcy okay. Reasonable rates & fees. Arkansas Fidelity Mortgage, Corp. Call 1-800-590-2362 or 501-223-9000.

SUBWAY HELP WANTED, apply in person only, between 2-4 pm, 1000 Gregg.

MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed facility has an immediate opening for maintenance technician. Experience preferred in general maintenance including light plumbing, light electrical and general mechanical repair. High school diploma or GED required. Must have clean driving record. Must be willing to relocate to Big Spring area. HVAC, electrical or plumbing license a plus. Includes benefits and 401K plan. Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between 7:00am-9:00pm for your convenience. EOE. No phone calls please.

Skeeter-Machen Well Service needs operators, derrick hands, and floor hands with 2 yrs experience. Apply in person at 2206 Garden City Hwy., Midland, Tx. or call 915-570-5115.

NEED MAN for part time maintenance/managerial position in local laundromat business. Start \$7.00 per hour up to 35 hours per week. Mechanical skills a must. Info and application at 1208 Gregg.

PAID TO SHOP, mystery shopping, up to \$24 hourly plus freebies in your local area. Nations largest recruiter! Programs FREE catalog. 1-800-767-CHAD

PIZZA INN Now hiring full-time & part-time cooks & drivers. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license, NO PHONE CALLS.

PROCESSORS for HUD/FHA refunds. \$3000 per month. Will train. call 1-210-697-3208.

Help Wanted 085

PL/FT. People needed to be a Mystery Shopper for local stores. Great pay. FREE products! Call now 818-759-6542.

REGIONAL MANAGER for expanding business. Work own hours. Must attend 1 day seminar for certification. 1-800-298-0389, 5:00-9:00pm.

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START DATING TONIGHT Have fun playing the Texas Dating Game. Choose for hundreds of eligible singles. For free info. call 1-800-Romance Ext. 4115.

TEAM & SINGLE DRIVERS WANTED. We offer an excellent benefit package: Sign-on-bonus, competitive wage package, 401k with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life insurance, and uniforms.

REQUIREMENTS ARE: 1 year semi driving experience or completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass, DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at STEERE TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 176. Phone # (915) 263-7656.

TELEMARKETING Help Wanted evenings. Call 263-3245.

TEXAS TELESERVICE is looking for operators with good people skills who would like to work from their own home. Operators will be answering incoming calls for 10 to 20 products. You will use your existing telephone with a special ring for the incoming calls. We will furnish a recorder and order forms to complete the sales. You are paid \$2.00 per sale as a part time operator and full time operators are paid a base pay and a \$1.00 per sale. Mail resume to Steve Coleman, HC 76 Box 41K3, Big Spring, TX / 79720. Fax 915-268-9073 or call 264-0769.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring is accepting applications for the position of Dispatcher and Jailer. To check minimum qualifications, closing dates and for further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan or call 264-2346. Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, July 23, 1996 at 5:00pm.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

THE CITY OF BIG Spring is accepting applications for the position of Utility Maintenance Repairman. Qualified applicants must have a high school diploma or GED certificate. The Utility Repairman is responsible for assisting in the construction, maintenance and repair of water distribution systems, collection systems, meters and valves. Must have a valid State of Texas Class "C" Driver's License and must obtain "A" CDL License within 6 months of employment. Applications will be accepted until Friday July 19, 1996 till 5:00 p.m. For further information and to apply please contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan or call 264-2346. THE CITY OF BIG SPRING IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

THE SONIC DRIVE IN is now seeking crew members for the morning shift. An ideal shift for a mother with school age children. To apply see James at The Sonic, 1200 Gregg.

TREY TRUCKS now hiring. Experienced transport drivers, class CDL with haz mat. Apply in person. 1300 E. Highway 350.

UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Now hiring wildlife inspectors, park rangers, clerical, trades, crafts, etc. No exp. necessary. For application and info call 1-407-338-6100, ext. TX212F. 7am-8pm, 7 days.

URGENT!!! Need 49 People to lose 5-100lbs. WORKS FAST! All natural, Doctor approved. Lose weight and learn how to make money too. CALL NOW. 1-913-383-4049.

WANTED!!! 100 people to lose up to 10lbs., 30 days. GUARANTEED. 1-800-310-9426.

WANTED mechanically inclined hard working self-starter to learn how to service and repair fire extinguishers. Apply at West Texas Fire Extinguisher, 301 W. 3rd.

WARNING! DON'T LOSE to home assembly, envelope stuffing, or other scams. For real home jobs call now! 1-800-550-3781 ext. 912 or 800-677-1207 Pin # 1076.

Wanted - Owner Operators/Drivers. Power only fleet. Deliver trailers loaded and empty, get paid for delivering empty trailer! Call for information 1-800-543-6482.

WILDLIFE/CONSERVATION JOBS Now hiring Game Wardens, Security, Maintenance, Park Rangers, etc. No exp. necessary. For application and info call 407-338-6100, ext. TX212 C. 7:00am-8:00pm, 7 days.

Jobs Wanted - 090

EXPERIENCED YARD MEN, Will mow grass, weed eat, edge, trim trees, haul trash, etc. Has good references. Please call Kirk at 394-4833, or Greg at 394-4795, leave message.

EXPERIENCED TEENAGE BOY will do yard work, haul trash, etc. At reasonable rates. Call 263-2879.

Loans 095

AVOID BANKRUPTCY Free debt consolidation app. W/Credit Services. 1-800-263-6985.

DELTA LOANS Loans ranging from \$100.00 to \$396.88. Let us help! For Fast, friendly service. Call or come by today! Se Habla Espanol. 115 E. 3rd 268-9090

GET OUT OF DEBT NOW. Stop Collection Calls. 1-800-366-9698

\$\$\$ LOANS \$\$\$ LOANS \$\$\$ \$100.00 to \$428.00

Call or come by Security Finance 204 S. Golled 267-4591 Phone applications welcome.

FARMERS COLUMN

Farm Equipment 150 FOR SALE: Hesston 14ft. hydro swing swather and John Deere Round Baler. Phone: 399-4559.

Grain Hay Feed 220 FRESH CUT alfalfa for sale. Good quality. \$5.00 bale in Stanton. Call 756-2592 and ask for Martin.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appliances 299 RENT-TO-OWN REBUILD APPLIANCES Easy terms, guaranteed, delivery and connect. Will buy Kenmore, whirlpool & GE washers. We have evaporative and refrigerated air conditioners for sale 264-0510 and/or 1811 Scurry.

Auctions 325 SPRING CITY AUCTION 2000 W. 4th 7:00pm

THURSDAY, July 18TH 7:00pm

Glassware, pocket knives, hunting knives, new hand tools, drug store items, costume jewelry, pictures, lamps, air mattresses, whips, straw hats, new weed eater, griesweld cast iron skillet, salt & pepper sets, corner tables, sofa tables, day bed, maple table with chairs, coffee table, twin bed, 2 chairs, end tables, 5 gallon water dispenser, old wood dining table, T.V.'s, stereos, small air conditioner, refrigerator, coin operated washers, chest freezer, 2 draw file cabinet, drafting tables, 2 wire displays, carpet, cutting torch, hammer, bicycles, exercise bike, exercise machine, 2 wall lockers, pipe wrenches, motorcycles, Honda moped, 100 Kawasaki, power tools, bench grinder on stand.

LAST AUCTION UNTIL AUGUST 8TH LOTS AND LOTS OF OTHER ITEMS ADDED DAILY NO MINIMUM-NO RESERVE

Robert Pruitt, Auctioneer TXS-7759 263-1831

SPRING CITY AUCTION-Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Computer 370 FOR SALE: Packard Bell computer, monitor, speakers, Cannon bubble jet color printer, computer desk and chair, \$2,000.00. Call 267-4605 after 5:00.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375 AKC CHINESE PUGS: Now taking deposit. Balance in 5 weeks. Only 3 left. \$200. Serious inquires only. Call 263-3927.

BORDER COLLIE MIX, male, 2 years old, good loving dog. Call 264-0310 or 267-2401.

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE: Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Puredad rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

HUGE WOLF HYBRIDS. Beautiful puppies. Gentle companions. Very protective. Large variety. Amazing bargains. Video available. For information phone 501-679-4234.

Kittens to give away. Call 263-7831.

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ THE BIG SPRING HERALD

Garage Sale 380

111 CEDAR (West 17th): 6:00am-11 noon. Zebra finches, TV's, washer & dryer, evaporative coolers, ceiling fans, mini blinds, cages, misc.

2801 Ann, Friday and Saturday. Jans, Geo-Safari, scooters, pickup tool box, video tapes, size 9 to 16 ladies, medium men's, child to pre teen clothes, and much more.

406 E. 22ND. 267-8745. Thurs. Fri. Sat. 10:00am-7:00pm! MISCI PLANTS! FURNI! bedst chest tables! wardrobes! D.R. sell! TV's! glassware! cook books!

509 NORTH MAIN, COAHOMA. 4 Family Garage Sale. Clothes, computer, tools, furniture, etc. Saturday. 8:00am-4:00pm.

BACK YARD SALE: Friday only. 1703 Alabama. 8:00am-7:00pm! Small appliances, clothes, toys, Barbie Stuff, collectibles, household miscellaneours.

BIG BLUE BARN SALE: Saturday, July 20. 8:00am-7:00pm E. Robinson Rd. Midway. 2 man Bass boat with 2hp motor, water beds, mattress and box springs, clothes plus size. Lots of odds and ends.

COUNTRY'S COME TO TOWN: 3 Family Garage Sale. Furniture, toys, clothes, kids clothes, misc. 801 W. 15th. Friday. 8:00am to 12:00pm. Saturday. 8:00am-12:00pm.

ESTATE SALE: (Katherine Lamb) Dining table & 6 chairs, china cabinet, living room, bedroom furniture, refrigerator, Zenith T.V., linens, glassware, kitchen items, ladies clothes. 800 Scott. Friday-Saturday.

ESTATE SALE: 3308 Drexel, Friday and Saturday. 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cookware dishes, house hold items, antiques, saddle, clothes, nic-nacks, 3 leaf antique dining table & buffet, lawn chairs, some tools. Lots of stuff. CASH ONLY.

FUNDRAISER: TEMPLE BELEN CHURCH. 105 Lockhart. 8:00am-1:00pm. Saturday. Clothes all sizes, dishes, lots of misc. HOMEMADE BURRITOS & COKES FOR SALE.

GARAGE SALE: 2504 N. Birdwell. Kids clothes (girls)-miscellaneous. Saturday, 8:00 to 7.

GARAGE SALE: 115 Broughton, (North Lamesa Hwy) Saturday. 9:00am-5:00pm. Lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday. 8:00am-7:30 Wood, Coahor. 1. Furniture, patio door, tools, clothes, small appliances, kids saddle, lots more.

GARAGE SALE: 14th & Golled, Friday & Saturday. 8:00am-7:00 of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 2525 Chanute. Saturday. 8:00am-7:00 Christmas train, organ, girls bike, refrigerator, & lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: South Salem Rd. (Sandspings) Saturday. 8:00am-7:00 Down draft A.C. stove, washer/dryer, lots of other good stuff.

GARAGE SALE: 4210 Hamilton. Baby items, tools, furniture, Saturday. 8:00-5:00.

GARAGE SALE: Carport, 509 E. 14th. Friday and Saturday.

GARAGE SALE: Women's clothing/large sizes, tapes, videos, light fixtures, misc. Friday & Saturday. 8-7:10 Lincoln Ave.

GARAGE SALE: 2701 Cindy Lane, Friday 7-6. 10 Speed, 3 speed bikes, new lawn mower, mini frig, Xmas centerpieces, ect.

GARAGE SALE: Friday and Saturday. 7:30 - 7:28 P. pool, school clothing, misc: home decorating items, color roller, bicycles, lots of miscellaneous. Sholar Rd. East of City, Midway area.

JULY 19TH 6-10PM. SAT. 8-12AM. Val Verde off Midway Exit. 8th house on right. Trailer, furniture, clothes all sizes, mush more misc.

MOVING SALE: 3206 Duke. 30 years accumulated. Exercise bike, 16 cubic upright freezer. Singer sewing machine, bedspread, dishes, nicknacks, wheels, tools, fishing equipment, children's clothes. Saturday 20th and Sunday, 21st.

SALE: 2210 MAIN. couches, chairs, refrigerator, A/C, large down draft evaporative cooler, small RV refrigerator, old refrigerator. Friday & Saturday.

FOUND Pets 381 FOUND: Female Pekinese Sheltie mix. Answers to the name Rudy. Please call 393-5645.

Furniture 390 FOR SALE: Like new king size foam mattress set. \$100.00. 267-4232.

Miscellaneous 395 ADVERTISING WORKS WITH BIG TYPE YOU JUST PROVED IT!

DIABETICS (USING INSULIN) Did you know Medicare (or Insurance) covers most supplies? Save money. call 800-633-2001. Liberty medical. Satisfaction Guaranteed. No H.M.O Members. Mention 12060.

Exer-mate 250 Exercise bike, large deer born gas heater, dark formal dining table with 6 chairs. Call 264-7557 or 263-2400.

FOR SALE: Body by Jake hip & thigh machine. \$100 neg. Call 394-4795, leave message.

GUARANTEED USED APPLIANCES, FOUTONS, DAY BEDS, RECLINERS, BEDDING, CHOICE OF 25 DINETTES, CHEST OF DRAWERS, AIR CONDITIONERS. BRANHAM FURNITURE, 2004 W. 4th. 263-3068.

Insect & Termite Control

2008 Birdwell 263-8814

NEED TO place a classified ad but CAN'T find the words to put in your ad? Stop by or call our Professionals in the Classified Department, and let them help write your ad and get you results. (915)263-7331.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS -Have you filed for your benefits and been denied? We can help! Free initial consultation. F.M. Blake Associates. 1-800-788-9024.

"LUCKY 7



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Miscellaneous 395 VIDEO GAMES FOR SALE: Nintendo \$10, Sega \$15. Call 263-4645.

WEDDINGS, CAKES, ETC. CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS We can match your budget on wedding cakes, permanent wedding florals...

Hours: 9:00am-12:00noon 3:00pm-6:00pm The Grisham's 267-8191

Telephone Service 445 TELEPHONE JACKS installed for \$32.50 Business and Residential Sales and Service J-Dean Communications. 399-4384

REAL ESTATE Acreage for Sale 504 MARTIN COUNTY 10.35 ACRES. Get away on CR 2330 Utilities. \$71,000-4% interest. Call FOREST AMERICA GROUP 1-800-275-7376, Mon.-Fri. 9-5.

FOR SALE: 800 Acres pasture on North Midway Road. Good water 1 1/2 mile of paved frontage. Call 267-3547 or 263-7201.

Business Property 508 ANTIQUES ETC. offering new spaces for lease in our comfortable, serviceable shopping environment in high traffic north Midland. Open 7 days a week.

RESTAURANT FOR LEASE Willow Park Inn, Snyder, Tx., 915-573-1961, ask for Jackie.

RETAIL STORE for lease approximately 3,000 square feet located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514, owner/broker.

TWO STORY - THREE APARTMENTS, some furniture and appliances. \$17,500.00 cash only. 263-3091 after 4:00.

Houses for Sale 513 3-2, den, fireplace, fans, central A/C, double carport, storage, the fence, call. Close to schools. \$39,000. Call 263-6810.

4 BEDROOM, 2 Bath brick, A/H with extra on E. 24th. BOOSIE WEAVER REAL ESTATE, 267-8840.

BARGAIN HOMES- Foreclosed HUD, VA, S&L bailout properties. Low Down. Fantastic savings. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. H-22435.

BRAND NEW in Coronado Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, huge living room with built in entertainment center, lawn, sprinkler, mini blinds, and large country kitchen.

Cash for your house or equity regardless of condition. (808) 794-5964.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: Rebuilt 3-2 home, nice kitchen with all appliances. Kentwood area. 2501 Ann Dr. Call for appt. 264-6173. Mid 70's.

CORONADO HILLS Some recent renovations, 3BR, 2 Bath 2 car garage, formal living or hobby room, open living arrangement, corner lot, tile fence, storage building, 90's. Call for an appointment. 263-2433 Owner/Agent

FOR SALE: HOUSES TO MOVE. 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, wooden. 803 & 805 Gregg & 207 W. 8th. Make offer. Call 267-7863.

FOR SALE OR POSSIBLE LEASE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, fireplace, nice neighborhood. Call 915-893-2267.

HISTORIC SETTLES Ranch house, 2 stories on 1-1/2 acres, 3 car garage & carport. Small 1 bedroom guest house. Central-air/ heat. Full basement. 267-1000, 267-8938.

HOMES AS LOW AS \$4,000! Gov't tax rep's and bankruptcies. Low or no down payment. Call 1-800-522-2730 ext. 1185.

HOMES FOR PENNIES ON THE \$11 Thousands of government foreclosed/repossessed properties being liquidated now! Call free 7 days for lists in your area, 1(800) 396-4247 Ext. 1089.

HOUSE FOR SALE in the Coahoma 1SD area. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath double wide on large double lot. Call 394-4472 and leave message or call after 8:00pm.

KENTWOOD- 2714 CAROL\*\*\* 3/2 with 2 living areas, double garage, new air cond./heat, shade roof and beautiful yard. \$74,900. Call 267-8094.

LOW MOVE IN COST. 3 bedroom, 1 bath now with office that could be 4th bedroom. Refrigerated air, central heat. Call Joe Hughes, Home Real Estate, 298-1284 or at home 353-4751.

MUST SELL! Lovely 4 bedroom, 2 bath, country home on 12 acres. Tubb addition, Forean school district, great water, large porch, \$96,500. Call 263-3540.

OWNER WILL CONSIDER selling 2 houses to be moved. \$19,000 for house, \$24,000 including retail lot. Call 263-6525 or Home Real Estate.

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RENT-TO-OWN-HOMES 4 BEDROOM, 2-BATH, garage, barn, fenced, \$350.00/mo. 15yrs. Real neat 2-bedroom, fenced, \$250/mo. 1-bedroom, garage, nice house, nice yard, \$200.00/mo. 264-0510.

WAS 27, NOW 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front. Call Kay Homes Inc. 1-915-520-8648

Mobile Homes 517 1997 Doublewide with central air insect home for the money. 3 bedroom 2 bath, veggie island kitchen, Glamorous extra large bath with separate shower, walk-in closets strom windows. Must see to appreciate. \$1995.00 down \$348.72 fixed 11.25% apr. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

1997 Fleetwood doublewide #1 home in America, 5 year warranty, garden tub, extra large closet. \$1595 down \$249.32 month 360 months 9.25% v.a.r.a.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

LOOKING for more space? Check this one out. Triplewide. It even comes with a deck, built in large kitchen, morning room sliding glass doors endless living area. Rock fireplace. Only \$2995.00 down \$489.00 month. 9.25% v.a.r.a.p.r.360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

Lowest price 4 bedroom on the market. #1 home in America upgrade carpet, huge room large utility, freezer space, garden tub and walk-in closets. \$1995.00 down, \$346.00 month, 240 months, 11.25% apr. Homes of America Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881. Se Habla Espanol

MOBILE HOME REPOSSESSED. I must sell nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath very good condition, has A/C. 800-215-4665.

OAKCREEK- HOMESTAR QUALITY AT IT'S BEST GUARANTEED. 800-215-4665.

REPO-REPO-REPO. If you want a good price on single and doublewide mobile homes then call this number 800-215-4665.

USED Mobile Homes, Starting at \$1488.00. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

USED SOLITARE!! Original Model home! 2 Bedroom 2 bath with front kitchen. This one is must to see today! Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881, 1-800-725-0881.

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999. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

Furnished Houses 522 1 BEDROOM, nice furniture, fenced yard, carpet, drapes, air conditioner. Call 263-5254.

Housing Wanted 523 WANTED TO RENT Nice clean affordable 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in a nice clean neighborhood, ASAP. Call 263-7331 or 264-7440.

Unfurnished Apts. 532 ONE BEDROOM furnished apartment. Clean. Water paid. No pets. References required. \$250.00 + deposit. 267-5420.

TWIN TOWERS APARTMENTS 3304 W. Hwy 80 264-0787 EHO Come Look Us over 1 & 2 Bedrooms Carpet, 1 bath, central heat & refrigerated air Refrigerators and ranges furnished Water furnished Laundry room available Clean & Comfortable 1 bedroom & 2 bedroom Security Deposit Required.

Unfurnished Houses 533 2/BEDROOM CANCEL no pets. 1505 Owens. 21 263-4022.

2 bedroom CANCEL 4 E. 5th. Call 267-3841

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH DUPLEX. On midway road in Sand Springs. 267-3841, or 556-4022.

5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, large living room, dining room, privacy fence, central heat/ air, refrigerator/stove furnished, washer/dryer connection. \$700/month. 2524 Gunter. Call 263-3461.

FOR RENT: Country living, close to Coahoma schools, clean large 2 bedroom. Call 267-7659.

LARGE 1 bedroom apartment duplex. Washer-Dryer connections, walk in closets, \$225 plus utilities. See at 611 Runnels, C-21 McDonald Realty. 263-7616.

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1. Repair Main Auditorium City of Big Spring Sealed bids shall be addressed to the Office of the City Engineer, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 6, 1996. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Council Chambers. A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the following location: Big Spring City Auditorium

Time: Wednesday, July 24, 1996: 10:30 A.M. The Award of Bids will be considered at a legally scheduled meeting of the City Council. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Only bids submitted on the City Bid form shall be accepted. Bid packages can be examined or obtained from the office of the Architect, Amtech Roofing Consultants, Inc., 13708 Research, Suite 303, Austin, Texas 78750, phone: 512-258-1661. Signed: Tim Blackshear, Mayor

Signed: Tom Ferguson, City Secretary 9975 July 18 & 25, 1996

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JULY 19: Success and popularity decorate your year. Remain optimistic yet responsible. This combination is likely to make you a bona-fide winner. You develop another perspective because of periodic events. As a result, choices, lifestyle and patterns of behavior may change radically in later years. If you are single, there is no problem with suitors. The questions will be how many you want and what kind of relationship you desire. Be direct about feelings. Others will appreciate this quality in you. If attached, you will experience a renewal in the relationship. Communications are instrumental. VIRGO presents options. The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Optimism surrounds you in employment matters. A colleague is positive, and you feel like whistling while you work. You produce on a high level. Clear your desk, and be ready to take on a new project. An important discussion with a loved one opens a door. Tonight: Exercise. \*\*\*\* TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your libido is high. Pursue an avenue of self expression. Your ideas are well received. Make plans for pleasure and fun. Instincts help you understand what is happening. Talks are important and provide you with additional insight. Tonight: Disappear. \*\*\*\* GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get centered. Examine long-term desires that could involve a partner. You get something you really wanted out of the blue, and then decide you don't want it. Check out an investment opportunity. Tonight: Be a couch potato. \*\*\*\* CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take steps to improve relations with others. Be accountable in an uncomfortable work situation. How you handle this enhances your well-being. Communications are excellent. Return calls, and stay on top of changes. Tonight: Dance at a favorite night spot. \*\*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are coming from a more secure place. Others take notice. Listen carefully to what another is sharing; there may be a helpful tip for you. Emphasis is on increased self-worth and personal value. You profit from your hard work. Tonight: Go on a shopping spree. \*\*\*\* VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are full of enthusiasm when it comes to kids, fun and creativity. Your radiance is apparent, and popularity peaks as a result. Trust your judgment, even if you have an overly optimistic point of view. Others are delighted by you. Tonight: Just make the request. \*\*\*\* LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Look within to find an answer. A partner gives you feedback. Think twice before you bound forward. This is not the time to leap, but it is a perfect time to brainstorm. You have more resources going for you than you thought. Tonight: Take your sweet time. \*\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You make your mark, both professionally and personally. Networking seems right up your alley. Expand your circle of friends, and let go of preconceived ideas. Your concepts are excellent. Begin by implementing them in your daily life. Tonight: You are the party. \*\*\*\* SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A project that has been close to your heart is the cause of much celebration. You have made progress. Others are aware of your efforts and achievements. Listen to your inner voice when making choices. An important resolution is needed. Tonight: You are a force to behold. \*\*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your personality sparkles. Stay on an even keel, despite the relishing of the moment. You are positive about options and justified in rejoicing about news on the home front. Spread the happiness you feel. Make phone calls, and disperse good news. Tonight: Hit the highway. \*\*\*\* AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Intrinsically, you are right on target. Consider what is happening within a partnership. Close relating is important in making a decision. Use your intuition to guide you. Communications are significant, though weighty. Tonight: Candlelight and champagne are in order. \*\*\*\* PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Emphasis is on money and success, certainly a winning combination. A friend is positive, and good news abounds. Join in the celebration. Go with the moment. Good luck marks your day, if you listen and respond. Tonight: Follow the crowd. \*\*\*\* For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 000-0000, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. © 1996 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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Couple is polar opposites when it comes to sharing bed

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are totally incompatible in the bedroom. I am not talking about sex; I'm talking about our sleep habits.

destroyed by my husband's obsession with another woman. My childhood was anything but secure, so my marriage meant the world to me — so much so that I swallowed my pride and tried everything to save the marriage.

T o m likes the windows open with the room air cool, the radio playing, and the curtains open so the morning light streams in.

We went to marriage counseling and I changed jobs so I would have more time for my husband. Well, he left me anyway. He wasn't the only one with zero respect for me — I had none for myself.

I like to be warm, so I object to the cool air as well as the street noise. I prefer the room to be dark and quiet, and I can't fall asleep to music playing or sleep through bright lights in the morning.

For weeks I slept with a knife under my pillow hoping I would wake up with enough courage to end my miserable life. However, by what I believe was divine intervention, I was asked to volunteer at the Humane Society, and it saved my life. Those homeless animals needed me.

I've tried earplugs to block out the sound, but they don't always work — and besides I want to be able to hear my kids. We do have an electric blanket with dual controls, but aside from regulating it, there are other issues we can't agree on.

After I had regained some of my self-esteem, I moved to Hawaii and found a studio on several acres of land where I could operate a facility to rescue abused animals. Never had I known such peace and fulfillment.

Please help! Don't suggest sleeping in different rooms. We don't have a spare bedroom. — SLEEPLESS AND SUFFERING DEAR SLEEPLESS: You and your husband should compromise in the bedroom. Tell him if he'll agree to turn off the music or use a headset, you'll agree to leaving the windows open. Then, wear warm nightclothes and buy a sleep mask at the drugstore to block the morning light. You both need to "give" a little.

When I was married, I was afraid of displeasing my husband or his family. Now, I please myself, and I can't imagine living that other life again. I wrote this to encourage all those who are devastated at the breakup of a marriage and think there's no life after divorce. There is, and it can be a better life. Mahalo. —RECOVERED DIVORCEE

DEAR DIVORCEE: Thank you for an inspiring letter. It seems to be true that when one door closes, another opens — usually for the better.

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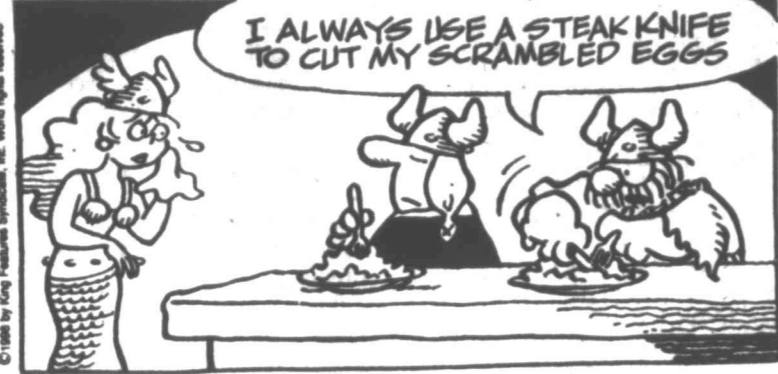
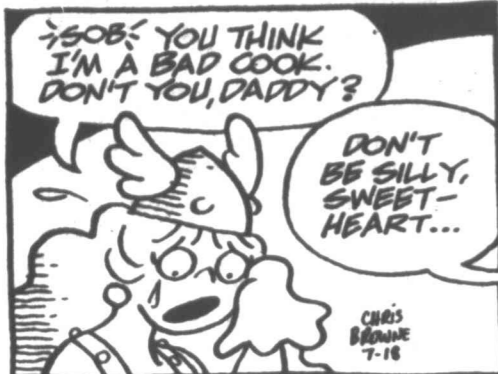


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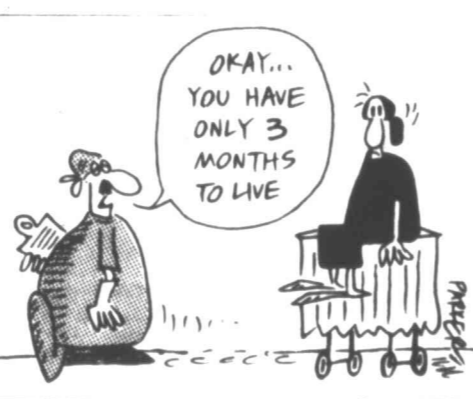
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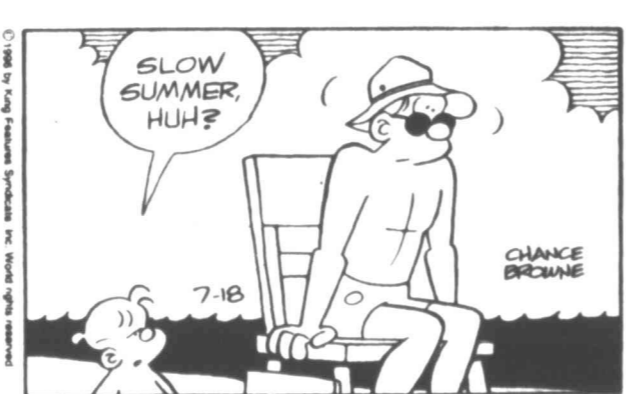
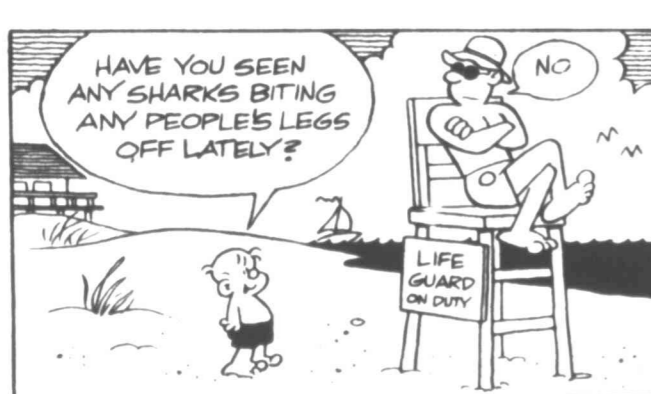
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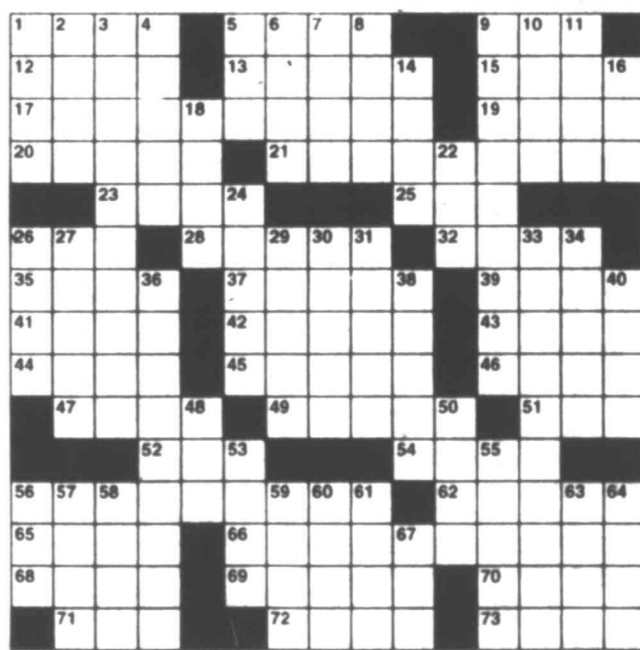
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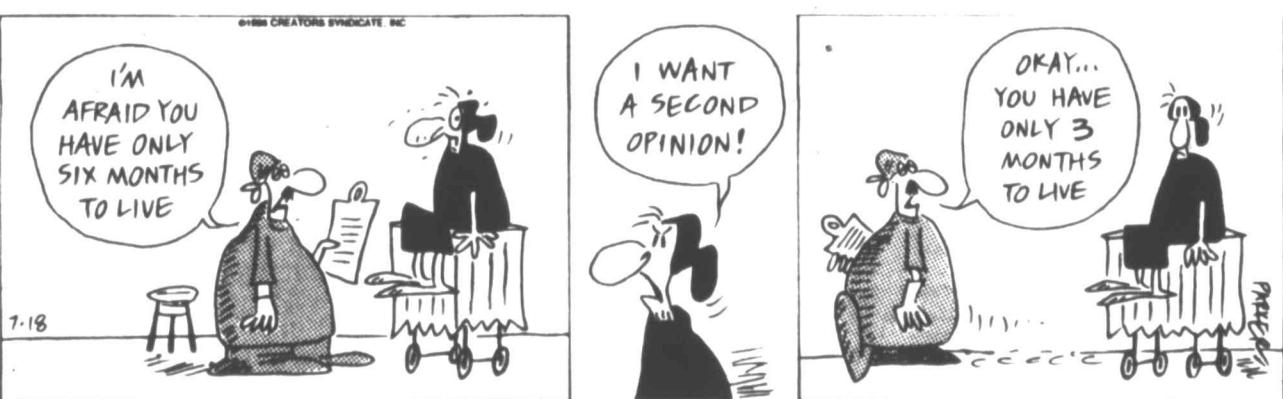
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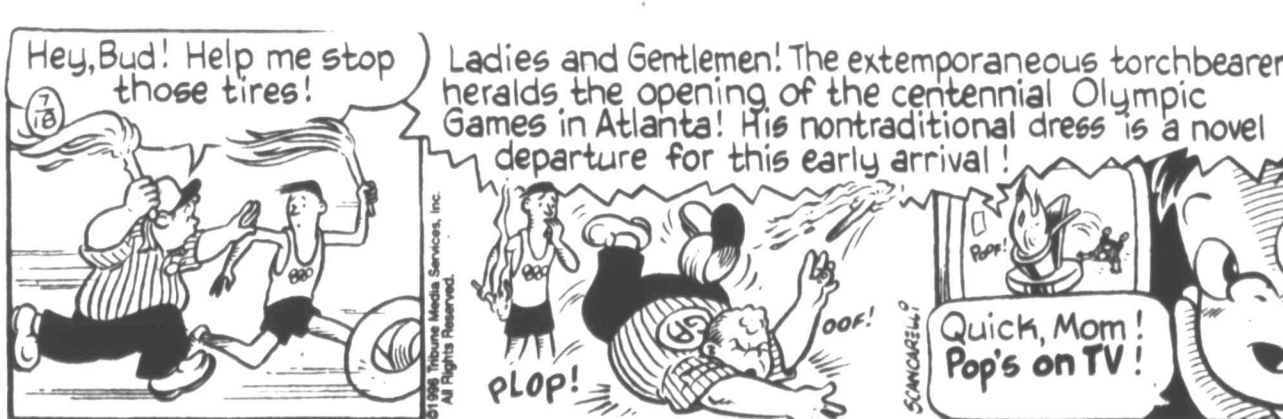
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