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School enrollment: Coahoma, Forsan up while Big Spring down slightly

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

First day enrollment figures are in and it's good news for Howard County schools.

Big Spring numbers are down slightly compared to the first day of school but that will change within the next week, according to Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy. "We started school earlier in August this year and that always means lower numbers the first day. We expect the numbers to jump up a great deal Monday and Tues-

day. Some people are still on vacation," Murphy said.

Records show there was a total of 4,190 students on the first day of school this year compared to 4,217 in 1995.

Anderson Kindergarten Center is almost at full capacity with 346 students enrolled. Murphy said if the school registers 17 to 20 more kindergartners, then the district will have to add an additional teacher. By law, elementary schools must maintain a maximum of a 22-student to one-teacher ratio. Last year, there were 292 five-

year-olds at AKC. In 1994, the district moved a teacher from Marcy to the kindergarten center because of the high enrollment rate at 382 students.

Big Spring High School enrollment numbers are up with 1,046 registered, an increase of 37 students from 1995. The total registration for kindergarten through fifth grade is 2,017 this year, down 71 students from last year. At the secondary level, the total numbers are up with 2,173 students in grades six through 12. That is up 44 when compared to 2,129 the same time last

year.

According to figures from Coahoma Independent School District, there is an increase of five students this year when compared to the first day of school in 1995. The total figure is 989 with 538 students in elementary which includes prekindergarten through sixth grade. Last year, there were 543 elementary students enrolled.

The numbers were down slightly at Coahoma Junior High with 164 this year compared to 177 seventh and eighth graders last year. Coahoma

High School figures were up with 287 ninth through 12th grades on the first day and there were 264 registered on the first day last year.

"I haven't got a clue where (the new students) are coming from," Superintendent L.D. Monroe said. "I don't know where they're living, I don't know where their parents are working. There's no economic reason for them being here."

Forsan Independent School District has increased its total enrollment by 20 students. Superintendent George White

reported the total number is at 693 compared to 673 in 1995. Kindergarten through fifth grade numbers are the same with 322 students showing up for the first day of class. Both the junior high and high schools were up 10 students each with 183 sixth through eighth graders this year and 188 students at the high school.

White added he expects to register two more high school students and one more junior high student today with a possibility of five elementary children as well.

Big Spring man killed in car-truck crash

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

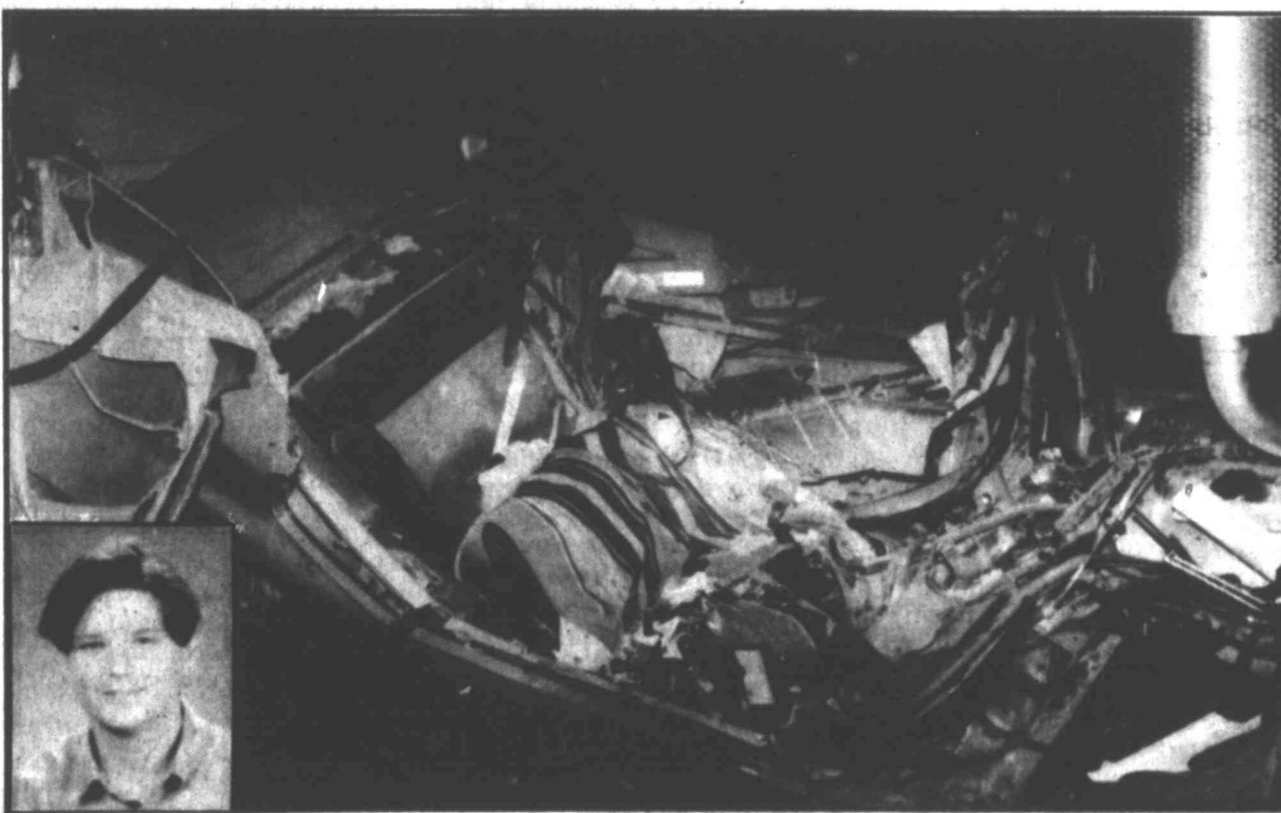
A young Big Spring man lost his life when he decided to make a U-turn in the middle of a highway.

Michael Jones, 20, died instantly when an 18-wheeler driven by James Randolph Grant, 53, Sand Springs, slammed into the driver's side of Jones' older model vehicle. Judge Jack Buchanan pronounced Jones dead at the scene.

The accident happened shortly after 8 p.m. Thursday near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700. Both Jones and Grant's vehicles were traveling east on Highway 350 with Jones' car in front when the 20-year-old made the U-turn. Grant did lock up his brakes in an attempt to avoid hitting the vehicle, according to physical evidence at the scene. The point of impact was about 50 yards from the intersection and the two vehicles traveled several yards before coming to rest in the shoulder of the west bound lane, still facing east.

According to Department of Public Safety Sgt. Larry Meadors, a witness told officials they saw Jones wave at a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction and apparently recognized the person. Whether or not that was the reason Jones decided to make a U-turn hasn't been determined at this time.

Grant was hauling a gravel



Michael Jones, 20, was the driver of this Chevrolet Chevelle that was involved in a two-vehicle accident Thursday night near the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700. Jones was killed instantly in the accident.

trailer with a truck leased to Stepcor, Inc. of Midland. The Chevelle's back left tire came to rest on top of the gravel container. Firefighters had to use the Jaws of Life to remove the roof of Jones' vehicle in order to extract his body from the wreckage. Jones' father was at the scene of the accident and sat in the passenger seat with his son's head resting on his lap, waiting for funeral home officials to arrive.

The accident caused the 18-wheeler to strike a light pole and it was twisted, laying across the highway. There was n't much left of the orange Chevelle with the hood of the car mangled into a small pile of metal and the driver's side pushed into the passenger's seat. The left front tire was underneath the right side of the 18-wheeler.

No charges have been filed as the investigation continues into the accident. Officials with the DPS's license and weight branch were dispatched to the scene to take measurements of the 18-wheeler as part of the state law enforcement office's policy.

There were no passengers in either vehicle and no one else was injured.

Hangar 25 telethon set Saturday on local station

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring's efforts to restore Airpark Hangar 25 to World War II status will receive another boost Saturday afternoon during a 2-hour telethon on a local television station.

The telethon, which will air from noon until 2 p.m. is part of the airpark's efforts to secure a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation.

As part of the telethon, the Hangar 25 Advisory Committee will be selling memorial plaques for \$50 which will go toward the 20 percent of the grant the airpark has to raise. Reagan said the gold looking name plates will be the size of a brick.

The bricks will be a part of the Memorial Wall Hall of Fame which will be on the left side of the hangar's entry.

Wal-Mart has also participated in fundraising for the project, raising \$2,000, which will be matched by its corporate office. Reagan said Wal-Mart

will present a \$4,000 check to the Hangar 25 Advisory Committee during the telethon.

Highlights of the Dallas Cowboys' 1995 Superbowl season will be shown and during commercials the committee will be taking pledges and donations for the project.

Because the state legislature passed an act in 1991 called the ICETEA Act, funds are available for transportation related non-traditional historical type projects.

According to Air Park Office Manager Nelda Reagan, with enhancement funds from the state, Hangar 25 could be restored to World War II status.

Reagan said the restoration project cost has been estimated at \$500,000, meaning the airpark will have to raise at least 20 percent of the cost.

The idea behind the project is to make good use of some of the empty buildings at the airpark. Reagan said a lot of the hangars are falling down and the city does not have the funds to repair everything and taking

advantage of these types of programs is a good solution.

Hangar 25 was built in 1941 for the bombardier school, which trained thousands of men for the eventual destruction of Axis forces in the war.

Part of the history of the hangar is the bombardier school graduated its first group of cadets the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The base closed in 1946, but when the Korean crisis erupted in 1951, the base was resurrected and produced jet pilots for the U.S. for more than a quarter of a century.

Reagan said, "It became known as Webb AFB home of the 3560th Pilot Training Wing, and for a while was the base for the 331st Fighter Interceptor Squadron."

In the end, the hangar began to turn out pilots for Allied nations such as Jordan, Israel, China, Thailand and Vietnam as well as the U.S., achieving one of the most distinguished records in the Air Training Command.

Reagan added, "The Airpark still holds very sentimental feelings for a number of retired residents in Big Spring. The enthusiasm of the possibility of restoring the hangar is very high. The hangar is in need of repair and we are looking at the possibility of funds from the Enhancement Program from the ICETEA Act in order to keep it from completely being destroyed."

She added there is also a possibility that famed WWII bomber Tinkerbell will be on display in Hangar 25 if all restoration efforts are successful.

The Confederate Air Force has said it would like to store Tinkerbell in the hangar. A former squadron member said several years ago when efforts were being made to restore Tinkerbell, Big Spring played a vital role by providing a place for the work to get the plane flying again.

Today, Tinkerbell still sports the city of Big Spring logo on either side of the plane.

Instruction costs make up most of Coahoma ISD's '96 budget increase

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA - The Coahoma school board crunched numbers for the first 2 1/2 hours of its budget workshop Thursday, then engaged in horse-trading in the final 30 minutes.

After settling on a tentative budget with little or no disagreement, board members quickly took different paths when deciding on a tax rate to pay for the package.

The 1996-97 budget the board will present at a 6 p.m. public hearing Monday totals \$5.95 million, an increase of almost \$300,000 from the previous school year. Most of that increase can be accounted for in instruction costs, which jump from \$3.18 million in 1995-96 to \$3.42 million in the new budget.

Once the budget was agreed upon, talk switched to setting a tax rate for the coming school year, and the meeting's only

contentious moments soon followed.

At issue was how much the district would add to its fund balance, its contingency fund in case of budget shortfalls.

Superintendent L.D. Monroe had prepared the new budget using a tax rate of \$1.45 per \$100 valuation as a guideline, which would add about \$77,000 to the district's \$1.5 million fund balance. A majority of the board quickly deemed that figure as too high.

At the high end of the discussion was board member Brian Marlar, who preferred last year's rate of \$1.48 and said he would go no lower than \$1.45. His major concern was that, facing uncertain state funding in the next two years, cutting too much into the district's safety net might endanger the district's educational responsibilities.

"If we cut too much, we might

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Tejano Jam, Coahoma Concert Series headline weekend ticket

HERALD Staff Report

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

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

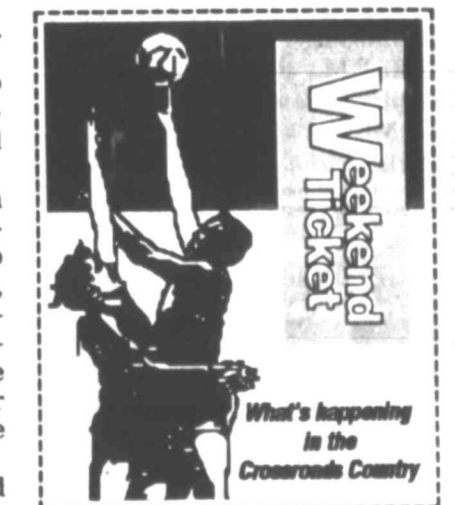
To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. No information will be taken by phone.

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

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring. Learn about the history of Big Spring and Howard County Friends.

• Boy Scouts of America, volunteer work day, Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Scout



Center, 610 Scurry.

Scouts, Scout leaders and volunteers are encouraged to participate in the work day.

• Tejano Jam, Saturday at noon, Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Live music, contests and food all afternoon and evening.

• Admission charge.
• Hunter's Gun Education Course, Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 263-7641.

• 6th Coahoma Community Concert Series, Sunday, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma.

Opening performer is folk singer Olin Murrell. Donations are \$6 for adults and \$15 for a family up to four.

Failed sheriff's candidate sues Herald over story

HERALD Staff Report

Woodie Howell, failed candidate for the Republican nomination for Howard County Sheriff in the March primary, has sued the Big Spring Herald.

He alleges the newspaper maliciously attacked him in a story that ran two days before the primary.

The suit was filed in 116th District Court on Tuesday although Herald Publisher Chuck Williams said the newspaper had not been served local-

ly as of press time today. He declined comment until he had been served a copy of the suit.

The suit names the Herald's parent company, American Publishing Co., and the newspaper as defendants.

The lawsuit centers on three paragraphs in a story focusing on Howell's past that reported a woman received a harassing call from Howell in response to a letter she had written to the newspaper.

Also, that Howell confronted a teacher at Coahoma Elementary School who was not supportive

of him.

The suit claims the statements were false because Howell was never accused of or investigated in connection with any incident at Coahoma Elementary School and that he did not make an harassing call to the woman and that she did not complain to law enforcement officials.

The suit also alleges the newspaper acted with malice and reckless disregard in publishing the statements.

Howell is represented by Lubbock attorney Mike Millsap, who said because his client is a

public figure, the law forces him to prove reckless disregard for the truth as well as malice.

"I think we have one very, very clear-cut instance of that," he told the Associated Press.

The suit seeks no specified amount, but claims Howell's "future will be seriously injured in his professional law enforcement reputation, good name, standing in the community, and will be exposed to hatred, contempt, and ridicule of the public in general as well as of his business associates, clients, friends, and relatives."

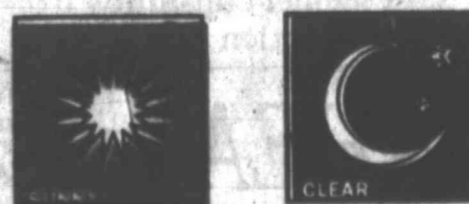
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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, sunny with a high in the mid 90s. Tonight, low around 70. Weekend, high in the mid 90s, low in the upper 80s.



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OBITUARIES

Michael Jones

Service for Michael Jones, 20, of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Jones died Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996, in an automobile accident.

John F. Smith

John F. Smith, 73, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996, at his residence. Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Gary Groves, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



SMITH
Park.

Mr. Smith was born March 25, 1923, in Grapeland, Texas and married Dorothy Story on Dec. 22, 1948, in Alice, Texas.

He graduated from high school in Grapeland and attended Paris Junior College on a football scholarship. While he was there, the football team was the National Junior College Champions and he was voted most valuable player. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps and went through officer's candidate school where he was commissioned 2nd lieutenant. He served during the invasion of Okinawa and during the liberation of China. He continued to serve in the USMC Reserve. Afterward, he went to North Texas State University on a football scholarship and completed his BS degree in education. Later, he returned and completed his master's degree in Administrative Education. In 1947, he started his career in education at Aqua Dulce as a football coach. He moved to Alice in 1949 and coached there until 1951, when he was called back into the Marine Corps for one year in North Carolina. He returned to Texas and served as principal at Hebronville for seven years. He came to Big Spring in 1960 from Devine, where he had served as principal for one year. He served as principal at Big Spring High School for 20 years from 1960 to 1980 then worked at the central school district office for one year, retiring in 1981.

Mr. Smith was a member of First Christian Church, Downtown Lions Club, Texas State Teachers Association, National Education Association, NSSPA and the Retired Teachers Association. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Smith of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law Stephen G. and Paula M. Smith of Odessa; one daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia Ann and Gary Wayne Lawson of Hobbs, N.M.; four grandchildren: Sarah Elizabeth Smith of Odessa and Justin Garrett Lawson, Megan Ann Lawson and Jacob Michael Lawson, all of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister: Eleanor Lee Moran of Houston and two brothers: Cecil G. Smith of El Paso and Arthur E. Smith of Houston.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. *Paid Obituary*

Li Chen Shun-Mei
Li Chen Shun-Mei (Grandma), 79, of Taiwan, died on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1996, at a local hospital. Memorial services were held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel. Other services will be in Taiwan where her other family lives. She was born Oct. 28, 1916, in Toufan, Taiwan and married Li Wen Chin in 1935. He preceded her in death in October 1995. She was a lifetime resident of Toufan, Taiwan, and was a housewife. She was here visiting her son and grandchildren in Big Spring when she became ill. She was a Buddhist.

Survivors include six sons and three daughters including her son John Li of Big Spring and 15 grandchildren. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Johnnie Broughton
Johnnie Ray Broughton, 69, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1996, in a Midland hospital. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17, 1996, at First Christian Church with Rev. Gary Groves, pastor, officiating, assisted by Royce Clay, Church of Christ Minister. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on July 5, 1927, in Big Spring, Texas and married First Sue Hall on March 20, 1946, in Big Spring, Texas. A lifetime resident of Big Spring, he graduated from Big Spring High School in 1945. His parents were G.C. and Vergie May Newton Broughton, a pioneer Howard County family. He had farmed for a number of years and then owned and operated Broughton Pipe & Steel. At the time of his death he was managing Broughton Farm Company. He was an avid fisherman.

He was a member of First Christian Church. He had served in the United States Marine Corps and was a member of The American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Sue Broughton of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Mickle and Skip Burcham of Big Spring; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Beth Ann Broughton of Midland; two brothers and sisters-in-law, G.C. Jr. and Jean Broughton of Big Spring and Robert and Alpha Broughton of Angleton and six grandchildren, John Pearce of Big Spring, Jay Burcham of Round Rock, Kena Burcham of San Angelo, Amanda Burcham of Big Spring, Courtney Broughton Smith of Dallas and Shelby Broughton of Midland.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Dorothy Taylor. Pallbearers will be Marion Newton, Lonnie Newton, Harrell Newton, Lindell Newton, Raymond Stallings, Phillip Gressett, Raymond Hall and Wally Slate. All friends are considered honorary pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to: The First Christian Church; 911 Goliad; Big Spring 79720 or the American Cancer Society; c/o Lucy Bonner; P.O. Box 2121; Big Spring; 79721-2121. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. *Paid Obituary*

hurt the kids," Marlar said. At the other end of the spectrum, however, John Wayne Metcalf strongly argued for a rate of \$1.42, saying that rate would still leave a substantial enough balance to see the district through emergencies.

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A \$1.42 tax rate would lower next year's contribution to the fund balance by \$42,000, according to Monroe's estimates. Metcalf also said that lowering the district's surplus would decrease temptation to dip into the fund. "As long as you've got a big surplus... It's a whole lot easier to spend it than not to spend it," Metcalf said. "If we cut it down some, we'd be more apt not to spend it."

Board vice president Larry Bennett sided with Metcalf, while president Gall Wells and board members Hubert Rowden, Bill Gressett and David Elliott occupied a middle ground of sorts, supporting rates of either \$1.42 or \$1.44.

Wells quickly found herself in the role of chief negotiator, and started working to build a consensus. True to his pledge, Marlar refused to budge lower than \$1.45, but Metcalf, Bennett, Wells and Rowden said a rate of \$1.43 would be acceptable. That left Gressett and Elmore as the swing votes, and they were reluctant to go with a rate lower than \$1.44. A few minutes later, however, Elmore suggested the group split the difference at \$1.435, and all but Marlar soon fell into line.

The proposed rate, which Monroe stressed is only a guideline until its adoption Sept. 1, would set the district's fund balance contribution at about \$66,000 for the coming school year and collect \$21,000 less in tax money than the original proposed rate of \$1.45. All other sections of the new budget would be unchanged. While most property owners will see little difference in their tax bills, Wells said the board decided a rate cut was important, if for no other reason than to show good faith to district taxpayers. "I think this demonstrates to the community that the board is committed to not only building the educational process, but doing it the best financial way possible," Wells said.

IN BRIEF
AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 is having a fish fry Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 a plate and carry-out is available. The American Legion is located at 3203 W. Highway 80.

BIG SPRING CLERGY NETWORK invites all clergy members to a seminar entitled "Living in a Step Family" with guest speaker John Setzer, counselor and Episcopalian minister from Midland. The seminar is Tuesday, Aug. 20 with a continental breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a question and answer session from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. It is at Comanche Trail Nursing Home, 3200 Parkway. To RSVP, call Murph Watson at 264-0500 or (915) 634-0550.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and fundraiser to benefit the children's Pet-A-Zoo. The breakfast is Saturday, Aug. 24 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Santa Fe Sandwiches in the Big Spring Mall. Tickets are available in advance for \$4 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Posey Cotton Co.

MEMBERS OF THE BIG SPRING-HOWARD COUNTY Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Aug. 19 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Social hour is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker is W.A. McQueary who will give an update on the school bond election scheduled for Sept. 14.

SPRINGBOARD
IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
-Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

-Big Spring High School football tickets sale for season ticket holders, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed from 12 to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

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

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
-Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m., Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

-Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

-Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

-TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-Big Spring High School football ticket sales to the general public, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed from 12 to 1 p.m.

-DAVA montly meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 214. Members plan to attend.

-Survivors of Suicide, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.

TUESDAY
-Comanche Lake Duplicates, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-5647.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

minister from Midland. The seminar is Tuesday, Aug. 20 with a continental breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a question and answer session from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. It is at Comanche Trail Nursing Home, 3200 Parkway. To RSVP, call Murph Watson at 264-0500 or (915) 634-0550.

TEXAS LOTTERY
PICK 3: 7, 2, 1

POLICE
The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period Thursday:

-BRANDON DEE RUSHIN, 26, Odessa, was arrested on local warrants.

-DOYLE MIEARS, 22, 204 W. 10th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

-ASSAULT was reported on the 1900 block of the Laméa Highway.

-THEFT was reported on the 200 block of Marcy Drive.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported on the 700 block of Abrams St.

-GARY DON GRAHAM, 53, 2410 Alabama St., was arrested on local warrants.

-BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on the 1500 block of Runnels St.

TEXAS LOTTERY

1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

-Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

-Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

-Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

-Encouragers support group (for widows and widowers) 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th & Runnels. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Enter through patio.

-Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Marcy House.

-Big Spring High School football ticket sales to the general public, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed from 12 to 1 p.m.

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THURSDAY
-Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton futures 72.95 cents a pound, down 52 points; Aug. crude oil 22.24, up 34 points; Cash hog steady at 60 cents even down 1; slaughter steers steady at 66 cents even; Aug. live hog futures 68.75, up 117 points; Aug. live cattle futures 61, up 65 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 5685.38

Table with 2 columns: Market Name, Price/Change. Includes items like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, Atmos Energy, Boston Chicken, Cabot, Chevron, Chrysler, Cifra, Coca-Cola, De Beers, DuPont, Exxon, Fina, Ford Motors, Halliburton, IBM, Laser Indus LTD, Mesa Ltd. Prt, Mobile, Norwest, NUV, Pepsi Cola, Phillips Petroleum, Polaris, Rural/Metro, Sears, Southwestern Bell, Sun, Texaco, Texas Instruments, Texas Utils. Co, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Amcap, Euro Pacific, I.C.A., New Economy, New Perspective, Van Kampen, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 7, 2, 1

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

-LOOSE CATTLE were reported on FM 821.

-DOMESTIC PROBLEM was reported on the north service road of Interstate 20.

-MICKEY LOYA HERNANDEZ, 35, 311 N.E. Eighth St., was arrested on an attorney general's warrant charging contempt of court.

-JAMESON LEE BILLINGSLEY, 20, Rt. 1 Box 153, pleaded guilty to evading arrest and theft over \$50/under \$500. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail on each charge (concurrent) and fined \$384.

-TEDRIC LAMAR McCALISTER, 20, 2911 W. Hwy 80 No. 16, pleaded guilty to theft over \$20/under \$200. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fined \$335.

-DONNA LEE RICHARDSON, 40, 1207 Hilltop Rd., was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for welfare fraud. She was released on \$3,000 bond.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 92
Thursday's low 75
Average high 95
Average low 70
Record high 107 in 1952
Record low 60 in 1931
Rainfall Thursday 0.00
Month to date 1.53
Month's normal 0.70
Year to date 6.50
Normal for the year 11.48
**Statistics not available.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS HEADLINES

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 Texas, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205. For more information call 263-7331, x112.

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Controversial plant stops accepting hazardous waste
DALLAS — After years of controversy surrounding pollution violations and the health of surrounding residents, hazardous waste shipments into an East Texas waste plant have stopped.

Officials at the American Ecology Environmental Services plant in Winona announced Thursday that they have suspended hazardous waste operations. They cited "the adverse impact on the business base" of the plant caused by negative publicity surrounding lawsuits seeking to shut it down.

"The litigation strategy being pursued by persons opposed to the facility includes numerous and duplicative lawsuits filed in several jurisdictions," the company said.

"The company believes the number of suits, as well as the discovery and motion practices used in each, is designed to overwhelm (its) financial resources," according to the statement.

People living near the plant have sued for unspecified damages in state district courts in Dallas and Tyler, contending that lack of environmental protections at the facility has caused illness, among other things.

Shepherds actually understand German, in Dallas
DALLAS — When it comes to training hand-me-down police dogs from far-off lands, Dallas police have learned that it's better to learn a new language themselves than teaching one to the dogs.

Most Dallas police dogs don't respond to English commands because they were trained in Europe. Therefore their masters must learn the dogs' native tongues — usually German, Dutch or Czech.

"It's easier for us to learn the dog's language than to retrain the dog in English," Senior Cpl. Brian Varker said.

Before a new dog arrives, the officer who will work with the dog receives an audio tape that translates English commands into the animal's language.

The dogs are really responding to phonetic commands that they've been taught, not human language. The dogs don't even mind when an officer draws the words with a deep east Texas accent, Varker said, "as long as you can get it in the ballpark."

Austin studies transit tax rollback
AUSTIN — The 1996 sales tax increase for Capital Metro has put Austin's transit system in hot water.

The public and many elected officials, including members of the Austin City Council, complained about the hasty increase combined with the Capital Metro's reputation for running a poor system.

But this week, the agency announced what would happen if the \$21 million tax hike were rolled back.

Administrators said eliminating the tax hike would derail plans for a commuter train system, reduce bus service — including 22 routes — and cause layoffs at the transit authority.

"Capital Metro is at a crossroads," General Manager Justin Augustine III told the transit authority's board Wednesday at a daylong work session on the future of the agency.

Magazine picks 20 'most interesting' Texans
AUSTIN — Unlikely as it might seem, TV star Chuck Norris, Olympic athlete Michael Johnson, lawsuit filer Cheryl Hopwood and politician Tom DeLay have at least one thing in common.

Texas Monthly magazine on Thursday named them to the "Texas 20," its listing of "the most impressive, intriguing and influential Texans of 1996."

The list ranges from Fort Worth financier Richard Rainwater, who the magazine calls "the last tycoon," to Dallas Cowboys player-trial defendant Michael Irvin, who Texas Monthly calls "ringmaster of the media circus."

Irvin's highly publicized trial on cocaine possession charges ended last month with a no contest plea following allegations from a topless dancer that the wide receiver had been involved in drug and sex parties.

State District Judge Manny Alvarez sentenced Irvin to four years' deferred adjudication, a \$10,000 fine and 800 hours of community service. Irvin also was suspended by the NFL for the first five games of the season for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

AG lobbying to help track down deadbeat parents
HOUSTON — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is trying to convince more businesses to submit information on all new employees to help his office collect child support from deadbeat parents.

Since the program was enacted by the Texas Legislature in 1993, more than 1,200 Texas businesses have volunteered to turn in the names, addresses and Social Security numbers of newly hired workers.

"Without greater help from Texas businesses, we will be unable to fully utilize the best enforcement tool we have. We cannot withhold wages if we are unable to determine where these delinquent parents work," Morales said.

"We absolutely need to see more businesses, more corporations and other private sector entities participating."

Among the big companies that have signed up are Marriott Corp., Bed Bath and Beyond and Continental Airlines.

Fund-raisers revealed after Pizza Night' report
HOUSTON — Whereas a cynical citizen may look at the 135,000 people locked inside Texas prisons and see inmates, some prison employees see a bona fide fund-raising opportunity.

For several years now, Texas prison inmates and their families have become captive consumers for state workers attempting to raise funds for their own training or for pet charities, officials said Thursday.

"Saturday and Sunday we have family visitation," explained Gary Johnson, TDCJ institutional division director. "So what a lot of units have done is to have hamburgers, or pizza or barbecue sandwiches... and then they would sell those items to the visitor for cash."

DPS confirms initial findings in Joost deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety will affirm the findings of its initial investigation into the deaths six years ago of a Texas Racing Commission official, his wife and two children, according to published reports.

The Dallas Morning News and the Austin American-Statesman reported today that a DPS review of the 1990 incident came to the same conclusion as before: that David Joost killed his wife and children before killing himself.

On March 5, 1990, the bodies of Joost, 41; his wife Susan, 35; daughter Lauren, 5; and son Eric, 10, were found inside their home in a suburban subdivision outside Buda, 15 miles southwest of Austin.

A .38-caliber revolver was found lying in a hallway near Joost's body.

The findings are expected to be made public after they are shared with family members in the next week to 10 days.

Family members have criticized the murder-suicide ruling, saying they believe Joost, an accountant, might have been murdered because of some

wrongdoing he uncovered at the Racing Commission, which governs pari-mutuel racing in Texas.

Claims that the Texas Rangers mishandled the original investigation triggered the almost-completed review.

A preliminary report has been completed and presented to DPS director James Wilson, DPS spokesman Mike Cox said Thursday.

"But it's not a final draft," he said, noting Wilson had some additional questions. "It's just sort of an editing process."

Capt. Marshall Caskey, a DPS investigator who was in charge of the review, would not discuss details, but he said he expects it will explain many of the questions and controversy that have dogged the case since it began.

"A lot of things that went unexplained are explainable," he said Thursday.

"The only thing that the family has requested — that I have requested — from day one is to have an agency with proper authority investigate this completely — from A to Z," said David Rains, a former criminal investigator for the Louisiana

state police who investigated the case for the Joost family. Rains and family members contended that the Rangers believed from the start that it was a murder-suicide and did not conduct an extensive investigation.

Neighbors and other potential witnesses were never questioned, they said, and the lack of identifiable fingerprints on the handgun found near Joost's body only added to the mystery.

No blood was found on the revolver, even though the medical examiner said it was pressed so hard against Ms. Joost's back that it left an imprint around the wound.

Shortly before his death, Joost had expressed concerns for his safety and had contacted a burglar-alarm company about installing a system at his home. The Rangers could never firmly establish a motive for Joost's suicide.

In a recent interview, Susan Joost's mother, Evelyn Besetny, told the Austin newspaper she doubted the truth would ever be known.

"It's been too long," she said. "It's too late."

Mexican truck strike lifted Thursday night

LAREDO (AP) — Trade-related businesses are feeling the effects of a cargo strike by Mexican truckers who are protesting U.S. Customs inspections in this border city.

For the second day in a row Thursday, truckers in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, halted shipments across the Lincoln-Juarez bridge. The losses began adding up at local brokerage houses, which reported receiving little, if any, freight.

"We've gotten nothing at all," said Alfredo Quiroz, traffic manager for a customs house that ships goods such as yeast, handicrafts and furniture across the country.

The brokerage house usually receives up to 20 shipments a day, bringing in anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000. But in the past two days, it has processed only a handful of goods, Quiroz said.

"If we're not crossing anything, we're not billing anything," Quiroz said, adding that his customers, particularly bakeries in Florida, Chicago and

California, also will be affected by the strike.

"The customers are waiting for their product, and without their product, they probably would shut down," he said.

The strike started around 10 a.m. Wednesday, when Mexican truckers parked their rigs in freight lanes leading to and from the Lincoln-Juarez bridge in Nuevo Laredo. The blockade prohibited trucks from entering or exiting the bridge until truckers ended the protest Thursday night.

The truckers are angry over lengthy delays at the bridge that they say are caused by U.S. Customs cargo inspections and Operation Hard Line, an anti-drug initiative intended to spot more smugglers.

"The U.S. side spends an incredible amount of time inspecting cargo," said Carlos Fernandez, owner of Fernandez Transfer.

Customs officials admit there are delays, but said the bridge was designed to handle just 800

trucks a day and instead processes some 3,500.

"When you're limited in the resources that you have, there's not much more that you can squeeze out of it," said Joe Garcia, director of trade compliance for the U.S. Customs Service in Laredo. "The times have just caught up with the facility."

Garcia said he tried to address the problem by extending bridge hours earlier this year. That helped for a time, but the drivers have returned to their regular schedules, he said.

Garcia also noted that drivers could use the newer and more spacious Colombia bridge, which crosses just 800 trucks daily. However, drivers have complained that the bridge, located 18 miles from town, is less convenient and more costly.

On Thursday, the Colombia bridge remained open to commercial trucks, and some truck owners were rerouting their freight through there, officials said.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **STEPHANIE HERRERA, LAURA RUTHERFORD, DAVID LEE, BRADY FRAZIER, MEGAN FISHBACK and BOBBI-LEIGH SPILLER**, who represented Big Spring and Howard County as members of the Texas Choral Directors' Association Children's Honor Choir in San Antonio.

• **AUDRA BINGHAM** of Coahoma, who signed a scholarship to attend Ranger Junior College and play softball.

• **BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL**, for taking advantage of an increase in property valuations to reduce taxes by 4 cents per \$100 valuation.

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

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YOUR VIEWS

Reader feels HC trustees should restrict aid to foreigners

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the article in Tuesday's Aug. 6 paper on H.C. trustees raising their tax rate by 7.94 percent.

My taxes for Howard College rose from \$29.81 last year on my property to an estimated \$48.18 for 1996. If I calculate correctly, that is just over a 60 percent increase from last year without their extra 7.94 percent.

I have to live on a fixed income, therefore I can't just reach out and come up with money to this extent.

I think the Howard College board should follow the other colleges in the area and stop giving scholarships to students who do not reside in Howard County, and also consider lowering taxes like the school system has proposed.

LAWRENCE ALLEN
Big Spring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Allen's scholarship reference referred to a decision made by Odessa College trustees to stop awarding scholarships to foreign athletes.)

School bond opponent using bad reasoning in case

TO THE EDITOR:

In regard to the article written by Steve Reagan for the front page of the Herald on Wednesday, Aug. 17th where he quoted Leslie Lloyd. I'm sure that Mr. Lloyd is very sincere in his opinion that building conditions have little to do with education. I do not believe this. I have worked with children in many capacities and I find that the more comfortable a child is, the more they learn.

I, too, went to a school that had all grades in one building and I, too, learned, whether or not I know. The one thing I do know, both of us had the best that taxpayers could afford at the time. Rannels and College Heights are not the best the taxpayers can afford at this time for our children.

Just take into consideration the difference in the times of our school days — our parents did not have to worry about some older child offering a younger one drugs, very few teenagers had these fast-moving cars, so they didn't worry about us leaving the campus

with the older student, neither did they worry about fights among students, nor assaults on teachers.

And I don't believe they worried about unsafe classrooms, lack of safe fire exits, sound foundations and asbestos fibers. We've come a long way in technology and it is our responsibility to see that all children have the right to safe learning facilities and we will have nurtured a generation of healthy, well educated adults. And I am sure the teachers will certainly applaud your efforts.

My husband and I paid school taxes for 35 years and this is not a for or against

proposition, this should be for all the children of the Big Spring Independent School District.

MADELINE BOADLE
Big Spring

Sierra Blanca waste site will be hazardous to all West Texans

TO THE EDITOR:

For the benefit of those Texans who think that the nuclear waste dump planned for Sierra Blanca has nothing to do with them, some interesting information came out at the recent hearing there.

The dump site was designated in the early 1980's, not by a

group of scientists, but by the Texas Legislature, aware that the Sierra Blanca area was politically weak because of few voters. The scientists who testified in Sierra Blanca Aug. 6 were trying to justify a political move in terms of facts.

A small part of nuclear waste headed for the dump would be produced from medical sources. Most would be watered down waste from nuclear reactors.

Nuclear waste would be trucked to Sierra Blanca along highways I-10, I-20, I-30 and U.S. 90, among others. One person who gave testimony said he represented 200 persons or groups who deal with nuclear

waste in South Texas. The closest route from the Valley to Sierra Blanca is U.S. 83 and U.S. 90.

Greenpeace stats show since 1971 there have been 1,485 transportation accidents involving radioactive materials in the U.S. with 149 containers actually releasing radioactive contents.

The proposed Sierra Blanca nuclear dump would result in danger on the highways, along the Rio Grande (16 miles south of Sierra Blanca) to the Gulf of Mexico, as well as to the Sierra Blanca area.

JERRY MOCK
ALPINE



Parent's decision regarding son a costly one

Big John's back at it again... scattershooting and wondering what ever happened to Zero Mostel's toga.

Zero Mostel's toga?

That particular piece of garb — worn in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" — comes to mind once

in a while when the rotund one surfs his way through the myriad offerings each week on The Associated Press wire report.

Plus, the word "zero" has particular meaning this week, especially for the parents of a St. John's, Ariz., teenager who decided to teach him a lesson by letting him go to jail rather than paying his \$1,200 fine.

Unfortunately, giving their 18-year-old son, Justin, a lesson is apparently going to cost David and Marsha Ballinger \$1,425 in phone calls. Now they're ready to riot.

"I think that's a bigger crime than what Justin did," Mrs. Ballinger said. "It's ridiculous."

Her ex-husband agreed. "It's a scam," said David, whose bill included a \$125 charge for a 22-minute call.

Justin served a week-long sentence for marijuana possession at the Apache County Jail after his parents refused to pay his fine.

Like many jails, Apache's collect phone calls are handled by

a private phone service that charges much higher rates than larger, well-known phone companies.

Inmate Communications of Los Angeles got the phone service by paying hefty commissions to the jails, as it does with 100 other jails nationwide despite complaints from its captive audience.

"I'm not paying it. Zero," Mr. Ballinger said. "They can take my phone out."

Perhaps the estranged Arizona couple could get a loan from an Albany, N.Y., woman who will probably enjoy a windfall at some point in the future. She's suing a radio station for \$300,000 for naming her winner of its "Ugliest Bride Contest."

Annette Esposito-Hilder can't even look at her wedding photos without crying — because of the WPYX contest, says her lawyer, Norah M. Murphy.

The lawsuit, filed last month, claims the station inflicted emotional distress.

The contest worked like this: Two radio hosts looked through newspaper wedding announcements and chose the bride they deemed the ugliest. Callers tried to guess which photograph was chosen.

In Esposito-Hilder's case, the hosts departed from their practice of using just first names and aired the her full name and where she worked, a competing radio station.

She later received a written apology saying that the contest had been canceled.

Something tells us she'll be getting a lot more than WPYX's apology.

It might have been the drought. Then again, it could have been this dangled ol' Texas heat.

Whatever the cause, a Pittsburgh man who trains homing pigeons says a couple of his birds he'd sold to Texans apparently didn't like their new homes.

Tom Murphy sold his 30 pigeons last year after a broken shoulder left him unable to care for them.

The two birds that went to Texas, however, flew their coops separately and made a turbulent, 1,500-mile flight back to Pittsburgh.

A friend of an Austin accountant who bought one of the pigeons accidentally let the bird escape last month and it arrived at Murphy's home five days later.

The second bird showed up last week. Murphy believes he came from Amarillo.

Talk about neat animal stories... how about the blind dog named Norman in Seaside, Ore., who saved a 14-year-old girl from drowning. And, now, the girl's family wants to pay him back by restoring his sight.

The 3-year-old yellow Labrador with glaucoma plunged into the Necanicum River on the northern Oregon coast last week after hearing screams from Lisa Nimby, who got caught in the currents while swimming. Norman towed the girl to shallow water.

"He saved my daughter's life," said Jeff Nimby, an airline pilot. "How can you say what he means? He means everything, really."

The Nimblys say they'll pay for surgery if it will restore Norman's sight. An ophthalmologist will examine the dog to determine if an operation would help, said owner Annette McDonald.

Norman began having trouble seeing at night and completely lost his sight about a year ago.

Ever notice it's almost always a dog that's the focus of those neat stories?

Before I get ugly letters from feline fanatics, I'll admit it's not always a dog that's doing the heroic deeds, but it's rarely a SNAKE, right?

This week Continental Airlines reached a settlement with a couple who said their 5-year-old daughter was terrorized by a 6-foot-long snake that a woman took on a flight in a bag.

Timothy and Stacy Taylor's daughter saw the python on the 1994 flight to New York after it somehow got loose.

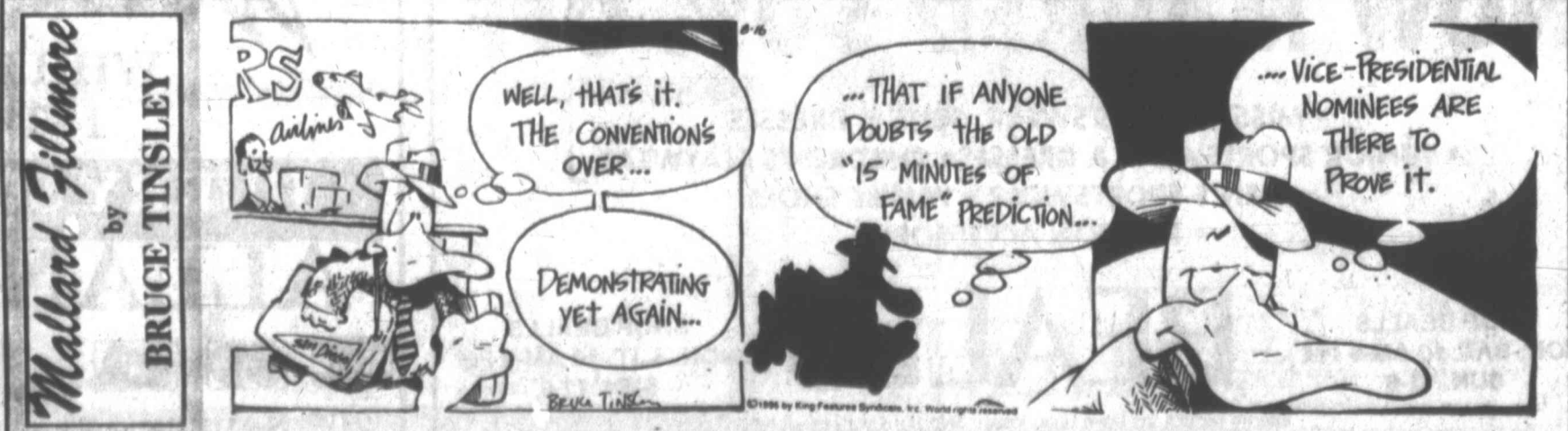
The girl, Alexandra, suffers nightmares about the snake and points in the sky to planes and asks if they are carrying snakes, her mother said.

The settlement's undisclosed terms await a Houston judge's approval.

The woman, who was not named in court papers, said her therapist suggested she carry the snake around to help her deal with the trauma of being sexually harassed by a professor.

Hopefully, the Taylors sought a different therapist for their daughter.

(John A. Moseley is assistant news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.)



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SAN DIEGO — Bob Dole charges from the Republican convention into an 81-day scramble for votes, scorching President Clinton's administration as a corps of elitists "who never grew up, never did anything real." Dole's first stops: four states carried by Clinton four years ago.

After a send-off rally, the march across the electoral map begins in the traditionally Republican Rocky Mountain West with a rally for Dole and running mate Jack Kemp in Denver. Then, on to Springfield, Ill., and Kemp's hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., on Saturday, and Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday.

Dole's uphill quest was fueled by a taxpayer-financed infusion of \$62 million for his cash-strapped campaign. Two thirds of that money — \$41 million — is earmarked for fall television ads.

In a tumultuous close to the Republican convention, Dole portrayed Clinton as the leader of a tax-hungry administration that thinks government knows best and lacks the virtues of courage, sacrifice and honor.

SAN ANTONIO — An Air Force major accused by the military of having a lesbian affair was acquitted of sodomy, a verdict her lawyer called a "courageous judgment" and a victory for privacy rights.

Maj. Debra L. Meeks, 41, was accused of having a two-year, live-in relationship with civilian Pamela Dillard, who the defense called an untruthful predator bent on destroying a military career.

Ms. Meeks also was acquitted of conduct unbecoming an officer, a charge stemming from Ms. Dillard's claim that the major had threatened her with a gun.

"I'm just glad this nightmare is over," a teary-eyed Ms. Meeks said after the military jury believed its verdict late Thursday night after seven hours of deliberation.

Prosecutors had no comment.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — It's been almost 4 years since a bomb killed 29 people at the Israeli Embassy in this South American capital and more than two years since 95 people died in an explosion at a Jewish cultural center.

With no suspects in custody — and no arrests in sight — the Jewish community is losing patience.

When the Supreme Court announced this week it had a new theory about the embassy bombing — one that counters findings by Israel's Mossad intelligence service, the CIA and French investigators — Israel's ambassador was pushed beyond frustration.

"After four years I believe they haven't been investigating this seriously," Israeli Ambassador Yitzhak Aviran said Wednesday. "They're just trying to prove they're doing something."

RAFAH, Gaza Strip — A few Bedouin tents dot the lonely stretch of desert where crews have nearly finished a 2-mile-long runway and a terminal that could almost be considered elegant in these sparse surroundings.

Gaza International Airport is scheduled for completion within a year. But who controls take-offs and landings is — like many issues between Israelis and Palestinians — still up in the air.

The airport, which Palestinians envision will bring in a half-million passengers a year, is more than anything a symbol of the independence they seek. Israel, however, is just as determined to impose limits and make sure that Palestinian autonomy doesn't give birth to statehood.

Palestinian and Israeli officials toured the airport construction site together for the first time Thursday, a sign they will try to cooperate on the \$48 million project. But neither side seemed ready to compromise on issues of principle.

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — The picturesque Czech capital is famed among tourists as one of Central Europe's most stunning destinations. But health officials warn dining out in Prague could be a less than lovely experience.

Restaurants and bars sprang up soon after the fall of Communism in 1989, as locals rushed to satisfy the appetites of hungry tourists.

City officials say health regulations couldn't keep pace with the entrepreneurial spirit — and now diners are suffering.

Reports of salmonella poisoning shot up from 1,000 registered cases in 1989 to more than 5,000 last year. Figures for 1996 are expected to be even higher, Prague's public health chief, Vladimir Polanecky, said Thursday.

Mangled fourth engine, more bodies found

SMITHTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — The fourth engine from TWA Flight 800 was brought ashore with three quarters of its fan blades missing, damage that could provide clues about what caused the jet to explode.

Jagged remnants of the other blades were found intact.

Navy Lt. Nicholas Balice said Thursday that recovering the fourth engine had been a top priority for divers searching for wreckage from the July 17 crash off the Long Island coast. The jet's three other engines have already been recovered.

The National Transportation Safety Board said Thursday the jet's center tank fuel pumps were recovered and sent to the manufacturer's facility for examination. Also, the flight engineer's panel will be removed and sent to the NTSB

laboratory for a detailed examination, the agency said.

Another important piece of wreckage recovered was a piece from above the jet's second doors near the front of the plane, where investigators believe the plane split.

A source familiar with the investigation, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said the 8-foot-long piece would have been near row 17, which has been eyed as a possible location of the explosion that brought the plane down, killing all 230 people aboard.

About 50 percent of the plane has been recovered, and investigators are still trying to determine whether it was brought down by a bomb, missile or some kind of mechanical malfunction.

The monthlong sea-bottom search for victims yielded the 200th and 201st bodies on Thursday. Twenty-nine victims are still missing.

A television station reported late Thursday that the FBI was trying to identify a man who boarded an empty Flight 800 before it left Kennedy International Airport.

WNBC-TV said the man was confronted by a TWA employee, and when he could not produce identification, the employee escorted him off the jet.

The report said FBI agents were seeking to re-interview all ground personnel who could have had access to the plane to learn the man's identity.

Officials from the FBI could not immediately be reached for comment.

Student slays three faculty members

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After nine years at San Diego State University, engineering student Frederick Martin Davidson submitted his master's thesis and was called upon to defend it before a faculty committee.

Just after the meeting began, Davidson opened fire on his faculty adviser and two other professors, shooting more than 20 rounds and even stopping once to reload.

All three men were killed in the shooting Thursday afternoon in a third-floor laboratory classroom in a mechanical engineering building on the sprawling campus. Three students, the only other people in the room, were not injured.

Davidson, 36, put down the gun and surrendered to campus police when they arrived after hearing the gunshots, authorities said. He was booked for

investigation of murder and was being held at the San Diego County Jail.

The shooting happened on the next-to-last day of summer classes at the hilltop campus 10 miles from the downtown.

A motive in the shooting was not immediately clear. Davidson had already co-authored several journal articles with Chen Liang, his faculty adviser, and appeared to have a promising future. McDonnell Douglas was funding the men's research. "He did sometimes think Dr. Liang was using him as slave labor, not giving him as much credit as he deserved," said Davidson's landlord, Howard Brashers, a retired English professor.

Davidson was a loner and a "neatnik" who kept his space tidy, said Brashers, who watched police haul a computer

and two brown shopping bags from Davidson's room Thursday night.

Besides Liang, a 32-year-old assistant professor of mechanical engineering, the dead were identified as: D. Preston Lowrey III, 44, associate professor of mechanical engineering; and Constantinos Lyrantzis, 36, associate professor of aerospace engineering and engineering mechanics.

Students who milled around the concrete, four-story building after the shooting said the stress of presenting a master's thesis — usually the final hurdle before receiving a degree — can often be overwhelming.

"I can imagine the disappointment and anger if I were told I needed to go back and do some more work on something I may have worked several years on," said John Lovegren.

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Virginia deputy kills wife, then shoots self

NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (AP) — A sheriff's deputy shot and killed his estranged wife, wounded her brother-in-law and then paced the block for 30 minutes screaming "Shoot me!" before killing himself.

Gregory A. Lovell, a sheriff's deputy for eight years, had been despondent over the failure of his marriage, Sheriff Clay Hester said.

He shot Linda Lovell four times and shot James Ayers, her brother-in-law, in the leg as he tried to help her Wednesday night, police said. Ayers was in stable condition at a hospital.

The shootings took place in the front yard of Mrs. Lovell's sister's house, where she had been staying, according to E.J. Herzog, a neighbor. The couple separated four months ago.

"The police sealed off the street. ... They kept telling him to put his gun down," Herzog said. "He was walking up and down the street, basically yelling, 'Shoot me!'"

For half an hour, police tried to calm Lovell, police spokeswoman Patty Schlosser said. When Lovell abruptly raised his gun in the direction of the officers, they fired at him. Lovell shot himself in the chest, dying from his own gunshot wound, she said.

The Lovells, both 26, had a 4-year-old daughter.

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Study finds estrogen may cut risk of Alzheimer's for women

LONDON (AP) — Women who take estrogen long after menopause appear to be at least one-third less likely than others to develop Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia, according to a study published today.

"This is one more piece of evidence that this disease is not going to be an undefeatable enemy, that we will slow it down," said Dr. Steven DeKosky, a vice-chairman of America's Alzheimer's Association and director of Alzheimer's research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Some 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, which has no known cause or cure. It afflicts mainly the elderly, robbing them of their memories and ability to care for themselves, and eventually kills them.

The Columbia University study, described in this week's edition of *The Lancet*, a British medical journal, was the first to involve roughly equal numbers of elderly white, black and Hispanic women.

Hormone replacement therapy has been most commonly used by white women who are better-educated and more affluent, factors believed to put them at less risk for Alzheimer's than poorer minority women anyway. But the effects of taking estrogen proved to be the same in each ethnic group.

"That was when we knew we had something," Dr. Richard Mayeux, the main author of the report, said in a telephone interview from his office at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center.

"What is exciting is that we now have the most convincing evidence to date that estrogen may have this effect, and it warrants clinical trials."

Estrogen replacement carries risks as well as benefits. It has been shown to prevent heart disease and bone deterioration, and it may guard against colon cancer — and now Alzheimer's. Some evidence indicates it may cause a 50 percent increase in breast cancer.

The new estrogen results come a day after an encouraging report from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, which said post-menopausal women may ward off heart disease as effectively with a commonly prescribed combination of estrogen and progestin as with straight estrogen.

Because estrogen used alone was known to carry an increased risk of uterine cancer, doctors commonly prescribed the hormone combination. They knew it eliminated the cancer risk but were uncertain whether it offered heart

benefits. The Boston study, based on 16 years' research with 59,337 nurses, showed that estrogen-progestin pills protected the heart as well as estrogen alone.

The five-year Columbia study monitored 1,124 women with an average age of 74 in the Upper Manhattan neighborhoods of New York City. It found that those who had used estrogen for a decade or more were 30 percent to 40 percent less likely to develop the mind-destroying Alzheimer's disease.

Other scientists hailed the Columbia findings as an important step in growing evidence that the female hormone, production of which drops sharply after menopause, is a key weapon against Alzheimer's.

Scientists say they were originally alerted to the possible link between hormone and disease by the fact that men, who are 10 percent to 15 percent less likely to develop Alzheimer's than women, convert testosterone into estrogen into later life.

In the Manhattan group, 15 percent, or 167, of the women developed Alzheimer's disease during the study. That percentage was about average, but the victims included far fewer estrogen users. Furthermore, the disease showed up much later for women who were using replacement estrogen and still developed Alzheimer's.

On average, 8.4 percent of the women who did not take estrogen developed Alzheimer's disease each year, compared with 2.7 percent of the women who were taking the hormone. The study also found that the longer a woman had taken estrogen, the greater the protection against Alzheimer's.

Alzheimer's disease affects about 15 percent of people over 65, and nearly half of those past 85.

Separate studies now under way may produce conclusive evidence that hormone replacement therapy both protects against Alzheimer's disease and slows its effects.

One is a nine-year study of 8,000 elderly women by the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. Some will take estrogen, some a placebo.

Dr. Sally Shumaker, who is leading the \$16 million North Carolina study, said it will also monitor other possible effects of estrogen.

"We need an unambiguous answer on whether estrogen therapy is preventive (of Alzheimer's disease)," she told the AP.

Analysts see many reasons for stable Mexican peso

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Despite a lingering recession, Mexico's peso has stabilized and probably will strengthen through this fall, analysts said.

In recent months, the Mexican currency regained its footing, due in part to confidence over U.S.-Mexican relations, an improved earnings outlook for Mexican companies and normal summertime economic activity.

"The message that investors are getting is that nothing can be wrong in the cozy Mexico-Washington relationship before the inauguration of the U.S.

president," said economist Rogelio Ramirez de la O. "So the peso is likely to strengthen through the election and through the inauguration."

The peso, after losing about half its value in 1995, has been holding against the dollar. Inflation has eased, thanks to a government austerity program. Interest rates have fallen to their lowest levels since the abrupt peso devaluation sparked financial panic at the end of 1994.

Analysts expect the peso during the coming months to main-

tain the legs that have helped it appreciate 2.79 percent since the beginning of the year, when it stood at 7,6950 pesos to the dollar. By Thursday, it took less than 7.5 pesos to buy \$1.

"We're probably living the least awful moment since the crisis that followed the December 1994 peso devaluation," said Roberto Salinas Leon, director of the Center for Free Market Studies, a Mexico City consulting firm.

While short-term trends appear to point toward a stronger peso, it remains

unclear whether Mexico's economy is headed for long-term growth that would maintain the peso's value in years to come, analysts said.

Private economists estimated that second-quarter gross domestic product figures to be released during the next few days will show 5 percent to 7 percent annualized growth, better than earlier forecast.

The GDP — the sum total of goods and services produced by Mexico — fell an inflation-adjusted 1 percent during the first quarter from period.

Japanese prime minister sues Okinawa over U.S. base leases

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto sued the governor of Okinawa today for refusing to force landowners on the southern island to renew their leases with the U.S. military.

It was the third time the central government had sued Gov. Masahide Ota over the leases, which have become a focus of his campaign to scale down and eventually eliminate the American military presence there.

The suit, filed in the Okinawan capital of Naha, seeks a court order requiring Ota to begin proceedings to renew the leases. A ruling is not expected until the end of the year at the earliest.

The legal action follows Ota's

rejection of Hashimoto's order to force 2,900 resisting landowners to renew leases for the Kadena Air Base, home to 9,000 military and civilian personnel, and 10 other bases.

Opposition to the bases on Okinawa flared last September when three U.S. servicemen raped a 12-year-old schoolgirl, sparking unprecedented protests against the 30,000 American troops on the island.

In the past, Okinawa governors have forced landowners to maintain their contracts with the military, but this time Ota supported landowners who claimed their ownership rights were violated by the forced renewals.

The government has argued

that the leasing of the land is required under the security treaty with the United States, which has a total of 47,000 troops in Japan, the linchpin of its Asian military presence.

Ota was sued in December over 35 landowners' refusal to renew their leases. He has appealed a decision against him to the Supreme Court. In July, he was sued over a plot of land at the Sobe communications facility in the village of Yomitan.

The number of leases at issue accounts for less than 10 percent of the 31,000 landowners who have contracts with the U.S. military, which pays near \$533 million in rent a year. Okinawans have long linked

the bases to noise, pollution and crime, and many say they assume a disproportionately high burden of the American presence. Roughly 75 percent of all the land reserved for U.S. military use in Japan is on Okinawa, which accounts for only 1 percent of Japan's total area.

In the face of increasing pressure from the Okinawans, the U.S. in April announced it will return 20 percent of the U.S. military base land on the island to local residents.

On Sept. 8, Okinawans will vote in a referendum on whether to reduce the U.S. military presence. The measure will not be binding, but will gauge public reaction to the U.S. base reduction plan.

South Korean police reject students' offer to halt protests, vow to punish leaders

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — After a week of violent clashes between riot police and college students, the government today rejected the students' offer to disband and vowed to punish the ringleaders.

Helicopters flew over the campus today, dumping a tear gas and pink dye solution that police said will help identify the

protesters.

A "pan-national youth rally" is held annually to highlight student demands for reunification with Communist North Korea. But this year's rally was the most violent in years.

More than 1,000 students and police have been injured in five days of clashes, officials said. Some 1,200 students have been

detailed, including 590 on Thursday alone.

"We will chase to the end those responsible for violent protests, arrest all of them and root out the leadership of Han-chongryon," Home Minister Kim Woo-sok said today, referring to South Korea's largest student group.

The government banned the

rally because students support North Korean policies, including removing 37,000 U.S. troops stationed in South Korea, which students say are hindering reconciliation between the two Koreas.

Students also support peace talks between North Korea and the United States that would exclude South Korea.

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Friday, August 16, 1996

Seminar provides opportunity for clergy to learn about step families

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Merging two families can be difficult when you have to mix step-parents, step-brothers, step-sisters and so on. The Big Spring Clergy Network is sponsoring a seminar Aug. 20 entitled "Living in a Step Family" aimed at informing clergy members about step families and ways to better counsel people.

The guest speaker is John Setzer, a counselor and Episcopalian minister from Midland. The seminar begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and the program gets underway at 8:30 a.m. followed

by a question-and-answer session at 9:15 a.m.

The workshop will be at the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway. Contact Murph Watson to R.S.V.P. at Comanche Trail at 264-0500. The nursing center is owned by Summit Care Corporation, who in turn, sponsors the clergy network by providing a meeting place, meals and speakers.

"The corporation's positive role in the community is to reach out to clergy. They understand clergy members are leaders in the community," said Rev. Eugene Smith, a network member and pastor at Big Spring Evangel Temple.

Smith added this month's meeting about step families is

for clergy members only but in the future, other workshops may be open to the general public. "This will help us when we provide pastoral counseling to those in a family situation like this. This will make us aware of problems that might come up in step families so we can minister to them."

The network is open to any pastor in the Big Spring area and all are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting next Tuesday. It was founded by Rabbi Bernard M. Cohen from California.

Smith said the rabbi has been flying to Big Spring since March meeting with various pastors in the area to start the network here. Smith believes

this network may be the first of its kind in Texas.

The 10-year network's mission statement is: provide continuing education for clergy, fellowship and to make a difference in the community.

Smith added most professionals are required to attend continual education courses but most clergy isn't.

This network and their monthly seminars are ways for ministers to learn more information about a variety of subjects, visit with other pastors and to encourage one another. It is open to any minister of any denomination as the network doesn't emphasize any particular doctrine.



HERALD photo/Kellie Jones
Lydia Knappe, sitting, is surrounded by four of her eight children at her 100th birthday party Wednesday afternoon. In the front row are her daughters (left to right): Dorothy Neece and Tek Daily. Her sons (left to right) are: Carl Knappe and Roy Knappe.

Lydia Knappe celebrates her 100th birthday

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Long-time Howard County resident Lydia Knappe turned 100 years young on Wednesday, complete with a party, cake and ice cream. Knappe is currently staying at Big Spring Care Center and has been there for the last five years.

Her youngest son, Carl Knappe, said his mother was born in Goldwithe Aug. 14, 1896. She moved to Merkel in 1900 and to Big Spring in 1905. The centenarian married A. Knappe in 1910 and they couple moved west of the Old Knott community. They had eight children, four of whom are still living and all attended their mom's party at the care center.

Mr. Knappe owned a slaughter house and market for many years until he retired in 1965 and died three years later. Although the couple divorced in 1932, Lydia remained in town and worked at Big Spring Laundry in the 1930s and took in people's ironing for many years.

The birthday lady was so

overwhelmed by the party, she wasn't able to say much but you could tell she enjoyed her day of celebration. The wife of her grandson, Roy Knappe Jr., patiently helped her with tasting the white cake and vanilla ice cream. Lydia was especially interested in drinking her coffee and sipping the punch.

Some of the other family members in attendance included Lydia's son Roy Knappe from Mohave Valley, Ariz.; her oldest daughter Tek Daily from Big Spring and her youngest daughter Dorothy Neece, also from Big Spring. Carl Knappe's granddaughter (Lydia's great-granddaughter) Heather was there along with Perry Daily, Tek's husband.

Joyce Knappe, the widow of Lydia's oldest son Henry, was there for the celebration as well as grandchildren Perry Lee Daily, Midland; Pete Knappe, Laughlin, Nev. and Sandi Gandy, Midland.

Not in attendance were grandsons Craig Knappe from San Angelo and Carl A. Knappe from Big Spring.

Christian breakfast club started 20 years ago with radio show

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dorothy Mae Walden didn't quite know what she was getting into 20 years ago when she posed an open invitation to all the women listening to her Sunday school radio program.

"I just said, 'My daughter-in-law is coming into town and she has a great Christian story,'" said Walden, who had a 15-minute radio show every day for 17 years on station KDRY. "I was so excited, so I

said, 'Husbands keep your kids and let your wives come to breakfast. Give me some of your time. Let's have a visit.'"

But her first call was from a doctor: he wanted to come, too. "I looked at my husband and said, 'Do I have to have men?'" she recalled, laughing.

Then she promptly agreed, and welcomed a handful of husbands among the 70 people who

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Peanut Brittle

Editor's Note: This recipe appeared in Wednesday's newspaper without one key ingredient, Karo syrup. The syrup was left off the recipe that was sent to the newspaper.

3 cups sugar
1 cup white Karo syrup
1 cup water
2 1/2 cups peanuts, I like cooked ones but either can be used

2 T butter
1 tsp. salt
1 T soda
Cook sugar, syrup and water, until it registers 250 to 260 on candy thermometer. Add peanuts, continue cooking until mixture turns a golden brown or 300 on candy thermometer. Remove from heat and stir in butter and salt. Stir in soda, pour on greased slab and pull out to thing sheet. Pecans can be used instead of peanuts.
By Lucille Hopper

Rainbow Girls gather for golden anniversary

Special to the HERALD

Big Spring Assembly #60 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls celebrated its 50th year earlier this month. Former Rainbow girls and members of the Order of the Eastern Star and Masonic Fraternity joined current Rainbows and Pledge Sisters for refreshments and reminiscing.

The cake was decorated with a rainbow whose seven colors began in a cloud and ended in the pot of gold, with the words "50 Years and Still Going Strong," matching this year's Grand Assembly banner on the wall.

A rainbow-colored ice cream stand was a big hit with Al Tidwell performing "scooping" honors. The event was attended by former Rainbows from Lubbock, Austin and Oklahoma as well as the Midland Assembly. Two special guests were Adele Tibbs and Reba Rogan, members of the original Rainbow Assembly started in Big Spring in 1924.

Ayn McGlothlin Canning, past Worthy Advisor, played



Courtesy photo
Members of the Big Spring Assembly #60 of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls gather for a picture during their 50th anniversary celebration at the Masonic Lodge. The chapter was started in 1924, demised in 1928 and was reorganized in 1946.

plano while everyone sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" and "My Rainbow." The favorite and busiest table had eight scrapbooks of the Big Spring Rainbow activities dating from the 1950s to the present.

Everyone enjoyed swapping stories, laughing and admiring

dresses and hairstyles of past Rainbows and especially finding themselves in a picture.

The Big Spring assembly was instituted in 1924, demised in 1928 and was reorganized in 1946.

The first two Worthy Advisors were Mary Louise Davis and Reba Roberts Bailey.

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Keys to making peace with your past

"One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:13-14)

Much of who we are, what we do, and how we act is determined by our past. This is not to say the way we live is beyond our control. Yet we must learn to be at peace with our past, or else it could destroy us emotionally, physically and spiritually. You may ask, "But how can I put the past behind me?" Let me give you several keys.

The first key is to accept the past as it was and move ahead with your life. Too often we blame others or a bad experience for the way we are because we have been hurt. Stop looking backwards in life and accept responsibility for who you are now. In order to

be a beautiful butterfly, you must leave the old ugly caterpillar behind and spread your wings and fly. The Bible says, "Forget what lies behind."

A second key is to free yourself from the effects of the past by accepting God's grace. The Bible teaches "If any one is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold new things have come" (II Corinthians 5:17). You do not always have to be the same person. You can change! And God can help you change for the better.

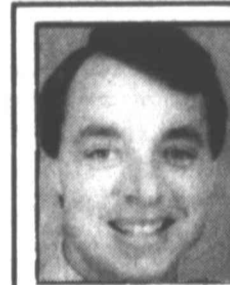
A third essential step in making peace with your past is to forgive those who have hurt you. Bitterness will destroy you emotionally, physically and spiritually. Counselors and ministers have seen countless people who have been consumed and destroyed by bitterness. But true forgiveness frees you from the anger that can destroy you. It frees you to love people and get on with your life.

The next step to emotional freedom is to focus on the positive, not the negative. We have all been created by God in His image, therefore we have value as persons. Plus, God has blessed each of us in many ways. Instead of living in self-pity, we should find the positive ways God is working in our lives and focus on them. We should learn to count our many blessings and be thankful for them.

The final key is to learn from your mistakes and sins and move forward. Admit you have made mistakes and accept responsibility for your sins. Ask God to forgive you and to take away the guilt and heartache. Then allow God to change your life for the better. Too often we allow our mistakes to haunt us or hinder us from moving forward. Remember, confession is good for the soul!

Today you may be hurting because of something in your past. You don't have to let the past haunt you and dictate your life anymore. You can control of your life and live joyfully in the present while looking forward to the future. But in order for you to be at complete peace with your past, you need to allow Jesus to be the Lord of your life. When Jesus becomes

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James Mantooth
Guest Columnist

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Pancake breakfast Aug. 24
The Howard County Fair Board of Directors is sponsoring an All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast and fundraiser to benefit the children's Pet-A-Zoo. The breakfast is Saturday, Aug. 24 from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Santa Fe Sandwiches in the Big Spring Mall. Tickets are available in advance for \$4 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply and Posey Cotton Co.

Fish fry Saturday
American Legion Post 506 is having a fish fry Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 a plate and carry-out is available. The American Legion is located at 3203 W. Highway 80.

Cub Scouts rally Aug. 27
Boys in the first through the fifth grades will have the opportunity to become Cub Scouts at a rally 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the First Baptist Church. Parents are urged to bring their boys. Organizations interesting in sponsoring a Cub pack are asked to send a representative.

Retreat for widows Aug. 30-31
There will be a women's retreat sponsored by Wesley Methodist Church on Aug. 30 and 31. There will be a free meal served at 5:30 p.m. The retreat costs \$10 and will feature Sharon Sandhop of God's Windows. For information call 263-3326 or 264-0734. You must register by Aug. 19 if you want to attend the meal.

THE LAST WORD

Memoirs: the backstairs of history.
—George Meredith

What a heavy burden is a name that has become too famous.
—Voltaire

It is a long time that has no turning.
—Old Saying

The man who fears no truths has nothing to fear from lies.
—Thomas Jefferson

Always in a hurry, folding toilet paper

Scripts Howard News Service

Q: With two full-time jobs, I'm in a perpetual time crunch. This means that in order to maintain a relatively normal lifestyle (like an occasional evening out), I can't waste even 10 minutes. My problem is with restaurant service. How on earth do you convince a manager or maitre d' you need a fast, efficient server who brings your hot meal from a fast, efficient chef? In other words, how do I let them know I'm in one huge hurry? — In Motion in Ann Arbor, MI

A: Open your mouth! Start by calling in advance for a reservation and letting the person who books your party know up front that you will need prompt service. In fact, it wouldn't hurt to ask for the restaurant's

most experienced waiter to serve your table. Then, when the server takes your order, tell him or her that you must leave by a certain time. Just don't turn around and goof things up by requesting special dishes or

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an exotic item that is not on the regular menu.

By all means, ask your waiter to keep a careful eye on your table in case you need a coffee refill or an extra roll. And, on the waiter's last go-round, request your bill. I have sometimes spent 15 or 20 minutes waiting for my check from a waiter who apparently had disappeared behind (or fallen into) a soup kettle in the restaurant

kitchen!
Q: I realize you generally deal with serious topics about protocol in the workplace. So I hope you don't mind my not-so-serious question about bathrooms in a modern office building. I happen to be a maid who cleans restrooms on six floors (for both men and women). It's definitely not the most glamorous job in the world, but the paychecks are getting me through beauty school so I can shampoo hair instead of toilet seats!

My big hangup is with bathroom tissue. The building manager told me I had to hang the rolls so the paper came down from under the roll, right next to the wall. No problem! Now, however, he wants me to fold the first piece of tissue that people tear off into a perfect little triangle! It's the biggest

waste of time you can imagine; the very first person who walks into the stall immediately squashes it! Puff! Do you agree with me that it's stupid? — Grumbling Gertie, Dallas.

A: Boy, do I agree with you! Who would be so ridiculous as to care how the toilet paper is hung. As for those triangles on the first square of a roll, that fold has spread across the country and over the ocean ... just like a virus. I've seen those silly triangular folds in London, California and Switzerland.

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

CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news is Wednesday at noon.

Big Spring Art Association

The Big Spring Art Association will meet Aug. 19, 7 p.m. at the Marcy House.

The program will be presented by Tim Appel, photographer for the Big Spring Herald.

The artist of the month is Carol Stephens. Her art is on display at the Heritage Museum. She retired from the Big Spring Independent School in 1994 and will be able to devote more time to art. She studied with Jon Birdsong, Virginia Whitten, Ann Templeton, J. D. Keel and Judy Terletsky. She also took one year of art from Dr. Wetzel at Eastern New Mexico University.

Kay Smith will be attending a mixed media workshop at Ingram, Tex. with Alberto Myangos, Aug. 19-23.

Betty Conley and Estelle Howard went to a silk painting workshop in Cloudcroft, N.M. in July.

Eastern Star

Big Spring Chapter No. 67 Order of the Eastern Star, Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m. August 20, 1996.

Retired Teachers

Members of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College on Monday, Aug. 19. Coffee and social hour is scheduled at 10:30 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30 a.m.

Guest speaker is W. A. McQueary, Superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District. He will give an update of the School Bond Election, which is scheduled for September.

The regular business meeting will follow, chaired by Billye Grisham, president. Other officers for 1996-1997 are: Gypsy Gulley, first vice president, Betty Addy, second vice president, Recoding Secretary, Lana Jean Wynn; corresponding secretary, Jean Warren; treasurer, Doris Mason and Associate Treasurer Eunice Thixton.

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association works closely with the State Office in Austin.

RELIGION BRIEFS

Cardinal wants abstinence as weapon against abortion

NEW YORK (AP) — Cardinal John O'Connor has mounted a new campaign against later-term abortions by calling on Catholics to give up meat on Fridays for a year as a means of showing their objections to the procedure.

In April, President Clinton vetoed a bill that would prohibit a rarely used technique — intact dilation and evacuation — that is used to end pregnancies in their late stages. Opponents call the procedure a "partial birth abortion."

O'Connor said Catholics should resume the practice of not eating meat on Fridays — known as Friday abstinence — to help "change minds and hearts" on the issue and "as compensation for the sins of a nation that has permitted this horror."

He also said people should contact members of Congress and urge them to override Clinton's veto next month.

Regent law school receives full accreditation

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — The American Bar Association has fully accredited the law school at Pat Robertson's Regent University, 10 years after the law school opened.

The accreditation will help the law school attract the best students and the finest legal teachers, said Robertson, the religious broadcaster who is Regent's founder and chancellor.

"It will be a major boost to the full standing of the university," Robertson said. "We will join the ranks, I hope soon, of the premier law schools in

America."

Robertson announced the ABA's decision at a meeting at the Christian university. About 250 students and faculty in attendance cheered loudly and applauded.

The importance of accreditation is it allows a law school's graduates to take the bar exam anywhere in the country.

'Religious Right' yearns for U.S. to be 'Christian Nation'

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly half the self-identified members of the religious right support a constitutional amendment calling the United States a Christian nation, according to a survey by the American Jewish Committee.

But 61 percent of those who say they're part of the religious right support Israel, compared with 52 percent of other Americans, according to the AJC survey released Monday.

Seventy-two percent agree that "Jews have a right to the land of Israel, since it was promised to them by God," compared with 43 percent of other Americans.

Asked whether there should be a constitutional amendment "declaring the United States a Christian nation," 48 percent of the religious right said yes, compared with 23 percent of other Americans.

Seventy-nine percent of the religious right say gay rights groups have too much influence in America, 64 percent believe atheists are too influential, and 43 percent say feminists carry too much weight.

Eighty-two percent of the religious right say they feel "distant or very distant" from gay rights groups, and 84 percent feel distance from atheists.

Club

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attended the first task.

Two decades later, the "Let's Have a Visit" breakfasts still are a monthly tradition men and all, although "there is never as many of them. They are just so shy and hard to get out of bed on Saturday mornings golf day."

And although she never imagined it at the time, Walden said she isn't surprised that the \$6 nondenominational breakfasts still attract crowds of 100 or more.

"We just have such good news and such fun," she said. "It is so inspiring. A lot of the people that come are discouraged or lonely, and we just welcome everyone in."

"Every year I ask the Lord if he is sure he wants us to do another year. And every year without fail someone comes up to me with great ideas of who we just have to have come speak in January."

Little has changed since the first "visit" two decades ago.

Most of a core group of about 20 volunteers have been involved since the get-go, but the audience continues to grow with its "each one bring one" motto.

"This has introduced me to new friends, Christian friends, friends that are there when you need them, that are the kind of

friend you want to be," said two-decade volunteer Elna Gamblin.

An inspirational speaker and religious singer with recommendations never running dry from members of the growing crowd take center stage at each Saturday morning brunch.

"It is so great because people tell true stories," Walden said. "I'd rather have that than fiction or TV, and we've had just about every kind of person."

"There are just so many stories," agreed Bettye O'Quinn, another founding volunteer. "There are so many people with different problems, people who just went through life not knowing what was missing, then they found the Lord and their life completely changed. It is so great to hear."

While the breakfasts remain the heart of the program, "Let's Have a Visit" volunteers also have established free Bible study correspondence classes and daily Dial-A-Devotion recordings of New Testament passages. They also videotape each speaker to show at three weekly nursing home visits.

Walden said it is the volunteers' dedication that has kept the program going over the years.

"Some people would say this is just work, just something to fill time, but we know it is not," she said. "You really do make an impression on someone's life."

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Aug. 19. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for Aug. 28.

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

Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo. Some suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things.

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James Mantooth is the pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Life! Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department. Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Cliff Newell, 263-7331, Ext 236.

NFL Roundup

George sharp as Falcons rip Raiders

ATLANTA (AP) — Practice. Who needs practice?

Jeff George didn't appear to need any Thursday night when he showed midseason form after only four workouts, passing for 233 yards and two touchdowns in the first half to lead the Atlanta Falcons to a 27-6 exhibition victory over the Oakland Raiders.

"I felt real good out there," George said. "It was the first time I had pads on and it was nice to go out there and score some touchdowns, get in the groove and hopefully get some momentum going for the season."

Two more games are on tap tonight: Detroit at Houston and Cincinnati at Washington.

George was booed by a sparse crowd of 30,553 when he was introduced before the game. Fans showed their anger

because of George's holdout that didn't end until last week when he signed a one-year, \$3.6 million contract. He will become an unrestricted free agent at the end of the 1996 season.

It didn't take him long to turn the jeers into cheers, engineering a 78-yard scoring drive on the game's first possession. He completed six of seven passes for 90 yards, including an 11-yard scoring pass to Eric Metcalf 5:04 into the game.

"I think we're ready," he said. "I think this team is going to build on what we did last year."

"I'm pleased with a lot of what he did," Falcons coach June Jones said. "When he looks at the film, I know he'll see he's not where he needs to be, but for two days of practice to come in and do what he did

says a lot about his ability."

George led the Falcons to a 9-7 record last season and their first playoff appearance in four years.

Thursday night, he completed 17 of 24 passes, also connecting with Tyrone Brown on a 48-yard scoring play.

Atlanta (1-2) also scored on Bobby Hebert's 16-yard pass to Roell Preston and field goals of 26 and 48 yards by Morten Andersen, the first coming after George's 13-yard touchdown toss to Bert Emanuel was erased on Oakland's challenge that the reception was made out of bounds. After reviewing the play, referee Gerry Austin upheld the contention by Raiders coach Mike White.

Oakland (1-3) settled for field goals of 29 yards by Cole Ford in the second quarter and 31 yards by Jeff Jaeger with 4:45

to play.

"They beat us to the punch," White said. "We did not execute well."

White said he knew George from the University of Illinois. "I have a special feeling for him," White said. "I think he is one of the fine NFL quarterbacks, and I thought he did an excellent job. For a first effort, I thought it was excellent."

Panthers

Running back Tshimanga Biakabutuka has agreed to a seven-year deal with Carolina worth more than \$12 million, according to two broadcast stations.

Biakabutuka, drafted eighth out of Michigan, was to fly from his home in Canada to

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Third team to retire Nolan Ryan's number

HOUSTON (AP) — Nolan Ryan joins four baseball greats next month when his number is retired by a second team. He will stand alone two weeks later when he becomes the first to be so honored by three teams.

It is yet another first for Ryan, who had more strikeouts, more no-hitters and more overall records than anyone else in baseball history.

The Houston Astros announced Thursday they will retire Ryan's No. 34 on Sept. 29, two weeks after the Texas Rangers pay tribute to him.

In 1992, Ryan saw the No. 30 he wore with the California Angels retired.

"The highest honor a player can receive from a team he played for is to have his number retired," Ryan said.

Ryan, 49, ended his 27-year major league career in 1993 after five seasons with the Rangers. When the Rangers retire his No. 34, he will become the fifth player to have

his number set aside by two teams, joining Hank Aaron, Casey Stengel, Rod Carew and Rollie Fingers.

Ryan pitched for the Astros from 1980 to 1988, compiling a record of 106-94 with a 3.13 ERA. He lives in Alvin, about 25 miles southeast of Houston.

"This will be one of the greatest events in the history of the Houston Astros," team owner Drayton McLane said. "The life and values of Nolan Ryan represent everything we love about baseball, Houston and the great state of Texas."

Ryan made his debut in the big leagues with the Mets in 1968 and moved to the Angels in 1972.

While in Houston, Ryan tossed his record fifth no-hitter, breaking the mark he shared with Sandy Koufax, on Sept. 25, 1981.

Ryan holds or shares more than 50 major league, American League and National League records. His seven no-hitters are three more than anyone else. He is the majors' career leader with 5,714 strikeouts.

During his career, Ryan went 324-292 with a 3.19 ERA. He ranks among the leaders in starts, innings, shutouts and victories.



RYAN

Jones newest Braves prodigy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The future has arrived for the Atlanta Braves.

Andrew Jones, who zoomed through three levels of the minors this season, became the youngest player in the majors when he made his big league debut at age 19 on Thursday.

Jones got off to a tough start. He struck out on three pitches in each of his first two at-bats in Philadelphia and made a throwing error from right field on his first play.

But the heralded rookie, hitless in his first four tries, lined an RBI single in the ninth inning that helped the Braves beat the Phillies 8-5.

"I was not so much nervous as just not very patient," he said. "I was trying to hit the ball too hard. Then I started waiting for my pitch and I hit the ball."

"I did good," he said. "I'm happy with it."

In other games, Los Angeles stopped St. Louis 5-2, Florida downed Colorado 7-6 and Cincinnati beat San Diego 3-2. The San Francisco at Pittsburgh game was rained out.

Jones hit a combined .339 with 34 home runs, 92 RBIs and 30 stolen bases in 116 games for Class A Durham, Double-A Greenville and Triple-A Richmond.

The World Series champion Braves, who traded Mark Whiten to make room for the rookie, want to see if he could be ready to make a contribution in the postseason.

"He's definitely got a lot of skills," teammate Marquis Grissom said. "He's got a lot of potential."

Grissom homered, doubled, singled and extended his hitting streak to 20 games. His home run was his 19th, tying a career high.

"I'm not trying to hit home runs, I never do. We've got the big guys for that," he said.

Curt Schilling (5-6) lost despite matching his career best with 12 strikeouts.



A Coahoma Bulldog prepares to jump on a loose ball. The Bulldogs have enough talent to pull some surprises in district play this year.

New Coahoma coach has winning style

By CLIFF NEWELL
Sports Editor

Coahoma has a winner in town.

New Bulldog head football coach Jim Edwards will bring an outstanding record of 132-52-2 in 18 years as a head coach, which included stops at Lorenzo, Munday and Mineral Wells.

Coahoma knows it has a coach who can take it all the way to the top - which he did at Munday in 1984.

"I'd like us to play hard ball," Edwards said. "I want us to be tough-minded individuals who can learn to overcome adversity."

Of his past record, Edwards said, "I've been very fortunate

to be at places where they've had great athletes."

And he thinks he has some great athletes at Coahoma.

Edwards doesn't have one of those pussy-footing quarterbacks. He has Marshall Wright, who started at linebacker last year and will do so again this year. After he hands off the ball, Wright is an excellent blocker, and he has been such a good passer so far that Edwards thinks Coahoma could be the best passing team he has ever had.

The strength at skill positions doesn't stop there. At wide receiver there is Matthew Hamilton, who caught 53 passes for 728 yards in 1995. He is tabbed an all-state candidate by Dave Campbell's Texas Football. Edwards thinks he has a trio of excellent running backs in Mike McMillan, Tim Phillips and Aron Hernandez.

There are a pair of super guards up front in Heath Blair

and Joe Best.

There are plenty of solid hitters on defense. The strongest area is definitely at linebacker, where Wright and Blair are outstanding. Blair had a remarkable 130 tackles.

Overall, the Bulldogs have good size, "sneaky speed" and loads of experience with 24 seniors. Texas Football has Coahoma tabbed to only place fifth in District 8-2A, behind Wall, Winters, Roscoe and Eldorado.

However, you get the feeling that could be wrong. The Bulldogs definitely have solid talent, and a solid coach, too.

Edwards is coming from Midland High School, where he was offensive coordinator last season. He was one of the final two candidates for the head coaching position there. When he didn't get the top job, he decided it would be best to move on.

It looks like Midland's loss will be Coahoma's gain.

Haley's ailing back big Cowboys worry

AUSTIN (AP) — Dallas Cowboys' defensive end Charles Haley missed another practice Thursday, causing coach Barry Switzer to say tight end and the defensive spot are now his top concerns.

Haley is in Dallas getting treatment for his back, which underwent off-season surgery.

"It's going to be week to week with Haley," Switzer said. "He'll miss a football game. There's no question about it, and I worry about (Tony) Tolbert."

Tolbert, an eight-year veteran defensive end, has complained of pain and swelling in his knees following off-season surgery, but he continues to practice in contact drills.

"I worry about end," Switzer said. "I'm more concerned about it now than any other position."

The tight end situation is also bleak. Jay Novacek, Kendall Watkins and Eric Bjornson are all out right now with injuries.

"We don't know if our one, two or three tight ends can play," Switzer said. "We are into our four, five and six tight ends now."

SWITZER THE JOKESTER:



HALEY

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said defensive end Shante Carver will show up for practices Monday in Irving.

"I talked to him last night and told him he was traded to Buffalo," Switzer said. "He had a heart attack."

Switzer also said Dallas owner Jerry Jones had grown so fond of playing in the American Bowl preseason games that he expects the Cowboys to be a part of it next year.

"I think we are going to Venezuela next year," Switzer joked.

FILLING IN: Backup offensive lineman George Hegamin says he is ready to help fill the void created by a knee injury to Pro Bowl tackle Mark Tuinei.

Pro Bowl right guard Larry Allen is replacing Tuinei at left tackle and Hegamin is taking Allen's right guard spot.

"This is what I've been looking for the entire time I've been here," said Hegamin, a third-year player out of North Carolina State.

"Unfortunately with some injuries I'm getting in there, but I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

Hegamin, who has only played organized football for six years, played for the Frankfurt Galaxy in the World League of American Football in the spring.

Election to college grid shrine leaves Payton with mixed emotions

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Walter Payton is honored to be chosen for the College Football Hall of Fame. He's also angry.

Despite setting numerous school and NCAA records at Jackson State, Payton wasn't eligible for the hall until this year. The historically black school was Division I-AA, and hall candidates previously had to be All-Americans on a "major" or Division I-A team.

"Not everybody is fortunate enough to go to a major university," said Payton, who will be inducted Saturday as part of the hall's first class of players from schools in Division I-AA, II and III schools, as well as those in the NAIA.

"Unfortunately for me, and this is why my anger or a little

hostility is coming up now, when I graduated from high school, integration had just started," he said. "So there were not a lot of major white universities taking black athletes. If they had their quota, then they had no more spots available."

That left most black athletes little choice but to attend a smaller school. The future NFL great chose Jackson State, where he flourished, running for 3,563 yards and 66 touchdowns in his four-year career.

He once scored 46 points in a game, and led the nation in scoring in 1973 with 160 points. When he left Jackson State, Payton had set nine school records, was a two-time All-American and held the NCAA

record for points with 464.

But playing at a "small school" meant Payton didn't get the recognition players at better-known universities did. When Archie Griffin won the Heisman Trophy in 1974 for the second time, Payton finished fourth.

"I'm not saying this to be critical, I'm saying this because I've been there," he said. "Just because you went to a bigger school doesn't mean you're a better ball player."

Payton is proof of that. The Chicago Bears' first-round draft pick in 1975 is the NFL's all-time leading rusher with 16,726 yards. He was named to the Pro Bowl nine times in his 13-year career, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame

in 1993. He was named to the NFL's 75th Anniversary All-Time team in 1994.

In 1987, the Division I-AA MVP trophy was named for Payton.

"The old saying is, if you could play, they will find you. And that's what I stand by," he said. "The work habits I developed at Jackson State were what served me in my pro career — hard work and determination, and never settling for second best. And always having fun at what you do."

Payton said he is encouraged by the strides made in college athletics in the last 25 years. Black players are no longer a fad at major universities, and recruits are judged on their ability, not their skin color.

Brocail back with Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Righthanded pitcher Doug Brocail has been reinstated from the Houston Astros' disabled list and righthanded pitcher Mark Small has been optioned to Triple A Tucson.

The Astros made the announcement Thursday. Brocail, 29, was placed on the disabled list in May with what was believed to be instability in his right shoulder.

He began a rehabilitation assignment with Double A Jackson on May 27 and returned to Houston on June 5 with recurring pain.

Exploratory surgery revealed Brocail had a minor fraying of the right biceps tendon, which was repaired.

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BASEBALL

AL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists AL East, Central, and West divisions.

NL Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists NL East, Central, and West divisions.

Colorado at Cincinnati, 2:15 p.m. Florida at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m. Houston at Chicago, 2:30 p.m.

NL Leaders

BATTING—Piazza, Los Angeles, .342; Grace, Chicago, .338; EYoung, Colorado, .335; Burks, Colorado, .330; C.Jones, Atlanta, .318; Bichette, Colorado, .318; Sheffield, Florida, .315.

AL Leaders

BATTING—Rodriguez, Seattle, .360; Knoblauch, Minnesota, .356; FThomas, Chicago, .356; Ramirez, Minnesota, .355; Ciriello, Milwaukee, .333; Franco, Cleveland, .333.

Lou blue as Mariners keep losing

SEATTLE (AP) — Lou Piniella was talking about what he liked most about his job. "What's fun about managing a baseball team is winning," the Seattle Mariners manager said.

mound in the Kingdom to make pitching changes. On the radio sports talk shows, some callers are second-guessing him. "I don't need to kick anybody," Piniella said when asked if he went home and booted his dog during the Mariners' horrible homestand.

Piniella tries to find the answers. Almost everything he's tried lately has gone wrong. For example: — On July 23, Piniella obtained Jeff Manto from Boston to fill in for the injured Russ Davis at third base.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Hunter course on tap

A course in hunter education will be held from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 17-18 at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce building.

Soccer registration ongoing

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Soccer League continues through Aug. 20. Applications can be picked up at the Big Spring YMCA, 801 Owens St.

Little League football sign-ups begin

Crossroads Little League sign-ups will be held through Aug. 24 at the Big Spring Mall. Players from the third through sixth grades

will need a birth certificate. Entry fee is \$30. Cheerleader entry fee is \$10. Registration will be held Monday through Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Coahoma boosters meet tonight

The Coahoma Athletic Boosters and Band Boosters will host a "Meet the Bulldogs" night tonight at 8 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Softball tourney on weekend

The Big Spring First Annual Sandbaggers men's softball tournament will be held today through Sunday. Entry fee is \$110. There will be trophies for first, second and third place teams, and t-shirts for first and second places and all-tournament.

Dancer in Irvin case sentenced

DALLAS (AP) — A topless dancer indicted with Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin on drug possession charges has been sentenced to two years of probation on a plea bargain.

Special teams get spotlight as Oilers, Lions clash tonight

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Oilers will try to stomp the Detroit Lions' top-rated offense, but the best action may be on special teams for tonight's preseason game in the Astrodome.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

The City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1996 by 8.64 percent.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 1996 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

FOR the proposal: Tim Blackshear, Stephanie Horton, Pat DeAnda, Chuck Cawthon, Tom Guess, Jim Campbell and John Paul Anderson. AGAINST the Proposal: None PRESENT and not voting: None ABSENT: None

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the 1996 tax rate that the unit published on August 2, 1996. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year.

Table comparing Last Year and This Year (proposed) for Average home value, General exemptions available, Average taxable value, Tax Rate, and Tax.

Under this proposed taxes on the average home would decrease by \$4.76 or 3.85 percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would decrease by \$0.04 per \$100 of taxable value or 6.15 percent compared to last year's tax rate.

Jasmine Jennipher Nabwangu, 21, pleaded no contest Thursday to a fourth-degree felony charge of possessing cocaine, which police found in an early March 4 search of a motel room she occupied with another dancer and Irvin.

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

Deadline for church news is noon Wednesday.

First Church of the Nazarene
Revival services begin Sunday morning at the First Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Nathan Covington will be here for an exciting time of renewal and restoration, as he shares with the congregation from the Word of God. The community is cordially invited to join the church Sunday morning at 10:30, Sunday evening at 6 p.m., and Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. to be part of these inspiring services.

First United Methodist Church
"A Candle on the Water" (Luke 21:49) will be the title of Dr. Ed Williamson's sermon this Sunday, Aug. 18. The message is one of hope and assurance of God's presence. The United Methodist Church sponsors a spiritual renewal program for Christian believers of many Christian groups called the "Walk To Emmaus." If you are interested in the "Walk To Emmaus," please contact our church office (267-6394). The First United Methodist Church is located at 400 Scurry and worship times are 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. All visitors and new residents of Big Spring are welcome.

Spring Tabernacle
You are invited to a Spiritual Refreshing, Aug. 16-18, at Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright St., 7:30 p.m., nightly. Evangelist Mickey, Angle and Melissa Munoz. Pastors, Arnold & Mona Lue Tonn. For more info., 263-2053 or 530-0509.

Friends of Unity
Everyone with an August birthday and their friends and family are invited to a celebration at the Friends of Unity Boxcar. It's a "come and go" event between 3 and 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Big Spring Clergy Network
Big Spring Clergy Network invites you to a seminar entitled "Living in a Step Family" with guest speaker John Setzer, counselor and Episcopalian minister from Midland. The seminar is Tuesday, Aug. 20 with a continental breakfast starting at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be a question and answer session from 9:15 to 9:30 a.m. It is at Comanche Trail Nursing Home, 3200 Parkway. To RSVP, call Murph Watson at 264-0500 or (915) 634-0550.

Hillcrest Baptist Church
There will be a concert Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. featuring Jim Murray, formerly of the Imperials Quartet and Bill Gaither Vocal Music Group, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. The concert is free and a love offering will be taken.

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES
Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon 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. 255. Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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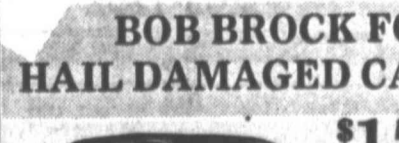


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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Go with your social nature. Refuse to let another affect you. Your creative energy is high when dealing with friends, long-term goals and desires. For the sake of peace, you might need to give in and go along with a good idea. Don't be hard on yourself. Tonight: Make it an early night. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get errands done and work on a hobby. Perhaps a visit to the gym is in order. You will feel good if you make that extra effort. Make your day-to-day routine orderly. A partner pitches in and helps you past a limitation or self-imposed restriction. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Dance to a different tune. Be willing to let go of expectations and have a fun day. The day flows when you are spontaneous. Enjoy the moment for what it offers. Take off at an unexpected offer or invitation. Someone quite unusual could enter your life. Tonight: Party time. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Deal with another, directly and clearly. Question possibilities with a boss or authority figure. They may not see life in the same light as you. Stay available to alternative ways of thinking. Be nurturing dealing with family. They may need some extra time. Tonight: Don't make big plans! ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Express ideas and thoughts, even if another takes your opinion negatively. A change in plans may need to happen. Be flexible if you feel cramped by present arrangements. Honor what you want and make an

adjustment. A friend is unpredictable. Tonight: Where the action is. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You might feel limited by a partner or associate. Take the time to think and evaluate before adding to your expenditures. Discover ways to have fun inexpensively or within your budget. Rethink what makes you happy on a deep level. Tonight: Cheap indulgences. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Do not let another's somber ways bring you down. You are full of get-up-and-go. Another admires your high vitality and energy. You can make peace where others thought there was none. The unexpected kisses you. You breathe life into everything you touch. Tonight: Just ask! *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Retreat, and consider taking this as a rest day. You might need to request a change in plans. Do for you and don't worry about anyone else. Eliminate red tape and open up to possibilities. The first step is to take better care of yourself. Tonight: Work on your peace of mind. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might need to consider a commitment with a loved one. Though you often have a devil-may-care attitude, now is an excellent time to open up to what you want in your heart of hearts. You are changing. Update your wish list accordingly. Tonight: Aim for the bull's-eye. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Evaluate long-term goals involving career and public image. Ascertain just how much you need to stay home, and/or perhaps within certain confines. It is time for you to open up to new possibilities. Recognize self-imposed limitations. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You need to wonder what is important to a neighbor or relative who frequently rains on your parade. Listen, consider and evaluate a possible change. Go with whim and impulse. Travel, meeting new people and a general sense of newness mark events. Tonight: The more different, the better. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Detachment breeds success. You might need some time to think by yourself. Many changes have been occurring that affect your work image and long-term goals. Be willing to cut back before there is a problem. You are more in control than you know. Tonight: With a favorite person! **

NFL

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Charlotte this morning to finalize the agreement, according to radio station WFNZ in Charlotte.

Television station KRIV in Houston also reported a deal was reached with an agreement worth \$12.7 million that includes a \$5.1 million signing bonus. WFNZ reported the deal to be worth about \$12.5 million.

Panthers spokesman Charlie Dayton could not confirm that a deal had been reached, and Biakabutuka's agent Carl Poston would not talk about the reports.

Dolphins

Keith Byars has never had any trouble catching passes. Now, receiving is a bigger part of his job description.

Byars, who spent his first 11 seasons as a running back, has become the latest tight end in Miami training camp.

"I'm just trying to help our team win games," Byars said. "I've always prided myself on being a team player. If this means helping us win, I'm happy to go there."

When Johnny Mitchell retired only 12 days after signing as a free agent, he became the third tight end to leave the team since the end of last sea-

son. And with Byars' 532 career catches ranking fourth among running backs, he was a natural to make the switch.

He said he believes his understanding of the passing game will allow for a smooth transition from fullback to tight end. "It's not a big deal, really. I know what the job entails, and now I have to go do it," Byars said.

49ers

A broken right ring finger has forced San Francisco center Jesse Sapolu to switch snapping hands.

After snapping right-handed throughout his career, Sapolu is using the team's practices this week to work on hiking the ball to Steve Young and Elvis Grbac with his left hand.

"The first day, I fumbled maybe three snaps, the second day I fumbled maybe two snaps, and in the full padded work today, I didn't fumble any so I'm improving every day," Sapolu said Thursday.

Sapolu will get a chance to try the new snap under game conditions during Sunday's exhibition at Jacksonville.

Redskins

Heath Shuler's next start at

quarterback for Washington could be his last.

Tonight's exhibition game between the Redskins and Cincinnati Bengals at RFK Stadium is supposed to settle once and for all the QB battle between Shuler and Gus Frerotte. The game concludes a three-game trial set up by coach Norv Turner, who will name his starter either Sunday or Monday.

"In college, we played a few big games, but not like this," Frerotte said. "Not for really what you've worked for, your goal."

Shuler will start against the Bengals and will be relieved by Frerotte during the second quarter. Turner wants to keep his first-team unit on the field for about 50 plays — roughly three quarters — so there will be little time for either third-year quarterback to impress.

Steelers

Kordell Stewart may be the people's choice to start at quarterback for Pittsburgh. But coach Bill Cowher still hasn't made his preference known.

In several fan polls and in terms of merchandising dollars, Stewart is the undisputed leader over Mike Tomczak and Jim Miller. But with only one

exhibition game remaining before Cowher chooses his starter for the Sept. 1 opener at Jacksonville, Tomczak appears to be pulling away.

"If the burden is going to be put on somebody with experience, I am ready to shoulder the burden," said Tomczak, who has started 53 games in 11 NFL seasons with four teams. "I feel like I've been playing very consistently."

Tomczak, who will be 34 in October, will start Saturday's exhibition against Tampa Bay. He has less preseason playing time than either Stewart or Miller, but also has the better numbers: 13-of-19 for 173 yards.

Giants

Center Brian Williams, the only returning starter on the offensive line playing the same position as last season, is uncertain for New York's exhibition game against the New York Jets on Saturday night.

Williams missed his second straight day of practice Thursday because of problems with both ankles.

"Hopefully, he'll be ready to go," Giants coach Dan Reeves said. "We won't know until game time."

Adam Schreiber would replace Williams in the lineup.

Baltimore bats batter Oakland, 18-5

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Let the home run derby begin.

"I hope they got all of their hits out of their system tonight," Oakland manager Art Howe said after the Baltimore Orioles pounded out five home runs — two by Chris Hoiles — to beat the Athletics 18-5 Thursday night.

The A's checked in with three home runs of their own in a meeting of baseball's most homer-happy teams.

"We'd like to see some good pitching in this series," said Baltimore manager Davey Johnson.

Fat chance of that happening here, with both teams on a pace to smash the major league record of 240 home runs in a season set by the 1961 Yankees of Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle.

After Game One of this five-

game series, it's Oakland 198, Baltimore 194 for the season.

The Baltimore-Oakland contest was the only American League game scheduled for Thursday night.

"It was just one of those games to go home and forget," said Oakland's Scott Brosius. "Sometimes it's easier to put a game like this behind you than a 2-1 game."

When Mike Mussina got out of a jam in the sixth inning, Baltimore was winning a hard-fought, one-run game. Three innings and 15 runs later, it was a laugher.

"The offense just exploded," Johnson said.

"On paper it looked pretty easy, if all you see is the final score," said Mussina (15-8), who won his fourth straight start. "But for the most part, I had to fight to win that game."

With our team, if you can get into the late innings with a lead, you know you're going to get some runs late."

Bobby Bonilla, Roberto Alomar and Rafael Palmeiro also homered for Baltimore.

"A lot of teams have seen us a couple of times," said Oakland's Mike Mohler, who gave up four runs and retired just two batters in the seventh. "It's almost like they know what our pitches are."

Willie Adams (1-2) left with one out in the seventh trailing only 3-2, but he set the table for what would be a most impressive feast by Oriole hitters on the A's bullpen.

When the battle was finally over, the body count had the A's best reliever, Billy Taylor, on the disabled list when he strained his groin trying to get one more strike in the ninth.

The Orioles, meanwhile, lost left fielder Jeffrey Hammonds, who tried to make a diving catch in the seventh. He hurt his left knee.

"Right now, there is swelling," Johnson said. "We'll know more after he's examined (Friday). We seem to be bitten by injuries."

Geronimo Berros, Matt Stairs and Mike Bordick all homered for Oakland. Mark McGwire, 3-for-17 lifetime against Mussina, got the day off.

The Orioles, who now trail New York by seven games in the AL East, have made up five games against the Yankees since a season-high 12-game deficit on July 28.

Hoiles went 4-for-5 and Bonilla had his first five-RBI game as an Oriole to lead Baltimore's 19-hit attack.

Fernando brings majors to Mexico tonight

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — The New York Mets will really know they're the visiting team tonight.

Technically, the San Diego Padres are too, playing 1,000 miles from home. But when Fernando Valenzuela gazes heavenward and delivers his first pitch, 26,000 fans will roar their approval as major league baseball makes its historical, regular-season debut in Mexico.

"Ninety percent of the people, this is what they are talking about," said Elva Gonzalez as she hung around outside the ticket office at Estadio Monterrey on Thursday.

La Primera Serie — the first series — will belong to Valenzuela, at least for tonight.

Some people still refer to Valenzuela as "El Toro" — the bull — a nickname he earned in his phenomenal career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Everyone considers him a national hero.

"It's great to see him back, finally, here," said Javier Corchado Alvarez. "It's a great tribute."

Corchado bought three tickets

to tonight's game at 30 pesos apiece — a little more than \$4. That's a big deal, considering the minimum wage in this industrial metropolis is 27 pesos a day.

"How wouldn't you want to see him?" Corchado said. "That's why we came, to see him."

As big a spectacle as this is, the Padres want to keep in perspective that they're in a pennant race.

"I hope people understand that we are going there to play baseball, not just to have fun," Valenzuela said from Cincinnati, where the first-place Padres were swept by the Reds.

But, he added: "I think it's going to be exciting for me, to be part of the first team to play in Mexico in the regular season."

Valenzuela was with Los Angeles when they played an exhibition game here in 1991 — the same spring training he was cut by the Dodgers — and he played in the Mexican League in 1992 and 1994 as he tried to rekindle his big-league

career. Some family members plan to make the trip from Sonora, on the other side of the country.

"I'm pretty sure there will be someone there that I know," Valenzuela said.

It's guaranteed that everyone will know him.

"All the people are speaking about Fernando Valenzuela," said Melchor Garcia, 62, who has been a ticket seller for 27 years for the Monterrey Sultanes of the Mexican League. "The people think that he's going to carry a good time."

The Padres basically were kicked out of San Diego when the Republicans considered using Jack Murphy Stadium for the final night of their national convention.

That didn't come about, but it helped spawn major league baseball's first regular-season games played outside the United States and Canada.

The Padres' rotation was juggled so that Valenzuela (9-7, 3.87 ERA) will pitch tonight's opener. He'll also throw out the ceremonial first pitch, accom-

panied by the governor of Nuevo Leon and the mayor of Monterrey, a city of about 3 million ringed by the spectacular eastern Sierra Madre.

Even though the GOP decided not to use Jack Murphy Stadium, the National Football League's Chargers play an exhibition game there Saturday night. That would have forced the Padres to schedule a doubleheader: either Friday or Sunday, which they didn't want to do.

So the Padres had the impetus to continue their Mexican marketing campaign. Monterrey, celebrating its 400th anniversary, has what some consider the best ballpark in Latin America, which is modeled after Jack Murphy Stadium.

"It all seemed too poetic," said club president Larry Lucchino. "We're expecting to establish a certain kind of affinity with Mexico, and a connection to Mexican baseball fans that will pervade the country, particularly in Baja."

Overeater conquers compulsion taking it one step at a time

DEAR ABBY: When I first heard in an Overeaters Anonymous meeting that compulsive overeating is a "disease," I said, "Yeah, really!" not believing a word of it. But after years of fad diets and 50 pounds of yo-yo weight losses and gains, it didn't take a rocket scientist to conclude that I am different from my noncompulsive (and usually thinner) friends. Unlike average people who get hungry, eat a meal and are then satisfied, I remain hungry most of the time.

My problem isn't lack of willpower. What I lack is a reflex, a signal that says, "Full! Enough!" I didn't choose to have this condition. Who in her right mind would choose to be hungry all the time?

Words cannot describe my relief when I understood that I had a physical problem. I wasted years feeling guilty and ashamed because of my compulsive eating. For me, the solution has three parts because what began 40 years ago as a physical condition has created emotional and spiritual baggage that I carry with me today.

Almost everyone has heard of the Twelve Steps of the "Anonymous" programs, including: Admit your problem; believe you can be helped; ask for help; clean up your act; make amends; connect to a power greater than yourself; and help others. These steps form a decent life plan for me. They are helping me turn my

life around and reconnect with myself, my spouse, my work and my body.

It does not matter that I did not choose to be this way. I am this way. And what I do about it is entirely up to me. After one month, following a generous plan of eating and working my program with plenty of support from other OA members, I'm one clothing size smaller. Better yet, I'm not taking pills or herbs, using a fad diet, or doing anything bizarre that might cause short-term weight loss. I'm doing nothing that I can't continue for the rest of my life!

I am profoundly grateful that I found OA, and I'm indebted to the countless OA members who have given me the benefit of their strength and experience. — ANONYMOUS

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Your eloquent letter is sure to inspire others who suffer from compulsive eating and are unaware that help is available. Overeaters Anonymous has more than 10,000 groups in 50 countries. Local chapters can be found in the telephone directory.

There are no dues or fees, and no membership lists are kept. There are no requirements for membership except the desire to stop eating compulsively. You will be welcomed with open arms by women and men who are fighting the same battle as you. There is no shaming, no weighing, and no embarrassment, only a fellowship of compassionate people with a common problem.

There are chapters in almost every city, but if you have difficulty finding one near you, send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Overeaters Anonymous World Service Office, P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, N.M. 87174-4020.



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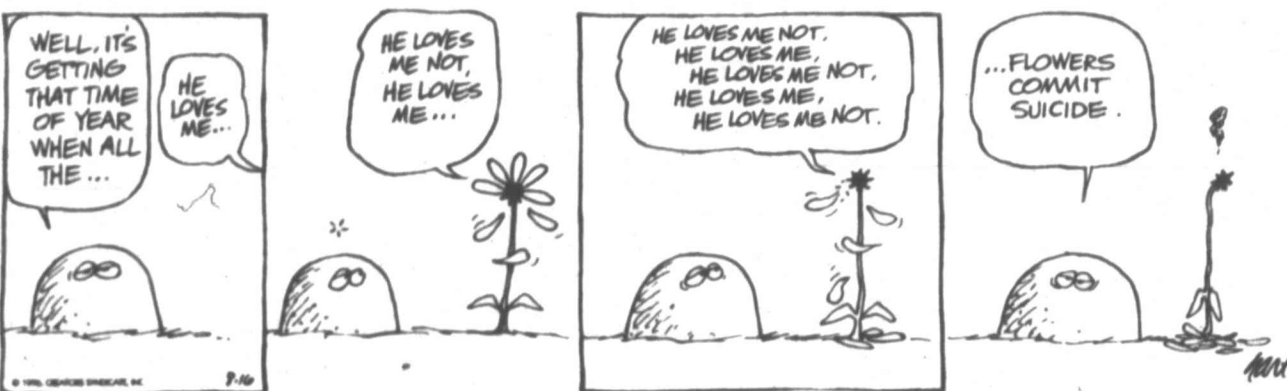
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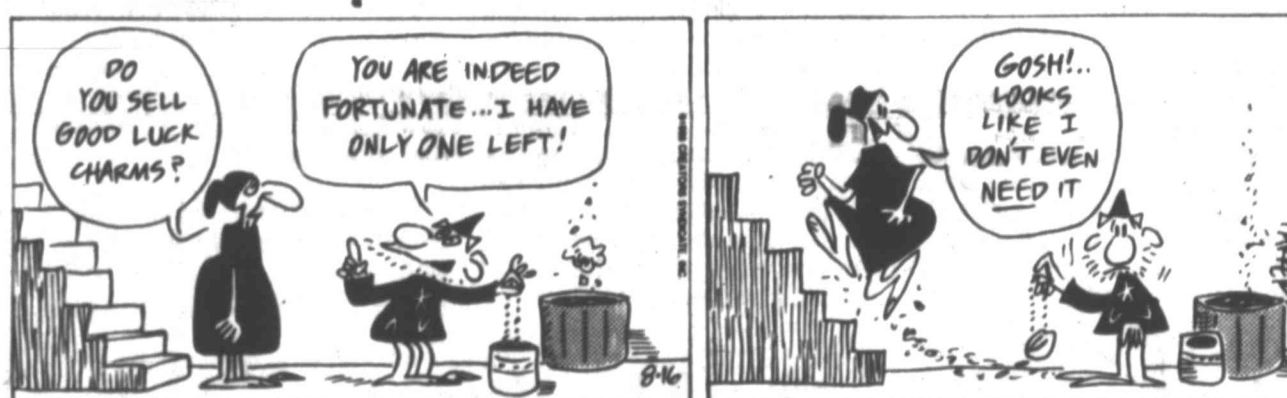
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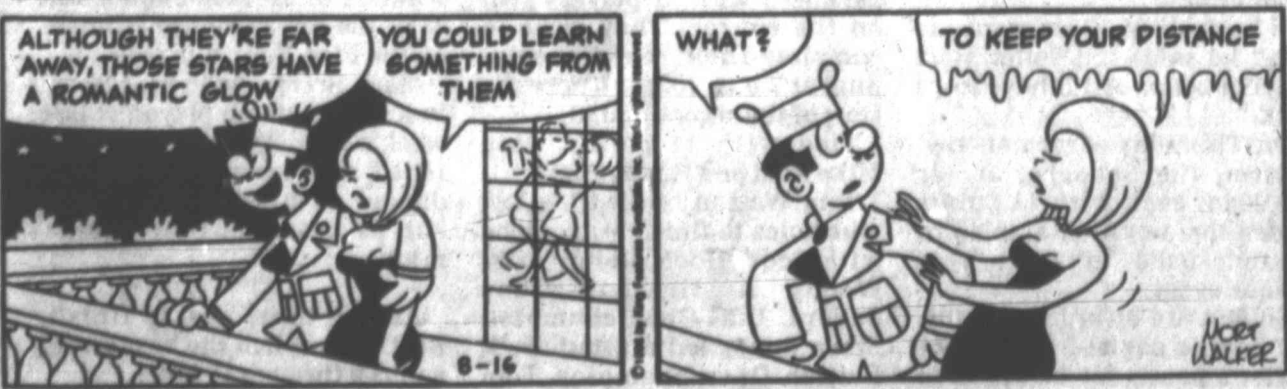
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Friday, August 16, the 229th day of 1996. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 16, 1977, the "King of Rock and Roll," Elvis Presley, died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

On this date: In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington, Vt.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1829, the original "Siamese twins," Chang and Eng Bunker, arrived in Boston aboard the ship "Sachem" to be exhibited to the Western world.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861, President Lincoln prohibited the states of the Union from trading with the seceding states of the Confederacy.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Al Hibbler is 81. Former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres is 73. Actor Fess Parker is 71. Actress Ann Blythe is 68. Actor Robert Culp is 66. Sportscaster Frank Gifford is 66.

THE Daily Crossword by Kenneth Witte

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Thursday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle with the solution filled in.

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Ritz advertisement: 401 S. Main, 253-7400.

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