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## CRP info meeting set Thursday

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

A public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday to allow area farmers to learn more about the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). The meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the USDA's Big Spring Research Station.

According to Howard County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Rick Liles, response and inquiries regarding the CRP sign-up have been so numerous from area farmers that the meeting was called.

Liles will conduct the meeting and a representative from the Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS) will also take part in the meeting.

Liles said CRP is designed to take highly erodible cropland out of production by establishing a permanent vegetative cover on those sites.

## Tabloid says it will run more JonBenet Ramsey photos

**BOULDER, Colo. (AP)** — The Globe tabloid says it will publish crime scene photographs purportedly taken in JonBenet Ramsey's home after the 6-year-old beauty queen was killed.

The Globe says four leading criminologists have concluded that the photos are of JonBenet's bedroom and a basement room next to the one where her body was found.

Globe editor Tony Frost said in a news release late Sunday that the photos "trace the killer's footsteps inside the Ramsey's Boulder home" and

will appear in The Globe on Tuesday.

The tabloid said the photographs were legally obtained from a confidential source and its experts agreed publication of the pictures would in no way impede the police investigation.

Boulder spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said today she was not aware of the Globe's plans to publish the photos.

"Obviously we're not pleased with something like this but certainly it's not going to shut down the investigation," she

said, adding that she had no comment on the legality of the photos.

In January, The Globe published photos that showed a garrote — a cord-wrapped stick that may have been used to strangle the 6-year-old beauty princess in her luxury home — and a rope around one of her wrists.

Two Boulder men pleaded guilty last month to obstructing government operations for stealing the photos and selling them to The Globe for \$5,200.

Meanwhile, the Rocky

Mountain News reported today that police are working through a pool of up to a dozen people identified by John and Patsy Ramsey as possible suspects in their daughter's slaying.

JonBenet's body was found Dec. 26 in the basement of her home, about eight hours after Patsy Ramsey reported finding a handwritten note demanding a ransom for the girl's return. The former Little Miss Colorado was strangled and may have been sexually assaulted.

## MEDIEVAL BATTLE



Scott Moss (left), Robert Black, Dennis Dolan and Robert Rose are taking advantage of the warm weather to get together and practice having mock battles. The group is having an arts and science show at Kentwood Senior Center on March 22.

## Flood of '97 continues to rise

**BIRDSVILLE, Ky. (AP)** — Twelve-year-old Phillip Sharp was on his front lawn casting a fishing line into the expanding Ohio River when the Coast Guard came to take him to higher ground.

"I wasn't scared, I was having fun," Phillip said. "I was canoeing around and fishing in my front yard. Didn't catch anything, but I was getting some bites."

With floodwaters quickly surrounding the homes and trailers that dot rural western Kentucky, many residents are starting only now to show respect for the raging waters that devastated upriver towns this past week.

Belying the threat coming relentlessly downriver, the sun shone today after a rapidly moving cold front passed through and brought light rain Sunday that had no effect on water levels.

Friday. Schoolchildren helped fill sandbags until midnight Saturday to boost the height of the town's flood wall to 5 feet.

"The whole town is relying on that wall," said George Green, a town councilman.

In this tiny hamlet, a few miles upriver from Smithland, the river was 12 feet above flood stage and expected to rise another foot before cresting Thursday. Already, residents have abandoned 25 of the 40 homes.

"It's really starting to scare some people now," said Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Keith Felcyn, who spent Sunday checking families who chose to stay in their inundated communities.

The Coast Guard has urged dozens of families living along the Ohio and its tributaries to leave their homes for emergency shelters on higher ground, but legally there is nothing they can do to make them leave.

Phillip's parents called the Coast Guard to take their son to an uncle's house, even though they stayed behind; others who stayed also sent their children and elderly relatives to safety.

The sixth-grader had spent the past week watching nearby farm fields grow into lakes and the river spill a mile over its banks. The water in front of Phillip's trailer was 5 feet deep by the time he was evacuated.

Though floodwaters were starting to recede upriver, the Flood of '97 is far from over, with water still rising in downstream towns. The Ohio was expected to crest Tuesday in Evansville, Ind., Wednesday in Mount Vernon, Ind., and Friday in Paducah.

Volunteers and emergency crews were busy sandbagging to plug holes in the main levee in Old Shawneetown, Ill., where the Ohio has risen nearly 2 feet and is expected to crest Thursday.

Downriver, Smithland is surrounded by water that is waist-high and rising, with a crest

expected to crest Friday. The body of a 27-year-old Falmouth man was found in a field, becoming Kentucky's 19th flood victim. A search resumed today for two men missing at the confluence of the Ohio and Green rivers when their canoe overturned a day earlier.

More than a week has passed since the flooding began with a violent weather system that also brought deadly tornadoes to Arkansas and Mississippi. High water in West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee has increased the death toll to 59 and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

## Report: FBI again searching for McVeigh associate

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Federal authorities are looking for a man they believe sought an Ozarks hideout with Oklahoma City bombing suspects Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, CNN and Time magazine reported.

The FBI thinks Robert Jacques can help reconstruct McVeigh's and Nichols' activities leading up to the April 19, 1995, bombing. The network released a sketch Sunday of a man believed to be Jacques.

William Maloney, a Cassville, Mo., real estate broker told CNN that in the fall of 1994, Jacques came to his office with Nichols and a man who identified himself as Tim.

Jacques did most of the talking and did not say why they were interested in buying land Maloney advertised as "In the

middle of nowhere, at the end of a rough road, at the bottom of a hollow ... there may be a cave."

"I asked the question, 'Were they looking for a place to hide?' and he didn't respond to that," Maloney said. The three men left the same day and never returned, Maloney said.

Several months earlier, Maloney said he got a phone inquiry about the land and asked the caller's name.

"He says 'McVeigh,' and I said, 'M-C-V-E-Y' and he said, 'That's close enough,'" Maloney said.

McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones told CNN his client wasn't in Missouri when Maloney says he met with the three men. He did not say where McVeigh was at that time.

"Our information indicates Tim was somewhere other than

Cassville, Mo.," Jones said. "That's what our research shows."

Jones said that Maloney never told the FBI that he had asked the men if they were looking for a place to hide, as he told CNN.

"I will admit it's intriguing and I commend CNN for its effort," Jones said of the report. "But I don't know how much it adds to the prosecution or defense of this case."

Meanwhile, Nichols' ex-wife, Lana Padilla, told The Daily Oklahoman in today's editions that he had talked about looking for property in Missouri or Arkansas for a blueberry farm.

"He never mentioned traveling with anyone," she said from her home in Las Vegas. "The government's asked me about it a couple of times. I never knew why. Now I do."

McVeigh's trial for the bombing that killed 168 people and injured more than 500 is set to begin March 31 in Denver. Nichols will be tried later.

Joseph Hartzler, the federal government's lead prosecutor in the bombing trial, said "the FBI has thoroughly investigated all leads and I am confident in the investigation." He declined to comment further.

The FBI believes Maloney is credible and has been trying to track down the man he described for more than a year, CNN reported.

CNN's artists' reproduction of the FBI sketch shows a dark-complected, muscular man with short hair.

The drawing is the only remaining unidentified sketch in the FBI's files on the case, a source told CNN.

## Indian tribes gave \$107,000 to DNC, didn't get land back

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Two impoverished Indian tribes in Oklahoma seeking the return of 7,500 acres taken by the federal government more than a century ago scrapped together \$107,000 in contributions to the Democratic National Committee last year in hopes of getting back their land.

For their money, leaders of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Indians ate at the White House with President Clinton, dined at Vice President Gore's house and received floor passes for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last year, according to reports today.

But the land, taken in 1869 for a military fort and now used by the Agriculture Department for a research project, remains under federal control.

"We're trying to learn to work all the angles — we have to," Archie Hoffman, tribal business council secretary, told the Post. "We got great hopes we're going

to get our land back this year."

Two tribal who attended a June 17 lunch at the White House with a few other big donors said Clinton listened to their concerns about the land without promising anything.

Clinton asked an assistant if the White House had a file on the issue.

## Published report says missile may have shot down TWA Flight 800

**RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP)** — Newly disclosed evidence "points to a missile" as the cause of the explosion that killed all 230 people aboard TWA Flight 800 off New York's Long Island, The Press-Enterprise reported today.

The evidence includes reddish residue found on several seat backs that laboratory analysis showed to be "consistent with solid missile fuel" ingredients.

It said information from FBI and National Transportation Safety Board documents and investigative sources indicates the plane may have been a victim of a terrorist missile or "friendly fire" — a Navy weapon gone astray.

The FBI repeated that it had no proof of a missile, although it has not ruled out as a possible cause of the July 17 crash. The Navy again denied any role in the disaster.

Investigators say a missile remains one of three theories, along with a bomb or mechanical failure.

The paper also said tapes to

be released later this week by the FAA suggest a projectile moving at 1,500 mph was on a collision course with the plane just before it exploded over the ocean during a flight to Paris.

It didn't give details of the type of tapes it said would be released.

The report said "compelling testimony" indicated a missile hit the plane on the right side, forward of the wing, passing through the fuselage without exploding.

"The source of the missile remains unclear, with speculation centering on either a terrorist attack or friendly fire, possibly a secret Navy weapons test gone wrong," the paper said.

Investigators say an explosion in the plane's nearly empty center fuel tank broke the huge aircraft in half.

The cause of that explosion has not been officially declared, but James Sanders, a private investigator who assisted the newspaper's inquiry, said he believes heat from a missile was responsible.

## Some medical professionals say Gulf War illness is contagious

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Some medical professionals treating sick Persian Gulf War veterans claim they have contracted symptoms of Gulf War illness and say the mysterious disease could pose a public health threat, the Los Angeles Times reported.

The doctors, nurses and researchers say they are suffering from fatigue, fever, aches, rashes and respiratory problems generally associated with the mysterious syndrome, the newspaper reported Sunday.

"Everyone in this office has had Gulf War illness," Garth Nicolson, a biochemist at the nonprofit Institute for Molecular Medicine, told the paper. "I lost four teeth and had part of my lower jaw removed."

Nicolson has claimed to have found a genetically altered version of mycoplasma, a microorganism known to sometimes cause disease, in the blood of half of the several hundred sick veterans he has tested. He says antibiotics have successfully treated some of them.

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

**67** ▲ Highs **44**  
Lows ▼

**Today:** Chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight, lows in lower 40s.

**Tuesday:** Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in mid 60s to around 70. Lows 45 to 50.

**Extended outlook:** Wednesday and Thursday, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows 45-50. Highs in the 70s. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows 45-50. Highs 75-80.



# Yasser Arafat calls Israeli plan 'trick'

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's plan to give Palestinians only a third of the West Bank land they had expected is a "trick that has thrust peace talks into a 'real crisis,'" Yasser Arafat said today.

Arafat's top deputy threatened to resign over the dispute with Israel, and a top Israeli official said American intervention might be needed to resolve the impasse over the pullout, the first of three withdrawals Israel has promised by mid-1998.

Arafat "is facing a serious crisis, from Palestinian public opinion, from the legislative council, from the Cabinet," Palestinian minister Hanan Ashrawi said.

She said Arafat was contacting Arab countries and the United States for help. Arafat sent senior negotiator Saeb Erekat to Jordan today with a message for King Hussein, Palestinian sources said.

Erekat said the present state of negotiations could create "disasters and confrontation" in the region.

The Palestinians have so far refused to coordinate with Israel on the transfer of authority in the areas slated for a pullback, putting the withdrawal on hold. In a meeting Sunday night, Arafat deputy Mahmoud Abbas gave Israeli Foreign Minister Davy Levy "an official memo expressing the

Palestinian non-acceptance of the proposed Israeli pullback." Abbas threatened today to resign as top negotiator in anger over Israel's limited withdrawal plan.

Palestinian sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat was so pessimistic about the state of peace talks that he explored the idea of leaving the autonomous Gaza Strip and moving to Cairo. Such a step would throw Mideast peacemaking into further turmoil, and Egypt's president reportedly advised against it.

Tensions have risen since Israel decided last month to build a large Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, which the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Israel's announcement last week that its first stage of West Bank redeployment will pull troops from 9 percent of the region has raised fears of a breakdown in the peace process.

The Palestinians had expected to receive 30 percent of the West Bank in each of three stages, but Israeli leaders say that U.S.-brokered accords allow them to determine the extent of each pullback.

David Bar-Ilan, an adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said U.S. action might be required.

"There'll have to be a kind of

American intervention to resolve this thing," Bar-Ilan said. "There is a friendship game going on here which the Palestinians have chosen to play. I don't see that (Israel) can do anything."

Arafat said today he felt deceived.

"First of all, there is a real crisis because there is a real breaching of what has been agreed upon, a trick and the conspiracy against the peace process, against the agreement which has been signed," he said.

The Palestinians now have full autonomy over eight cities, 2.8 percent of the West Bank, and partial control over more than 500 villages, about 24 percent. They also control most of the Gaza Strip.

Under Israel's plan, 7 percent of the West Bank will be transferred from joint Israeli-Palestinian to full Palestinian control, while 2 percent now under Israeli occupation will come under joint control.

The redeployment scheduled for last week reportedly would give Arafat's Palestinian Authority full control of 50 more West Bank villages with a population of about 200,000.

The pullouts are to be carried out concurrently with talks toward a final peace settlement in which the Palestinians hope to gain statehood.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Substance abuse program will treat mentally retarded felons

LUBBOCK — A unique abuse treatment program for mentally retarded and drug-dependent felons on probation is getting its start in Lubbock County.

A \$150,000 state grant is being used as start-up money for the program, which will use a long-vacant half of the Lubbock County Community Corrections Facility.

"We've been open for four years this Sunday, and we've never had both halves open up yet," said Steve Rappy, chief director of the Lubbock facility. "This will be a first for us, and the state."

The \$4 million unit is home to about 100 non-violent felons sentenced there in lieu of prison. To be considered, felons must be eligible for probation and must not have used violence or deadly weapons in their crimes.

They also must be considered potentially employable.

unemployed.

A study by the Baltimore-based Annie E. Casey Foundation, which studies children's issues, drew those conclusions from independent research, Census Bureau figures, FBI crime reports and other statistics.

More than half of the children live in Austin, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio, the study found.

Some analysts believe the number of children in those neighborhoods could grow as the state and federal governments keep scaling back public assistance.

"I would expect that more people would be at risk of falling into poverty because of the cut-backs," said Pam Hormuth, a researcher with the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, which monitors issues affecting low-income Texans.

### State lawmakers want \$10 million to fund bailout of Texas Southern

HOUSTON — Black lawmakers seek a \$10 million bailout of Texas Southern University to keep the financially troubled school from being taken over by the state.

Under state control, the historically black university likely would become part of a university system such as the University of Texas, state Rep. Al Edwards said.

"We are in the midst of a storm," Edwards told a gathering of students, faculty and administrators at the college's Thurgood Marshall School of Law. "This is it. In two years, if we don't come back with a good report, TSU will go into receivership, and who knows what will happen."

State Rep. Garnet Coleman, whose district encompasses the Houston college, said loss of Texas Southern's status as an independent campus would happen "over my dead body."

The state auditor's office recently estimated the school will have a \$4 million deficit by the end of fiscal 1997.

### Mother's ashes mailed to family; shock prompts procedure change

DALLAS — A Dallas man's shock at receiving his wife's ashes in the mail has prompted the state's largest medical study program to change how it returns to families the remains of donated bodies.

The changes made by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas could spread to the state's other 10 willed-body programs.

"This is one area where we clearly dropped the ball," said Dr. John Burnside, director of UT Southwestern's willed-body program. "Instead of, 'Ho-hum, here's another set of ashes we're sending out,' this made us think, 'How would you feel if you were on the receiving end of this?'"

The medical school will start notifying families by phone as well as letter and allow them to receive in person the ashes of their loved ones, whose bodies had been donated for anatomical study.

"This is an important enough issue that if Dallas has made that change, all the schools in the state will want to consider it," said Dr. Andy Payer, the program director at UT Medical Branch at Galveston and an officer for the state Anatomical Board. The board oversees the use of bodies for medical education and research.

### More than 200,000 Texas children live in distressed neighborhoods

DALLAS — Almost 237,000 Texas children live in neighborhoods that have high numbers of welfare recipients, single mothers and the

### Tobacco becomes big smuggling item in prison at up to \$25 pack

HOUSTON — The smoking ban imposed on Texas inmates two years ago is fueling a profitable smuggling industry inside penitentiaries.

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### Gay bar bans all kissing after heterosexuals file discrimination claim against manager

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A gay bar that banned heterosexual kissing has now forbidden any smooching after being accused of discriminating against its straight patrons.

"I was trying to be sensitive to the needs of my customers," said Morgan Gorrano, manager of The Cafe. "My main complaint from customers is there are too many straight people here."

The bar, located in the predominantly gay Castro District, was reprimanded by city officials for its ban on heterosexual kissing after ejecting a man and woman last summer for what a friend said was a passionate kiss.

The friend, Damon Jacobs,

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complained of the treatment.

"The bartender went up to them and said something like, 'This is a gay bar. What you're doing is very offensive to people here. I'd like to ask you to leave for your own safety,'" Jacobs said.

Jacobs, who is gay, and the couple were ejected by a bouncer.

"I was appalled that this was happening to my friends in this community," Jacobs said. "It's very disappointing to me that our businesses are being such poor role models."

Gorrano, who maintains the man and woman were ejected mostly because they were drunk, said gay customers have complained as more and

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more heterosexuals frequent the bar.

"When we can get married, they can kiss in our bars," said Patrick Wagner, a Castro resident drinking a beer at the bar Saturday. "There are several hundred bars where straights can go kiss. So, out of respect for our community, I think they should refrain from kissing here."

But Maurice Harris, a patron at a nearby bar, said any ban on sexual expression would mar the Castro's tradition of acceptance.

"Anyone can kiss around here," said Harris. "You can be anything you want in the Castro. The Castro is all about tolerance."

## 90 cars in blazing pileups in Great Britain

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — About 90 cars and trucks slammed into each other in thick fog early today in twin highway pileups that killed four people, injured 60 and set 15 vehicles ablaze.

The wreckage spread across a quarter-mile of a major highway south of Birmingham and closed the road in both directions.

Hospitals said four people died and three others were in serious condition. Police reported 60 people injured, most of

them not seriously.

The first crash, involving about 60 vehicles, occurred at 6:45 a.m. in the southbound lanes of the M42 near Alvechurch. The second major accident, involving about 30 vehicles, happened 20 minutes later in the northbound lanes. The sites were within yards of each other.

David Hills, 41, said he got out of his car after it crashed, and climbed onto an embankment.

"Cars were just smashing into one another," he said. "There

was a white Peugeot with a lady inside. She didn't get out of that one. It was just flattened. It was terrible to watch."

"People were traveling too fast. I stood there watching them slam into one another at 60 mph," said Ann Gaskell, 34, who scrambled clear of her car before it caught fire.

She said she stopped without hitting another vehicle, "but then a car in the fast lane smashed into mine and a van actually came crashing over the roof of my Rover," she said.

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# EDITORIAL

### Quote of the Day

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One is these is roots; the other, wings."

-Hodding Carter

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### OUR VIEWS

## What if we put windows in the Settles and ... ?

Big Spring native Tommy Churchwell and Quality Glass have come up with an idea for improving the outward appearance of the Settles Hotel — and downtown Big Spring at the same time.

With 44 windows having been replaced on the north and east faces of the building, members of the community have begun to get an idea of how much better the building looks just because there is glass in the windows.

How about taking Churchwell's idea, which addresses one of two areas from the city's Master Plan that directly addressed downtown Big Spring, and expanding it?

Instead of the city spending what the city manager estimated to be \$20,000 to purchase the former Energas Building — plus the countless thousands of dollars to remodel it — why not take that tax money and invest it in downtown Big Spring?

Why not take that money and go in and renovate the ground floor of the Settles Hotel to accommodate whatever offices were going to be moved to the building once occupied by Energas?

No, we can't tell you how much it would cost to renovate the ground floor — but we can't tell you what it would cost to renovate the Energas building, either.

We can tell you that with a renovated Settles Hotel ground floor, one of the worst eyesores in our community — the view of the Settles from ground level — has been removed.

At that point, we would have signed on to the Master Plan at yet another level in that the city would have taken a building it already owns ... that is no longer on the tax rolls ... that is the most dominating eyesore in our community and turned it into a useful facility.

The proximity of the Settles to city offices allows for continued use of the same parking spaces and for walking back and forth to city offices, as needed.

At the same time, the Energas building remains on the tax rolls and available for occupancy by a taxable organization or business.

The city's occupying the ground floor of the Settles is something we feel city council members should direct staff to seriously explore if we've all truly signed on to supporting the Master Plan.

And if everyone in this community — city officials and every day citizens alike — are signed on to the Master Plan and are truly committed to making something positive happen in downtown Big Spring, this is an area in which the City of Big Spring could proudly take the lead.

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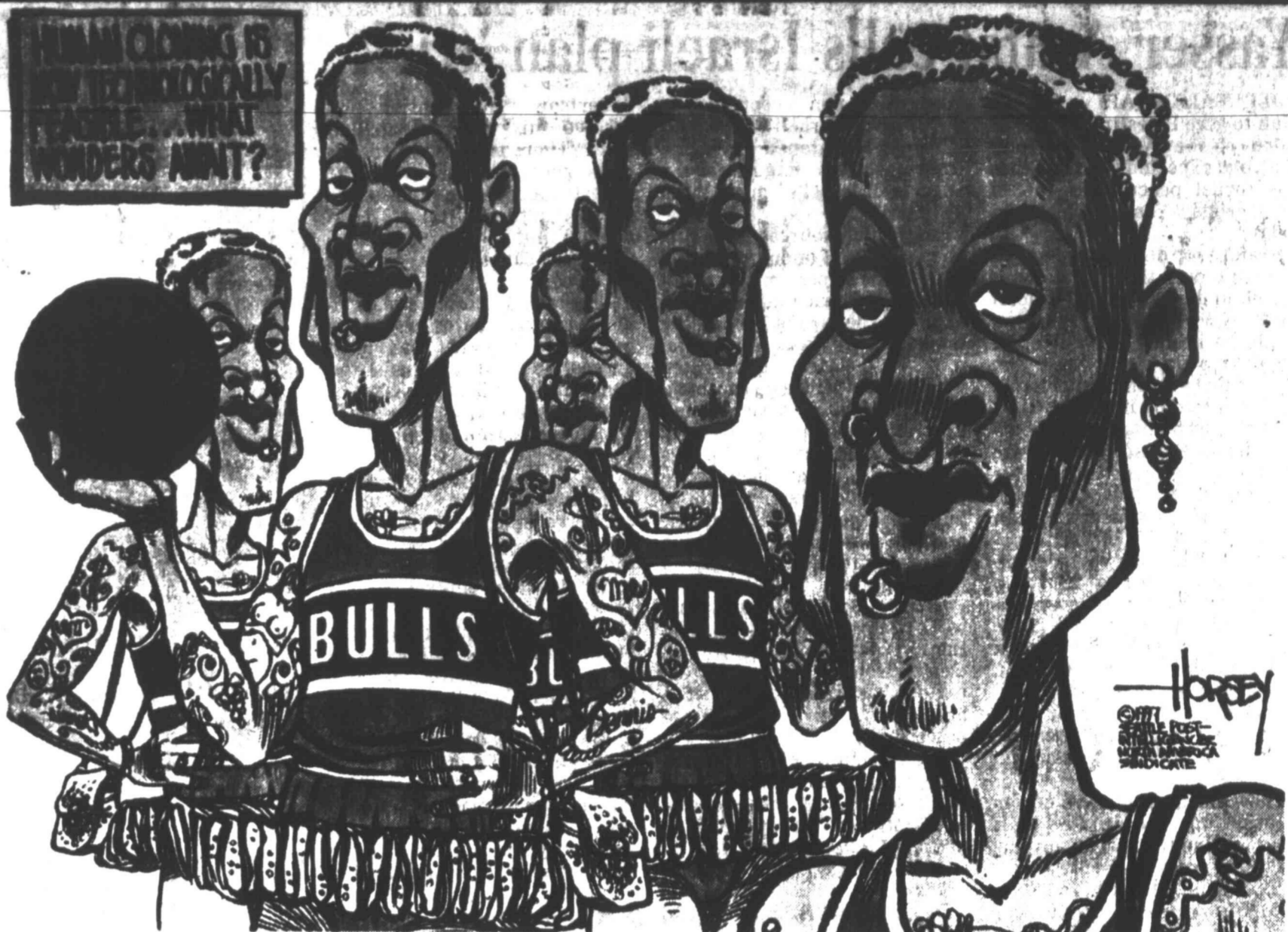
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## Crazy social 'science' about fat cities

WASHINGTON — Social science surveys about who and what we are as a people can be of immense value. But bands of publicity-hungry frauds keep producing "scientific studies" that are of dubious merit, filling people with unnecessary fears about what they can eat or drink, or which medicine is harmful, or even what they dare say to a spouse.

These outrageously meaningless "research" reports continue because if you call it a "survey" you can get just about any hypothesis on television and in the pages of American newspapers.

The latest example is a widely-publicized "survey" purporting to show that adults in New Orleans, Norfolk, Va., San Antonio and Kansas City, Mo., are the most obese in America while those in Denver, Minneapolis, San Diego and Washington, D.C., are the slimmest.

Thus the absurd declaration that where you live may determine your girth and weight! If Washington, D.C., is, indeed, a slim city, it can only be because we have a lot of politicians constantly running from the cops these days.

Some group called the Coalition For Excess Weight Risk Education says regional diets foredoom residents of certain cities to be fat. Thus the temptation to engulf beignets, king cakes and those sweet bourbon drinks supposedly is what partly makes New Orleans the ultimate fat city, along with the "southern cooking" of its huge black population, and the frequent rains that make Louisiana people lounge indoors in sedentary laziness.

Well, wait a minute! Washington, D.C., has a huge black population that consumes great amounts of Southern fried chicken, chitlins, neck bones, salty ham and corn-

bread, not to mention pies laced with bourbon. So how does Washington get to be the fourth slimmest of the 33 cities surveyed while New Orleans is the citadel of the plump?

They can't feed me that bull. Rain stops people from exercising in New Orleans? I lived in Minneapolis for 14 years, enduring a lot of rain and a mountain of snow. How come they exercise, or do something in Minneapolis that makes it the second slimmest city surveyed?

Why does Seattle, where it rains to beat hell, have only 25.87 percent of its residents obese while New Orleans has 37.65 percent of its people seriously overweight?

If this "study" can't blame obesity in New York City on Tex-Mex foods or beef and barbecue or buttermilk biscuits as it does in some other "fat" cities, then it blames easy access to restaurants and ethnic cuisines. Yet San Francisco, with the highest number of restaurants per capita, had a lower obesity rate than New York City.

This "survey" suggests that we ought never accept a job transfer to a city with a high number of food stores per capita.

This pretense at "social science" is almost pure sophistry, solid perhaps only in its less-than-new assertion that communities with low levels of per capita income and high levels of unemployment tend to have the largest percentages of obese people, and the observation that Americans in general eat too many calories and too much fat.

On the whole, this "survey" deserves to be laughed off, but it ought not be dismissed as a joke, because it is socially harmful in one way. It lists a lot of things that individuals cannot control as reasons why people get fat in Detroit, Buffalo and Chicago, but it spews forth the premise that overweight people are lazy, sloppy and unattractive.

Do the surveyors expect all the fatsos of New Orleans and Houston to move to a South Sea islands where they will live off berries and beetles?

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## Cloned sheep less scary than welfare monsters

If you are worried about human monsters, you should worry more about the welfare programs than you should about cloning. The welfare programs have produced human monsters. Cloning of humans hasn't even been tried.

First, don't get excited about the cloning of sheep. Haven't you learned by now to wait until other scientists get a good look at this allegedly cloned sheep, go over the notes and duplicate the work? A sheep may or may not have been successfully cloned. We don't know that yet. We know that some scientists have claimed to have cloned a sheep. Not all claims turn out to be valid.

Second, what makes for a bad human being is not biology but a combination of environment and biology. A welfare system that has paid women to have babies they

didn't otherwise want has produced a lot of psychopaths, or as they like to say now, sociopathic personalities.

These are human beings in form but without a conscience or an ounce of human compassion. They lack the ability to relate in a human way to another human being. That's why they can shoot babies or toss children out of windows.

It begins in the womb, where pro-abortion fanatics claim no person exists. But a person does exist, and according to scientists not involved in the abortion babble, stress and, after birth, a lack of proper nurturing can fix a tendency to aggressive and violent behavior in a child by the age of 2.

It is not environment or biology. It is both. The bad environment in these early development stages causes chemical and other physiological changes in the brain. In other words, the kids' brains don't get wired properly.

And here's some more bad news, straight in the language of science:

"Once the aggressive and antisocial lifestyles of these children develop and stabilize, they tend to be remarkably refractory to interventions."

That means they are hard as heck to change.

Now when you make cash, housing, food and other benefits available just for having a baby without a father around, you create a situation in which the people absolutely the least qualified to be mothers will have a tendency to produce babies as a cash crop.

And these babies often don't receive either proper nutrition or nurturing — not because these resources aren't available, but precisely because their sorry mothers don't give a damn about them.

For years I've heard liberals say no woman would have a baby just to qualify for welfare. Bull. I've known women who had children for cash crop purposes. I've known their boyfriends. Anybody who's worked in the trenches of the welfare system knows the score. Anybody who runs a business in a ghetto area knows the score.

The trouble with most liberals is that they are naive, upper middle-class folks who don't know, and who don't want to know, what poor folks are really like. They read about people. They don't associate with them. They never were one of them.

But if it's human monsters you are worried about, it's the liberal welfare state, not some scientist in a laboratory, that should concern you.

Absolutely no welfare benefits of any kind should be given to the mother of an illegitimate child. Welfare should be contingent on a marriage license and in the absence of a husband, on divorce papers.

You might think that's a nonlibertarian position, but it isn't. If women wish to have illegitimate children, they can do so. But they should not expect other people to pay for them. Anybody who thinks the present high rates of illegitimacy are not a factor in producing criminals just hasn't read the literature. It's not even a question anymore.

So, the only way to put a long-term dent in crime is to punish illegitimacy and reward marriage because the traditional two-parent family is scientifically proven to be the best incubators of useful, law-abiding citizens.

As for a cloned sheep, if it scares you, eat it.

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Lady Steers claim fourth place at Judson track meet

HERALD Staff Report

CONVERSE — Big Spring's girls' track team finished fourth and the boys' team placed eighth at last weekend's Judson Invitational in Converse.

ish in long jump (16-0 3/4). The Lady Steers also finished second in the 1,500 meter relay, recording a time of 4:10.66.

the 200 dash (27.56). Big Spring's 800 relay team was fourth in a time of 1:46.97, while the 400 relay squad placed sixth in a time of 51.00.

Marshall, San Angelo Central, Sam Houston, Clear Lake and Victoria. The Steers managed a pair of third-place finishes — by Todd McAdams in the pole vault (13-0) and Jason Sanderson in the 800 run (2:02.14).

Steers take the week off before returning to action March 21-22 at the All-American City Classic in Abilene.

Bulldogettes' lone first-place finish, winning the 400 run in a time of 64.77. Other Coahoma finishes included: Tara Sterling, second in the triple jump (32-8) and third in the long jump (15-9).

UT's record helps in seeding

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's not so much whether you win or lose, but whom you played in the game.

NCAA MEN

temporarily knocking out phone service. No one was hurt.

Texas coach Tom Penders has scheduled hard-to-beat non-conference foes like Rhode Island and Louisville that tend to depress the won-loss record, and the Longhorns got the last laugh Sunday, making the 64-team NCAA field Sunday with a 16-11 mark, worst among the at-large teams.

with losing records. The Jayhawks take on Jackson State (14-15) in Memphis, Tenn., and the Tar Heels meet Fairfield (11-18) in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Forty-three of the 64 berths — including all 34 at-large bids — went to nine conferences. Another 21 leagues, such as the Missouri Valley, Southland and Patriot, all got only one.

"Texas did exactly what we ask schools to do," selection committee chairman Terry Holland said. "They played a tough schedule. Texas had six wins over teams in the top 50. We felt that was sufficient to get them in the field."

One of the most intriguing and historic matchups of this or any other tournament could come Saturday in Winston-Salem when North Carolina's Dean Smith tries to pass Adolph Rupp as the game's all-time winningest coach.

"Obviously our league gets no respect," Providence coach Pete Gillen said. "Four teams from our conference, to me, is a slap in the face, a disgrace. ... Hopefully our team, as well as the other three, are playing for pride in the league, because obviously our league is held in very low regard nationally."

Top-ranked Kansas (32-1), North Carolina (24-6) and Kentucky (30-4) were given No. 1 seeds along with Minnesota (27-3), which a year ago couldn't even get a bid despite having 19 wins.

Just being the team that Smith beats to tie Rupp's mark of 876 wins is enough to impress Paul Cormier. "I could be a part of history," the Fairfield coach said.

Kansas fans who've been planning a trip to Auburn Hills, Mich., figuring their Jayhawks would be in the Midwest Regional are now scrambling to find transportation to Memphis.

New York puts crimp in Bulls' record-setting plans

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bank shot — and gave New York a four-point lead.

Last year's Bulls are safe. It doesn't look like this year's Bulls are going to make it to 73 victories. Loss No. 8 came Sunday for Chicago, which finally made its first visit of the season to Madison Square Garden and lost 97-93 to the New York Knicks.

In other NBA games, Utah beat Minnesota 115-106, Charlotte beat Miami 82-76, Portland beat Seattle 103-93, Houston beat Dallas 88-83, Phoenix beat Orlando 121-85, the Los Angeles Lakers beat New Jersey 115-110, Atlanta beat Boston 114-90, Toronto beat Vancouver 81-77, Philadelphia beat Washington 99-93 and Golden State beat Sacramento 102-98.

Ewing did a little dance in front of Chicago's bench, knowing that the four-point lead would be too much for the Bulls to overcome. "It takes a lot of nerve to celebrate on a shot like that," Chicago coach Phil Jackson said with a smile.

The Bulls need to finish the season 20-1 to break the record set last year when they were 72-10, and Michael Jordan seemed to count out the possibility when the subject was brought up after Sunday's loss.

The Knicks, knocked out of the playoffs by Chicago in four of the past six seasons, lost the first meeting of the season against Chicago by one point in mid-January. They will play the Bulls two times in the final 10 days of the regular season.

John Stockton had 26 points, nine assists and eight rebounds for Utah, which boasts the best record in the Western Conference at 45-16. Hornets 82, Heat 76. At Charlotte, the Hornets opened a 28-point second-quarter lead that dwindled to six with 1:58 left in the game.



Dominick Barrett, right, of Howard College slides into third base while New Mexico Junior College third baseman Miguel Salva waits for a throw during the first game of a doubleheader between the teams Saturday at Jack Barber Field. Barrett was out on the play.

NMJC completes sweep with 8-0 win

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

poor, and only one — a second-inning breaking ball that Nathan Nelson tattooed for a triple — was hit with any authority.

Table with 4 columns: Player, ab, r, h, bi. Rows include Cloud rf, Anholt ss, Barski dh, Jarvis lf, Welch c, Bailey 2b, Salva 3b, Torres 1b, Schwab cf, Totals.

The Howard College Express, in desperate need of a jumpstart, instead hit a wall Sunday. Howard's baseball team, which has been struggling the past few weeks, completed an absolutely horror-filled weekend Sunday when they dropped an 8-0 decision to New Mexico Junior College.

"He's one of the best pitchers in the conference," Howard coach Brian Roper conceded. In comparison, Howard's starter, Keith Lant (1-3) succumbed to the big-inning syndrome — New Mexico roughed him up for five runs in the second inning.

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The big blows were back-to-back doubles by Craig Jarvis and Jim Bailey, and a two-run home run to right field by Miguel Salva that made the score 3-0. NMJC added two more runs on bases-loaded walks by Lant. The Hawks return to action Tuesday when they host Dodge City Community College in a doubleheader beginning at noon at Barber Field.

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SWT finally gets game with Lady Longhorns

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Linda Sharp has coached Southwest Texas State for eight years, but she's never scheduled a game against her Interstate 35 neighbors, the Texas Lady Longhorns. "I've always wanted to play Texas, but I didn't want to try it because I wanted to be sure we could compete," Sharp said.

thanks to a 77-65 victory over SFA in the finals of the Southland Conference tournament. Although the Lady Bobcats have never been to the tournament, coach Linda Sharp is no NCAA novice. She coached Southern California to seven straight appearances in the 1980s and won the national title in 1983-84 with teams led by Cheryl Miller.

SWT earned its first NCAA bid by winning the Southland Conference tournament, ending a nine-year run by Stephen F. Austin. The Lady Jacks still made it, as did Texas Tech. SWT will be the 14th seed and Texas the third in the East Region. SFA (27-4), seeded seventh in the Midwest, will face 10th-seeded Toledo (27-3) on Friday in Boulder, Colo.

This is Sharp's eighth season in San Marcos and she's had a winning record every year. She's been shut out of the NCAA, though, because SFA has won the last nine Southland tournaments and the automatic bid that comes with it. "We're thrilled to be in the tournament," Sharp said. "I can't even describe the feeling. This is something I've worked for for eight years."



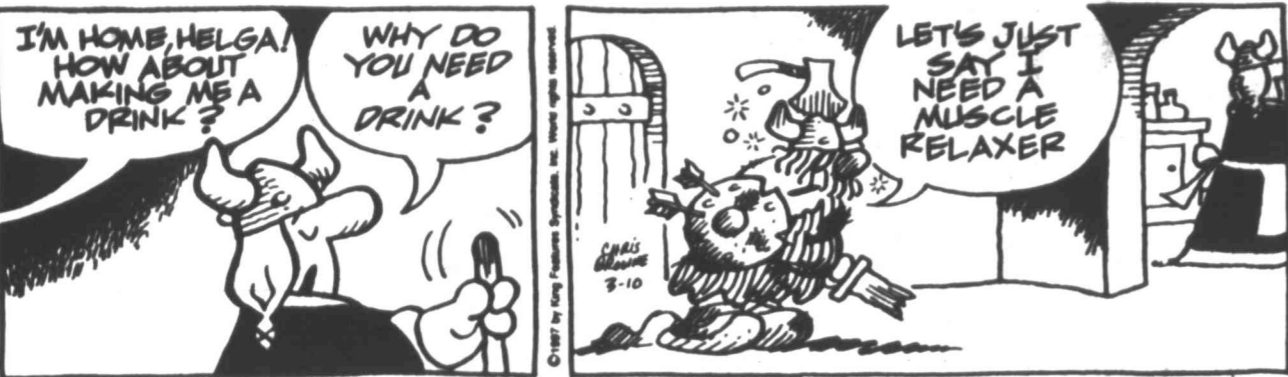


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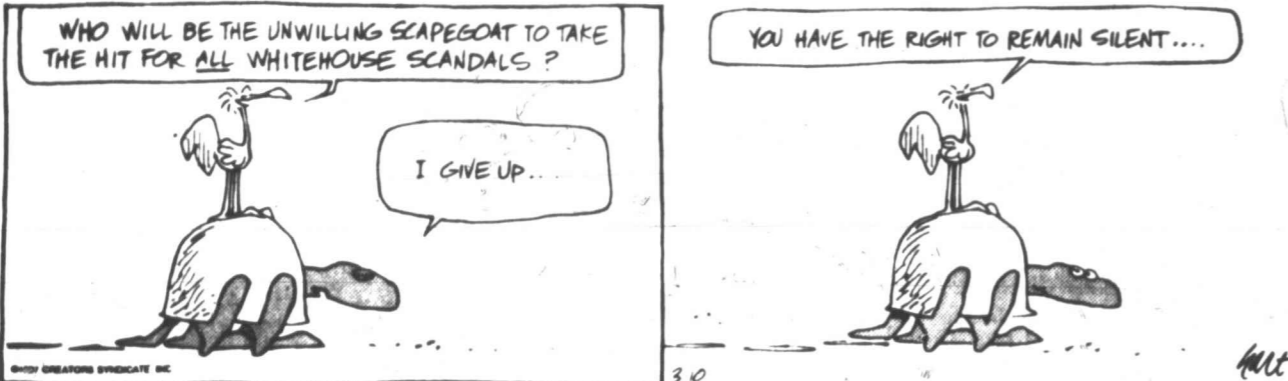
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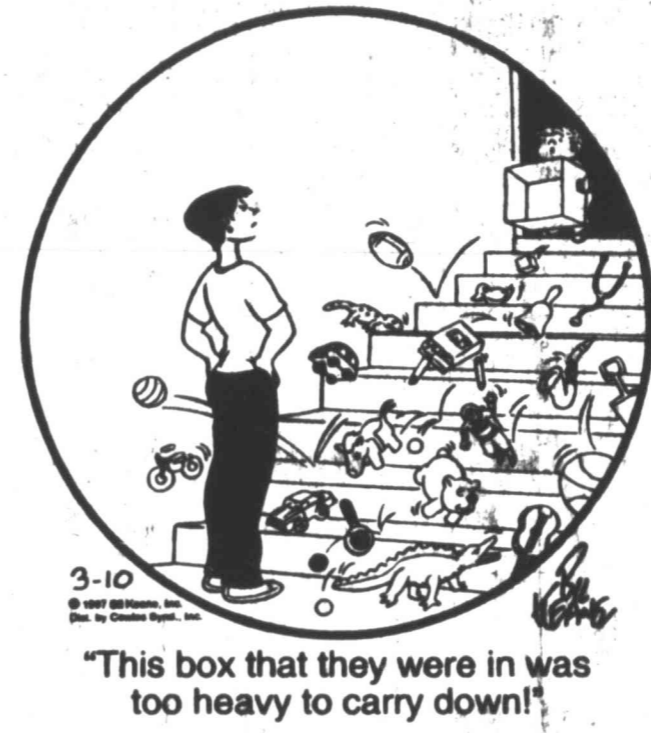
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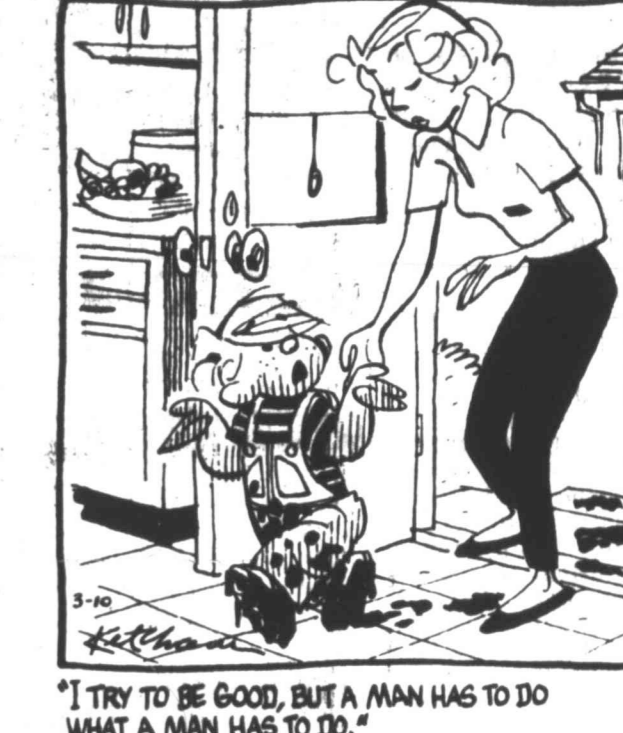
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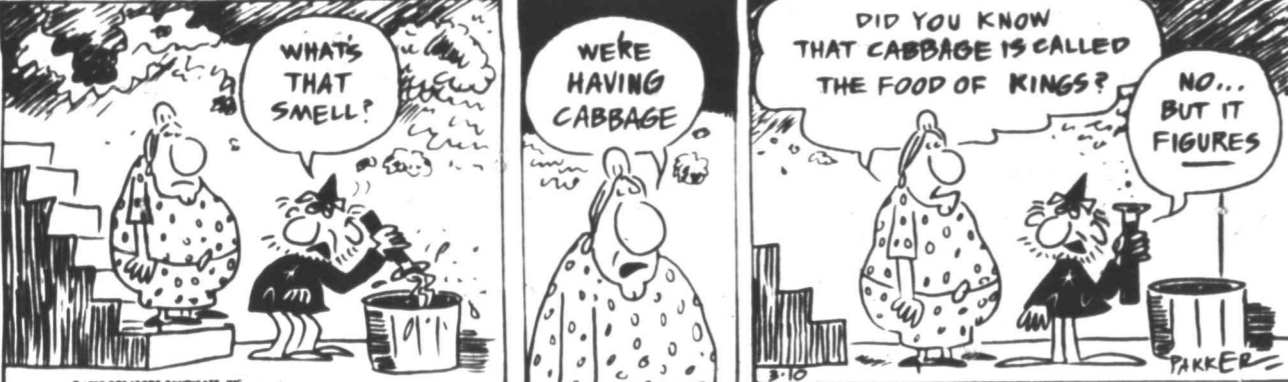
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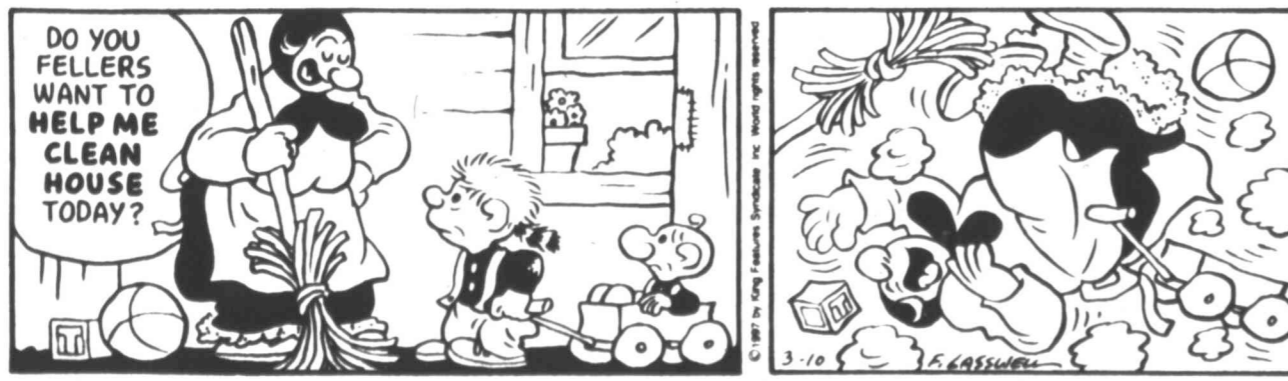
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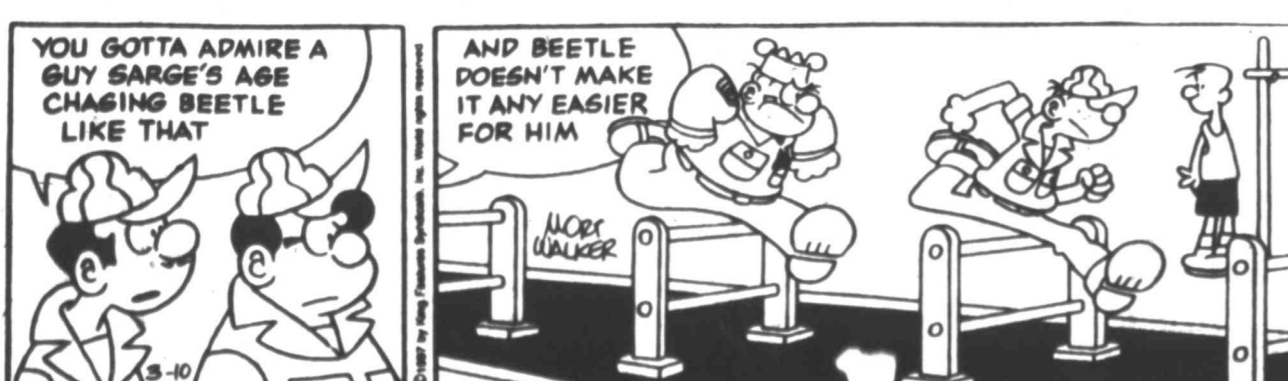
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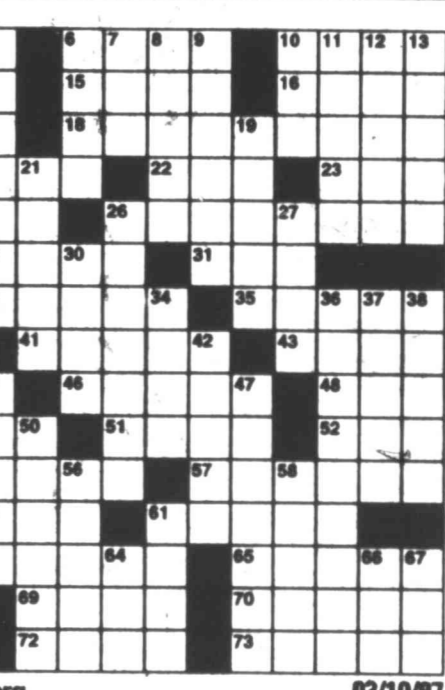
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, March 10, the 60th day of 1997. There are 296 days left in the year.

On this date: In 1496, Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain. In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years. In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin. In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico. In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War. In 1880, the Salvation Army arrived in the United States from England. In 1948, the body of the anti-Communist foreign minister of Czechoslovakia, Jan Masaryk, was found in the garden of Czernin Palace in Prague. In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in prison.) In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tenn., to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea.) In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, Soviet leader for just 13 months, died at age 73. Ten years ago: The Vatican issued a 40-page document on scientific techniques involving procreation, condemning such practices as surrogate motherhood, test-tube births and cloning. Five years ago: Democrat Bill Clinton claimed front-runner status as he won a series of Southern landslides on Super Tuesday; President Bush swept all the Republican contests. One year ago: Hezbollah guerrillas launched a wave of bomb and rocket attacks on Israeli troops in south Lebanon. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, accusing China of "reckless" provocations against Taiwan, said on NBC that U.S. warships would move closer to Taiwan.

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