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UP track crews in final stages of initial upgrades

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Union Pacific Railroad maintenance crews are heading into the final two months of a \$10.7 million track improvement project between Fort Worth and Odessa.

This project, which includes the removal and replacement of 69,765 cross-ties, replacing nearly 2 1/2 miles of track, spreading 125,300 tons of rock ballast to stabilize the roadbed and resurfacing and lining nearly 73

miles of track is the first phase of a multi-year project on the line.

When all is said and done, UP plans to have spent \$125.4 million on the former Texas & Pacific main line alone. Including in the preliminary work plan is the double tracking of the route through much of the region, which will allow for trains to pass each other without one having to take siding.

Union Pacific is concentrating on the line because it offers shippers from Dallas and points

east a more direct route to the Southern California market.

As a result of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific merger, Southern California freight that once would have traveled from El Paso to San Antonio via Southern Pacific before heading to the Dallas-Fort Worth market can now be routed straight across the former T&P trackage — which is 250 miles shorter.

Union Pacific says the Dallas-Big Spring-El Paso route is the shortest and fastest single-line service between Memphis and Los Angeles.

Because of the UP-SP merger, intermodal service between Dallas and Los Angeles will now take 43 1/2 hours.

Rail traffic through Big Spring has already increased as a result of the merger and double-stack intermodal trains headed by Southern Pacific locomotives are beginning to be seen on a more regular basis.

Union Pacific officials have said rail traffic could increase to as many as 22 thru-trains daily in addition to the local movements between Odessa and Abilene.

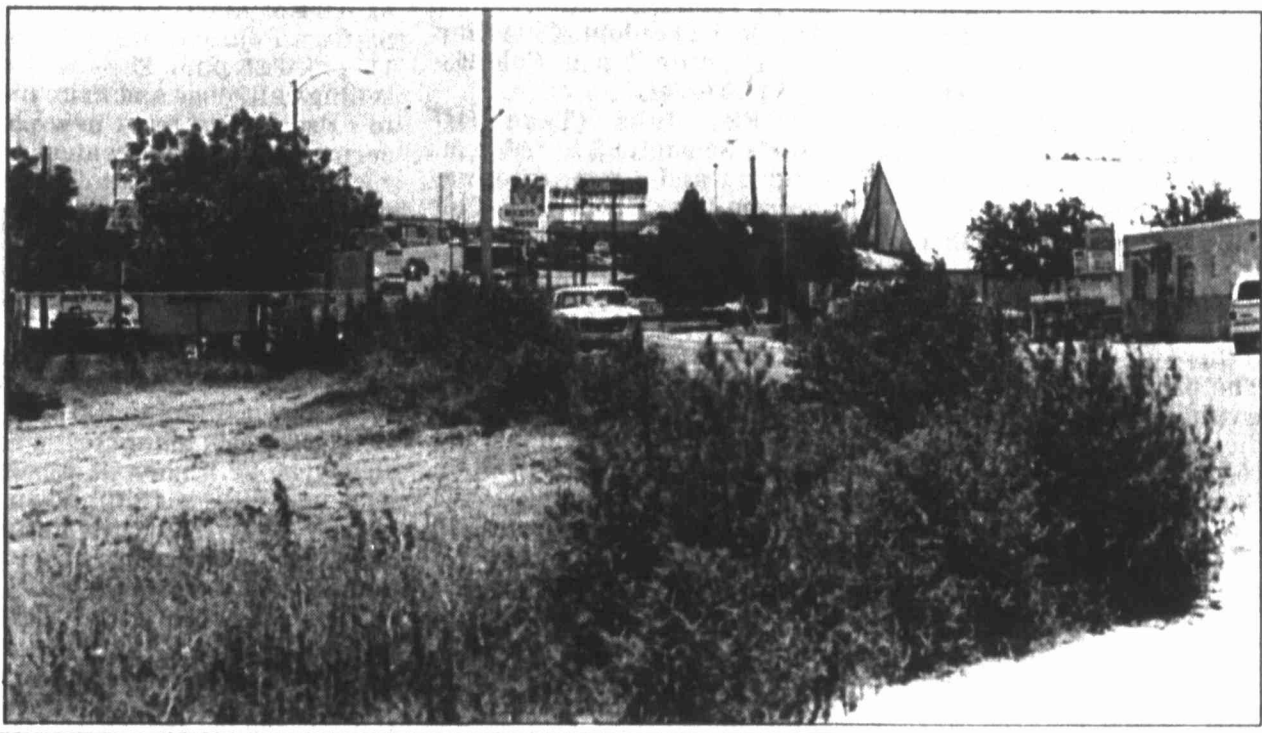


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DANGEROUS INTERSECTION

Weeds along the sidewalk where three houses were moved have almost completely blocked the view of drivers entering Gregg Street from 8th, as shown in this picture.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett



Family Dollar joins Mall with ribbon cutting

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Mall welcomed Family Dollar to the Big Spring business community during this morning's grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Family Dollar is next to Anthony's and has an outside entry only.

Big Spring's newest retailer offers residents an 8,500 square foot store in which to shop.

"Family Dollar has an exterior entrance, which could be an advantage," Mall Manager Tammy Watt said.

Family Dollar has decided to open from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, meaning the store closes at the same time as the mall, but open an hour earlier.

"We are really excited about the addition of Family Dollar to

the Big Spring Mall family," Watt added. "Family Dollar will be a real asset and will fill a need that Big Spring Mall currently does not offer."

Something that has surprised Watt has been the traffic Family Dollar has received from senior citizens around Big Spring.

Family Dollar's Big Spring store is the company's 272nd store in Texas and the 2,733rd store nationwide for the North Carolina-based discount store chain.

Prior to this morning's opening of the store, local officials and Family Dollar representatives, including Store manager Willard Floyd and District Manager Steve Prunty, took part in the brief ribbon cutting ceremony at the main entrance to the store.

Family Dollar has been open for a few days and continues to celebrate its grand opening by offering special prices on several items as part of its grand opening sale.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Cynthia Hernandez (fourth from left), Imelda Duenez and Casey Ivie do the honors during the ribbon cutting to open Family Dollar today. The trio was joined by members of the Ambassadors Club and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives.

"Family Dollar is looking forward to being in Big Spring and being part of a fine community," Phil Thompson, senior vice president of store operations, said. "Family Dollar is a rapidly expanding company and offers excellent employment opportu-

nities in this area and throughout the 38 states in which Family Dollar stores are located."

Including the store manager, Family Dollar currently

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Anson prison guards indicted in inmate death

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANSON — Three prison guards have been indicted on manslaughter charges in the death of an inmate who died a day after scuffling with two of them.

Jones County grand jurors on Monday indicted Sgt. Monte Baker and correctional officers Michael Helms and Bradley Johnson. The trio from the French Robertson Unit could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the second-degree felony.

Gary Crenshaw, 31, died Jan. 26, some 29 hours after he lost consciousness during a scuffle with Helms and Johnson. Imprisoned at Robertson for five years, he was serving a 45-

year sentence out of Tarrant County for possession of a controlled substance.

Prison officials had maintained Crenshaw became violent during a routine search of his cell and passed out as he was being restrained.

"The grand jury saw it in a different light," prison spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said.

Grand jurors studied videotape of the alleged crime scene and heard testimony from inmates who say they witnessed the incident.

In indicting the guards, grand jurors didn't address the possible use of excessive force, finding only that they failed to seek medical aid for Crenshaw.

The announcement of criminal charges moved Crenshaw's

widow, Lisa Ann Courtney, to the head with a metal bar, then denied him immediate, adequate medical attention.

The lawsuit further accuses Baker and ex-warden Ron Drewry of conspiring to conceal the crime and cites other officers for failing to intervene in Crenshaw's beating.

"Crenshaw made a 'faint plea' to his attackers, Helms and Johnson, 'I all don't have to do this to me,' and 'I can't breathe,'" the lawsuit said.

"Thereafter, he never said a mumbling word before he drifted into unconsciousness, then comatose and ultimately death."

Courtney's lawsuit seeks unspecified damages for herself, Crenshaw's three children and his mother.

WEATHER

Today:

Thur:

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Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Thursday, sunny. Highs 95-102. Thursday night, fair. Lows around 70. Extended forecast, Friday through Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs mid to upper 90s. Lows around 70.

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Former HC president quits NMJC post under cloud

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Former Howard College President Charles Hays has resigned from his post at New Mexico Junior College amid allegations of misappropriation of college funds while officials there await a state audit.

Hays, who was president of Howard College from 1974-1983, resigned his post to return to work at his business at the time, Big Spring Automotive. Howard College Vice

President Linda Conway said there was no truth to local broadcast reports that Hays had resigned from Howard College under circumstances like those in Hobbs.

"I was at those board meetings," Conway said this morning. "It was a surprise to everyone that he resigned."

Hays had enemies in Big Spring, Conway said, probably because of his strong personality. She added that while making his resignation, he was candid about his dislike for some people he felt had harmed the col-

lege.

Julie Lusby, director of public information and marketing for NMJC, said Hays gave a short, two-sentence resignation letter to board members June 19. It took effect Monday.

Lusby said the board had earlier this year turned allegations of financial discrepancies over to local law enforcement, but trustees did not ask Hays to resign. And so far, Lusby said, auditors from the state had not found any problems.

"There is nothing they've found at all that I know of,"

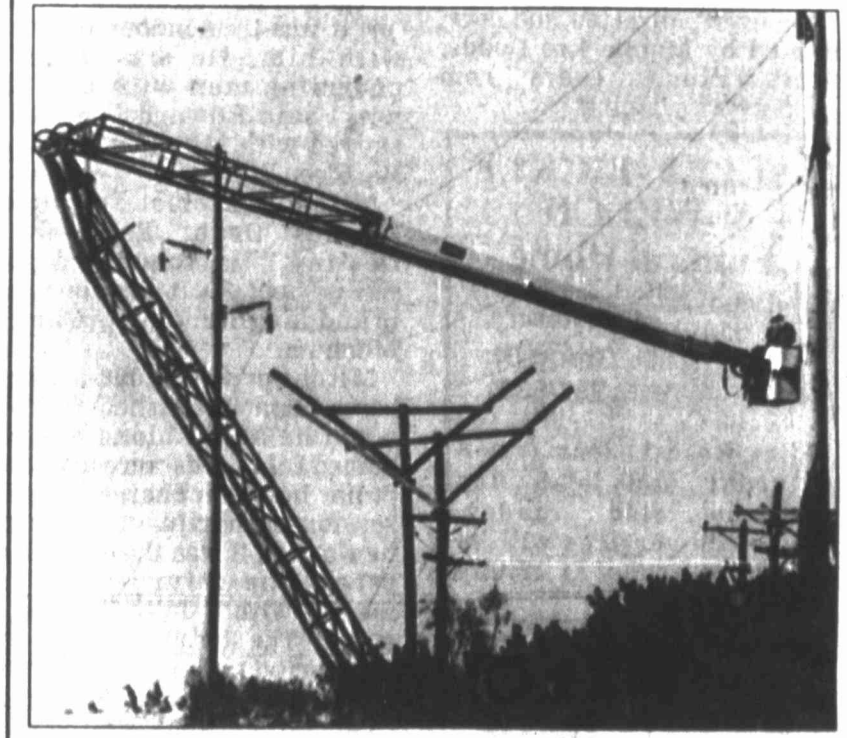
Lusby said. She said she did not know the source of the allegations against Hays, who had been NMJC president for eight years.

Conway said earlier this year, when she first heard of problems Hays was having in New Mexico, she went back to the board minutes of his resignation at Howard to check her memory of the situation.

"I checked them and found nothing at all like the rumors," she said.

NMJC has begun a search for Hays' replacement.

NEW POWER LINE



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Texas Utilities crews erect a new power line on Big Spring's west side. The high-voltage line is part of a system upgrade by the power company.

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Design chosen for Oklahoma City memorial

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — One hundred sixty-eight stone-and-glass chairs — one for each of the people killed in the Oklahoma City bombing — will be erected at the site of the blast as a memorial.

The design was selected Tuesday after an international competition.

The chairs, their backs and seats made of stone, will appear to float above glass bases during the day. At night, lights will illuminate each inscribed name.

Across a reflecting pool, the Survivors Tree — an elm scarred by the blast — will be surrounded by a low circular wall inscribed with the names of the survivors.

"When you see an empty chair, you see the emptiness, the absence," said Torrey Butzer, an Oklahoma native who now lives in Germany with her husband. She and her husband, Hans-Ekkehard Butzer, who both graduated from the University of Texas architecture school, designed the memorial with Sven Berg.

A 15-member committee of victims' relatives, survivors, community volunteers and design professionals unanimously chose the \$9 million design from five finalists, whittled down from 624.

Organizers, who plan to raise the money privately, have already collected \$2.5 million. Construction is expected to begin next year.

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Other designs in the competition envisioned a 60-foot leaning granite wall to symbolize both the fall of the building and the pioneer spirit of a barn-raising; a series of glass walls recalling the fence surrounding the bomb site that serves as a makeshift memorial; and a series of buildings, filled with victims' belongings, engineered so the sun would illuminate each victim's area at noon on his or her birthday.

The 168 chairs will sit in nine rows to evoke the nine floors of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, destroyed in the April 19, 1995 bombing. Nineteen of the chairs will be smaller, representing the 19 children killed in the blast. Tall evergreen trees will replace the walls of the building.

Survivors' names will be carved not only on the wall surrounding the elm but on pieces of salvaged granite to be hung on the only remaining part of the federal building, a parking garage topped with a plaza.

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Not all were pleased. "I'm tired of people lining their pockets with my husband's memory," said Tina Tomlin, who lost her husband, Rick. "I think that fence and the bombed building over there is the best memorial. How else to show what an explosion looks like?"

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Navy finds no preferential treatment for female pilot

WASHINGTON (AP) — A female former Navy F-14 pilot did not receive inflated grades or other preferential treatment that pushed her into flying combat aircraft, but her landings were "inherently unsafe" and should bar her from flying carrier jets, the Navy's inspector general said Tuesday.

The report by Vice Adm. James Fitzgerald dealt with charges raised by Lt. Carey Lohrenz, who has contended she suffered discrimination by her commanders and colleagues in Carrier Air Wing 11 at Miramar Naval Air Station in California.

Lohrenz was grounded in 1995, but the Navy decided last month to allow her to fly land-based aircraft. However, she will not be allowed to pilot the F-14 Tomcat or other carrier-based planes.

Lohrenz was chosen as one of the Navy's first female combat pilots along with Lt. Kara Hultgreen, who was killed in 1994 when she crashed her jet into the sea while approaching the carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

In the controversy over whether Hultgreen was qualified, the Navy pulled her jet from the ocean depths to investigate the crash, finally determining that a combination of pilot error and mechanical difficulties caused the tragedy.

After Hultgreen's death, a series of leaked reports gave rise to charges that the Navy was giving women special treatment in order to push them ahead, even though they weren't ready to fly.

Lohrenz contended grounding was unfair and part of a smear campaign to keep females from flying combat aircraft.

Responding to allegations of preferential treatment in Lohrenz's training unit, the report said: "We found no merit to these arguments; grades were not inflated and any extra attention given to these aviators exemplifies good leadership skills that recognize treating people as individuals rather than as group symbols, regardless of gender."

The report did note that some men in the squadron whose performance was as weak or weaker than Lohrenz's were

not subjected to the same review boards that resulted in her grounding.

During her later flights on the carrier, the report said, Lohrenz displayed a "high and overpowered approach to the carrier that is characteristic of a classic ramp strike and which scared everyone but her."

Stress was partly to blame for her flying style, the report says, but it notes she repeatedly ignored counseling from landing officers who tried to correct what they believed was "an extremely dangerous technique."

"A pilot who cannot, or will not follow the directions of the LSO (landing signal officer) is inherently unsafe and must be removed from the carrier flying environment," according to the report. It said, however, "there is nothing in the record to suggest that she would not be competent to fly in a non-carrier environment."

The report notes that while there was no evidence the Lohrenz's commander engaged in verbal abuse or allowed a hostile environment toward women on the carrier, the women were singled out for treatment they deemed to be demeaning.

The air wing commander demanded that all women undergo pregnancy testing at the outset of the deployment, a move that he later rescinded because "the protest from the women was so intense."

He also called separate meetings for men and women, a practice the women found "paternalistic" and the men complained amounted to special treatment for the women.

The report also faults the Navy commanders in the unit for not seeking out any advice on integrating women into the wing, such as talking to commanders on the carrier USS Eisenhower, where women had served.

The study said the Navy's media push to show it was promoting women increased pressure on the female trainees and ultimately made Lohrenz physically incapable of flying.

Lohrenz, who was given the results of the study last month, said she does not believe she was treated fairly.

Villagers keep wary eye on Popocatepetl

SAN PEDRO NEXAPA, Mexico (AP) — Villagers here kept a wary eye on the massive, smoking Popocatepetl volcano on Tuesday after the great mountain shot ash 40,000 feet into the air, coating Mexico City, 45 miles to the northwest.

National civil defense officials spent hours weighing whether to evacuate the residents of hamlets ringing the 17,992-foot peak. But villagers Tuesday were skeptical about that strategy.

"If it's raining ash there in Mexico City, where could we possibly go?" said Roberto Juarez, speaking in this village on the mountain's western slope.

With a nervous, gap-toothed smile and clad in a threadbare blue sweater, Juarez spread his hands in resignation.

"We can't leave our house, we can't just leave our animals," he said referring to the goats and pigs that represent years of savings and hope for the future for most small farmers here.

Popocatepetl, whose name means "smoking mountain" in the Aztecs' language, on Monday staged its biggest exhalation of ash and gases since 1925. Smaller puffs of ash, vapor and volcanic gases continued to sputter from it Tuesday.

Monday night's downpour of rain and ash snarled traffic in Mexico City as cars were forced to halt in the middle of major streets to wipe away sludge too heavy for windshield wipers.

In the small town of Santiago Xalitzintla, on the eastern slope of the volcano, a dark, viscous river of volcanic ash mixed Tuesday with water, boulders and a few tree trunks. It wound through a gully, skirting a concrete shack but plowing through a nearby corn and pumpkin field.

The Jello-like, 10-foot-deep mud flow looked like a river of chocolate icing, causing fascination among several local children.

It took half a dozen Mexican army troops 20 minutes to pull Orlando Juarez, 12, from the mud flow, which had swallowed him up to the waist.

"It hurts! Get me out of here!" Juarez cried, as soldiers poised on boards levered him out of the muck.

On Tuesday in San Pedro, the volcanic dust was finer than usual, working its way between the corn leaves and under children's shoelaces. It covered the streets, the roofs, cars. People swept it away but the wind carried it back.

Children piled the ash into miniature volcanoes and 12-year-old Jorge Sanchez proudly displayed a 2-inch chunk of rock the mountain had spat into his yard.

His mother Andrea Flores Sanchez, who has lived in San Pedro for all of her 43 years, was up on the roof, shoveling

and sweeping ash.

"As far as I remember, this is the first time ash has fallen," said Flores Sanchez, adding that the dust had given her a headache.

"It was like a cloud, only black and it rose way up. When we started to see the ash come down, we began to get a little scared," she said.

She was worried about the effect of the ash on her children and complained that the government had not distributed face masks as promised.

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Guard says prison chief saw beatings

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's get-tough prison chief, who took office 18 months ago declaring that some inmates "ain't fit to kill," is accused of standing by as guards punched, kicked and stepped on the heads of unresisting prisoners.

A prison guard said in a sworn statement that Commissioner Wayne Garner, dressed in an all-black tactical squad outfit, witnessed abuse and did nothing to stop it during a raucous "shakedown" — or surprise search for drugs and weapons — that supposedly left the walls streaked with blood at Hays State Prison a year ago.

The guard, Lt. Ray McWhorter, said Garner even offered congratulations after the sweep, and "everybody was high-fiving and congratulating each other."

Though about 15 employees at Hays have stated in depositions that excessive force was used during the 1996 shakedown, McWhorter is the first to say that Garner witnessed it.

The depositions are being taken for a lawsuit by 12 inmates alleging that prisoners at the northwestern Georgia prison were beaten and abused during the search for contraband. No trial date has been set.

McWhorter said Garner watched and did nothing as Jerry Thomas, director of corrections facilities, dragged an unresisting inmate from his cell by the hair and shoved him into a painful restrained position on the floor.

"What I saw ... was people again getting slammed to the floor, dragged against the walls, dragged out of their rooms. I saw folks walked on. I saw folks kicked. I saw folks having their heads stepped on," McWhorter said in the deposition.

McWhorter, who heads one of the riot squads at the prison in Trion, also admitted taking part in the abuse by hitting inmates.

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"History is just the portrayal of crimes and misfortunes."
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OUR VIEWS

Mosquito infestation begins to diminish

It doesn't seem to be such a biting problem these days. Mosquitoes, that is.

We realize that it's a combination of factors that helped contribute to the reduction in the local population of the members of family *Culicidae*, but what we're excited about is that their numbers have indeed been reduced.

Spraying by the city, coupled with an end of June's rains and our 100-degree heat has helped swat the swarms that covered us when we dared leave the safety of our home or workplace.

Another thing might have helped reduce the swarms from the levels of past years — the work being done on Beals Creek.

While we still have some severe problems with standing water in low-lying areas (such as behind Harley-Davidson), the one on the creek canal itself allowed a large amount of water to move through town without serving as a breeding place for the pesky critters.

Add to the list the work being done by Pat Simmons and her Code Patrol group along with Code Enforcement at the city as they try to get weedy lots and properties cleaned up so that the number of places for mosquitoes to breed and survive are reduced.

While the buzz of mosquitoes is to be expected on a warm summer night, we can all do our part to support the efforts of Code Patrol and Code Enforcement to minimize the infestation.

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The court of pet peeves is now in session

The Court of Peeves, Crotchets & Irks opens its summer assizes on a fun note. The court will explain.



James J. Kilpatrick
The Writer's Art

Dick Suits of Charlotte, N.C., asks an injunction against "funner," as in, "Jane thought Space Mountain was funner than Kermit 3-D."

Pearl Minsky of Staten Island and Richard C. Alexander of East Canton, Ohio, ask the court to ban "so fun." In evidence Mr. Alexander offers an item from the Canton Repository. The story concerned a Canton woman who drove into Cleveland to be interviewed on television.

"It was so fun," said Jeeneen McDaniels. "It was live and everything went pretty smoothly."

Helen Nazzaro of Tucson urges the court to enjoin "how fun." She cites a headline in the Citizen, "Measure of fine writing is how fun it is to read." Aaargh!

The court will grant the several motions: "funner," "so fun" and "how fun" hereby are banned. Banned! The court

acknowledges that Merriam-Webster lists "fun" as an adjective and adds, "Sometimes 'funner,' sometimes 'funnest,'" but the good folks at Merriam-Webster are permissive lexicographers who pay scant attention to the quality of English usage.

For the record, today's injunctions leave undisturbed the court's prior ruling in favor of "a fun thing to do." Nothing wrong with "a fun trip" or "a fun movie," at least in informal writing.

The court will add that there's nothing at all wrong with informal writing. Lynn R. Bernhardt of Lenoir, N.C., complains of an idiomatic usage in an editorial in the Charlotte Observer. The editor was writing about the Social Security prospects for baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) who will retire in the next century. "But that's a ways off," the editor remarked, "so we're feeling kind of worried, kind of tranquil, kind of hopeful."

Mr. Bernhardt feels that the idiomatic "ways" is beneath the dignity of an editor. The court feels that as a breed, editors cherish more dignity than they really need. This use of "ways" has been commonplace since at least 1588. An injunction will be denied.

In April, House Speaker Newt Gingrich borrowed a bundle from former Sen. Bob Dole. The transaction led to a bale of

petitions asking this court to ban such headlines as, "Dole loaning Gingrich \$300,000." Plaintiffs contend plaintively (plaintiffs always are plaintive) that the proper verb is LEND. Dole LENDS Gingrich the money!

Regrettably, the court must deny the requested injunction. The verb "to loan" is now firmly entrenched in standard English usage. Respectable bankers use it all the time. Alas, the preservation of "lend" is a lost cause. Case dismissed.

A dozen petitions against habit-forming adverbs demand the court's attention. Kenneth J. Fountain of Biloxi, Miss., heads a whole battalion of readers who detest "basically." Barbara Sharp of Seattle leads a regiment in protest against "arguably." Other plaintiffs continue to wage war against "hopefully."

The court is prepared to rule. Out with these limping qualifiers! Aroint thee!

The court enjoined "basically" a year ago, but the injunction didn't take. There is indeed a place for "basically" in the sense of "all internal combustion engines are basically the same." There is no place for "basically" in "basically we are evacuating the eastern 15 percent of Pembina County."

More than 200 citations of "arguably" have been filed with the clerk. Playwright

Horton Foote, said The New York Times, is "arguably in too much of a rush." Stanley Spencer, said Newsweek, is "arguably the greatest of English painters this century." Romeo and Juliet, said a critic in the Cincinnati Enquirer, "arguably are martyrs." Attorney Floyd Abrams, said The New Yorker, is "arguably the nation's leading First Amendment specialist."

Shilly-shally, shilly-shally! The court will have none of "arguably." This timid, vacillating, pusillanimous adverb has contributed to fluttery prose since 1890, but the time has come to strike it from the vocabulary of opinion writers everywhere.

The court many times has ordered the deportation of the orphan "hopefully," and will order it exiled again. In evidence, we have this lead paragraph from a recent book review in USA Today:

"Hopefully, Naomi Wolf's readable book about her generation. Unfortunately, her new book isn't it."

The threshold "hopefully" is a bungle. The feminist writer doesn't write hopefully. The threshold "unfortunately" is all right. The critic is expressing an opinion.

So ordered! The court, breathing hard, will take a few days' recess.

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State gets \$500,000 to study fatal work injuries

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The state is getting \$500,000 to study fatal work injuries over the next five years, according to the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission.

The commission is getting the federal grant from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. The research is meant to develop prevention programs to reduce deadly workplace accidents.

Nearly 500 Texans die each year in work-related injuries and illness, the agency says.

"This grant will allow us to conduct on-site investigations that will provide more accurate information about the circumstances surrounding workplace fatalities," said Todd Brown, TWC executive director. "We will be better able to target our resources at reducing workplace fatalities in Texas."

The study began Tuesday.

Homeowners having a hard time getting insurance can get help directly from the state, the Texas Department of

CAPITAL BRIEFS

Insurance announces.

The Texas Insurance Department on Tuesday announced a change to its Market Assistance Program that will allow Texans having a hard time finding homeowner's insurance to deal directly with the agency.

Since October, homeowners in hundreds of so-called "under-served" ZIP codes have been able to get extra help finding coverage from insurance agents. The department said allowing homeowners to deal directly with the state will save money and time and should increase participation in the program.

To get the assistance, homeowners must have insurable property that has been rejected for standard insurance by at least two licensed companies and is located in one of the state's 427 under-served ZIP codes, scattered across the state.

The MAP program tries to match homes and homeowners with insurance companies that have agreed to offer coverage.

To find out if a home is located in an under-served ZIP code, owners can call the department at (888) 799-6277.

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Six Texans have been named to the Texas Historical Commission, including:

- J.P. Bryan of Houston, head of Gulf Canada Resources, an international oil and gas company.
- Chris J. Carson of San Antonio, chairman of the board for Ford, Powell and Carson, Inc., an architectural firm.
- Carl R. McQueary of Salado, director of the Republic of Texas Museum for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. McQueary is being reappointed to the commission.
- Clinton P. White of Wharton, a retiree.
- Linda Valdez of San Antonio, co-owner of Regnier, Valdez and Associates, a public relations firm.
- Eileen Johnson of Lubbock, curator of archeology and anthropology at the Museum of Texas Tech University.

The appointments, for terms ending Feb. 1, 2003, are subject to Senate confirmation. The 18-

member commission helps historical organizations on the regional and county level to preserve Texas history.

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The state of Texas has drawn national attention for its effort to curb underage drinking, according to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

Three of the agency's anti-youth drinking programs are among 23 in the nation designated as "best practices" for preventing youths from drinking, TABC said Tuesday.

The programs are Project SAVE, an educational series; Cops in Shops, in which TABC officials pose as customers and employees at stores that sell alcohol; and the Minor Sting Program, in which retailers' compliance is tested by employing minors to attempt alcoholic purchases.

The Texas Legislature this year approved a new law against underage drinking, making it a crime for youths to attempt to purchase, possess or drink any amount of alcohol, punishable by the loss of driver's licenses, community service and fines.

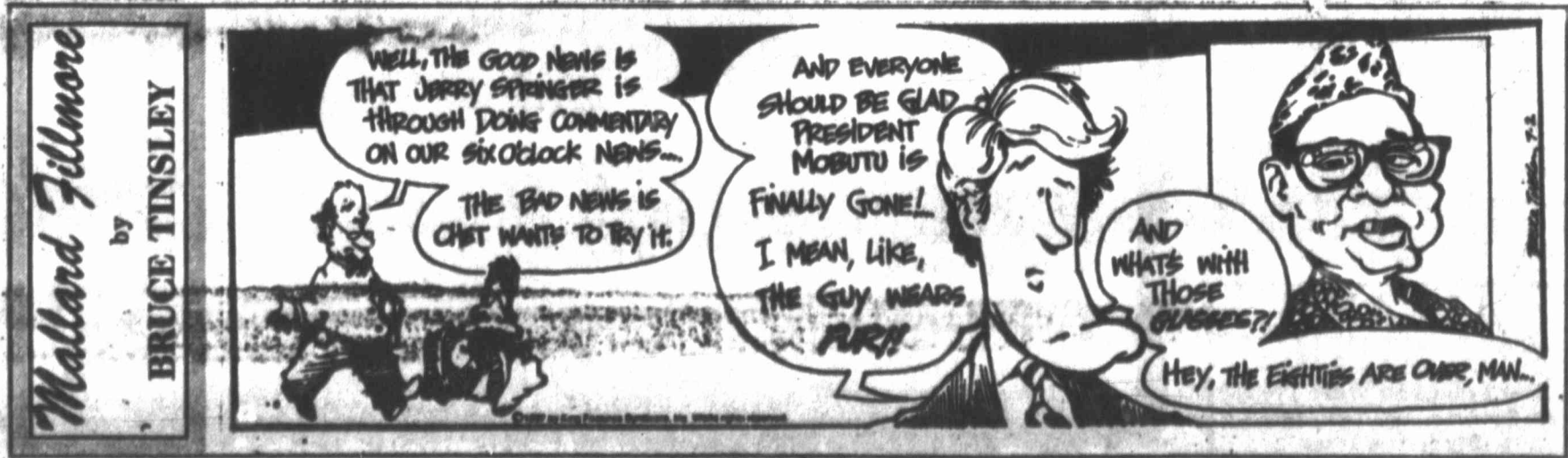
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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 235.

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Symphony sets season, begins fund campaign

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

With help from the community, the Big Spring Symphony Association is planning four concerts for its 18th season — combining the classical, traditional and popular.

And if you don't watch out, you just might learn something.

"We plan to focus on education this year," explained Suzanne Haney, president of the association. "By that we mean learning by going to the concerts, listening to the music and reading the program notes."

Symphony Guild volunteers will also be working with local schools in music education programs.

Gene Chartier Smith will return to conduct the symphony, which is made up of musicians from Big Spring and the local area as well as Midland, Abilene, Lubbock and San Angelo.

Its season opener on Oct. 4 will be a full, four-movement symphony, as yet undetermined. But it will probably include at least 60 musicians and a soloist on violin, cello or guitar.

On Nov. 29, a tradition continues with the Nutcracker Ballet, featuring Ballet Lubbock as well as about 30 local performers from the Dance Gallery.

A classical program of Brahms or Beethoven is planned for Feb. 21, highlighting the voices of the Big Spring Symphony Chorus. The approximately 40-member group is directed by Stan Hanes.

"Big Bands and All That Jazz" will complete the season on April 18, with the six-piece Angelo Jazz Band as the symphony's guests.

Although no "youth" concert is planned, association treasurer and fundraising coordinator Carrol Jennings said he is still considering adding such an event.

"We would consider a program like last year if funding can be found," Jennings said. Other plans for youth this year include complimentary tickets for some schoolchildren to encourage them to attend with their parents.

"The Nutcracker," as it has been the last several years, is expected to be a big draw for families with young children.

"There was discussion about not having it this year," Jennings said. "But the board

Chorale sets July 19 event

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Members of the Big Spring Symphony Chorale are looking forward to their February performance with the Big Spring Symphony.

The classical program is expected to include the music of Beethoven and Brahms, an opportunity for the chorale to break out of its "pops" tradition.

"We've performed for two years with the pops concerts," said coordinator and Symphony Association officer Carol Boyd. "But this will be a real opportunity for us to do something different."

But first, the group will warm up with a rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" at a July 19 Midland Angels game. It is "Big Spring Night" at the ballpark that evening, and pregame entertainment may also include other songs from the Chorale.

"These are all people from the community," Boyd said. "We're averaging about 40 voices, and that's about right. There are a lot of talented singers in town."



THANKS, VOLUNTEERS

RSVP volunteers were treated to an appreciation party Monday at Canterbury North for their help with the Howard County Library reading program. Above, from left, Martha Vierra and Karen McIntyre show thank-you cards to Hazel Duggan, Pat Dickenson and Eileen Keefer. At right, RSVP's Nancy Jones serves a float to Maria Padron as Victoria Cantu looks on.

HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen



'Summer Survival' Workshop to focus on cooking skills for youth

A 4-H Foods and Nutrition workshop has been planned for youth ages 9-12. Howard, Midland and Ector County Extension Agents are combining their efforts to present the two-day workshop on food and nutrition and food preparation.

The workshop, "Summer Survival" will be Monday, July 14, and Tuesday, July 15 at the Ector County Extension Office, 1010 East Eighth St., Odessa. Monday's program will focus on outdoor cooking and safety and cleanliness when preparing foods. Tuesday's program will feature a sandwich making session using a variety of breads



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

and fillings and also the Food Guide Pyramid, nutrition for youth and appropriate serving sizes.

Cost for each day of the workshop is \$6, including supplies and lunch. Each workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude by 1:30 p.m. Participants may choose to attend one or both days.

This will be a fun two days with games, cooking, tasting and learning just what it takes to make and keep one healthy. The deadline to register for this workshop is July 11. Please call the County Extension Office at 264-2236 for registration information.

This two-day workshop is a part of the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project. Youth participating in this 4-H project will achieve the following objectives:

- learn the importance of including foods from each of the basic food groups in the daily diet;
- understand the principles of nutrition as they relate to

health, physical fitness and appearance;

- learn about the wide variety of foods which may be included in the diet;
- understand the scientific principles of nutrition;
- acquire and demonstrate skills in planning, purchasing, preparing, and serving tasty meals and snacks.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Youth participating in projects offered through 4-H will be involved in hands-on learning experiences which aid them in development of skills that they will use throughout life. 4-H is open to any youth in the third grade or nine years old through 19 years of age.

For more information on any 4-H projects, contact the County Extension Office at 264-2236 or stop by the office located on the basement level of the Howard County Courthouse.

Cool cooking

Make the most of cucumbers, tomatoes in season

Editor's note: Today we welcome the return of Big Spring resident Sue Haugh's food and recipe column. It will appear the first Wednesday of each month.

Summer is here and with the arrival of fresh, homegrown cucumbers and tomatoes we search for different ways to enjoy these treasures.

As summer gardens flourish, the ubiquitous cucumber and tomato call out for ways to be utilized.



Sue Haugh
Cooking
Columnist

The cucumber is a succulent fruit belonging to the gourd family. Cucumbers are native to southern Asia and have been cultivated since early historic times. Greeks, Romans and Indians referred to them as long as 4,000 years ago.

The Romans forced them to grow out of season for Emperor Tiberius who ate them daily. In France in the 8th Century, Emperor Charlemagne, an experimental farmer, grew them. Columbus planted cucumbers in Haiti in 1494 and the Spaniards brought them to North America.

The French grow white cucumbers for cosmetic purposes, believing they whiten and soften the skin.

Because cucumbers are about 96 percent water, they are a weight watcher's delight.

Tomatoes, until the beginning of this century, were thought by some to be "poisonous fruit."

Today we know this vine-ripened fruit as a healthy, delicious delight in the food world.

The following recipes are a few of my favorites. Most are quick and easy to prepare — a feature much appreciated by most cooks who prefer to get out of the kitchen fast when the Texas summer heat soars.

Helpful hints: Slice tomatoes lengthwise rather than crosswise for firmer slices.

To peel a tomato easily, dip it in boiling water for 30 seconds. Drop immediately into ice water (to stop cooking process) and skins will peel off easily.

Please see COOKING, page A6.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support group information may be submitted in writing to Gina Garza or Debbie Jensen. For more information, call 263-7331, ext. 238 or ext. 235.

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

•Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Marcy House on Wason Road, second Monday.

•Parents of Special Children will meet on June 23 at 7 p.m. in the First Christina Church at 10th and Goliad. Free child care provided by the church for this meeting. The subject will be about how to be an effective advocate for my special child.

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in

February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information

call Shannon-Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Rannels (formerly the TU building). For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7

p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Rannels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

THURSDAY
•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.



Please see SUPPORT, page A6.

SLICE OF LIFE

Samaritan Counseling Center adds hours, staff
Samaritan Counseling Center's Big Spring satellite at First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, has expanded hours for counseling sessions. Dr. Ronald Meyer is now available each Tuesday from noon-5 p.m. A licensed chemical dependency and certified compulsive gambling counselor, Dr. Meyer is also trained to deal with children and adults who have attention deficit disorder and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. During the school year, he conducts support groups for ADD adults and parents of ADD children on the second Saturday of each month at Samaritan's main office, near Midland International Airport.

In other Samaritan news, Iris Foster has joined the group as executive assistant involved with public relations, working at its main office. Her experience includes work with the Junior League of Midland, the Community Spirit Award, Celebration of the Arts and the American Cancer Society. Samaritan Counseling Center offers counseling services to individuals or families on a sliding fee scale.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

MEYER FOSTER

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Newcomers welcome
Newcomers to Big Spring are invited to join a welcoming coffee at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 17 at Dora Roberts Center in Comanche Trail Park. The event is sponsored by a new organization, the Big Spring Newcomer's Club, formed by seven women who have recently moved to Big Spring. For information or to indicate attendance at the coffee, call Karen Brewer, 268-9944, Pat Mireles, 267-8741, or Pam Brewer, 267-7683.

July Jubilee dance
July Jubilee dance is planned at Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster, Thursday, July 10, from 7-10 p.m. with C.W. and Company providing the music. There is no cover charge but donations are accepted.

THE LAST WORD

Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind.

Thomas Jefferson,

So long as we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

Robert Louis Stevenson

BSHS class of '67 celebrates reunion

Big Spring High School Class of 1967 celebrated its 30th class reunion June 21, at the Dora Roberts Community Center with 62 classmates in attendance.

After a group picture taken at the Amphitheater, a catered luncheon and supper were prepared by Kathy Lusk and her staff. After dinner was served, president, Richard Cauley introduced classmate Jack Bowen, our emcee for the evening's festivities. A number of awards were given includ-

ing "traveled the furthest," awarded to Kay Statter Paine, attending from Oregon; married the longest, awarded to Nora Obannon Atwood, who has been married for 30 years; and changed the least, awarded to Louis Vasquez of Big Spring. Wayne Stroup provided music for the evening.

The Class of 1967 will participate as a group in the Homecoming Parade in October, and sit together at the Homecoming game.

Donna Laster of Big Spring

was elected Coming-Home Queen.

The reunion committee consisted of Richard Cauley, Deanna Morris Foresyth, Dickie Wright, Claudia Morgan Polyniak, Pat Thorp Daniels and Ocoee Puckett Moore.

Also Claudia Caudill Stabeno, Sandy Tonn Wegman, Wayne Stroup, Bill Bauer, Donna Cobb Laster, Linda Tune Conway, Pam Gould Henderson, and Linda Franklin Walker.

Mom-and-pop diners battle corporate giants in coffee wars

NEW YORK (AP) — There are still a few places where you can get a steaming cup of java served on a worn counter in a greasy diner that offers the comfort and familiarity of mom's kitchen. But these days mom-and-pop simplicity is fighting for survival against the corporate caffeine gorillas.

Along a one-block stretch on Manhattan's Upper West Side, a vintage neighborhood deli that still serves a 65-cent cup of joe, along with good-hearted chatter, is vying with three chain bars serving a variety of fancy brews that can top \$3.50.

There's Timothy's, a shiny, glassed-in shop. Just up the street is tiny but tony Dalton. Across the street is the soon-to-open neighborhood Goliath — Starbucks, which has computers, track lighting, something called "rhumba" chocolate-laced coffee, and no less than three kinds of sugar.

And alongside Starbucks is the family-owned Gotham Food deli, a neighborhood fixture for 20 years.

The new giants represent "an assault on the smaller people trying to make it against a homogenized world, against the globalization of everything," says coffee drinker Robin Pluer.

That is not to say she frequents Gotham. She drinks her cappuccino at Dalton, a small New York chain, because "this place is also kind of struggling" and now will soon face Starbucks' competition.

"I'm 100 percent sure we'll be hurt, but I don't know how much," said the Dalton manager, a Russian-born woman named Victoria who was reluctant to supply her last name along with her fears.

Alongside the fancy new establishments, the Gotham goes more for the common touch.

"We serve mostly working people," says Telemachos Tarabanis, a native of Greece who helps out in the business owned by his two sons-in-law, one Greek and the other Hungarian.

Along with some basic groceries, Gotham sells about 150 cups of drip coffee a day — "good Colombian coffee for average people," says manager Sergio Gonzalez. "We're squeezing by."

Squeezing by in New York means about \$15,000 a month rent for Gotham's narrow storefront space. Starbucks would not discuss what it's paying for a comparable space, formerly occupied by a candy store.

While Gotham stands alone, Starbucks has 1,200 bars across the country, with revenue of \$215 million a year. Gotham employees on Sunday didn't want to discuss fiscal details.

That makes the Seattle-based Starbucks "a 300-pound gorilla," says Andrew Resnick, executive vice president of operations for Toronto-based Timothy's, which has more than 70 venues in North America.

With the arrival of Starbucks, "everybody is shocked. We don't need another one here," says Gonzalez.

"What's going on here on this street? They're all going for the money."

The squeeze on the everyday cup of java is not just a New York trend.

In Anchorage, espresso has popped up in many bookstores, keeping people warm through the long, dark winters.

In Oklahoma City, when you can't beat 'em, join 'em: The Yippee-Yi-Yo Cafe is set inside the oldest grocery store in town, Kamp's, which dates back to 1910.

And in Albuquerque, coffee bars are attached to bagel shops, bookstores or bakeries.

SUPPORT

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•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6323.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

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Barrio grocery like a 'taste of home' to many

MCALLEN (AP) — Deep in the city's barrio, Ruben Cavazos and his family are busy running the Valley's most cosmopolitan mom-and-pop store.

And for a growing number of Latin-Americans, it's like a taste of home.

Ruben's Grocery doesn't don the trappings of snazzy McAllen supermarkets.

It's more like the traditional Latin American "bodega" that's the heart of an old neighborhood.

Above the aisles of foods from Argentina, Peru, Colombia and Spain hang bunches of plump plantains.

The oldest son, Ruben Cavazos Jr., regularly travels to

a Puerto Rican coffee mill to buy some of the dark roasted coffees that stand on the grocery's shelves.

Wines from Chile, Italy and Spain fill the shop's wooden racks.

"This is the way we get our customers," the 32-year-old Cavazos said as he pointed to grocery aisles stuffed with about 1,300 food items he stocks from Latin America, Spain, Italy and other countries.

Noemi Lamela was standing at the grocery's meat counter where a butcher was wrapping up "milanesa," a lean, boneless, thinly sliced steak she uses to stuff her "empanadas," a staple in her native Argentina.

COOKING

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Cool Cuke Salad

4 cucumbers, peeled and sliced
1 large Texas 1015 Onion, peeled and ringed
1 (8 oz.) container light sour cream
1 T Cavender's All-Purpose Greek Seasoning
4 T white wine vinegar
2 oz. Feta Cheese, crumbled
1/2 cup Kalamata Greek Olives*

*Black olives can be substituted

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Refreshing!

Tomatoes Stuffed With Dilled Cucumbers

Peel and dice one large cucumber. Season with chopped fresh dill. Moisten with French dressing.

Cut tops from four ripe medium tomatoes. Scoop out pulp and sprinkle inside with Cavender's All Purpose Greek Seasoning. Turn upside down and drain. Fill the tomatoes with the dilled cucumber mixture. A dieter's delight.

Chilled Cucumber and Tomato Soup

1 cucumber, peeled and grated

1 can (10 1/2 oz) condensed tomato soup

1 soup can of water

1/4 cup chopped green onion

1 tsp. Worcestershire

1 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. black pepper

1/2 cup heavy cream

Chopped parsley

Mix all ingredients except last two. Chill for several hours. Strain and add heavy cream. Chill again. Garnish with parsley. Makes 4 servings.

Fresh Tomato Casserole

6 large tomatoes, sliced very thick

1 cucumber, peeled and sliced thick

2 medium onions, sliced

Arrange in layers in greased baking dish, season with salt and pepper or Cavender's Greek Seasoning. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and grated cheese. Dot with butter and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Great side dish.

Food for thought: Courtesy is a jewel which needs constant polishing.

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own backyards. But the pay-per-view audience for Tyson-Holyfield II, 1.8 million households at \$50 each, was worth \$90 million. Foreign television rights and closed-circuit telecasts kicked in another \$25 million. The live gate at the MGM Grand Garden produced \$14 million. Casinos in Las Vegas rake in as much as \$50 more on a mega-fight weekend.

Add those numbers up — about \$180 million — and suddenly it becomes easy to understand why the commissioners will spend a week crafting a plan that allows boxing AND Tyson to pick up the pieces and rebuild.

That also explains why, despite his very public act of contrition Monday, Tyson could send his lawyer before the commission Tuesday with a bottom-line demand of his own: No lifetime ban.

"We're obviously going to ask for some reason and judgment," attorney Marty Keach said. "He also wants to fight again. That's what he does for a living. That's what his whole life is based on."

That's also the reason the commission will have to draw a second, equally precise line in the sand.

Hooking up with the same cronies Tyson used to hang out with — promoter Don King and his co-managers, John Horne and Rory Holloway come to mind — and returning to the ring so soon after prison were acts of desperation that brought him to that precarious place where he is now.

For months before Tyson fought and lost to Buster Douglas in 1991, the boxing community buzzed over how much his skills had eroded. He was always a forward-gear-only fighter, but for the early part of his career, he more than compensated with very fast hands, a constantly weaving head, and a devastating punch. When he

cut down on his jabs and his head movement and became easier to hit, most astute observers predicted Tyson would have to change or retire.

The three-year sentence he served after a rape conviction made that a moot point. Serving Peter McNeeley, Buster Mathis Jr., Frank Bruno and Bruce Seldon in quick succession provided no clues, either. The first Holyfield match was a miscalculation. Holyfield was 4-3 in his seven previous fights and had King or Tyson or anyone else in their camp guessed at how stout his heart and his work ethic was, they would have gone after somebody else.

The rematch, of course, was made because of greed. And when Tyson figured out midway through the third round that money was all he would take away from the fight, he quit rather than take a beating.

What remains now for the commission to do is strike a balance. It has to suspend Tyson long enough so that any comeback would demand a real commitment and the sponges who have lived off him let go. But it can't be so long that he becomes desperate enough to take his act — and much of what interest the sport still holds — out beyond the territorial waters. That would only demean him and boxing both; besides, that's what wrestling is for.

A two-year-suspension would be just about right, with the proviso that he doesn't fight anywhere in the world — except with the inner demons that made him impossible to ignore in the first place.

SAMPRAS

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ump was no fluke. He is against him ... I want to win against him here, but I still have two more matches. So we'll see."

"I would love to win the tournament and say, 'That's it, that's the best way to finish it,'" he said.

Kiefer, 19, is a protege of Becker and a member of the German junior team. The two have spoken every day during the tournament to discuss strategy.

"It's funny to have a pupil in the quarterfinal, too," Becker said. "I talked to him before matches and he goes out and beats the whole world. I just hope that he stays on the ground for another couple of days."

There is even the possibility of the two facing each other in the semifinals.

TYSON

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it. It looks somewhere between a Vulcan and a Doberman ear." Holyfield said Tyson's punishment should be severe enough to deter other fighters and he doesn't think a one-year suspension would be enough. A federal law that took effect Tuesday requires all other states to honor any suspension the commission hands down.

"Most boxers only fight one time a year," Holyfield said. "He (Tyson) probably needs a year off to get himself better anyway. He probably needs the rest. The penalty is probably going to have to be a little more extensive than that."

What about a lifetime ban? "A lifetime ban wouldn't be

"He's the boss of the junior team," Kiefer said. "To play against him and maybe to win against him ... I want to win against him here, but I still have two more matches. So we'll see."

First, though, Kiefer will have to get past Australia's Todd Woodbridge. Becker looked on course for a quarterfinal showdown against Sampras.

The women's quarterfinals were set for today, with half the contestants under the age of 20 — 16-year-old Martina Hingis and Anna Kournikova, 18-year-old Denisa Chladkova and 19-year-old Iva Majoli.

The teen-agers are all in the top half of the draw and will face each other: No. 1 Hingis vs. Chladkova, and No. 4 Majoli vs. Kournikova.

too much," Holyfield replied.

Holyfield said Tyson attempted to call him twice Monday, but the champion wasn't at home. While a personal apology would be appreciated, Holyfield said it's going to take more than words for Tyson to redeem himself.

"We have people who'll say whatever it takes," Holyfield said. "I think it was good for him to at least come before the people and apologize. I think that helps. I think now his actions have got to follow."

Holyfield said he would not attend next week's hearing, which is expected to feature testimony from others involved in the fight and from Tyson himself.

Cowboys pay tribute to Jerry Jones' father

STRAFFORD, Mo. (AP) — With guys like Jerry Jones, Barry Switzer, Herschel Walker and Charles Haley in the room, it could have passed for just another chance to talk about the Dallas Cowboys.

Except for that donkey. The four-legged creature with the giant red bow around its neck was a gift to Jones' father, Pat Jones, as he was honored Tuesday for his contributions to tourism in southwest Missouri's Ozarks region.

The younger Jones, owner of the Cowboys, asked coach Switzer and the players to join him at the ceremony at the Exotic Animal Paradise, a tourist spot founded by Pat Jones in 1971.

More than 150 fans, relatives and friends turned out to salute Pat Jones, 76, who has been slowed by heart trouble. He said nothing during the ceremony, but smiled and stood to accept several plaques and proclamations.

"No person that I ever met had a better way of talking to a group ... of making you want to run through the wall," Jerry Jones said of his father. "I'd love to have him at half-times for the Dallas Cowboys."

As a young man, Pat Jones owned grocery stores in the Little Rock, Ark., area.

After his largest store burned, he moved to southwest Missouri in 1958 and started the Modern Security Life Insurance Co.

He cashed out of that in 1969 and began work on what would

become Exotic Animal Paradise.

It took four months and six days to clear the 470 acres, about 10 miles east of Springfield on Interstate 44. For 25 seasons since, visitors have paid to drive their cars along a 10-mile road amid ostriches, llamas and hundreds of other animals.

Peter Herschend, owner of Silver Dollar City in Branson, said Jones went to extraordinary lengths to make southwest Missouri a tourist destination.

During the gasoline shortage of 1979, Jones and Herschend joined with Mark Trimble, former owner of the Shepherd of the Hills attraction in Branson, to buy 750,000 gallons of gas to give to out-of-town tourists.

Their cooperation then led Jones to suggest the formation of the Ozarks Marketing Council.

"We would not have the healthy economy that we enjoy here today if it weren't for men like Pat," Herschend said, his arm around Jones.

Jones was given citations from the Missouri Legislature and a plaque from the park employees, which he sold to its longtime manager, Dave Dean, in 1994.

Ron Armitage, whose idea it was to honor Jones, took over ownership of the park June 12.

Jones and his wife, Arminta, still live in a home nearby where Jones has five little male donkeys to keep down the thicket. Now, he's got one more.

RANGERS

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West-leading Seattle.

Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — When the Houston Astros scored five runs in the fifth inning, the Cleveland Indians were doing their best to just survive.

"I was just thinking, let's get some outs and get out of this thing," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "Things like that tend to snowball. One bad thing happens and then another and pretty soon you're going to get out of it. We were fortunate to get out of it with five runs."

The Astros scored three runs on an inside-the-park homer by Tim Bogar, and added two more on an error by shortstop Omar Vizquel and a wild pitch by Eric Plunk to take a 6-3 lead.

But in the seventh, Sandy Alomar got a hit for the 27th straight game and Matt Williams and Tony Fernandez each had two-run hits, as the Indians rallied for an 8-6 victory Tuesday night.

Alomar's 27-game streak tied John Flaherty for the second-longest hitting streak for a catcher in major league history. Benito Santiago set the record of 34 in 1987 with San Diego, and Flaherty had his 27-game streak last season for the Padres.

"Streaks are just things that happen, if you're on a streak, you just manage to get a hit," Alomar said. "It helps. When you're 0-and-3 and coming to the plate and you know it's your last chance, it really makes you bear down."

The Astros' big inning started when Bogar hit a line drive down the right-field line that rolled under the bullpen bench. Ramirez outfielder Manny Ramirez outfielder Manny Ramirez circled the bases for an inside-the-park homer.

"You're supposed to know standard procedure at any ballpark you find out the ground rules," Hargrove said. "Usually when the ball gets buried under the bench it's a dead ball but here it's not and we should have known that."

The Indians were out of their element in the unfamiliar NL ballpark.

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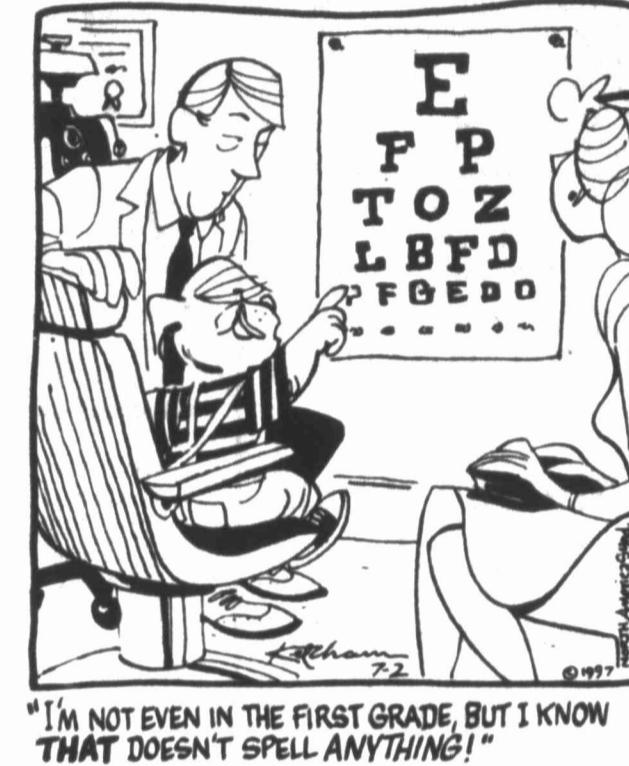
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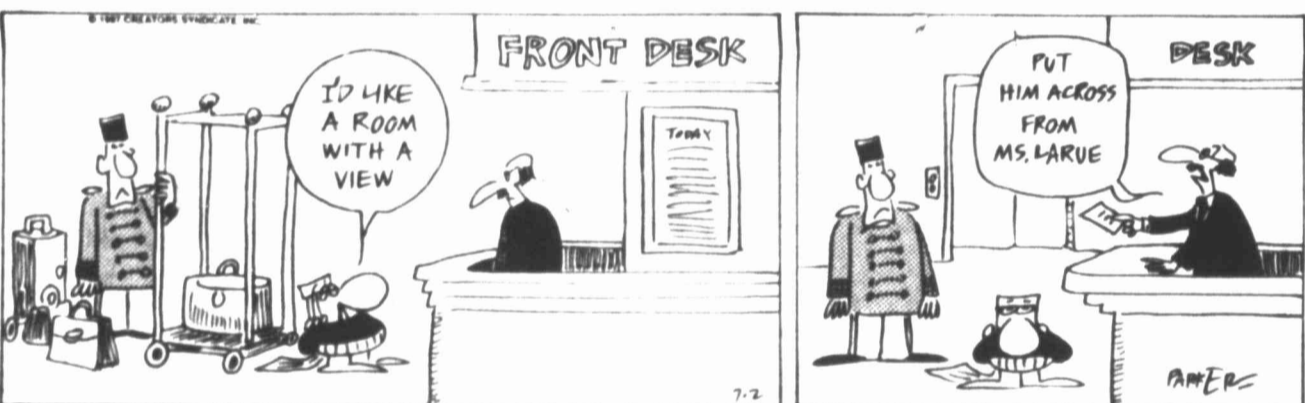
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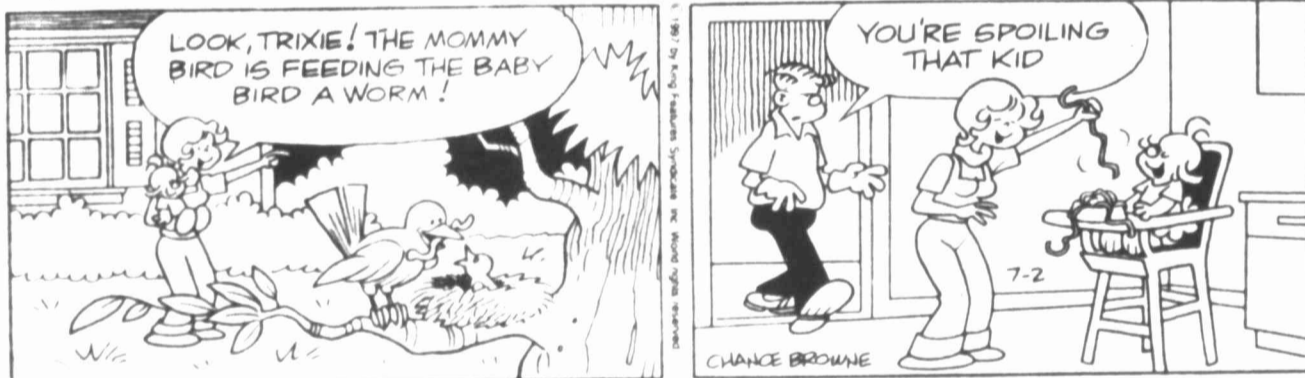
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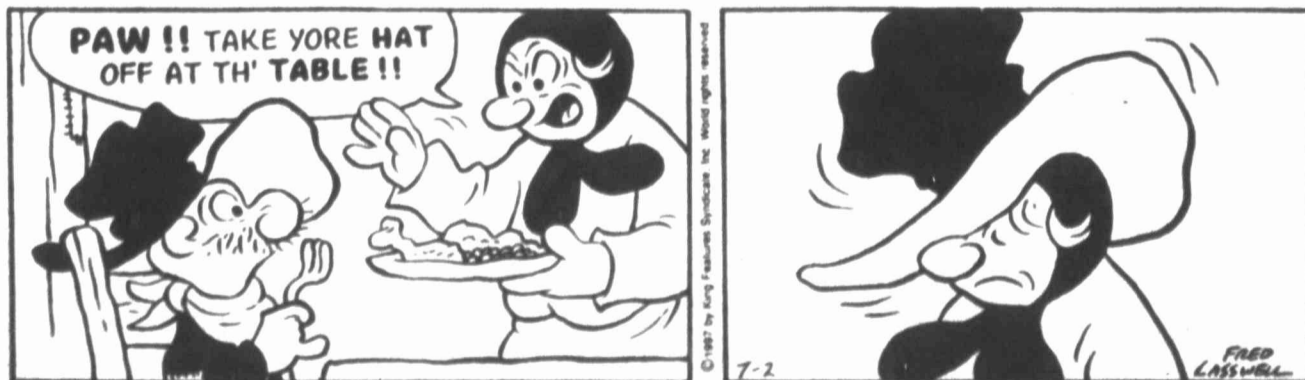
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