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## Viera gets 40 years for murder

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Michael L. Viera, 26, of Big Spring — the second suspect scheduled to stand trial for the September 1996 shooting deaths of Kenny John Guzman, 29, and Luis Hernandez Jr., 30 — opted to plead guilty to murder in 118th District Court Wednesday and was sentenced to 40 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by District Judge Robert Moore.



WILKERSON

In June, a 118th District Court jury found Rosendo "Rusty" Montana guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the September 1996, shooting deaths of Guzman and Hernandez.

According to Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson's office, both Viera and Montana could have received up to 99 years in prison.

Two other men, Roland Yanez Garcia and Villedo Garcia have also been charged with murder and are still facing trial dates in connection with the shootings.

Police responded to an emergency call at approximately 9:54 p.m. on Sept. 5, 1996, which reported several gunshots at 401 N.E. 10th and that there could be multiple victims.

Police found Guzman at the 10th Street address with a gunshot to his torso, but found Hernandez suffering from a gunshot wound to the head at his residence at 311 N. Aylesford. He had been transported to his home in a private vehicle, which is where police received a second 911 call from.

Police described the shootings as an altercation between two different parties, one of which was driving by in a vehicle and the other in the yard of the house on N.E. 10th.

## A HELPING HAND



Corrie Doll paints the home of Lee Whitehead on Aylesford Street, which is recognized as one of the historic homes in Howard County.

## Violence erupts in wake of drug lord's death

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When the man believed to be Mexico's top drug lord died on July 4, many Mexicans feared street battles for his territory.

But a month after Amado Carrillo Fuentes' death, the war between the drug lords hasn't materialized. Instead, a wave of violence has targeted reputed low-level smugglers, lawyers and informants — apparently attempts to hold onto Carrillo's money and cover up his connections with authorities and witnesses.

The shooting on Tuesday of Irma Ibarra Navejat, a lawyer and former beauty queen who reportedly mediated between Mexican army officers and drug traffickers, indicates that either cartel leaders or corrupt authorities want to keep the drug trade quiet.

Authorities wouldn't say why they believed Ibarra Navejat was killed, but referred the case to federal prosecutors — an indication that it may involve organized crime, drug trafficking or other federal offenses. Typically, state officials handle murder cases.

On Tuesday night, federal police questioned a lawyer who is defending Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, Mexico's former drug czar, against charges of taking bribes from Carrillo.

Witnesses allege that the lawyer, Tomas Arturo Gonzalez, tried to buy testimony, federal prosecutors said.

Prosecutors also suggested

Gonzalez paid the men who opened fire this week on a key witness in the prosecution's case.

The witness was slightly wounded.

Peter Lupsha, a New Mexico-based drug expert, said recent shootings seem to be aimed at covering up drug connections.

The big drug lords, meanwhile, haven't gotten involved in the violence, according to Lupsha.

Lupsha said the Tijuana cartel — allegedly run by the Arellano Felix brothers — has positioned itself to take over much of Carrillo's business.

Carrillo was Mexico's reputed drug kingpin until he died at a Mexico City hospital after undergoing plastic surgery in an apparent bid to alter his appearance.

Authorities are still investigating the circumstances.

With increased trade — and good connections with police and the military — the Arellano Felix brothers have little reason to get into turf fights now.

"They will use extreme violence as necessary. They don't need to at this time," Lupsha said. "They're sitting pretty."

A string of five drug-related killings this month in Carrillo's home city of Ciudad Juarez, meanwhile, doesn't appear to be a big drug war in the making.

"For us, these are isolated incidents," said Jose Manuel Diaz Herrera, assistant attorney general for Chihuahua.

## Ditmore receives state agency award

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Being selected as an Outstanding Woman in Texas Government for Community Involvement by the Governor's Commission for Women and The State Agency Council this past week was a thrill for Big Spring resident Vicki Ditmore, but an even bigger honor was receiving the nomination.

Ditmore is the supervising interviewer in charge of Big Spring's local office of the Texas Workforce Commission.

Every two years the Governor's Commission for Women accepts nomination from state agency executive directors in seven categories

and an independent panel of judges selects the winners.

"It was great when I found out my executive director nominated me," Ditmore said. "It made my whole week to be included with such an outstanding group of people. It's hard to describe my exact feelings."

Ditmore accepted her award from Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla R. Owen last Friday in the Senate Chambers at the State Capitol.

All of the nominees for the awards were honored with a luncheon at the Austin Sheraton followed by a reception in the Lieutenant Governor's Reception Room at the capitol building.

During the awards ceremony, Ditmore was noted for her accu-

mulative years of service with several organizations which included the Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, Big Spring's Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), Haven House, the Homeless Veterans Standdown as well as others.

Ditmore has received several state agency awards in the past, but this more recent award is special.

"For a state employee, this is sort of like receiving an academy award," Ditmore said.

"Winning something like this does put personal pressure on me to keep things going," Ditmore added. "I work for a large agency and I'm just glad

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Vicki Ditmore recently was named Outstanding Woman in Texas Government for Community Involvement.

## Midnight deadline set for mailing boll weevil ballots

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Area cotton producers voting in the Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone referendum must have their ballots post-marked before Friday or by midnight today in order for them to be counted, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA).

Results of the referendum will decide whether a boll weevil suppression program should be initiated for the 19-county Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone.

Producers are also encouraged to correct any inaccurate information on acreage that may appear on their individual ballots before sending them to TDA.

In addition to initiating a suppression program for the zone, other issues in Friday's election include approving a maximum assessment level; approving an agreement between the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. and the Plains Cotton Growers Inc. whereby Plain Cotton Growers will carry out boll weevil suppression activities in

the zone; and electing a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the foundation.

Friday's zone election was established by new legislation that corrects a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the statewide boll weevil eradication program.

Under the new statute, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication foundation continues to carry out the program, with TDA taking on additional responsibilities that include setting new elections on assessments and eradication programs in regional zones and appointing advisory committees for each zone.

Counties in the Southern High Plains-Caprock Eradication Zone include Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Ector, Gaines, Garza, Hockley, Kent, Lubbock, Lynn, Midland, Motley, Terry and Yoakum.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled the previous Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program unconstitutional, citing that assessments were being collected and disbursed by a non-governmental entity.

## High dropout rate persists among Hispanics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly a third of young Hispanic adults were high school dropouts in 1995, a rate that has held steady for more than 20 years, the Education Department reported today.

By contrast, the dropout rate for black Americans ages 16 to 24 has fallen and is approaching the rate for whites, the department's National Center for Education Statistics said in its yearly report on dropouts.

Advocates for Hispanic education said the reasons were complex and varied. They cited low education of parents, lack of access to early education pro-

grams such as Head Start, a huge problem with teen pregnancy, few Latino teachers to hold out as good examples and cuts in bilingual education.

"All the issues that are associated with urban poverty are certainly contributing factors," said Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, national director of Aspira, a group devoted to Hispanic education. "But I think above and beyond that is the language and culture issue and the lack of role models in schools."

Critics who want to restrict immigration say the numbers show the failure by immigrants or their children to blend in.

"It points to a cultural problem of high-level immigration coming from countries where they do not have an expectation of high education completion rates," said John Martin, an analyst for the Federation for American Immigration Reform, which wants to control immigration.

The numbers point to the failure of bilingual education to break the cultural pattern, he said.

The statistical report said language problems were "associated" with failure to complete high school but fell short of saying they were a cause.

Overall, 12 percent of young adults were not enrolled in high school and had not finished it in October 1995. That's nearly 4 million people out of 32.4 million. The rate has eased down from nearly 15 percent in 1972.

The rate was 30 percent for Hispanics, however, meaning 1.3 million people were dropouts. That compares with 1.9 million, close to 9 percent, for other whites.

There were 557,000 black dropouts, accounting for 12 percent of those young adults. The rate for blacks had exceeded 20

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## Glasscock ISD forced into holding pattern over budget

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock school officials are having to play a waiting game before they can start work on a budget for the next school year.

School Superintendent Charles Zachry said this morning that he has not received final valuation figures for the coming fiscal year, which has delayed any preliminary work on the budget.

Zachry said preliminary esti-

mates indicate that Glasscock's valuations will increase at least slightly this year, but all that is just speculative at this point.

He hopes to have those figures by the end of the week, he said.

Muddying the valuation waters further for the district is the upcoming Aug. 9 state referendum, when voters will decide whether to increase their homestead exemptions from school property taxes by \$10,000.

Although the measure is expected to pass easily — and would have little effect on the

district if passed — a set-in-stone tax roll for Glasscock ISD is not possible until the issue is decided, Zachry said.

"(Valuations) are going to go up some, but until the Aug. 9 election, we can't certify our true valuations," he said. "But the homestead exemption won't have a tremendous effect on our district."

Zachry does have some specifics waiting for him when he receives the district's tax rolls. Recent state legislature mandates will result in an

increase of about \$75,000 in Glasscock teacher salaries from the previous fiscal year.

In anticipation of receiving the valuations, Glasscock school trustees have scheduled a budget workshop for 7 p.m. Monday at the board room in Garden City.

Other items trustees will consider include:

- Student transfer requests.
- Cafeteria milk and bread requests.
- Personnel matters in necessary.

### WEATHER

Today:	Fri:	Sat:	Sun:

Tonight, slight chance of evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Lows 68-75. Friday, slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms south, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs 90-97. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, a slight chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise partly cloudy.

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OBITUARIES

Maxine Virginia Howard Roberts

Maxine Virginia Howard Roberts, 75, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, July 30, 1997, at her residence.



ROBERTS

She was born on Nov. 21, 1921, in Big Spring, and married Raymond Ruel Roberts, Sr. in 1943 in Westfield, Mass.

She was the daughter of Emmett Clyde and Annie Wise Howard, pioneer Big Spring family.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Westfield, Mass. She was active in the Westfield Women's Club and the Wyben Community Chapel.

Survivors include: one son, Raymond R. Roberts, Jr. and his wife, Susan of Westfield, Mass.; one daughter, Frances Houser of Adrian; two grandsons, Gary Parody of Winter Garden, Fla. and Raymond R. Roberts III of Amarillo; two granddaughters, Rebecca Roberts of Westfield, Mass., and Jennifer Houser of Clemson, S.C.

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

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 95, Wednesday's low 72, Average high 96, Average low 70, Record high 106 in 1944, Record low 56 in 1971, Precip. Wednesday 0.00, Month to date 0.42, Month's normal 1.81, Year to date 13.95

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SCHOOL REGISTRATION

COAHOMA SCHOOLS HAVE ANNOUNCED registration is scheduled as follows: Elementary students new to the district should register Aug. 4-8 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.

COAHOMA JUNIOR HIGH students can pick up their schedules Aug. 7-8 between 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate working parents.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 1:

Letting go of the past and building a better future are your challenges in this important year. It is absolutely essential that you break patterns; the old ways don't work anymore.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Be careful what you put in writing; contracts can be both binding and deceptive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A major purchase is ill advised; do more comparison shopping.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You feel something is about to happen. It is, but not quite yet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends join you in planning a project; do it carefully.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A career matter you thought was impossible to resolve suddenly clears up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You don't know where all the excess energy is coming from, but who's complaining?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A love interest from the past might look up you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be conscientious with accounts. Usually efficient, you might let preoccupation get the better of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) News comes, but you might not be in the mood to discuss it.

BORN TODAY Actress Tempestt Bledsoe (1973), actor Giancarlo Giannini (1942), actor Arthur Hill (1922)

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School supply funds still short

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN Features Editor

The fund to support the Salvation Army's school supply program has nearly reached the \$2,000 mark, officials said Wednesday.

But that leaves the agency just over halfway to its goal of \$3,757. At least 300 families are expected to apply for a basic school supply kit from the Army program.

Danelle Castillo, who is coordinating the program for the Salvation Army, said local residents who want to donate should mark their gifts for the school supply program.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

AWARD

Continued from page 1A to be recognized. It's also nice to be a part of a community like Big Spring that already has a lot of volunteers and people who are concerned about the community in which they live.

"No one even wins an award like this alone," Ditmore said. "It takes a lot of people working together."

One of the organizations mentioned as Ditmore received her award was Haven House, something she is very close to, which is also an extension of the VAMC.

Haven House is a home for female visitors or female family members of patients at the VAMC to stay.

"It is a very comfortable place for women to stay while their loved one is in the hospital," Ditmore said. "People can't always afford a \$30 a night motel room."

"I used to work at the VA Hospital and I've seen first hand what families go through when caring for a sick family member," Ditmore added. "Driving 200 miles and paying for meals is not always feasible."

Being a veteran herself, Ditmore is close to several veterans causes, especially the VAMC.

"The catchment area of the Big Spring VA Hospital is 44 counties, which is an area that is larger than 33 of the 50 U.S. states," Ditmore said.

Another project Ditmore is proud of is the current expansion of the VAMC's outpatient clinic.

Ditmore spent two years on the VAMC's Total Quality Improvement Team that recommended several changes, including expansion, in the outpatient clinic.

The current expansion of the clinic is a \$2.82 million project and is expanding the clinic's existing 2,000 square feet by some 15,000 square feet.

DROPOUTS

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The rate for Hispanics has been high in part because statisticians count those who enter this country with less than a 12th-grade education and never enroll in U.S. schools.

But analysts were able to determine for the first time that looking just at those who enrolled in U.S. schools at some time, the rate was close to 20 percent.

Those who do attend school drop out sooner. In 1995, more than half of the Hispanic dropouts reported having less than a 10th grade education, compared with 31.1 percent of the white dropouts and 27 percent of the black dropouts.

For those foreign-born Hispanics who never went to a U.S. school, less than 43 percent had finished the 10th grade or higher.

BRIEFS

DRIVERS SHOULD BE AWARE that signal lights at 18th and Goliad, which have been in a yellow flash mode during the summer months, will change back to normal operations beginning Monday.

THERE IS A PROMISE Keepers meeting on Monday, Aug. 11, at 7 p.m. at the Miracle Revival Church, FM 700.

LAKEVIEW HEADSTART STUDENTS CAN pick up their kindergarten supplies from the Lakeview Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 4-8.

A PREORIENTATION SESSION FOR PDAS, the new teacher assessment tool, will be offered Thursday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at This Old House, 503 Johnson.

Presenter will be Linda Lindsey, Region 31 Uniserve for TSTA. All teachers are welcome to attend. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Plan a lunch.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

RANDY MIER, 19, of 1908 Main, was arrested on local warrants.

ANTHONY DALE CHANDLER, 23, of 1600 Lincoln, was arrested for inhaling a volatile chemical.

DALE CUNNINGHAM, 18, of 308 Aylesford, was arrested for criminal trespass.

STEVE EFFINGER, was arrested for public intoxication.

JOSEPH PRATT, 46, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

CLIFTON GRIFFIN, 52, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

LINDA SUE FAULTNER, 39, of 1012 W. 3rd, was arrested on local warrants.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1000 block of N. Main; and the 1500 block of Wood.

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DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1700 block of Donley.

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SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

JAVIER RAYEN, 27, of 706 N.W. 5th, was arrested for failure to identify, and released on a \$1,000 bond.

ARCHIE DALE GOODMAN, 25, of 2304 Thorp, was arrested on a grand jury indictment for forgery, and released on a \$500 bond.

BEN JOSEPH GARZA, 17, of 1020 Stadium, was arrested for forgery and unauthorized use of a vehicle, and released on bonds of \$5,000 and \$3,000.

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# Balanced budget legislation awaits president's signature

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Republicans savoring one set of provisions and Democrats another, legislation to balance the federal budget by 2002 is one short step away from President Clinton's desk.

And the first major tax cut in 16 years isn't far behind. "It's a program that puts power in people's pockets by reducing the size of government and letting people keep more of what they earn," said Rep. John Kasich, the House budget committee chairman who was one of the key architects of the legislation.

The Ohio Republican spoke Wednesday shortly before a lopsided 346-85 House vote on the balanced budget measure — a huge bipartisan majority that sent the bill to certain final passage today in the Senate.

In addition to calling for about \$130 billion in spending restraint needed to balance the budget by 2002, the measure remodels Medicare — a GOP priority — and creates a new \$24 billion program of health care for uninsured children insisted on by President Clinton and Democrats.

The \$151.6 billion five-year tax cut bill was due in the House today, with final passage set for Friday in the Senate.

That measure featured a \$500-per-child credit for families shaped to satisfy both political parties; a reduction in the capital gains tax that Republicans have long sought and roughly \$35 billion in benefits for students that Clinton wanted.

The balanced budget bill, a measure designed to rid the nation of deficits for the first

time since 1969, held center stage in both houses on Wednesday.

"Although we may not like certain parts of the package it's the whole that counts," said Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., moments before the vote on the balanced budget measure in the House.

"And the whole is the first balanced budget" since 1969, as well as preserving Medicare "for the next generation of beneficiaries," he added.

In the end, the measure was backed by 193 Republicans and 153 Democrats. Opposed were 32 Republicans and 52 Democrats as well as independent Bernard Sanders of Vermont.

Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri was among the opponents of the measure, although he did not

speak on the House floor during the day.

Some Democrats, including Rep. Sander Levin of Michigan, noted that Democrats had forced Republicans to abandon several controversial provisions, including one that would have denied workplace protections to some women making the transition from welfare to work.

Others focused on the provisions that had been included at Democratic initiative. "Count the victories. Count the ideas that are our ideas," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, senior Democrat on the Budget Committee.

Not surprisingly, Republicans saw it otherwise, and said so in sharply partisan terms.

"Some members of the Democratic minority still don't

get it," said the GOP Whip, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas. "Indeed if they were in charge, we wouldn't be cutting taxes or cutting spending at all. If Democrats still ran the Congress, this deal would have contained more government spending and tax increases instead of tax cuts."

Other Republicans described the legislation in more positive terms.

"We are now committing to limiting the power of government and enhancing the power of the individual," said Kasich, the baby-boomer chairman of the House Budget Committee and a potential candidate for the White House in 2000.

"It's a start." For two years Clinton and the congressional Republican majorities battled over tax and spending issues.

Clinton vetoed their bills and the public blamed the GOP for twin government shutdowns in the winter of 1995-1996. Despite that, both the president and the Republicans were returned to power in last fall's elections.

And both quickly decided to make an effort at the sort of grand compromise that had eluded politicians since deficits skyrocketed in the years after the passage of tax cuts in 1981.

In addition to the political will they brought to the bargaining table, the two sides were aided by a booming economy.

Economic activity produced higher government revenues than the experts had anticipated, meaning there was more money available for the tax cuts Republicans sought and the social spending that Democrats wanted.

## Peace talks teeter in wake of bombing

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel threatened today to send security forces into Palestinian-ruled areas to arrest militants if Yasser Arafat fails to rein them in, one of several measures announced in the wake of a double suicide bombing that killed 15 people in a central market.

Israel arrested 28 Palestinians Wednesday night and early today, and threatened to send security forces into Palestinian autonomy zones to arrest militants if Yasser Arafat failed to rein them in.

"We are not going to respect any lines," said David Bar-Ilan, a top aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "The whole world recognizes the right of governments to protect their citizens."

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said that if Israeli forces entered self-rule zones, it would be "a declaration of war against us."

The Palestinians, he said, told Israel they were ready to take joint security action, but "we want to know whether the Israelis are going to cooperate or if they are going to reoccupy Palestinian territory."

Israel suspended peace talks immediately after the Wednesday afternoon blasts. Today, it also ordered the arrest of the Palestinian police chief

and asked the United States and other nations to suspend aid to the Palestinian Authority. Other measures include stopping the flow of tax revenues to the Palestinians and jamming Palestinian radio and television stations.

Israeli troops arrested the families of two young Palestinian men in Dahariya, a village south of Hebron, early today. Relatives said the men, known Hamas activists, disappeared more than six months ago.

The families were taken to the morgue to see the bodies of the bombers and said they could not identify them, Israel radio reported.

Wednesday's bombings in Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's main fruit and vegetable market, killed 15 people, including the bombers, and wounded more than 150.

It was the worst attack since Netanyahu came to power in May 1996. The prime minister immediately suspended peace talks with the Palestinians, which the two sides had only this week agreed to resume after a four-month hiatus.

A leaflet signed by the Islamic militant group Hamas took responsibility for the attack. A second Hamas leaflet, cited by the Israeli daily Haaretz, said

the attack was carried out in response to an Israeli woman's poster depicting the Muslim Prophet Mohammed as a pig. It said Hamas would carry out more attacks if Palestinian prisoners were not released by Sunday.

As in the past, Israel also imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring tens of thousands of Palestinians from jobs in Israel. The closure was tougher than usual, restricting Palestinians' movements even between autonomous towns in the West Bank.

Israel also issued an arrest warrant for Brig. Gen. Ghazi Jabali, chief of the Palestinian police. The Israeli government accuses Jabali of sending three policemen to shoot at Jewish settlers in the West Bank earlier this month.

Israeli officials warned that other attacks are possible, and additional police were deployed extensively through Jerusalem.

"Our working assumption is that it is possible that there will be another attack," Jerusalem's Deputy Police Chief Miki Levy said.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Arafat and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright had spoken Wednesday night.

## MADD chapters shutting down across country

BOSTON (AP) — When Donna Kelley's best friend was killed by a 19-year-old drunken driver, she did what thousands of people have done to channel her grief and rage. She formed a chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

But 12 years later, the chapter is closing today — and not because the drunken-driving problem is solved in Dalton, the town where the chapter is based.

"For us, the interest just isn't here anymore," Kelley said.

"Everybody says we're doing such a great job, but then in the next breath they say, 'I don't have time to help.'"

After years of huge success, changing attitudes and laws regarding drunken driving, MADD is losing chapters nationwide.

Some claim MADD is a victim of its own success.

The organization's pioneering tactics in grass roots action have shown other groups how to compete for America's social conscience and spirit of volunteerism, drawing potential activists to other causes.

A bigger problem appears to be the public's belief that the drunken-driving problem, after a long history of neglect, is solved.

Far from it. Nationwide statistics have been kept since 1982 — two years after California mother Candy Lightner founded MADD — when 25,166 people died from drunken-driving accidents.

Last year, 17,126 people were killed in crashes where alcohol was involved, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. That's a drop of 31 percent in 14 years.

In recent years, the decrease in alcohol-related traffic fatalities has slowed considerably, and in 1995 fatalities went up for the first time in a decade — a 4 percent increase from 1994 to 1995.

"I can assure you that the 17,000 families that had some

one killed by a drunk driver last year don't think the problem's solved," said Katherine Prescott, MADD's national president whose 16-year-old son was killed by a drunken driver in 1981.

More than 1 million Americans are injured each year by drunken drivers.

Two in every five Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related crash at some time in their lives, according to federal statistics.

Traffic crashes remain the leading cause of death for teenagers and adults in their 20s. And alcohol is involved in about 40 percent of those fatalities.

"If you look at trends over the last 20 years, we certainly have made progress," said Susan Ryan, chief of the impaired driving division at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"But if you look at trends over the last five years, it has stayed pretty much the same."

While the nation's law enforcement and justice systems had been grappling with

the problem for years, it wasn't until MADD arrived that American driving behaviors started to change, said Marti Belluschi, who works on drunk-driving prevention programs for the Illinois secretary of state.

"MADD had such a tremendous impact because MADD gave the issue a face and it gave it tears," said Belluschi, 48, who was severely injured at age 15 when a drunken driver smashed into her father's car.

Arguably one of the most powerful citizen groups in the country, MADD has successfully lobbied for more than 2,200 pieces of state and federal legislation, including a drinking age of 21 and stiffer penalties for drunk drivers.

Recently the group has been pushing to lower the legal blood alcohol limit for drivers from 0.10 to 0.08. So far, 15 states — Alabama, California, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Utah, Vermont and Virginia — have passed the measure.

## Grand jury takes no action after probing border shooting

EL PASO (AP) — The question of whether a U.S. Marine will face charges in the shooting of a border teen-ager will go unanswered until at least next month after a grand jury met for a day but took no action.

Two months after Esequiel Hernandez Jr. died at the hand of corporal on a drug surveillance mission in the rural community of Redford, a Presidio County panel spent Wednesday listening to testimony from seven witnesses and reviewing lab results, photographs and videotapes.

Panel members will return Aug. 14 to continue the case, which has focused national attention on the military's role in combating narcotics smuggling.

The shooting has drawn criticism about the growing militarization along the U.S.-Mexico border and also prompted the military to review its anti-drug operations.

The Pentagon suspended missions similar to the one that resulted in Hernandez's death.

District Attorney Albert Valadez said he did not present any federal witnesses at the proceedings in Marfa, 200 miles southeast of El Paso. He said he would have to issue about eight new subpoenas, apparently for officials from U.S. agencies.

"Usually we pick up the phone and get their cooperation," Valadez said without elaborating.

"The subpoenas were not to their standards. We're going to do them again the way the federal government wants us to do them."

The grand jury's eventual actions could range from a murder indictment to a no-bill, which means no charges will be filed.

Defense attorney Jack Zimmermann, who is representing Cpl. Clemente Banuelos, said no charges are warranted. "This was a tragedy, but not a criminal act," he said.

The Houston Chronicle reported today that one third of the grand jury members are active or retired federal employees.

Panel members include Joseph Harris, the Border Patrol's assistant chief agent in Marfa; Billy Peiser, a retired Border Patrol agent; and two U.S. Customs officials.

Neither Valadez nor Zimmermann expressed concern about the federal law enforcement presence on the grand jury.

It could "cut both ways," working for or against his client, Zimmermann said.

Mel LaFollette, a retired minister from Redford and a critic of the military's anti-drug effort along the border, said the makeup of the grand jury may provide a line of defense if the grand jurors decline to indict Banuelos.

"It looks like a conflict of interest for some of the people," LaFollette said. "At least there's some ammunition for impugning a new grand jury if they do not return an indictment."

Hernandez, an 18-year-old high school student, was fatally shot May 20 after crossing

paths with a four-man Marine surveillance team, which was assisting the Border Patrol in Redford, 200 miles down the Rio Grande from El Paso.

Military officials contend Hernandez fired twice at the Marines with a .22-caliber rifle and was about to shoot again when Banuelos returned fire.

Zimmermann said Banuelos was trying to protect another Marine, James Matthew Blood, whom Hernandez allegedly was aiming at.

Civilian authorities say Hernandez may not have seen the camouflaged troops, and an autopsy report indicates he was not facing the soldier who shot him when he was killed.

Hernandez's family says the teen-ager carried the rifle to protect his goat herd from predators and occasionally for target shooting.

Military officials said Wednesday the Defense Department has indefinitely suspended all frontline operations conducted under the auspices of Joint Task Force-Six, the agency that coordinates drug missions between the Armed Forces and civilian law enforcement.

"Those sorts of missions are similar to the one that was involved in Redford, where folks are actually out on the ground," said Kevin Stephens, a spokesman for the U.S. Atlantic Command, which oversees JTF-Six.

"For all practical purposes, it involves all missions involving people roaming around, people outside on the ground, in public so to speak," he said.

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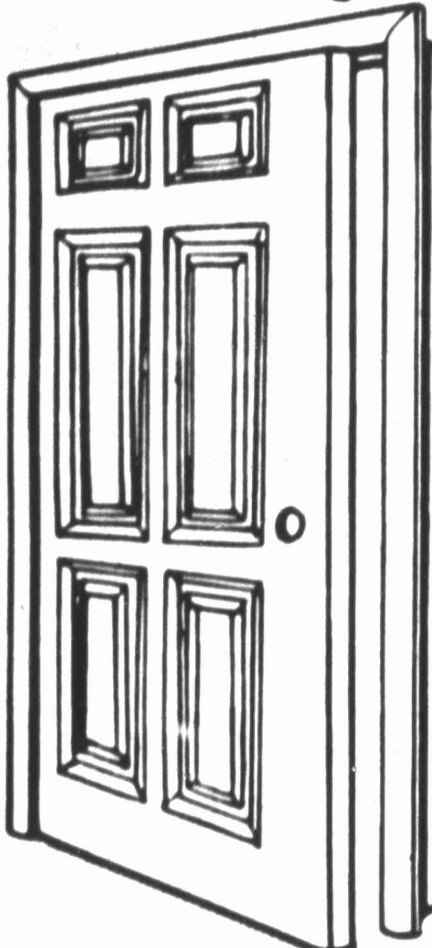
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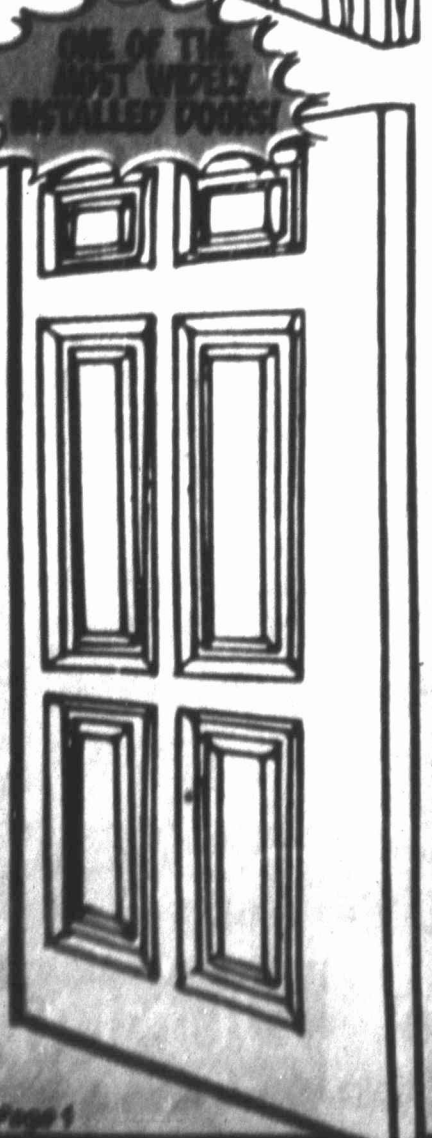
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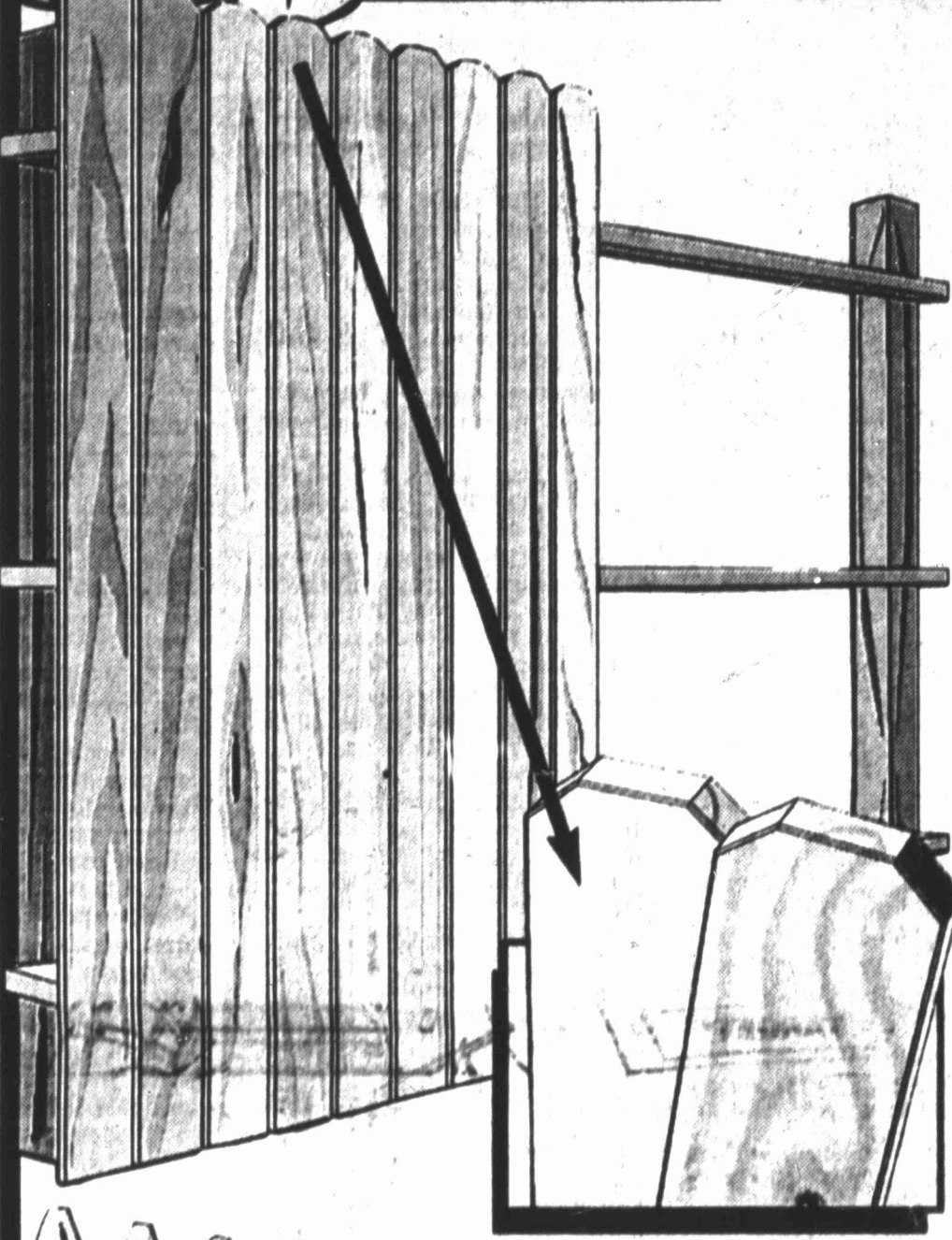
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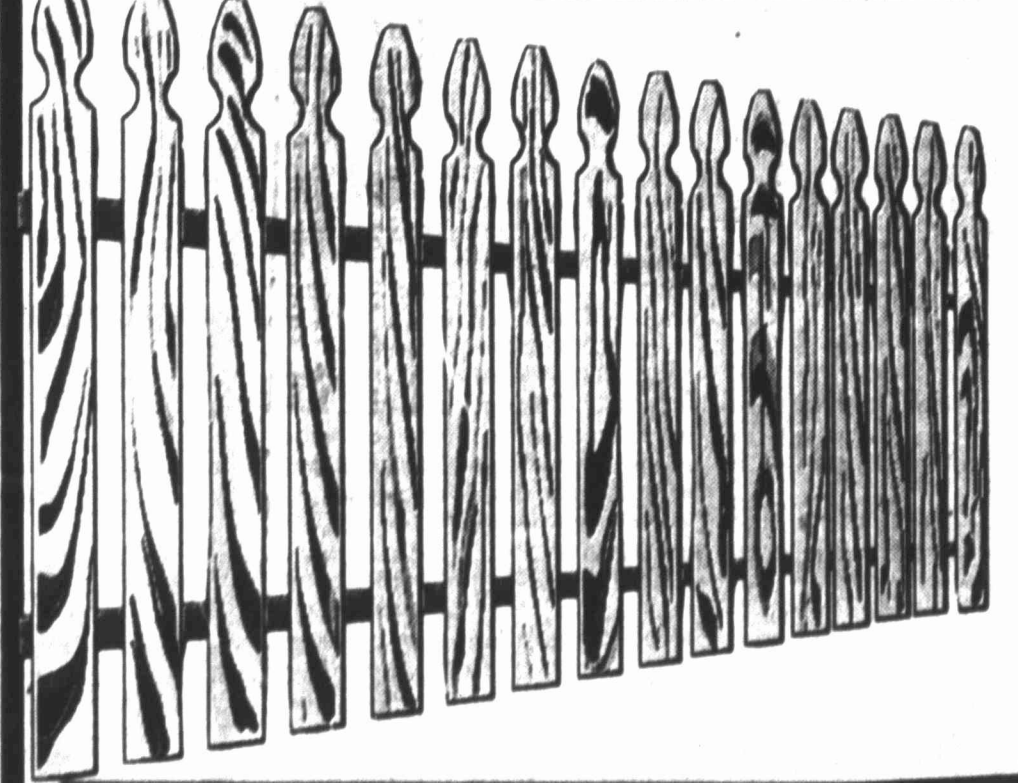
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# EDITORIAL

## Quote of the Day

"Teachers cannot preach to children, but they can teach about religion."  
-Richard W. Riley, U.S. Secretary of Education, 1996

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## OUR VIEWS

# Welcome, and have a good time

Last year's Howard/Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion proved that with community spirit and perseverance, great things can be accomplished. A new group of organizers, prodded by a few who just couldn't see their annual gathering end, drummed up support and brought together more than 500.

That was one year after the event lapsed, threatening never to be revived.

This year's event, slated for Saturday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with an evening dance at the Stampede, is expected to draw even more for games, visiting, food and fun.

An awards ceremony after the noon meal will include awards in memory of two great supporters of the event and what it means to be an "old settler."

The travel award, for the person who traveled the longest distance for the reunion, is now named for Mack Underwood. A great friend to many and a voice in support of reviving the Old Settlers last year, Underwood died in late 1996.

Also remembered this year will be Polly Mays, civic leader and community volunteer, with the Polly Mays Pioneer Award for a Glasscock recipient. The Howard County award is sponsored by Wal-Mart.

Remembering Mays and Underwood is important, because they represent the kind of interest and dedication to this community that we don't find very often. The annual Old Settlers Reunion, however, is a great time to look for it.

As the participants gather Saturday beginning at 9 a.m., they will be honoring the pioneer spirit that gave our community its foundation. That's what we build on as we plan for change, growth and development.

We wish the "old settlers" of Howard and Glasscock counties their best reunion ever, and many happy returns.

## LETTERS

To the Editor:

I want to thank the Big Spring Herald for publishing my feature article on the upcoming National Scout Jamboree. You and your staff have helped me learn a lot about reporting and about the newspaper. I especially want to thank Debbie Jensen for her assistance with my article and for helping me complete my Journalism merit badge.

In preparing for the Jamboree, I have met many nice people who have helped me in other ways. I am very grateful to Mr. Joe Pickle for his additional help with my Journalism badge. He also gave me many practical suggestions and tips I will be using while serving as a Hometown News Correspondent at the Jamboree.

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. Phil Carruthers, Manager of the Fina Oil & Chemical Refinery of Big Spring, for allowing me to visit the refinery. My thanks also go to Mr. Paul Gibbs for making the necessary arrangements. He and Mr. Don Riley conducted an informative and interesting tour of the facility.

Ryan Miracle  
Big Spring

To the Editor:

On behalf of the family and friends of Precilia Marquez we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the gracious donations and participation in the benefit for Precilia. We especially thank David Baird, Eagles Lodge, for his maximum efforts in making this benefit a success. We also thank the following who contributed door prizes: Mary McClenon, Kay Claveran, Linda Rupard, Bennie Dahlquist, Pizza Hut, UFC, Cinemas 4, YMCA, Ervin Paul - Vision Makers, VA AFGE, Mark Collier, Kay Smith, Gloria McDonald, Connie

Torres, On Cue Video, Gills, Byrd House Gallery & Framework, Brandin' Iron, Hunans, Kwik Kar, La Signal and VA employees.  
Tony Barrera  
Big Spring

To the Editor:

My name is Ashley Reed. I have a couple of things to say to our city councilmen.

First of all I want to congratulate the Junior League guys on how far they have gotten in All-stars. I have been playing girls U.G.S.A. softball for five years now and I can't even count how many times I have seen the parents and coaches cleaning up the fields.

If you will remember I think that someone gave the land to us for the complex and the city is supposed to take care of it. Almost every year parents and coaches buy chemicals to kill the "stickers" and paint to repair the dug-outs.

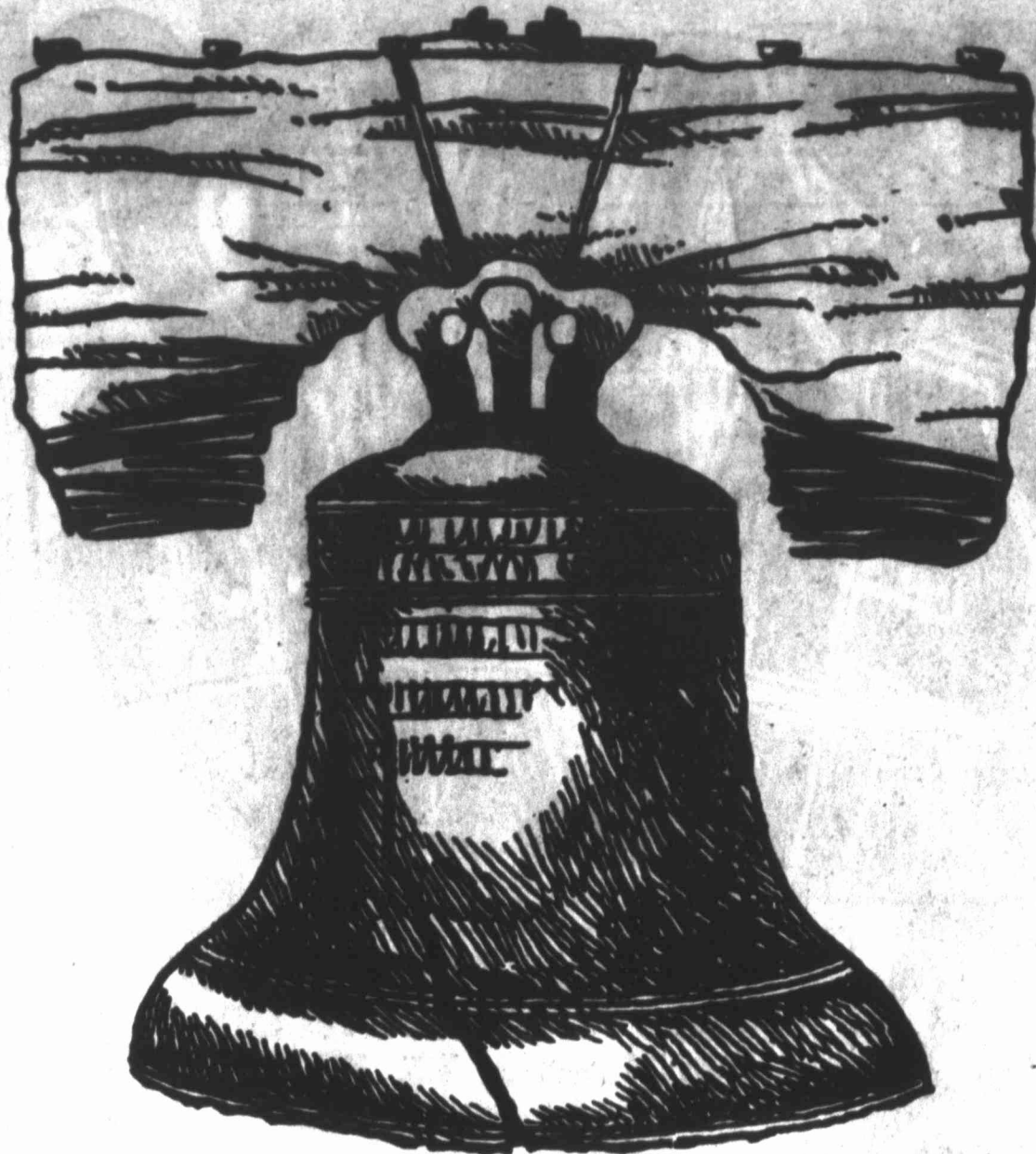
We buy these things out of our money we earn for the things we sell. We would not have to sell near as much stuff, if we weren't having to pay for stuff our tax money should be going to.

I would be embarrassed to have other teams come and play at the complex because it is so ugly. All of the fields need repairs. Our grass is terrible. Our concession stands are terrible.

If you councilmen are talking about repairing Big Spring, I'm all for that, but why can't you spend a little on us and the fields for a change.

One more thing I want to say is we never get noticed for our games. We send in a short summary hoping to get every one noticed and we don't even get listed in the paper. We don't get paper or radio coverage in our All-stars either and we go to Abilene. Why can't the girls softball be just as equal as the guys baseball!

Ashley Reed, age 13  
Big Spring



## Does the name "Justice Brennan" ring a bell?

# Missionary family must have blind faith

"We are not heroes," missionary Brad Blanton says. "We weren't fired at, or anything like that."

Brad Blanton is anxious that I don't misrepresent his predicament. He feels lucky and befriended, not like a victim.



Rheta Johnson  
Syndicated Columnist

Along with his wife, Deborah, and six small children, Brad was forced to flee Cambodia after the recent military coup. But they are safe now in Singapore, and that's the message they want to send friends and family back home in Georgia.

The Blantons, both Atlanta natives, had been in Phnom Penh for only three weeks, laying the groundwork for an Independent Baptist mission. Last week they were hustled out

of that violence-torn country after the U.S. Embassy ordered a general evacuation. They flew with 100 other Americans to a church refuge in Singapore where they plan to stay while monitoring the mercurial Cambodian political climate.

"Say that we are all fine, just mostly sad. We were so glad to be there. We just about had our new house set up. We had bought rattan furniture..."

I met the missionaries the week of their departure. Never have you seen people so prepared to make an extended journey. Brad's parents' College Park home was stacked to the ceiling with a four-year supply of odds and ends you couldn't buy in Cambodia. In the end there were 35 big boxes, shipped at \$100 each. Those supplies and the rest of their belongings are in a house locked against widespread looting in a country where anything might yet happen.

The worst day of the ordeal was July 5. Brad and his 9-year-old, Will, were out learning to drive a small motorcycle that

the Cambodians call a "moto." The moto ran out of gas. When they pulled over to buy more, the pair heard an explosion, a big boom that sounded no more than a block away.

"Hey, Dad, they're doing fireworks a day late," Will said, and the father and son laughed. But Brad knew it was the sound of exploding shells.

Soon the streets were filled with frantic people. Brad was unable to make the simple U-turn that would point them in the direction of his wife and family. He doesn't know the language yet, so the bewildered missionary began asking in English, "What's happening?" The answer was always the same: "War!"

A Cambodian hotel owner saw the two stranded foreigners and quickly ushered them into his establishment. For 45 minutes they took refuge there, behind locked gates, until the stranger deemed it safe enough for them to travel. Another Cambodian man drove them home. Fellow missionaries already had

moved Blanton's wife and children to a safer house where all of them huddled for four days.

"The Cambodians are the sweetest people on the face of the earth," Brad says. "They would bring us some of their food when they had no idea how long supplies would last."

I keep thinking about the six children: Benjamin, Will, Joseph, Hannah, Rachel and Melody. The oldest is 11; the youngest, 2. The day I met them they tottered up from the Blanton basement one at a time, each seeming smaller and more innocent than the last.

I marveled that day at the kind of blind faith it must take even to have six children, much less put them on a plane for a foreign land. I don't have it; the Blantons do.

"The kids didn't want to leave at all," Brad says. "Like us, they had fallen in love with the Cambodians."

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# Chemical abuse is a health problem, not a crime

Here are the facts on estimates of illegal drug use as contained in the Statistical Abstract of the United States. Look and see if you think a \$40 billion "war" is justified.

These numbers are based on a household survey. Current usage is defined as having used the drug at least once within the month prior to the survey. It is broken down by age groups.

Age 12-17: 7.3 percent report using marijuana; 0.4 percent, cocaine; 2 percent, inhalants; 1.2 percent, hallucinogens. Reported heroin use was too small to measure.

Age 18-25: 12.1 percent, marijuana; 1 percent, cocaine; 0.9 percent, inhalants; 1.5 percent, hallucinogens; and 0.1 percent, heroin.

Age 25 and over: 3 percent,

marijuana; 0.6 percent, cocaine; 0.5 percent, inhalants; and heroin in use too small to measure.

Frankly, that doesn't look like a drug epidemic to me. Reported heroin usage was too small to measure in two out of the three age groups, and after age 25, drug usage dropped.

Drug-related deaths in 1993 totaled 13,275. By way of comparison, 90,523 people died in 1993 from accidents. Accidental falls that year killed 13,141 people, a hair short of the number who died from drug-related causes. Perhaps the federal government should wage war on scaffolding, step ladders and the law of gravity.

The same year that 13,275 people died from drugs, 743,000 died from heart disease; 529,000 from cancer; 150,000 from strokes; 101,000 from pulmonary diseases; 82,000 from pneumonia; and 53,000 from diabetes.

In other words, we can hardly justify the drug war hysteria on the basis of the lethal effects of illegal drugs. Any crimes committed are not a result of the drugs but a result of the government prohibition. Drug prohibition, like liquor prohibition, makes its profitable for

criminal organizations to supply them and leaves addicts with no source of supply but criminals.

It is the prohibition which generates the crime, not only the crimes committed as rival gangs compete for market turf, but also the corruption of law enforcement, prosecutors and judges.

None of this stuff is good for you, but a lot of legal products aren't good for us either. The difference between legal and illegal is just a political decision. What we have done is take a health problem and criminalize it.

We could destroy every drug gang in the world overnight by legalizing drugs. I don't mean make them commercially available, but let people who need them register at the public health departments and draw them for free. Cocaine, marijuana and heroin are dirt cheap to produce. It wouldn't cost one hundredth the amount of money to supply addicts as it does to try to prevent them from buying drugs.

This prohibition, like the previous one, is costing taxpayers billions of dollars, creating

criminal empires, spreading corruption among public officials, ruining the lives of people who wouldn't normally be criminals, costing the lives of honest lawmen, and in return, gaining us what?

Headlines? Juicy stories? An excuse for bigger law enforcement budgets and more prisons? An opportunity for politicians who are screwing up the country in other ways to puff out their chests and pretend to be four-square for law and order?

Exactly how long does an attempt to solve a problem have to fail before we try another way? Chemical abuse is a health problem, not a crime. It should be treated with education and treatment, not by kicking down people's doors and dragging them off to prison and putting their families on the welfare rolls.

Somehow, we have to relearn to use reason in our discussion of public issues instead of demagoguery.

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## QUICK TRIVIA

◆ About 10 percent of all the native flowering plants of the United States are so rare that they are considered endangered species.

◆ The bald eagle appears "bald" because its head is covered with white feathers.

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

## New Eagle Scouts did service projects

by HERALD Staff Report

To reach the top award in Scouting, a young man has a lot to accomplish.

That's probably why only 2.4 percent of Scouts ever make it all the way to the group's top rank.

Four Big Spring residents recently earned the Eagle rank, becoming part of a tradition that includes 33 Eagles in 30 years for Troop 16.

Jaylan Everett, Jeremy Hedges, Jarett Ferguson and Jason Mims all completed 21 merit badges and a major community service project on their way to Eagle. The service project, which has to be approved by the district, must benefit the community, a school or a religious institution.

Jaylan built a rock foundation for a water fountain at Big Spring State Park on Scenic Mountain. Then he repaired the swings and rehabilitated the small ponds at the park.

Jarett repainted the parking lot stripes and speed bumps at Forsan High School, saving the school district the expense.

Jason, while on a mission trip with his church to Boise,



JAYLAN

JEREMY



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Idaho, taught vacation Bible school to youngsters.

Jeremy repainted screens and windows for the Proud Citizens building, and made a white rock star around their flagpole.

The four high school juniors, who have known each other since childhood, can now go on to earning Eagle "palms," or feathers, by completing still more merit badges.



## PARKING LOT CONCERT

HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett

The FOG band performed in the Big Spring Mall parking lot Friday night. In the photo above are, from left, Chris Felty at the microphone, Mickey Garcia playing bongos, Robbie Davis, on drums and Craig Felty, guitar. Pictured at right is bass player Jack Nixon. They play alternative Christian rock music. The event, which included skits performed inside the mall, was sponsored by Cornerstone Church.



## WHO'S WHO

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announces the following recipients of education grants: Marie Hall Scholarship - Stephanie Green, Big Spring, Angelo State University; Brandi Gutierrez, Big Spring, Howard College and Patsy Sanchez, Big Spring, University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship - Frances Jimenez, Lenora, Howard College. Dan and Billye Saunders Scholarship - Cody Cadenhead, Stanton, West Texas A&M University.

\*\*\* Kamie Schwartz, daughter of

Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence, was recently named as "Miss Texas All Star Teen" at the "All Star" State Pageant in Dallas. She received a crown, trophies, banner, \$500 cash and her entry fee paid to the National Pageant, also in Dallas.



SCHWARTZ

At nationals, she placed as first alternate and was named as second alternate in the talent competition. Kamie is a senior at Garden City High School where she is currently serving as Student Council president, varsity cheerleader, member of Beta Club, FHA, One Act Play, cross country team and tennis team.

She was homecoming queen as a sophomore and is the current Howard County Farm Bureau Queen and District 6 Farm Bureau Queen as well serving as president of the St. Lawrence C40.

Kamie has attended the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. and has recently returned from a four day Citizenship Seminar at Angelo State University. She is the granddaughter of Emma Doe, Big Spring, and Joe and Rose Schwartz, Garden City.

One Stanton youth performed with the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir, Band and Strings as they presented two concerts at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas, on July 19.

Laurie Adams of Stanton was part of the 340-member group, auditioned from Baptist churches across the state. After the concerts at the symphony hall, the All-State performers divided into four smaller groups on July 20 and presented concerts in the morning worship services of First Baptist Church, Oak Cliff, First Baptist Church, Duncanville, First Baptist Church, Ancaster, and Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Cedar Hill.

Texas Baptist All-State is sponsored by the Church Music Department, Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Next year, they will be featured at the Baptist World Alliance Youth Congress in Houston.

Commencement exercises for the spring 1997 semester at Tarleton State University were held recently on the Tarleton campus. Among those graduating was: Dane M. Driver, Big Spring.

## A person's energy, attention can only stretch so far

**QUESTION:** You've talked about being a full-time mother versus having a full-time career. Give us your view of a woman handling both responsibilities simultaneously. Is it do-able, and is it smart?

**DR. DOBSON:** Some women are able to maintain a busy career and a bustling family at the same time, and they do it beautifully. I admire them for their discipline and dedication. It has been my observation, however, that this dual responsibility is a formula for exhaustion and frustration for many others.

It can be a never-ending struggle for survival. Why? Because there is only so much energy within the human body, and when it is invested in one place it is not available for use in another. Consider what it is like to be a mother of young children who must arise early in the morning, get her kids dressed, fed and located for the day, then drive to work, labor from nine to five, go by the grocery store and pick up some

stuff for dinner, retrieve the kids at the childcare center, and then drive home.

She is dog-tired by that point and needs to put her feet up for a few minutes. But she can't rest. The kids are hungry, and they've been waiting to see her all day.

"Read me a story, Mom," says the most needy. This beleaguered woman then begins another four to six hours of very demanding "mothering" that will extend into the evening. She must fix dinner, wash the dishes, bathe the baby, help with homework, and give each child some "quality time." Then comes the task of getting the tribe in bed, saying



Dr. James Dobson  
Columnist

the prayers, and bringing six glasses of water to giggling kids who want to stall. I get tired just thinking of a schedule like this.

You might ask the married woman, "Where is your husband and father in all this exertion? Why isn't he carrying his share of the homework?" Well, he may be working a fifteen-hour day at his own job. Getting started in a business or a profession often demands that kind of commitment. Or he may simply not choose to help his wife. That is a common complaint among working mothers.

"Not fair," you say. I agree, but that's the way the system often works.

The most difficult aspect of this lifestyle is the constancy of the load. Most of us could maintain such a schedule for a week or two, but the working mother must do it month after month for years on end. On weekends there's housecleaning to do and clothes to be ironed and pants to be mended. And

this is the pace she maintains when things are going right. She has no reserve of time or energy when a member of the family gets sick or the car breaks down or marital problems develop. A little push in any direction and she could go over the edge.

Admittedly, I have painted a more stressful scenario than most families have to endure. But not by much. Overcommitted and frazzled families are commonplace in our culture. Husbands and wives have no time for each other. Life is nothing but work, work, work. They are continually frustrated, irritable, and harried. They don't take walks, read the Scriptures together, or do anything that is "fun."

Their sex life suffers because exhausted people don't even make love meaningfully. They begin to drift apart and eventually find themselves with "irreconcilable differences." It is a tragic pattern I have been observing for the past twenty-

five years.

The issue, then, is not whether a woman should choose a career and be a mother, too. Of course she has that right, and it is nobody's business but hers and her husband's. I would simply plead that you not allow your family to get sucked into that black hole of exhaustion. However you choose to divide the responsibilities of working and family management, reserve some time and energy for yourselves - and for each other. Your children deserve the best that you can give them, too.

Dr. Dobson is the President of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

## Man's fascination with sand leads to career

By CONNIE YEAGER  
Scripps Howard News Service

Todd Vander Pluym, an architect by training, just can't stop building things. But you won't find his constructions scraping city skylines; they're more likely to grace beaches all over the world.

Vander Pluym, president of Sand Sculptors International, has brought his granular obsession indoors this summer to create "The Enchanted Garden" in a Cincinnati mall.

"I was born in a beach city," said the 56-year-old native Californian and self-described cosmic sand gypsy. "As a little kid I went down to the beach and was fascinated with building things."

Even at the age of 6 months, he added, "I'd reach through the bars (of my playpen) and

pull sand through."

Vander Pluym arrived in Cincinnati this month with his preferred medium, 70 tons of sand. Just how much sand is that? He estimates that his supply would fill two 20-by-20-foot garages.

By July 23 he and his helpers - volunteers from the mall patrons who stop to admire his work - will tamp, compress and carve it into a 20-foot-tall work of art.

"Beyond that and you're pushing the structural limits of the material. Sand is basically a very lazy material. If you don't pack it real tight, you find out how gravity works."

"The Enchanted Garden" will be Vander Pluym's fourth sculpture for the mall. This year's sculpture will endure at least through the end of October, when it's scheduled to be dismantled. But the fascina-

tion that the before-their-eyes process generates among mall visitors is slow to ebb.

"People get really attached to it," said mall spokeswoman Susan Abernethy.

For Vander Pluym, the impermanence of his constructions isn't the point. "It's performance art, first and foremost." Anything that remains after he's finished with a project "is like a visual echo."

"Anybody can do this if they have the desire. It's a marvelous art form," said Vander Pluym. "Sand sculpture is very much a people thing."

He's already intrigued several volunteers who keep returning for more. "They get the disease - the sand disease. I put their hands in a bucket of sand and ask, 'Did you get a rush? No? Well, you will.'"

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## Teacher tour brings science education to life

By DIANA NELSON JONES  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. - A Gray Lines bus rolled northeast carrying 40 school teachers, a couple of husbands and a 14-year-old son who wants to be a marine biologist. Maybe some students back home in Pittsburgh will be inspired to become scientists, too; these teachers, on a road trip last week to see whales in the Bay of Maine, are the appointed inspirers.

Not all are science teachers. Many teach bits of science in their roles as jacks-of-all-trades in the elementary classroom. One traveler on this four-day trip is a home economics teacher.

At one time, only visionaries may have seen the sense in sending a seamstress or a language or social studies teacher on a science expedition. Today, education's maxim is to blend subject matter so that links can be made, so that subjects are cross-cultural, in the way of the world outside of school.

A whale could be at the center of a math class, in a discussion of weight and metrics, or at the center of a science class, in experiments with how sunlight helps nurture underwater ecosystems. A 50-ton humpback could be at the center of a reading class, where excerpts of Moby Dick could come alive. A social

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## SLICE OF LIFE

### Scholarships: It's never too late

(NAPS) College costs are at an all-time high, and as a consequence, most families need private sector scholarships and grants. Birchwood Scholarship Services offers the following advice to students and families:

- Deadlines for scholarships vary. Start looking now for available funds that can help you.
- Sources of aid can be located while you are still in high school, some as early as the sophomore year.
- Work outside the system, using books, the Internet, publications, etc.
- Use the system to your advantage by cooperating with guidance counselors and college financial aid offices.
- Involve family and friends in a local search for groups that are offering scholarships.
- Evaluate yourself. Grades aren't all that will be considered, your interests and activities will be important.



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Scholarship applications wanted

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring is seeking applications for the Charlie Gonzales Scholarship. Pick up forms at the Howard College Financial Aid office through Aug. 8.

The scholarship will be awarded and available for the 1997 fall semester at Howard College.

### 1988 classmates sought

Reunion organizers are searching for addresses of Big Spring High School Class of 1988 classmates.

If you have information, please contact: Cheri Wyrick-Reibe; 3901 Belle Mere; Tyler, Texas; 75701.

## THE LAST WORD

What is an intelligent man? A man who enters with ease and completeness into the spirit of things and the intention of persons, and who arrives at an end by the shortest route.

Frederic Amiel

It is a foolish man that hears all he hears.

Austin O'Malley

I believe in getting into hot water. I think it keeps you clean.

G.K. Chesterton

SAND

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A talk with Vander Pluym can take on Zen-like dimensions. He's a true sandbox philosopher.

"Many people have lost the ability to fail," he said. "They're afraid to try new things. Sand sculpture is a great place for a perfectionist to be imperfect. You run out of time; you have to leave. It'll never be all there, you just strive for it."

"I don't believe in goals. I believe in direction."

His total focus, however, is legendary, spurring his employees to remark that "you have to go bonkers to work with Todd," Vander Pluym said, laughing. He works 12- to 15-hour days, seven days a week.

He has competed in sand sculpture championships around the world, winning 188 of the 194 he has entered, including four world championships and seven U.S. Open Championships.

"My entire being has been the zest to build things... not only with sand, but cards, matches."

On a family vacation through the Northwest, he built a swimming hole by damming a stream with rocks, made sand castles out of Mount St. Helens ash and constructed a "house" from fallen trees on the Canadian tundra, causing his wife to ask in exasperation, "I can't take you anywhere that you don't want to build something."

"A lot of things are important besides building, such as being a parent," Vander Pluym stressed. "But beyond my family, my greatest experiences in life have been tangled around my sand sculpture."

One such encounter occurred as he constructed a castle for a beach contest.

It contained an arch that attracted kids to tramp through.

"It was a spontaneous thing," Vander Pluym said. He dug the trench deeper as adults, too, joined in the fun.

"There was a kid in a wheelchair watching. When he was asked if he wanted to do it, he said, 'No, I can't do anything.'"

"It hit me real deep. I said, 'You can if you want to, I'll carry you.'"

"He said, 'No, I'll crawl. I want to start where everyone else started.'"

"He dragged himself through 70 feet. There were 300 or so people there, and when he finished they gave him a standing ovation."

"The next time I built an arch, it was wheelchair accessible."

TOUR

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studies teacher could bring the whole into a lesson on the Wampanoag people, who invited Cape Cod before European settlers arrived, as St. Charles Bates plans to do for 400 students at St. Alphonsus School in Wexford, Pa.

Stephanie Kelly, who has no assured teaching job next fall, can tell future students about the size of whaling boats she saw in a Provincetown museum later that day and compare them to the size of the pump back she saw come up out of the water in a huge splash, not 30 feet from where the food at the boat's railing that morning.

The 3 1/2-hour boat ride began from this seaside village of clapboard and shingled cottages and 3,500-year-round residents who become a micro city group during the tourist ribbon days of summer. On the extension of land that makes Cape Cod an arm flexing its muscles, Provincetown sits on the clenched fist at the top.

This was the first whale watch for all but a few of the teachers, two on the bus are on the educational staff at the Ptsburgh Zoo and have watched whales several times. The zoo has a long-standing relationship with public and parochial school teachers through workshops it holds on wildlife, animal behavior and environmental issues.

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By BETTY DEBNAM



**Record-Setting Presidents**

Can you identify these record-setting presidents? When you find their pictures, write the letter next to their record.

**Size**

• William Howard Taft was the larriest president. He weighed more than 300 pounds.

• Abraham Lincoln was the tallest. He was 6 feet, 4 inches tall.

• James Madison was the smallest. He was 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed 100 pounds.

**Education**

• Woodrow Wilson was the president with the most formal education. He had a doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University.

• Andrew Johnson had the least amount of formal education. He did not attend a single day of school.

**Inaugural speech**

• George Washington gave the shortest inaugural speech. He spoke only 133 words at his second inauguration.

• William Henry Harrison gave the longest inaugural speech, 8,443 words. It was a cold, rainy day, and he did not wear a coat or hat. He got sick and died 30 days later. This meant he held office for the shortest time of any president.

**Children**

• John Tyler had more children than any president. He had 15 from two wives, eight with his first wife and seven with his second.

**Professions**

Over half the presidents were lawyers. 26 out of 42. Here are a few of their other professions:

- tailor, engineer, soldier, teacher, politician, editor, reporter, writer, farmer, postmaster, businessman, actor.

**Age**

• Theodore Roosevelt was the youngest president. He took office at the age of 42 when President McKinley was assassinated.

• John Kennedy was the youngest man to be elected president. He was 43.

• Ronald Reagan was the oldest president. He was 69 when he was elected.

**Longest time in office**

• Franklin Roosevelt was president for the longest time, 12 years. He died three months into his fourth term.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe Presidential Pasta**

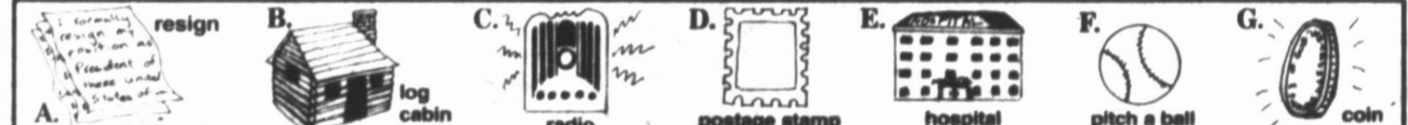
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**PRESIDENTS' TRY 'N FIND JOBS**

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2. Abraham Lincoln was the first to wear a \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Grover Cleveland was the first to be \_\_\_\_\_ in the White House. (1886)  
4. Grover Cleveland was the first to have a \_\_\_\_\_ born in the White House. (1893)  
5. Andrew Jackson was the first to be born in a \_\_\_\_\_ (1767)  
6. Jimmy Carter was the first to be born in a \_\_\_\_\_ (1924)

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**The First President to ...**

Many presidents were the first to do something. Can you figure out what that was? Find the picture and answer in the borders. Write the letter of the answer in the blank space.

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A: Restaurants!

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A: Root beer floats!  
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## Big fourth inning powers Orioles' 3-1 win over Rangers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE — Scott Kamieniecki shook his head and shrugged. Mowing down the Rangers was easier than coming up with a logical explanation for how the Baltimore Orioles went 10-1 against Texas this year.

"I don't know how you beat a team — a good team — 10 of 11. You need some luck," the right-hander said after allowing one run in 6 2-3 innings in the Orioles' 3-1 victory Wednesday.

"Things just went our way. I guess we pitched a little better and hit a lit-

tle better every day," Kamieniecki concluded.

Losing pitcher John Burkett had a different take on the Orioles' dominance, citing Baltimore's 66-38 record compared to the Rangers' 50-56 mark.

"When you're having a good season, those things become predictable," Burkett said. "That's how it goes when you're going good. When you're not, it goes the other way."

Texas has lost 12 of 17 and is 7-14 since the All-Star break. The Rangers didn't get a hit after the second inning.

Baltimore has won five straight and

eight of nine. Six of those wins came against the Rangers — three last week and three this week. The Orioles' reign over Texas was even more impressive because the Rangers won the series 10-3 last year.

"What comes around goes around. Call it a payback," Baltimore manager Davey Johnson said. "Last year, our trademark was that we couldn't beat good clubs like New York or Texas. We did a good job during the offseason of putting together a team that could beat those good clubs."

Kamieniecki wasn't an Oriole last year. Neither was Geronimo Berroa,

who drove in two runs, nor Jeff Reboulet, who went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI as a replacement for injured All-Star second baseman Roberto Alomar.

"They've got good starting pitching and what I think is the best bullpen in the league, plus they have a lot of professional hitters and guys who can take you deep," Burkett said.

"They don't have a lot of speed, but they have enough when they need it," he added.

Despite losing Alomar, who was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a pulled groin,

the Orioles didn't miss a beat.

Reboulet made several fine defensive plays and drove in an insurance run with a seventh-inning double.

"He's no slouch," Johnson said. "I know he's wanted to play more, and this is a good opportunity for him."

Kamieniecki (7-5) allowed one run, three hits and four walks in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander was 0-2 in five starts since June 22.

Jesse Orosco retired all three batters he faced, Armando Benitez got one out and Randy Myers worked the ninth, completing the three-hitter for his 30th save.

## Duty to ground Cowboys rookie

### Hard-working Morgan must meet his two-year obligation to Air Force

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Jason Garrett thought he was seeing double.

The backup quarterback spotted former Air Force quarterback Beau Morgan — a wiry, undrafted rookie free agent with braces — throwing passes during one of the Dallas Cowboys' spring workouts.

The next minute, Morgan was doing drills with the running backs, and after that he was running pass routes with the receivers.

Garrett nearly lost it when, a little later, he saw Morgan lining up as a defensive back, covering receivers.

"I was saying to myself, 'This is unbelievable.' And he wasn't even signed yet. But that's the guy he is," Garrett said. "He tries everything and does everything real hard. He's a guy you love to have around."

The Cowboys would love to have Morgan around. But Morgan's first preseason game against the Oakland Raiders Sunday night at Texas Stadium, just a short distance from where he grew up in Addison, will also be his last.

At least for now.

On Monday, Morgan will pack up his Honda Accord and make the 12-hour drive to Colorado Springs, Colo., to begin fulfilling a two-year postgraduate commitment to the Air Force.

The normal obligation is five years. But Morgan has petitioned for release after two with an increased amount of reserve duty, which he could fulfill during NFL off-seasons.

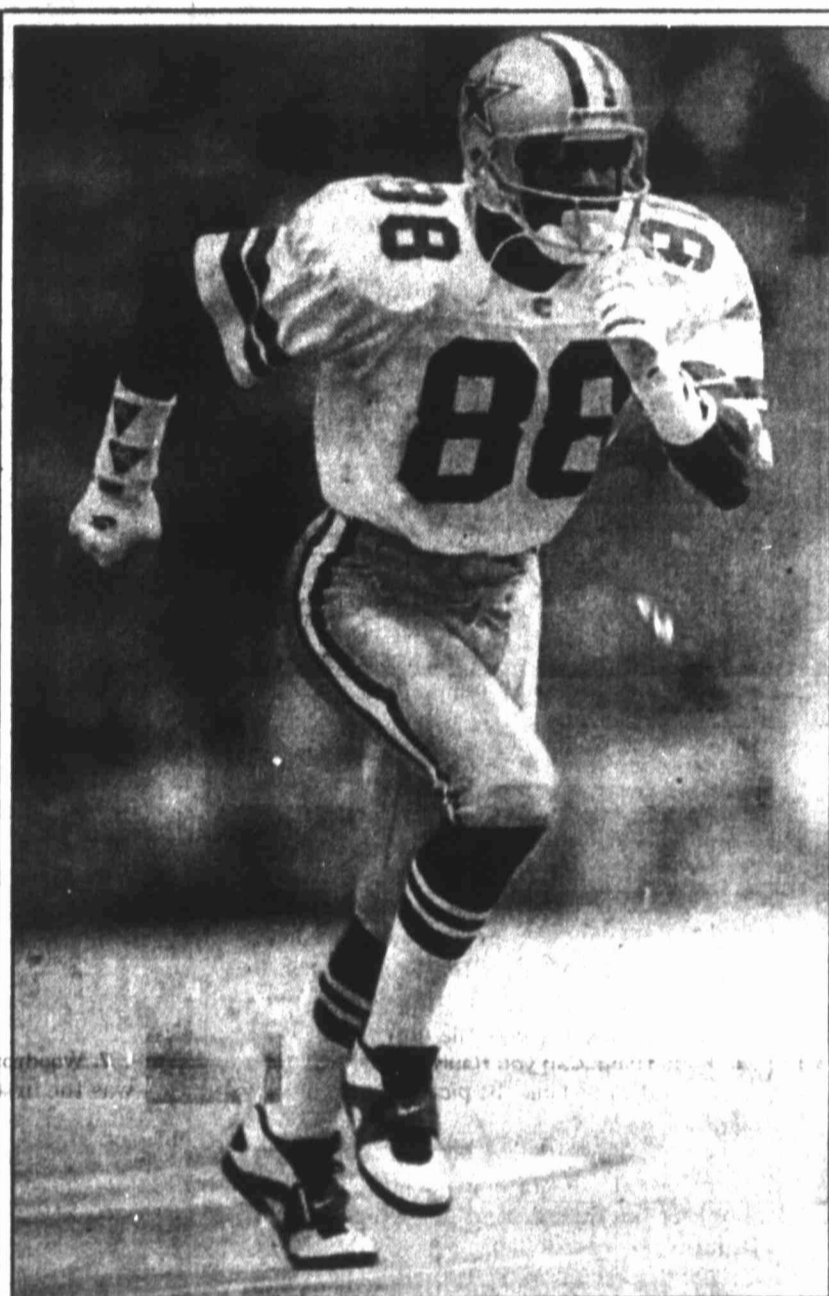
Dallas coaches like Morgan's unrelenting work ethic. He knows the playbook from attending all three of the Cowboys' minicamps, even without a contract, and he can play quarterback, running back, receiver and defensive back.

"To make an impression on the coaches you have to go after it every play," says Morgan, who has been mostly at running back in the camp.

Morgan, 5-foot-10 and 192 pounds, makes up for his smallish size with quickness and determination, hitting holes at full speed in drills in which others loaf and then racing back to the huddle after a play is whistled dead.

"Beau works as hard as anyone out here," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "Hopefully, he'll come back and play for us in a couple years. He's just a good kid who is a tremendous competitor and incredibly smart."

Running backs coach Joe Brodsky insists



AP Laserphoto

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Michael Irvin is quietly working harder than ever during the Cowboys' training camp in Austin.

### Irvin's quietly going to work

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Michael Irvin, the Cowboys' normally flamboyant receiver, has spent training camp working harder than ever — but quietly.

Gone are the taunting comments to cornerbacks and the dances and dramatic spikes after making a big play in drills. Instead, Irvin is just going about his business and the victims this week were the Oakland Raiders.

Numerous times, Irvin torched Oakland cornerbacks.

On Wednesday, Irvin brought the fans at St. Edward's University to a deafening roar by soaring past former teammate Larry Brown and catching a deep post pattern for what would have been a touchdown.

On Tuesday, the fans cheered as he beat Oakland's Perry Carter on another deep route, this time adjusting his body at an acute angle to haul it in over his shoulder.

Irvin said before camp that he wanted to be traded because he was tired of the turmoil in Dallas involving his personal life after being suspended last year for violating the NFL's substance abuse

policy and then being the target of a murder-for-hire plot by a Dallas police officer now serving time in jail.

Morgan isn't just a training camp novelty. He points to the fact that Morgan set an NCAA Division I record for rushing yards by a quarterback last year as the focal point of Air Force's option attack with 225 attempts for 1,498 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Brodsky has some ideas for Morgan when he comes back.

"We can use him as a quarterback in the option game. We can use him at running back and as a slot receiver," Brodsky said. "He's going to be very good in the future. He's everything we thought he was going to be."

Dallas defensive tackle Chad Hennings, also

an Air Force graduate, isn't surprised by Morgan's performance thus far.

"It's standard," Hennings said. "Most of the Air Force Academy athletes are overachievers, guys who weren't necessarily good enough to go to some of the bigger programs but good enough to play Division I."

Hennings, who had to serve a four-year postgraduate commitment because he was a pilot, has given Morgan tips on how to prepare for the NFL.

"Chad's gone out of his way to help me and to tell me how important it is to serve my commitment to the Air Force," Morgan said.

## Hill wins Angels debut; Mariners in serious need of help for relief staff

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Anaheim Angels got the starter they wanted this week, and he's already won a game for them.

By midnight tonight, the Seattle Mariners will know whether they've gotten the reliever they need.

Ken Hill, traded from Texas to the Angels a day earlier, pitched Anaheim to a four-game sweep at Jacobs Field, beating the Cleveland Indians 5-2 Wednesday night.

Hill (6-8) helped the surging Angels move with-

in one-half game of AL West-leading Seattle.

"It's a good feeling to come to a team with a chance to win," Hill said. "I was excited out there."

The Mariners, meanwhile, again fell victim to their main weakness. Ahead by five runs entering the eighth inning, the bullpen collapsed and Seattle lost 8-7 at Boston in 10 innings.

"If we don't pitch better, it's going to cost us," said Norm Charlton, who picked up his eighth blown save, the Mariners' 15th of the season.

Baseball's trading deadline is midnight, and the Mariners are searching for relief help.

Roberto Hernandez of the Chicago White Sox, Ricky Bottalico of Philadelphia and Mike Timlin of Toronto are among the pitchers they have considered.

In other American League games, Minnesota defeated Kansas City 11-1, New York downed Oakland 7-0, Baltimore beat Texas 3-1 and Chicago topped Detroit 3-2.

In the National League, it was New York 5, San Francisco 2; Atlanta 6, Chicago 5; Houston 7, St. Louis 4; Florida 6, Cincinnati 0; and Colorado 12, Montreal 6.

Hill survived a shaky start. The Indians got six

walks, three singles, a double, a home run and three stolen bases in the first four innings — but just two runs. He left after 6 1-3 innings with a 4-2 lead.

"I felt the jitters," he said. "Coming over here, you want to help the club. I was rushing things. Then I settled down."

Jim Edmonds and Todd Greene homered as the Angels completed their first sweep at Cleveland since 1988. Anaheim improved to 16-5 since the All-Star break, while the AL Central-leading Indians went just 4-10 on their longest homestand since 1986.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

### BSHS season ticket sales scheduled

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games are scheduled to begin Aug. 4 and continue through Aug. 15 for those who held season tickets last year.

The tickets are priced at \$20 per book for the five-game package. Ticket window hours are from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Fridays.

Any tickets not purchased by current season ticket holders will be made available to the general public Aug. 18-29.

### CGA scholarship applications being taken

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring has announced that applications for the Charlie Gonzales Scholarship can be picked up in the Howard College Financial Aid Office from July 23 through Aug. 8.

CGA officials said the scholarship will be awarded and be available for the 1997 fall semester at Howard College.

Office hours at the college's financial aid office are from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

### Hunting permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Applications will be accepted by mail only. The number of permits issued will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District by calling 267-6341 or writing to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

For the 1997 season, only archery hunting will be allowed during both the archery and gun season on the Talpa WMA.

Both shotgun and archery hunting will be permitted on the Riverside WMA, but only during the gun season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 4.

## FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for July 31:

**CENTRAL**  
BROWNWOOD: Water stained to clear; normal level; 75 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged lizards and worms in plum colors; hybrid strippers are fair on live bait; catfish are good on night crawlers and shrimps.

**SOUTH**  
AMSTAD: Water clear; lake level 332 meters; 83 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are good on crank baits, Carolina-rigged worms and on some topwaters; striped bass are good on topwaters and live bait fished in the river; catfish are good on trotlines baited with cut bait, cheesebait and live perch fished up the Devil's River.

**WEST**  
ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on small spinners, and Texas-rigged worms fished in 12 to 20 feet of water; white bass are fair on the bait and spoons; catfish are fair good on red and reels baited with cheese bait and cut bait.

**KEMP:** Water fairly clear; normal level; 79 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms and Rat-L-Trap; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut perch.

**O.H.IVIE:** Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; black bass up to 7 pounds are fair on Carolina-rigged worms and deep-diving crank baits fished on secondary points and on main lake ridges white bass are good on Charlie Slabs and small crank baits; crappie are fair to good on shiners and small spinners fished in 30 feet of water; catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait and live perch fished in 20 feet of water.

**MEREDITH:** Water clear; 78 degrees; black bass are slow; smallmouth are fair on white with green spinners and Carolina-rigged worms fished in deep water; crappie are fair on live shiners fished on main lake brush in 20 to 35 feet of water; catfish are good on night crawlers.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 1 foot low; 79 degrees; black bass up to 6 pounds are slow to fair on Carolina and Texas-rigged worms fished in 12 to 25 feet of water; striped bass are fair on live bait fished on the main lake and up the river with some action under the birds; crappie are very slow; channel catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut and live bait; yellow catfish are fair to good on jugs and trotlines baited with live perch.

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Weening Paint Colts-2 yr. old Quarterhorse Gelding-Mares in foal to Black Stallion. Call Diamond KA 263-4281 or 263-1324.

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FREE puppies. Ready to be given away today. Please call 399-4395 after 6p.

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**GARAGE SALES**  
1006 Birdwell Fri-Sat. 8:00-12:00. Clothing, antique radio, craft items, misc.

1009 E. 4th - Fri, Sat & Sun. Furn, clothes, tools, tires, Christmas tree & books.

1209 JOHNSON: Sat. 9:00-2:00. Sleeper sofa, loveseat, dinette, twin mattresses/box springs, gas logs, women's clothing.

1302 Tucson: Fri-Sat-Sun. Pop up camper, computer, bicycle, clothes.

2700 E. 24th St: Fri-Sat. 8-12. Childrens clothing, baby items, toys, linens, household goods. New stuff on Sat.

700-702 LORILLA: Fri-Sat. 8am-? Free coffee, misc., clothing, exercise equip., tools.

709 ANDREE behind Skateland: Sat. 7-5. kitchen range, Southwest, ladies clothes, much more.

912 E. 12th: Sat 8-? Rfrgr. air units, baby items, girls clothes, refrg. & lots of misc.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALE:** Couches, chairs, TVs, dishes, silverware, anything to set up for college. 2210 Main. Fri-Sat. 9:00-5:00.

**BACKYARD SALE:** 609 E. 18th. Fri-Sat. 9-2. 4 Family: Furniture, all sizes clothes, household items, collectables.

**BIG SALE:** Waterbed, dryer, lace fabric, clothes, & misc. Sat. 8:00-2:00. 207 E. 3rd across from Settles.

**ESTATE SALE:** Household and yard things, Old Trunks, Large antique Safe, One-owner 1980 Cadillac Coupe, low miles and red. 1407 East 19th. Fri & Sat. 8:00-5:00.

Fri. & Sat. 7am-3pm. 422 Dallas. Infant - size 7, ladies clothes, plumbing tools & supplies, lots misc. Dearborne heater.

KENTWOOD: Fri & Sat. 8-7 Washer, Dryer, Bed, Tv, 3 Pc. Wicker Set, Computer Desk, End Tables, Brass Items, Decorative Pcs., Pictures, Golf Bag & Shoes, China. Corner Of 25th & Baylor, 2729 E. 25th.

GARAGE SALES

**GARAGE SALE:** 6013 Midway Rd. Fri. 8-3, Sat. 8-12. Gas dryer, desk, dishes, lots more. Cash Only!

**YARD SALE:** 1210 Pennsylvania. Fri. 5pm. Sat., 8:30am. Bikes, lawnmower, bedding, dishes, clothes, jewelry, crafts, etc.

**YARD SALE:** Salem Exit - Jalisco Rd. Follow signs. 7am-2pm. Friday & Saturday.

**YARD SALE:** Sat. 9-5. Sunday 1-5. Cars, 110 welder, console TV, lots of misc. Go to 4400 block of Wasson Rd & follow signs.

**1805 Wren Sat. only** 8-? Clothing, treadmill, mattress & lots of misc.

**2007 Hunnels, Sat** 8-? 3 Family to much to list.

**2612 Crestline Sat** only 9-12. Games, Ski suits & lots of misc.

**3-Family Yard. Sale.** 805, 806-807, Timothy Lane. Sat. 7a-2p. Too much to list.

**3208 Drexel Sat.** only 8-? Back to school clothes & supplies, short suits, dresses, pants, sweaters, shoes, boots & tennis shoes. Clothing for adults & misc.

**3710 Connally Thurs. & Fri** 9-6 exercise equipment, electronics, clothes, clothes & more clothes, books (must see).

**4 Family Garage & Estate Sale** N. Moss Lake Rd. Fri & Sat 7-4. Lots of everything.

**612 Colgate Fri. 7-7** bikes, dishwasher, clothing & lots of misc.

**800 Scott Sat 8-11** Little Tyke Workshop, picnic table, clothes, toys & misc.

**805 Todd (Tubbs) Sat** 8-2 baby furn, boy & girls clothing (Nike & Guess) ceiling fans & misc.

**GARAGE SALE:** 4205 Parkway. Sat. 8:00-12:00. Clothes, shoes, toys, etc.

**GARAGE SALE Aug. 1 & 2.** 123 Hooser Rd. Sand Springs Area, 8th house on left.

**3603 Connally Fri.** 8-12. Good school boys 4-8 Girls 3-5, Jrs. 3-9. Decor & lots of misc.

**BACKYARD PATIO SALE:** 1304 Nolan. Friday & Saturday. 8am-4pm. Screen doors, heaters, stove, clothes, lawn chairs, lots of misc.

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PRODUCE

**BENNIE'S GARDEN** Now has Tomatoes, Squash, Onions, Pepper, Cucumbers, Egg Plant, Shelled Pecans & Honey. 267-8090.

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28 acres near town (N) on Oil Mill Road. \$28,000. Boosie Weaver Real Estate 263-3093.

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**HOUSES FOR SALE**

**CAMPESTRE ESTATES NEAR COUNTRY CLUB**  
7.4 Acres Beautiful view from Lrg. covered patio in this brick 3 bd / 2 bh., w/ firepl., CHA. Plenty of storage 2 car garage. For sale by owner. 267-4003 or 263-8690.

**2604 CARLETON, 3 bd,** 2 bath w/Carport. \$25,000 total, \$3,000 down. Boosie Weaver Real Estate 263-3093.

**809 EAST 14th**  
2 bedroom, dining room, fenced, attached garage, central H/A. \$300 dn., \$195/mo. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5964

Very Nice 3 bdr/2 bath home in College Park. Possible Owner Finance. Call Shirley Burgess 263-8729 or Home Real Estate 263-1284.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER**  
\$199,000  
"U" SHAPED PATIO HOME. 3 BDRM, 2 BTH, LRG LR, DR 18 X 10 STORAGE ROOM OFF GARAGE AND 8X12 STORAGE BUILDING IN BACK. INCLUDES LOT ACROSS STREET TO PROTECT BEAUTIFUL VIEW. 1ST TIME ON MARKET. 9 HIGHLAND HEATHER 267-3268.

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**3 Houses for lease,** purchase. Rent out 2, 1 in 1. Call 458-3533.

**2bd house for sale.** Close to schools, payments less than rent. Call 267-4677 for details.

**Priced Reduced!** Beautiful home in Edwards Heights. 3 bd., 2 bh. Call Shirley, 263-8729 or Home Real Estate 263-1284.

**FOR SALE OR LEASE:** 2716 Central Drive. 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 car garage, central heat/air, \$67,500. Call Harry for Showing 915-520-9848.

**1406 E. 14th**  
3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carpet & auto heat. \$300 dn, \$235/Mo. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5964.

**4 Bedroom, 3 Bath,** home in the country. With 3 acres. Pipe fence around it. call 263-3765 or (915)573-0819.

**FOR SALE BY OWNER:** 4/bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2car garage, 2/living areas, laundry room, patio, cinderblock fence on large corner lot in Highland South. 263-1246/263-1126.

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\$244.00 per month 4/2 w/snack bar, A/C, Skirting, Delivery and set-up Call Kim Leabo A-1 Homes of San Angelo 1-800-626-9978 or 915-653-1132 9.75% VAR/APR 360 months \$1500.00 Down

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Commercial Properties for sale or lease. Owner will remodel to suit tenant. Terms are negotiable. 4th & Benton. Large building for office or retail, attached garage. Snyder Hwy. 40x60 shop separate office, 5 acre yard. 263-6021 week days or 267-8696 weekends.

Lease or sale 3 commercial buildings. 1001 W 4th, 1501 W 4th, 405 Alfred. 263-2382.

**FOR LEASE,** shop building with office, 2 acres, fenced yard. 120 & Sand Springs. \$350/month, \$250/deposit. Call 263-5000 for more information.

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**FURNISHED HOUSES**  
2 bdrm mobile home. Clean, furnished, water paid. No pets, \$325/mth plus deposit. Call 268-9547.

**HOUSING WANTED**  
We are wanting to rent a home in the Coahoma School district, 3 bedroom, fenced yard. Call 394-4641.

**UNFURNISHED HOUSES**  
1611 State: 3 bd, 2 bh.; 1801 Wallace: 3 bd, 1 bath. To see call 264-0430 6a-2p ask for Sheliaor 684-7061 after 5:00pm.

Available now! 3 bdrm 1bath, fenced yard & covered. RENTED \$206/mo. Call 267-5646.

Good Location. Neat, clean 1 bdrm house. Stove, refrg. & privacy fence. Water paid. \$250/mth \$150 dep. References required. Call 263-3689.

2003 Johnson 3bdr, fenced yard, with storage building. CHA, clean. 263-3350

1104 Nolan (rear) 2 bdrm 1 bath. Please call 267-3841 or 556-4022 After 6p 263-7536 No pets!

2 bd house. 309 W 5th. Call 264-6931 leave message.

3 bdr/2bth, partly furn. \$300/mo + dep. Call 214-948-7637.

Small 2 bedroom with appliances. Fenced back. \$300 month \$150 deposit 267-5556

2 bd house. stove, refrig. & fenced yard. \$275 mth \$125 dep. 3305 Maple. 267-6667

**SMALL 2 BEDROOM,** 1 bath house. Refrigerated air central heat, single or couple. No Pets. \$300/mo. \$100/dep. Call 267-9822.

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**SELL/RENT:** 3 bd, 1 bath; 2 bd.; 1 bd. Ref. required. 267-3905.

**Cooks Helper / Salad Maker** Apply Tues.-Fri. 8-5. In person only. No phone calls. Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

**YARD SALE. Sat. 8-3.** 501 Bell. Barbie Stuff, Jeans, Clothes, rugs., toys, lots misc.

**GARAGE SALE - 1808 Morrison.** Sat. 8-1. School clothes, camping stools, Wranglers, toys, glassware, lots of misc.

Children kept a safe distance from family of party animals

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister calls me a "party pooper" because I seldom attend our family's social gatherings, of which there are many. If a fly dies, they throw a party.

My family think of themselves as "fun people," but the truth is, they'll use any excuse to drink. This is their choice, but it's not mine.

I don't enjoy Mom and Dad's slurred attempts at conversation during these get-togethers. Nor do I like watching Aunt Millie trip over herself on the dance floor.

Uncle Jim telling off-color jokes or his wife laughing like a hyena.

It was bad enough when I had to observe this behavior when I was growing up, but I have drawn the line at having my children witness this disgraceful conduct.

Am I wrong in trying to protect my children from these scenes? — EMBARRASSED IN OKLAHOMA

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** No. Not only are you protecting your children, you are also sparing your relatives from embarrassing themselves in front of the children, with whom they may wish to have a relationship in the future. Should any of them sober up someday, they may thank you.

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter written by "Been There in Florida," the mother who was concerned that her son might inherit his father's abusiveness, was right on the money. I am a mother who stayed in an abusive marriage "for the sake of the children."

Finally, after 23 years, I left that marriage when I realized that my life was at stake. I left when the children went off to college, and I started over with no financial help from my husband. I was still too emotionally involved to see the damage it had done to the children.

I now realize staying in the abusive marriage did not benefit my children. My son has spent time in prison for his aggressive behavior toward his girlfriend and now must attend anger management counseling for three years. My son and former husband are master manipulators. Both father and son can be charming, and then on a moment's notice and without any provocation turn into angry, aggressive, abusive monsters.

My daughter is afraid she will marry someone like her father. She has no faith in her ability to judge people; she doesn't stand up for herself and tends to minimize abusive behavior. She will do anything to keep the peace. Her low self-esteem is due to the abuse she received from her father and brother while she was growing up.

Living in an abusive marriage is also very lonely. My definition of loneliness is being in the company of someone, yet feeling entirely alone because no intimacy exists.

I have now built a new life, and although it is filled with

peace, tranquility, honesty and happiness, I'm sad to say it is without my son and the financial advantages I once had. We make our own quality of life when we leave an abusive situation. Perhaps it's not as comfortable financially, but it's far more gratifying, and definitely more peaceful. —L.P. IN WRIGHTWOOD, CALIF.

**DEAR L.P.:** Congratulations on having built a new life. Children benefit from living in an emotionally nourishing environment. It's easy to say that children need a two-parent household in order to become healthy adults; however, evidence has shown that children raised in an environment of tension, conflict and abuse often repeat these behaviors in adulthood, or become withdrawn and depressed and take on the role of victim.

**DEAR ABBY:** You printed a letter from a woman asking questions about her grandchild traveling unattended on an airplane to visit her.

You might be interested to know that the American Automobile Association has prepared a brochure addressing this situation. It's titled "Flying Alone: Handy Advice for Kids Traveling Solo." Parents interested in obtaining a free copy of the informative brochure should send a long, business-sized (No. 10), self-addressed, stamped envelope to: AAA, Flying Alone — MS75, 1000 AAA Drive, Heathrow, Fla. 32746. — JERRY CHESKE, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC RELATIONS, AAA NATIONAL OFFICE, HEATHROW, FLA.

**DEAR MR. CHESKE:** I think the little booklet is a dandy for any parent who is contemplating sending an unaccompanied child anywhere by air. It gives helpful tips about what to expect at the airport, lists the various age restrictions for unaccompanied minors, and offers suggestions concerning what to say and do prior to the child boarding the plane. Thanks for letting my readers know it's available. And the price is right — it's free!

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 30 and engaged to a 28-year-old woman I'll call Sharon. Her best friend, "Janie," asks very personal questions, like "How often do you two have sex?"

Sharon will lie to her and reply "Twice a month." I'm not there when Janie asks these questions, but I hear about it afterward from Sharon. I resent the questions and prefer that Sharon ignore her and pretend she didn't hear the question.

Sharon reasons that if she tells her friend a lie and the woman knows it's a lie, it will keep her guessing. I feel it is none of her business and doesn't deserve a response. How do you think this should be handled? — BOB IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

**DEAR BOB:** Ask Sharon, "What's wrong with telling your friend that you do not care to respond to such personal questions?"

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THURSDAY

JULY 31

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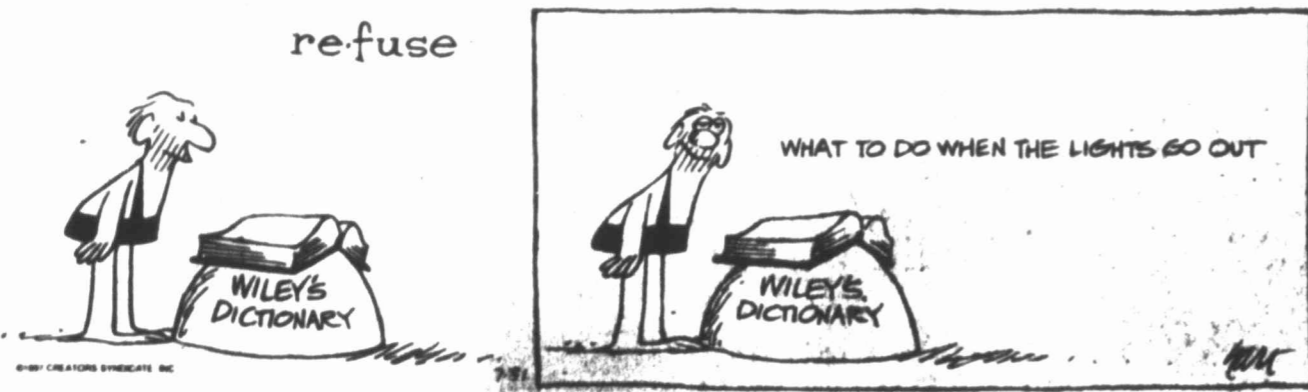
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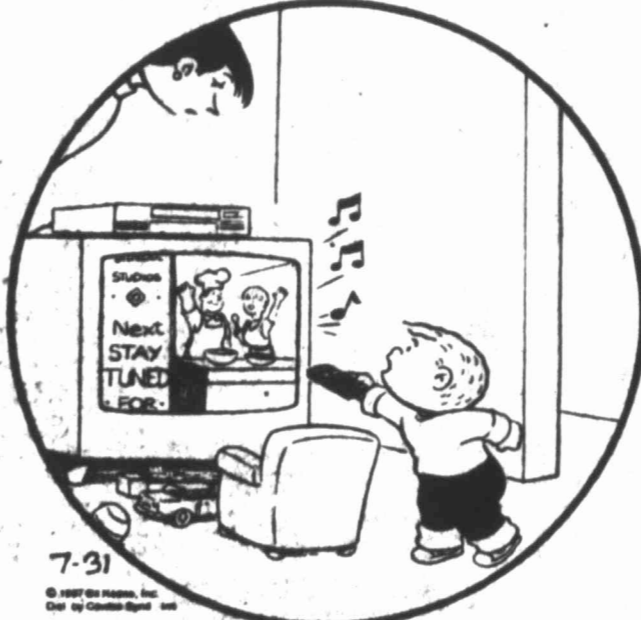
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"I turned the TV off while I went to the bathroom, but the show didn't stop and wait!"

"WE'RE IN DESPERATE NEED OF SOME REALLY COOL SHOES."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, July 31, the 212th day of 1997. There are 153 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army.

On this date: In 1556, St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit order of Catholic

priests and brothers, died in Rome.

In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter Station, Tenn., at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was adopted.

In 1948, President Truman helped dedicate New York International Airport (later John F. Kennedy International Airport) at Idlewild Field.

In 1953, Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, known as "Mr. Republican," died in New York at age 63.

In 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 transmitted pictures of the moon's surface.

In 1972, Democratic vice-presidential candidate Thomas Eagleton withdrew from the ticket with George McGovern following disclosures Eagleton had once undergone psychiatric treatment.

In 1989, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon released a grisly videotape purportedly showing the hanged body of American hostage William R. Higgins.

In 1995, the Walt Disney Company agreed to acquire Capital Cities-ABC Inc. in a \$19 billion deal.

Ten years ago: Iranian pilgrims and riot police clashed in the Muslim holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government blamed Iranians for the resulting 400 deaths.

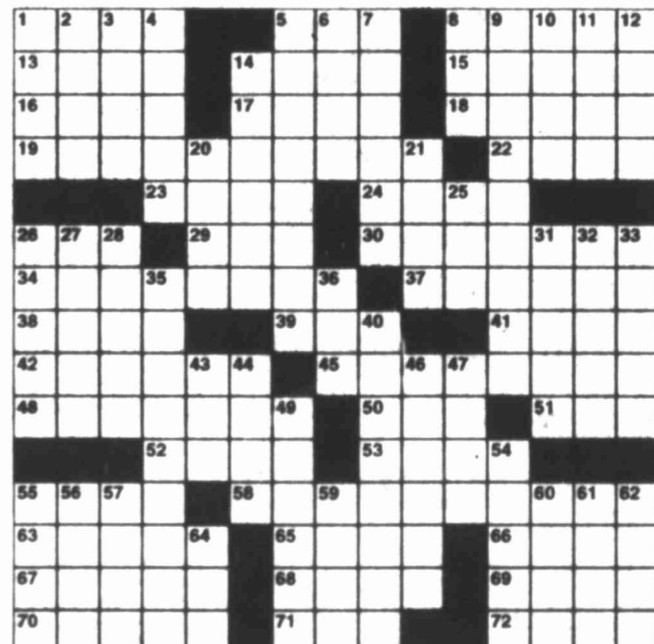
Five years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on a problem-plagued scientific mission. Summer Sanders became the first American athlete to win four medals at the Barcelona Olympics as she won the gold in the women's 200-meter butterfly.

One year ago: After President Clinton's announcement that he would sign it, 98 Democrats joined the House's Republican majority to pass a historic welfare overhaul bill. The White House won agreement with key Republican lawmakers on a package of anti-terrorism measures.

Today's Birthdays: Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman is 85. Sportscaster Curt Gowdy is 78. Actor Don Murray is 68. Actress France Nuyen is 58. Actress Susan Flannery is 54. Singer Lobo is 54. Actress Geraldine Chaplin is 53. Movie studio executive Sherry Lansing is 53. Massachusetts Gov. William Weld is 52. Singer Gary Lewis is 51. Rock singer Bob Welch (formerly of Fleetwood Mac) is 51. Tennis player Evonne Goolagong Cawley is 46. Actor Michael Biehn is 41. Rock singer-musician Daniel Ash (Love and Rockets) is 40. Rock musician Bill Berry (R.E.M.) is 36. Actor Wesley Snipes is 35. Actor Dean Cain is 31. Actor Robert Telfer ("Saved by the Bell") is 20.

THE Daily Crossword

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by Alan Olschwang

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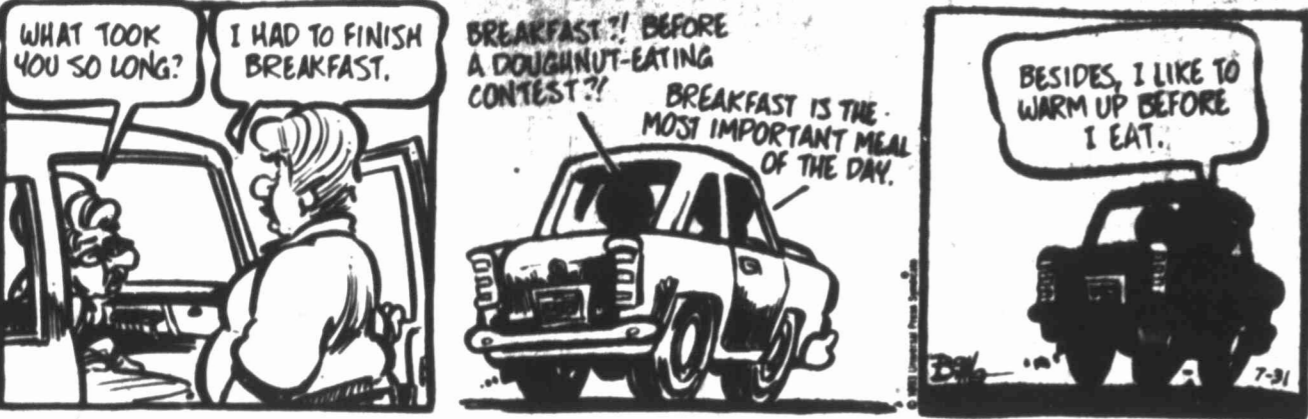


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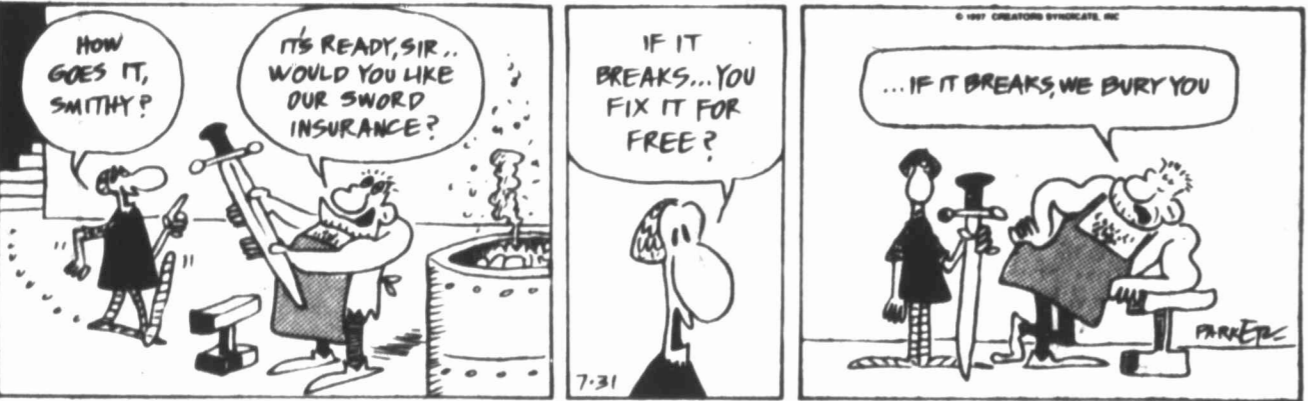
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