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Bogard: Spur repairs necessary

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Board of Directors For Moore Development For Big Spring recently met to discuss the railroad spur that runs through McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and decided that Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard was correct in her assessment that work needs to be done to the 1.33 miles of track.

According to Moore Executive Director Danette Toone, Moore has also visited with several of the industries along the spur to discuss the situation.

"Over time, some of the rail ties have gone bad causing spikes not to work," Toone said.

"The track is in need of maintenance and we're doing what we can," Bogard said. "The line is good if we can just get it updated. If the spur goes down, so will some of the businesses along it."

According to Bogard, the tracks that run through the airpark have not had a major overhaul in more than 20 years.

It is imperative that we have this work done because it is important to the city's, according to Moore's board of directors.

According to Bogard, 25 percent or 1,500 of the rail ties along the spur are estimated to be in need of repair and of those, approximately 700 of those are visible.

Having the spur in good condition is also an economic development concern because future prospects for Big Spring may need the service the spur offers.

"The options weighed concerning the needed repairs, which would bring the spur back up to standard included: 1) replacing the current 90 lb rail with a 120 lb rail at a cost of approximately \$500,000; 2) replacing 700 ties and doing some ballast work at a cost of \$70,000; or 3) replace 1,500 ties at a cost of \$112,000, which is what we were asking Moore Development to consider," Bogard said.

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GETTING A NEW COAT (OF PAINT)



Brian Doll paints the hard-to-reach places on the historic G. L. "Bud" Brown house on Aylesford Street. HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Taco Villa sold to original owner

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The lights are out and the doors are locked at Big Spring's Taco Villa store — but not for long — as the store undergoes some renovations following its sale by owner Don Williams of Lubbock back to the company's founder, Bobby Cox.

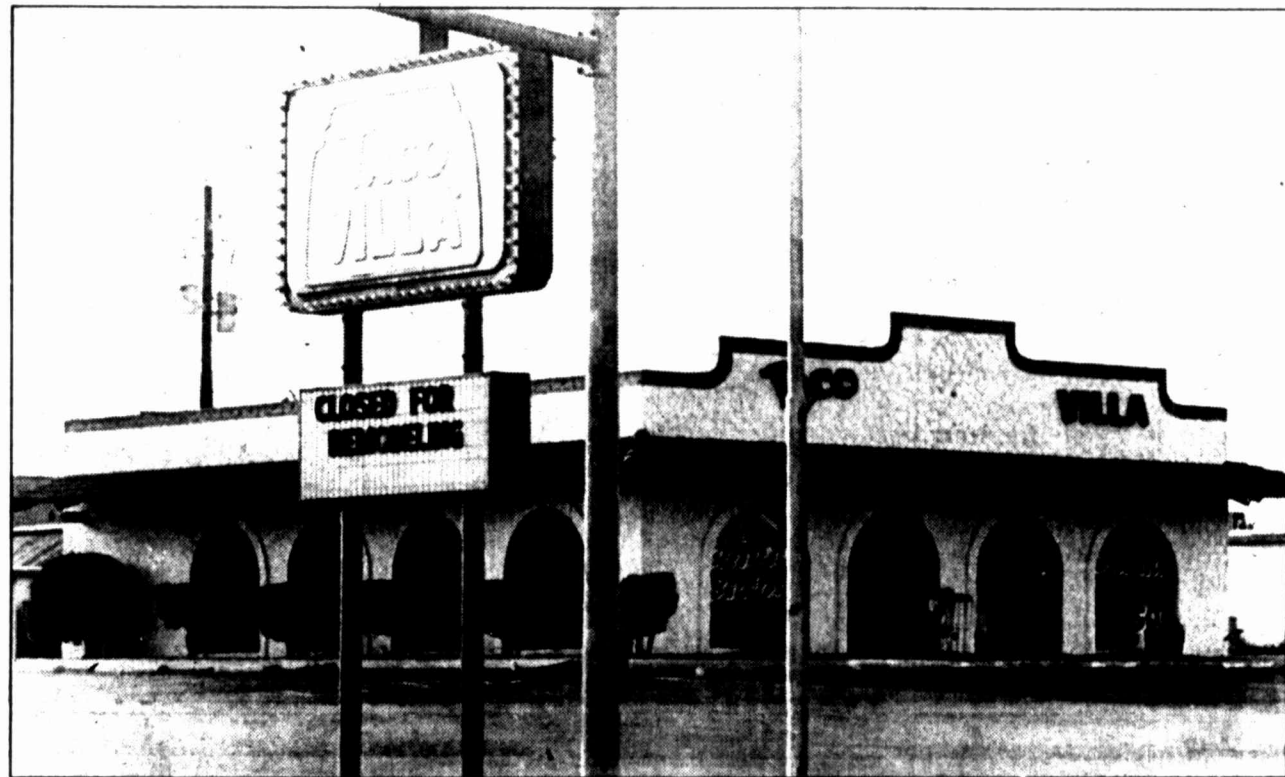
The Big Spring store closed at the end of business Thursday for renovations and could reopen within 15 to 30 days, according to Craig VanAnburgh of Odessa-based CVA Advertising.

"The renovations are to help the Big Spring Taco Villa fall in line with the newer prototype stores in Odessa," VanAnburgh said. "The store will have a southwest adobe type look."

"People will also be able to see recipes fall back in line with the original Taco Villa recipes that were used when Mr. Cox started the company in 1968," VanAnburgh added.

Cox, who owns Bobby Cox Companies — which owns franchises of Blockbuster Video, Rosa's Cafe, Jenny Craig weight loss centers — sold Taco Villa in 1985 to W.R. Grace Company and eventually all of the Taco Villa stores were closed or turned into Taco Bell locations, with the exception of stores in Big Spring, Lamesa and Lubbock, which were sold to Williams.

According to VanAnburgh,



Taco Villa, located at the intersection of Gregg and 15th streets, recently was sold by Don Williams of Lubbock to the store's founder, Bobby Cox. The restaurant is closed temporarily for renovations, a company spokesman said today.

the Big Spring Taco Villa is not expected to undergo a name change, but will be grouped with Cox's stores in Midland and Odessa.

"Mr. Cox repurchased the Taco Villa name from Creative Food and Fun in 1994," VanAnburgh added. "Mr. Cox started in fast food, which is his first love and it made sense to repurchase the Taco Villa name when the

opportunity presented itself."

At its peak, Taco Villa had stores as far west as Albuquerque, N.M., and as far south as Austin.

Including the repurchase of the Big Spring store, Bobby Cox Companies currently owns stores in Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, Hobbs, N.M. and has franchisees in Lubbock.

Cox's Blockbuster Video holdings are widespread, reaching

Missouri and Arkansas as well as Waco and Killeen.

Rosa's Cafe has locations in San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo, Midland and Odessa and soon in El Paso.

Cox is also a minority owner in Jenny Craig stores in Midland, Lubbock and Tucson, Ariz.

Employees also will undergo some retraining, a company spokesman said.

Chief takes issue with PFFA over ambulance

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Recent allegations by the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association have Chief Frank Anderson concerned that the wrong image of the department is being sent out.

According to Anderson, the fact that PFFA members Paul Brown and Mitch Gill relayed their thoughts and complaints to the media is in violation of the department's directives pertaining to releasing information to the media before going through proper channels.

"The Professional Fire Fighters Association is not recognized as a union by the city administration," Anderson said. "It does tremendous damage to the department when people go

outside of the chain of commands to do something like this."

According to Anderson, City Manager Gary Fuqua has received several calls concerning the comments made by the PFFA in recent articles.

Referring to the PFFA not being involved with budget talks, Anderson said, "I run an open department and delegate a great deal of responsibility to my deputy chiefs and they work on the budget as of they were in charge. They go to our personnel and see what we need in the department."

Anderson said he doesn't know what people are sore about because the ambulance service is a solid service. The only issues at hand are how to make it more efficient and how to dissolve some of the red ink.

"In any operation, there has to be adjustments and I have to have the latitude to make those adjustments so that we're operating efficiently," Anderson said.

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ANDERSON

Abortion foe makes point along local loop

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Displaying a large sign with graphic pictures of aborted fetuses, a man proclaiming himself as a representative of God's word stood at the southeast median along Gregg Street and FM 700 Thursday afternoon declaring his stand against abortion.

The man would not give his name, saying he was not in Big Spring to represent himself, but rather the word of God.

"I'm here because I'm born again and I'm here in God's name and not here representing myself," the man said.

Wearing a white vest that read "Abortion is murder," the man displayed the large sign that also caught the attention of the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring Police Department

(BSPD).

According to Community Services Director Todd Darden, neither the city or the BSPD were interested in stopping the man from protesting abortion, but officials were concerned that the sign was big enough to block the view of some motorists.

The sign, which read: "Abortion - Do You Care," had several graphic pictures as well as several different bits of written information about abortion, drew dozens of honks and thumbs up from passing motorists as well as some angry protests from other motorists who agreed with his rights, but objected to the graphic material which they said children could see.

According to the man, the

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TEA's ranking of Texas schools due out today

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's report card on public schools doesn't go to parents first.

The Texas Education Agency gave school districts first peek at their individual rankings, which are based on student test scores and dropout rates. School districts may release them to the public if they wish.

Taxpayers and most state leaders didn't get a look at the statewide numbers until Friday, a day after school districts had access to their own figures and at least two days after the rankings were completed.

"The accountability ratings have become such a high-profile issue, we try to give the school districts a day to look at their own scores so they can inform their principals and their school board members before the numbers become public," TEA spokeswoman Debbie

Graves Ratcliffe said Thursday. "It gives them a chance to look at the ratings and analyze why they've been rated a certain way."

"It doesn't do a lot of good sometimes to put out a lot of information that somebody can't explain," she said.

For some, however, that practice raised questions.

"The bottom line is that the public is the one who pays for the study to begin with, and pays for the schools, and pays for all of it. So if for no other reason than the financial one, that would be one reason why the public should get it probably first if we were going to rank who gets it when," said Nancy Monson of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas.

"But at least I think it would be courteous to the employers of

those who provide the funds for our schools — namely, the public — to get it at least at the same time ... as the schools do," she said.

Allan Parker of the San Antonio-based Texas Justice Foundation, a proponent of allowing parents the option of using tax dollars for private school tuition, also disagreed with the way the information is distributed.

"If the government was properly performing its watchdog role, it would let the information out to the public first," he said.

Suzy Woodford, of the group Common Cause, agreed that the public should be getting the information sooner.

"Just release it to everybody at the same time," she said. "It is our information. We have paid for it. We deserve to know

what the real deal is before anybody has a chance to put any kind of a spin on it."

Mrs. Ratcliffe noted that the education agency in years past has released the figures in the same way and emphasized that school districts do not receive the statewide results.

"At this point, nobody outside the agency has these numbers," she said Thursday morning.

Later, Mrs. Ratcliffe said a Thursday meeting was set up for Education Commissioner Mike Moses to brief Gov. George W. Bush.

Even legislative leaders, who write the public education budget, weren't being briefed until Friday morning.

"In the past, when we conducted some private briefings the day before, the numbers have started to leak out," she said.

Old Settlers Reunion begins Saturday morning

by HERALD Staff Report

WEEKEND TICKET

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

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send

it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

You may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

The 72nd annual Howard/Glasscock Counties Old Settlers Reunion, Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. there will be bingo with visit-

ing, raffles and door prizes, and an all-you-can-eat lunch at noon. The meal is \$3 for 12 and under or 65 and over, \$6 for others. Awards honoring local residents and visiting former residents will be presented beginning at 1:15 p.m. A dance will end the day, beginning at 8 p.m. at the Stampede, with the Up the Creek band. Dance tickets are \$5 per person.

Sacred Heart Church sum-

mer festival is planned today and Saturday, beginning about 6:30 p.m. each day. There will be games, contests, music and food for the whole family at the church, 508 N. Aylford. Watch out folks, rumor says this event includes a Macarena contest!

Spring City Senior Citizens Center will host a country-western dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Music will be provided by CW and Company.

Teens are the focus at the Eagles Lodge tonight from 7-11

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WEATHER



Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 90s. Saturday night, fair. Lows around 70. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, a slight chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Highs 90-95.

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OBITUARIES

Raul Hernandez
Service for Raul Hernandez, 59, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Friday, Aug. 1, 1997, in a Lubbock hospital.

FOE

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only flask he received was from the BSPD.
"We only wanted him to move to a location where he's not obstructing the view of traffic," Darden said.
According to Darden, the man told city officials that to make him move would be in violation of his First Amendment rights (free speech) and arresting him would be in violation of his Fourth Amendment rights (false imprisonment).
BSPD officers and city officials were in conference by phone for several minutes during the afternoon with City Attorney Jim Finley as to the legalities of trying to get the man to move.
Apparently there are no city ordinances dealing directly with this form of protest.
"He thought we were taking issue with what his signs said," Darden said.
After nothing turned up in city ordinances, city officials and police officers left the area, saying the city attorney believed the issue to be too touchy and the man did have the right to protest.
Citing scriptures such as Exodus 20:13, Ephesians 5:11, James 4:17 and Deuteronomy 28, the man said he was concerned about young people in America today as well as the entire country.
"God has chosen man to be his representative here on earth, but we're a country that isn't represented very well today," the man said. "By protesting the way I am, people can see what abortion is and then they have no more excuses."
Abortion clinics lie to young girls about what abortion is," he added. "Abortion is unchangeable once it's done. People need to see the methods that are used and the long-term effect it leaves behind. I'm here because this is what the Lord has led me to do. This is my ministry."
The man was most recently in Dayton, Ohio for an Operation Rescue convention and happened upon the Coahoma and Big Spring areas because his car broke down.
"America is receiving God's curses because we're allowing, among other things, abortion, cop killings, as well as open homosexuality," the man said. "Child abuse has also skyrocketed because we have devalued life and it is no longer sacred."
"It grieves me because people have forgotten the story of the Good Samaritan - instead they have developed attitudes when they see people in need," he added.

CLINIC CONSTRUCTION



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Catarino Ornelas (left) and Leo Calderin measure the distance from the wall to the support pillar of what will be the clinic at the Veterans Administrative Hospital. Construction is expected to be complete in nine months.

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. "Meet the teacher" will be Aug. 13 from 1-3 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 arrange-

ments can be made to accommodate working parents. Students should bring \$5 for a required assignment book at that time, and be prepared to pay any fines. Parents and students can review the new junior high discipline plan at that time.
High school registration will be Aug. 7-8 as well. Classes begin Aug. 14.

CHIEF

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"The city manager informed me from the start that we could count on him and that he would support the ambulance service," Anderson added. "I would hope that our personnel would understand that our goal is to make this a viable service that will be here, form any years."
As for the ambulance service contract with the Veterans Administration Medical Center, the hospital has agreed to let the service out of that contract at the end of September for economic reason, according to Anderson.
The problems the city and the BSPD administration are facing right now are expenses being higher than originally estimated, collection not being as high as expected and the slow down in the number of call for service (which varies from month to month).
According to Anderson, these problems are being addressed in the upcoming budget.
"I'm positive that by the time we complete our fifth year, this service will be in the black," Anderson said.

REPAIRS

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According to Toone, Moore, the city of Big Spring and the Industrial Foundation have agreed to split the cost of the repair and will use option three.
"The Industrial Foundation has agreed to pay \$30,000, the city of Big Spring \$26,000 and Moore will pay the rest (approximately \$56,000)," Toone said.
"We (the airpark) maintain the spur financially and out budget allows to fix what breaks, but we're trying to get ahead of things," Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan said. "Everytime something breaks with the spur, we're looking at a \$4,000 repair."
The ultimate decision about repairs to the rail spur rests with Moore, which plans to put the project out for bid as soon as possible and expects to award the bid contract sometime in September.

TICKET

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p.m. The no-alcohol Teen Night dance costs \$4 per person and concessions are available.
"Model train display is open at Second and Main streets from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. This train display was built by Big Spring residents, but a group is forming to oversee its operation and maintenance. Call Danny Kennemur for details at 264-1606.
"The Heritage Museum is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays at 510 Scurry with historical exhibits. Call 267-8255 for more information.
"The Pottion House, a restored historic home, is open Saturdays for tours from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

BRIEFS

THE 72ND ANNUAL HOWARD/GLASSCOCK Counties Old Settlers' Reunion will be Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
Registration will be a 9 a.m., 10 a.m. bingo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. all you can eat luncheon (\$3 for 12 and under and 65 and older and \$6 for others), and a 8 p.m. to midnight dance at the Stampede with "Up the Creek Band." The cost is \$5 per person.
SACRED HEART CHURCH will sponsor its summer festival today and Saturday at 508 N. Ayiford Street.
There will be games, macarena contests, DJ music and lot of other fun events. Tripas, fajitas and hamburgers will be among the food available. Everything gets underway at 6:30 p.m. each day.

EIGHTEENTH AND GOLIAD TRAFFIC signal lights have been in a normal flash mode during the school-vacation summer months. The city will change the traffic signal lights back to normal operations beginning Monday.

THE CHICANO GOLF ASSOCIATION of Big Spring

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

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.

THERE WILL BE TEEN night from 7 to 11 p.m., every Friday during the summer, at the Eagles Lodge on Third Street. This will be a non-alcoholic dance.
The cost is \$4 and concessions will be available. All teens are invited.

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.

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA offers its facilities for a party, reunion or other event. The Y has an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and room for refreshments. Prices will vary depending on the length of the party and the facilities used. Call the Y at 267-8234 for more information.

A FUND HAS BEEN set up at Norwest Bank to help with expenses of the family of Irene and Crystal Rubio, formerly of Big Spring.
The two sisters were killed in a car accident in Colorado. Their parents are Domingo and Minnie Rubio, formerly of Big Spring.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 9:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

SUNDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY
•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.
•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting, Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 7, 6, 1
CASH 5: 1, 3, 11, 16, 18

•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764f. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.
•Encouragers support group (formerly widow/widowers), 6 p.m., Cowboys Restaurant, FM 700 South Service Road. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 74.80 cents a pound, down 17 points; Sept. crude oil 20.03, down 11 points; Cash hogs 50 cents lower at 56.50; slaughter steers steady at 66; Aug. lean hog futures 81.90, down 2 points; Aug. live cattle futures 67.80, down 2 points.
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Parallell Petroleum 4 + 1/2
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Euro Pacific 29.85-31.67
I.C.A. 30.37-32.22
New Economy 20.32-21.56
New Perspective 21.87-23.20
Prime Rate 8.50%
Gold 323.80-324.30
Silver 4.40-4.43

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 and 8 a.m. Friday:
•ABRAHAM YANEZ, 39, of 1513 Wood, was arrested for public intoxication.
•MARTIN GALINDO CASTANEDA, 35, of 1604 Benton, was arrested for public intoxication and on local warrants.
•GARY JAMES MIEARS, 20, of 1708 W. 3rd, was arrested on local warrants.
•LEON BRONSON CORONADO, 20, of Sarasota, Fla., was arrested for robbery.
•FABIOLA OCHOA, 21, no known address, was arrested on local warrants.
•CHARLEY D. HUNT, 40, no known address, was arrested on local warrants.
•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 200 block of W. Marcy; 3300 block of W. Hwy 80; and the 700 block of W. 4th.
•ASSAULT in the 3000 block of Old Hwy 80.
•THEFT in the 1800 block of Gregg; 300 block of Owens; 1700 block of Wason; 1100 block of N. Lamesa.
•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1500 block of E. 17th.
•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1100 block of E. 5th.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday:
•ANTHONY THOMAS McGRUDER, 26, of 1304 Nolan, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation, for driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$1,500 bond.
•LEWIS HINOJOS, 25, of 416 Westover, was arrested for driving with a suspended license, and released on a \$500 bond.
•JAMES DANIEL PARKER, 36, of 5600 Walter Road, was arrested on a revocation of probation charge for a second driving while intoxicated offense, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 93
Thursday's low 68
Average high 96
Average low 70
Record high 109 in 1944
Record low 59 in 1925
Precip. Thursday 0.00
Month to date 0.40
Month's normal 1.85
Year to date 13.95
Normal for the year 10.65
**Statistics not available

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Raul F. Hernandez, 59, died Friday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Maxine Virginia Howard Roberts, 75, died Wednesday. Graveside services were at 4:30 PM Friday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

It's WHEAT REFRIGERATOR TIME
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Officials make final pitch for I-27 expansion at hearing

LUBBOCK (AP) — Nothing engineers can say about the lack of traffic densities on West Texas roads will stop regional officials from campaigning for an expanded north-south interstate highway.

A state-appointed engineering firm Thursday night presented 142 piecemeal highway projects along five different routes linking Interstate 10 to the Panhandle's northern border.

Even though the firm, HDR Engineering Inc. of Dallas, announced in May 1995 that traffic counts showed an expanded Interstate 27 wasn't feasible, speakers at a hearing weren't convinced.

"I would submit to you that when interstate projects were developed several years ago, they would never have been built if they relied on traffic

counts," Lubbock city councilman Randy Neugebauer said.

I-27 currently connects Lubbock to Amarillo. Officials said they weren't ruling out an expansion of the road at some time in the future.

HDR and the Texas Department of Transportation released results from previous public hearings and a continuing study that ranked the scores of possible highway improvements by public support, cost efficiency, mobility improvement and environmental impact.

The most effective projects in relieving congestion tended to be most expensive. As it is, DOT spokeswoman Penny Mason said the state is funding only 38 percent of its planned road projects.

No additional funding has

been promised to West Texas for the proposed improvements.

Following one final 10-day public comment period this month, HDR will deliver a final study to the Texas Transportation Commission next month. If approved, DOT district offices will add the projects to their to-do lists.

From there, actual construction work could be years in the offing. The lowest priority improvements of those that HDR studied might never come about.

"I can't say how pleased we are about the priorities," former San Angelo mayor Dick Funk said of the projects that would affect his area. "However, we're not so pleased about the time frames."

Two routes from Amarillo to the Oklahoma border and three

from Lubbock to Interstate 10 were slated in May 1995 for improvements.

The most popular projects identified by the public over the past year include:

—Expediting U.S. 287 traffic through or around Dumas, 46 miles north of Amarillo.

—Improvements of the route between Amarillo and Pampa. Currently, drivers must weave through Amarillo to reach the highway that leads 54 miles northeast to Pampa.

—Improved traffic flow through or around the Midland-Odessa area for traffic traveling between Lubbock and I-10. The most effective improvement, reworking the interchange at the area's airport, also is the most expensive.

—Expedition of U.S. 87 traffic through or around Big Spring.

A bypass is the most effective solution to speed traffic, though many cities oppose such roads because they hurt motorist-related commerce.

—Improve U.S. 87 traffic through or around San Angelo. A bypass is rated most effective but far more costly and environmentally damaging than merely improving stoplight synchronization and intersections through town.

Bettering San Angelo's access to I-20 at Big Spring also earned high marks for mobility improvement and cost efficiency. San Angelo is the state's largest city without a continuous four-lane connection to an interstate.

The study didn't rate projects in order of priority. Instead, it rated them independently by category, leaving the final deci-

sions to DOT district offices in Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland-Odessa and San Angelo.

"We feel like the results of this thing will serve as a guide for local and state planning, funding and so forth," HDR's Will Hagood said.

In most cases involving roads running through cities, bypasses were the most effective, most costly and least environmentally feasible solution, the study found. HDR project engineer Brian Swindell said bypasses aren't currently an option because the new road construction requires additional environmental study.

Funk and Charles Perry, representing Midland-Odessa, supported bypass routes around their cities and encouraged smaller cities to do the same.

Mother who killed children wracked by mental illness, family member says

UNIVERSITY PARK (AP) — A mother who cut her children's throats with a kitchen knife before turning the knife on herself spent her final days wracked by mental illness, her brother-in-law says.

Emily Jane Hopkins, a Harvard-educated chemical engineer, had trouble sitting still, thought mysterious vehicles were trailing her and was afraid someone was planting bombs in her car, Raymond Byrd told The Dallas Morning News on Thursday.

Byrd, who is married to the victim's twin sister, said Ms. Hopkins underwent professional therapy three to five years ago, but stopped because "she said it wasn't working."

She was in danger of losing custody of her children because relatives feared she was unstable, he said.

"She was totally out of control," Byrd said. "We came to the conclusion that she should not be alone with her children. When a person's acting irrationally, you can't know if they've got a good grip on reality."

The bodies of Ms. Hopkins, her 9-year-old son, Clayton "Clee" Elliott III, and her 6-

year-old daughter, Olivia Elliott, were found Wednesday night in their upscale two-story home by Ms. Hopkins' ex-husband, Clayton Elliott Jr.

Police said Ms. Hopkins left about a half-dozen "philosophical" notes throughout the house.

"From the way the notes read, it caused us to believe it was a suicide-murder. We don't have a murderer running loose," University Park police chief Bob Dixon said.

Elliott, 40, vice president of a Houston-based real estate company, told police he went to his wife's house to visit his children. He said he called 911 when he walked into the kitchen and found his son's body.

"My son has been murdered. My son has been murdered," Elliott told police dispatcher Cathy Marr. "My ex-wife and daughter are missing."

Crying, he told the 911 dispatcher: "He is not breathing. He is cold. I can't believe it."

When police arrived, they found the bodies of Ms. Hopkins and her daughter in an upstairs bathroom.

The Dallas County medical examiner's office ruled the

deaths a suicide-double murder, caused by "multiple sharp-force injuries." Each died of multiple stab wounds, the medical examiner's office ruled.

Another member of Ms. Hopkins' family had also been affected by mental illness. The twin sister, Byrd's wife, Jean, tried to poison her children in 1994 and stood trial for attempted capital murder. In 1996, she was found innocent by reason of insanity and ordered into psychiatric treatment.

Ms. Hopkins' older brother, Glen Hopkins Jr. of Van Buren, described his sister as an educated, personable woman devoted to her children.

"She was academically gifted as an adult, a bit studious, not real gregarious, but not withdrawn or introverted," he said. "She was... a charming person."

The Hopkins family owns a nursing home and several furniture stores in Van Buren, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Ms. Hopkins, who had a chemical engineering degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, met Elliott when both were at Harvard University's master's of business administration program.

Farmers laud changes in 'death tax'

LUBBOCK (AP) — While death and taxes remain life's surest bets, farmers, ranchers and small business owners hope Washington's new budget deal means taxes after death aren't quite as automatic.

The federal estate tax, known disdainfully as the "death tax" in agricultural circles, should be abolished, Comanche rancher John Dudley says.

Congress isn't eliminating the tax. But a compromise budget deal worked out by Republicans and the White House includes the first meaningful estate tax changes in more than a decade. Lawmakers are rushing to ratify the tax bill by week's end.

"It's a step in the right direction," Dudley said Thursday.

The individual exemption from federal estate taxes for heirs would increase from \$600,000 to \$1.3 million for family agricultural producers and small business owners. The exemption increases to \$1 million over the next 10 years for everyone else.

Farmers say the tax is unfair because most of their assets are tied up in land and equipment rather than ready cash. That sometimes forces heirs to sell land parcels to meet the tax, which starts at 37 percent.

"It doesn't take many acres of a dryland cotton farm to get up to where the government really starts breathing down your neck," said U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Clarendon, a rancher and ardent supporter of estate tax relief.

"This really helps us, where you don't get punished as much for having an asset you try to pass on to your kids, so they can keep the business if they want to," Thornberry said.

Another component of the tax bill would allow farmers to average their income over the prior three years when paying taxes in 1998, 1999 and possibly 2000. The idea is to average the income variances they face, including weather, insects and markets.

While conservatives and rural lawmakers hailed the resulting reductions, some criticized them as just another benefit for the rich.

Mike Ettlinger, tax policy director for the liberal Citizens for Tax Justice, said rich urbanites are hiding behind farmers to avoid paying estate taxes in excess of 37 percent.

"They're using farmers as a sympathetic face to make an unsympathetic argument," he said. "The estate tax only applies to the most valuable 1-

percent of estates. For most people, it's hard to swallow that kind of tax cut, so they bring out the farmers and put them out front."

Estate taxes do appear to affect rural Americans more than their city-dwelling counterparts. Only 1.5 percent of all Americans are subject to estate taxes. Of farmers, 6 percent are affected, the U.S. Agriculture Department figures.

The farmers and businesses who will see the greatest impact will be those now just over the \$600,000 limit, said Douglas L. Maxwell, a USDA researcher.

"It (the tax relief) is not going to affect really huge farms that much, because it only chops off a certain amount," Maxwell said.

Other supporters of estate tax relief are conservationists fighting to prevent large rural spreads from being parceled out to developers.

"Really, one of the biggest threats to conservation is the fragmentation of large ranches," said Robert J. Potts, Texas director for The Nature Conservancy.

"The estate tax is one of the things that is driving people into selling their ranches," Potts said.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"The First Amendment stands for the notion that when it comes to free speech ... government is always the problem, and never the solution."

-David Bartlett, Journalist

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

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

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

This week we salute:

• **VICKIE DITMORE**, who was named Outstanding Woman in Texas Government for Community Involvement by the Governor's Commission for Women and the State Agency Council.

• **TRAVIS REID** and **JIMMY TUCKER**, who were among the winners at last weekend's Duel in the Desert Drag Boat Races.

• **DUEL IN THE DESERT** organizers, for hosting a successful event.

• **STEPHANIE GREEN**, **BRANDI GUTIERREZ**, **PATSY SANCHEZ**, **FRANCES JIMENEZ** AND **CODY CADENHEAD**, who received educational grants from the Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• **BIG SPRING DIVISION I AND DIVISION IV ALL-STARS**, who reached the finals of their respective divisions at the United Girls Softball Association state tournament in Abilene.

• New local ministers **BUD PARKER** of College Baptist Church and **ROGER HUFF** of the First Church of the Nazarene.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight regarding the article entitled "City, PFFA - wrestle over red ink" as inaccurate and misleading. The Big Spring Fire Department, City Manager, or City Council have not dealt with or spoken to any member of the Professional Firefighter's Association concerning the ambulance service.

Department Directive No. 014-03997 clearly states that information that is released to the media concerning the operations, fires, and emergencies of this department is to be reported by the Fire Chief or his designee. Mr. Brown and Mr. Gill or any member of the Big Spring Fire Department have not been authorized by my office to speak on matters concerning the operations of the emergency services. The city has a policy in place for employees to file grievances and have their concerns heard.

The City Manager, Gary Fuqua, Finance Director, Tom Ferguson, and myself have been reviewing the Medical Emergency Services operations from the very beginning. We realized there would be a deficit, however, it has been

increasing at a higher rate than expected. Three months ago the City Manager directed me to begin formulating a plan to cut expenses. The following plan was developed and offered to the City Council:

- a) Improve report writing
- b) Process bills within 15 days
- c) Revise charges and fees
- d) Cut operations and maintenance
- e) Limit first responder to cardiac and respiratory emergencies
- f) Eliminate one position
- g) No overtime until a shift is below 15 firefighters

Following this program, the Big Spring Fire Department can reduce the deficit to an acceptable level and provide and quality emergency service to our city and Howard County. Our department is grateful to Gary Fuqua and the council for their support and encouragement. I want to take this opportunity to assure all of our Big Spring residents as well as those in Howard County that the Big Spring Fire Department will continue to provide a high quality ambulance and transport service.

Frank Anderson
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Court to review hot pursuit case in October

On a May evening seven years ago, 16-year-old Philip Lewis died of massive internal injuries and a fractured skull. He was the victim of a high-speed police pursuit in Sacramento County, Calif. In its coming October term, the Supreme Court will review the resulting lawsuit.

The case is important to law enforcement officers across the nation. They need clear rules of the chase. The case is also important to civilians who may be injured or killed as a consequence of police pursuit.

How often do police officers turn on their sirens for a hot pursuit? Briefs in the Lewis case assert that in 1994 officers in California alone made more than 5,000 pursuits. The city of Los Angeles averages about 700 chases a year. Court records show that scores — more likely hundreds — of victims have gone to court.

These were the undisputed facts in the Lewis case. The youth was a passenger on a

motorcycle driven by Brian Willard. For no apparent reason, Deputy Sheriff James Everett Smith, driving a marked patrol car, yelled at Willard to pull over and stop. Instead of stopping, Willard accelerated and sped away.

From an opinion last October of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit:

"The pursuit lasted about 75 seconds and covered approximately 1.3 miles. The average speed of the vehicles was calculated to be 60 miles per hour, with high speeds of up to 100 miles per hour. The pursuit went through four stoplights and three 90-degree left turns ...

"The chase ended when the motorcycle went over a crest in the road, attempted to make a hard-left turn, and skidded to a halt. Smith saw the vehicle as he came over the crest of the hill. He slammed on his brakes but was unable to stop his vehicle in time. After skidding 147 feet, his patrol car hit Lewis at a speed of approximately 40 miles per hour, propelling Lewis nearly 70 feet down the road."

You should consider these other elements: The county sheriff's department had laid down a General Order. The order requires an officer to consider, before initiating a pursuit, whether the seriousness of an offense justifies a

chase at high speed, and whether a pursuit presents unreasonable hazards to life and property. In the Lewis case, the only offense was Willard's refusal to stop on the deputy's order.

In their suit, Lewis' parents contend that Smith, under color of law, deprived their son of a constitutional right to life in violation of Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act of 1871. The 9th Circuit agreed — the suit may proceed to trial. Now the high court has the case.

The federal circuit courts have grappled with definitions in this field for the past 10 years. Ask yourself: Did Deputy Smith evidence deliberate indifference to the boy's rights? Was it reckless indifference, reckless disregard, callous disregard, gross negligence, outrageous conduct, or did it shock the conscience of a trial court?

All these terms have turned up in cases since 1987. Exhibiting "deliberate indifference" is the easiest standard for fixing liability. "shocking the conscience" the most difficult to establish. My own thought is that Deputy Smith demonstrated at least a reckless disregard for the boy's life, but there's another side that merits consideration.

In briefs filed with the high court, 15 states contend

through their attorneys general that the 9th Circuit's easy standard of "deliberate indifference" will play havoc with law enforcement. Few hot pursuits result in death or injury, but roughly 73 percent of police chases result in the apprehension of persons charged with a felony. As a tool to combat serious crime, police pursuit generally serves the public well.

"If the Lewis decision stands," the states contend, "law enforcement entities will be forced to decide whether or not they can AFFORD to continue to engage in high-speed vehicular pursuits." Every pursuit that results in an injury will lead to the filing of a civil rights action. State highway patrols may have to abandon high-speed pursuits in all but the most compelling circumstances. Drunk drivers and serious felons will flee at the first sound of a pursuing siren, leaving officers without effective means of enforcing the law.

The policeman's lot is not a happy one. One can appreciate an officer's difficulty in deciding in a stressful few seconds whether to initiate a chase. One can also appreciate the position of parents who have lost a son because of the "deliberate indifference" of a deputy sheriff.

How hot is it? Well, let us tell you about it

By RICHARD MIZE
Wichita Falls Record News

WICHITA FALLS — The Eskimos, they say, have lots of words for "snow."

Makes sense. They deal with it every day. The special nuances of, say, wind-swept snow, or light snow, morning snow or evening snow probably deserve their own words.

In the Southwest, snow is snow. Heat, however, is another matter.

Just look at the names of the bike races around here: Hotter'n Hell Hundred, in Wichita Falls. Holliday Heat Stroke, in Holliday, Texas. The Dehydrator, in Duncan, Okla. See the theme?

The theme has been playing out lately in North Texas and southwestern Oklahoma. It's hot.

It's sweltering.

It's also baking, blistering, boiling, broiling, burning, fiery, heated, red-hot, scalding, scorching, sizzling, sultry, sweltry, torrid, white-hot, febrile, fevered, feverish, feverous, summery, tropic and tropical — although some of those have to do with things other than simple temperature.

It's hot as hell.

In Texas, especially, there are more colorful ways to say the obvious.

Here are a few, from "When the Catfish Had Ticks — Texas Drought Humor," by Rana Williamson. She compiled them from people all over the Lone Star State. Maybe they'll help us through these dog days.

— "It's so hot, we're feeding the hens chipped ice so they won't lay hard-boiled eggs." — James V. White, Fort Worth.

— "It's hotter'n Satan in long handles." — J. Frank Dobie.

— "It's so hot the corn

popped in the fields and the cows thought it was snow and froze to death." — Glenna Cavanaugh, Garland.

— "A Northerner was persuaded to invest in Texas land when he grew tired of snow and ice. Around the first of November, he asked a ... ranch hand, 'Have you ever seen it snow here?' 'No ...' the hand answered, 'but I have seen rain — twice.'" — Elmer Kelton.

It's so hot and dry that:

— "The jackrabbits are carrying canteens." — Pete McDonald, Plainview.

— "I saw two trees fighting over a dog." — David Hunt, Dallas.

— "If a truck went by with a dog in the back, all the trees would lean towards the road and hope." — Sam Kelly Jr., Harrold.

Of course, it could all change tomorrow. As they say, "If you don't like the weather in

Texas, wait a minute."

Williamson's book has this jewel, from John Edward Weems' "If You Don't Like the Weather ...":

"It is purported to come from an April 9, 1952, report from The Associated Press on two days' worth of Texas weather:

"Tuesday it was 98 at Childress, the hottest in the nation. Wednesday morning it was below freezing in Dalhart and snowing. At mid-morning the Dallas U.S. Weather Bureau warned Texans to watch out for tornadoes. A half hour later several parts of the state were rocked by earth tremors."

So, it could be worse.

"When the Catfish Had Ticks — Texas Drought Humor," is available from Eakin Press, P.O. Box 90159, Austin, Texas 78709.

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UPS puts hold on strike

ATLANTA (AP) — Employees at a UPS distribution center here went to work early today as negotiations between the delivery service giant and the Teamsters union continued past the strike deadline.

Employees scheduled to start at 1:30 a.m. stood outside the center before reporting to work 45 minutes later. Paul Parker, agent for Teamsters Local 728, gave the report-to-work order because negotiations had continued in Washington past the midnight Thursday deadline.

Matt Witt, a Teamsters spokesman in Washington, said shortly after midnight that strike plans were put on hold temporarily.

"There's no limit on how long we'll talk or how long we'll hold off a strike," he said.

UPS, based in Atlanta, has 302,000 U.S. employees, about two-thirds of them Teamsters. The giant delivery service's 2,000 pilots, represented by the International Pilots Association, have pledged to join the Teamsters in a walk-out.

Competitors such as Federal Express Corp. and the U.S. Postal Service were making contingency plans for a strike, but analysts said it would be difficult to make up UPS' volume of 12 million parcels and documents a day. UPS said its workers remained on the job around the country early today.

Still, the delivery service took out full-page ads in major newspapers today warning customers to expect a disruption in service.

"Under these circumstances, we can no longer promise uninterrupted delivery service," the ads said.

The ads appeared hours after John Calhoun Wells, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, retired to a hotel room with the lead negotiators from each side.

FBI: New York subways were target of bombs

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities arrested at least two men and say they foiled a deadly suicide bomb plot on the city's subway system and on U.S. and Jewish interests worldwide when they raided a Brooklyn apartment where five bombs were found.

Police shot and wounded Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer and Lafi Khalil Thursday when one of them apparently made a lunge for an explosive device, authorities said.

Later, at a hospital, Abu Mezer told investigators that he and his accomplices had planned to use the explosives on the subways and elsewhere in New York, according to a federal complaint filed late Thursday.

The FBI and the New York Police Department issued a statement saying Abu Mezer, 23, and Khalil, 22, were "planning to target U.S. and Jewish interests worldwide."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said on today's "Good Morning America" that two other people were being held for questioning. He didn't elaborate.

Investigators believe the men — along with at least one other accomplice — were planning a suicide bombing or bombings in the city, a federal law enforcement official in Washington, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press. Published reports today said the bombs lacked timing

devices, so they could be set off only by a suicide bomber.

CBS News reported this morning from Tel Aviv that its Palestinian sources say the men arrested in Brooklyn are members of Hamas based in Jordan. That is the group that claimed responsibility for Wednesday's suicide bombings in Jerusalem, which killed 15 people, including two bombers.

CBS said both they and the Jerusalem market bombers are working for Mousa Abu Marzook, the Hamas political leader who lived in Virginia for 15 years before being arrested in 1995, imprisoned as a terrorism suspect and then deported earlier this year.

The United States let Abu

Marzook go to Jordan in May after Israel dropped an extradition request, fearing that he would become a martyr for Palestinian extremists if tried and jailed there. CBS said its report could be an embarrassment to the United States, for letting Abu Marzook go, and to Jordan's King Hussein, for offering him refuge.

Earlier, Giuliani said he knew of no connection between the suspects and the Jerusalem bombings, but he said one of the men in custody expressed "support for what happened in Israel and was gratified that it had occurred."

In 1993, the same year a bomb exploded beneath the World Trade Center towers, authori-

ties foiled a similar conspiracy to blow up the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the New York FBI headquarters and assassinate prominent figures, including Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

Abu Mezer had claimed in an application for political asylum in the United States that he had been arrested in Israel for allegedly "being a member of a known terrorist organization," the complaint said.

Police found Abu Mezer's asylum forms in the apartment along with a Jordanian passport in his name.

Police also arrested a third suspect in the raid, but they did not release his name.

Israel arrests Palestinians in wake of suicide bombing of marketplace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel arrested more than 50 Palestinians overnight suspected of "terrorist activity" following the double suicide bombing in Jerusalem's vegetable market claimed by Islamic militants.

The Palestinians were arrested as part of a sweep in the West Bank focusing on confiscating anti-Israel propaganda, Israeli army officials said.

Israel has arrested 79 Palestinians in the West Bank since the Wednesday blast, which led to a new suspension of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

The bombing devastated Jerusalem's Mahane Yehuda market, killing 15 people, including the two bombers, and injuring more than 150. The militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack.

Israel's army chief-of-staff, Lt. Gen. Amnon Shahak, said Israel planned more arrests.

"Since our working assumption is that the Hamas or the Islamic Jihad are behind this attack, we are arresting anyone that can help us solve who sent the bombers and who is behind it," Shahak told reporters today.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to stop such attacks, even if it means sending troops into autonomous

Palestinian areas.

"I will do whatever is necessary, wherever we think it is necessary, at the time we think it is necessary. We don't preclude any possibilities," he said in an interview Thursday, responding to reports he might send Israeli commandos to attack militants if Yasser Arafat did not act swiftly against them.

"I have one responsibility, and that is to protect the security, the lives of my people," the prime minister said.

Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the Palestinian Authority was doing all it could to prevent attacks.

Netanyahu's "goal is to weaken the Palestinian Authority ... and after all this he wants the Palestinian to take strong measures against the Palestinian people," Abed Rabbo said today.

After the bombings, Israeli troops detained the families of two young Palestinian men from the West Bank town of Dahariya who disappeared over 15 months ago.

After conducting blood and DNA tests of the families, Israeli officials on Friday said the Dahariya men were not the bombers.

On Thursday, the army arrested 28 Palestinians. Netanyahu has also ordered the

arrest of Palestinian police chief Brig. Gen. Ghazi Jabali and asked the United States and other donors to suspend aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Israel has said that Jabali ordered attacks against Israeli targets.

"If he (Arafat) doesn't put him into jail, we will," Netanyahu told the Yediot Ahronot in an interview published today.

In addition to seeking Jabali's arrest and freeing security forces to enter Palestinian-controlled areas, Netanyahu has also stopped the flow of tax revenues to the Palestinians and plans to jam Palestinian radio and television stations.

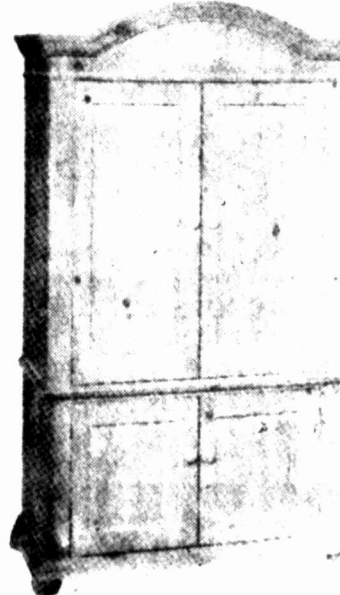
Israel also imposed a closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring tens of thousands of Palestinians from jobs in Israel.

"We need to make sure that Arafat has a clear, sharp interest in preventing terrorism," Netanyahu told Yediot.


Abed Rabbo warned that the Israeli measures would inflame the situation and stressed that the Palestinian Authority was doing all it could.

"We have taken measures, in the past months and weeks, to guarantee maximum security," he said. "We have prevented many incidents from taking place."

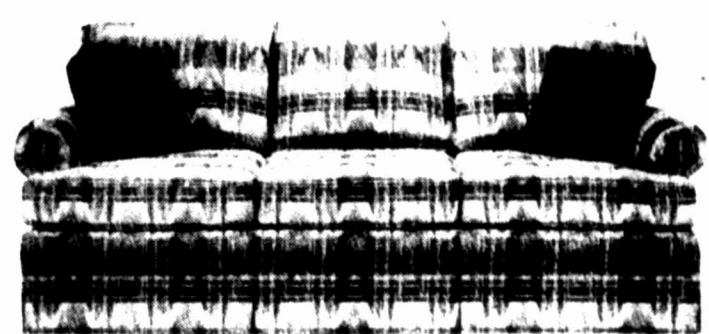
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Other foods can supply caffeine whallop

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — When Maria Guzman drinks a cup of coffee, "it's like drinking energy," the caffeine lover says.

But consumers do not always know that other foods — from ice cream to orange soda pop — can sometimes pack just as much of a caffeine punch, consumer groups worry.

They want the government to force food makers to put precise amounts on the labels of everything sold in stores that contains caffeine. That way, pregnant women and others advised to avoid caffeine would have enough information to do so, the groups say.

Even though she is wary of government intrusion, Brenda Spillane likes that idea.

"I know we are over-regulated, but I find it really makes me jumpy," said the 46-year-old mother of two from Burtonsville, Md., shopping for groceries in this Washington suburb.

"We need as much informa-

tion as we can get," added 78-year-old Leon Rothenberg.

But Guzman, the 42-year-old caffeine lover from Chevy Chase, is indifferent to the idea. Caffeine is not a worry, she says.

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it will consider the petition from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, the Consumer Federation of America and other activist groups. The American Medical Association also is preparing to ask the FDA to list caffeine amounts in foods.

"People have a right to consume caffeine. But they also have the right to know how much caffeine they're consuming," said Patricia Lieberman.

Right now, the government warns only pregnant women about caffeine consumption and says that even for them there's no proof of risk. Still, just to be sure, the FDA advises pregnant women to avoid caffeine or use

it sparingly.

But the FDA requires foods only to list caffeine as an ingredient, raising questions about how a pregnant woman would judge how much to consume.

Take orange soda, for example. Sunkist's 12-ounce can has 40 milligrams of caffeine but Minute Maid's 12-ounce can has none.

An 8-ounce cup of regular brewed coffee has 135 mg and instant coffee 95 mg. But flavored coffees vary widely: An 8-ounce cup of General Foods International's orange cappuccino has 102 mg while the company's Viennese Chocolate Cafe has just 50.

A cup of Ben & Jerry's coffee-fudge frozen yogurt has 85 mg while Healthy Choice's cappuccino mocha fudge ice cream has just 8 mg.

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

Nazarene Church welcomes Huff

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

The Rev. Roger Huff, new pastor for First Church of the Nazarene, has preached all over the country.

But he already thinks he will feel at home in Big Spring.

Huff and his wife Kris, with their two children Jennifer, 16, and Brent, 12, arrived just over a week ago from Atascadero, Calif. He said Big Spring people were a welcome change.

"There is no pretense in these people," he said, surrounded by moving boxes in his office at the church earlier this week. "There are no walls. What you see is who they are."

Huff said the people were a main reason for his decision to relocate, accepting the post left vacant by the departure of the Rev. Gary Smith.

He said he is very pleased with church facilities, programs and especially the church's famous drive-through nativity scene.

"I see a lot of excitement in the church and the community," Huff said. "People are ready to see some great things happen."

Among his plans, however, is to get the church computerized. Huff said he enjoys using com-



The Rev. Roger Huff, second from left, is shown with his family: daughter Jennifer, son Brent, and wife Kris.

puters at home.

The pastor is also a sports nut, as is his son. Daughter Jennifer is a singer. Huff and his wife have been married 25 years. She has done a variety of work in the church, serving as a wedding consultant and planning special programs.

Huff got his unofficial start in the ministry at age 16, working in his father's church. He has been a minister for 26 years, serving in music, youth, counseling and other areas.

Sunday will be his first sermon at First Church of the

Nazarene, titled "Much Ado About Nothing." Worship begins at 10:30 a.m. A dinner on the grounds will follow.

Huff said John Doll will continue serving the church, with the title of associate pastor.

"I'm excited to be here," Huff said. "I think this church and this community have an incredible future. People are proud of this community, and excited about what they can do."

"When people are excited, they get involved and when people get involved, things happen."

'Brother Bud' settles in at College Baptist

By JEAN WARREN
Herald Correspondent

Bud Parker preached his first sermon as the pastor of College Baptist Church Easter Sunday. Before accepting the call to the local church, he was associate pastor of the First Baptist Church in Moore, Okla., for seven years.

Parker's wife, Marilyn, who was teaching math in an elementary school in Oklahoma City, completed the school year before joining her husband in Big Spring. She has signed a contract with the BSISD and will be teaching 6th grade math at Goliad.

At College Baptist Church, which celebrated its 40th anniversary in June, Dr. Parker has been busy. He has instituted a number of changes, including a new time schedule for Sunday and Wednesday night services and



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a new format for the church newsletter, "The Proclaimer."

Parker has organized a Men's Bible Study Fellowship, which meets Thursday mornings at the Ponderosa Restaurant at 6:30 a.m. A new ministry for senior adults has been started. On Saturday mornings, seniors can bring their automobiles to the church to have them checked for basic functions and for possible problems.

In addition, a room adjacent to the church office is being remodeled for a conference room. A long range planning committee has been elected to study the needs of church facilities.

Parker was a senior at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., planning to become a minister of music, when God called him to preach. He finished college with a double major in church music and Bible.

He holds a Doctorate of Divinity from Alabama Baptist Seminary in Linden, Ala., and has pastored churches in Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, and Missouri.

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Aliens do exist on Earth

"ET," "Close Encounters," "Star Wars," UFO's, "Star Trek," "Independence Day," "Dark Skies," Roswell, N.M....and the list goes on and on. You already know what I'm talking about - the fascination today with ALIENS!!

Do aliens exist or not? If they do, what do they look like? Where do they live? Would they be friendly or hostile?

You might think that I'm crazy, but aliens really do exist. They look normal. They live on planet Earth by the millions and they're friendly (or supposed to be).

The "aliens" are Christians! The apostle Paul tells us that a Christian's citizenship is actually in Heaven. Peter calls us "aliens." As one song puts it, "we're just passing through." If you're a Christian, I hope you're living out the lifestyle of your heavenly citizenship.

1 Peter 2:11-17 tells us many things for our "alien lifestyle." Peter writes, "I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the things in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation."

"Submit yourselves to the Lord's sake to every human institution; whether to a king as the one in authority, or to



Lee Rushing
Guest Columnist

Please see ALIENS, page 7A.

CHURCH NEWS

Promise Keepers

There will be a Promise Keepers meeting on Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at Miracle Revival Church, FM 700. This will be a time of prayer and fellowship.

Promise Keepers is a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to uniting men through vital relationships in their world. A Promise Keeper is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and Biblical values. A Promise Keeper is dedicated to

reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of Biblical unity.

Those who have not registered for the Promise Keepers Meeting in Dallas on Oct. 24-25, call now.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

At the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Philadelphia on July 14-25, the Rt. Rev. Frank T. Griswold, Bishop of Chicago, was elected the next presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

By the action of the school board and the Vestry, St. Mary's Episcopal School has asked Carol Hanes to become

the new Head of School. Carol received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Baylor University in 1980 and her Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Austin in 1985. She holds four Texas teaching certifications and is currently working on her Educational Administration certification. We welcome Carol to St. Mary's School and look forward to her leadership.

On Aug. 6, there will be a reception at the Diocesan Center (1802 Broadway in Lubbock), from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. by the Rt. Rev. Sam B. Hulsey and his wife, Linda. This will be an opportunity to visit with

the Bishop and wish him and Linda well in retirement.

College Baptist Church

A long range planning committee has been elected at College Baptist to study needs of the church facility and to suggest order and priority for their consideration. Committee members include Evelyn Zellars, Marcy Weir, Barbara Miller, Lloyd Claxton, Bonnie Porter, Fred Phillips, Tim Blackshear and Rick Liles.

The church has voted to change the time of Sunday evening worship from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday night activities have also been scheduled an hour earlier, with an evening meal being served at

the church.

First United Methodist Church

"Packing For The Longest Journey Of All" (John 14:1-4) is Dr. Ed Williamson's message this Sunday, Aug. 3, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m.

Our "home page" is <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>.

The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth and children.

The youth will be traveling to Schlitterbaun this weekend for water fun and fellowship.

Answering the call

Doctor and wife leave life behind for missionary work in former Soviet state

By ROBERTA HEIMAN
Scripps Howard News Service

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — For more than 20 years, Dr. Chong Kim was an anesthesiologist in Evansville and he says it was a good life.

Then three years ago he and his wife, Jin — their four children all grown — decided to shuck it all. They had their reason.

Today the couple are medical missionaries in poverty-stricken Uzbekistan, one of the 16 new republics carved out of the former Soviet Union.

Kim drives a huge bus that he calls his "moving clinic," going from village to village to take health care to people who've long gone without it. Mrs. Kim serves as his lab technician, conducting the electrocardiograms, urinalysis, blood and other tests.

Their friends in Evansville's small Korean community, which includes about 50 families, are helping them with both emotional and financial support. They've formed a non-profit organization, Good Samaritan Medical Aid, to help

provide medical supplies and equipment.

Kwang Kim, professor of accounting at the University of Southern Indiana, is heading up the effort. He's not related to the Kims in Uzbekistan but is active with them in the Korean Church of Evansville.

Church members received a firsthand report on their work this week when the couple returned home for daughter Jane's wedding. The doctor said his decision to become a medical missionary grew out of his own critical illness 10 years ago from a kidney infection and blood poisoning.

He was unable to work for 11 months, he said. "And in those 11 months I learned a few things about life."

Earlier, the Kims had been involved in mission work in Haiti. But becoming a full-time medical missionary carried a big requirement.

"I was an anesthesiologist," Kim explained. "I'd never treated common illnesses, so I had to learn to be a primary-care doctor."

He spent more than a year visiting in the offices of his

Evansville colleagues in primary practice — learning from Dr. Steve Elliott, Dr. Donald Cobb and the physicians at local medical centers. And he studied. And studied.

In Uzbekistan, he quipped, "I'm still studying. And if I stay there 10 more years, I'm going to be awfully smart."

The Kims live in the capital city, Tashkent, which has a population of 2 million. But they spend most of the time taking their clinic to the rural villages. The predominant religion is Islam.

After years of Communist control, "Their health-care system is bad. It's incredible," Kim said. "The Soviet Union could build satellites but didn't care about people as human beings."

He said the few wealthy people can still buy good medical care, but the majority are poor and go without.

"After years of repression, it's going to take a long time. The country is now democratic, but the people don't know what is democratic. The same people are still in control. My impression is they're still like a dicta-

tor."

Kim said the results are that the standard of living is poor, social order is not good and "economics, especially, is not good."

Under the Soviet regime's planned economy, each of the 16 provinces was assigned a specific industry. Now they lack diverse economies of their own and they aren't working with each other to develop trade agreements, he said.

Uzbekistan's major industry is growing cotton. "The economy, it's awful."

Kim meets with the mayor or chief of each rural village before taking his moving clinic in, to get their permission and cooperation.

He said they like doctors but don't like Christian missionaries — which he considers his primary role there — so he thinks he is monitored closely by the underground but still-existent KGB.

He has to submit reports on everything he does.

"Usually, we set up at a school and use a couple of classrooms. Lots of people come," he said.

CLUB NEWS

Rainbow Girls

Members of Big Spring Assembly No. 60, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, returned recently from the Texas Grand Assembly meeting in Beaumont, Texas. Eight girls attended and all girls received their "A" and "B" certificates, given for excellence in their work.

Big Spfing, Abilene, San Angelo and Midland presented a "Western Texas" flag drill.

Big Spring World Advisor, Laura Rutherford, received recognition for the Assembly, for collection of discarded nylon hose (used in various craft projects), collecting canceled stamps (for school children projects), 100 percent in Rainbow news subscriptions and the collection of stuffed animals for donations to hospitals and children's homes.

Highlight of the Assembly for the Big Spring attendants was the election of Daun Shober to Grand Recorder, and appointment as Grand Representative to Colorado from Texas, and appointment of Allison Thomas as junior member of the Grand Executive Committee and

Grand Representative from Kansas to Texas.

Sand Springs Lions Club

The Sand Springs Lions Club met June 24 at Angels Restaurant for the "installation of officers meeting." District 2A-1 Governor, Ike Fitzgerald, installed the following officers for 1997-98: President - Jarrell Barbee, 1st V. President - Betty Franklin, 2nd V. President - Nell Wright, Secretary/Treasurer - Dolores Hurlburt, Tail Twister/Lion Tamer - Maurice Wright, and Membership Director - Burnis Mason.

Governor Ike Fitzgerald also presented the following awards for 1996-97: 1 year 100 percent attendance - Nell Wright, Burnis Mason, Mike Hurlburt, Fred Franklin and Betty Franklin; 6 year 100 percent attendance - Maurice Wright; 14 year 100 percent attendance - Herschell Matthies; 27 year 100 percent attendance - Jarrell Barbee; 10 year Monarch Chevron - Barney Edens; 20 years Monarch Chevron - Burnis Mason.

Achievement award - Sonora Honey; charter member award - Jimmy Earnest; president's appreciation awards - Jarrell Barbee and Maurice Wright; presidents plaque - Fred Franklin; and Lion of the Year plaque - Dolores Hurlburt.

TIPS FOR LIVING

Don't stay in the no zone

(NAPS)When you're on the road, a good rule is to stay clear of a truck's blind spots. The area around large trucks where cars "disappear" is called the no-zone.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, more than 250,000 crashes involving cars and trucks happen every year. Keep these points in mind for safety on the highway:

- Trucks have much larger blind spots on both sides than cars do.
- Trucks have deep blind spots directly behind them. If you can't see a truck's side mirrors, it can't see you.
- Trucks can't stop as quickly as cars. When passing, look for the whole front of the truck in your rear-view mirror before pulling in front. Then, don't slow down.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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.

Class for families of mentally ill

Journey Of Hope, a class for families of people with major mental illness, will be offered through the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill beginning Aug. 7. The 12-week curriculum is taught by family members themselves, and covers a variety of issues.

For information, call 267-7220.

THE LAST WORD

We hope that, when the insects take over the world, they will remember with gratitude how we took them along on our picnics.

Bill Vaughan

Ideas often flash across our minds more complete than we could make them after much labor.

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Groups want to be called religions

AUSTIN (AP) — Two small Austin groups denied tax-exempt religious status by the state comptroller's office are fighting that decision and could be headed to court.

David Collins, leader of A Community for Contemplative Practice, on argued before a state administrative judge that what his group of about 15 practices is religion and should be recognized as such.

But comptroller's office staffers said the group is not a religion. They said Collins is seeking tax-exempt religious status in an attempt to practice counseling without state licens-

es. Wednesday's hearing before Administrative Law Judge Mark Weiss was an appeal of the comptroller's decision not to grant A Community for Contemplative Practice status as a religion for purposes of getting a tax exemption.

Weiss will recommend to Comptroller John Sharp whether the group should be recognized as a religion. Ross Ramsey, an aide to Sharp, said the comptroller has never granted the religious tax exemption to groups that do not believe in a supreme being.

Last month, the comptroller's office reversed a previous decision against granting the exemption to the Ethical Culture Fellowship, another local nontheistic religious group.

Sharp overturned that reversal, saying a group without a belief in a supreme being should not get a religious tax exemption.

But Jay Jacobson, head of the American Civil Liberties Union in Texas, said the supreme being criteria has never been applied before now.

In a May 1996 letter to the Ethical Culture Fellowship, Sharp's staff listed the criteria used in determining religious tax exemptions. They included descriptions of the group's beliefs, practices, rites and rituals, but said nothing about belief in a supreme being.

"They just made that up for this case," he said. "They had officials that were following their own policy that ruled these people got an exemption. It hits the (newspaper), and the comptroller does a 180."

The ACLU has agreed to represent both groups in court.

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governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king."

Great advice from "alien" Peter. If you're not a Christian, the benefits are "out of this world." Give yourself to Jesus Christ and you can also have an incredible inheritance in Heaven that will not fade away. Get on board the "ship" today and believe in the "aliens" leader today - the Lord Jesus Christ!

Lee Rushing is a minister with CrossPoint Ministries of Big Spring.

BAPTIST

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Parker, known to church members as "Brother Bud," is an accomplished pianist. He also plays the saxophone.

The Parkers' daughters, Karen and Kimberly, continue the family tradition of music. Karen, an elementary school counselor, plays piano and flute.

Kimberly is a pianist and violinist who recently received her Master's degree in elementary education from the University of Central Oklahoma.

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FIRST DISTRICT-WIDE MASONIC OFFICER INSTALLATION



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Last Friday was the first ever district-wide Masonic officer installation ceremony for the 80th Masonic District. Masons from both Big Spring lodges, Lamesa, Stanton, Coahoma and O'Donnell were on hand to install officers with special guest David Dibrell, Installing Marshall; and Ben O'Brien, Installing Officer. Dinner was served for 125 lodge members and guests. Pictured in the left photo are Big Spring Lodge 1340 members, from left, Carl Condray, Verlon Knous, Preston Harris, Richard Mitchell, Gene Dupuy, Charles Bailey, with O'Brien and Dibrell. In the right photo are members of the Staked Plain Lodge 598, with Dibrell, from left are Ladd Smith, Bob Kennedy, Bob Hitch, O'Brien, Allen Welch, Terry Stogner, J.D. Thompson, James Dubose, Marvin Wise, Burt Matthies, Robert Smith, Larry Williams and Al Tidwell.

Expedition finds ancient ship remains in Mediterranean

By LEE BOWMAN
Scripps Howard News Service

Using technology developed to fight the Cold War, a team of oceanographers, archaeologists and engineers have discovered a graveyard of ancient ships sunk in the Mediterranean Sea as long as 2,200 years ago.

Using a deep-diving Navy submarine and a robotic submersible, the team found, mapped, diagrammed and recovered more than 100 artifacts from five ships dated to the Roman era, plus three more modern vessels, all strewn across a 20-square-mile section of seafloor a half-mile deep.

The expedition, led by oceanographer Robert Ballard, discoverer of the resting place of the Titanic, reported its finds Wednesday during a news conference at the National

Geographic Society, a sponsor, in Washington, D.C.

Ballard, president of the newly-formed Institute for Exploration, in Mystic, Conn., said the six-week survey establishes that ancient sailors were not all a coast-hugging, island-hopping breed but were able and willing to venture across long stretches of deep, open ocean to take the shortest route between two points.

"The impression of coastal sailing has been established because all the wrecks we've found have been in shallow waters, but that's because until recently that's the only place we were able to look," Ballard said.

Using the wide-scanning sonar of the Navy's NR-1 deep-diving research submarine, the team was able to search thousands of square yards of ocean floor at a time for wrecks.

"They were finding a Roman-era wreck every other day, so many we finally called them off," Ballard said of the nuclear-powered sub, which the Navy has turned increasingly to civilian research from its original mission of snooping on Russian undersea operations.

Using an array of instruments mounted on the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute's diving drone Jason, scientists were able to plot the dimensions of each wreck in as little as an hour, work that in shallower water has taken human divers months and years to accomplish. After that, the submersible's mechanical arms were used to put relics into collection baskets that were then floated to the surface for preservation and study.

The remains of the cargo ships about 100 miles off the Tunisian coast are astride a

trade route between two super-powers of the first century B.C. — Rome and Carthage — fierce rivals which warred off and on for more than a century before Rome finally conquered and destroyed the North African city-state. That opened the way for Rome to build an empire that eventually incorporated every piece of land watered by the Mediterranean and then some, with Roman maps arrogantly but accurately labeling it "Mare Nostrum" — "Our Sea."

The oldest ship found by the expedition apparently foundered within a century of Carthage's demise and rebirth as a Roman port. It may have carried as many as 100 passengers on its crowded deck, said Anna Marguerite McCann of Boston University, head archeologist for the expedition.

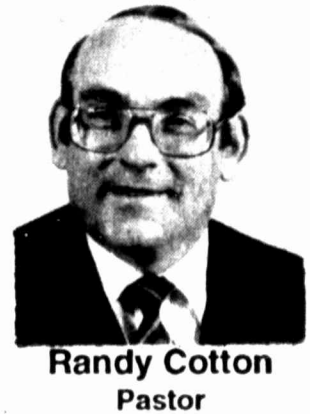


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Rangers sign Rodriguez to five-year, \$42 million deal

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — After months of unsuccessful negotiations and fruitless posturing, Ivan Rodriguez stood on the brink of becoming the Texas Rangers' former All-Star catcher.

Then, on advice from his mother and without the knowledge of his agent, Rodriguez walked into the office of Rangers President Tom Schieffer.

He walked out with the contract he wanted and a secure future in Texas through 2002.

The Rangers and Rodriguez agreed Thursday to a five-year, \$42 million contract extension that makes him the highest-paid player in team history.



RODRIGUEZ

The two sides split the difference between the \$38 million offer Rodriguez rejected last week and the \$45 million his attorney, Jeff Moorad, said Rodriguez wanted.

Schieffer went to work on Thursday expecting to trade Rodriguez, a move that would have brought the wrath of Rangers fans and the prospect of replacing what many have called the best catcher since Johnny Bench.

Reports had Rodriguez going to New York or Baltimore.

"I felt that we were very likely to be

announcing a trade today," Schieffer said.

But Rodriguez wanted to stay put. His mother, Eva Torres, on Wednesday night suggested a meeting with Schieffer.

"She told me, 'Go and talk to him ... He is gonna listen to you,'" Rodriguez said. "My mom is right. He listened to me and we did it. ... We are all happy."

Schieffer said the 9 a.m. meeting was straightforward.

"He said he wanted to be a Texas Ranger his whole career and he wanted to see if he could work out a deal," Schieffer said. "That really meant a lot to me, and I think it meant a lot to this franchise."

The five-year, \$42 million deal

includes salaries of \$6 million in 1998, \$8 million in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and \$9 million in 2002. Rodriguez also gets a \$1 million signing bonus and a \$2 million severance payment when his term with the Rangers ends, be it in 2002 or if he is traded.

Moorad said Rodriguez's desire to remain in Texas overshadowed the temptation of potential free agency after this season.

"We always believed the Rangers were entitled to a Texas discount," Moorad said. "For all the riches that were laid out in the free agent marketplace, we feel that in the end, Pudge's career interests are best served by him continuing his career in Texas."

Rodriguez, 25, was the third-youngest player promoted to the major

leagues in club history when Texas brought him up from Class AA Tulsa on June 20, 1991.

Since then, he has become a career .291 hitter with 79 home runs and 387 RBIs. He had thrown out an average of 44 percent of baserunners who tried to steal — far above the major league average — entering this season.

Last year, Rodriguez hit 47 doubles, 44 while he was a catcher, setting a major league record for the position.

Rodriguez is batting .332 with 11 home runs and 47 RBIs this season.

During the past week, however, Rodriguez has slumped as the uncertainty of his future hung over him. Since he rejected the Rangers' previous offer last Friday, he was batting only .158 in 19 at-bats.

For Cowboys, camp usually always crazy

AUSTIN — My personal favorite for the most bizarre moment in Dallas Cowboys training camp history came several years ago when team mascot Crazy Ray jumped in front of a "Gator" land rover carrying the team's leading rusher, throwing out Emmitt Smith and knocking him somewhere over the rainbow.

Smith recovered from a slight concussion and proved that he could take a hit from a moving vehicle as well as he could from a blitzing linebacker.

We never saw Crazy Ray at another Cowboys camp.

Austin has proved a little wilder as a training camp base for the Cowboys than laid back Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Oh, Cowboys got in trouble there, OK. But they seemed to be more careful. It was such a small town at the time that everybody knew what every Cowboy was doing at all times.

There was the night someone blew the cover off Herschel Walker's meatless diet by reporting he had seen the running back order five hamburgers from McDonald's. And a sack of fries.

Reporters used to sit on a dorm patio with cool drink in hand and watch Cowboys players try to beat the curfew back to their dorms.

Once Ed "Too Tall" Jones didn't make it. He tried to disguise himself as a tree as a coach walked past. Didn't work. Not too many trees wear hats.

Cornell Green was the master at beating curfew and slipping back to his room undetected. He stuffed pillows under the sheets in lifelike forms. Asked once how he could live such a lifestyle yet be ready to go at early practice, Green replied: "You have to learn to sleep fast."

In Austin, players have the run of one of Texas' most free-spirited cities. They can have all the fun they want because Barry Switzer isn't one to insist on closely monitored bed checks.

Once the Dallas Observer

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Denne Freeman
Associated Press

READY TO PLAY?



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Sarah Gent gets an early start on her volleyball career as she attends the Big Spring Volleyball camp. The camp features Rose Magers-Powell, the Big Spring native who was a member of the United States' silver medal volleyball team at the 1984 Olympics.

Cowboys lose much, much more than just a scrimmage to Raiders

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Dallas lost more than a scrimmage to the Oakland Raiders. They lost most of their secondary.

Jeff George threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Orlando Tuit as Oakland cruised to a 12-6 victory over Dallas in a controlled scrimmage Thursday night.

The contest was much more costly to Dallas than the score, however. The Cowboys suffered injuries to cornerbacks Kevin Smith (sprained right ankle), Kenny Wheaton (right shoulder separation; out two to five weeks) and Artis Houston (right quadriceps contusion).

Rookie linebacker Pat Fitzgerald (left hand contusion) also was to be evaluated by team trainers on Friday morning.

The injury wipeout leaves rookie Montrell Williams as the only healthy cornerback on the team, with Deion Sanders playing baseball.

Cornerback Wendell Davis, who is expected to be the top backup to Sanders during the season, is out from four to seven weeks with torn cartilage in his left knee.

Smith said he didn't think his injury was serious.

"We don't have any cornerbacks left," coach Barry Switzer said.

"Come on Alundis Brice," said Dallas owner Jerry Jones, referring to the third-year cornerback who is still rehabbing from offseason knee surgery.

Each team started with the ball at its own 35 and had 12 plays to score. If a team failed to convert a first down, the ball returned to the 35. There were no punts or field goal attempts during the scrimmage.

The Raiders' first team offense moved the ball easily on the Cowboys' first-team defense as George hit running back Tim Hall on a deep route for 29 yards to the Dallas 29.

George hit Jerone Davison for a seven-yard pass to the Dallas 13 before the drive stalled.

Pitching prime; McGwire trade was in the Cards

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL

Pitching help arrived via trades for a few playoff contenders, while the St. Louis Cardinals added baseball's biggest bat.

After nearly a week of rumors, denials and negotiations, the Cardinals acquired slugger Mark McGwire from the Oakland Athletics on Thursday in exchange for three players.

McGwire has hit home runs at a greater rate than every player in history except Babe Ruth, and the first baseman is eager to help the Cardinals with his power.

"I don't know how much longer I'm going to play major league baseball," he said. "If I have a chance to help somebody go to the playoffs and World Series, I want to do that now. Oakland is rebuilding and I don't know how much longer it's going to take them."

Meanwhile, San Francisco, Seattle and Cleveland all brought in pitchers they hope can take them to the postseason.

In a surprising swap, the Giants got pitchers Wilson Alvarez, Roberto Hernandez and Danny Darwin from the Chicago White Sox for six minor leaguers.

The Indians helped their ailing rotation by acquiring left-hander John Smiley from Cincinnati and right-hander Jeff Juden from Montreal.

And Seattle finally bolstered its shoddy bullpen by making two trades.

The Mariners sent promising outfielder Jose Cruz Jr. to Toronto for closer Mike Timlin and set-up man Paul Spoljaric, and later shipped catcher Jason Varitek and pitcher Derek Lowe to Boston for veteran closer Heathcliff Slocumb.

The second deal was announced a half-hour after the midnight trading deadline, and following a long day of working the phones by Seattle general manager Woody Woodward.

"This one went down to the wire," Woodward said. "When the day started, as we moved along, we were looking to make the Boston deal first, and then we figured we'd need more time to complete our second

deal.

"As it turned out, just the reverse happened," he added.

"Both of these deals we were looking at very early in the day. The thinking was to get Slocumb, who has had a lot of experience pitching late in the games, a lot of saves over the last couple of years. All of these are not rent-a-players."

In St. Louis, McGwire, 33, will be reunited with Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, who was with the A's from 1986-95. He'll also be teammates again with Dennis Eckersley, Rich Honeycutt and Mike Gallego.

"He's the most awesome power hitter I've ever seen in my career, without a doubt," Eckersley said.

McGwire has hit his 363 career homers in 4,448 at-bats, or one in every 12.25 at-bats. Ruth averaged a home run every 11.76 at-bats.

In return for McGwire, the A's got right-handed pitchers T.J. Mathews, Eric Ludwick and Blake Stein.

"It's not an easy decision to make, but I think you come to a crossroads in your life, where change is good," said McGwire, expected to join the Cardinals in Philadelphia today.

Oakland general manager Sandy Alderson said the decision to deal McGwire weighed heavily on him.

"I probably have to admit that the reason I took so long to do it was the reality of it," Alderson said. "... of trading Mark McGwire."

Chicago's startling decision to trade two of their best pitchers was the day's biggest surprise.

Although they were only three games behind first-place Cleveland in the AL Central when play began Thursday, the White Sox were convinced they wouldn't be able to re-sign Alvarez and Hernandez, who will both become free agents after the season.

The White Sox went through a similar situation last year when pitcher Alex Fernandez was signed by Florida. But after spending \$55 million to

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Lake View football star arrested

Chris Burgess, who was expected to be the starting tailback for San Angelo Lake View after having been a starting defensive back a year ago, has been charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the shooting of an 18-year-old San Angelo man early Thursday.

San Angelo ISD officials have indicated that even if Burgess avoids jail time, his high school football career is at an end.

A state law passed by the legislature during its last session requires that any high school student who engages in a crime punishable as a felony must be assigned to an alternative campus. Such assignments bar students from extracurricular activities.

That leaves Kyle Gandy's Chiefs with virtually no experience at tailback going into the season. Burgess was Adam Binnix's back-up last year, rushing for 467 yards on 67 carries and scoring five touchdowns. He averaged a team-leading 7

yards per carry and was a second-team All-District 4-4A pick.

Crossroads Summer League results

Big Spring managed to finally give Sands I a loss in senior division Crossroads Girls' Summer Basketball League play Thursday, but was forced to finish the season in second place, one game behind Sands I.

Big Spring's 42-31 win improved its final record to 9-2, while Sands I finished the season atop the senior division standings with a 10-1 record.

In the only junior division game played Thursday, Big Spring II took a 21-12 upset win over Forsan.

As a result, Forsan finished the season tied with Stanton for second place in the division standings at 6-4, while Greenwood finished atop the list with an 8-2 mark. Big Spring II finished at 3-7, while Big Spring I was 5-5.

The remainder of Thursday's games saw Greenwood's and Forsan's seniors take forfeit wins over Sterling City and Stanton, respectively, while Grady took a 26-25 win over Coahoma.

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.

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 GRMWD, 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.

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.

SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL SOFTBALL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Big Spring Industrial League Softball Standings.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., GB. American League East Division and Central Division.

York, 36; McGwire, Oakland, 34; Griffey Jr., Seattle, 32; Thome, Cleveland, 27; Buhner, Seattle, 26; ToClark, Detroit, 25; FThomas, Chicago, 25.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BALTIMORE ORIOLAS—Sent RHP Rocky Coppinger to Rochester of the International League. Traded RHP Mike Johnson to the Montreal Expos for a player to be named later.

NL LEADERS BATTING—Gwynn, San Diego, .391; LWalker, Colorado, .382; Piazza, Los Angeles, .361; Joyner, San Diego, .340; MaGrace, Chicago, .328; Alfonzo, New York, .325; Blauser, Atlanta, .325.

White Sox still in there pitching despite giving away lots of talent

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Chicago White Sox's garage sale of their pitching staff has left them a little short-handed in that department. There's nothing wrong with their hitting, however.

The White Sox blew a nine-run lead to the Anaheim Angels, but still managed to pull out a 14-12 victory Thursday night.

The White Sox were down to two pitchers by the end of the game, having traded Wilson Alvarez, Roberto Hernandez and Danny Darwin to San Francisco for six minor leaguers earlier in the day.

"We had the trades and had a chance for a little distraction," said Chicago manager Terry Bevington, whose team also traded Harold Baines on Tuesday in an effort to get rid of some of their high-priced players.

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Detroit 4, Toronto 2; Milwaukee 2, Seattle 1; Kansas City 3, Boston 2 in 10 innings; and Baltimore 4, Oakland 0 in 11.

In National League games, it was Florida 1, Atlanta 0; Pittsburgh 4, Colorado 1; Montreal 9, San Diego 2; Philadelphia 2, St. Louis 1 in 10 innings; and Los Angeles 4, Chicago Cubs 1.

The seesaw game in Anaheim saw the White Sox get off to a 9-0 lead before the Angels rallied to tie it at 11.

Chicago took a 12-11 lead in the eighth on a sacrifice fly by Mike Cameron that was his fifth RBI. But Jim Edmonds hit his 18th homer in the bottom of the inning to pull the Angels even again.

"It was an impressive job being down that bad and coming back to make a game out of it," Anaheim manager Terry Collins said. "If we can't perform as good as I thought they would. We weren't even at the 500 mark, and I wasn't at the point where I thought I could go out and add a lot of dollars to make it better."

By adding pitching, the surprising Giants showed they're not content with just a winning record. "This absolutely sends the message to our organization that we're committed to winning a championship this year," San Francisco general manager Brian Sabean said.

"You only get so many opportunities like we have this season, and we're determined to make the most of it." Meanwhile, catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who rejected an offer from the Texas Rangers last week, signed a five-year contract extension worth \$42 million.

"This is the team I want to be with for my whole career," the six-time All-Star catcher said.

MAJOR LEAGUE ROUNDUP

come back like that a lot of times, we'll win a lot of games."

Cameron's five RBIs included a three-run homer and Jorge Fabregas also homered for Chicago, which staked Jaime Navarro to the early nine-run cushion before the Angels came back.

Carlos Castillo (2-1) pitched two innings, giving up one run on two hits for the victory. Matt Karchner pitched the ninth for his first save. Mike Holtz (3-3) took the loss.

Tigers 4, Blue Jays 2

At Detroit, injury-troubled Justin Thompson pitched one of his strongest games of the season and Brian Hunter had an RBI triple as the Tigers beat Toronto and extended the Blue Jays' losing streak to six games.

Thompson (9-8), who lost two starts since being reactivated July 11 from a sore shoulder, took a no-hitter into the fifth. Thompson allowed two runs on four hits in seven innings.

Doug Brocail pitched the eighth and Todd Jones the ninth for his 16th save in the last 17 chances and 19th overall. Robert Person (4-7) gave up four runs on five hits in six innings for the Blue Jays.

Brewers 2, Mariners 1

At Milwaukee, Dave Nilsson's two-out RBI single in the ninth led the surging Brewers over Seattle.

Nilsson's broken-bat, bloop hit to right field brought home Fernando Vina from third to give the Brewers their season-high eighth straight

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TRADES

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bring in Albert Belle, the club has never recovered from a slow start.

General manager Ron Schueler rejected the idea that the team, which is just three games out of first place, was conceding the division.

"I don't ever give up," Schueler said. "But what I saw was a club that I felt I had given four months, but we didn't perform as good as I thought they would. We weren't even at the 500 mark, and I wasn't at the point where I thought I could go out and add a lot of dollars to make it better."

By adding pitching, the surprising Giants showed they're not content with just a winning record. "This absolutely sends the message to our organization that we're committed to winning a championship this year," San Francisco general manager Brian Sabean said.

"You only get so many opportunities like we have this season, and we're determined to make the most of it." Meanwhile, catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who rejected an offer from the Texas Rangers last week, signed a five-year contract extension worth \$42 million.

"This is the team I want to be with for my whole career," the six-time All-Star catcher said.

COLUMN

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sent a reporter to training camp to track the Cowboys down and follow their nocturnal pursuits. The report included the information that several players had been recognized trading autographs for condoms at a local store. It wasn't exactly front page stuff.

Training camp was a death march under former coach Jimmy Johnson and in recent years owner Jerry Jones, in concert with Switzer, has calmed things down. Players like Deion Sanders can even ride around in their \$35,000 custom-made Mercedes Benz golf cart, replete with stereo and a soft mist for the sweaty face.

Another favorite from Austin was how Jones tried to project himself as a coach in the early days of his ownership. He even went the extra mile to ask Johnson to consult with him with the cameras grinding on draft days from Valley Ranch.

Johnson told about the day a man Jones has recruited in a bar approached him. He was a 300-pound tub of Jell-o but somehow Jones thought he could be molded into an offensive lineman.

The bemused Johnson took the man to a spot where there was about 40 yards between two large trees. As the South Texas sun beamed down, Johnson told the man to run to the far tree as fast as he could and return as fast as he could.

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return. Which will be the funniest one this time? Ah, training camp stories.

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- 3208 Drexel Sat. only 8-7 Back to school clothes & supplies, short suits, dresses, pants, sweaters, shoes, boots & tennis shoes. Clothing for adults & misc.
- BACKYARD PATIO SALE. 1304 Nolan. Friday & Saturday. 8am-4pm. Screen doors, heaters, stove, clothes, lawn chairs, lots of misc.
- 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.
- 1009 E. 4th - Fri, Sat & Sun. Furn, clothes, tools, tires, Christmas tree & books.
- 1209 JOHNSON: Sat. 9:00-2:00. Sleeper sofa, mattress, dinette, twin loveseat/box springs, gas logs, women's clothing.
- 1302 Tucson: Fri-Sat-Sun. Popper camper, computer, bicycle, clothes.
- 1610 INDIAN HILLS Ceiling fan, washer, children's school clothes, much more! Saturday 8:00.
- 2700 E. 24th St. Fri-Sat. 8-12. Children's clothing, baby items, toys, linens, household goods. New stuff on Sat.
- 2703 Ann. Fri. 8-5; Sat. 8-1. Furniture, baby items, lots of misc.
- 3-Family Sale 1011 Wood, Fri. 8-7 Sat. 9-3. Furniture, clothes, burritos, misc.
- 700 S. Aysford: Sat-Sun. 8:00-2:00. New clothes, must sell due to pregnancy, household items, microwave. Southwest items.
- 700-702 LORILLA: Fri-Sat. 8am-7. 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 8-7 Rfrg. air units, baby items, girls clothes, refrg. & lots of misc.
- BACK TO SCHOOL SALE: Couches, chairs, TV's, 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.
- Carport Sale, 1808 Alabama. Refrigerator, dryer, boys clothing, girl's bicycle and lots of miscellaneous. Sat. only, 8a.m.-2p.m.
- 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.

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FOR SALE BY OWNER \$199,000
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2 bdr, 1bth mobile home, utilities paid. Deposit required. Reference. 267-5952.

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

3 bdr., 2 bath mobile home. Deposit & references required. 267-5952.

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

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

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

2003 Johnson 3bdr. fenced yard with storage. CH/A, clear. 263-3350

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

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Starting fri. morn. we will be selling Large white potatoes, Black Diamond Water Melon, Red & Yellow, Meated Fresh Eggs. At 4203 Wasson Rd or for more info call 268-9828.

3 BDRM 1 bth. 1602 E. 5th 267-3841, 556-4022 or after 6:00, 263-7536.

(3) 1 bdr apts for rent! Single preferred. Daytime 267-2571 ask for Debra.

Moving Sale. Inside & out. Livingroom furniture, woman clothes up to 18-22, infant clothes up to 4T. 621 Caylor - Saturday 8-12.

Moving Sale at 406 E FM 700 - Formerly Victoria Market Place. Sat 8-2.

Garage Sale Lots of Baby stuff, Toys, men & women clothes, electronics. 1906 Nolan Sat & Sun 8-7

Garage Sale Sat 9-3 N Birdwell 2011 Amber Rd. Kids clothes Great condition.

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

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TOO LATES
 Saturday only 8-12: 1108 Furnels.

1601 E. 3RD. Fri. and Sat. 10-5 Crafts, handmade items, much more, some furniture.

Backyard Sale, 1753 Purdue. Sat. only. 8a.m.-3p.m. Girl's clothes, baby - 12 mons. dishes, women's clothing, misc.

CLEAN 3 BDRM, 1 bath New carpet. \$400/mo. + \$200/dep. 1316 Sycamore. Call 267-1543.

Would like to rent house with 1-3 acres in Big Spring area 20 mile radius. Please call 915-263-382.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
 TEXAS OPTICAL, INC. A DEFUNCT CORPORATION WHOSE CHARTER WAS FORFEITED ON JANUARY 19, 1988 AND INTO WHICH E. C. INC. WAS MERGED ON MARCH 16, 1983, RICHARD S. ROSS, BERNICE SHANBAUM, GARY R. NELSON, SHANBAUM, AND CHARLIE CARP and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: Lot Four (4), Block Twelve (12), Original Town of the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper plat on file in the office of the County Clerk, Howard County, Texas.
 Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,885.90, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
 You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against TEXAS OPTICAL, ET AL as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 22nd day of July, 1997, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TEXAS OPTICAL, ET AL for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 1-92-10-4143 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.
 Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, together up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.
 All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.
 You are hereby commanded to appear and defend said suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 3rd day of September, 1997 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
 Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, the 22 day of July, A.D. 1997.
 Colleen Barton
 Clerk of the District Court
 Howard County, Texas,
 118th Judicial District.
 1485 August 1 & 8, 1997

TOO LATES
GARAGE SALE. 2807 Apache Dr. Sat. 7-1. Odds & ends and children's clothes.

1310 Owens & 1802 Owens. Sat-Sun. 8:00am. Twin bed, mattress, springs, TV's, bar stools, bedsprads, sofa, glass tables, dressers, lots of good clothes, misc.

PUBLIC NOTICE
 FORBAM ISD 1007-08 BUDGET HEARING
 A budget hearing will be held in the board room of Forsan Independent School District on August 11, 1997 at 7:00 a.m. All interested citizens are encouraged to be present and participate in the hearing. The hearing will be one item on the agenda and the budget will be considered for adoption in a special meeting on August 11, 1997. 1491 August 1 & 3, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE
 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A PUBLIC MEETING ON AUGUST 11TH 1997, AT 10:00 A.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT SPENDING WILL BE DISCUSSED. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO COMMENT ON THE SPENDING OF THESE MONIES. 1482 August 1, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the 1997-98 budget for the Howard County Junior College District to be conducted by the Board of Trustees, beginning at 12:30 on 11, 1997, in the Board Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union Building on the Howard College campus. Donald McGowan
 Board of Trustees
 Howard County Junior College District
 1483 August 1, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE
 NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
 The City Council of the City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing on the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on October 1, 1997 and ending on September 30, 1998 on Tuesday, August 12, 1997 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 E. 4th St., Big Spring, Texas. All citizens shall have the opportunity to present and/or written comments concerning the proposed budget. Signed: Tim Blackshear, Mayor
 August 1, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE
 IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
 TO: TAYLOR RUDD AND PATRICIA ANN RUDD, DEFENDANTS; C. J. LAMB, PEARL LAMB, DIPLOMA DESIGN, INC., CUSTODIOR DESIGNS, INC., DEFENDANT LIENHOLDERS and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: Block Five (5), Four (4), Block Fifty-two (52), Original Town of Forsan, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper plat on file in the office of the County Clerk, Howard County, Texas.
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HAPPY SATURDAY
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, AUG. 2:

The status quo will change considerably in the coming year. You will be energized by events that conspire to put you on a new path. Relationships become deep, serious and important. You accomplish many things as part of a group, and find support from among your friends. Creativity, romantic appeal and expressiveness are at a peak. If you are single, you might find "the one"! If attached, you learn more about your mate than ever, and feel closer. Children bring great happiness, and a new baby could become part of the scenario. LEO is your soul mate.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
The fog lifts, especially in romantic matters. Someone you care about boosts your spirits. Unexpected events signal the end of a long-term problem. Don't push yourself or feel you need to act quickly. Things fall into place. Tonight: Do something different.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Home-based matters are highlighted. Rearrange furniture, remodel or add on a room. If you research thoroughly, you might find what you need at a reasonable price. Others are willing to pitch in. The spirit of teamwork reigns. Tonight: Have an informal dinner party.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Writers, artists and social butterflies find this a superb day to entertain. Others are interested in what you have to say and clamor for your attention. You feel bombarded with requests for information, but you have it all at your disposal. Tonight: Chat until late.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take a moderate approach. If nothing pressing occupies your attention, take advantage of the opportunity to lose yourself in thought. There are many loose ends inside you that you need to tie up. Tonight: You are out like a light.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
This is your time to shine; popularity soars. Relish the accolades that come from others. A new project can begin, and you wouldn't be wrong to enlist a few buddies as consultants. Two heads are better than one; 10 heads is a lot of brain power! Tonight: Go to the movies.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take a back seat, rather than charging in. You are notorious for putting others' needs ahead of your own; don't neglect your boundaries. Follow your own drumbeats. The world can wait. Be brilliant another day! Tonight: Turn on the answering machine.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You are charming on this lovely day. Go wherever you want, and do whatever you want, but don't stay home! A neighborhood get-together wouldn't be a party if you stayed home; join in. Tonight: Come on in; the water's fine!*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
This day finds you at your desk, on the phone or using your computer to research a job-related project. Weekend or not, you have work to do. What you uncover now has a great bearing on career success in the coming month. Tonight: Head to the bookstore.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You are the life of the pool party, the darling of the barbecue and the apple of someone's eye. This could not be a more perfect time; everyone enjoys himself. Be especially attentive to a loved one; you can fan the flames of romance. Tonight: Be amorous.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Work occupies your attention. Take a short break, to swim or nap; otherwise, further personal ambitions or a home project. Energy is high, and you are driven to set something right. Don't expect anyone else to chip in, but you are capable enough by yourself. Tonight: Sleep tight.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Someone you put on a pedestal makes a proposal, which throws you for a loop! Don't feel you have to immediately respond; decisions like this need time. Ultimately, this could be a great thing, regardless of what you choose. Tonight: Take the pressure off!*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A new financial plan begins, and not a minute too soon. You are relieved, and can now free up energy to spend with a loved one. You are still in a precarious monetary position, so until you are sure of the implications, focus on security. Tonight: Enjoy good cheap fun!*****

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Marriage talk gets downsized when man pursues his career

DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in college. Last summer I met a wonderful young man. He gave me his phone number, and a week later, we went on our first date. When he asked me out for a second date, I accepted.

In the months that followed, he became the love of my life. We fell in love and I became part of his family. We found

every thing we had been looking for in each other. He was the first to mention marriage and having a family — he even talked

about where he'd like us to live. He promised nothing would ever come between us. After all these promises, he just informed me that his career is his No. 1 priority now, and he doesn't have time for me. His change of heart came about abruptly, and I don't know why. I am devastated. I know there are many fish in the sea, but he's the only fish I want.

This breakup is the hardest thing I have ever had to go through. Every day I pray we'll get back together. Abby, have you any suggestions for mending a broken heart? — BRENDA KENHEARTED IN WAUSAU, WIS.

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Yes. Don't sit alone and brood. Attend parties, school affairs and develop new interests. One of the most effective therapies for a broken heart is to keep busy! Avoid the "old reminders" that tend to make you moody and broody, such as "your" song.

Get rid of the photographs of you with him — as well as any souvenirs or gifts he gave you. Once a relationship is over, all of the note-writing, phoning or conniving will not help your cause. Don't ask a mutual friend to help you "get him back." It will only make you appear foolish.

Chalk this up to experience. There is no growth without some pain. And remember, it only hurts for a little while. DEAR ABBY: I know your column deals mainly with people's problems, but occasionally I see a humorous item included. Since the computer is thrust on me whether I like it or not, I'm enclosing an original poem that shows how I feel about their "infallibility!"

I hope you get a smile out of it, as I often get a smile out of your column, among the more serious items. — LORAIN REXFORD, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA.

DEAR LORAIN: The poem is witty, and I'm sure my readers will find it as amusing as I did. Read on: OWED TWO COMPUTERS BUY LORAIN REXFORD THEE spell check on my computer Tells WON if a word is an AIR. I'm SEW glad TWO have this convenience We FILL BETTOR because it is THEIR. WEE RING ARE hands when

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I am now 43 and my mother has been dead for eight years, but I can still hear her calling me "four-eyes" because I had to wear glasses. She told me I was no good and would never amount to anything. My mother's harsh words and physical battering left my brother and me guilt-ridden and traumatized. I became an introvert and never married because I never felt good enough for anyone. My brother, an extrovert, is on his fourth marriage. Neither of us has children. Only recently have I gained enough confidence to speak up in public.

My father, a fine man, saw it all and never said a word. Although I love him, a part of me hates him for it. Since becoming an adult, I try not to blame anyone, but I always felt Dad should have stepped in when I was younger. Please tell "Concerned Dad" that if he doesn't intervene, his son could be messed up for life. — C.J. FROM N.J.

DEAR C.J.: Although I urged "Concerned Dad" to intervene on his son's behalf and to seek counseling for both his wife and their son, I hope he also reads your letter. Hearing firsthand from an adult who is still suffering from the effects of verbal abuse should have more impact than any advice I can offer.

DEAR ABBY: Before my husband and I were married, he showered me with gifts large and small. After we married, it became my duty to send the cards and buy the gifts for family and friends. My birthday, Mother's Day and Christmas would go by with no gift or card. I would suffer in silence, getting more and more depressed as the time went by.

Finally, after several years of this, I decided not to allow my feelings to be hurt any longer. Two weeks before the big day, I would remind him, "My birthday is in a couple of weeks, and I'd really like that dress we saw or those beautiful earrings. Why don't we go out for dinner at (blank)?"

It worked! I was happy and he was beaming with all the praise. After 37 years, he hasn't caught on yet. — MRS. D. IN FLORIDA

DEAR MRS. D.: That's an excellent, nonconfrontational solution to a very common problem. Thanks for sharing it. CONFIDENTIAL TO OUTSIDER IN GULFPORT, MISS.: Don't give up on finding your niche. You are not alone. Bette Midler once said: "I didn't belong as a kid, and that always bothered me. If only I'd known that one day my differentness would be an asset, my early life would have been much easier."

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ROUNDUP

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Expos 9, Padres 2
At Montreal, Rondell White drove in four runs, hitting one of three Expos' home runs, and Dustin Hermanson (5-5) pitched six solid innings. Henry Rodriguez and Chris Widger also homered for Montreal as San Diego lost its third straight.

White gave Montreal a 1-0 lead in the first with his 17th homer, off Sterling Hitchcock (7-6), and made it 6-0 in the second with a three-run double. White went 3-for-4 and is 17-for-34 with two doubles, a triple, three homers and 12 RBIs in eight games. He is 6-for-6 with three homers lifetime off Hitchcock. Rodriguez hit a two-run shot in Montreal's three-run first, and Widger added a three-run homer in the third.

Phillies 2, Cardinals 1
Midge Cummings' bases-loaded single with two outs in the bottom of the 10th scored Gregg Jefferies gave Philadelphia its third straight victory. Cummings, who entered in the ninth as a pinch-runner, hit a ball to deep right-center off Tony Fossas (1-3), just out of the reach of Willie McGee. Ricky Bottalico (2-3) pitched a hitless 10th for the win. Philadelphia's Curt Schilling allowed four hits and one run in nine innings, retiring 18 straight at one stretch after a first-inning single. He struck out 11 to raise his NL-leading total to 212. Mickey Morandini's RBI single in the first scored Kevin Stocker with the first run. In the ninth, Phil Plantier and Ron Gant hit back-to-back doubles for St. Louis' only run.

Dodgers 4, Cubs 1
Chan Ho Park allowed three hits over eight innings at Chicago as Los Angeles pulled into a first-place tie in the NL West after its sixth straight victory. The Dodgers improved to a season-best 10 games over .500 to tie San Francisco, while the Cubs lost their eighth straight. Park (10-5) won his fifth consecutive start, retiring 19 straight before Sammy Sosa walked to lead off the ninth. He struck out seven and walked two. Todd Worrel gave up one hit and got three outs for his 27th save. Raul Mondesi hit his 23rd homer in the sixth, drove in a run with a first-inning grounder and scored in the fourth after singling. Terry Mulholland (6-11) lost for the seventh time in eight decisions since June 7.

Pirates 4, Rockies 1
At Pittsburgh, Kevin Young greeted reliever Curtis Leskanic with a tie-breaking three-run homer in the Pirates' four-run eighth. The Pirates, who had lost 10 of 15, have outscored the Rockies 47-25 while going 5-0 against them this season. Rockies starter Roger Bailey (9-8) was working on a two-hit shutout until pinch-hitter Turner Ward singled and scored on Jermaine Allenworth's game-tying, two-out double. Jason Schmidt (6-6) allowed only one run for the second consecutive start, allowing six hits over eight innings. Rich Loiselle pitched the ninth for his 16th save.

Marlins 1, Braves 0
Tony Saunders occasionally pitches like Greg Maddux. Unfortunately for Maddux and Atlanta, those occasions only come when the four-time Cy Young Award winner is in the opposing dugout. Saunders, a rookie left-hander, improved to 3-0 against Atlanta with a 1.35 ERA after pitching seven shutout innings in Florida's 1-0 victory. Darren Daulton drove in the only run with a fourth-inning single. The game, delayed by rain for 54 minutes at the start, drew a crowd of 30,559. Florida pulled within 61/2 games of first-place Atlanta in the AL East. Saunders, 0-3 against other teams, had just two runs of support from the Marlins in his last four starts. Jay Powell and Dennis Cook each retired one batter in the eighth for Florida. Robb Nen followed with 1-1-3 perfect innings for his 27th save of the season, the 100th of his career. The shutout was the fifth of the season against Atlanta. The Marlins have won seven of their last eight games against the Braves, including four of

Royals 3, Red Sox 2
Chili Davis singled home David Howard with one out in the 10th as the Royals rallied for two runs to beat Boston. The Red Sox took a 2-1 lead in the top of the 10th when Nomar Garciaparra doubled with two outs and came around on two wild pitches by Hector Carrasco (1-1). Heathcliff Slocumb (0-5) started the bottom of the 10th and loaded the bases with a hit batter; a fielder's-choice grounder, a single and a walk. Mike Sweeney scored the tying run on Slocumb's wild pitch, and the Red Sox intentionally walked Jay Bell. Davis then punched a single barely in front of center fielder Darren Bragg. It was the fifth blown save for Slocumb, who led the Red Sox with 17 saves before being traded to Seattle after the game. People who just see the 10th inning on the sports replay shows aren't going to have any idea what a well-played game this really was," Howard said. "But this was one of the best games you'll see all year."

Orioles 4, Athletics 0
Bases-loaded walks to Chris Hoiles and Aaron Ledesma in the 11th started Baltimore toward victory over the Athletics, who began their post-Mark McGwire era. After the Orioles took a 2-0 lead off Dane Johnson (3-1) on the walks by Hoiles and Ledesma, Brady Anderson followed with a two-run single for the final margin. Armando Benitez (1-3) got three outs in the 10th for his third major league win. Randy Myers pitched the 11th. The A's, who traded McGwire to St. Louis two hours before the game, lost their sixth straight and were shut out for the fourth time in their last 11 games. Oakland has lost 11 of 13. "We pitched very well, but the 11th inning caught up to us," A's manager Art Howe said. "It was a great game, just a terrible outcome."



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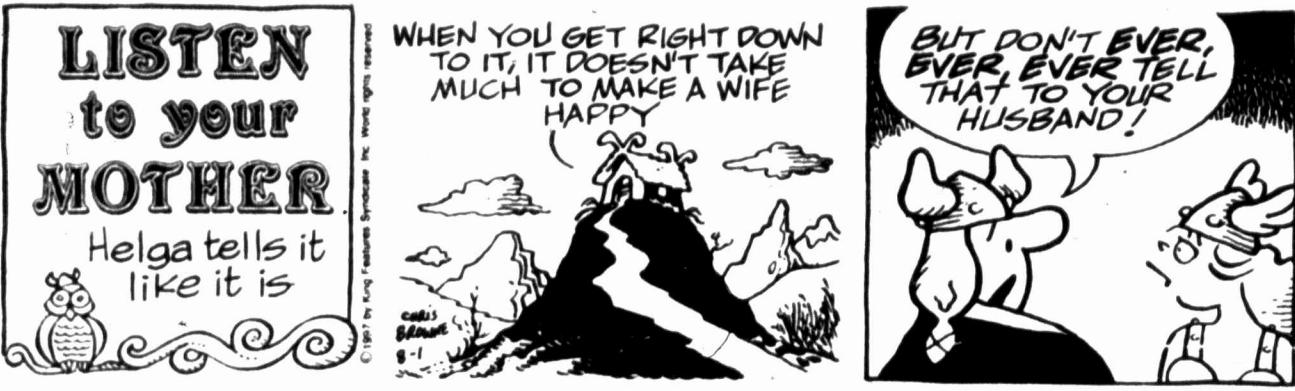
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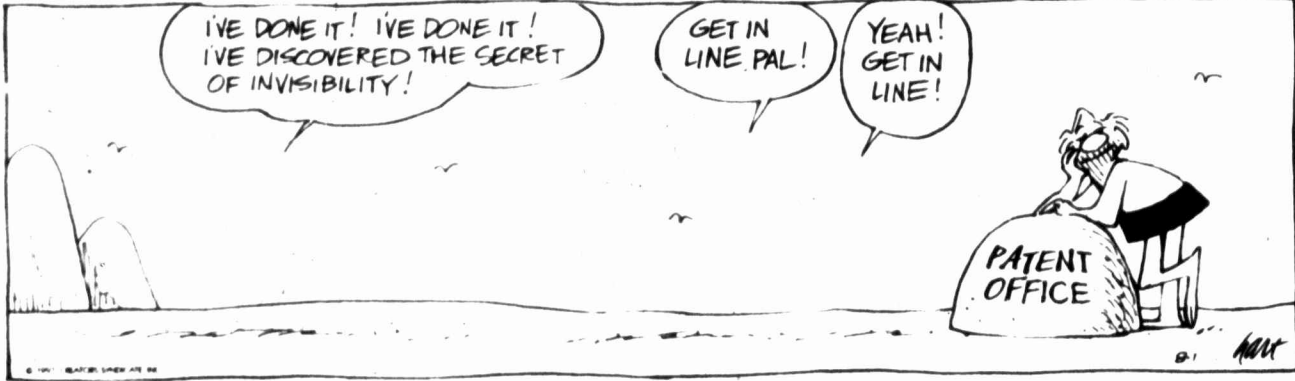
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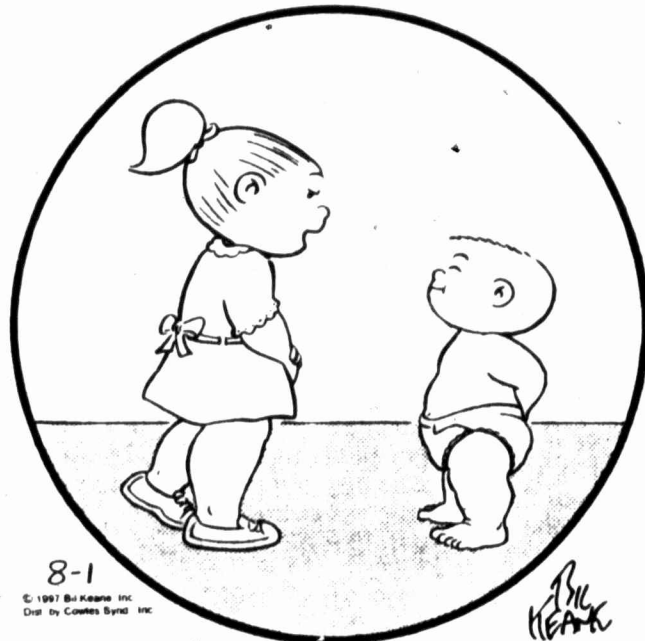
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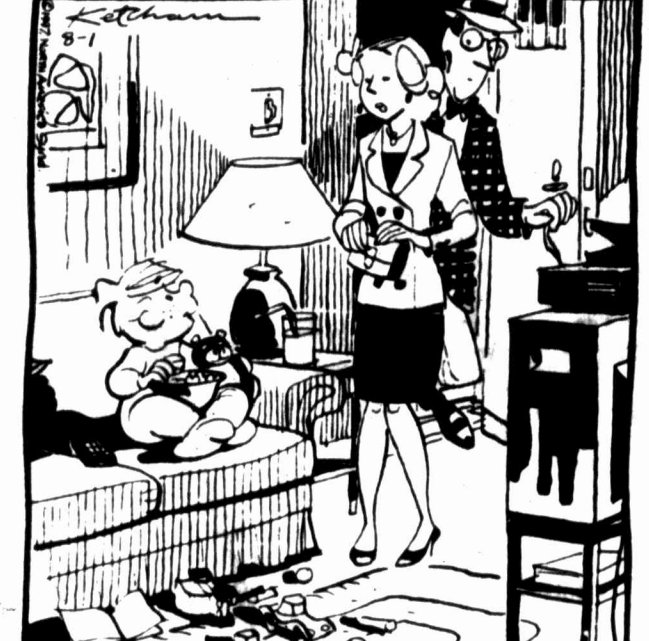
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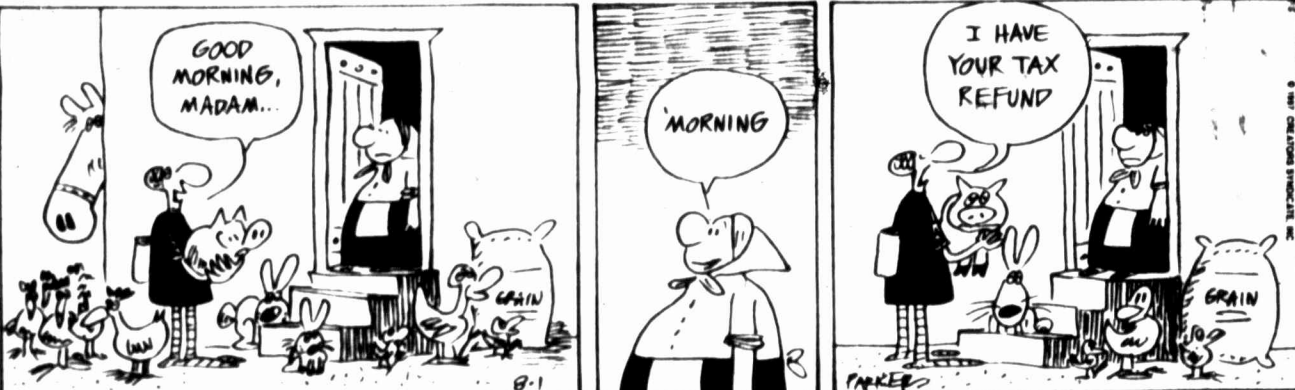
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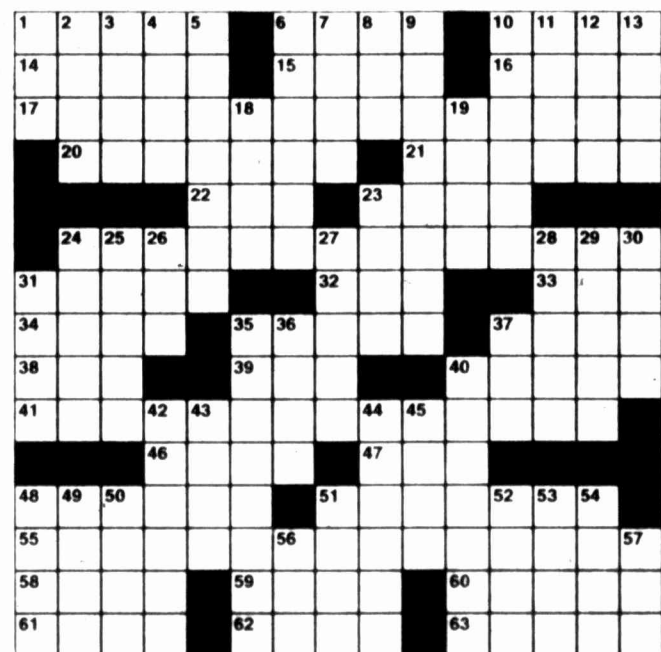
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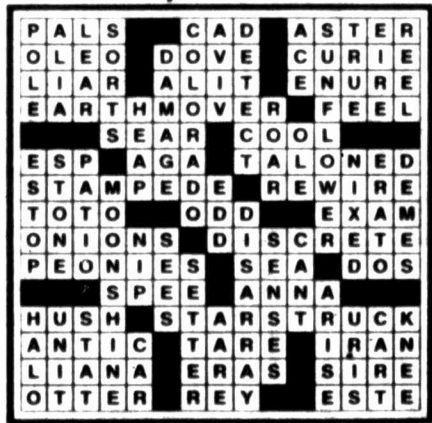
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