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Wheat Furniture closing its doors

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It's not a matter of riding off into the sunset, but Wheat Furniture owner Frances Wheat has decided it is time to call it a day in the furniture business.

Wheat Furniture closed today at noon to prepare for the retirement sale, which will begin at 1 p.m. Friday.

"I hope to run the sale through September," Wheat said. "It may not happen that way, but that's my plan."

Wheat Furniture was started in Big Spring in 1947 during the oil boom by Wheat's father-in-law J.F. Wheat, and has been a viable part of Big Spring and Howard County for the better

part of 50 years, according to Wheat.

Thursday, Wheat wrote a letter to friends and customers to let them know of her decision to retire.

"Walter and I bought the business in 1968 and watched it grow and prosper during the days of Webb Air Force Base and the ups and downs of agriculture," Wheat wrote. "Before Walter passed away in 1994, he asked that I continue to operate the store for a few years. Thanks to you, I was able to do that successfully."

Wheat said that since her husband's death she has had to do both his job and hers, often six days a week.

"It's just time to go," Wheat said. "I hate to have another

business gone in Big Spring, but I just don't have my heart in it anymore."

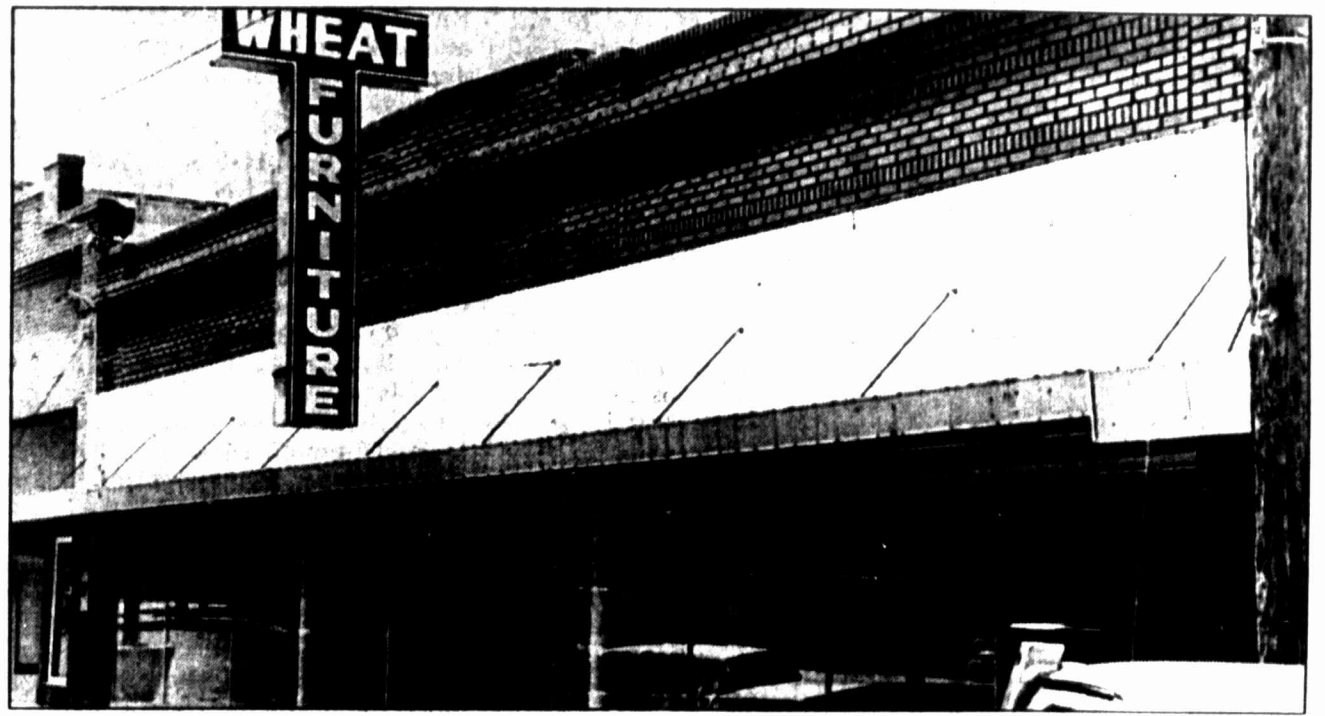
Because Wheat Furniture has been in the Wheat family for so long and because her children are successful in other careers, selling the store was never really a consideration, according to Wheat.

Keeping busy won't be a problem for Wheat, who still plans to be involved in the Big Spring community.

Wheat was installed as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in 1996, making her only the second woman to serve as president of the chamber.

Wheat's community service as

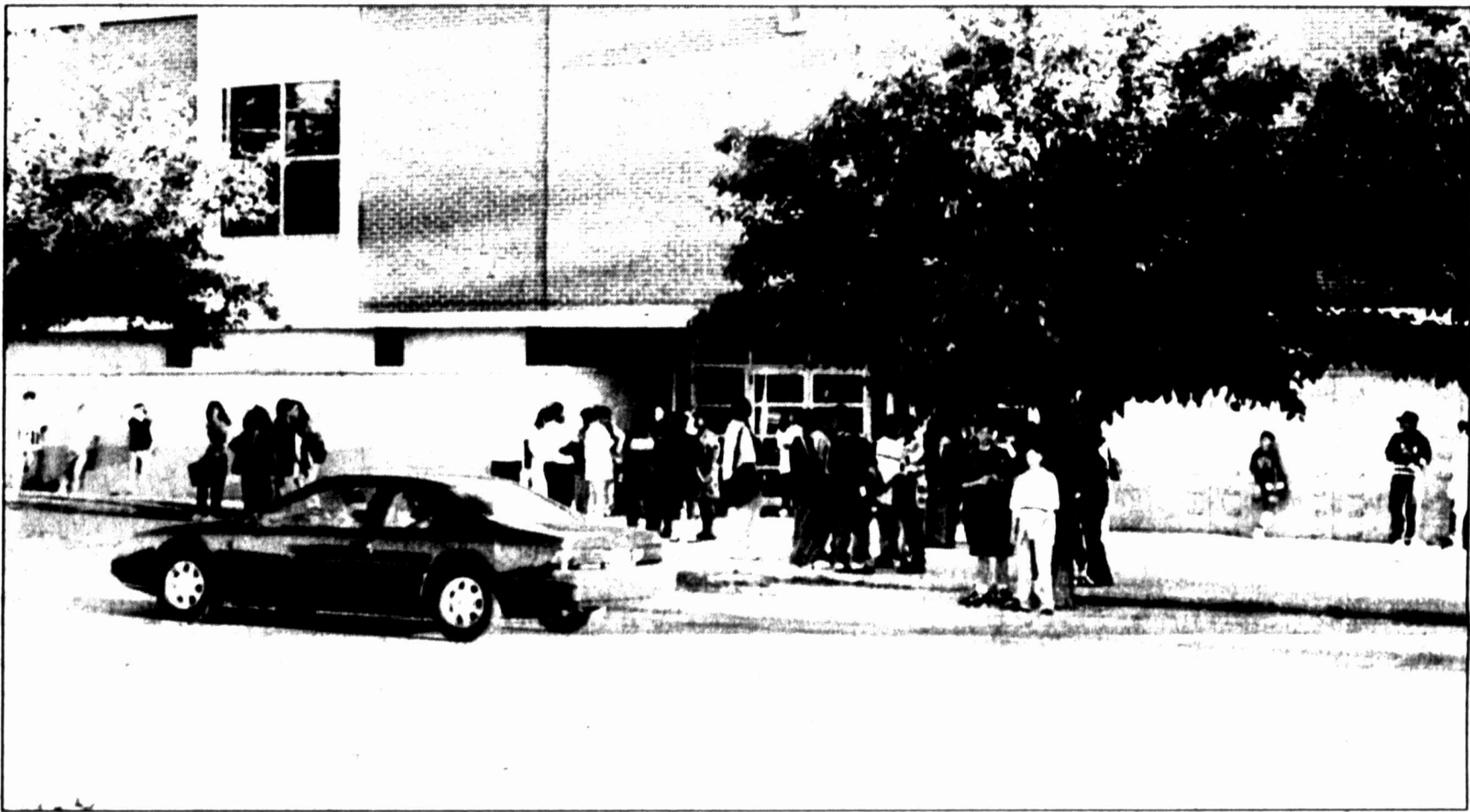
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Wheat Furniture, open since 1947, will be closing, owner Frances Wheat said.

HEALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

READY, SET, GO



Big Spring High School students prepare to enter the building early this morning. Today is the first day of classes in Big Spring for the 1997-98 school year.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Cotton growers vote down weevil initiative

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Aug. 1 boll weevil referendum, which would have established a suppression program in the 19-county Southern High Plains-Caprock Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, was defeated by producers by a margin of 52 percent to 48 percent.

The Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) reported Wednesday that of the 13,373 ballots that were mailed out to area producers, 6,636 valid ballots representing more than 1.9 million cotton acres in the High Plains-Caprock Zone were tabulated.

The following are the propositions that were on the Aug. 1 ballot and how they fared in the balloting:

•Proposition 1 — To establish a boll weevil suppression program in the Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone to begin in the fall of 1998: **For:** 3,184 votes or 48.4 percent; **Against:** 3,394 votes or 51.6 percent. The percentage of all zone acreage voting for this proposition was 34.5 percent.

•Proposition 2 — To set cost-sharing assessment for boll weevil suppression: **For:** 1,882 votes or 29 percent; **Against:** 4,598 votes or 71 percent. The percentage of all zone acreage voting for this proposition was 16.7 percent.

•Proposition 3 — To allow the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation to contract with Plains Cotton Growers Inc. to carry out suppression activities: **For:** 3,009 votes or 46.2 percent; **Against:** 3,498 votes or 53.8 percent.

In addition to initiating an eradication program for the zone, other issues addressed on the ballot included approving a maximum assessment level and electing a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc.

According to TDA spokesperson Beverly Boyd, it's a moot point right now because the measure failed, but the board member elected to serve on the statewide board was Allen Wuensche of Lynn County.



Boll weevil traps, like these shown south of Big Spring, will be the responsibility of individual cotton growers after the defeat of the Aug. 1 referendum.

Howard County Cotton Growers President Rob Haney said he was not surprised at the outcome of the referendum, but it does seem that it will be difficult to get something passed.

"Suppression is the least costly method of attacking the boll weevil, but I would prefer to go the whole route (eradication) if I'm going to have to pay for it," Haney said.

According to Haney, the majority of the producers in the High Plains-Caprock Zone are north of Howard County where there is plenty of irrigation.

As far as where producers go from here, Haney said, "In the meantime you have what you have. If nothing passes after Jan. 1, we can vote again for another year."

"The law gives the Texas Department of Agriculture authority to have one referendum during calendar year 1998," Boyd said.

The election was made necessary by new legislation passed this spring that corrected a constitutional problem found by the Texas Supreme Court with the previous statewide boll weevil eradication program.

Haney and Ackerly producer Terry Nichols were among the

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What's in a name? Not much, group says

Restoration group to switch efforts to Hangar 44

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

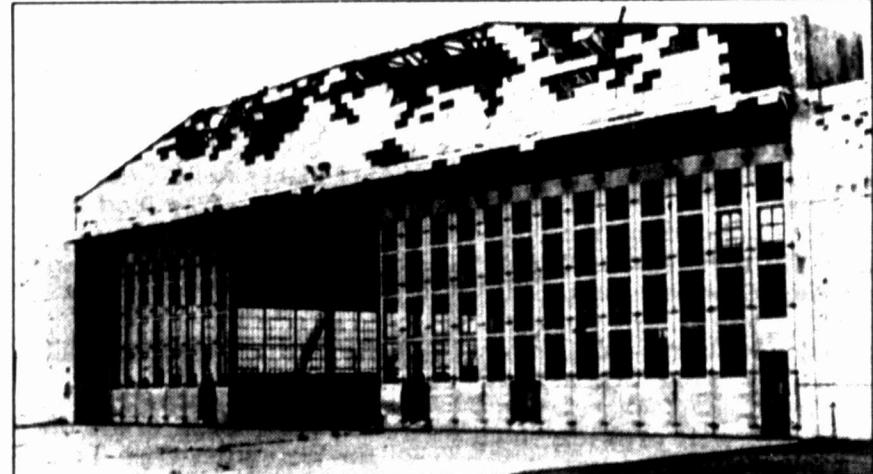
Is it acceptable to renovate Hangar 44, using the name of Hangar 25 to collect money and community support?

According to city of Big Spring officials and the Hangar 25 Restoration Committee, they feel the answer is yes. The reason is the deteriorated state of the actual Hangar 25.

According to city employee Nelda Reagan, the committee plans to make a formal announcement of the switch when the construction bid is awarded later this month or early in September.

"The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) have approved the switch, which is necessary due to the structural condition of Hangar 25," Reagan said.

A structural engineer has con-



Hangar 44, at the local airport, may be in line to be restored, instead of its twin, Hangar 25.

firmated that Hangar 25 is in much worse condition than was originally thought.

"TxDOT has said the name 'Hangar 25' has to be included because of the grant (approximately \$500,000 with a 20 percent match from the city)," Reagan said.

Reagan added that the Airpark Board of Directors, the Big Spring City Council and other local officials associated with the project seem to be OK with the switch.

Maribel P. Chavez, TxDOT

officials, particularly Reagan, and neither TxDOT or the FAA has a problem with the switch.

According to Miller, there's Hangar 25 and there's Hangar 44, which are less than a block apart.

"They were built at the same time and they look identical," Miller said. "They (Big Spring officials) thought Hangar 25 was in the best condition when the idea came about, but as we got the engineers out to look at the hangars, they found that Hangar 25 was not as structurally sound as Hangar 44."

Both of the hangars were eligible for the Register of Historic Places, according to Miller. Because of the switch, the project will now be known as the Hangar 25/44 Restoration Project.

Last month, Reagan and city officials met with several architects from areas such as Austin, Dallas, Abilene and Houston to hand out requests for proposals (RFPs) for the construction phase of the restoration project.

"What we did was present RFPs to the architects interest

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WEATHER



Tonight, a slight chance of evening thunderstorms, then fair. Lows 65-72. Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of late afternoon thunderstorms west. Highs 97-102. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, Partly cloudy with a slight chance thunderstorms.

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Grady, Sands to feel bite of 'Robin Hood' guidelines

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Both Sands and Grady school districts will be "giving to the poor" this year, according to preliminary budget information.

Both Sands and Grady qualify as wealthy school districts under the state's "Robin Hood" guidelines. Schools that exceed a certain amount of property wealth per student are required to send money to the state every year. That money is then distributed to poorer school dis-

tricts. Grady trustees will have to send the state about \$250,000 this year, Superintendent Johnny Tubb said.

Because of that payment, Tubb figures the 1997-98 Grady budget will increase by more than \$85,000 from the previous year. Trustees got their first look at the tentative budget package during a Monday night workshop.

The good news at Grady is that property wealth has increased to the point that a tax cut of around 10 cents is likely,

Tubb said. GISD taxpayers currently pay a rate of \$1.38 per \$100 valuation.

The Grady budget will be finalized on Aug. 28, with the tax rate to be set sometime in September, Tubb said.

At Sands, trustees also will have to pay out under the Robin Hood guidelines, but not as much as their Grady colleagues.

The Sands school board begins the budget process with a workshop at 7 p.m. today in the board room.

Sands Superintendent Donald Bryan said the district will pay

the state between \$77,000-\$144,000 this year. That figure, plus a state mandate of \$44,000 in teacher pay raises, could force the district into deficit spending this budget year.

Bryan said the preliminary budget calls for a deficit of \$145,000, but quickly added that revenue and expenditure estimates were very conservative. It is very possible, he said, that the district could end the next budget year without a deficit.

Bryan's tentative budget calls for \$1.8 million in expenditures and \$1.7 million in revenues.

OBITUARIES

Flossie D. Poynor

Graveside service for Flossie D. Poynor, 96, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. today at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Jack Clmkscales officiating.

Mrs. Poynor died Wednesday, Aug. 13, 1997, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Oct. 1, 1900, in Alvarado. She married Julian F. Poynor on Oct. 31, 1934. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1950. She had worked as a nurses aid for numerous years. She had been a resident of Howard County since moving to Forsan in 1979 from Fort Worth. She was a member of the Forsan Baptist Church.

She is survived by: one son, J. F. Poynor, Big Spring; one sister, Virginia Dutton, Fort Worth; three granddaughters; seven great-grandchildren; four step grandchildren; 11 step great-grandchildren; and one step great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to one's church or favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

BRIEFS

A MASTER COMPOSTING COURSE is being offered by the city of Big Spring and Howard County Aug. 21-23 at Dora Roberts Civic Center.

Registration for the course with a fee of \$30 is due by Tuesday, or cost will be \$35 at

Family fracture is one result when kissing cousins split

DEAR ABBY: After reading your column on first cousins marrying, I thought I'd better let you know the downside: when it doesn't work out.

I was also involved with a "kissing cousin" many years ago, and there are consequences one doesn't think of until it's too late.

To start with, you fight to get the other family members to accept that you're involved with each other. Then, when it goes sour and you can't stand to be around each other, who do you turn to?

From experience I can tell you: No one! You suffer in silence because everyone told you it would not work out and you wouldn't listen. I can tell you, it's easier to break off a relationship with an outsider than with a relative. It's 100 times harder when it's family. You cause divisions and pain when you get together, and it's worse when you split. There's more pain than you could ever imagine for both those involved



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

and the families. You are expected to attend family functions and pretend it never happened, to be polite and try to be civil to each other even though you're dying inside and, wish as you may, you can never go back to "before."

Please advise anyone contemplating a relationship with a relative. Think long and hard before you leap. Your paths will cross again and again, and your life will never be the same! Been there, done that and regretting it... SOMEWHERE IN THE U.S.A.

DEAR SOMEBODY: That's sage advice. Most of the questions I receive regarding marriage among cousins reflect concerns about the genetic aspects of such a union — not the emotional price that's paid in the event of a failure.

DEAR ABBY: My wife is past menopause and she could go the rest of her life without sex. I like to kiss good morning, good night, goodbye, hello and other times just because it's nice. She doesn't.

Neither does she like to be touched — during the day or at night. I have tried everything I can think of. I finally got her to talk to her doctor. He recommended hormones.

She refused to take them because they might give her cancer and restart her periods. I talked to her doctor about the risk of cancer. He said it was so remote he didn't consider it.

Is this normal? What do you suggest for a solution? Please don't use my name. — LOOKING FOR LOVE IN DALLAS

the door. The course is designed to train individuals who will become certified to teach others. Composting is a process that can reduce solid waste by 18-30 percent.

For more information, call City Hall at 264-2376, the Compost Department at 264-2480 or the landfill at 264-2378.

BIG SPRING BAND BOOSTERS will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school band hall to organize for the new school year. Parents of all band students, grades 6-12, are encouraged to be at the first meeting.

The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information, call Rocky Harris at 264-3641.

FREE EYEGLASSES ARE AVAILABLE for adults the third Saturday of each month at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St.

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at

BSHS will be introduced to the public.

THE HOWARD COUNTY FAIR QUEEN contest deadline for entry is Aug. 28 by 9 a.m.

Contestants must be enrolled in an area high school class or at Howard College. She must be single, never married, and have no children.

The winner will be crowned Sept. 1, and receive a \$300 scholarship to Howard College. Entry forms can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce, Joy's Hallmark or Athletic Supply.

RESERVATIONS ARE BEING TAKEN through Saturday for the Jones Valley Reunion lunch planned for Aug. 30. Send \$7.35 per person to Reba Hicks Fortner, Rt. 1, Box 123-B, Brownwood, TX 76801-9333, or call her at (915) 643-1335.

Call John Hicks, 264-0425 and Mabel Timmons Dickerson, 257-3154, for reunion information.

WHEAT

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chamber president was in keeping with family tradition as she following in the footsteps of her grandfather B. Reagan who served as chamber president in 1926.

Seeing the master plan succeed, revitalizing downtown and marketing Big Spring through the chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau are a few of the things that drive Wheat to continue being active in the community.

"I have enough activities (various board and committees) to keep me busy," I also want to spend more time with my mother, relax and take care of my community commitments."

According to Wheat, her mother is a spirited 90-year-old and she just doesn't get to spend the time with her that she would like to.

Wheat is excited about being able to see more of her daughter and granddaughter who live in Midland, as well as looking forward to another grandchild due in December.

Emotions are mixed, but Wheat said this is a happy time for her because the business given her the opportunity to get to know the people of Big Spring as both customers and friends — a relationship that she will miss.

According to Wheat, the retirement sale will give her and her staff Sales Manager George D. "Smitty" Smith, bookkeeper Jana Smith and Lee Lowery a chance to thank the community for its many years of support.

In preparing for her retirement, Wheat has also made sure customers with current accounts are taken care of.

All of the in-store accounts have been purchased by Blazer Financial Services, which is where Wheat customers will now make their payments for the duration of their contracts.

Throughout the retirement sale, Blazer Charge will be accepted as well as cash and major credit cards.

HANGAR

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ed in the project," Reagan said. "They will all have until Aug. 18 to return the RFPs to the airport office."

To save money and other costs, Hangar 25 will now be used to restore Hangar 44 and will eventually be demolished.

"Some of the items in both hangars are hard to come by," Miller said. "As far as the FAA is concerned with the project, it's the same concept because the hangars are identical."

According to Miller, Reagan deserves a lot of the credit for the project, for keeping things organized and on track.

"When the project is finished, it will be something very nice for Big Spring," Miller said.

WEEVIL

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18 members appointed to the advisory committee for the Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone by Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry and will meet sometime in the future to determine what steps to take next.

The committee will meet, but

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

because we have a six-month waiting period, we can't take another vote before Jan. 1 of next year," Haney said.

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

According to TDA representative Katie Dickey, the vote was significant as far as the message it sent out.

"The next step is up to the producers," Dickey said. "The commissioner (Rick Perry) is looking for a program that's prudent for the producers of the zone and it looks like we're going to have to go back to the drawing board."

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

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 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
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•2nd Annual Senior Fun & Fitness Fair, sponsored by Big Spring Retired & Senior Volunteer Program, 2 to 4 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center. Senior citizens are invited for free ice cream, live entertainment, games, prizes and health screenings.

•West Side Community Center fall registration, 1 to 4 p.m., West Side Day Care. Call 263-7841.

•Fall dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., Canterbury, 1700 Lancaster. There is no cover charge and C.W. & Co. will provide the music.

FRIDAY
•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.

•West Side Community Center fall registration, 1 to 4 p.m., West Side Day Care. Call 263-7841.

SATURDAY
•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Gollad.

•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

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POLICE

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

- THEFT in the 900 block of Willia.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1400 block of Tucson.
- GAS THEFT in the 2300 block of Wason.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1400 block of Lancaster.

SHERIFF

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

- RONNIE CLAY PAYNE, 51, of 1318 Mesquite, was arrested for revocation of probation for felony driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$6,000 bond.
- CHRISTOPHER HALARIO ORNELOS, 19, of 306 N.W. 5th, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle, and released on a \$4,000 bond.
- ANNA MARIE MORAN, 28, of 1306 Mesa was arrested for revocation of probation for four charges of driving with a suspended license, and released on four bonds of \$500 each.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 74.55 cents a pound, down 29 points; Sept. crude oil 20.34, up 15 points; Cash hogs steady at 25 cents; corn at 55; cash steers steady at \$1 higher at 64; Aug. lean hog futures 79.10, down 10 points; Aug. live cattle futures 66.60, up 32 points.

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Smith: Justice stonewalling Marine border shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the House immigration subcommittee says the Justice Department is stonewalling an inquiry into the killing of a West Texas teenager by a military team assisting the Border Patrol.

In a strongly worded letter Wednesday to Attorney General Janet Reno, Rep. Lamar Smith said he and his investigators were thwarted in their bid to uncover Border Patrol lapses in the May 20 shooting death of 18-year-old Esequiel Hernandez Jr. "For two months, my congressional oversight has been

obstructed by a never-ending series of useless referrals, unreturned phone calls and broken promises," the San Antonio Republican wrote. "Indeed, the level of stonewalling from within the Justice Department has been egregious on the staff level."

The Justice Department offered no comment. Nor did the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which is the Border Patrol's parent agency.

Smith, who will hold a hearing next month to investigate the Hernandez shooting,

warned that he will use "more formal methods of congressional investigation" if Justice doesn't meet his demands. While the panel can issue subpoenas, Smith spokesman Allen Kay said his boss hasn't specified what procedures he might use to obtain information not volunteered by Justice.

Smith's complaint came the day before a grand jury was to convene a second time in Marfa to consider whether the Marine corporal who shot Hernandez should be prosecuted.

Hernandez, who was armed with a .22-caliber rifle, was shot

as he tended his goat herd near his family's home. The military says Hernandez was shot only after he fired on the soldiers. His family and others contend the youth, who sometimes used the rifle for target practice, may not have known he was firing at the Marines, who were in full camouflage.

While the death has called into question the Pentagon's role in anti-drug operations along the Southwest border, Smith said the Defense Department had been "extremely responsive" to his questions — a "marked contrast to the

Department of Justice," he wrote Reno.

Military operations along the border have been suspended pending review of the shooting.

The Border Patrol did provide two briefings to Smith and his staff. But Smith termed them vague and incomplete. Among the questions that remain unanswered, he said, are:

— Why the Marines on surveillance in the Redford area — who were normally based in California — weren't briefed by the Border Patrol before their mission. In particular, Smith

asked why they weren't told of a February incident where Hernandez reportedly fired his rifle while Border Patrol agents were nearby.

— Why it took 38 minutes for the first Border Patrol agent to arrive on the scene after the Marines first reported shots being fired, when the agency's policy requires a 15-minute response time.

— Why it took so long for medical help to reach the scene. The Texas Rangers, who are investigating the shooting, said no one called for aid until 22 minutes after the shooting.

Israel lifts travel ban to West Bank cities after U.S. urging

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel today lifted a ban barring Palestinians from traveling out of two major cities in the West Bank. Yasser Arafat dismissed the move as insignificant and said crippling sanctions on Palestinians will lead to disaster.

The easing of travel restrictions on the cities of Ramallah and Hebron followed a four-day mission by U.S. Mideast envoy Dennis Ross, who had urged Israel to lift sanctions against the Palestinians that were not needed for security.

The move did not affect the closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip that prevents tens of thousands of Palestinians from entering Israel. Israel also is withholding \$40 million in tax monies from the Palestinians.

"They are letting a few people move from one home to the other — but they are not letting cement, steel and vegetables to pass through, they are not allowing any economic life," Arafat told a delegation of Israeli Arabs in Ramallah.

He said the aim of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's tough policies was to humiliate the Palestinian people. "You have humiliated 2.0 million Palestinians who are not being paid, who are not able to bring food to their families," Arafat said.

"What would happen if we had hunger and starvation? What would be the effects on them? What will be the results everywhere? Disaster."

He said the policies give terrorism a stronger base instead of fighting it.

Netanyahu imposed a series of tough measures following the July 30 market bombing in Jerusalem that claimed 16 lives.

Travel between towns and villages in the West Bank had been totally banned.

An army announcement said a closure remained in force around Bethlehem, a Christian pilgrimage site, and in the Jerusalem area.

Ross wrapped up his visit Wednesday night after having persuaded the Palestinians to resume security cooperation with Israel.

"We certainly, at this point, have a beginning," Ross said before leaving.

The establishment this week of three-way security talks — between Israeli and Palestinian intelligence officials, with the CIA station chief acting as witness and referee — has created expectations for a more sweeping U.S. plan to end the Mideast impasse.

For now, though, problems remain: In addition to Israel's refusal to end the closure — which it says is a security measure rather than a punitive measure — the Palestinians reject Israel's demand that they arrest 230 Islamic militants.

David Bar-Illan, a top adviser to Netanyahu, said Wednesday it was expected that concrete steps would be taken immediately by the Palestinians, "perhaps without a lot of fanfare."

"There was an atmosphere of seriousness to the talks and it was promising," Bar-Illan told The Associated Press.

U.S. officials have suggested the next step could be a visit by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who the Palestinians hope will press Israel to stop building Jewish settlements in disputed territory.

Albright herself indicated last week that her goal might be even broader — to push for a final peace settlement. Final

status talks have been stalled since Netanyahu was elected in May 1996.

"We really hope that Mr. Ross succeeded in paving the way for Secretary Albright to come," said chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat.

Netanyahu, speaking in Jordan after a meeting with King Hussein, said he, too, hoped for a final settlement to end "once and for all the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians."

Netanyahu has for months been calling for quick talks toward a final peace settlement, as a substitute for the incremental approach dictated by the Oslo Accords signed by his predecessors.

The Palestinians have been hesitant to enter such talks because Netanyahu continues to publicly oppose their goal of upgrading the West Bank and Gaza from autonomy to an independent state.

In any case, the delicate process begun by Ross could be derailed at any point by another terrorist attack. Indeed, Netanyahu said he had information that Palestinian militants were planning additional terrorist attacks as we speak.

Ross was evasive Wednesday when asked about what criteria the United States would apply in judging the Palestinians' security compliance.

"The issue of security is something that one can have a feel for," he told CNN.

In east Jerusalem on Wednesday, Israel demolished seven Palestinian houses built without permits — but spared the home of a family whose son was badly wounded in last month's Jerusalem suicide bombings.

Teamsters, UPS return to talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striking Teamsters and the United Parcel Service agreed to return to mediation, but today's meeting was billed as a discussion, not negotiations, indicating the two sides remained far apart.

"While there is no reason for optimism at this point, we will be there, ready to negotiate," Teamsters President Ron Carey said.

The two sides agreed to return to the table on Day 11 of the strike at the urging of Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, who was expected to open the discussion.

Herman said John Calhoun, Wells, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, would continue to guide the talks.

"I am pleased both sides have agreed to come back to the bargaining table, and I urge them to stay at the table until they reach a settlement," she said.

"The key now is for both parties to find a new way to look at the issues and find a solution at the table."

A Labor Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Herman "will be assessing their progress and

will be available to both sides as needed."

"The pressure that the secretary of labor is putting on both parties to resume negotiations is crucial," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said today on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"This is a critical moment" for labor unions, he said. "UPS is a part of the new economy and has been making a lot of money and yet their goal seems to be more and more part-time jobs, and fulltime workers understand this and feel threatened themselves."

While Herman was credited with restarting the talks, the Clinton administration has ruled out direct intervention to end the strike.

UPS, which normally ships 12 million items daily, has been virtually shut down since 185,000 Teamsters went on strike Aug. 4 after the two sides failed to reach agreement on a new contract to replace one that expired July 30.

The company, which earlier held a news conference to showcase messages it had received from employees who want to vote on the company's last contract offer and return to

work, didn't immediately comment on Wednesday's announcement.

Matt Witt, Teamsters spokesman, said there was no reason to believe UPS was willing to change its contract proposal, which the union has criticized for not providing enough limits on part-time work.

"We won't know until we get there. There is no sign that anything has changed — no signal that anybody has given us, no wink, no rumor, nothing," Witt said.

The Teamsters are also unhappy with a company proposal that would change control of employee pension funds.

Meanwhile, the American Heart Association urged a quick resolution to the stand-off, and a pilots union called on other fliers to refuse packages shifted from UPS' grounded cargo jets.

"Airlines carrying struck UPS goods are only making matters worse for everyone. By helping UPS limp along, they are prolonging the strike," said James Sutton, vice president of the Independent Pilots Association, which represents 2,000 UPS pilots who have honored the Teamsters strike.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Howard County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 1998 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 10, 1997 at 5:15 P.M. at the Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main St., Big Spring, Texas.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

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| The total amount of the proposed budget is | \$450,085 |
| The total amount of decrease under the the current year's budget | \$3,604 |
| The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be | 8 |
| The number of employees compensated under the current budget is | 8 |

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and town serviced by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the Appraisal District Office.

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| ACCT # | ACCOUNT NAME | 1998 | ACCT # | ACCOUNT NAME | 1998 |
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| 501 | SALARIES | \$218,466 | 542 | CONTRACTED SERVICES | \$80,360 |
| 502 | BOARD LIABILITY | \$2,000 | 544 | TELEPHONE EXPENSE | \$3,200 |
| 505 | PAYROLL TAXES | \$2,276 | 546 | AUDITING | \$2,000 |
| 507 | SCHOOLS & SEMINARS | \$4,000 | 547 | CHIEF APPRAISER EX | \$600 |
| 509 | AUTO ALLOWANCE | \$6,000 | 548 | BOARD OF REVIEW | \$4,000 |
| 510 | VEHICLE MAINTANCE | \$2,800 | 549 | DIRECTORS EXPENSE | \$1,700 |
| 511 | SEP | \$17,098 | 554 | LEGAL FEES | \$2,400 |
| 513 | HEALTH INSURANCE | \$25,500 | 556 | COMPUTER SUPPLIES | \$2,300 |
| 514 | DISABILITY INSURANCE | \$3,980 | 558 | COMPUTER MAINTANCE | \$10,500 |
| 516 | OFFICE INSURANCE | \$4,900 | 560 | COMPUTER EXPENSE OT | \$700 |
| 519 | POSTAGE | \$5,500 | 565 | CAPITAL EXPENDITURE | \$1,500 |
| 523 | RENTAL EQUIPMENT | \$77 | 570 | COPIER LEASE | \$3,310 |
| 527 | COPIES | \$200 | 576 | COFFEE & WATER | \$1,200 |
| 529 | PRINTING | \$2,600 | 580 | FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | \$500 |
| 531 | DUES & SCRPTIONS | \$4,000 | 581 | VEHICLE REPLACEMENT | \$5,720 |
| 533 | OFFICE SUPPLIES | \$2,000 | 582 | RENT | \$12,000 |
| 535 | XEROX SUPPLIES | \$600 | 599 | PART-TIME-OVERTIME | \$5,000 |
| 536 | APPR. & MAP SUPPLIES | \$2,300 | | | |
| 537 | ADVERTISING | \$1,000 | | | |
| 539 | CONTINGENCIES | \$5,000 | | | |
| | | | | | \$450,085 |

Study: ACT scores mixed

AUSTIN (AP) — State math scores are up on the ACT college entrance exam, but English performance is down and Texas still lags behind the rest of the nation overall.

In releasing the scores Wednesday, Education Commissioner Mike Moses said he believes a statewide focus on reading in the early grades and new curriculum standards will help turn around the dip in English and reading scores.

Moses said he was pleased with the math gain, attributing improvement to better math instruction. The increase also could have been helped by the fact that students for the first time were allowed to use calculators, he said.

"It appears that the use of the calculator may have allowed students who clearly understood the basic math concepts in the first place to reduce computational errors and reduce the time needed to answer a question. But those students who were struggling to master the basic concepts don't appear to have benefited from the use of calculators," Moses said.

The Texas Education Agency noted that 13 percent of Texas students who took the ACT came from families with annual incomes of less than \$18,000, compared with 10 percent nationally.

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Quote of the Day

"Doodling is the brooding of the hand." -Saul Steinberg

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OUR VIEWS

Fun again on tap at Martin Co. Fair

Take a look at the schedule for the 1997 Martin County Fair, and you'll see they've done it again. Our neighbors to the west have planned an event full of good food, clean fun and a true celebration of our West Texas culture. Gates open Friday at noon for viewing entries in culinary, arts and crafts, textiles and photography. Friday evening is chock full of interesting competitions, including the must-see "Ladies Slipper Kicking Contest" and an ice cream freeze-off, along with the Little Miss Pageant and the Miss Martin County Fair contest. Catered meals are planned both Friday and Saturday nights, and the whole fair closes with a dance Saturday night featuring Jody Nix and the West Texas Cowboys. Rarely have we seen such a family-oriented event. It includes a flower show and doll show along with a steer show and goat show. It promises lots of handiwork and art, pies and cakes, jellies and pickles. New this year is a competition for unusual and antique salt and pepper shakers. Why not show your appreciation to our friends in and around Stanton for all their hard work, and stop by the fair Friday or Saturday. Young, old, male or female, kids and grandkids — everyone is sure to find something they can appreciate. We're proud to have Stanton kick off the fair season with this great celebration. As much as organizers have planned, it's probably a good thing the fair comes only once a year.

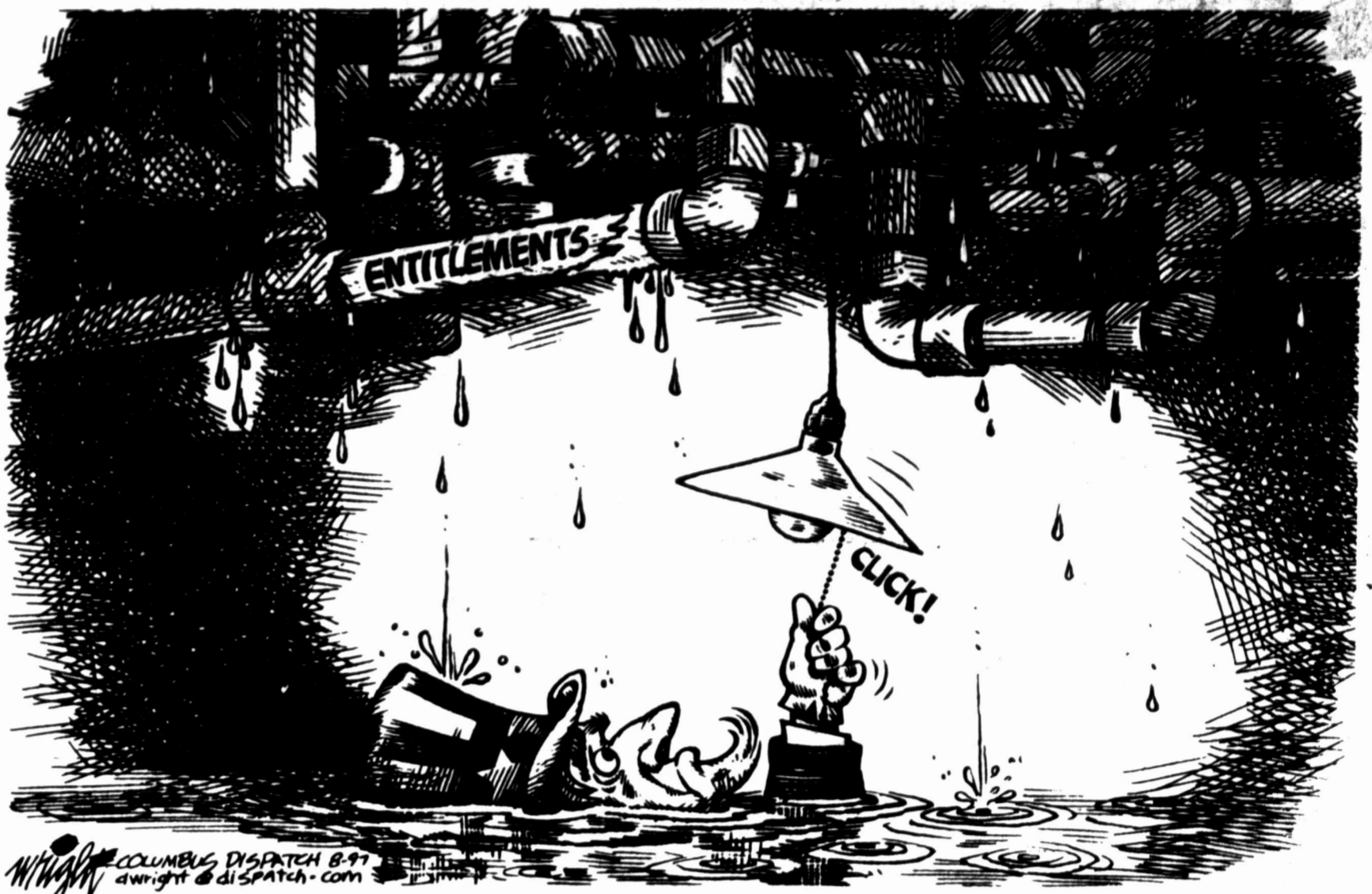
YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR: We recently held our annual Sacred Heart Festival and it was a success with the local merchants and individuals who donated cash contributions and other items. We would like to thank each and everyone of you for your contributions. We would also like to thank St. Thomas for allowing us to use two of their booths for our festival. We also thank all of the people who helped up put it together and especially those of you who were kind enough to operate a booth for Sacred Heart and also for the help to get it cleaned up. If we have omitted your name inadvertently we apologize and know that you were appreciated in your donation or contribution. We especially thank the following merchants and persons: Mr. Chon Rodriguez (Snyder), Burrito Express, Lawrence IGA, HEB - Darrin, R&T Promotions, La Posada - Ms. Guante, Coca Cola, Dr Pepper - Tri-City Beverages, Kwikie, Little Sooper, First Bank of West Texas - Coahoma, Burger King, Mr. Payne - Western Container, Tire Time Rentals, Southwestern Crop, Feagins

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Trying to salvage a peace process that's gone

By HOLGER JENSEN

Scripps Howard News Service

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross is back in the Middle East, trying to revive a peace process that no longer exists. Hamas promises more bombings in the wake of two suicide attacks that killed 15 and injured 157 in a Jerusalem market. "We suggest Israel prepare its hospitals to take in new guests," one leaflet warned. The Israeli army has deployed tanks and armored personnel carriers around five West Bank towns. A senior Israeli general predicts "a long and bitter struggle, a low-intensity conflict" similar to the intifada, or Palestinian uprising, that preceded the Oslo peace agreement of 1993.

The euphoria that greeted the historic accord is but a distant memory. Palestinians have lost all hope of achieving statehood as long as Benjamin Netanyahu remains prime minister of Israel. This makes them more forgiving of terrorism and discourages Yasser Arafat from cracking down on Islamic militants for fear of appearing to be Netanyahu's stooge. Netanyahu, in turn, accuses

Arafat of doing "damn all" to keep Hamas in line. He threatens to send Israeli troops into Palestinian self-rule areas if Arafat fails to round up "known terrorists." Palestinian security officials say their men will open fire if he does, starting a full-scale war. Resentment is already running high because of the travel ban Netanyahu slapped on the West Bank and Gaza in the wake of the bombings, which prevents Palestinian workers from reaching their jobs in Israel. He has also suspended vital tax payments to Arafat's government. Arafat calls this collective punishment a "declaration of war" and promises "a giant explosion" if Netanyahu does not stop "attacking the entire civilian population."

In northern Israel, Jewish settlers are once again spending their nights in bomb shelters as mortars and rockets rain down on both sides of the Lebanese border. Fighting has spilled across the frontier as Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas, not to be outdone by Hamas, intensify attacks on Israeli soldiers and Lebanese Christian militiamen patrolling Israel's so-called "security zone" in South Lebanon.

Under these circumstances, Ross' efforts to get the Arabs and Israelis talking again seem doomed to failure. His mission is further undermined by a pending cutoff of U.S. aid to the Palestinians, which will aggravate the cash crunch caused by their loss of Israeli tax revenues.

That is because Congress recessed without renewing legislation that permits the Clinton administration to provide \$100 million annually to the Palestinian Authority. The old law expires Tuesday and aid payments cannot be resumed until it is reinstated.

This has heightened the Palestinian perception that the United States is not an honest mediator but an ally of Israel, adding to the economic punishments meted out by Netanyahu and favoring his security concerns over Palestinian complaints about Jewish settlement building on Arab land.

Both sides have a legitimate gripe. It was Netanyahu's insistence on going ahead with a controversial housing project in East Jerusalem that stalled the peace process and brought out the bombers. Palestinians are correct in pointing out that settlement building violates the

spirit, if not the letter, of the Oslo accord because it changes the facts on the ground before final status talks determine who gets what.

Netanyahu is equally correct in pointing out that Arafat has been less than cooperative on the security front since the peace talks broke down. Hamas and the Palestinian Authority are enjoying a rare period of "national unity," in sharp contrast to the mass arrests Arafat ordered last year. Several members of Hamas' military wing, wanted by Israel, have been given jobs in the Palestinian security apparatus and two Hamas leaders have been appointed to Arafat's cabinet.

Former prime minister Shimon Peres, one of the architects of the Oslo accord, says Netanyahu has only himself to blame for painting Arafat into a corner.

"You can look at Arafat as you want, as a partner or an enemy," he warned, "but you cannot paint him as a puppet."

(Holger Jensen is international editor of the Rocky Mountain News in Denver. E-mail: hjensen@aol.com. His column also appears online: www.denver-rmn.com.)

Whether it makes sense or not, it's the senate

By LEONARD LARSEN

Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — More of the Senate's dirty linen has been hung out, this time by a Republican moderate. Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, who's been complaining that Sen. Jesse Helms' display of dirty linen was making a public mess.

Lugar has proposed — more like threatened — that if the conservative North Carolina Republican chooses to use his office to be mean, vindictive and embarrassing to other senators, then Lugar will use his own office to punish Helms with more meanness, vindictiveness and embarrassment.

The Helms foolishness and now the Lugar-Helms foolishness involves a third Republican, William Weld, the resigned governor of Massachusetts whose nomination by President Clinton to be U.S. ambassador to Mexico might have been routinely processed except that Helms blew the whistle. The moderate Republican Weld, said the conservative Republican Helms, was mushy on drugs — he even supported use of marijuana by sick people — and no such a person

should represent the United States in a neighbor nation so enmeshed in the international traffic of illegal drugs.

Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he was so determined Weld's nomination would not have Senate approval, he wouldn't allow a Senate debate of his complaints against Weld. He intended to bottle the nomination in his committee without holding a hearing, Helms said.

Weld, a media favorite and an experienced spotlight chaser, responded to Helms' personal insults of him with personal insults directed back at Helms and he suggested he was fighting for his own nomination and against Helms to "save the soul" of the Republican Party.

Then entered Lugar, who is chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. He also appears to be one of very few Republicans in elective office who still believe that Republican moderates have any say-so or status in a party now nearly taken over by right-wing discipline and talk-radio duncery.

Suggesting to reporters that he would force Helms to schedule a Foreign Relations

Committee hearing on the Weld nomination, Lugar said he might use his Agriculture Committee to more closely examine tobacco legislation, a matter highly sensitive to Helms and the tobacco farmers of North Carolina.

What that threat implies is that Lugar can, as he pleases, be tough on tobacco farmers or easy on tobacco farmers and it's all tied to what Helms does on the Weld nomination.

If anything, Lugar's threat of a payback is worse than the indignity Helms inflicts on the Senate with his refusal to even consider the Weld nomination. The implication of Lugar's suggestion is that powerful committee chairmen — Helms, himself or any other autocrat rewarded for nothing more than long years in Congress — can twist and turn the people's business any way he chooses, any time he wants.

Uncomfortably, it's notice from a powerful man of the Senate that the work of Congress is not always driven by necessity and responsibility but at times it can be the result of personal pique, even whim. What Lugar presents is the arresting notion that he may — or may not — tend to tobacco legislation, not as he's

bound by duty but to use as a threat against another senator.

The moderate Republican from Indiana, in his seeming concern for the Weld nomination now jeopardized by the conservative Helms, also reminds us of the mustiness of Senate procedures that allow both Helms and Lugar to act like petty tyrants beyond reproach, even congratulated for their tyranny.

Helms, of course, has been extravagantly praised for his obstinacy in preventing any committee or Senate vote on the Weld nomination, even portrayed as a victim who's suffered insults from a man he insulted and who was supposed to play the Senate game and shut up about it.

And Lugar has been lauded by The Washington Post, the company newspaper in a company town, because his remarkable threat to use farm legislation as a lever amounts only to threatening Helms with "a little swallow of his own medicine."

To the vast majority of Americans, Helms' outrageous conduct and Lugar's outrageous counter-conduct may not make any sense. And it doesn't make sense. It's just the Senate. It's what goes on.



QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Leonardo da Vinci designed a flying machine that used revolving paddles about 1488.

◆ Christian Nelson invented Eskimo Pie ice cream in 1922.

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

Big Spring Herald

Thursday, August 14, 1997

Dorm, sweet dorm: HC room gets help from the experts

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

When Wal-Mart's Debbie Williams saw the Howard College women's dorm room that she was supposed to decorate, her reaction was immediate.

"I thought it looked like a cell," she said, looking around the now bright, stylish room that she and zone merchandiser Bonnie Brumley furnished with fabrics and accessories from the local store.

The room Williams first saw was definitely a bit drab, painted off-white, with bare, striped mattresses and exposed plumbing. Now the room, which will be shown to students as they move in to the dorm Sunday, is colorful, cozy and almost like a home.

"It has helped a lot," Williams said, eyeing the flower arrangements, curtains and floral swags. The most expensive item in the room is a large rug in blue, purple and mauve, around which the entire color scheme is arranged. Wal-Mart charges about \$50 for the rug.

"Most everything we used was not too expensive," Williams said. "We also tried to keep it simple, something that a college student could do."

Rita Fort, supervisor of the women's dorm, knows something about college student rooms. She's been inspecting them regularly for nine years.

"They've done a real nice job," she said of Brumley and Williams. "They really make it



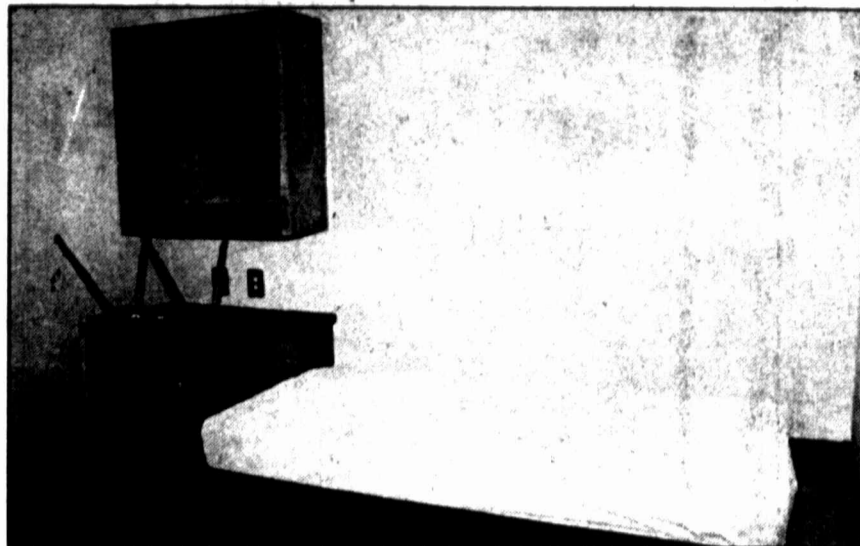
look homey.

Fort said Howard College has a few rules for women's dorm residents. They may not use nails, or any permanent method of hanging something on the wall. They cannot paint, or in any way mar the room in a way that is not easily removable.

But Fort said students still manage to be creative, adding stick-on stars to the ceiling, hanging unusual posters, and occasionally — surprise her.

"I remember one student," Fort said, "she had a lifesize cardboard standup of Magic Johnson. I used to get a start every time I walked in that room, thinking someone was standing there."

Fort expects about 70 girls to



HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen
Above, left, a rug, ficus tree and curtain improve the look of a Howard College women's dorm room, shown vacant at top. Above, Wal-Mart's Debbie Williams hangs a picture.

begin moving in Sunday, bringing with them a touch of home.

Usually, that "touch" is accepting with them a touch of home. Please see **DORM**, page 6A.



Debbie Williams adjusts a vase of silk flowers at the sink in the furnished and decorated HC women's dorm room.

Students need facts to understand concepts

QUESTION: I assume that you favor a highly structured curriculum that emphasizes the memorization of specific facts, which I consider to be a very low level of learning.

We need to teach concepts to our kids and help them learn how to think—not just fill their heads with a bunch of details.

DR. DOBSON: I agree that we want to teach concepts to students, but that does not occur in a vacuum.

For example, we would like them to understand the concept of the solar system and how the planets are positioned in rotation around the sun. How is that done? One way is for them to learn the distances between the heavenly bodies, i.e., the sun is 93 million miles from earth, but the moon is only 240,000.

The concept of relative positions is then understood from the factual information. What I'm saying is that an understanding of the right factual information can and should lead to conceptual learning.

QUESTION: Our children are all on their own now and my husband and I are free to do some of the traveling we have always planned to do when we got them through college. But lately I feel too tired even to keep the house clean, and too depressed to care about planning or doing anything extra. I'm only 46, yet some days I can

hardly get out of bed in the morning.

I just want to put my head under the pillow and cry—no reason at all. So why do I feel so terrible? My husband is trying to be patient, but this morning he growled, "You have everything a woman could want... what do you have to be blue about?"

Do you think I could be losing my mind?

DR. DOBSON: I doubt if there is anything wrong with your mind. The symptoms you describe sound as if you may be entering menopause, and if so, your discomfort may be caused by the hormonal imbalance that accompanies glandular upheaval.

I suggest that you make an appointment to see a gynecologist or other physician in the next few days. He or she can help you.

QUESTION: I've talked and talked to my husband about how I'm different from him and how I need him to be sensitive to my needs. Somehow, he just doesn't "hear" it. I've also gotten mad at him about a hundred times.

How can I get my feelings across to him?

DR. DOBSON: One very effective way to express your feelings is to paint a word picture. My good friends, Gary Smalley and Dr. John Trent, described this technique in their book, "The Language of Love."

In it, Gary told a story about his wife who was very frustrated with him. Gary would come home from work and clam up. He had nothing to say all evening.

Finally, Norma told him a story about a man who went to

Please see **DOBSON**, page 6A.

Last Runnels roundup: They will remember us

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a monthly column series by Big Spring eighth grader April Ward. She will help us chronicle the last year of use for the Runnels school building.

Many people don't see anything special about being the last class in Runnels Junior High. It isn't anything that will make history, but it has an importance all its own. Runnels was built in 1916 to replace the old two-story wooden building functioning as a high school. You can still see the words "high school" engraved in stone above two of the doors of Runnels.

Back in 1916, "high school" meant grades 8-11, because there was no 12th grade. It became a junior high in 1952 when the new high school was built. Runnels is 14 years older than the Settles Hotel!

According to Mrs. E.J. Bednar, who graduated from Runnels in 1934, the younger grades were on the lower floors. So you looked forward to getting older and getting to be on the upper floors. She also

recalled an interesting Halloween night when some mischievous boys somehow managed to place an outhouse on top of the building.

Now only the eighth grade is in the building, and the students have classes on all three floors.

Bill Tarleton is the new principal at Runnels Junior High. He stated there will be about 370 eighth graders in the building this year. Despite how old Runnels is, it is in remarkably good shape compared to some buildings about that age in other areas of town. There are, however, a few problems with the building, in that it requires more maintenance than newer structures, it is not handicapped accessible, and it gets

very hot during the summer because it has no air conditioning.

It would almost cost as much to fix these problems as it would to build a new building that didn't have these problems. Mr. Tarleton is excited about taking on a new class at Runnels. He said he was looking forward to being Runnels' last principal.

I have been looking forward to the eighth grade for a long time, even before I found out we would be the last class to use the old building. One of the main advantages of going to Runnels is being in a class by ourselves.

This will be our only year that just one grade is in a building. Other recent classes have told us a lot of wonderful things about going to Runnels. Many have even claimed eighth grade has been their best school year yet.

Just going to Runnels is a gift in itself, but being the last class is special too. It's surprising that we will actually be remembered as a class for something. But maybe one of

the best things about going is that we will have a half-year elective. Instead of a reading course for half the year and an extra elective for the other half. There are a wide variety of electives to choose from this year, ranging from home economics to industrial technology.

Soon the old wooden floors will be alive with footsteps for the last time, and the old walls will welcome the last class they will ever hold. But this final year should be a great one.

In this monthly column, I will be reporting on some of the events taking place during the year. I also hope to share things that took place at Runnels in years past.

Maybe our class won't be remembered for this, but we will be able to share in the last days of Runnels.

If you have an interesting story to share about Runnels in years past, call Debbie Jensen at the Herald, 263-7331, ext. 235.



April Ward
Runnels
Columnist

Monkey as small as a mouse found in Amazon forest

By CANDACE PIETTE
The Guardian

SAO PAULO, Brazil — A Dutch biologist working in Brazil's Amazon rain forest says he has found a new species of monkey. There are only about 240 species of primate in the world.

Marc Van Roosmalen, who works for the National Institute for Amazon Research in Manaus, Brazil, says the monkey, which is related to the marmoset family and is about the size of a mouse, was captured in the middle reaches of

the Madeira river. It was then brought downriver from Manicore, 300 miles to the south of Manaus, by a local caboclo, a backwoodsman of mixed white and Indian ancestry.

"The creature was inside an empty milk can punched with airholes. Its squeak resembled the chirping of a grasshopper. I saw immediately it wasn't a common pygmy marmoset," Van Roosmalen said.

"This animal had a white border of fur around its face and a black crown, both of which distinguished it.

"Its ears were exposed and its tail was black and unringed instead of brownish and ringed. I didn't show any excitement in case the guy might not have given it to me."

No place has been so rich in new finds of mammals and plants as the Rio Madeira region of the Amazon. Of the four great river barriers of the Amazon basin, the Madeira is one of the fiercest. With its fast white water infested with caimans, a kind of crocodile, it forms a very effective barrier for small mammals.

"The region is a hotbed of

evolution," said Van Roosmalen, who has devoted close study to a number of primates spread across the 2.7 million square miles of Amazon.

"I believe that this new monkey, which we're calling the black-capped dwarf marmoset, is a missing link between the full-size Amazonian marmosets of the genus callithrix, which are only found south of the Amazon, and east of the Madeira, and the pygmy marmoset of the genus cebuella, which are found west of the Madeira."

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| <p>S L I C E O F L I C</p> | <h3>COMMUNITY NEWS</h3> <p>Damron slated for Saturday concert Coahoma's first Presbyterian Church, which has offered a community concert series with many Texas and nationally-known artists, will host Allen Wayne Damron at 7 p.m. Sunday. The concert is set for the social hall at the church, 205 N. First in Coahoma. There is no charge for the concert, but suggested donations are \$6 per person or \$15 per family. Damron, who has performed in the local area many times, including a children's concert at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater in June 1996, is a singer, songwriter, storyteller and Texas historian. The Sunday performance will be part of a tour in the West Texas area. For more information about the event, call 394-4450.</p>  <p>HERALD photo by John Walker</p> | <h3>FOR YOUR INFORMATION</h3> <p>Dive in with Girl Scouts Girl Scouts will sponsor a dive-in at the Big Spring Family YMCA pool from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. Girls must register by calling the West Texas Girl Scout office at (915) 670-0432. Cost is \$3 per girl.</p> <p>Community rally set The Big Spring High School Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater. The rally will be sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club.</p> | <h3>THE LAST WORD</h3> <p>Happiness is not a matter of events; it depends on the tides of the mind. Alice Meynell</p> <p>Everybody has their tastes in noises as well as in other matters. Jane Austen</p> <p>An old man in a house is a good sign. Benjamin Franklin</p> |
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Scholarship recipient plans vet studies

by HERALD Staff Report

When Stephanie Talbott heads off to Canyon for her freshman year at West Texas A&M University in a couple of weeks, she'll be taking with her a little reminder of home in Big Spring.

Talbott actually will be taking along a \$500 check from the Big Spring Professional Firefighter's Association. This is half of the total scholarship she recently was awarded.

Stephanie is the daughter of Teresa Bain and firefighter David Talbott, a member of the association.

Scholarships are funded through the Texas Fire Fighter Emergency Relief and Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships like the one Stephanie was awarded go only to dependents of firefighters, and only for the freshman year of college. Stephanie is one of only two such scholarships awarded in the state.

An honors student while at Big Spring High School, Stephanie graduated with a GPA of 3.92 while participating



Stephanie Talbott, left, walks with her father, David Talbott, to meet with Mitch Gill and Paul Brown of the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighter's Association about her scholarship.

in many activities, including band, DARE and National Honor Society. She also worked

part-time to pay some of her own expenses. She plans to major in pre-vet-

erinary studies with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

DOBSON

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breakfast with some friends. He ate a big meal and then he gathered up some crumbs and put them in a bag. Then he went to lunch with some business associates and ate a big steak. Again, he put a few crumbs in a doggie bag to take with him. Then when he came home that night, he handed his wife the little bag of leftovers.

"That's what you are doing to me," said Norma. "All day the children and I wait to talk with you when you get home. But you don't share yourself with us."

"After being gone all day, you hand us a doggie bag and turn on the television set."

Gary said hearing that story was like being hit with a two-by-four. He apologized and began to work on opening himself to his wife and his family.

Try creating a graphic word picture to communicate your needs to your husband.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald.

DORM

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able. But posters advertising alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Neither, much to one recent student's dismay, are neon signs.

With the help of Wal-Mart, however, this year's women's dorm residents should get a few ideas of things they can do easily, and still comply with college rules.

Williams and Brumley added a six-foot ficus tree to a corner, and a standing lamp to another. They draped the closet opening with a curtain, and covered the pipes under the sink with a colorful piece of cloth.

There are matching comforters on the beds, and cushions in the hard plastic chairs.

Already, as a few students have moved into the rooms early, they have stopped by to see the decorated room and compare it with their own.

Williams said the key, the decorators discovered, was making a bright spot of the monochrome space.

"If you don't add some color," she said, "it's not going to make you a very happy student."

CAREER CORNER

OCCUPATIONAL TITLE: Animal trapper

DUTIES: They capture animals for furs, live sale, bounty, or animal population control.

WORKING ENVIRONMENT: They work almost totally outside. The work is hard and the hours are long. The work is usually seasonal. A person needs to know how to survive in the outdoors. They may be miles from any person or town.

HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES: Biology, physical science, first aid, forestry, geography, some agricultural classes.

SOME SOURCES OF TRAINING OR EDUCATION: A high school diploma is not usually required. Most get their training through an experienced trapper.

SALARY: \$20,000 or more is what an experienced trapper earns a year.

JOB PROSPECTS: Poor. Career Corner appears courtesy of Roger Goertz, Big Spring High School Career Technology Department.

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Slam dunk pooch loses leg to cancer

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — The slam-dunking doggie star of Disney's new movie "Air Bud" has lost a leg to cancer.

Buddy, a 7-year-old basketball-playing golden retriever who also appeared on "America's Funniest Home Videos" and "Late Night With David Letterman," began limping toward the end of filming "Air Bud" in December.

Owner Kevin DiCicco, who lives in San Diego, took Buddy to a veterinarian, and the pooch was diagnosed with cancer and his right rear leg was amputated, Disney spokeswoman Terry Curtin said Wednesday.

"He is able to still shoot baskets," Curtin said, adding Disney has been trying to get DiCicco to bring Buddy to Burbank so his story could be told "because it was so heroic."

"Air Bud" took in \$4.7 million on its opening weekend.

Sunday deadlines

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

Birth announcement, engagement, wedding and anniversary forms are available in the editorial department.

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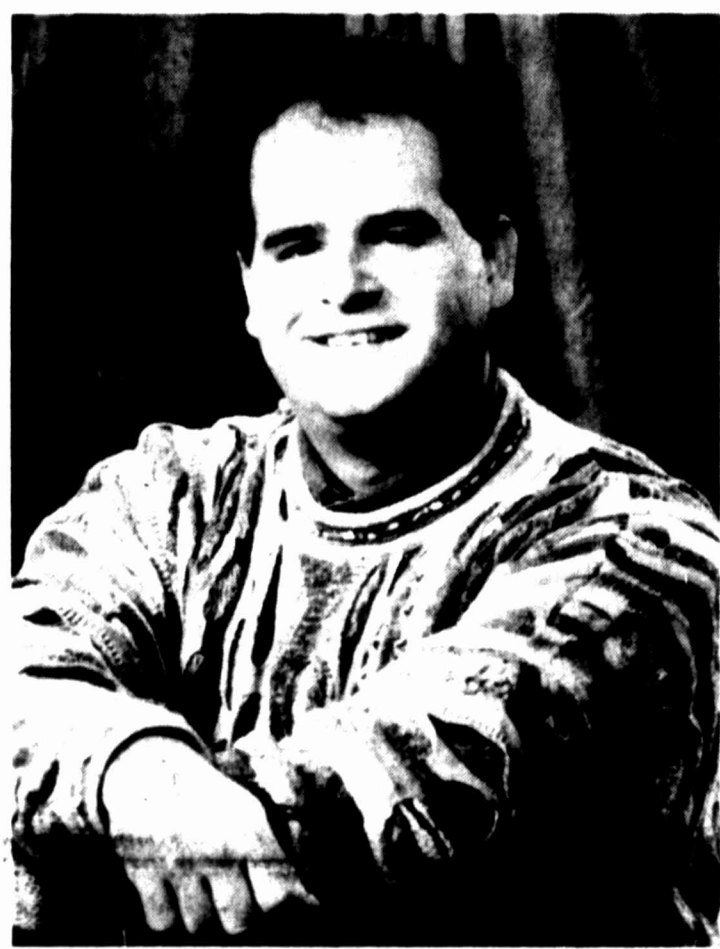


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Cowboys' Nate Newton accused in sexual-assault complaint

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — An unidentified woman who had a longtime relationship with Nate Newton has accused the Dallas Cowboys' All-Pro offensive guard of raping her.

Newton, 35, has not been charged with any crime and his attorney said Wednesday that the woman leveling the allegation has asked for money to keep quiet about the alleged incident. Newton says never happened.

"Nate Newton denies that he sexually assaulted this lady," said attorney Howard Shapiro of Plano.

The alleged victim, who is in her 30s, alleged that Newton came to her home in suburban Grand Prairie



NEWTON

David Cole, the woman's attorney, told various media Wednesday night that the potential publicity and belief that she would not be taken seriously deterred from contacting police.

"He knocked on the door, she let him in. After that, essentially what's been told to us was that there was a

rape," Cole said.

Police said the case was sent to prosecutors, who reviewed and accepted the complaint. The district attorney plans to present the case to a grand jury within the next three weeks.

Asked if he knew the woman who accused him, Newton, the married father of two children, said: "I am not obligated to say whether I know her or not."

Shapiro said his client had a relationship with the woman and it ended around the time of the alleged incident.

He said nothing happened the night of the alleged attack that hadn't happened 100 times over the previous 12 months.

"About three days after, this woman

appeared in my office in Plano and asked for money to go away. She wanted money to go back to Louisiana and go to school," he said.

Shapiro said the woman wanted "what we consider to be an outrageous sum of money. We refused to pay it. Then I received a letter from an attorney representing her, and that demand had increased tenfold."

Shapiro said she asked initially for between \$75,000 and \$100,000. When she retained her current attorney, Shapiro said, her demand rose to \$750,000 to \$1 million.

Shapiro quoted Cole as saying the woman would file a criminal complaint and a lawsuit if no settlement were reached.

"I told them that if she had been sex-

ually assaulted, to go ahead and file a case," Shapiro said.

Cole then contacted the Cowboys organization and offered it a chance to negotiate a settlement, Shapiro said. He said he has turned over to prosecutors all correspondence.

"My client never went to him for money," Cole said. "What Mr. Shapiro has left out is that his client has offered some money. And there's also some very incriminating evidence which is already at the district attorney's office."

Cole said the woman recorded a conversation with Newton, "and to summarize, what Mr. Newton essentially said is, 'I know where I went wrong — when you said no, I should have just stopped.'"

Butler, Steers get good news

Mendoza won't have to have appendectomy

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Yogi Berra, always one to provide the appropriate misuse of a phrase, once observed: "It was like deja vu all over again." And Wednesday afternoon, it was one Dwight Butler might have used.

After having seen his Big Spring Steers complete an "extremely successful" two-day practice schedule, Butler could only wait to learn whether quarterback Gabriel Mendoza would have to undergo an appendectomy this morning — a turn of events that would have left his projected starter at the position sidelined four to six weeks.

So it was with significant relief this morning when Butler learned that Mendoza would not have to have surgery and was expected to return to the practice field this afternoon.

While Butler says he doesn't want to offer excuses for the Steers' 2-8 campaign of a year ago, he can't help but note Big Springs' problems began when Mendoza was injured on the first drive of the first game.

Sophomore backup Tory Mitchell, who'd never played quarterback in a game, was pressed into service until Mendoza could return to the lineup. However, Mendoza was injured again and Mitchell was called on as a replacement.

The result, Butler noted, was the virtual absence of a passing attack. "Once people realized we couldn't throw the ball, we saw a lot of 10- and 11-man defensive fronts," he added. "It's tough to move the football running into the teeth of a stacked defense."

Still, seven of the Steers' eight losses were decided by a



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Big Spring running backs go through their paces during Wednesday's final practice session prior to today's start of classes. Head coach Dwight Butler said he was pleased with what his charges have shown so far — speed, strength and an "improved sense of the game."

touchdown or less, leaving Butler and his staff concerned that their charges "sometimes just didn't mentally understand the game as well as we should have."

With a week of practices under their belts, however, Butler says his team has made significant strides in a number of areas.

"We're looking pretty good ... extremely quick and strong, even if we're smaller than a lot of the people we'll be playing," he said.

"But most importantly, I think we're way ahead of the game compared to last year as far as football sense goes. We spent a lot of time in that area

during the spring and it shows."

With Mendoza healthy and junior Joe Owens also expected to see plenty of time calling plays, Butler has been able to move Mitchell, one of the state's premier track sprinters, to tailback and Antwone Edwards to fullback.

Edwards is also expected to see some duty at tailback, meaning that standout line-backer Brock Gee will handle fullback duties at times in the Steers' multiple-I and wing offensive scheme. Jacob Rios is also expected to play both fullback and tailback during the season.

Mitchell, who was clocked at

a blistering 10.2 seconds in the 100 meters last spring, gives the Steers blinding speed, but Butler says the 155-pound junior still needs to develop explosive speed at the snap.

Butler noted his skilled personnel will be working behind a small line, but stressed they'll be quick and have gotten much stronger physically.

"We're going to be playing a lot of kids both ways early and we really need to be able to find some players we can rotate in to keep people fresh," Butler noted. "With some of the people we've got to play, going both ways will take a toll simply because they're going to be a lot bigger."

Undrafted rookie really impresses Cowboys coaches

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Kevin Mathis, an undrafted rookie free agent cornerback from Texas A&M-Commerce, is quickly becoming one of the best stories of the Dallas Cowboys training camp.

He's short, light and played at a small school — perfect ingredients for an underdog.

And when he first showed up for a minicamp after the Cowboys invited him to sign as a free agent, he was as timid as a stone.

But after coaches told him to show some aggressiveness or head back to his hometown of Gainesville, Mathis, who is only 5-foot-9 and 172 pounds, has played with a fearlessness uncommon among undrafted rookies.

"He's not afraid to get up there and challenge the big receivers," said special teams coach Joe Avezzano. "He gets bounced around a little bit because he's not big of stature, but he keeps fighting back. He's impressed us. He's the kind of guy you root for because he's heralded and comes out of nowhere."

On Monday, Mathis lined up against Michael Irvin, gave him a strong bump at the line and then ran stride for stride with the All-Pro before knocking away a pass from Troy Aikman deep down the sideline.

It wasn't the first time he had provided blanket coverage on Irvin.

"Don't let that rookie wear you out," defensive backs coach Mike Zimmer yelled, taunting Irvin, who shook his head.

Mathis, who has an aw-shucks demeanor, could only smile. He wouldn't dream of talking trash to Irvin.

"I'm not in a place where I can talk trash yet," Mathis said. "Couple more years, maybe."

The pressure is on. Mathis has two more exhibition games — Friday against St. Louis and Aug. 22 against Tennessee — to show that he deserves a spot on the 53-man roster.

Currently, he is behind starters Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith, as well as backups Alundis Brice and Wendell Davis.

The Cowboys also were pleased with the play of rookie cornerback Kenny Wheaton, drafted in the third round from

CAMP NOTES

ROOKIE EMERGING FROM SCHOOL OF HARD KNOCKS: Dallas coach Barry Switzer says rookie Antonio Anderson has the lead in the battle for the No. 3 defensive tackle position.

"He's made a lot of progress," Switzer said Wednesday of the 6-foot-6, 318-pound fourth-round draft pick from Syracuse.

Anderson initially was projected as a higher draft pick, but said after reports circulated that he lacked motivation.

"He's getting off blocks and putting some pressure on the pocket," Switzer said.

The coach warned, however, that there are still two more exhibition games left. Plenty of time for his competition — Leonard Renfro, Darren Benson and Hurvin McCormack — to claim the third tackle spot behind starters Chad Hennings and Tony Castillas.

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo said he wasn't prepared to declare a favorite for the No. 3 spot.

"It's the best competition we've had as a group since we first had that rotation back four or five years ago," he said.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS: Kicker Richie Cunningham was six-for-six on field goal attempts ranging from 28 to 43 yards in practice on Wednesday.

Practice, however, hasn't been Cunningham's problem. He makes kicks in workouts but has gone one-for-three in preseason games.

He made and missed attempts from 45 yards in a 34-27 loss to Oakland, and missed from 33 yards in a 16-10 loss to New England.

On Wednesday, Cunningham connected from 28 yards out. He then hit from the left and right hash mark from 32 yards out. He hit from the middle of the field from 37 yards out.

THE MOOSE IS LOOSE: Daryl Johnston came up with the play of the day, falling backwards and grabbing a pass from Troy Aikman in the corner of the end zone over linebacker Alan Campos.

As Johnston landed, he did a backwards somersault.

INJURY REPORT: The Dallas Cowboys placed cornerback John Reece in injured reserve Wednesday.

Reece, a second-year player out of Nebraska who had recently been waived by St. Louis, tore his right Achilles tendon in practice Aug. 5.

Offensive guard Nate Newton missed his third straight day of practices with a sprained right foot.

Oregon, before he separated his right shoulder.

So Mathis will have to show his stuff on kickoff and punt coverage and possibly as a punt returner.

Although he drew a flag for roughing the kicker that allowed New England to score its only touchdown in a 16-10 victory over the Cowboys last week, Mathis also scooped up a blocked punt and returned it 32 yards for a touchdown.

Safety Brock Marion said, "I think Kevin's doing well. I like his speed, and I like his work habits."

"With rookies you've got to do everything, special teams, picking up shoes, whatever it may be. As long as he stays focused and shows the coaches that he wants to play, he's got a chance," Marion said.

Gonzalez powers Rangers to 7-6 win over Bosox

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The designated hitter platoon is over in Boston.

Now that Mike Stanley has been dealt to the New York Yankees, Reggie Jefferson will get plenty of opportunities to face left-handed pitching and qualify for the AL batting title.

Jefferson is hitting .361 after going 2-for-5 in a 7-6 loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Juan Gonzalez went 3-for-4 with two homers and five RBIs, and Massachusetts native Tanyon Sturtz picked up his second major league win.

Texas had 6-0 and 7-1 leads before the Red Sox closed to 7-6 in the seventh inning on an RBI groundout by Troy O'Leary and Hattenberg's two-run single. Reliever Danny Patterson struck out Jeff Frye with the tying run at second base.

Boston starter Steve Avery (6-

3) lasted just two innings, his shortest outing of the season. Avery gave up six runs on four hits and five walks.

Damon Buford singled to lead off the game and stole second. Rusty Greer followed with a walk and Gonzalez singled, scoring Buford for a 1-0 lead. Avery issued consecutive walks to Will Clark, Jim Leyritz and Fernando Tatís to make it 3-0.

Texas scored three more runs in the second on Gonzalez's

three-run homer.

John Wetteland got the save.

Boston made it 6-1 in the third on Jefferson's run-scoring single.

Gonzalez's second homer of the game and 28th of the season, a solo shot leading off the fifth, made it 7-1.

The Red Sox got two runs in the bottom of the fifth on solo homers from John Valentin and Wilfredo Cordero. Valentin and Cordero each went 4-for-5.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Community pep rally set for Aug. 28

This year's Big Spring High School Community Pep Rally has been scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at the Comanche Trail Park amphitheater.

The rally, sponsored by both the Big Spring Steers Booster Club and the Lady Steers Booster Club, will be an opportunity for the public to meet members of the football and volleyball teams and their trainers and managers.

In addition, members of this year's band, cheerleaders, student council and Key Club at BSHS will be introduced to the public.

American Little League directors named

Big Spring's American Little League has announced its board of directors for the 1998 season.

son.

Those who will be serving on the board are: Sheri Nichols, Bobby Wegner, James Gross, Jack Jones, Kathy Caudill, Bobby Cardova, Tony Rodriguez, Darrell Nichols, Craig Caudill and Kenda Jones.

The board's meeting times and locations will be announced later, league officials said.

BSHS season ticket sales under way

Season football tickets for Big Spring High School Steers games will continue through Friday 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.

Track wants second Winston Cup race

Speedway Motorsports Inc. said it would put up a \$5 million purse for a second Winston Cup Series date at the Texas Motor Speedway.

The race would be the highest-paying event in NASCAR history, surpassing the \$4.9 million paid at the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway two weeks ago.

Marcus Allen files suit against NFLPA

Kansas City Chiefs running back Marcus Allen and two others have filed a lawsuit against the National Football League Players Association, charging illegal seizure of a Super Bowl-related business, Allen's attorney said.

Attorney Jack Brady said in a news release that Allen, former NFL star Ronnie Lott and businessman Richard Simon were also suing the NFLPA's licensing subsidiary and its assistant executive director, Douglas Allen.

The lawsuit alleges unlawful seizure of "The World's Largest Super Bowl Party," which was created by Marcus Allen, Lott and Simon.

Kenyan smashes record in 800 meters

Kenya's Wilson Kipketer smashed Sebastian Coe's 16-year-old record in the 800 meters with a time of 1 minute, 41.24 seconds at the Weltklasse Grand Prix in Zurich, Switzerland.

Wilson Boit Kipketer of Kenya, no relation to the 800-meter runner, shattered the 3,000-meter steeplechase record with a time of 7:59.08. Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia beat his own 5,000 record with a time of 12:41.86.

Irabu's back, so is his fastball in Yankees' 9-3 win over Kansas City

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hideki Irabu was back, and so was his fastball.

After two starts in the minors, Irabu won in his return to the Yankees. Tino Martinez backed the Japanese right-hander with his major league-leading 39th homer, and New York beat the Kansas City Royals 9-3 Wednesday.

"I thought he was a lot better," New York manager Joe Torre said. "He was aggressive, he threw good splitters. He didn't look like he was uptight in any way. That's what we wanted, to clear his head out."

Irabu (3-2) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings, struck out five and walked two at Yankee Stadium. He right-hander struck out four of the first five batters and took a shutout into the fifth, when he appeared to tire.

"The biggest difference," Irabu said through his interpreter, "is that the first time I left here I had a lot of things to overcome. ... I had to get velocity on the fastball back and throw a live ball."

In other AL games, Cleveland split a doubleheader with Detroit, losing 13-3 and winning 9-1; Texas edged Boston 7-6; Oakland beat Baltimore 4-2; Chicago defeated Anaheim 5-2; and Toronto beat Minnesota 3-2.

In National League games, it was Florida 8, Houston 6, Philadelphia 12, Colorado 8, Chicago 6, San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 2, Atlanta 1, N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 4 in 10 innings; Cincinnati 2, San Diego 0; and Los Angeles 3, Montreal 1.

Royals starter Tim Lincecum (11-11) was tagged for nine hits and five runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Kansas City manager Tony Muser was impressed with he saw from Irabu.

"Boy, he has a good arm, a real good arm," he said. "We stayed close, but he had a good live fastball. It didn't seem like he could get the breaking ball over, a little erratic with his command. But he has a real fine arm, a major league arm."

Tigers 13, Indians 3
Indians 9, Tigers 1

Orel Hershiser (10-5) came off the disabled list and rescued Cleveland, allowing one run and five hits in 5 2-3 innings to help the Indians gain a split at Jacobs Field.

Bobby Higginson hit two homers, and Damion Easley and Phil Nevin added one each as Detroit won the opener.

Willie Blair (12-5) won the first game, allowing three runs and nine hits in eight innings. John Smiley (1-2) gave up seven runs and six hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Glenn Dishman (1-1) lost the second game, giving up four runs and six hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Athletics 4, Orioles 2

Oakland hit three home runs off Mike Mussina (13-5) at Camden Yards, and rookie Andrew Lorraine (1-0) gained his first major league win, sending Baltimore to just its fourth loss in 16 games.

Mark Bellhorn hit a two-run homer and Jason McDonald and Brent Mayne had solo shots for the A's.

Lorraine, making his first major league appearance since 1995, allowed one earned run and six hits in five innings. Mike Mohler got two outs for

MAJOR LEAGUES

his first save. Mussina gave up four runs and seven hits and two walks in five innings.

White Sox 5, Angels 2

Mike Cameron and Frank Thomas hit back-to-back homers in a four-run fifth at Comiskey Park as Chicago won its fourth straight to pull within 2 1/2 games of first place in

the AL Central.

Rookie Scott Eyre (1-2) got its first major league victory, allowing two runs and six hits in five innings, and Matt Karchner got four outs for his fifth save.

Allen Watson (10-7) allowed four runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Blue Jays 3, Twins 2

Jose Cruz Jr. hit a run-scoring single with one out in the ninth as Toronto sent Minnesota to its fifth consecu-

tive loss.

Shannon Stewart singled with one out off Mike Trombley (1-2) and stole second. Juan Samuel walked, and Cruz greeted Eddie Guardado with a liner off the base of the wall in left, helping the Blue Jays to their 12th win in 15 home games.

Paul Quantrill (5-4) pitched two scoreless innings, allowing three hits with one strikeout and no walks.

Marlins 8, Astros 6

Alex Fernandez survived a

shaky first inning to win his fifth consecutive start, helping Florida beat Houston.

Fernandez (15-8), who has not lost since July 18, tied his season high with 10 strikeouts in seven innings. He allowed five runs - three earned - and nine hits, walking three.

Fernandez has pitched at least seven innings in each of his last five starts. He gave up three runs in the first two innings, then settled down, not allowing another runner past second until the seventh.

Jeff Conine hit a two-run single in the eighth after consecutive homers by Derek Bell and Jeff Bagwell gave the Astros a 5-4 lead in the seventh.

Jose Ljma (1-6) walked Florida's Bobby Bonilla to open the decisive four-run eighth, and Darren Daulton doubled. Conine greeted Russ Springer with a single, and pinch-hitters Gary Sheffield and Greg Abbott added RBI singles.

Robb Nen gave up Bill Spiers' RBI double in the ninth, but got the final three outs.

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SOUTH
ARISTAC: Water clear, lake level 1084, 86 degrees; black bass up to 8 pounds are good on topwaters, spinners and worms fished in 10 to 25 feet of water; white bass are good on slugs and spoons fished in very deep water; striped bass are good on topwaters and live bait fished in the river; catfish are very good on trotlines baited with cut bait, cheesebait and live perch fished up the Devil's River; bowfishing for alligator gar and carp has been excellent.

WEST
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CREATIVE CELEBRATIONS 20th Anniversary Discounts Cakes, Flowers, Arches & Abras 267-8191 #7633

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

FOR SALE: Baldwin piano. Excellent condition. Call 267-5497 for appointment. #8266

WANT TO BUY

I BUY pedal cars. Call Mike at 210-997-2933. #8085

BUILDINGS FOR SALE

For Sale: Two-story Office building in downtown Big Spring. 3,620 sq. ft. Call 267-7648 leave message if no answer. #8107

Office Unit for sale. Call Jeff Hatfield. 1-800-725-0881 + 363-0881. #8059

CEMETERY LOT FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Cemetery Plot in Trinity Memorial Park. \$500. (903) 984-4518. #8109

HOUSES FOR SALE

By owner. Beautiful 4 bdr. 2-1/2 bath. Large part of Kentwood. 267-7273. #8288

FOR SALE in Highland South 2908 StoneHaven, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large double garage, shade trees. 264-9508. #8256

FOR SALE doublewide trailer, 3 bdr, 2 bath, in Forsan School District. 267-2160. #7999

Forsan Dist. Totally remodeled 2,600 sq. ft. 4 bdr 2bts. 267-7025 \$59,500 #8041

OWNER FINANCE 3 bdr, 2 bdr, houses. 264-6155 #8186

5 bd. Doublewide. Only \$398.00 per mo., 360 mos. 9.25% VAR APR. 5% down. Call Jeff Hatfield today! 1-800-725-0881 + 363-0881. #8060

ALL BILLS PAID Section 8 Available RENT BASED ON INCOME 3 Bedroom Apts. Located NORTHCREST VILLAGE 1002 N. Main 267-5191

HOUSES FOR SALE

SMALL 2 bdr. w/carpets. By Owner. Call 263-0544 after 4pm. #8131

Owner finance possible, 1205 Wood. 21, CHA. Must See. \$25,000. Low interest. 267-6584. #8068

1406 E. 14th 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, carpet & auto heat. \$300 dn, \$235/Mo. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5964. #7834

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 4bedroom, 2 1/2 bathrooms, 2car garage, 2living areas, laundry room, patio, cinderblock fence on large corner lot in Highland South. 263-1246/263-1126. #7832

CAMPESTRE ESTATES NEAR COUNTRY CLUB 7.4 Acres Beautiful view from Lrg. covered patio in this brick 3 bd/2 bth., w/b fireplace, CH/A. Plenty of storage. 2 car garage. For sale by owner. 267-4003 or 263-8690. #7726

809 EAST 14th 2 bedroom, dining room, fenced, attached garage, central H/A. \$300 dn., \$195/mo. Must have excellent credit history. 806-794-5964. #7647

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APPROVED! If you've been turned down for a new home, come in to USA HOMES. Our lender on site will stamp your file APPROVED. Down payment of cash, trade in title or land deed required. Don't delay come in and get your application now! One day sale only. Saturday, August 16. 520-2177 or 1-800-520-2177. USA HOMES 4608 W. Wall Midland, TX #8308

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YOU ASKED FOR IT... Pre-owned doublewide. Available, affordable, beautiful. USA HOMES, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177 #8295

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Only 2 left 4 Bedroom/2 bath \$29,900 with Air, Skirting, Delivery/set-up Call Kim Leabo A-1 Homes of San Angelo 915-653-1152 800-626-9978 #8267

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Used & Abused Singlewide. Will sell cheap! Ask for Troy. 915-363-0881 + 800-725-0881. #8061

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Commercial Properties for sale or lease. Owner will remodel to suit tenant. Terms are negotiable. 4th & Benton. Large building for office or retail, attached garage. Snyder Hwy. 40x60 shop separate office. 5 acre yard. 263-6021 week days or 267-8696 weekends. #7842

FOR LEASE, shop building with office, 2 acres, fenced yard. 120 & Sand Springs. \$350/month, \$250/deposit. Call 263-5000 for more information. #7815

FURNISHED APTS.

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341. #7827

MOBILE HOME

Ready for a new home? Do you want quality? FLEETWOOD HOMES have it. Call Bruce Small 915-653-1152 800-626-9978 Free Washer/Dryer in August with this ad. #8261

\$376. month, 5% down & You own a 1640sq. ft. Fleetwood Doublewide. Backed by Fleetwoods famous & unique 5 yr. warrant. Call or come by Homes of America & ask for Joe Hernandez for pre-qualification. 9.50% VAR APR. 360 mos. #8163

7 used houses to choose from, prices start at \$2250 to \$14,900! Call today while they are still here. 1-800-725-0881, 1-915-550-4033. #8157

CALL TIM! \$6900. for Nice used mobile home. Will sell fast. (800) 725-0881, (915)550-4033. #8161

CALL TIM! New 18x76 only 10% down. Payout 7 yrs. \$441. at 9.75% APR (or) payout 15 yrs. \$285. at 9.75% VAR APR. (915)550-4033, (800) 725-0881. #8162

DIGA NO LA RENTA!! Casa Mobil perfecta para empezar a invertir. 1998 3 recamaras, ventanas dobles, barra en la cocina, aire acondicionado. Cinco años de garantia, se le rodea gratis!! Unicamente \$920 de enganche \$196. por mes, 180 meses. 9.75 VAR APR Poco credito o no credito bienvenidos! Llamela a Dima Avalos en Homes of America 1-800-725-0881, 363-0881. #8164

Looking for Space! Only \$289.00 monthly for this 3 bedroom, 2 bath doublewide, 5% down at 11.25 APR, 300 mos. Call Cozette at Homes of America for your appointment. 915-550-4033, 1-800-725-0881. #8160

Unbeatable Quality in this 1998 16x80 Fleetwood. Only \$262.00 monthly, 5 #8158

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Abandoned Doublewide. Call Troy now!! 915-550-4033. #8062

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Nice furnished apt. for 1+ \$50.00 deposit, \$200.00 monthly, carpet, lots of storage, ref. air. 263-2396 #8213

2 Bd. Completely furnished. Gas/Water included. San Anto RENTED. #8188

2 Furn. Apts at 605 E. 13th, 2 at 505 Nolan. Call before 6:00pm M-F 263-7648 or 263-3855. #8168

ROOMMATE WANTED

Female student wants to share 2bd 2bath Apt. NS/Pets Non Carpet & Appl. Pool & Lawn. \$215/mo \$75 dep. Quiet & resp. Stephanie 512-448-3695 after 5:30. #7713

UNFURNISHED APTS.

1 bdr, 1 bath, apt. cha, clean, quiet. Super value. On site management. Eff. \$200. 1-#301 \$220. 267-4217. #8301

FOR RENT: Partly furn. 1 bedroom apt. \$200/mo., \$100./dep. 270-3562-263-3943. #8300

1 & 2 BEDROOM adult community unfurnished apartments. Completely remodeled, new carpet, new paint, all utilities paid, carpet, no pets please. GOOD LOCATION. Call 264-0978 for more information. #8113

\$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. 1,2,3 bdr. 2 bills paid. Low Rent! 263-7811 #7812

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UNFURNISHED HOUSES

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1206 Johnson 556-3841. 263-7536. #825

Clean 2/1 bath, cha, new carpet. No pets. \$250. dep. \$400. mon. 422 Dallas. 263-8742, 264-9134. #8276

Good location 2 bdr. 1 bh, garage, new paint, clean. \$300 dep. \$325. mon. 1316 Stadium. 263-8742, 264-9134. #8279

Clean large 2 bd. 2 bath on 1/2 acre. Water well, good location. 263-5272. #8097

HUD ONLY 3 bdr, 2 bdr, houses. 264-6155 #8185

3 Bdr. 1 1/2 bath, freshly painted. Rent \$425, Dep. \$200. After 5pm call 267-2939. NO PETS! #8096

5 BDRM, 3 bath, fenced yard, good neighborhood. \$500/mo + \$500/dep. 268-9831. #8005

CHILD CARE

Mrs. Greenfield's Licensed Day Care and Play School. Opening infant to 4 years. 267-6868. #8258

TOO LATES

GENERAL HELP NEEDED. CDL & machinery operators a plus. Call 267-6006 between 8am & 5pm. #8312

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOWARD COUNTY Request for Bid The Howard County Auditor will accept sealed bids until 10:00 A.M. on August 27, 1997 for one (1) New 1997 1/2 Ton Pickup.

IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY EUGENE RAMSEY, DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BOBBY EUGENE RAMSEY, Deceased, were issued on August 5, 1997, under docket No. 12, 303, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: RAYDA JANE RAMSEY.

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TOO LATE

1511 RUNNELS: Sat.-Sun. 8am-4pm. Clothes, small trampoline, roller blades, misc. #8325

2100 S. MONTICELLO: Sat. 8am-7. Chair, dresser, clothes, pots & pans. #8321

4-FAMILY Carpet Sale. 1805 Choctaw. Sat & Sun. All size clothes, couch, dishes, cabover camper. #8330

703 ABRAMS: Kids clothes 1-4, women's & teenage clothes, changing table, infant Nike shoes, other baby accessories, lots more. Fri-Sat. 8-noon. #8328

ATTENTION HUNTERS Year around lease. Deer, Turkey, Dove, Quail and Fishing. Two spots left. For info call 915-394-4017 or 915-263-1240 after 5:00pm Weekdays or anytime on weekends. #8324

Comanche Trail Nursing Center is seeking a full time cook. Please apply in person at 3200 Parkway or contact Mariselda Carrillo 263-4041. #8322

DO NOT BUY A new mattress & box set without checking at Branham Furniture. Regular and pillow top. 2004 W. 4th. 263-3066. #8310

Evangel Temple Assembly of God: 2205 Goliad. Sat. 8-12:00. Lots of misc. #8326

GARAGE SALE: 1103 N. Gregg. Fri-Sat. 8-7. Dryer, 2 sewing machines & misc. #8319

Garage Sale. 3239 Duke. Sat. 8-2. Clothes, toys, freezer, fans, Xmas decorations, much more. #8332

INSIDE SALE: 1752 Purdue Sat

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, AUG. 15:

Work will be a major focus this year. Your creativity will be a source of income, as well as pleasure. Refuse to listen to gossip; feedback needs to come from a more neutral or positive source. Ideas flow naturally from you. You might need to start a new exercise or dietary program. If you are single, romance will be important, and it might even start at the office.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You are more together about a work-related matter than you thought. Trust your judgment, and be clear with partners. A soft touch makes all the difference with co-workers. There might be some pressure and a lack of clear direction. Tonight: Stay out late.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Let your spirit and imagination soar. Be direct about what you want. Creativity is high. News you receive brings an opportunity. A loved one demonstrates his caring in a way that counts. You might feel out of sync later in the day; go easy on yourself. Tonight: Rent a movie.*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

The desire to relate on a one-to-one level is high. You need to discuss finances and security. A change on the home front is important. View this transformation as positive and dynamic. Don't feel bad because a friend doesn't agree with you. Tonight: It is your life; enjoy it!*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Be more open about what is happening and about the possibilities this awareness could bring. Discussions seem to develop new ideas. Go with spontaneity. Excellent communications allow much information to come forth. Work is demanding. Tonight: Accept an invitation.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Get your work done. Think through a decision carefully; you might be somewhat starry-eyed. You could go overboard with money and spending. Avoid pushing too hard, especially travel plans and long-distance communications. Tonight: Go to the gym.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Allow your inner magic to emerge. There is more going on than you think. Express feelings and ideas when confronted with a frustrating situation. Let doors open, and be positive about what comes through. A flirtation could build into more. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You might be overreacting, feeling particularly tender and emotional. Nerves are on edge. You are high-strung and wonder what is going on around you. Tonight: Think about your needs for a change!*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Direct communications open doors and make new opportunities possible. You inspire others to discuss goals, and how you figure into their plans. Fatigue presents a hindrance to your work and social life. You might need to make choices. Tonight: Visit with a relaxing pal.*****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Handle money matters with your normal aplomb and diplomacy. Avoid risks in finances or love right now. Though you might find them very enticing, they could backfire on you. A boss means well with a suggestion but might not have the full story. Tonight: Play it low-key.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You realize many dreams and feel much joy. Determine more of what you want and need from someone dear to you. Be aware of your choices before you jump to conclusions and commit your resources. There are more options than you realize. Tonight: Have a good time.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Much is going on behind the scenes. Think through solutions, and be more direct with loved ones. Opportunity knocks on your door. A partner proves how much he is there for you. Trust what is happening between the two of you. Tonight: There is no need to explain a thing!*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Emphasize what you want, and make decisions. How another views a changing situation could be quite different. Talks build togetherness. Don't go overboard or exaggerate a money situation. It is all subject to change. Tonight: Be with the gang!*****



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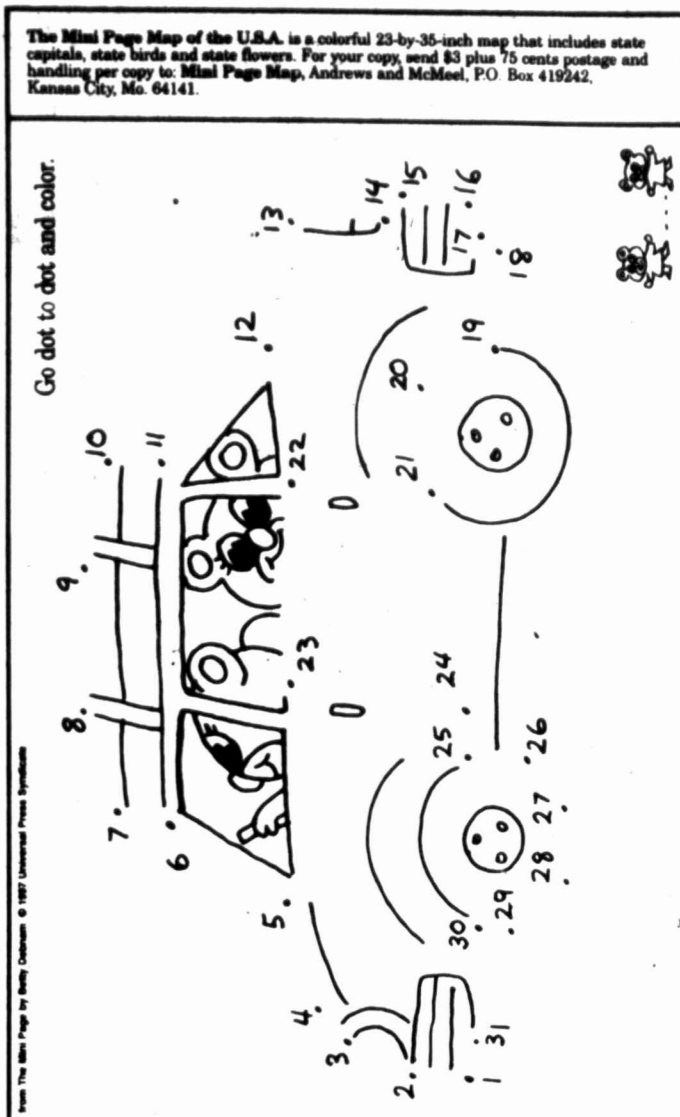
By BETTY DEBNAM

Fun Facts for the Road

Hot Spots to Stop

Play a memory game. Study this issue. We have picked out one fun place to visit in each state. Ask someone to call out a state. Can you remember the hot spot? To make traveling even more fun, carry this issue with you on your trip. Have a contest to see who spots the most states. Put your initials in the box when you spot the license plate of the first car from each state.

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| Alabama Battleship U.S.S. Alabama Memorial Park, Mobile. | Colorado The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad runs through the mountains of the San Juan National Forest. | Indiana Indianapolis Motor Speedway: Indy 500 car race held every year. |
| Alaska Mount McKinley in Mount McKinley National Park: highest peak in North America. | Connecticut Mystic Seaport: reconstructed whaling port of the 1800s. | Iowa Amana Colonies, seven villages near Cedar Rapids: People work at traditional crafts. |
| Arizona Arizona-Sonorora Desert Museum, Tucson: famous for exhibits on desert plants and animals. | Delaware Beautiful beaches along the Atlantic Ocean. | Kansas Dodge City: Re-created to look as it did in the 1870s when it was a Wild West town. |
| Arkansas Ozark Folk Center, Mountain View: craft demonstrations and musical performances. | Florida Disney World, Orlando. | Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site near Hodgenville. |
| California San Diego Zoo: one of the most famous in the world. The panda is a top attraction. | Georgia Stone Mountain near Atlanta: sculpture of Confederate leaders carved into a mountain. | Louisiana The French Quarter, New Orleans: famous for music, restaurants and old buildings. |
| Hawaii Waikiki is famous for its beautiful beaches. | | |



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHERE DO FROGS HANG THEIR FLAGS?
ON THEIR TADPOLES!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q What should you do if you catch your dog eating your dictionary?
A Take the words right out of his mouth!

Q When two pigs are friends, what are they called?
A Pen pals!

(sent in by Heather Johnson)

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Yellowstone National Park. See if you can find:

- letter E
- ladder
- parrot
- word MINI
- fish
- letter B
- question mark
- caterpillar
- canoe
- man's face
- number 7
- heart

SUMMER TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of summer travel are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find STATE, TOURIST, DISPLAY, TRAVEL, PARK, PEAK, MUSEUM, DESERT, EXHIBITS, FOLK, ZOO, FAMOUS, MOUNTAINS, FOREST, BEACHES, RIVER, CRAFTS, SITE.

I LOVE TO TRAVEL!

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Creamy Cauliflower Casserole

You'll need:

- 1 10-ounce box frozen broccoli spears
- 1 10-ounce box frozen cauliflower
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 cup dried bread crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

What to do:

1. Thaw cauliflower and broccoli. Drain.
2. Combine soup, cheese, mayonnaise and curry powder in a casserole.
3. Add cauliflower and broccoli. Mix well.
4. In a small bowl combine bread crumbs and butter or margarine.
5. Sprinkle bread crumbs evenly on top.
6. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 30 minutes. Serves 8.

More Hot Spots to Stop

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| Maine Acadia National Park: only national park in New England. | New Jersey Atlantic City: boardwalk lined with shows, food, games and other entertainment. | South Carolina Kings Mountain National Military Park. Near Gaffney: a Revolutionary War battlefield. |
| Maryland Antietam National Battlefield: Famous Civil War battle was fought here. | New Mexico Carlsbad Caverns: largest connected group of underground caves ever discovered. | South Dakota Mount Rushmore, near Rapid City: one of the largest sculptures in the world is carved into the Black |
| Massachusetts "Old Ironsides," Boston: ship used during the War of 1812. | New York Niagara Falls on the border between New York state and Ontario, Canada: the most famous waterfall in the world. | Tennessee The Grand Ole Opry House, Nashville: famous for country music. |
| Michigan Greenfield Village, Dearborn: collection of historic buildings restored by Henry Ford. | North Carolina Mount Mitchell, western part of the state: highest peak east of the Mississippi River. | Texas The Alamo, San Antonio: site of battle during Texas Revolution in 1836. |
| Minnesota Fort Snelling, near Minneapolis: Restored military post shows life during the 1820s. | North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt National Park, in the Badlands: wildlife sanctuary. | Utah The Great Salt Lake, near Salt Lake City: saltier than the ocean. |
| Mississippi Natchez: site of many beautiful houses built before the Civil War. | Ohio National Professional Football Hall of Fame, Canton. | Vermont The Shelburne Museum, Shelburne: a reconstruction of an early American village. |
| Missouri The Gateway Arch, in St. Louis: 630-foot arch is tallest monument built in U.S. | Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame, Oklahoma City. | Virginia Jamestown Festival Park: reproductions of ships that brought first settlers to Virginia in 1607. |
| Montana Glacier National Park: more than 60 glaciers. | Oregon Crater Lake, in Crater Lake National Park: deepest lake in the U.S. | Washington The Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Near Vancouver: preserves a fur-trading post. |
| Nebraska Pioneer Village, Minden: re-enactment of frontier life. | Pennsylvania World's largest chocolate factory, Hershey. | West Virginia Harper's Ferry: Restored town includes buildings of pre-Civil War years. |
| Nevada Hoover Dam, about 30 miles from Las Vegas, on the Colorado River: engineering marvel. | Rhode Island Tennis Hall of Fame, Newport. | Wisconsin Circus World Museum, Baraboo: collection of circus items and live acts. |
| New Hampshire Strawberry Banke, Portsmouth: restored Colonial seaport. | | Wyoming Devil's Tower: volcanic tower named country's first national monument in 1906. |

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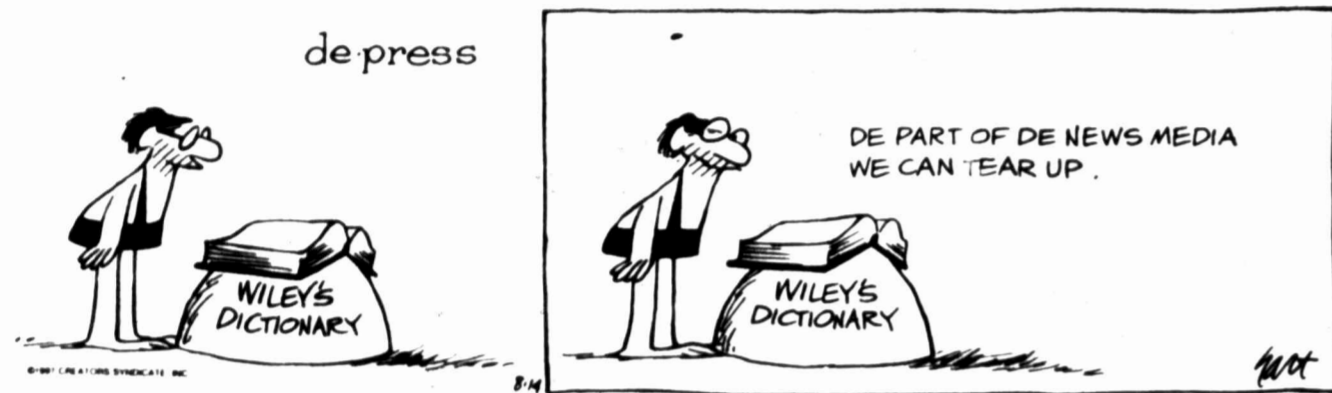
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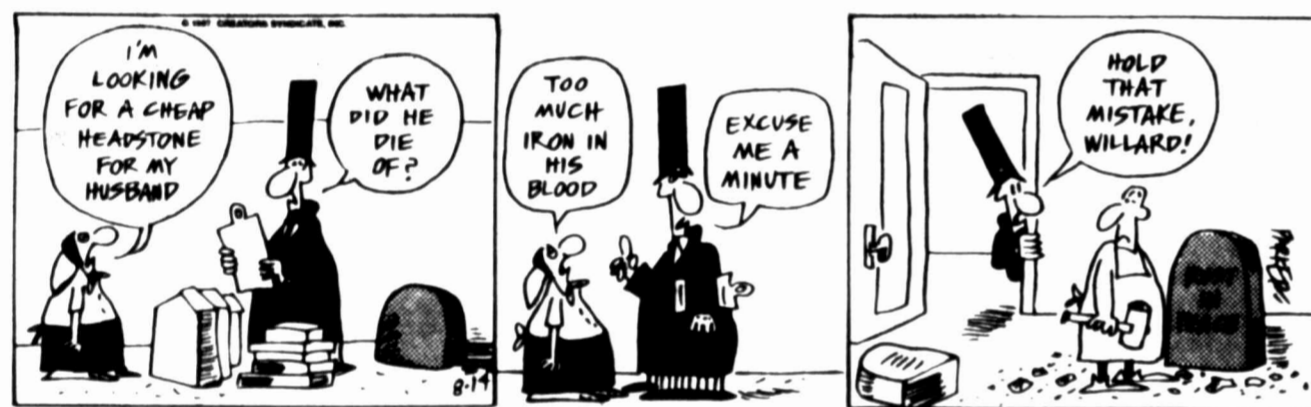
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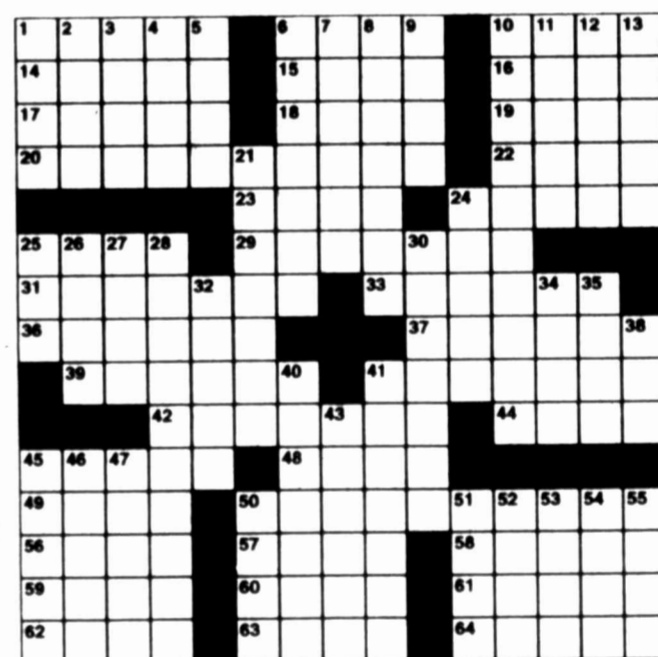
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Thursday, Aug. 14, the 226th day of 1997. There are 139 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 14, 1945, President Truman announced that Japan had surrendered unconditional...

In 1900, international forces including U.S. Marines entered Beijing to put down the Boxer Rebellion...

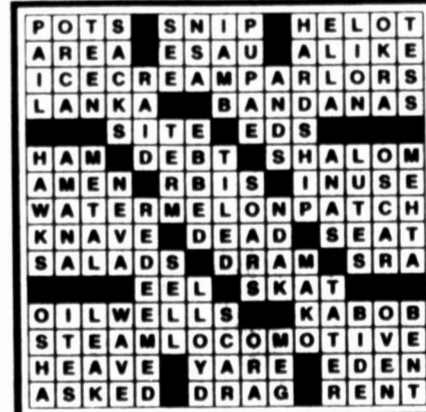
THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Oscar-winning director 6 'The Good Queen' 10 In boots 14 Crazy as...



by Bernice Gordon 08/14/97

Wednesday's Puzzle solved:



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- DOWN 1 Young elephant 1 Mountain range in Kirghiz 3 Serve tea...

- 43 Foe of the corrida bull 45 Scarf 46 Like some eyes...

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In 1935, the Social Security Act became law, creating unemployment insurance and pension plans for the elderly.

In 1941, President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill issued the Atlantic Charter, a statement of principles that renounced aggression.

In 1947, 50 years ago, Pakistan became independent of British rule.

In 1951, newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1962, robbers held up a U.S. mail truck in Plymouth, Mass., making off with more than \$1.5 million.

In 1969, British troops arrived in Northern Ireland to intervene in sectarian violence between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

In 1973, the U.S. bombing of Cambodia came to a halt, marking the official end to 12 years of American combat in Indochina.

In 1995, Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college.

Ten years ago: The government reported that America's merchandise trade deficit had soared to \$15.7 billion in June 1987.

Five years ago: Federal Judge John J. Sirica, who had presided over the Watergate trials of the 1970s, died in Washington, D.C., at age 88.

One year ago: The Republican National Convention in San Diego nominated Bob Dole for president and Jack Kemp for vice president in an evening that featured a talk-show-style testimonial by Elizabeth Dole...

Today's Birthdays: Newspaper columnist Russell Baker is 72. Singer Buddy Greco is 71. Actress Alice Ghostley is 71. Singer Dash Crofts is 57. Rock singer David Crosby is 56. Country singer Connie Smith is 53. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 52. Actress Susan St. James is 51. Actor Antonio Fargas is 51.