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Reflecting A Proud Community

Big Spring Symphony Association kicks off season ticket campaign Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Symphony Association's theme for this year is "Bring a Friend to the Symphony."

For that matter, association members wouldn't mind you bringing a buddy to this year's season ticket campaign kickoff, either.

The Symphony Association & Guild will begin its season ticket drive Tuesday when members host a get-together from

5:30-7 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry.

The event, which is open to the public, will be a low-key affair, with music provided by local guitarist Armando Mireles.

"It's really just an opportunity for people to visit, have some refreshments and buy some season tickets," said Suzanne Haney. "It will be very casual."

Season tickets are \$35 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens 55 and older and \$15 for students, and are good for four performances this season.

BIG SPRING SYMPHONY

WHAT — Symphony season-ticket campaign kickoff

WHEN — 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m., Tuesday

WHERE — Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry

WHY — Kick off the 1997-1998 season ticket drive

COST — \$35 for adults, \$30 for persons 55 and older and \$15 for students

The symphony's season begins Oct. 11 with a concert featuring classical guitarist Toby McWilliams. On Nov. 29, the Nutcracker Ballet will be performed, featuring the Ballet Lubbock and Laurie Churchwell's Dance Gallery stu-

dents. A Brahms and Beethoven concert, featuring the Big Spring Symphony and Chorale, is scheduled for Feb. 21, and the season concludes with a "Big Band and All that Jazz" event with the Angelo Jazz Band and the local orchestra on April 18.

Season ticket holders will have special "front and center" seating reserved for them, and tickets are interchangeable this year.

"That means if you miss the Oct. 11 concert, you can use the tickets at a later time ... or you can use all four tickets at one

program," Haney said. "Last year, if you missed a concert, you basically paid for a program you didn't get to see. We hope people will buy season tickets because (of the new feature)."

Another new feature this year is that single-event tickets for students have been reduced from \$8 to \$5. Students from kindergarten through college are eligible for the discount.

For more information, contact the symphony association at 264-7223, or call any guild member.



Howard County Librarian Loraine Redman prepares documents to be scanned by the Kerzwell Reader, which is on loan to the county from the Texas State Library. The machine synthesizes scanned material and turns it into sound for visually impaired patrons. The Kerzwell Reader is part of the State Library's Talking Book Program.

New machine at library makes 'reading' possible for county's visually impaired

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County residents with vision problems, but who still enjoy the pleasure of reading have a new friend at the Howard County Library — The Reading Edge Kerzwell Reader.

What the machine does is take printed material and scan it into the machine, synthesizing it and turning it into sound, according to Librarian Loraine Redman.

"The Kerzwell Reader is on loan to Howard County for two years from the Texas State Library," Redman said. "It actually reads the scanned material

back to the reader."

According to Redman, the machine has the memory to hold up to 100 pages of text.

Redman has only had the machine in the library for about a week and is still trying to decide just where to place it.

The obvious place would be the library's reading room, but because the room stays so busy, Redman said the volume from the machine might disturb other library patrons.

Howard County was able to receive the machine because of a survey Redman submitted to the state library.

"We were one of the few libraries in Texas to receive

one of these," Redman said. "The Kerzwell Reader is part of the Texas State Library's Talking Book Program."

The machine also allows users to slow down or speed up the pace at which it reads scanned material.

According to Redman, county libraries get the machine on loan for a two-year period, at which time each participating library must submit statistics to the state library as to the use and success of the program.

"This will determine whether or not the library can get the machine on loan for another two years," Redman said.

Public interest in the library

since it relocated to its current location in February has been wonderful, according to Redman.

The Library will begin a new program in October with the help of RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) program.

According to Redman, starting Oct. 7 and continuing each Tuesday throughout the month, members of the RSVP program will conduct the "Read to Me" program by reading to children from all around the community from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Day care centers from the community will also participate in the program, according to Redman.

No truth to rumor that some babies are eligible for Gerber scholarships

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Rumors about baby food are back and so are phone calls to the Better Business Bureau (BBB) of the Permian Basin.

According to BBB President Dick Rowland, the BBB is receiving inquiries about baby food an alleged settlement that supposedly makes all children, born between 1985 and 1997 eligible for a \$500 savings bond.

Gerber Foods has denied the rumor,

according to Rowland.

In a recent statement, Rowland said, "The bureau has had calls about this before. The rumor stemmed from a class-action settlement involving price fixing issues with infant formulas sold under the names of Enfamil, Similac, Prosobee, Nutrimigen, Pregestimil, Alimentum and Advance. This time, Gerber has been added to the false information."

According to the BBB, the settlement actually involved only 16 states, and Texas was not on the list. The settle-

"These rumors have been seen in newspapers across the country, on the internet and in flyers being handed out all over the country."

Dick Rowland
Permian Basin BBB

ment was for an amount that varied from \$5 to \$45, not the \$500 being mentioned now.

"A common version of the rumor involving Gerber is that consumers sending in the social security numbers and birth certificates of their children would receive a \$500 savings bond from the company," Rowland said. "These rumors have been seen in newspapers across the country, on the internet and in flyers being handed out all over the country."

According to Rowland, the flyers are even being circulated by a few children's day care centers in the Permian Basin.

"The folks that are handing out the flyers mean well, I'm sure, but the truth is, they are just causing a lot of people to try to claim money, that was not, is not, and will not be there."

Gerber's officials statement on the matter is on the internet at www.gerber.com/news.html.

The BBB is warning consumers not to give personal information about themselves or their children, unless they know whom they are dealing with and they have a way to make sure any and all claims are legitimate.

WEATHER



Tonight, partly cloudy. Isolated evening thunderstorms. Low 65-70. Tuesday, mostly sunny. High in the mid 90s. Low in the 60s. Extended forecast, Wednesday and Thursday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 60s. Highs in the upper 80s to mid 90s. Friday, becoming mostly cloudy.

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WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ON THE "NO PASS/NO PLAY" RULE FOR STUDENTS?

 "I think it's good, it makes kids pay attention in school." Cassidy Cooper Six Years	 "I think it's good, except for band." Brett Pruitt Six Years	 "It's OK, except the probation period is too long." Nick Rowland Six Years	 "It's good, because it's fair to the ones who do pass." Tara Pruitt Six Years	 "I think it's great, because students make better players." Beverly Brown Six Years	 "I think it's good, because it's good for students." Brent Brown Six Years	 "It's good, because it's not fair to students who do pass." Tara Casey Six Years	 "It's stupid, I can't pass so I won't be able to play." Drew Cook Six Years
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Air Force investigators search for cause of F-117A stealth crash

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. (AP) — Air Force investigators are looking to the flight data recorder and debris strewn across a neighborhood to help explain why an F-117A stealth fighter broke apart and crashed during an air show.

The crash Sunday afternoon set two houses on fire and slightly injured six people on the ground, including an elderly woman at home when the jet hit her garage. The pilot ejected safely.

Amateur video showed a piece of the aircraft, apparently from the tail or a wing, flying off before the wedge-shaped jet went into a slow spin and crashed about a mile from 12,000 viewers at the Chesapeake Air Show.

"He started rolling head over tail and (the pilot) ejected probably 500 feet before the ground," witness Kimberly Chaapel told CNN. "He was very, very lucky."

The Air Force said the F-117A Nighthawk, a single-seater, was on its way to Langley Air Force Base, Va. Air Force spokesman Byron James said the jet was flying over Glenn L. Martin State Airport for fans.

Military police guarded the area while investigators searched for clues, finding the data recorder soon after the crash.

The pilot, Maj. Bryan Knight, was treated at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland for minor back and neck injuries. Knight is an instructor pilot with more than 2,770 flying hours, including 500 in the F-117A.

"He said he was truly sorry about what had happened and said he tried to pull it out. He wanted to land this thing in the water, but couldn't," said Andy Kunkowski, who saw the crash from a boat in Chesapeake Bay and spoke to Knight after he parachuted down. "He said everything was fine until he started to make an incline."

Three blocks of the Baltimore suburb were evacuated by authorities after the \$45 million plane with 11,000 pounds of fuel went down. The injuries were for smoke inhalation or cuts and bruises.

The fighter, built by Lockheed Martin Corp., uses special design and materials to avoid enemy radar. During much of the 1980s, it was so secret the military didn't acknowledge its existence.

Since the fighters went into official service in 1990, three have been destroyed in crashes, Air Force spokeswoman Capt. Kerl Humphrey said. One pilot died in a crash on a night training flight in 1995 in New Mexico.

There had been at least three earlier crashes — one when Lockheed was testing the jet and fatal wrecks in California

and Nevada in 1986 and 1987. The aircraft, assigned to the 7th Fighter Squadron, 49th Fighter Wing at Holloman Air

Force Base, N.M., was one of two F-117As loaned temporarily to Langley to support air shows in the eastern U.S., the Air

Force said. The fighter wing suspended routine flights as a precautionary measure through today.

Namibian vessel reaches German-U.S. crash site

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — A Namibian fishing vessel today found wreckage but no survivors at the site where U.S. and German military planes are believed to have collided and plummeted into the ocean.

The vessel picked up German airplane seats and some papers written in German, said Capt. Joy Rautenbach, spokeswoman for the Maritime Research and Rescue Coordination Center in Cape Town.

But there were no signs of the American C-141 cargo plane, she said. The two aircraft, carrying a total of 33 people, were reported missing around the same time Sunday off the coast of southern Africa.

A mayday call was picked up at 9:25 p.m. local time (2:25 p.m. CDT) Sunday as a French airplane flew over the site, about 60 miles west of Cape Fria, off the Namibian coast, said Rautenbach.

The signal was brief and nothing other than the word 'mayday' was overheard, she said.

Two South African planes, a C-130 and a Boeing 707, with search-and-rescue teams on board, were scouring the scene for signs of survivors, Rautenbach said.

"There were fog patches over the rescue site but the sea was calm," she said early today.

American, German and British rescue teams also were taking part in the search.

The apparent collision was one of several U.S. military aviation disasters over the weekend.

A U.S. Navy jet crashed Sunday in Oman during a routine training exercise, killing the pilot, a U.S. Navy official said.

The pilot's identity was being withheld pending notification of his family. The F/A 18 Hornet operated from the USS John F. Kennedy.

Also Sunday, a F-117A stealth fighter broke apart and crashed during an air show in Middle River, Md., setting two houses on fire and slightly injuring six people on the ground. The pilot ejected safely.

The U.S. Air Force C-141 Starlifter cargo plane, which was carrying nine people, had just flown cargo from Ascension Island, a British territory, to Namibia and was returning to the island Saturday. It was assigned to the 305th Air Mobility wing at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

"We are presuming it went down in the Atlantic Ocean," said Sgt. Ellen Schirmer, a spokeswoman for Air Mobility Command, headquartered at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.

The names of the crew members were not released. They "come from Rhode Island to California so it is difficult to notify their families," Schirmer said.

German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said Sunday the German plane, a Soviet-made model inherited from the former East

German army, was last heard from at 4 p.m. Saturday German time (9 a.m. CDT).

The German Defense Ministry said Sunday the U.S. cargo plane was missing in the same area and presumed crashed.

"We have no information that they collided," a ministry spokesman in Bonn said Sunday on condition of anonymity. "But we have information that they went missing at the same time and in the same area. When you add one and one together ... a crash is very probable."

The Soviet-made German air force plane was en route from Germany to Cape Town, South Africa, where soldiers were to have participated in a boat race marking the 75th anniversary of the South African navy.

Presumed killed were 12 German marines, two of their spouses, and 10 crew members.

The Soviet-made Tupolev was built in 1989 and was last inspected only a month ago, Ruehe said.

The German crew's last direct contact with the ground was with controllers in Accra, Ghana, before the plane headed over the Atlantic. An indirect communication was received when it was 930 miles off the coast of Angola.

It was declared missing after it failed to arrive for a refueling stop in Windhoek, Namibia, and officials determined it had not landed at any other airport.

Mir's crew restarts cranky computer after fourth breakdown since July

MOSCOW (AP) — The Mir's crew restarted the cranky computer today — a day after yet another breakdown — but officials said many nonessential systems remained switched off to save power.

It was the fourth time the Mir's computer has gone down since July. The two Russians

and one American on board haven't been in danger, but the recurring problem adds to larger concerns about Mir's safety after 11 years in space.

Two of the three units on the Mir's main computer began acting up Sunday, and the crew turned off the computer, said Viktor Blagov, deputy chief

Russia's Mission Control.

The crew restarted the computer today and it was working well, he said. But the crew and ground officials kept many systems turned off and were still trying to decide whether to replace the faulty computer units or keep them for now.

The crew replaced all three

units on the main computer following a Sept. 8 breakdown.

"Now we are faced with the choice of keeping this computer going ... or putting together a new computer," Blagov said.

In the latest episode, the main computer crashed Sunday for unknown reasons. The crew responded by turning off many

electrical systems, including the oxygen-generating system.

The existing oxygen supply is good for several days, and the crew has two months worth of oxygen canisters if needed.

The computer problem caused the Mir's gyroscopes, which orient the space station toward the sun, to shut down. However, the

crew can periodically fire thrusters to reposition the Mir, allowing its solar panels to soak up energy.

The cash-strapped Russian space program said it let the previous computer wear out before installing a new one. The Russians say they no longer replace parts when they reach the end of their life expectancy, they just keep them running until they expire.

"All these malfunctions can be traced to the years when the industry has had absolutely no money, and we have had to find ways to survive using spare parts and old techniques," Blagov said.

The two computer shutdowns in the past week have been less troublesome than previous ones in July and August, officials said.

The Mir lost nearly half its power when a remote-controlled cargo ship crashed into one of its modules in June, but the crew was able to reconnect power cables during a repair mission in August.

Tech regents eye sweeping changes in admissions policy

LUBBOCK (AP) — Getting into Texas Tech might soon be much tougher.

Tech's regents are considering sweeping changes in admissions and retention policies that would tighten entrance requirements and deny admission to more than half of those who apply.

More than 30 recommendations are before the Texas Tech University Board of Regents for a vote at its November meeting.

Proponents say they hope the changes would, within five years, draw more than 80 percent of the student body from the top 25 percent of high school graduating classes.

Marty Grassell, director of new student relations, said the proposals would present Texas Tech with an ambitious challenge.

"If they're not realistic, they're certainly worth aiming for," he told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for Sunday editions.

Not everyone is so enthusiastic.

"I don't want to make this an exclusive university that excludes people based on just one criterion," said professor Arturo Olivarez Jr., vice president of the Faculty Senate.

The proposals go right to the heart of what Texas Tech wants to be, said Gene Medley, longtime admissions director.

"What is Texas Tech all about?" he asked. "Do we want to give students more opportunity or do we want to give less opportunity? If it's harder to get in, then we're saying we're an institution that caters only to the finer students."

Among the proposals are recommendations to, within five years:

— Disqualify for admission high-school seniors from the bottom half of their graduating classes with SAT scores of 950 or less and allow provisional admission for those from the second quarter of their graduating class with an SAT below 850.

— Disqualify freshman men from pledging a fraternity during their first semesters, possibly extending the prohibition to freshman women and sororities.

— Expand the honors program into an honors college, with its own dean, and establish an honors dormitory, giving empty dorm rooms to honors students free of charge.

Among the five-year goals are to raise Tech's average student

SAT score to 1,200 out of a possible 1,600 and its graduation rate to 60 percent. The current graduation rate is 38 percent, the lowest of any school in the Big 12 Conference. It also hopes to deny more than half of the people who apply for admission.

Unless the top three goals are

met, Tech may limit freshman enrollment to 3,520.

Tech also hopes to make available to at least 25 percent of Tech's undergraduates some kind of academic achievement scholarship.

The Student Association also will address the recommenda-

tions, said association president Russell Thomasson.

"Do we want to shut out average students to opportunities?" Thomasson asked. "Are we willing to revolutionize the institution? That (decision) takes a lot of study."

Study: UT-Pan Am graduates just 19 percent of its students over 6-year span

EDINBURG (AP) — Fewer than one in five students graduate at the University of Texas-Pan American, according to a state study.

In a study of graduation rates at public colleges and universities in Texas over six years, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board found that 19 percent of UTPA's students graduate, The McAllen Monitor newspaper reported today.

An additional 33 percent earned their degrees from other schools or still are attending UTPA, the study said.

By comparison, UT-Austin posts a mark of 63 percent, leading all other UT System schools.

Bud Frankenberger, special assistant to the president, says it's not a problem. He calls it a "phenomenon."

Frankenberger says the low figure is a legacy of UTPA's past as a community school with open admissions.

The rate is where it should be for a university that once served as a community college, he said. Statistics indicate that community colleges have

an average six-year graduation rate of 12.2 percent, while the figure for four-year universities is more than 40 percent, he said.

Nevertheless, other UTPA officials were concerned by the numbers.

"I don't think we'd ever be content with a graduation rate that's not the state average, at least," said Ted von Ende, UTPA's director of research and planning.

The six-year measurement "tends to assume that if a person doesn't graduate within six years they're not going to. Our students sometimes graduate after seven, eight, 10 years," von Ende said.

Thirty-six percent of UTPA students who entered as freshmen in 1985 had graduated within 10 years.

Other UT schools see similar increases over extended periods. For example, UT-El Paso's six-year graduation rate of 24 percent increases to nearly 40 percent over a 10-year period. UT-San Antonio's rate jumps from 23 percent to 49 percent.

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-Hindu proverb

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OUR VIEWS

Harvest grows closer as smiling time nears

If Mother Nature can just cooperate for a few more weeks, area farmers — and a bunch of other people — will be smiling this autumn.

By now, the woes visited upon area cotton farmers the past few years are well known. If a drought wasn't sacking the crop before it even began, low prices were keeping growers from realizing a handsome profit.

This year, however, may just be different. For starters, the drought, at least for this year, has been nothing but an unpleasant memory. One of the wettest springs on record got the cotton crop off to a good start. Since then, timely rains and hot temperatures — ideal for growing — have helped things along.

To be sure, there have been some flies in the ointment. Many farmers north of Big Spring had to replant their crops in June after a severe dust storm sandblasted their plants. And recently, boll weevils have made their unpleasant presence felt.

Overall, however, this is shaping up to be a better-than average crop. Area producers are estimating they'll harvest between a half-bale to bale per acre this is autumn. That may not qualify as a bumper crop, but it is a definite improvement over the past few years.

If the current dry weather holds, farmers will start defoliating their crops this week, then begin stripping their fields around Oct. 1, a month before the traditional start of the harvest.

That's tremendous news, and not just for producers. This community's economy, like many in the state, is heavily dependent on agriculture. A good crop means area gins and compresses will be busy, extra help will be hired, machinery will be bought or repaired, bank loans will be repaid on time and money will be pumped into the economy.

All that has been missing the past few years, and a lot of people have suffered as a result. Now, it looks like a return to business as usual, and all of us should breathe a sigh of relief over that news.

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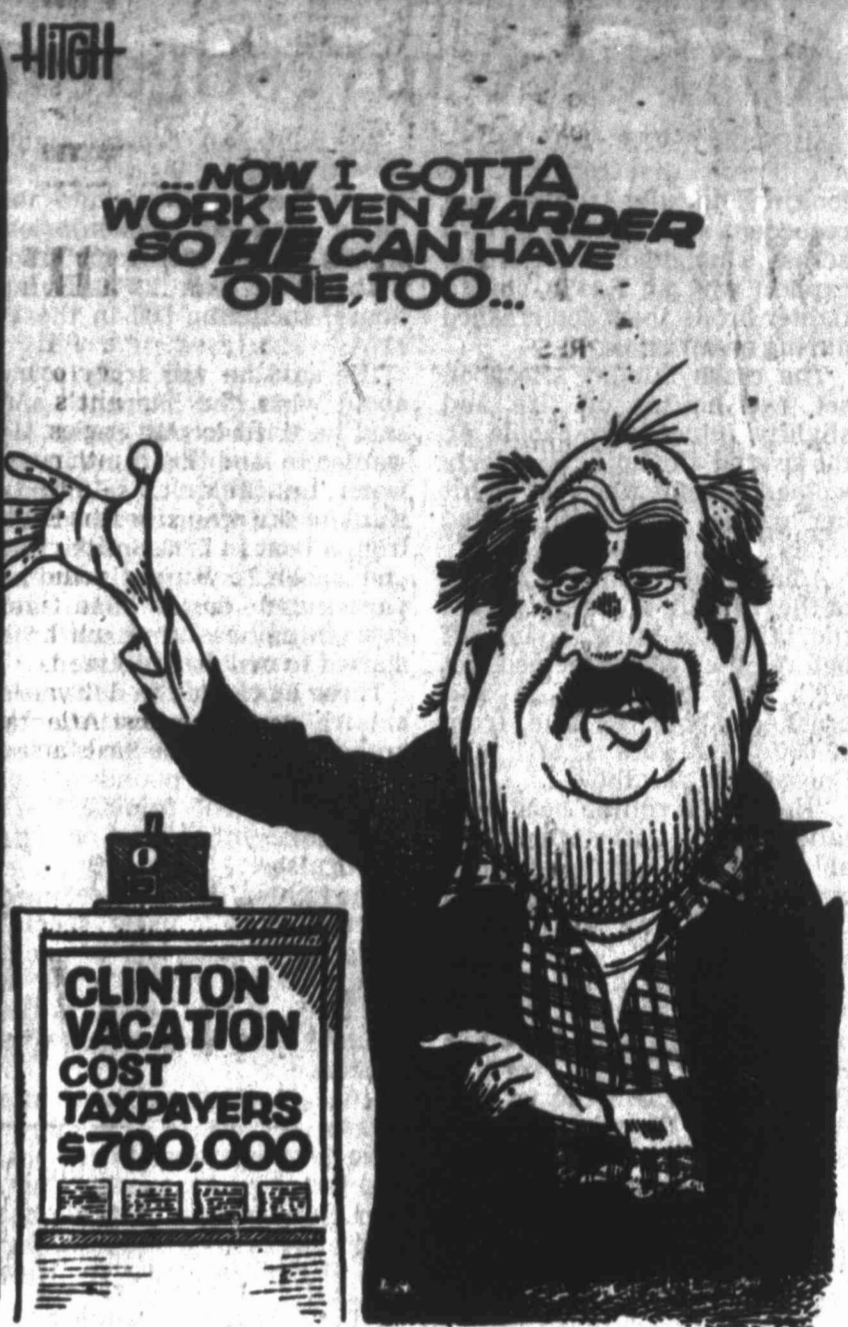
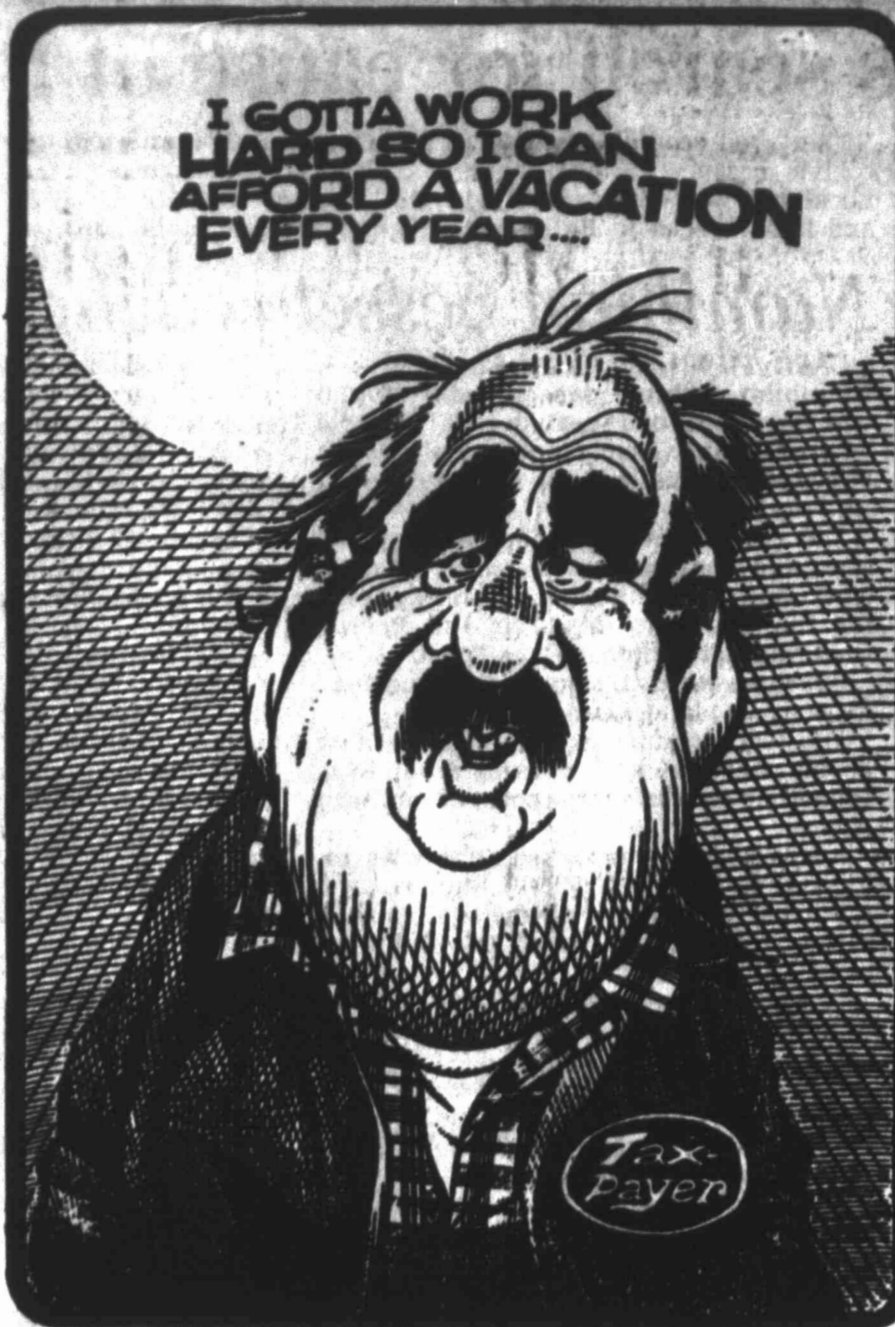
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We need to limit liquor ads — here's why

By LAURIE LEIBER
For Scripps Howard News Service

For nearly two decades, two U.S. Surgeon Generals — C. Everett Koop and Antonia Novello — and numerous public health organizations have called upon manufacturers of alcoholic beverages to advertise more responsibly. National polls show that Americans increasingly favor either restricting or banning broadcast alcohol advertising.

But despite this widespread support for advertising reform, the alcohol industry has averted government limits. During the last 20 years, public health advocates began implementing a new approach to preventing alcohol-related problems. This new public health response is based on a substantial and growing body of evidence that limiting both alcohol advertising and alcohol availability and raising alcohol taxes decreases alcohol-related problems.

Alcohol industry representatives often cite the incompleteness of the research record on alcohol advertising as proof that alcohol promotion has no impact on consumption. Although more research is needed, there is strong scientific evidence that the effects of alcohol advertising, like the effects of tobacco advertising, are not limited to brand selection by adults.

In the past, alcohol-beverage producers have argued that their voluntary public service campaigns are more effective at decreasing alcohol-related problems than are government-imposed limits on alcohol advertising.

But while public-service messages may engender good will for the companies sponsoring them, researchers have described these "responsible drinking" spots as thinly disguised drinking promotions. The longest-running campaign, Anheuser-Busch's "Know When to Say When," omits that sometimes it is not safe to imbibe at all. The campaign also leaves "when" undefined.

Manufacturers of alcoholic beverages also assert that, because responsible advertising is advantageous to the industry, government-imposed restrictions are unnecessary. Trade groups, representing the three branches of the alcohol industry (wine, beer, and distilled spirits) have adopted voluntary advertising codes. But these voluntary standards have not prevented the brewers from turning Halloween into a beer festival, marketing malt liquor on MTV, or using cute cartoon animals in commercials aired on TV during peak viewing times for young people.

Neither did the industry's standards prevent liquor producers from ending their decades-long voluntary ban on broadcast liquor commercials. After Seagram broke the ban in June 1996, the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States simply rewrote its Code of Good Practice.

Since then, commercials for Seagram's Crown Royale whiskey are more effective at decreasing alcohol-related problems than are government-imposed limits on alcohol advertising.

Print ads for liquor — a magazine mainstay — appear in periodicals such as Spin, nearly half of whose readers are under 21, and Allure, 44 percent of whose readers are underage. Billboard and print ads for Gordon's gin feature a cartoon boat. Quirky cutout characters populate Tanqueray vodka ads.

In terms of both content and placement, manufacturers of alcoholic beverages find few real limitations in the industry's voluntary advertising guidelines. Research conducted in spring 1996 by the Center on Alcohol Advertising showed that children ages 9 to 11 are more familiar with the Budweiser frogs than they are with Smokey Bear or Tony the Tiger.

Anheuser-Busch, the maker of Budweiser, responded to widespread criticism of the frog commercials by citing the adult appeal of the croaking amphibians. According to the Beer Institute ad code, if a symbol or character appeals to persons over 21, beer makers are free to use that image in their promotions no matter how much the image appeals to children.

Our government should mandate monitoring the reach of alcohol commercials and should hold broadcasters responsible for limiting young people's exposure to

such advertising. By law, television and radio stations licensed to broadcast on the public airwaves must do so in the public interest. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does not collect information on the frequency of alcohol commercials; nor does it gather age information on the viewers of such ads.

The FCC could use such information to set goals for decreasing youth exposure. The agency could also require broadcasters to provide equal time for health-and-safety messages when alcohol commercials air during prime time or sports programs that reach large numbers of underage viewers.

No one should expect alcohol-beverage manufacturers to end their aggressive targeting of young people voluntarily. The industry is fiercely competitive and thus far has not placed children's welfare above profits.

The costs to the United States of alcohol consumption are tremendous, with recent estimates approaching \$100 billion per year. Our government has a legitimate interest in reducing both these costs and the human costs of alcohol-related illness, injury and death. Restricting the promotion of alcoholic beverages, and particularly their promotion to children, should be part of a comprehensive strategy to abate alcohol-related problems through policy reform.

(Laurie Leiber is director of the Center on Alcohol Advertising.)

We shouldn't limit liquor ads — here's why

By Dr. MORRIS E. CHAFETZ
For Scripps Howard News Service

As a psychiatrist, scientist and former architect of the national effort to prevent alcohol problems, it was my job to seek out the best science, both biomedical and behavioral.

Today, a heated debate swirls around the issue of restricting alcohol advertising on TV. Assorted opponents who argue that advertising contributes to alcohol-related problems — especially among young people — are way off base.

When I consider the pros and cons of alcohol advertising and its alleged effect on problem drinking, I find myself asking the crucial question: Where in the name of science is there proof that alcohol advertising is bad for society?

Last year I was asked to write a review for the New England Journal of Medicine on how advertising affects alcohol use. I did not find any studies that credibly connect advertising to increases in alcohol use (or abuse) or to young persons taking up drinking.

The prevalence of reckless misinterpretation and misapplication of science allows advocacy groups and the media to stretch research findings to suit their preconceived positions.

For example, one study showed that adolescents who drank alcohol could remember alcohol ads better than adolescents who did not drink. But what does that prove? If researchers found that green-colored automobiles had more accidents than cars of other colors, would that prove the color green causes accidents?

Another study, supported by the Center on Alcohol Advertising, purportedly showed that people who knew about the federal guidelines on moderate drinking drank less than people who didn't know.

Poppcock! The many variables that affect behavior and define moderate drinking are scientifically uncontrollable. Anyone with any scientific knowledge knows the study is nonsense.

But the issue of whether alcohol advertising should be restricted goes beyond what I have noted. During our adolescent years we tested the world by taking risks, and we made it. So will the present generation of teen-agers. But there endures a sturdy, albeit insecure,

band of believers dedicated to the idyllic dream of the innocent, sheltered child.

The results of a national survey of high-school students belie this perfect-child fantasy. In the study, researchers with the Addiction Research Foundation in Ontario, Canada, found that 76 percent of 12th graders and 69 percent of 10th graders in the United States drank alcohol in 1996.

State surveys have shown even higher rates of consumption by young people: An analysis of four surveys of 11th graders in Ohio showed 87 percent of boys and 82 percent of girls drank alcohol.

A book, "The Normal and the Abnormal in Adolescent Drinking," provides a realistic picture of alcohol and adolescence.

The authors contend that adolescent drinking is a normal part of the socialization process, wherein teen-agers experiment with and acquire adult behavior. The high incidence of adolescent drinking buttresses this argument. But the authors further contend that adolescent abstinence is as deviant as excessive drinking. I agree with their position.

Abstinence and excessive drink-

ing are unhealthy extremes. Neither behavior should be encouraged, for in the real world drinking in moderation is acceptable.

The idea of considering teen-age abstinence abnormal will shock most Americans. But evidence that most 10th, 11th, and 12th graders in the United States drank some alcohol last year suggests that abstinence is indeed abnormal in this age group.

Advocacy groups claim, without evidence, that alcohol advertising encourages young people to drink. With such an easy target as alcoholic beverages, evidence seems unnecessary. And the lust to blame something or someone for youthful waywardness is so intense that parents can be held legally responsible for their children's wanton acts.

Trying to lend young people a helping hand is, in itself, exemplary. But in their zeal, child-protection advocates may be contributing to the problems they work so hard to prevent. The cult of expertise has made parents feel incapable of raising their children. But as a parent and a psychiatrist, I trust the instincts of parents more than I do the hubris of child-protection experts.



Mallard Fillmore
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San Diego Padres at Houston Astros, 7 p.m., F25, Ch. 29.
Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers, 7:30 p.m., L14, Ch. 68.

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Philadelphia Eagles at Dallas Cowboys, 8 p.m., ABC, Ch. 2.

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What makes Emmitt run? Monday night football, of course!

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — If ever a stage was made for a player, it's Emmitt Smith and Monday night football.

Smith has had five outstanding games on the NFL's showcase night. And he was on his way to a sixth last year against Chicago before he fell on his head and hurt his neck.

"I love Monday night football," Smith said. "You know all the other players are watching. You want to perform for them."

The Dallas Cowboys running back

has saved some of his most memorable prime-time performances for this Monday night's opponent, the Philadelphia Eagles.

—In 1995, Smith rushed for 158 yards on 27 carries and scored two touchdowns against the Eagles.

—In 1993, Smith rushed for 172 yards on 23 carries, including a 67-yard run.

Smith has had five Monday night games in which he has rushed for more than 150 yards. Other big games: 24 carries for 172 yards and two touchdowns against Atlanta in 1992; 35 carries for 163 yards and two touchdowns

in 1994 against the New York Giants; and 21 carries for 163 yards and four touchdowns against the Giants in 1995.

"When you first play in a Monday night game it's a special moment," Smith said. "You always look forward to playing in the game."

Should Smith score a touchdown, he'll not likely respond with his trademark — taking off his helmet. The NFL has put in the "Emmitt Smith Helmet Rule" this year and Smith has already been penalized once.

"They're just looking for me to take my helmet off," Smith said. "Other

people do it and get away with it. It's a ridiculous rule. I've seen some guys get a sack and celebrate all kinds of ways, including sexual gestures, and get away with it. It's a double standard rule."

The Eagles and Cowboys were 1-1 entering Monday night, and looking for an edge in the NFC East. The Cowboys have won five consecutive division titles; the Eagles haven't won the division since 1968.

Smith is hampered by bruised ribs, but he said it won't keep him from competing.

"I'm just going to put some barbecue sauce on those ribs and go out there," he said. "I'm OK. I hurt my ribs last year and still played the whole season. This is a very important game and I need to be out there."

Smith, hampered by injuries last year, is off to a good start with 45 carries for 201 yards and a 4.5 per carry average. To keep that going he'll have to do so against an Eagles team that knows how to apply muscle.

"They are very tough and always come at me hard," Smith said. "It's good physical football."

Sands' girls runners-up to Angoras

HERALD Staff Report

Sands' Lady Mustangs cross country team was no match for the defending Class A state champion Rock Springs' Lady Angoras during Saturday's Water Valley Invitational meet, but they were an impressive second-place finisher.

Holly Zant paced the Sands effort, finishing 15th in the field, while teammates Jessica DeWitt and Trisha Nichols finished 19th and 22nd, respectively.

Laci Wells' finish in 28th place and Starr Hopper's finish in 34th also played a key role in the Lady Mustangs earning a 10-point edge over third-place Ozona in the team standings. Mindy Floyd rounded out the Sands scores with a finish in 44th place.

Several other area teams took part in the meet. Garden City was fourth in the girls' division, while Stanton finished ninth, Forsan was 10th and Coahoma was 14th.

Ladonna Dennis led the way in Forsan's effort, earning a medal with her 20th-place finish. Callie Burt was 33rd individually, while Tonnie Loera was 45th.

Rounding out the Lady Buffs' finish were Ashley Alexander, 72nd; Kori Hughes, 83rd; and Sara Harrison, 87th.

While Forsan's boys' did not have enough runners to compete as a team, Chris King led the way with a finish in 35th place. Jeremy Becerra was 49th, Brandon Bingham was 53rd and Matt Mims was 69th.

Lady Yearlings finish fourth in own tourney

HERALD Staff Report

Runnels' Lady Yearlings finished fourth in their own invitational volleyball tournament Saturday, dropping a 15-9, 15-9 decision to Sweetwater in the third-place game, while Snyder defeated Midland Greenwood for the championship.

Snyder didn't have an easy go of things in the title match, having to rebound from a 9-15 opening game before rallying for 15-5 and 15-12 wins. Andrews defeated Bronte, 15-10, 15-6, for the tournament's consolation championship.

Laticia Rollins was Big Spring's top scorer in the loss to Sweetwater, chalking up four points; while Bridget Cain and Lindsey Shaffer scored three points each.

Trista Casey had two points, while Melissa Ray, Chelsea Churchwell, Paige King, Melissa Mayberry, Pejal Patel and Chasiti Marshall each scored one point.

The Lady Yearlings opened the tournament with a 15-10, 15-2 win over Colorado City. Rollins again leading the way with six points, while Whitney Bryant added three.

Casey and Tracy Padilla added two points each, while Churchwell and Nikki Leyva scored one apiece.

Big Spring was forced to settle for a spot in the third-place game when they fell to Greenwood, 15-10, 2-15, 9-15, in the second round. Greenwood had opened the tournament with a 15-11, 15-1 win over Bronte.

Brittany Bryant led the scor-



Runnels' Trista Casey bumps the ball back ready for a setter to provide a spike attempt for teammate Laticia Rollins (10) during Saturday's tournament action at Steer Gym.

ing for Big Spring in that loss, chalking up nine points, while Enchantra Lara had four points, Casey had three and Rollins, Casey and King added two each.

En route to the championship, Snyder knocked off Andrews, 15-8, 15-10, and followed that with a 15-7, 15-10 win over Sweetwater, which had been forced into a three-

game match in its first round win over Water Valley.

Bronte eliminated Colorado City in the second round with a 15-11, 15-12 win, while Andrews sent Water Valley home early with a 15-6, 16-14 win.

The Lady Yearlings will seek some measure of revenge this afternoon when they play host to Sweetwater.

Rockies climbing back into NL West race

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants might have more to worry about in the NL West than just each other.

The division has become a three-team race with the Colorado Rockies climbing back into the picture following a three-game sweep in Atlanta.

The Rockies won for the 15th time in 17 games Sunday, completing a three-game sweep of the Braves with a 4-0 victory on a combined four-hit shutout by Pedro Astacio and Jerry Dipoto.

Colorado moved within five games of San Francisco and Los Angeles, and can help themselves down the stretch. They'll finish their season with three games at Los Angeles, four at home with the Giants, and then close with four more at home against the Dodgers.

Before getting swept, the Braves had won 40 of 56 from Colorado.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was: Florida 5, San Francisco 4; Los Angeles 4, Houston 3 in 10 innings; Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 4; Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 2; New York 1, Montreal 0; and St. Louis 10, San Diego 4.

In American League games, New York beat Baltimore 8-2, Seattle beat Toronto 3-2, Anaheim beat Kansas City 3-2, Cleveland downed Chicago 8-3, Boston beat Milwaukee 2-1, Minnesota topped Texas 11-1, and Detroit defeated Oakland 6-5.

Andres Galarraga's eighth-inning hit broke up a scoreless duel between John Smoltz and Pedro Astacio, who set a team record with 12 strikeouts.

Pinch-hitter John Vander Wal had a three-run homer in the ninth off Smoltz.

In sweeping the series, Colorado defeated Atlanta starters Greg Maddux, Denny Neagle and Smoltz.

Marlins 5, Giants 4

At Miami, Kurt Abbott broke an eighth-inning tie with an swinging bunt that rolled 10 feet for an RBI single. Pinch-hitter Jim Eisenreich followed with a sacrifice fly.

San Francisco scored once in the ninth and had runners at second and third with two outs. Third baseman Bobby Bonilla then made a game-ending catch of Barry Bonds' pop foul while tumbling into the first row of stands.

Jay Powell (6-2) was the winner and Robb Nen got his 33rd save. Roberto Hernandez (3-2) took the loss.

Dodgers 4, Astros 3

At Houston, Mike Piazza singled home the winning in the

10th as Los Angeles stopped a five-game losing streak.

Billy Wagner (7-8) struck out three of his first four batters, then walked Otis Nixon and Eric Young with one out in the 10th. Piazza then singled to center off Jose Lima.

Scott Radinsky (5-1) got the win and Todd Worrell got three outs for his 35th save. Jeff Bagwell hit a two-run homer, his 39th, for the Astros.

Reds 6, Phillies 4

At Philadelphia, Jon Nunnally had three hits, scored two runs and came home on the front end of a double steal as Cincinnati rallied for its eighth win in 11 games with Philadelphia this season.

Rookie Brett Tomko (11-6) allowed three runs — two earned — and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. Jeff Shaw pitched a scoreless ninth to convert his 12th consecutive save chance.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Goliad teams take two from Ballinger

Goliad's "Black" and "White" Mavericks squads had little trouble in taking their openers, posting wins of 22-6 and 16-0, respectively, against Ballinger.

In the first game, Big Spring's "White" squad tossed a shutout behind a sterling defensive performance keyed by John Giles, Jerod Boyd and Raymond Castillo.

Eric Hendrix chalked up the White's first points with a 15-yard run and Billy Acosta tacked on the conversion run.

Brandon Brown capped the scoring with a 75-yard punt return and Acosta added another two-point conversion.

In the second game, the Goliad Black scored early on a 6-yard run by Curtis Woodruff and

never looked back.

Angel Torres took a 20-yard pass from Tye Butler. Dustin Beauchamp tacked on the conversion run for a 14-0 lead.

Ballinger answered with a third-quarter touchdown, but the Black went the young Bearcats one better, Beauchamp gathering in a pass from Butler and setting sail on a 63-yard scoring play. Eric Chavez finished the scoring with the two-point run.

Next action for the Mavericks teams is slated Saturday when they play host to teams from Andrews.

YMCA planning flag football program

The Big Spring YMCA will have a youth flag football program this fall for boys and girls in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 7

p.m. Monday at the YMCA building.

According to league organizers, all participants will play in games.

The deadline for registration is Sept. 27. For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

YMCA forming swim team

A swim team to be coached by Harlan Smith is being formed by the Big Spring YMCA.

The team meets from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, and anyone between the ages of 6 and 16 who can swim one length of the pool and is willing to learn the four competitive swimming strokes is welcome to join.

For more information, contact the YMCA by calling 267-8234.

Herald seeking stringers for football

The Big Spring Herald is looking for stringer photographers and writers interested in working high school football games this fall.

Photographers must have their own cameras and photographic equipment.

For more information, contact sports editor John A. Moseley by calling the Herald at (916) 263-7331 ext. 233.

Coahoma Booster Club meetings set

The Coahoma Booster Club's next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school's faculty dining room.

The club meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and each meeting includes a brief review of the previous Friday's game film.

All interested Bulldog fans are encouraged to attend.

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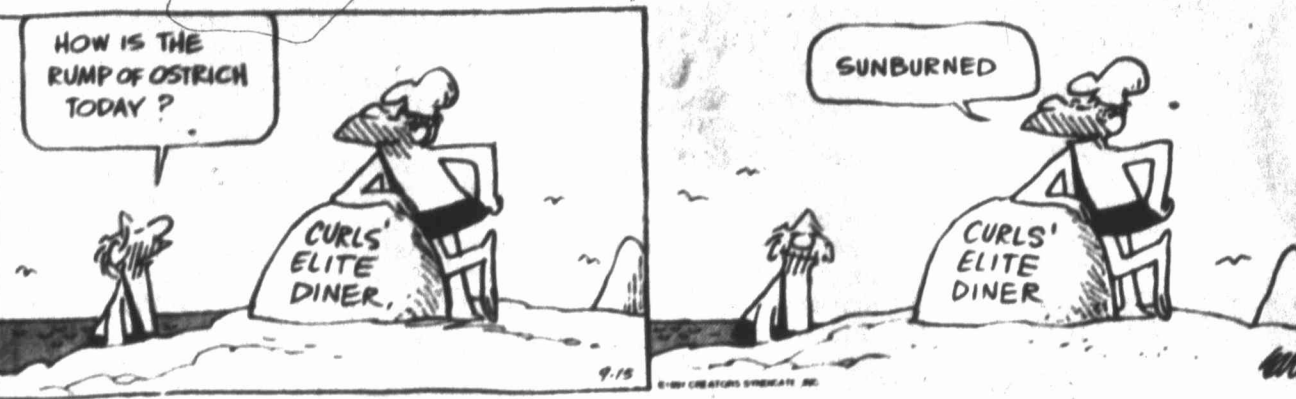
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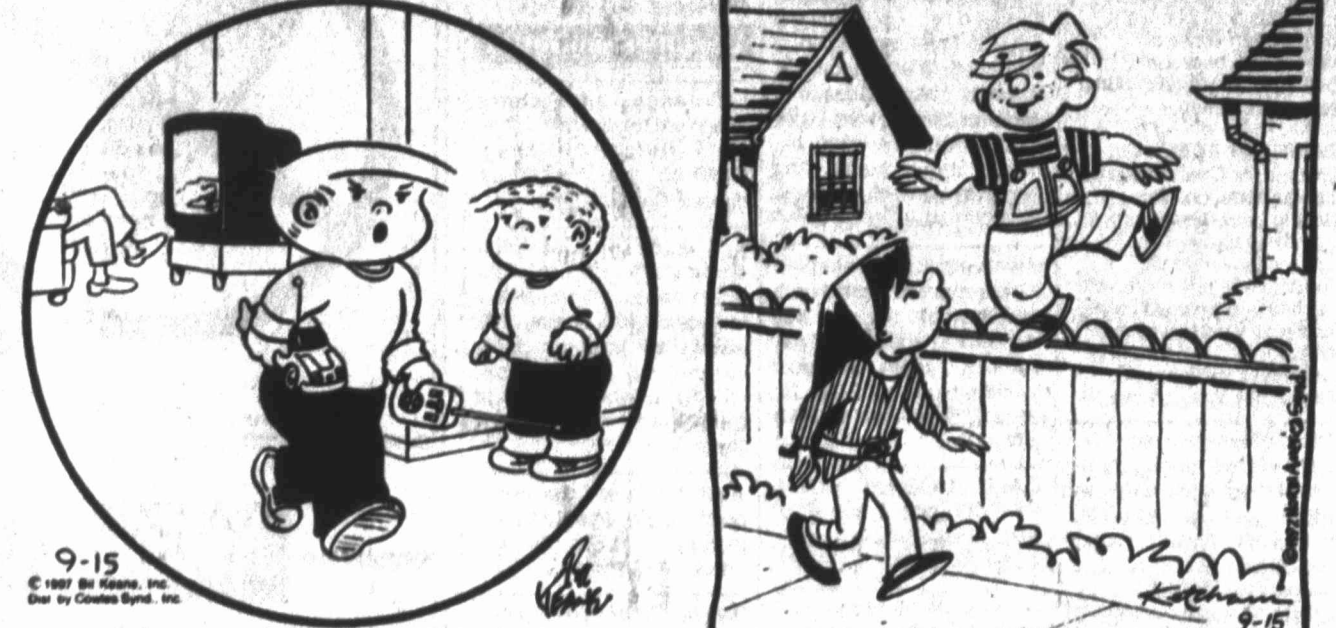
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by Mary Derderian Brown 09/15/97

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1963, four children were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at a black Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1821, independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as president of the United States and as chief justice — was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.

In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the United States to begin a 13-day visit.

In 1965, the science-fiction series "Lost in Space" (set in the year 1997) premiered on CBS.

In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

Ten years ago: On the opening day of his confirmation hearing, Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork told the Senate Judiciary Committee his philosophy was "neither liberal nor conservative."

Five years ago: FBI Director William S. Sessions promised a new national campaign to stem a recent wave of carjackings.

Washington state Sen. Patty Murray defeated former Congressman Don Bonker to win the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Brock Adams.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 75. Singer-pianist Bobby Short is 73. Comedian Norm Crosby is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 59. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 57. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 52. Rock musician Lee Dorman (Iron Butterfly) is 52. Actor Tommy Lee Jones is 51. Movie director Oliver Stone is 51. Football quarterback Dan Marino is 38. Rap DJ Jay Z (Naughty By Nature) is 28.

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