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Symphony season ticket sales set to begin Thursday

Big Spring Symphony will kick off its 1998-99 season ticket sales Thursday at Dora Roberts Community Center. From 5:30-7 p.m., those interested in purchasing season tickets, or getting more information about the symphony, can join supporters and guild members for refreshments.

A table will be set up to sell tickets for the four-concert season. They are \$35 for adults, \$30 seniors and \$15 for students.

The upcoming season includes a guest artist, the Nutcracker ballet, a joint concert with the Big Spring Chorale and a pops concert in the spring.

Children are welcome at the kickoff event, and entertainment will be provided. Call the symphony office at 264-7223 for more information.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Beginning Line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

□ Quarterback Club, 7 p.m. All football parents and fans welcome. For more information call Monika at 263-6729.

□ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen, 264-5175.

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

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

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith, 267-6479.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and over.

□ Evening line dancing class, 6:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Enter north gate (Simler drive), cross first intersection, building on left, park in east parking lot and enter by east door.

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Forsan public schools commit to age of technology

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Bringing Forsan schools on-line with Internet service means line-of-site microwave stations for Elbow Elementary and Junior High/Senior High School campuses, said George White, superintendent.

Currently, the district is soliciting bids for the project, he said.

"The board made a huge commitment to get into the technology age. We had applied for grants, and we thought we

might get some help (from state grants), but we've decided to just do it," White said.

Elbow Elementary needs the radio system to reach Internet and the other campus. Currently, only telephone communication is possible between the two schools, he said.

"We'll have a tower in both places," he said.

The district applied for Technology Infrastructure Funds grants to help offset the cost of the project, but were not selected to receive any money, he said.

Deadline changes by the Texas Education Agency for the TIF money also prevented Forsan from taking advantage of the new grant opportunities, he said.

"But we will continue to try to get grants we are qualified for," White said.

Since the district will assume the cost of the radio tower system, the initial point of contact, or computer terminals available to students at Elbow, might be limited.

"But at least the kids will have access to Internet," White said.

And an eye on the future has White planning the scope of computer accessible information.

He said the district might begin working with Sul Ross and Texas Tech universities, and Howard College, to provide students with college courses in Forsan.

He said smaller school districts like Forsan and Andrews might use the distance learning programs with the computer link-up systems to enroll in courses that would be unavailable without the program.

Local professionals voice health care concerns

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Some 15 professionals voiced various concerns Monday while meeting with representatives from the Austin-based Center for Rural Health Initiatives at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Katherine Dickson, executive member and secretary, and Alice Roberts, rural health care specialist, opened the hearing for testimony from local residents who wanted to bring attention to some area of rural health care.

"This is strictly an information-gathering forum. As a state agency, we are required to do a legislative report. And to write that report we need a public hearing, to hear from you," Roberts said.

Kenneth Randall, CEO for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, approached the hearing first, and named five areas of concern with rural health care.

"The problems with drugs is nationwide, and we are getting people into the emergency room with drug-related problems, and we are having great difficulty finding treatment," Randall said.

Finding drug treatment facilities has become nearly impossible, he continued, and he asked the center representatives to make this issue part of their report.

Randall's second issue con-



Alice Roberts, left, a rural health care specialist with the Center for Rural Health Initiatives discussed future plans for rural health care in Texas with Martin County hospital board member Carol Whitte at Scenic Mountain Medical Center Monday.

cerned psychiatric problems of patients, and a lack of available services for them as well. Also, he said the emergency room staff often deal with people who are not in a medical emergency.

"This is a waste of state funds and a waste of our efforts. There needs to be some type of

more structured living or social services that need to be involved. These individuals are typically isolated, they live alone, they have no family. They're lonely," Randall said.

Randall's fourth area of concern was indigent health care and how the financial responsibility crosses county lines.

Incomes are lower in rural areas than in urban areas, and he asked if Howard County's indigent health care fund is responsible for medical bills for patients who are not county residents.

Retaining qualified nurses

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Scholarships are key part of Center's program

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Center for Rural Health Initiatives operates on a \$1.6 million budget, 80 percent of which is used for its scholarship programs, said Alice Roberts, rural health care specialist.

The center was created by the 71st Legislature in 1989, and has worked toward identifying and solving health care problems of 3 million Texas residents. Of the 254 counties in Texas, 196 are identified rural

by the federal government.

Problems identified by the center included in its 1997 report to the legislature are: Texas led the nation in rural hospital closures, about 50 from 1984 to 1989, or 20 percent nationwide.

Today, hospital closures have declined from 11 in 1989 to two in 1996, according to the report.

Twenty-three counties had no physician in 1989, and 74 counties had two physicians or less. Today, primary care physicians has increased 12 percent, while rural population has increased two percent, accord-

ing to the report.

Rural counties had higher infant mortality, suicide, low birth weight babies, auto accident and inadequate prenatal care in 1989. And critically injured patients in rural areas were three to four times more likely to die than those in urban areas, according to the report.

CRHI has initiated a number of programs that have helped help recruit and retain 450 physicians, nurses, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to rural areas. These include HealthFind and

ProFind programs.

More than 70 students have received assistance through the center's scholarship and loan forgiveness programs.

Also, CRHI has helped open 439 health clinics since 1989, and nearly 20,000 persons received technical assistance in 1996-97, according to the report.

The center offices are located in Austin and may be reached by writing Center for Rural Health Initiatives, Post Office Drawer 1708, Austin, Texas, 78767-1708. The telephone number is 512-479-8891.

Stanton ISD contemplates \$5.6 million budget

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Stanton Independent School District trustees stand ready to approve a \$5.6 million budget, said Superintendent Jim White.

While trustees are not planning to increase school property taxes this year, the future is uncertain.

"We're worried sick about next year, about what's going to happen," said White.

Trustees hired a nurse for the district, Missy Barnes. This year, Stanton ISD replaced about eight professional staff members. They have about 72 teachers, he said.

"We're fully staffed with all teachers and professional staff," White said.

New teachers hired by the district this year are: Tonya Hull, prekindergarten; Kerry Rawls, elementary special education; Debbie Bible, middle school English; Thomas Castro, middle school art and reading; Rhonda Nelson, middle school math; Diana Stanford, middle school reading; Sherry Harper, middle school special education; Ron Gillaspay, biology; Tim Van

Hecke, girls' athletics and physical education.

Aides and support staff hired are: Shelly Tate, elementary aide, Lisa Barrera, AEP aide and Mary Barnhill, secretary.

Accountability ratings were discussed by trustees. Stanton received an acceptable rating for all three campuses and the district as a whole from the Texas Education Agency earlier

YMCA program helps teach defense, discipline, self respect



YMCA Tae Kwon Do instructor Pat Buske leads his students through physical and mental exercises during evening classes.

By T.E. JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring YMCA is helping local citizens take a chop out of violent crime.

"I've been a martial arts instructor for five years now," said YMCA Tae Kwon Do instructor Pat Buske. "I started studying the martial arts in 1967, and have been part of it ever since."

"We teach self defense, hand to hand combat, knife and pistol defense, patterns, and sparring. We also try to teach the children discipline and self respect."

Buske, who holds a fifth-degree black belt, is a Texas native, and explained that the

form of Tae Kwon Do that he practices and teaches isn't just one system.

"My instructor actually taught three different types of the art," said Buske. "When I began teaching, I took all three systems and joined them together to form a very comprehensive, balanced form of Tae Kwon Do."

Seven-year-old Daniel Budke holds a green belt in Tae Kwon Do, and has been attending Buske's classes for more than two years now.

"I like it a lot," said Budke. "I like doing the patterns and kicks, but everything is really fun. I've learned a lot of different things since I've been in Tae Kwon Do. I really want to

be a black belt some day."

Daniel's mother, Dolline Budke, said she entered her son in the program to teach him everyday values.

"I put him in Tae Kwon Do because I felt it helped to reinforce the morals that we believe in," said Budke. "They teach these children how to be courteous, and how to show respect to others. These are all things that kids today need to learn, but a lot don't have the chance."

"It has really had a positive effect on my son, and I'll keep him in it as long as he wants to participate."

Lucy Bustamante said the classes have had a direct effect

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Year 2000

Upgrade goes well according to city officials

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring shut down its administrative computers last week while installing year-2000 compatible upgrades into all city computers.

"This went very well. We should do more testing, but from this point it looks like this should be it," said Tom Ferguson, city finance director.

Local offices, including city hall and the water department, were closed Aug. 14 for the upgrade to the system, he said.

"This was our main frame computer, which operates all our other applications. We've already done municipal court," Ferguson said.

The problem with computer systems, called Y2K, is that date lines in a system's programming includes only the last two digits of the year.

For example, 1998 is recorded as 98, 1999 as 99, and so forth. However, when the next century rolls in, 2000 will be 00, keeping with the current method. And to a computer, that means 1900, he said.

"We're installing four digits for the year number now. And one of the things about this, is it's not just the software. Computer hardware must be year 2000 compliant as well," Ferguson said.

Saving memory space in a computer's hard drive and software programs prompted the original two digit year, Ferguson said. And for some businesses, the change over might be expensive.

Tony Hill, network manager for the Big Spring Police Department, said he began installing the upgrades at the police department in the summer of 1997.

"This Y2K is really more of an issue than a computer chip. This is a very serious problem and we started addressing it long before today," he said.

The police department computers translated into the upgrade easily, Hill said. But for other systems that contain older models of programs, the change over might be more

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OBITUARIES

William "Bill" Edmond Moore

Graveside service for William "Bill" Edmond Moore, 60, Big Cedar, Okla., was 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 1998, at the New Home Cemetery in Big Cedar, Okla.

Mr. Moore died Monday, Aug. 10, at Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith, Ark.

He was born Oct. 10, 1937, in Talihina, Okla. He worked as an electrician and was a member of the Choctaw Tribe.

Survivors include: his wife, Cindi White Moore of Big Cedar, Okla.; one daughter, Tianna Beck of Big Spring; one son, Tylan Moore of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; his mother, Ruby Moore of Big Spring; two brothers, Alvin Moore of Octavia, Okla., and Autry Moore of Big Spring; two sisters, Hauna McChristian of Denham Springs, La., and Judy Moore of Big Spring; two stepchildren, Zac Terry of Big Spring and Skydra Moore of Grandberry; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Beasley-Wood Funeral Home, Mena, Ark.

Evangelina "Eva" Alcantar

Rosary for Evangelina "Eva" Alcantar, 62, Big Spring, will be 8 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel with Horace Yanez officiating. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 1998, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry McCarthy, pastor, officiating.



ALCANTAR

Mrs. Alcantar died Sunday, Aug. 16, at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a short illness.

She was born on Jan. 13, 1936, in Melvin. She married Eligio Alcantar on June 23, 1956, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on July 19, 1990. She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She

was a homemaker and had also worked at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She is survived by: four daughters, Anna Cruz of Coahoma, Cristina Parras of Houston, Elsa Eagle and Ida De Los Santos, both of Big Spring; three sons, Eligio (Lee) Alcantar, Jr. of Coahoma, Luis Alcantar of Houston, and John Alcantar of Midland; her father, Porfirio Saldivar of Big Spring; three sisters, Maria Rodriguez of Big Spring, Rosa Rodriguez of Midland, and Susana Anzulda of Eden; two brothers, Fidel Saldivar and Adolfo Saldivar, both of Big Spring; and 21 grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Charmaine Lynn

Service for Charmaine Lynn, 42, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Monday, Aug. 17, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a short illness.

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on her son Joe.

"He has a lot more self-confidence now," said Bustamante. "He's also not as shy as he used to be. Thanks to these classes, he has really learned a lot of good discipline and acts very mature for his age. I'm very impressed with the effect it has had on him."

"We teach six different values in this class," said Buske, "courtesy, respect, integrity, self-control, perseverance, and indomitable spirit. I also try to teach the kids to say 'yes sir,' and 'no sir.' Respect is very important in martial arts."

"I have a very strict rule in my class, and it applies to both children and adults. If they ever use what I have taught them in a fight that they started, they are out of here. That is one thing I will not tolerate."

The classes aren't just for kids, either. "I've had students study with me since they were 10 years old," said Buske. "Now they are in college. I really like to see my students grow with it, and achieve the goals that they set for themselves."

"I currently have three women who have black belts taking my class, and they have really been wonderful." Student Vietia Romine attained her black belt in less than two years, and plans to continue her pursuit of the discipline.

"I've been taking Tae Kwon Do for about four years now," said Romine. "My children were taking the classes, and I had always wanted to, so I got involved."

"It really helps to give you more self confidence. I don't feel like I will panic if I'm faced with a physical confrontation now." According to Buske, avoiding potentially dangerous situations is really half the battle. "It keeps your mind aware of what is going on around you," he explained. "The most important thing you learn is how not to put yourself in a dangerous situations, avoiding the consequences altogether."

A new class will be starting in September, and will be available to YMCA members and non-members alike. The fee is \$15 per month for members or \$30 for non-members. Early sign-up is encouraged.

For more information on the classes, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

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involved.

"Companies like banks, the electric company or Southwestern Bell have been computerized for years, and they should have begun

addressing this problem at least 18 months before the new century rolls in," Hill said.

He offered some advice for home computer users and others concerned about personal electronic equipment, such as VCRs and camcorders.

"Any program chip that has a date stamp is a potential problem," he said.

Hill recommended setting the date stamp on the VCR or home computer to a year past 2000, such as 2015. Then see what the machine does, he said.

"Set the system date in advance and then look on the hard drive and check out the date and see how the computer saved it," he said.

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and physicians was Randall's final concern.

"We get very good people, and we tend to train them and they want to go to another area. They want an experience in life in a broader sense of the word. The average nurse out of nursing school stays about 24 months, and then they can market those skills in an urban area," Randall said.

Spouses of medical professionals often initiate a move to an urban area, he said. A spouse might desire a community with more recreational or cultural opportunities, he said.

Carole Whitten, a newly appointed Martin County hospital board member, said getting druggists involved in resource referral for medical information might be one way to help rural residents.

"People want to stay in their communities. We need (home health), we have to have them. Our community is growing older, and we cannot forget the people who don't live right in town," Whitten said.

Other professionals mentioned the problems with home health agencies and the limits being imposed for care charges. The differences in county to county limits were discussed by several nurses from SMMC.

"Elderly people need home health," Dunn said, adding she had needed home health services for her mother.

Randall said the current issue is that the federal government is attempting to stop corruption in home health companies by limiting the amount a patient may be charged, and that Medicaid will assume, on a per year basis.

Mary Frances Malone, another concerned resident, said, "I have 18 years experience in physician recruitment, and I am very concerned. We need to look at managed care organizations and be very careful who we're working with."

The center representatives will continue public hearings throughout the state, and are scheduled to be in Rio Grande City Aug. 19.

BRIEFS

A GROUP FROM THE Lighthouse Children's Home in Costa Rica will give two local performances Wednesday. At 11 a.m., the group will be at Maranatha Christian School, 903 Johnson, and at 7 p.m., at East Side Baptist Church, 6th and Settles.

The group performs with Christian songs, gospel illusions and magic. Performances will be free. Call East Side Baptist Church for more information, 267-1915.

SUPPORT GROUPS

TUESDAY
•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a

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child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

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

•"Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

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

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Rannels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

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

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

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•The next TXMHMR family education and support group meeting in July 28, at 6 p.m. in the Alsop Building, 419 Rannels. Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting will follow at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

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

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 74.35 cents, down 22 points; Sept. crude 13.15, down 5; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 36; cash steers steady at 60 cents even; Oct. lean hog futures 43.50 no change; Aug. live cattle futures 59.20, down 2 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Euro Pacific	26.71-28.34
I.C.A.	29.97-31.80
New Perspective	21.76-23.09
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	284.40-285.10
Silver	5.01-5.07

RECORDS

Monday's high 92
Monday's low 70
Average high 94
Average low 69
Record high 104 in 1952
Record low 58 in 1967
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 1.10
Month's normal 0.80
Year to date 7.58
Normal for the year 11.56

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
MONDAY
12:55 a.m. - 2700 block Williams, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
8:37 a.m. - Fifth and Johnson, traffic accident, extrication, patient transported to SMMC.
2:26 p.m. - I-20 mile marker 171, traffic accident, patient transported to SMMC.
8:23 p.m. - 15th and Gregg, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:
• RANDY FARR, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
• KELLY ELLIOT, 20, was arrested on local warrants.
• BOBBY RUTH, 22, was arrested on local warrants.
• TOMMY MIZE, 35, was arrested for assault.
• KIMBERLYNN RAMBY, 30, was arrested for public

intoxication.
• THEFT in the 1700 block of E. Marcy, the 1600 block of Settles, the 900 block of Willia, the corner of 3rd and Owens, Hwy. 87 and 120, the corner of 11th and Settles, and the 2600 block of Clanton.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 3700 block of La Junta.
• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 600 block of W. 4th, and the 1400 block of Benton.
• ASSAULT in the 200 block of Gregg.
• ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
• DOG BITE in the 800 block of W. 18th.
• FAILURE TO SECURE LOAD in the 1500 block of Wood.
• FOUND PROPERTY in the 400 block of E. 4th, and the 500 block of Westover.
• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 900 block of N. Lamesa, and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:
• RAYMOND CRUZ, 22, was arrested for assault/family violence.
• ROBERT SCOTT PARK, 28, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.
• JESUS BUSTAMANTE, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
• JENNIFER DAWN BROCK, 17, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
• STANLEY LACEY, 34, was arrested for theft.
• CHARLIE JONES, 44, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
• MICHAEL CLINTON, 44, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication.
• DAVID EDWARD KOHANEK, 44, was arrested for public intoxication, failure to identify, and possession of a controlled substance.
• TIMOTHY MARK DUFFY, 24, was arrested for assault.
• LUIS MIRAMONTEZ, 53, was arrested for two counts of indecency with a child/sexual contact.

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Jewel Webb, 61, died Saturday. Graveside services were 10:00 AM Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
John W. Cline, 65, died Saturday. Services were 11:00 AM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Lillie Bench Martin, 92, died Monday. Graveside services are 2:30 PM, today at Trinity Memorial Park.
Eva Alcantar, 62, of Big Spring, died Sunday. Rosary will be 8:00 PM, tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 11:00 AM, Wednesday at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.
Charmaine Lynn, 42, died Monday. Graveside services are 4:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
Deon Mathews, 7 months died Sunday. Services are pending.
Coy Cox, 60, died Monday. Services are pending.

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Clinton admits to having 'inappropriate' relationship with Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aides rallied around President Clinton today but one of his harshest critics said the president "lost his moral authority to act" when he admitted to an inappropriate relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

"He has basically said that he has lied to the American people, he's lied to his daughter, lied to his wife, lied to his staff, lied to the legal community," said Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., on NBC's "Today."

Friends and foes alike made the rounds of morning television shows less than 10 hours after Clinton told the nation he had an improper relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, but denied that he committed perjury.

In a precedent-setting day for the American presidency, Clinton first gave testimony Monday in which he refused to answer specific questions about

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— Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo.

his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky.

Then, he told the nation in a brief, forceful television address that Starr's investigation had "gone on too long, cost too much and hurt too many innocent people."

"This matter is between me, the two people I love most — my wife and our daughter — and our God," Clinton said.

Some congressional critics weren't satisfied and bridled at Clinton's attack on special prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who, sources say, may try to force the president to give fuller

answers in a second grand jury appearance.

The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, expressed anger at the president's attacks on Starr. "Wasn't that pathetic? I tell you, what a jerk," Hatch was overheard saying Monday night to his entourage as he left a television studio in Utah where he had given a number of interviews.

Hatch said the president's expression of regret may be enough to persuade lawmakers to stop any possible impeachment inquiry unless prosecu-

tors find evidence of obstruction of justice.

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said Clinton may have done enough to stave off impeachment. "He owed the people an apology and he gave it," Frank said. "No matter what he said before, I cannot believe that would rise under any definition to perjury or impeachment."

White House communications director Ann Lewis, appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America," would not say whether Clinton had apologized to her, saying such discussions were private.

On NBC's "Today" Clinton adviser James Carville said the president did not have to apologize to him.

"I really don't want one," he said. "The president knows that I love him. ... When a guy is

down you lend a hand and try to pick him up."

Early polls were solidly in Clinton's favor, with around 60 percent of people in a CBS/New York Times survey taken just after the speech saying they were satisfied with the president's statement and 40 percent not satisfied. About 60 percent said the matter should now be dropped. Sixty-nine percent of those in an ABC News poll said the investigation should end.

Although Starr is in the final stages of his investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up, his grand jury is still at work and was to hear testimony today from former Clinton political adviser Dick Morris.

The president and his family were due to leave this afternoon for a vacation at Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts.

Wearing a dark business suit

and standing in the same Map Room where he had testified via video camera hours earlier, Clinton said in his TV address that he disputed the most serious charges against him.

"I told the grand jury today and I say to you now that at no time did I ask anyone to lie, to hide or destroy evidence or to take any other unlawful action," the president said.

Seven months ago in the Paula Jones lawsuit, Clinton denied having sexual relations with Ms. Lewinsky. "My answers were legally accurate," Clinton said in Monday's TV address.

Now he says he "did have a relationship with Ms. Lewinsky that was not appropriate. In fact, it was wrong. It constituted a critical lapse in judgment and a personal failure on my part for which I am solely and completely responsible."

Texans: Clinton should have 'fessed up seven months ago

DALLAS (AP) — Howls erupted among patrons at a north Dallas bar when ABC cut into its Monday Night Football exhibition game between Dallas and New England to carry President Clinton's speech to the nation.

Some were just as upset at what Clinton had to say about his involvement with Monica Lewinsky.

Clinton went on national TV to acknowledge the affair and say he had misled the American people and his family. He also pointed a critical finger at prosecutors investigating the matter.

As the president began admitting that he had been involved sexually with Miss Lewinsky after all, Bob Bridges, 39, of Clearwater, Fla., had heard enough.

"You lied," Bridges said to the TV screen. "And we're supposed to believe him? Put the football game on!"

Not all Texans were so angry. Patrons at The Grill on the Hill, a San Antonio bar and restaurant, laughed and cracked one-liners at the president's speech.

"He needs to start a war with Libya or something to get his mind off (the affair)," joked David Griffith, 31.

But he turned serious after the speech and said, "It's between him and his wife."

The owner of the establishment, David Gates, 33, suggested the president's nose was growing during the address.

"Even though I think he's lying and all, I like him. He's a damn good president," Gates said.

At Damon's, a bar at the Holiday Inn on North Central Expressway in Dallas, few said they heard anything astonishing. Like Bridges, many said they would have preferred to watch football.

"There were no surprises. He said what he probably should have done six or seven months ago," said Victor Stone, 55, of Dallas.

"I really think he hit one nail on the head, though -- it really is his business and nobody else's. It's sad and a little bit shabby, his relationship with Miss Lewinsky, but the American people don't really care. How many presidents have we had? However many we have had, that's how many have lied to us."

Glenda Wilf of Texarkana, who said she is "50-plus," said:

"I think this has to have an effect on what he can do the remaining two years of his term. For him to say let's just get on with business, I don't think that's possible any more."

She disagreed that the president's involvement with Miss Lewinsky is a private matter.

"It is our business because it shows

how poor his judgment could be. To use that kind of judgment in his personal life shows how poor his judgment could be. He's set such a poor example for our young people. There's no moral value left," Ms. Wilf said.

Mark Lindley, 29, of Dallas said: "I have no problems with him being a male, but he's the most powerful man in the world, he's our leader, and he lied under oath. I have a problem with that."

But Lindley said he's ready to drop the matter.

"In all honesty, originally I was for Kenneth Starr, but it's gone on and on and turned into a witchhunt, and I'm sick of it. He's admitted it, and now let's move on. The country has more pressing problems than the president's personal life."

Jeff Finney, 32, of Dallas said the story would have gone away after a day or two if the president had admit-

ted the relationship when the accusations first surfaced.

"We wouldn't have had to go through all this. ... That he lied to the American people questions his integrity and credibility. If he lied about that, what else will he lie about?" Finney said.

Gov. George W. Bush, in Dallas Monday afternoon to announce a program to encourage character education and sexual abstinence for Texas youths, said the nation's leaders must "behave properly if we expect our children to behave responsibly."

"I'm embarrassed for our country, and it's time to get this behind us and move on," Bush said.

Land commissioner Garry Mauro, the Democratic nominee for governor and the manager of Clinton's presidential campaigns in Texas, said Texans don't care about the president's personal life.

Way clear for creation of largest U.S. bank

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve action has cleared the way for creation of the largest bank in the United States by combining NationsBank Corp. and BankAmerica Corp.

But the combined entity, which will operate under the BankAmerica Corp. name, may only temporarily enjoy its position as king of the U.S. financial hill. An even bigger megamerger, between Citicorp and the insurance and securities giant Travelers Group, is pending.

In a private meeting, the Federal Reserve Board voted 6-0 to approve the merger of San Francisco-based BankAmerica Corp. and NationsBank Corp., headquartered in Charlotte, N.C.

The new bank, based in Charlotte and headed by NationsBank Corp. Chairman Hugh McColl, will move ahead of Chase Manhattan Corp. as the nation's largest commercial bank.

It will operate 4,800 branch offices in 27 states and 38 overseas countries, and more than 14,000 automated teller machines. It will control assets of \$580 billion and 8 percent of the nation's federally insured deposits.

The two banks were strong in different regions: BankAmerica in California, the Pacific Northwest, Southwest and mountain West; NationsBank in the Southeast, Texas, Maryland and Virginia.

They had substantial overlap-

ping operations in only three states: Texas, New Mexico and Florida.

As a condition of approval, the new BankAmerica Corp. agreed to sell 17 branches controlling deposits of \$492 million in three markets in New Mexico — Albuquerque, Clovis and McKinley County.

The merged bank is expected to limit branch closings to "a small number of locations in Texas and New Mexico," the Fed said. It has 180,000 employees and plans to eliminate 5,000 to 8,000 positions.

In connection with the merger, NationsBank announced a plan to serve low and moderate-income areas and proposed an annual charitable contribution goal of \$100 million.

Chrysler plans to appeal \$800,000 fine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chrysler Corp. says it will appeal a judge's \$800,000 fine for failing to recall 91,000 Cirrus and Stratus cars over problems with their rear seat belts.

U.S. District Judge Emmet G. Sullivan imposed the fine because Chrysler failed to recall the autos after the government told the company those seat belt systems were unsafe, he said in a court opinion released Monday.

It is the largest monetary punishment assessed to an automaker for failure to comply with a government recall order.

Susan Cischke, Chrysler's executive director of vehicle safety, said the company planned to appeal the decision.

"We are essentially being penalized for using the only avenue available to us — legal recourse — and our confidence in getting relief from unreasonable regulatory actions has been shaken," Ms. Cischke said in a statement. She described Chrysler officials as "shocked

and disappointed."

Dr. Ricardo Martinez, head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, praised the court's decision.

"Manufacturers should respond promptly to safety recalls," Martinez said. "Seat belts are the most important pieces of safety equipment in motor vehicles and this case was all about seat belts."

The government had sought a \$1.6 million penalty, \$800,000 apiece for failing to obey the NHTSA order to recall the autos in 1996 and failing to notify the owners of a recall. But the judge

said the failures were one "related series of violations," and thus deserved one penalty.

The largest previous such civil fine imposed on an automaker was \$405,457 charged to General Motors Corp. in 1978 for failure to recall some faulty Quadrajet carburetors prone to fuel leaks that could cause fires. GM fought the recall and lost in court.

Chrysler in March recalled the 1995 model year Cirrus and Dodge Stratus autos after losing its court battle with the government and Sullivan ordered the autos recalled.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's work together to bring Permian Building down now

Now that Al Moore has agreed to deed the Permian Building over to the taxing entities, it's important to move ahead with demolition of this eyesore.

It has already been determined that repair of the building is not cost effective. Architects say the building is structurally sound, but the plumbing, electrical and mechanical faults are so great they need replacing. An estimate confirms that replacing those systems would cost more than half what it originally cost to construct the building.

We all had hopes that Mr. Moore could turn the Permian Building into an attractive, functional facility. Certainly, he did, too. But that didn't happen. Meanwhile, the state of the building has gotten worse.

Now, he's agreed to deed the building over in lieu of foreclosure or filing of bankruptcy, plus pay two years of delinquent taxes.

He says he wants to have the matter settled before 1999, to keep from paying any more taxes. That's fine with us.

In the meantime, those taxing entities need to put their heads together to decide how to go about bringing the Permian Building down.

We noted that during a recent meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District, Superintendent Bill McQueary told trustees that he doesn't see how taxpayer dollars meant for the education of students can be spent on the Permian Building.

We respect his effort to put students first; that's his job. But this isn't a time for taxing entities to take sides, or balk. The issue needs to be studied, together, and the best approach for all needs to be taken. There should be some salvage value from the building to help — however minimally — offset cost.

Meanwhile, the Permian Building sits there... unsightly, and no doubt a potential fire hazard. Let's get together and see this through.

OTHER VIEWS

Hiroshima Mayor Takashi Hiraoka was fully justified in expressing outrage at India's and Pakistan's recent nuclear weapons tests.

"The people of Hiroshima feel a strong rage against the nuclear tests by the two nations and worry about inducing a chain reaction of nuclear competition," he said during Hiroshima's commemoration ceremonies.

Hiraoka's and other Japanese denouncements were hardly unexpected. Fifty-three years ago last Thursday, about 140,000 Hiroshima residents died as the result of the atomic bomb being dropped on that city.

Somewhat surprisingly,

though, some 250,000 Indians expressed similar sentiments in Calcutta on the same day. That's a good sign. It indicates that many Indians, after being caught up in a tidal wave of national pride at India's becoming a member of the nuclear club, are becoming concerned about the potential consequences of that membership.

Hiroshima's experience should remind India, Pakistan and all other nations which think they will gain security and prestige by joining the nuclear club that, really, they are only placing themselves and the planet in greater peril.

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

Political dangers not erased by confession

By WALTER MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

President Clinton limps away from his confession in the Monica Lewinsky affair as the lamest of lame ducks.

His hold on the White House probably is secure for the balance of his term, but his lies to the American people — and to his own aides and associates — will take a toll in credibility. And he'll be weakened in his dealings with the Republican Congress.

Even in the televised humiliation of swallowing his denials and saying that he "did have a relationship with Miss Lewinsky that was not appropriate ... it was wrong," Clinton clung to the defense that he'd been legally accurate. Perhaps so. But not politically.

Clinton said Monday night that he'd given a false impression, misled people, even his wife, and that he deeply regretted it.

But the wiles that got him past earlier episodes, as campaigner and as president, will not erase this one.

Not with the TV tape of a finger-wagging Clinton, righteously wrathful, telling the American people seven months ago that he did not have sexual relations with "that woman."

He stuck to that denial until the former White House intern got immunity from prosecution and turned Starr's witness. Then Clinton was forced to the witness chair himself, albeit a special one at the White House, to testify by closed-circuit television on Monday.

At that point, a lie would have been perjury to a federal grand jury, changing a case of everybody-does-it deceit about an affair into a potentially impeachable crime.

So Clinton changed his denial to an admission of "inappropriate contact." His lawyer, David Kendall, said Clinton refused to answer questions about the specifics of the contact, "in order to preserve personal privacy and institutional dignity."

That also preserved his defense against perjury for his sworn testimony Jan. 17 that he'd never had an affair or sexual relations with her. For all of that, though,

Americans elected Clinton president twice after he was scarred by earlier allegations of scandal. They have been endorsing his leadership in the White House with hefty job approval margins, even while disdaining his personal conduct and doubting his honesty.

Clinton's wager now is that by conceding his own misstatements, and saying he didn't tell anyone else to lie, he can hold public support.

That strategy will be tested first in the polls, then, more meaningfully, when Congress returns next month and Clinton tries to push his agenda past the Republicans.

It was uphill before, and the grade will be steeper now. Congress doesn't yield to presidents without political favors to offer or punishments to threaten, and for at least the four-month balance of this Congress, Clinton has neither.

The impact of his admission on the Nov. 3 House and Senate elections is imponderable, but probably minimal. Democrats had been taking advantage of his fund-raising abilities, but few candidates had been venturing out front

as his defenders. Republicans weren't making the Lewinsky affair a campaign issue, only an inside-the-Beltway one, given the voter distaste and disinterest reflected in the polls.

That's the political side of the affair. There's still a legal side to be played out, and Kenneth W. Starr isn't finished with Clinton.

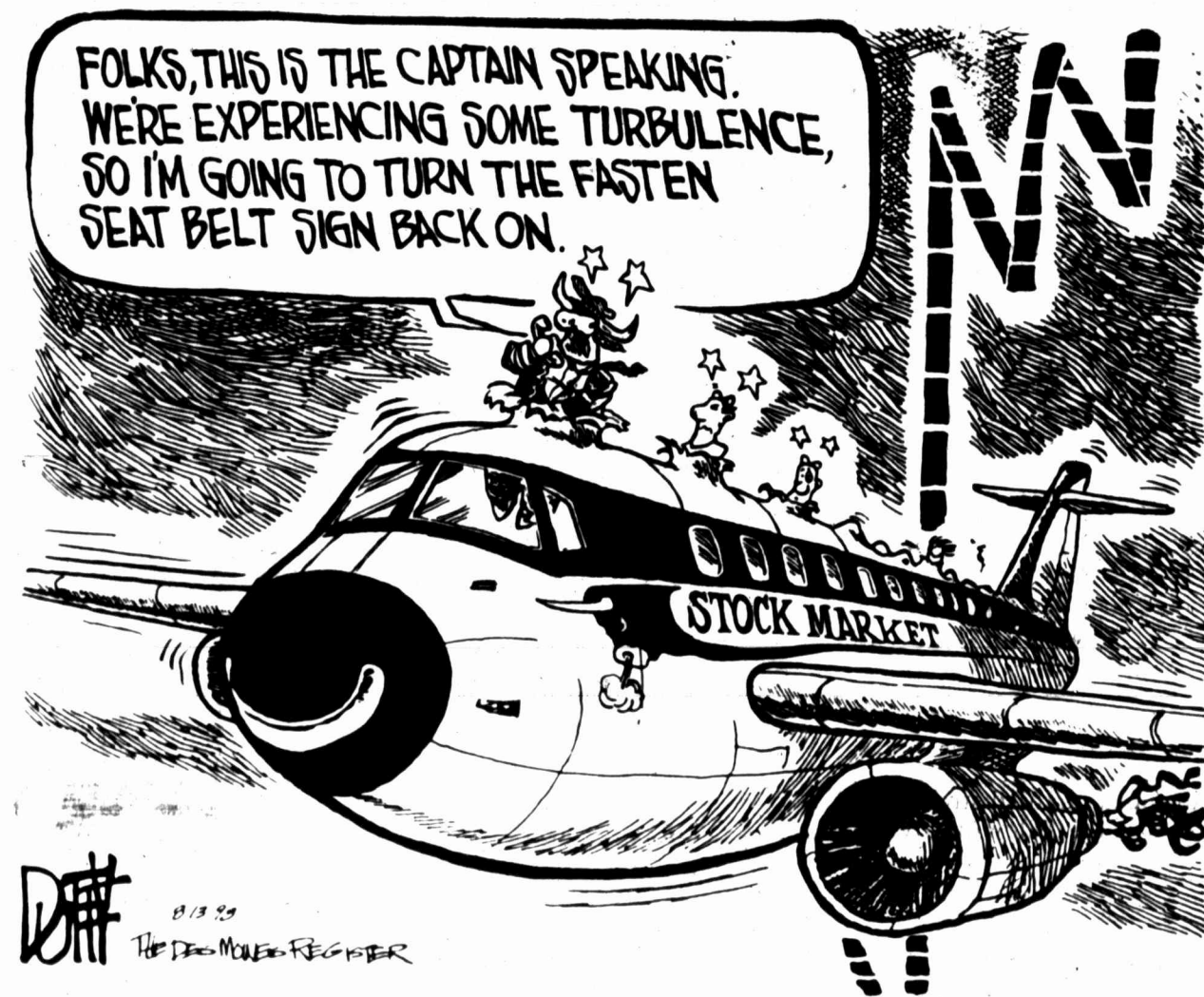
The Lewinsky case was only a last installment in Starr's Whitewater investigation. It could still lead to a report to the House that there is evidence of impeachable offenses.

Clinton's lawyer and then the president himself took slaps at Starr over the four-year investigation, complaining that it had turned from its Whitewater origins to his private life.

"It is time to stop the ... prying into private lives," Clinton said.

Private perhaps, but it was at the office, in the White House, with an intern, age 21, when it began nearly three years ago. The president is 52.

A businessman in the same circumstances would be out of a job.



Dollop of green shaped like victory sign

At night when the globe lights shine like miniature moons and when the eternal flame burns a hole in the inky sky, you cannot help but notice the park.

I have stopped at League-Lowe Memorial Park two or three times during the past few years. There is a shady gazebo where you can sit and catch your breath. Today's world needs quiet, green roosts for its inhabitants.

And then there are the monuments honoring soldiers, soldiers who fought in every war you can think to mention, soldiers who hailed from Tallapoosa and Haralson County — and other towns, counties and states as well.

Much of the park is paved with small markers made with Elberton black granite. Some of them form a wall, reminiscent of that more famous wall in Washington. Others border the park's walkways. The names on the bricks are from every American conflict, including several from the Civil War and one from the Revolutionary War.

Old soldiers do die. Here is proof.

In this age of hype and misinformation, vacuous politicians in red suspenders have co-opted the word "patriotism." Hawkish scoundrels who use it falsely have cheapened the word with their greed.

Those remembered here knew not only its meaning, but its cost.

One particular memorial helps explain the park's name. The sketches in stone are of two soldiers from Haralson County — one white, one black — born the same day, April 2, one year apart. Both were 20 when they died in Vietnam, again one year apart. Sgt. Barry R. League died in 1968, Sgt. Jerome Lowe in 1969.

The pictures of the fresh-faced men might have been ripped from a high school annual, the Most Likely to Succeed, or Vice President, Senior Class.

"I went to high school with Barry League, and I knew Jerome's parents," Sammy Robinson says. Robinson came home from Vietnam in 1968, the same year his friend Barry died. He dreamed of honoring all his dead buddies.

As he traveled about the next 20 years, Robinson saw memorials in other towns for other veterans. It bothered him there was none in his home county.

"In 1991 I finally got together about eight or 10 old veterans and said, 'There's going to be a

park. If you don't like it, get out of the way.'"

Pretty soon, the group had raised \$30,000 to start the memorial park. Not only that, veterans from several different wars were united in the effort. "It brought a lot of us together," Robinson says. The first phase was dedicated in 1992.

When an adjoining lot came up for sale, the determined veterans borrowed \$40,000 and repaid that loan by selling — sometimes door-to-door — the granite blocks. Each year a few more \$150 markers are sold, mostly to the families of veterans who have heard about the site.

Now in the park there are names from Georgia, Virginia, Texas, Kentucky and Tennessee. The two parts of the park, the many memorials, a fountain and considerable landscaping have cost about \$150,000, none of which came from public funds.

Each July Fourth the whole town gathers at its park for a memorial service. Some years as many as 3,000 have shown up at the dollop of green shaped like a victory sign.

This year there was a choir and band performing patriotic songs. All the new markers were dedicated.

When there's work to do, volunteers appear from nowhere, Robinson says. At times there have been more helpers than jobs. And I'd wager not a soul brags about being patriotic.

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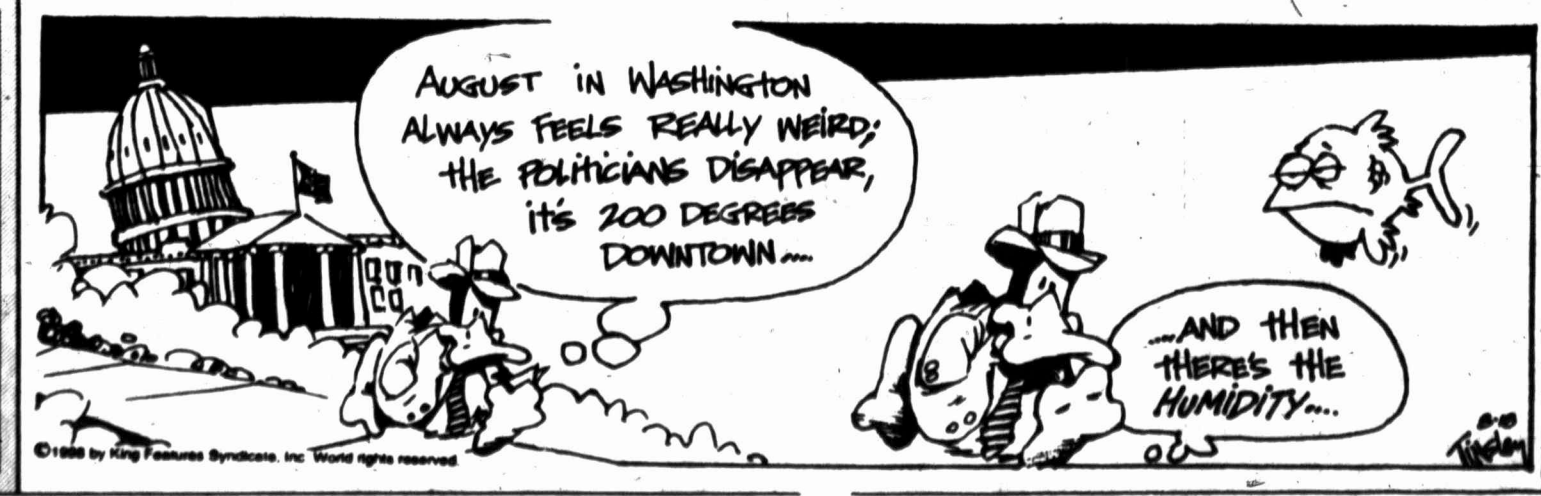
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IN BRIEF

BSHS season tickets currently on sale

Season tickets for Big Spring High School's five home games are currently on sale at the school's administrative offices through Sept. 4. The ticket packages are \$20 each.

For more information, call Iris Thayer at 264-3640.

Ice cream supper slated to 'Meet the Bulldogs'

A community wide ice cream supper has been scheduled by the Coahoma Athletic Booster Club for 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The ice cream supper will be an opportunity for members of the community to meet the 1998 Coahoma football team, cheerleaders and coaches.

Soccer association's signups set for Saturday

The Big Spring Soccer Association will conduct fall registration on Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

The registration booth will be open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Cobras softball team hosting tournament

The "Second Time Around Softball Tournament," sponsored by the Cobras softball team, has been rescheduled for this Friday through Sunday at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees are \$110 per team.

For more information, call Chopper Oliva at 264-6940 or Amador Rios at 263-3499.

Herald seeking stringers for fall football coverage

The Herald is currently seeking writers and photographers interested in working as correspondents during the high school football season.

Correspondents and stringer photographers will be assigned to cover area teams on Friday nights.

For more information, call sports editor John A. Moseley at 263-7331, ext. 233.

County roping scheduled in conjunction with fair

A "County Roping" has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl in conjunction with the Howard County Fair.

The event is open to Howard County residents only.

Participants must pre-register and pre-pay fees. Books close on Tuesday, Sept. 1.

For more information, call Steve Fryar at 398-5513 or Diane Hofacket at 267-8041 or 267-6251.

Evening Lions schedule annual football barbecue

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club will hold its annual Football Barbecue from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11, in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Plates will be priced at \$5 per person.

For more information or advance tickets, call Janis Dean at 267-3068 or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

ON TAP

VOLLEYBALL

5 p.m. — Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers and Brownfield Lady Cubs in three-way season opener for Big Spring's Lady Steers. Steer Gym.

ON THE AIR

TODAY:

BASEBALL

6:35 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Atlanta Braves, TBS, Ch. 11.

BOXING

8 p.m. — Junior light-weights, Derrick Gainer (24-4-0) vs. Bernard Harris (15-3-2), and champion Vernon Forrest (24-0-0) vs. Adrian Stone (23-2-2) for the NABF welterweight championship, USA, Ch. 38.

Lady Steers open tonight by hosting Greenwood, Brownfield

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Now it's for real. Big Spring's Lady Steers open the 1998 volleyball season today, playing host to Midland Greenwood's Lady Rangers and Brownfield's Lady Cubs in games set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Perhaps nobody is more ready for the season opener than Lady Steers coach Traci Pierce.

After having been "extremely pleased" with her team's play in a Friday scrimmage with Bronte and a three-way scrimmage with Lamesa and Colorado City in Snyder on Saturday, Pierce says she's ready to see her team's performance in games that count against in the win-loss column.

"I'm not going to say we're anything close to playing perfectly, but our kids are playing well right now," Pierce said in looking forward to tonight's home and

season opener. "I think the thing I'm happiest about right now is that these girls aren't anywhere near being satisfied with where they are," she added.

"That's and attitude we've got to have," Pierce continued. "We're a very young team and need all the experience we can get. We'll start getting it from the start." The Lady Steers' performance against Midland Greenwood will be particularly telling.

While the Lady Rangers graduated several top players from last year's Class 3A state tournament qualifier, Pierce said she's confident Greenwood will again be one of the region's best teams in that classification.

"They've lost some really good kids from last year," the Big Spring coach noted, "but they've got a bunch of good ones back."

"They're going to be solid, because there's a good program established at Greenwood," Pierce said of the Lady

Rangers. "They're always going to be well coached, and just like last year, they're going to get better as the season goes on ... they always do."

"That's exactly what we want to do," she added. "We want to be pleased with what we've accomplished so far, but we can't be satisfied with where we are. I told this kids at the start of two-a-days that I wasn't going to be a good guy anymore ... that I wanted it all, and so far, I think they do too."

In the Lady Steers scrimmage outings, they've gotten strong play from junior hitters Nina Evans and Cathy Jaure, as well as sophomore front-liner Melissa Forth; and a trio of setters — Juanita Valdez, Lacey Anderson and Tara Cooper — have also drawn praise from their coach.

Valdez, a senior who joins Jaure as the only returning varsity letterman on the Lady Steers roster, has provided solid direction on the court.

And Anderson, Pierce added, has

shown the same aggressive style of play. Pierce still maintains, however, that the secret to the Lady Steers success this season will be the competitive nature of every player on the team.

"These kids are really competitors ... it's one of the things that I believe lets us start this season as a better team than we were last year when we had a lot more experience," she explained.

"A true competitor is willing to play the role they're asked to play and do it to the best of their ability," Pierce added. "These kids do that. I think it's going to be a real strength for us that the players on our bench understand their role and are willing to accept that and make contributions both on and off the floor."

Big Spring's freshman and junior varsity teams will also open with Greenwood and Brownfield.

Freshman matches start at 5 p.m. in the Rannels Junior High School gym, while JV games will start at the same time in the Goliad Middle School gym.

Cowboys look bad in loss to Pats

New England gets 21-3 win as Dallas offense sputters

MEXICO CITY (AP) — New England found its missing offense and maybe a running back, Mexican fans got a glimpse of hometown hero Marco Martos and the Dallas Cowboys continued to sputter.

A roaring crowd of 106,424, the second-largest in NFL history, saw New England roll over the Cowboys 21-3 Monday night behind the running of Sedrick Shaw and the passing of Drew Bledsoe.

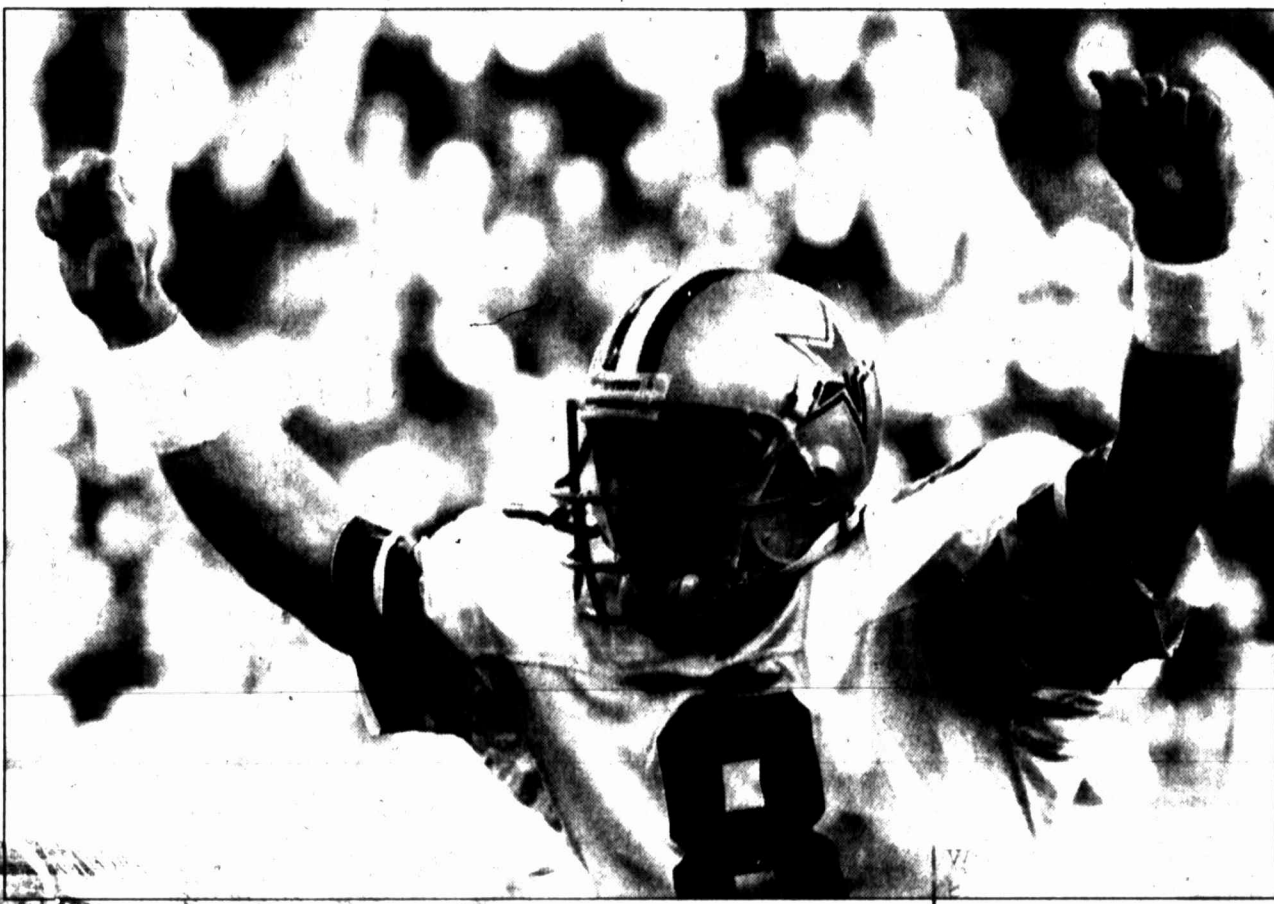
It was the first ABC Monday Night Football broadcast partially preempted for news: President Clinton's speech admitting inappropriate relations with aide Monica Lewinsky.

Dallas might have wished the whole game had been preempted. It dropped its third straight preseason game following five consecutive losses at the end of 1997.

"We got stopped on fourth and a foot. We didn't convert on third and 2. So we didn't score any points and we didn't move the football," said Cowboys' quarterback Troy Aikman, complaints that sounded suspiciously like those of last year's 6-10 season.

For New England, second-year running back Shaw fought for 50 yards on 14 rushes in two quarters and scored touchdowns from 9 and 1 yards out. Another 4-yard touchdown was called back on a penalty.

New England's rushing game had been lacking in two earlier preseason losses to San



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, shown here celebrating during the Cowboys' 1996 Super Bowl XXX win over Pittsburgh, was anything but happy with the way his team performed Monday in a 21-3 preseason loss to the New England Patriots in Mexico City.

Francisco and Minnesota. Shaw's main competition for the starting role, rookie Robert Edwards, sat out with an injury.

Dallas — known here as the Vaqueros — was the overwhelming favorite of the crowd at Aztec Stadium, whose donut-shaped roof trapped the tumult and caused occasional firecrackers to echo like rifle shots.

But Dallas' defense surrendered three touchdowns that were called back for penalties in

addition to the three that counted. New England had 18 first downs to nine for the Cowboys.

With Emmitt Smith resting a thigh injury, the Cowboys managed only 51 yards — and not a single first down — rushing.

Dallas' starting running back, rookie Tarek Smith, gained more in the air — 40 yards — than on the ground — 29.

"For the past two weeks we haven't had a lot to show for our efforts," Aikman said. "It's

disappointing, discouraging, but we still have some time to get better."

The Cowboys' biggest cheers went to Martos, a product of the Mexican university league who played the last two seasons for Barcelona in the NFL Europe League.

Coming in with about a minute left, the Mexican receiver caught two balls for 19 yards, and dropped one.

He is expected to try to catch on in the Canadian Football League this season.

McIver: 'I have not received any payments, from anyone'

IRVING (AP) — In his first public comments since his neck was cut, Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Everett McIver denied having been paid — or even asked — to remain silent about the injury and didn't say whether Michael Irvin was involved.

"I have not received any payments, from anyone, in return for my silence as has been inaccurately alleged," McIver said in a statement released through the team Monday. "I have not been asked to withhold any information or testimony or to misrepresent any of the facts of the incident."

Also Monday, the NFL announced that it has looked into the July 29 training camp

incident and determined no league rules were violated.

"We have met with the individuals involved, reviewed the chain of events and, based on this information, the commissioner has found no basis on which to take any further action," spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he hopes to the attention-grabbing episode can be forgotten.

"From the standpoint of the organization, this matter has been resolved for some time," said Jones, who was with the team in Mexico City for a preseason game against the New England Patriots. "Today's statements from Everett

McIver and the NFL office should provide the proper closure for everyone as far as the matter is concerned."

The matter has been open to scrutiny since coach Chan Gailey first described McIver's injury as a result of "horseplay," then refused to give details.

Since then, several reports, all citing anonymous sources, have said Irvin cut McIver with a pair of scissors during a scuffle over a haircut.

On Aug. 9, The Dallas Morning News reported that Jones brokered a deal in which Irvin would pay McIver in the high six figures to keep quiet about what happened. Jones and Irvin have strongly denied

striking a deal.

Irvin, on probation for felony drug possession, could face up to 20 years in prison if a judge determines he violated his probation. No legal action can be taken without a complaint being filed, and that has yet to happen.

Dallas County probation officials have discussed the matter with McIver and others, but taken no action.

"This was a situation involving two teammates that has been, and will continue to be, handled between us," said McIver, who joined Dallas this year as a free agent. "I have cooperated with everyone who deemed it necessary to investigate this incident."

Lockout remains stalemate

DALLAS (AP) — NBA players awaiting an arbitration hearing that could swing the leverage in collective bargaining talks don't expect any forward motion in the stalemate for at least a week.

About a dozen players attended a regional meeting of the players association Monday. The union is holding player meetings across the country.

The next step in getting both sides back to the bargaining table hinges on a decision by arbitrator John Feerick, the dean of the Fordham University law school, said Billy Hunter, executive director of the NBA Player's Association.

Feerick will convene a hearing Aug. 24 to decide whether about 220 players with guaranteed contracts should be paid during the lockout. Hunter said he expects a decision by Labor Day.

"We're anxious to negotiate, but that won't occur until after Aug. 24," Hunter said.

What Feerick says will probably decide who comes back to the negotiations with the stronger bargaining stance. Bargaining broke down in early August when NBA commissioner David Stern and the owners abruptly left a meeting after receiving the players' latest offer.

If Feerick rules that owners do not have to pay those players during the lockout, then the owners could gamble that players will soften their stance under the threat of continued money loss.

Players adamantly oppose the hard salary cap pushed by owners, fearing that superstars would use up most of the money available under the cap and leave others fighting for the scraps. Hunter said if that issue is resolved, he believes the others will fall into place.

"Everything is going smoothly, and we feel like everybody's got to keep a level head and find compromise," Samaki Walker of the Dallas Mavericks.

The issue of whether to include marijuana in the NBA's drug policy is one of the few areas of agreement. Both have agreed to add marijuana to the list of banned substances, but the players say that will only happen after other agreements are released.

Phillies' Byrd outshines Johnson in 4-0 win over Astros

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most everyone at Veterans Stadium expected a great pitching performance, and there was one — by Paul Byrd, not Randy Johnson.

Looking like the ace instead of the journeyman, Byrd outpitched Johnson and also lined a single off the Big Unit as the Philadelphia Phillies surprised the Houston Astros 4-0 Monday night.

"That was probably the best game Byrd ever pitched and probably not the best game Randy Johnson ever pitched," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

And how. Byrd, claimed off waivers three days earlier, had spent almost the whole season in the minors and had never pitched more than six innings in the majors. Facing the top-scoring offense in the

NL, Byrd threw a four-hitter — all singles — and did not permit a runner past first base. The 27-year-old right-hander struck out six and walked one for his first major league win since last Sept. 18 for Atlanta.

"I'm a Christian and I know all about the David and Goliath story," Byrd said. "I guess you could say it was similar to that tonight. He's a giant."

While Byrd (1-0) breezed, Johnson struggled.

Johnson (3-1) had overpowered the NL since being traded by Seattle on July 31 and was coming off two straight shutouts, including one against the Phillies.

But the 6-foot-10 ace was nowhere close to his usual, dominant self after striking out leadoff man Doug Glanville on a 96 mph fastball.

"I went out there and was a little flat," Johnson said. "I struggled with my mechanics and my fastball."

In the only other National League game, Arizona beat Montreal 6-1. And in the American League, it was New York 7, Kansas City 1; Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2; Cleveland 4, Tampa Bay 3; Seattle 3, Detroit 1; Anaheim 7, Chicago 2; and Toronto 4, Oakland 2. The Texas-Boston game was postponed by rain.

Pitching at Veterans Stadium for the first time since facing Mike Schmidt and the Phillies in early 1989 — a start for Montreal in which he gave up a three-run homer to Von Hayes and lasted only three innings — Johnson seemed uncomfortable on a mound that had been covered during an all-day rain.

Throwing sliders as much as fastballs, Johnson gave up Byrd's RBI single in

the second inning and a two-run homer to Scott Rolen in the fifth.

Johnson left after the fifth trailing 3-0 after allowing six hits and four walks, with just three strikeouts. In his previous 25 innings for the Astros, he had walked four and struck out 33.

"He just couldn't find any rhythm and he didn't have his good control, either," Dierker said. "He was just kind of out of whack."

Byrd had pitched only once in the majors this season, making an ineffective relief appearance for Atlanta on April 19, and was claimed on waivers last Friday after going 5-5 at Triple-A Richmond.

Some of that pitching magic in Atlanta must have rubbed off, however. The Astros hit fly ball after fly ball — Byrd got only three outs on grounders.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Remain goal-oriented. You can accomplish a lot if you seek solutions. Others clearly admire you. A compliment is sincere; be receptive. Someone's ideas help you creatively open up. A meeting is a must, but make time to hook up with a friend as well. Tonight: Have dinner with a buddy.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Accept your role at the office. Willingly share what you know. A boss appreciates your efforts and thanks you. You might need to cancel plans that revolve around friends. A methodical approach encourages you to complete your work. Tonight: Could be a late one.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Options appear if you stay open-minded. If seeking answers, brainstorming works. Unlock your imaginative ideas. Make calls. Refuse to lock into your usual thinking patterns. Be the pioneer you are known to be, and blaze a new trail mentally. Tonight: Visit friends.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Listen to a partner's important financial news. After all, you have similar interests, namely security. Screen calls if you want to tackle a problem or complete a project. Many people seek you out; popularity is high. Good news delights you. Tonight: Get some exercise.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Creative juices flow when chatting with someone who is at a distance. Evaluate office gossip. Don't jump the gun; stay even in dealings with a loved one who is only considering options. A financial investment has many implications. Investigate. Tonight: Find the fun.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Build security. Don't worry so much about someone else's ideas. Take care of a financial matter early in the day. Go

within for answers. Your creativity surges. Listen carefully to an associate; his perceptions help you open new doors. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Start up talks, and listen to what is being offered. You might have a set picture of what will work. Still, a friend's information could create another possibility, should you allow it. Work might overwhelm you. Plan on finishing a key project. Tonight: Catch up on errands.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Financial awareness ties into material success. Read up on investments; check out what is possible. Someone has different ideas about what can work. Sort through various options. A relationship blossoms, if you so desire. Let more caring into your life. Tonight: Nap first.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your brightness and charisma draw others to you. Information comes forward. You need to sort through gossip and discover what is realistic. You can be extremely practical; use that gift. A loving exchange occurs if you can relax. Listen to the other side. Tonight: Just ask.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Assume a low profile. If you step back, a partner will start assuming more responsibility. Stay in contact with a friend who has important information. Screen calls, and remain focused. You know what works; now let someone else discover the same. Tonight: Keep the pace slow.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Aim for what you want. Don't let associates distract you. How you see a situation is considerably different. Feedback is good, but this is ultimately your call. Remain in control by assuming responsibility. Use special caution with spending. Tonight: Laugh with buddies.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Be clear with those in charge. A brief answer might not satisfy them. Fully discuss the pros and cons of a situation. Understanding with co-workers is enhanced through an open exchange of ideas. Someone might be flirting with you! Tonight: Work impedes your plans.***

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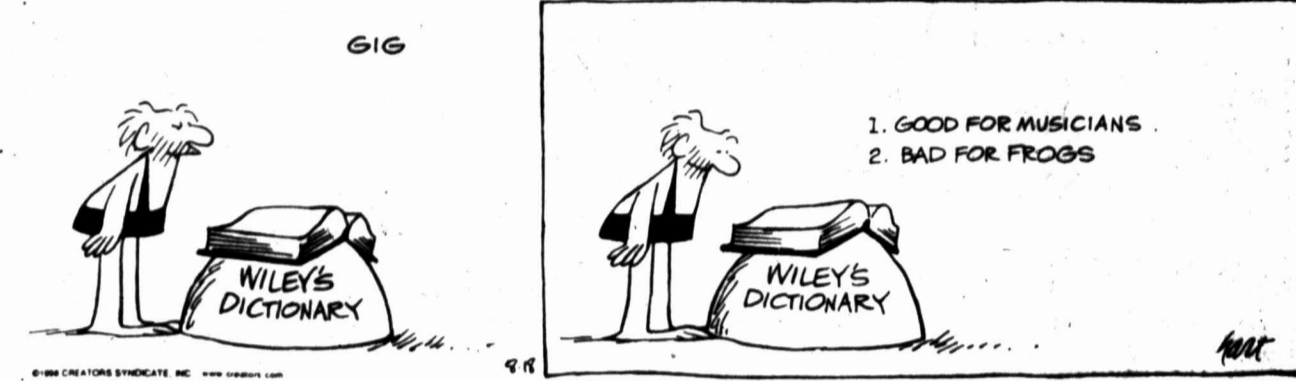
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