

TUESDAY
July 20, 1999



BSHS veterans to be honored at homecoming

School Vietnam and Korea veterans are asked to contact Craig Fischer at the high school so they can be recognized during the homecoming activities this October.

Send your name, address, class at BSHS, service time and year to: Craig Fischer, Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place, Big Spring. You may also call him at 264-3641.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY
 □ Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex community room, 500 Main.
 □ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY
 □ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room
 □ Senior Circle Big Spring Mall Walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of the movie theater box office.
 □ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.
 □ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY
 □ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
 □ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
 □ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY
 □ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Bring a lunch.
 □ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.
 □ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

WEATHER

Tonight:

PARTLY CLOUDY
TONIGHT 68°-72° WEDNESDAY 88°-92°

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Still no word on StarTek decision, Moore board members learn

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring executive director Kent Sharp told his board on Monday that he has not received word from StarTek USA, the international company considering locating a 375-person call center



SHARP

in Big Spring. "By now you have all heard the announcement that StarTek is also considering locating in Oklahoma. That is a tough cookie to compete with because they take bold steps to attract business to the state that we simply cannot do," Sharp said. StarTek USA, an international company employing 6,000 world wide, has been seeking a location for its newest expansion. A rapidly growing company, StarTek went public two years ago. Sharp began suggesting to the company that their next expansion should be in Big Spring.

He presented a proposal to the corporate officials about four weeks ago that detailed an incentive package for the company. Part of the package was a suggestion that the firm lease a building in the College Park Shopping Center to locate the call center. However, Sharp said it is possible Oklahoma has been romancing StarTek as well. And because industry recruitment in Oklahoma is a state effort and endeavor, their proposal may include incentives that Big Spring might not be able to

beat. "This is almost as if we are competing with the entire state of Oklahoma," said Moore board president Terry Wegman. Sharp said in the past Oklahoma has been able to offer tax abatements that include school district taxes, as well as cash payments totaling millions of dollars and location improvements of several hundred thousand dollars or more. Moore board member Charles Beil said perhaps Texas legislators could be persuaded to change the process to make it easier for municipalities to

recruit industry. "I know after Mike Morgan was here in Big Spring, I called him on the telephone and Gov. (Frank) Keating (of Oklahoma) was in his office. I don't believe Gov. Bush will be making that same journey," Sharp said. Wegman said despite the financial incentives that Oklahoma may or may not use as an enticement, Big Spring has much to offer an industry, and the proposal sent by Moore Development was worthy. "I think we have some things

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Ashley Hamm makes change for Grace Martin while Cindy Middleton bags her purchase at the Canterbury store recently. The store stocks basic household items for purchase by residents of the retirement center.

Contained

Injection well blowout brought under control; clean up of area begins

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

After four days of diligent effort by more than 30 men, Reinecke 287, an injection oil well located near the Sourdough community of Lake Thomas, has been successfully controlled.

"About 3:30 Monday afternoon, with the men and company personnel specialists, we successfully gained control of Reinecke 287. The crews installed valves into the tubing in place, using what we know as a hot tap procedure, and we began pumping water down the tubing," said Unocal's Steve Gregory.

However, FM 1205 leading to Lake Thomas will remain

closed for another day as heavy equipment is removed from the site, Gregory said.

Unocal, which operates the well, was in the process of reopening Reinecke 287, which had been shut in, when the blowout occurred Friday about 1 a.m.

Following the blowout, the well began releasing small amounts of poisonous hydrogen sulfide gas, as well as water and oil, Gregory said.

Friday afternoon, two Cudd Pressure Control Inc. crew men were injured, apparently due to equipment failure in their efforts to coat the site with foam, a safety precaution taken when a well blows out.

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MH/MR offering workshop to address school violence

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

A July 27 local workshop on school violence is aimed at teachers, counselors and other professionals, but will also include an open forum for parents to discuss the violence issue.



PAYNE

"Our goal is to have fears reduced with increased knowledge," said Janet Payne, direc-

tor of children's mental health services for West Texas Centers for MH/MR. Staff at the agency decided to organize the workshop after the tragedy at Columbine High School.

"We asked ourselves, 'What have we done (about this)?' " Payne said. "We recognize that it could happen here, as well as in any big city in the country, and we need to be prepared."

Parents can attend the open forum, scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m., for free, she added. They will hear from professionals that will have addressed the workshop earlier in the day, and also have a chance to speak on the issue or ask questions.

The workshop will be counted a success, Payne added, "if people can be more relaxed when school starts."

Presented by the Family Health Institute, the workshop is aimed at all professionals who work with young people, including police officers, church workers and mental health staff.

It will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, continuing until 4 p.m.

After a break, the parents' forum will be that evening.

The keynote address, planned first on the day's schedule, will be given by Lawrence A. Stone, M.D., executive medical direc-

tor for Laurel Ridge Hospital in San Antonio. The title is, "Violence: An Epidemic," or "Bonding or Bombing?"

Other topics of discussion and presentation will include, "Recognizing the Developmental Stages of Violence," "Training Teachers," "Integrating Community Resources," and a program on security issues.

Payne said it will be a working seminar, with participants joining in for panel discussions and focus groups.

Once the event ends, Payne said she hopes the community, and the 23 counties served by West Texas Centers, will have a better understanding of the

causes of youth violence.

"I hope for people to understand that violence is learned, and that it can be unlearned," she said, "to recognize the warning signs, and how to stop a violent act before it ever happens."

Professionals who want continuing education units can get them from the workshop by paying a \$1 fee.

Registration deadline is Wednesday. Parents who want to join in the public forum that evening do not need to register in advance.

Call West Texas Centers, for MH/MR for more information, 263-0007, ext. 250.

BSISD trustees hammering out budget, despite deficit

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District face a budget deficit of \$1,376,128 for the 1999-2000 school year, and will continue paring the school budget in the second part of a three-day workshop tonight at 5:30 in the administration building.



FRASER

"This deficit is not caused by teachers' salary increases," said trustee Steve Fraser.

What has caused the deficit is a \$61 million projected loss in oil and mineral values, according to Ron Plumlee, assistant superintendent for business.

"On the good side, real property values have remained about the same in Big Spring," Plumlee said.

Yet despite the operating deficit, trustees might choose to decrease the current school district tax from 1.5763 to 1.5576, because of additional state aid that was provided by the last legislative session.

"For the first time we are

receiving \$450,000 from the state for debt service, and we have been told we may possibly get \$510,000," Plumlee said.

The total budget for the 1999-2000 is \$25,423,957. Of that, 75 percent is salaries, 9.44 percent is supplies and equipment, 7.55 percent for contracted services, followed by 4.84 percent for debt service, and 1.36 percent for capital outlay, according to the workbook provided by Sandra Waggoner, comptroller.

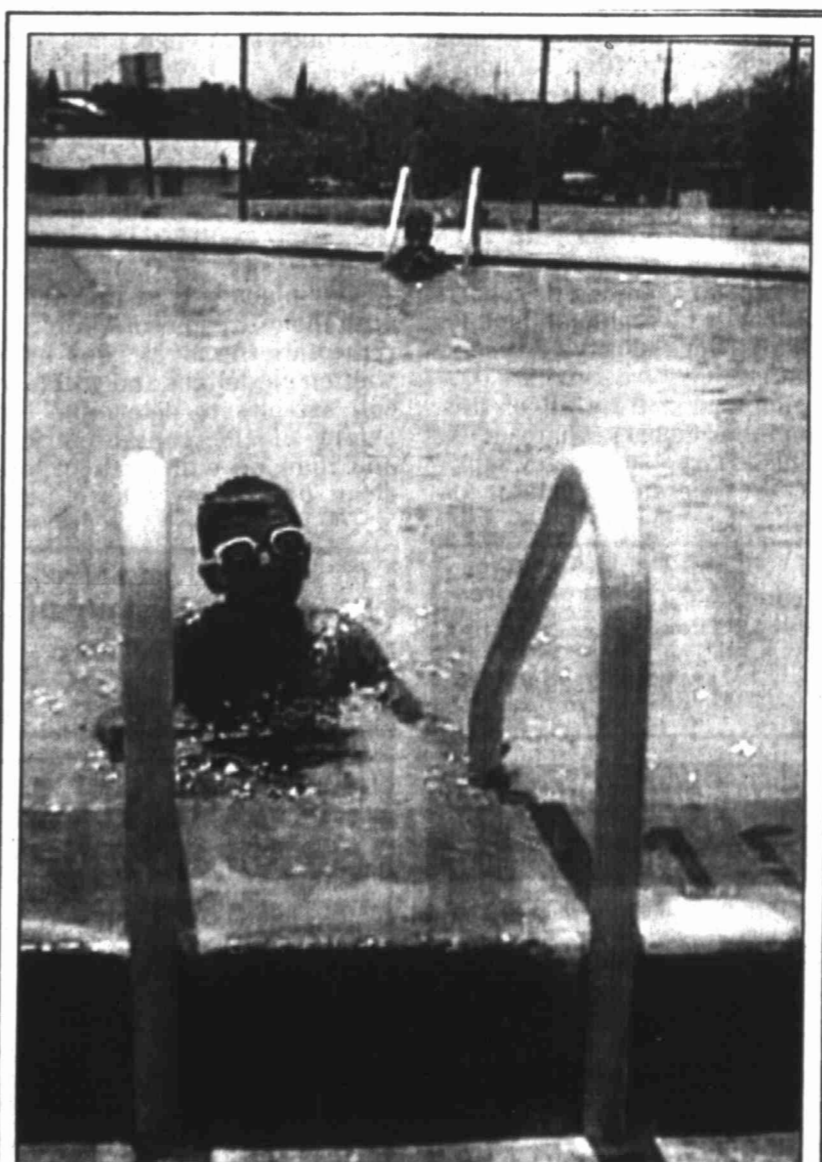
Total revenue the district might expect this year is \$23,980,980, which includes monies received from taxes and federal and state aid.

Trustees also discussed the need to maintain the fund balance, or savings account cash value of the district, at \$4.1 million. The projected cash balance by Aug. 31 is \$4,903,965.79.

"TEA (Texas Education Agency) does not require that we maintain a fund balance, but they do recommend it. Our goal is to spend money wisely and not to spend below the \$4.1 million. It is perilous if we get below that," said superintendent William McQueary.

McQueary said that trustees for the district began building the fund balance in 1993, in

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Vaughn Medina climbs the ladder at the Northside Swimming Pool. He and other members of the Boys Club were enjoying some time in the pool during the afternoon heat.

Moore board to organize ad hoc group for refinery purchase

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring board members agreed to organize an ad hoc committee to work closely with a cooperative group that might offer a proposal to Total Fina to purchase the Big Spring refinery.

"As you know, Fina (Big Spring refinery) has been put up for sale, and we hope somehow to have local control or at least a local interest in the process," said Kent Sharp, Moore's executive director.

Sharp said he has been in contact with individuals and groups who might be interested in forming a cooperative partnership to purchase the multi-million dollar refinery.

"This might be a group on the production end such as the oil and gas industry, or it might be a group from the distribution side, which would be the jobbers," he said.

Sharp said such a group might purchase the refinery, to keep local control and interests in West Texas.

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OBITUARIES

Edward C. Shive

Edward C. Shive, 82, of Big Spring, died Monday, July 19, 1999, at his residence. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 1999, at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hereford, and Dr. Lynn Moore, District Superintendent for the United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



SHIVE

He was born Jan. 31, 1917, in Fannin County and married Roberta Wilkes on Jan. 31, 1940 in Brookston.

He was raised in Fannin County. He was a graduate of East Texas State University at Commerce and received a Master's Degree in industrial education from Texas A&M University. Mr. Shive did post-graduate work at the University of Texas in Austin. He worked as an area consultant for industrial education with the Texas Education Agency from 1958 until retiring in 1979. He had also taught at Big Spring High School for six years.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School for over 40 years. Mr. Shive was also a member of Ashley Lodge #681 A.F. & A.M. in Bailey, and the Retired Teachers Association. He had been a member and past president of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club and had served as a volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital. He served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Roberta Shive of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Anthony Rhodes of Amarillo; one grandson, Will Rhodes of Austin; one granddaughter, Gaior Rhodes of Dallas; one brother, Vernon

Shive of Wolfe City; and four sisters, Frances Guerrero of Dallas, Margaret Fisk, Mary Jim Clements and Joan Thomas, all of Ladonia...

Pallbearers will be Hayes Stripling Jr., Morris Rhodes, Al Valdez, Martin Staggs, Bill Birrell and Carl Wyrick. Honorary pallbearer will be Leslie McNeese.

The family suggests memorials to: District 2-A1 Lions Eye Bank Inc., P.O. Box 2911, San Angelo, 76902.

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

L.W. "Dub" Harris

Funeral service is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for L.W. "Dub" Harris, 84, Big Spring. He died Monday, July 19, 1999.

He was born Sept. 1, 1914, in Chickasaw, Ala. He was a former resident of Houston who attended public school there and the University of Houston. He served in the United States Navy from 1942-45.

Mr. McDonald was a Baptist. Survivors include: his mother, Faye McDonald of Big Spring; one sister, Martha Martin of Shreveport, La.; his maternal grandmother, Maudenia Bradley of Lucedale, Miss.; his paternal grandmother, Norma McDonald of Saraland, Ala.; and one nephew.

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

BSISD

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preparation for building a new school. Waggoner's workbook provided a flow chart that outlined the growth of the fund balance for a 16-year period, as well as projections for the next two school years.

"Their thought was that if the bond election for the new junior high school had not passed, the district needed to be prepared to build that school," McQueary said.

Miscellaneous issues trustees will continue to discuss tonight include professional leave for teachers and administrators, as well as the cost involved in substitute teacher salaries.

"The board gave us the direction for us to do better, and we cut professional leave absences by 125 days this past year," said Murray Murphy, deputy superintendent.

Trustees will also discuss employee insurance, debt service, tax rate and tax roll, property values, and district employee salaries.

Waggoner also provided trustees with a list of possible items to cut that will lower the deficit. These include improvements to campuses, asbestos removal at the high school, a dump truck, utility vehicles and water heaters.

The budget may be reduced by \$137,000 if BSISD receives a grant to purchase computers and equipment for the high school.

McQueary said all reports indicate a favorable outlook for the district's ability to receive that grant.

"Look at cutting all of this, and then add back what you feel is necessary," McQueary said.

One necessity trustees dis-

cussed was repairing the Blankenship Field track. Business manager Ron Logback has explained to trustees that if the track continues to deteriorate into the base surface, the cost to repair may double the current \$80,000 figure.

When asked if he believed the track needs to be done by next summer, Logback answered emphatically, "Yes, I believe it must be done next summer."

Trustees also discussed refurbishing desks for students, which has been an on-going process for the past several years.

REFINERY

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He said he has been in contact with a legal firm that specializes in these types of purchases and cooperatives, and he believes such an endeavor is feasible.

"There is a lot of interest in forming a cooperative group, and I think we can put together such a group," Sharp said.

Time constraints are one unrelenting factor in the process, he said. Total Fina has imposed an end-of-summer deadline to receive bids.

Randy Hillman, a member of the Moore board and Big Spring refinery employee, said the sale should be completed by year's end.

"They will need an environmental study and I foresee the end of the year or late fall for the finalization," Hillman said.

However, Sharp said there is less than a month to prepare a proposal for the purchase of the refinery.

"We've asked to be put on the bid list, and we signed a confidentiality form to see those numbers," he said.

Board president Terry Wegman instructed the other board members to create a list of two or three names of individuals who might be interested in serving on an ad hoc committee.

"We'll think about this today and get back with Kent with a list of names, so we can study this matter a little closer," Wegman said.

Once the ad hoc committee is in place, efforts will begin in organizing a cooperative group that will then develop a proposal and find the funding for such an offer, Sharp said.

STARTEK

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to offer beside incentives," Wegman said.

The first week of June, StarTek conducted a labor market search to determine if adequate employees could fill the needs of StarTek. StarTek USA provides technical support to consumers who purchase computers and software.

More than 1,000 individuals attended the sessions, well above the number StarTek said it had to have to indicate an adequate work force existed.

BLOWOUT

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Both men were treated at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Gregory said now that the well is under control, remediation efforts will begin today to clean the site.

"Our plans will be in concert with the railroad commission to remediate the area. They have written guidelines and will take soil samples to determine the extent of the contamination, and then we will pitch in and clean up. It may take a little

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

while to evaluate the level of contamination," Gregory said. Electricity to the three homes and water wells were turned off Friday, as Reinecke 287 is located near power lines.

These homes received diesel-powered generators from CapRock Electric, as well as the fuel to operate the power sources, during the crisis.

Power will be restored to these homes once the equipment near the power lines has been removed, he said.

Peggy Luxton, communications manger with CapRock Electric, said electric lines were operating today.

"The guys said they had been told we could energize the lines this morning, so they are doing that, and picking up the generators," Luxton said.

Gregory said he is relieved that the situation is under control, and he was appreciative of the efforts of area officials.

SHERIFF

The following information was transcribed from the Howard County Sheriff's Department arrest logs through 8 a.m. Tuesday.

EUGENE NAKONAS SAUL, 24, was arrested at MM 177 EB, for driving while license suspended and making alcoholic beverages available to a minor. (BSPD)

JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR, 36, was arrested on 3rd Street for driving while license suspended. (DPS)

JEFFREY CHARLES HOGUE, 27, was arrested in the 1600 block of Scurry for driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

BILLY JOE CHAVERRA, 21, was arrested in the 1100 block of Lloyd for possession of marijuana and evading arrest.

CHRIS OLIVAREZ, 22, was arrested at the HCSO for motion to revoke parole/stalking. (HCSO)

KENNETH HUTSON, 31, was arrested in the 800 block of N. Lamesa for public intoxication. (HCSO)

KELLIE MELYNN CAVE, 36, was arrested in the 800 block of N. Lamesa for public intoxication. (HCSO)

JACOB JACKIE RIOS, 32, was arrested in the 700 block of Lorilla for disorderly conduct. (DPS)

MICHAEL EDWARD BAKER, 32, was arrested on the Snyder Highway for public intoxication. (HCSO)

JAMES WALTER USSERY JR. was arrested on the Snyder Highway for public intoxication. (HCSO)

JEFFERY THOMAS RHOODES, 28, was arrested in the 1200 block of North FM 700 for assault/family violence. (HCSO)

KEELY RENEE PATTERSON, 17, was arrested at Moss Lake Road and Midway for driving while intoxicated. (HCSO)

RANDY EUGENE SPARKS, 27, was arrested at Highway 87 and MP 376 for public intoxication. (DPS)

RONNIE MARTINEZ, 33, was arrested at FM 700 and Bus. I-20 for driving under the

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

influence. (DPS)
ALFREDO LEE LARA, 23, was arrested at I-20 MP168 for driving while intoxicated/2nd. (DPS)
SCOTT ALLAN GOOD-BLANCKET, 41 was arrested on Route 1 for assault/family violence. (HCSO)
MARCIA E. GOODBLANKET, 40, was arrested in the 100 block of Miller for assault/family violence. (HCSO)
BRENDA MCCORMICK, 20, was arrested at the DPS office on a motion to revoke probation/theft. (DPS)
DAVID RAY HENSON, 30, was arrested at N. Birdwell and Vine for disorderly conduct/fighting and public intoxication. (HCSO)
SEAN MICHAEL MOSS, 18, was arrested in the 200 block of Marcy for theft. (BSPD)
RONALD KEESE JARRETT, 56, was arrested at MP169 of I-20 for driving while intoxicated. (DPS)
ABNER HOLLIS SHELLMAN, 54, was arrested for possession of alcoholic beverages not covered by invoice. (HCSO)
SYLVIA REYES ZAPATA, 35, was arrested in the 1500 block of Sycamore for driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)
ROSALYN DENISE YOUNG, 29, was arrested in the 1300 block of Harding for driving while license suspended. (BSPD)
OTIS KERMIE PORTER, 48, was arrested at FM 700 and W. Highway 80 for driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

**PICK 3: 2,4,8
CASH 5:7,14,16,18,35**

Wal-Mart 47%
Ampac 18.97-20.13
Europacific 33.79-35.85
Prime Rate 8%
Gold 252.50-253.50
Silver 5.05-5.10

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today.

MELANIE PATTERSON, 26, was arrested on local warrants in the 400 block of E. 4th.

ERICK HERNANDEZ, 20, was arrested in the 800 block of N. Gregg for driving with license suspended.

ASSAULT was reported in the 2700 block of Ann Drive.

ASSAULT and VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 3300 block of W. Highway 80.

ASSAULT/CLASS A was reported in the 700 block of W. I-20.

MINOR ACCIDENTS were reported in the 600 block of Gregg, 2700 block of Lynn, 2900 block of W. 7th, 200 block of E. 11th Place, and at 3rd and Gregg.

MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

THEFT was reported in the 800 block of Settles, 1700 block of Marcy, at 3rd and Owens, in the 300 block of Owens and the 1200 block of E. 11th Street.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1600 block of Owens.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 51.80 cents, up 43 points; Aug. crude 20.02, down 42 points; cash hogs steady at 33 even; cash steers steady at 65 even; August lean hog futures 45.30, down 182 points; Aug. live cattle futures 63.75, down 35 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation.
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Index	11,154.75
ATT	55% - 7/8
Atlantic Richfield	91 1/2 - 1 1/4
Atmos Energy	25 1/2 - 3/4
BP Amoco	116 1/2 - 1 1/2
Chevron	95 1/2
Cifra	18 1/2 to 18 3/4
Coca Cola	63 1/2 + 1/4
Compaq Computer	25 1/2 - 3/4
Cornell Correc.	15 1/2 + 1/4
Dell	41 1/4 - 1 1/2
DuPont	71 1/2 + 1/4
Exxon	78 1/2 - 3/4
Halliburton	45 1/2 - 3/4
IBM	129 1/2 - 4 1/4
Intel Corp	66 1/2 - 1 1/2
Mid Amer Energy	35 1/2 + 1/4
Mobil	102 1/2 - 3/4
NOV	9 1/2 - 3/4
Palex Inc.	6 - 1/4
Pepsi Cola	38 1/2 + 1/4
Phillips Petroleum	53 1/2
SBC Com.	57 1/2 + 1/4
Sears	45 1/2 - 3/4
Texasaco	65 1/2 - 3/4
Texas Instruments	147 1/2 - 2 1/4
Texas Utils. Co.	41 1/2 + 1/4
Total Fina SA	66 1/2 - 3/4
Unocal Corp	41 1/2 - 3/4

RECORDS

Monday's high 94
Monday's low 73
Average high 95
Average low 70
Record high 108 in 1925
Record low 60 in 1979
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.25
Month's normal 1.14
Year to date 6.65
Normal for the year 9.37
Sunrise Wednesday 6:53 a.m.
Sunset Wednesday 8:56 p.m.

CORRECTION

Viola Barraza and Linda Hayes filed non suits in 118th District Court, dropping their claims against Dr. Abdul Baluch, Dr. Manish Shroff and Wal-Mart Pharmacies.

Barraza dropped her suit June 28 against all defendants, including Wyeth-Ayerst Division of American Home Products, a maker of fenfluramine and dexfenfluramine, and Baluch.

Hayes dropped her suit against Shroff and Wal-Mart Pharmacies July 6, but is continuing her suit against American Home Products, as well as A.H. Robbins Co. Inc., a maker of fenfluramine, and Dr. Robert Pierce of Snyder.

**MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL**
24th & Johnson 267-8288
C. A. Tonn, 70, died Sunday. Services were 10:00 AM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.

**NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
Funeral Home**
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Bernice H. Harris, 56, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Edward C. Shive, 82, died Monday. Services will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.
L. W. "Dub" Harris, 84, died Monday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Steve F. Baker, 80, died Saturday. Services were 2:00 Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be Wednesday at 4:00 PM MDT at Portales City Cemetery, Portales, New Mexico.

Wendell Douglas McDonald, 44, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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AQUINNAH, Relatives of Joe Jr., his wife and acknowledged that words of anguish tore revealed that plunged toward much faster speed believed.

And there were reports today that Aviation Admirators revealed that less than a half plane apparent was unaccounted.

New radar showed the Pig dropped 1,100 feet Friday evening; the airport Vineyard - equivalent per minute experts said was that of normal.

"The normal you're shooting 500 to 700 feet passenger co. Warren spokesman for Owners and Pil.

GOP

WASHINGTON a slimmed-down House Republic big for many who are working of about \$ say would be become law.

House GOP reduce the 10-year tax cut approval the Ways and Means to \$792 billion, a Senate Report age being cons the Finance Co.

Still, that may for up to 20 He ate, whose re ing a tax cut o from concern public debt to not clear enou understand.

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Clinton

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Search continues for Kennedy airplane

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP) — Relatives of John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law acknowledged their deaths with words of anguish as investigators revealed their plane had plunged toward the sea at a much faster speed than first believed.

And there were published reports today that the Federal Aviation Administration knew less than a half hour after the plane apparently crashed that it was unaccounted-for.

New radar information showed the Piper Saratoga 32 dropped 1,100 feet in 14 seconds Friday evening as it approached the airport on Martha's Vineyard — equivalent to 4,700 feet per minute, a speed some experts said was nearly 10 times that of normal.

"The normal rate of descent you're shooting for as a pilot is 500 to 700 feet per minute for passenger comfort," said Warren Morningstar, spokesman for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

The Piper's drop was more like "a dive, not a descent," added Drew Stoketee, the group's senior vice president.

Did that mean the plane was out of control? Federal investigators said that speed did not necessarily mean the craft was in danger.

"It is within the airplane's capabilities," said Robert Pearce, the National Transportation Safety Board's chief investigator in the case.

Other aviation experts said the high-performance Piper generally cannot handle a descent faster than 1,500 feet per minute. The plane's gauge has a maximum of 2,000 feet per minute.

Officials had said the plane lost 700 feet in altitude within 30 seconds — or 1,400 feet per minute. Radar tapes available Monday indicated those numbers were incorrect.

The reason for the drop is unknown. On board the plane were Kennedy, 38; his wife, Carolyn

Bessette Kennedy, 33; and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34. Kennedy, the pilot, and his wife planned to drop off her sister on Martha's Vineyard en route to a cousin's wedding in Hyannis Port.

The Boston Globe and Boston Herald reported today that an employee of the Martha's Vineyard airport, Adam Budd, telephoned an FAA station in Bridgeport, Conn., at 10:05 p.m. Friday at the request of an unidentified couple who had come to the airport to meet Ms. Bessette.

Budd told the employee, "I was wondering if you could track an airplane for me," according to a transcript published in the Globe. He later said, "Kennedy Jr.'s on board. He's, uh, they wanna know, uh, where he is." The person at the FAA station questioned Budd repeatedly about who he was and finally told Budd, "We don't give this information out to people over the phone." Budd gave up.

No action was taken until a 2:15 a.m. Saturday phone call to the Coast Guard by a Kennedy family friend. Her call set in motion a multiagency search.

FAA officials said they responded appropriately to the first call, and that Budd's tone did not indicate he was worried about the plane.

"The FAA was not told that the aircraft was overdue, or that there was any indication there was a problem or a cause for concern that would raise warning flags," Eliot Brenner, an FAA spokesman, told the Globe. Budd, a 21-year-old college student working as a ramp attendant at the airstrip, told the newspaper the FAA employee "was kind of rude to me, making me feel uncomfortable."

On Monday, families of the three broke their silence.

"We are filled with unspeakable grief and sadness by the loss of John and Carolyn, and of Lauren Bessette," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, John Jr.'s uncle.

IRS to consider severe economic hardship in settling unpaid debts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Changes at the Internal Revenue Service will give people who can't pay a tax bill because of economic hardship a new opportunity to reach a compromise.

"This new type of offer gives the IRS a safety valve to handle tax cases in difficult situations," said IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti. "We now have more flexibility to settle debts with taxpayers in ways we couldn't before."

The rules released Monday grew out of a mandate by Congress to expand the "offer in compromise" program, which permits the IRS to accept a lower payment only when full collection is doubtful or when there are questions about whether the tax is actually owed.

Under this system in 1998, the IRS accepted only 25,052 of 105,255 offers, collecting \$290 million out of \$1.9 billion in total outstanding taxes that year.

Beginning Wednesday, the IRS will work under new rules that let agents consider economic hardship and other exceptional personal circumstances in deciding whether to accept a taxpayer's offer.

Economic hardship could be a long-term illness or disability that threatens to exhaust a person's resources or future earning ability. It also could involve situations in which sale or liquidation of a person's assets, such as a retirement fund, would use up money needed for basic living expenses.

"These appear to be much more generous standards for the taxpayer," said Tom Ochenslager, tax partner at the Grant Thornton accounting firm.

People who qualify must have a history of paying and filing their taxes, and the new rules are aimed only at those in the most severe circumstances, Rossotti said. "It shouldn't be misinterpreted by people as an open invitation to avoid paying taxes," he said.

The offers cannot be approved if the IRS decides they would undermine overall compliance with tax laws. The regulations will remain in effect for three years, giving the IRS a chance to make changes if necessary and get feedback from tax professionals and taxpayers.

The change is one of several by the IRS this year to make it easier for people to pay tax debts, a part of its makeover into a more taxpayer-friendly agency. Agents also now have much greater latitude in approving installment agreements for taxpayers.

GOP moderates may offer tax cut alternative

WASHINGTON (AP) — Even a slimmed-down version of the House Republican tax cut is too big for many GOP moderates, who are working on an alternative of about \$500 billion they say would be more likely to become law.

House GOP leaders plan to reduce the 10-year, \$864 billion tax cut approved last week by the Ways and Means Committee to \$792 billion, the same level as a Senate Republican tax package being considered today by the Finance Committee.

Still, that may not be enough for up to 20 House GOP moderates, whose reasons for opposing a tax cut of that size range from concern about reducing public debt to worries that it is not clear enough for people to understand.

"There are a number of moderate Republicans who are not

prepared to vote for the \$792 billion package at this time," Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., told reporters Monday night. "But I favor tax cuts. I want to go forward with good tax cuts."

Castle said his bill is "a work in progress" and did not offer details, but he said it could be ready as early as today and would contain many of the same themes as the current House bill.

As it stood Monday, the House tax cut included a 10 percent across-the-board reduction in income tax rates, repeal of estate and alternative minimum taxes, breaks for education and health care and cuts in capital gains taxes.

Another moderate Republican, Rep. Ray LaHood of Illinois, predicted the larger bill "will not pass" if GOP leaders try to ram the measure through

this week.

Aside from the internal House difficulties, Senate budget rules appear to require that the tax cut be no higher than \$792 billion to avoid a filibuster that would delay the measure indefinitely.

The Senate bill differs greatly from the House: it would reduce the bottom 15 percent tax bracket to 14 percent, expand individual retirement accounts and 401(k)s and also include breaks for education and health care. It does not eliminate the estate tax or cut capital gains taxes.

President Clinton has threatened to veto any tax cut approaching \$800 billion, contending it would jeopardize the solvency of Social Security and Medicare and spending for programs ranging from education to defense.

"Yes, America should get a

tax cut, but we should save Social Security and Medicare first, and we ought to do it in a way that allows us to pay off the debt" and continue to invest in other programs, Clinton said Monday night, speaking before labor leaders at a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, planned to scale back the tax bill by \$72 billion but did not intend to make fundamental changes, an aide said. The reduction would be found by slowing the phase-ins for some of the tax cuts.

Meanwhile, conservative groups such as the Christian Coalition have complained loudly that Archer's bill is too timid in its relief from the "marriage penalty" paid by millions of two-income couples.

with the Palestinians inspired Clinton and his senior advisers to lavish praise on the former general.

"Your first visit as Israel's leader has been an enormous success," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told Barak in an exchange of toasts at a dinner Monday night at the residence of Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval.

Clinton offers Israel more aid, weapons to smooth concessions

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is establishing a new strategic partnership with Israel and promising boosts in U.S. military aid and up to 50 jet fighters as inducements for territorial concessions by Prime Minister Ehud Barak to the Palestinians and Syria.

U.S. military aid to Israel will be boosted by nearly one-third, from \$1.9 billion a year currently to \$2.4 billion annually over the next decade — if Congress approves. And the administration is urging Congress to approve a special \$1.2 billion appropriation to carry out a pullback on the

West Bank. Barak is responding with enthusiasm to the overtures, promising to test the perilous waters of Mideast peacemaking for the next 15 months. "By then we should know," the new prime minister said Monday after a fourth day of talks with Clinton.

He registered a willingness to take risks for peace, but also assured the Israeli people that he would be ever mindful of their security concerns.

At the same time, Barak carefully avoided saying how much land he would relinquish — on the West Bank to the Palestinians and on the Golan

Heights to Syria. "We are not talking about a miraculous solution," Barak said at a joint White House news conference with Clinton. Peace, he said, "will not drop upon us from heaven in three weeks."

Even so, Barak's willingness to try to end a three-year stalemate in negotiations with Syria and a seven-month impasse

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OUR VIEWS

Cooperative effort to buy Big Spring refinery good idea

Moore Development for Big Spring's decision to organize a cooperative group to purchase the Big Spring refinery seems like a solid idea to us. While there can be no guarantee such a group would be the one to buy the multi-million dollar refinery, it at least puts one in the position of competing for the chance.

We feel that is important because it would mean interest in the refinery could be controlled locally. After all, no one knows what is better for West Texas than West Texans themselves.

There is also more than a little talent in this area for operating such a plant. Howard County's history in the oil and gas industry runs deep, and the men and women who have played a part in it carry a proud tradition.

Moore Development is currently forming an ad hoc committee that would work with the group. Board members have been instructed to create a list of two or three names of individuals who might be interested in serving on the committee. This should be a cross-section of individuals with obvious ties to the industry.

Time is short, because Total Fina has announced that it will receive bids only through the end of the summer. However, it is apparent that Moore Development is moving ahead quickly but with the due caution and thought that such a project requires.

Big Spring refinery has been here 70 years and has served this community well, both as a source of tax dollars and jobs. And while we feel good about its future regardless of who purchases it, there's no denying that with West Texas folks at the helm, we'd feel even more comfortable.

We wish the Moore Development for Big Spring board success in their endeavor. It could be a winner for all of us.

OTHER VIEWS

The U.S. Air Force, under the command of her husband, is flying Hillary Clinton around New York as she explores a possible Senate campaign.

She has already made 11 trips to the Empire State at a cost to taxpayers of \$220,555, the Republican National Committee complains. Next week she plans to take another "listening tour" across the state and will do it in a military aircraft.

Her spokesmen explain that the Secret Service recommends she take military planes for security reasons and that she is following campaign laws with care.

A White House spokesman explains that White House staffers are indeed working for her, but on their own time.

They also put in a solid 40 hours a week for taxpayers, the White House stressed. And if she makes any trips for her campaign, then her campaign will reimburse the government for the costs.

The longer she delays the official start of her campaign, the longer she can travel at taxpayers' expense as the first lady.

THE TAMPA (FLA.) TRIBUNE

The bald eagle's impending exit from the protected

species list is surely something to celebrate, not least for the symbolism of the achievement. But let there be no mistaking the rarity of this victory over the forces of extinction, or the enormity of loss to which it makes exception.

Great extinctions of the past seem tied to catastrophic climate changes, triggered by such factors as huge volcanic eruptions or an asteroid's smashing into the earth.

This time, the culprit is Homo sapiens — sometimes called the "exterminator species."

Contemporary climate change linked to greenhouse gas emissions is already showing dramatic harm to corals and some other coastal plants and birds. But this remains a minor, if alarming, factor compared to such familiar contributors as habitat destruction (for agricultural, commercial and water development), pollution and introduction of exotic species.

Considered in this context, the salvation of the bald eagle or any single species is rather a small accomplishment — unless it moves a certain other species to see the promise, as well as the necessity, in reforming these exterminating practices.

STAR TRIBUNE OF MINNEAPOLIS

NATO lost a lot of ground in Yugoslavia

Now that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization forces are settling in for an indefinite stay in Kosovo, let's review what was gained and what was lost in this episode of imperialism disguised as humanitarianism.

First, NATO violated its own charter. It was a defensive alliance that made an offensive war against a sovereign nation. Second, it violated the United Nations charter, which forbids making war on a sovereign nation at peace with its neighbors.

Third, NATO destroyed its credibility. This happened not only because of the aforementioned violations, but also because NATO got caught in so many fibs during its propaganda briefings. The latest is the discovery by European journalists and NATO forces that 78

days of aerial bombardment did considerably less damage to the Yugoslav army and its equipment than NATO had claimed.

Good thing the Russians persuaded Yugoslavia to sign an agreement. Otherwise, NATO ground troops would have plodded into much more of an army with much more armor and artillery than it thought existed.

So the facts are that, contrary to NATO propaganda, the air campaign caused minimal damage to the armed forces and maximum damage to Yugoslav civilians and civilian infrastructure.

Of course, the root cause of the conflict — the feud between Albanians who want an independent Kosovo and Serbs who want Kosovo to remain Serbian territory — was aggravated, not resolved. As always with war, both sides now have brand-new reasons to hate each other. Both sides are infinitely poorer as a result of war damage. The situation, in short, is worse than it was before.

Therefore, NATO forces, at a cost of billions, will be stuck in the Balkans for the indefinite

future. Finally, there is an even more morally heinous aspect of this — it wasn't necessary. The so-called negotiations at Rambouillet in France appear to have been nothing more than a setup. The Serbs were willing to grant Kosovo some form of autonomy. They were willing to have it monitored by a force of international observers.

But the United States insisted that they agree (this wasn't announced but was contained in a now-infamous Appendix B) to the military occupation by NATO soldiers of all of Yugoslavia — Kosovo, Serbia and Montenegro. Furthermore, there were, in fact, no negotiations. The United States presented it as an ultimatum — sign or we bomb you. That, by the way, is also a violation of international law.

Americans ought to be asking themselves why in the heck the federal government got them into this mess. Everyone knows it was not, as NATO claimed, for humanitarian reasons. It certainly was not because America has any strategic or national interests

in the Balkans (which U.S. politicians claimed before they thought of the humanitarian ploy).

But make no mistake: What the world saw was a gang of powerful nations decide to destroy an innocent sovereign nation-state for reasons the gang has not seen fit to make public.

They did so at the cost of alienating Russia and China. Perhaps their true intent is to control eventually all of the southern tier of the former Soviet Union, with that area's vast oil resources. If so, you can look forward to a very dangerous future indeed.

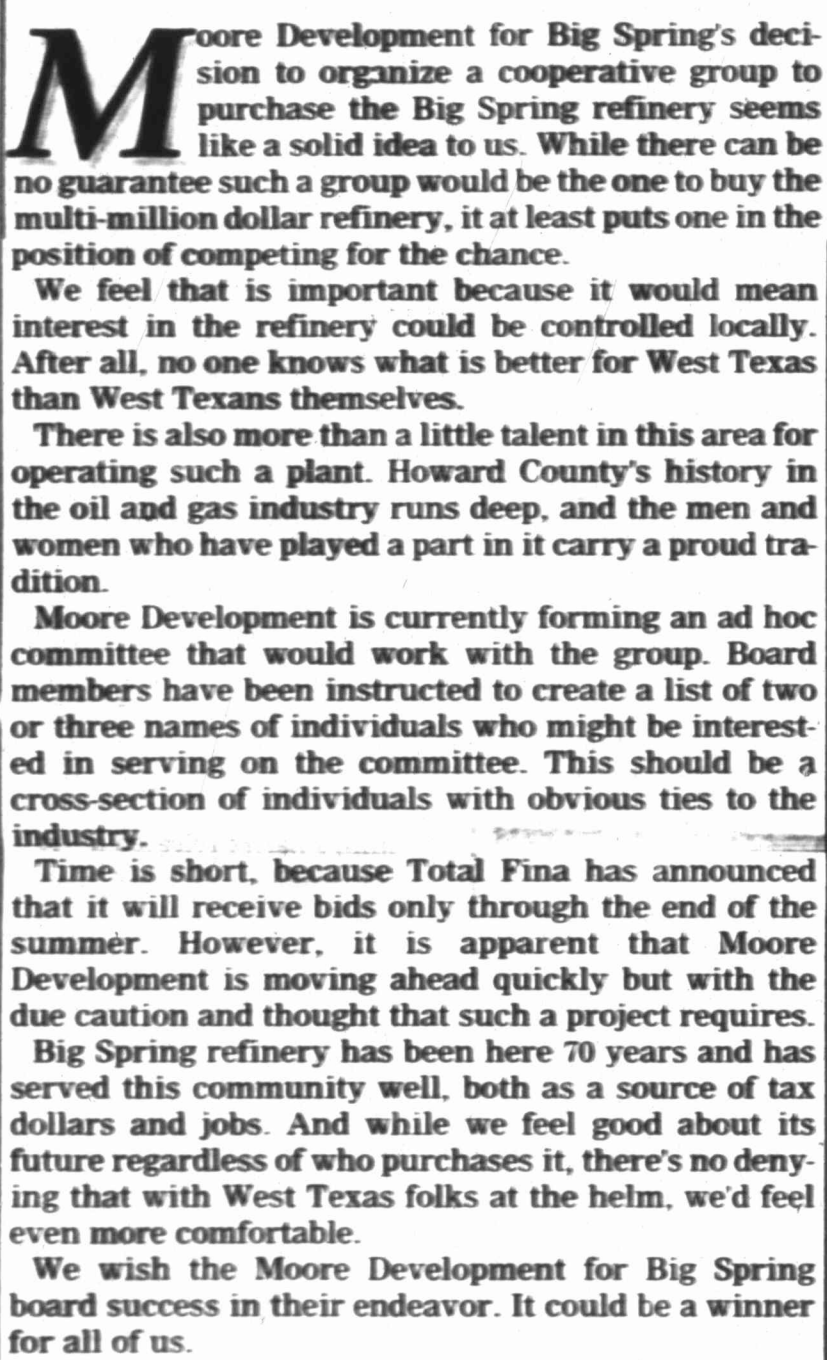
For my part, I think technology outpaced the IQ of the world's political leaders some years ago. Most of them are hypocritical remnants of the anti-Vietnam War era, not competent to command a small squadron of cavalry, much less a modern army.

The scariest part is that most of these politicians are not even smart enough to know they aren't smart.

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'Grown in America' exposes 'blending'

That "grown in America" food you have been eating may have been "grown" somewhere else, thanks to a process called "blending" — the mixing of domestic and foreign products.

After all, you may justifiably be concerned about mad cow disease in Britain, dioxin in beef from Belgium, or contaminated raspberries from Guatemala, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) does not provide you with a choice in the matter. Blending removes that choice.

A.H. "Chico" Denis, who runs a slaughter plant in San Angelo, Texas, admitted at a House subcommittee hearing that federal authorities must go on investigating imported meat for safety's sake. But just because it is blended with American meat, they should not stamp it with the USDA shield, he said, because that leads the public to believe those products are American when they are not.

Even so, there is resistance in Congress to legislation that would require the labeling of

meat and produce according to country of origin. A measure sponsored by Helen Chenoweth, R-Idaho, and Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., plus 58 others, would put an end to blending foreign hamburger with that from America and passing it off as home grown because the USDA inspection sticker implies as much. Another measure, carried by Rep. Mary Bono, R-Calif., would make similar rules for fruits and vegetables.

Chenoweth is passionate about her bill, which she claims is supported by 78 percent of Americans according to polling data. She points out that toys, clothes, television sets, even rawhide bones for dogs clearly tell the customer where they were made. So, she insists, should meat. Mr. Pomeroy is equally adamant: "We label our T-shirts," he says, "why not our T-bones?"

They, of course, are acting with strong support from the ranching industry whose members are smarting because consumption of imported beef had risen to 18 percent of the American market as of 1996 and foreign lamb to 20 percent in 1997, with imported pork taking 3.3 percent last year. People in the United States are buying canned hams from Denmark, leg of lamb from Australia and New Zealand, and meat pot pies from Canada.

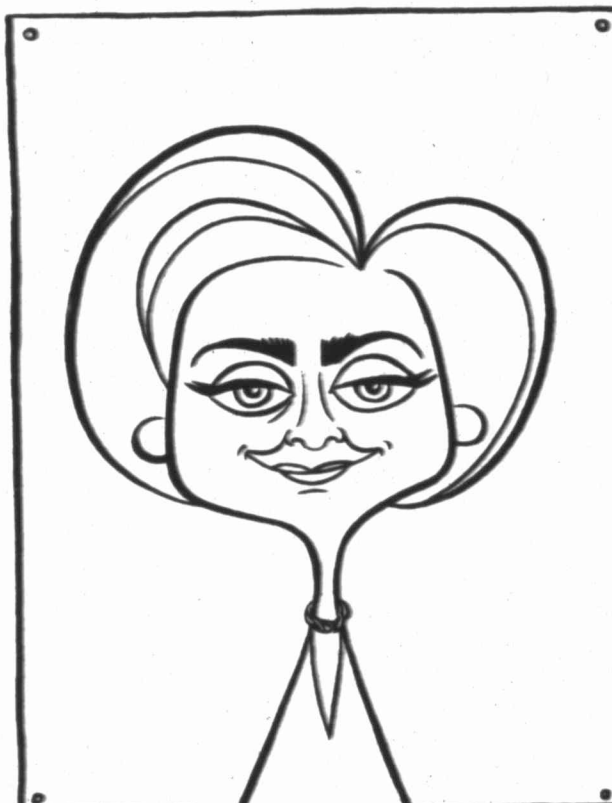
What really disturbs ranchers is this: They have to contribute to the operation of the USDA inspection service, which then approves competitive foreign products.

A critical question is, what would happen to our trade relationships if America mandated that the country of origin be slapped on every pork chop? The answer is that 32 nations, from Argentina, Brazil and Chile to Hungary, Israel and South Korea, already require such labeling.

Another potential difficulty is this: How could inspectors be sure that grapes in a bin labeled United States really were from California and not from Chile, a major exporter of this fruit to North America? They do it in Florida where produce must be labeled with the country of origin, and apparently it's working.

The federal effort must be aimed at keeping our food supply safe, no matter the origin. And while USDA inspectors need not grade foreign meat, certainly they have to indicate their approval of a product. But inspecting is one thing, labeling is another, and Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, says the home-grown label would help sell U.S. meat.

Safety is a factor, profit is an incentive, but choice is essential. So give us a choice, Congress; give us the "Grown in America" label.

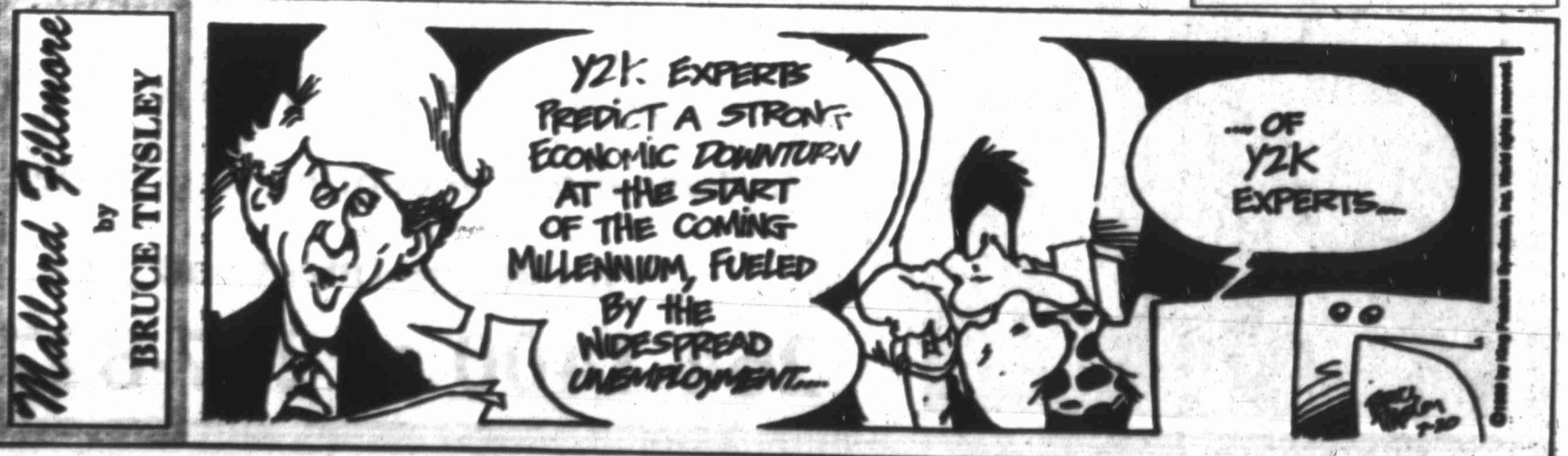


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Stewart finishes at YMCA... Big Spring Stewart took overall finish... National Championships... The only men's Spring YMCA team to advance... finished first... on the uneven and finished beam.

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IN BRIEF

Stewart finishes third at YMCA championships
Big Spring's Stephanie Stewart took a third-place overall finish Saturday in the final round of the YMCA National Gymnastics Championships in Savannah, Ga.
The only member of the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders team to advance past the first day of competition, Stewart finished first in the meet's vault competition, was second on the uneven parallel bars and finished fifth on the beam.

Howard County shooters shine at District VI event
Members of the Howard County 4-H Shooting Sports Club fared well Saturday at the District VI shoot in Midland.
Jim Bob Haggerton won the senior high all-around award, while Carmen Hipp won the senior women's title.
In sub-juniors competition, Jared Pennington won the high overall category, while K.K. Kellar was the top girls' competitor.
Kellar, who won the sub-junior skeet event with 36 of 50 targets and teamed with Pennington to take the two-person sub-junior trap title.
Pennington added third-place finishes in both trap and skeet shooting.
Aaren Smith and Nathan Sellers added the two-man juniors skeet title. Smith was third individually and Sellers fourth.
Haggerton, Clay Hart and Billy Kinsey took first place in the three-man seniors skeet event, while Travis, Carmen and Riley Hipp were second.
Individually, Haggerton was third, Clint Schuelke was fourth and Hart was sixth in trap.
Haggerton added a win in senior 5-stand competition, while Romine was second and Schuelke sixth.
Smith added third place in the junior 5-stand event, while Sellers was fourth.
Kellar was second in the sub-juniors' 5-stand event, while Pennington was third.

City golf championships slated for July 31-Aug. 1
The 1999 Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships have been scheduled for July 31-Aug. 1 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.
Fees are set at \$35 per player for the medal play tournament, and all entrants must have an established handicap.
The tournament is open to all Howard County golfers, and competition will be staged in four divisions — men's and women's open and senior men's and senior women's groupings.
The deadline for entries is noon Friday, July 30.
For more information, call Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Rose Magers-Powell's volleyball camp slated
The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for Thursday through Saturday at Big Spring High School's Steer Gym.
Players may register at the start of the camp.
Fees will be \$30 for fourth through sixth graders, \$70 for seventh through ninth graders and \$75 for 10th through 12th graders.
For more information, call Traci Pierce at 267-4047.

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6 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Toronto Blue Jays, TBS, Ch. 11.
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7:30 p.m. — San Francisco Giants at Texas Rangers, TCA Cable Ch. 97.
BASKETBALL
9 p.m. — Olympic qualifying tournament, United States vs. TBA, TNT, Ch. 11.

Loaiza gives mates in Rangers' bullpen a break in 14-7 victory

ARLINGTON (AP) — When rookie starter Ryan Glynn failed to get out of the fifth inning despite a four-run lead, the Texas Rangers bullpen seemed to be in for a long night.
But Esteban Loaiza gave his bullpen buddies a break, going the final 4 2-3 innings to help the Rangers to a 14-7 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Monday night.
"When I came in, the manager (Johnny Oates) said he wanted me to go hitter to hitter and get out fast," said Loaiza, who picked up his first victory of the season. "He said he wanted me to finish, and that's what I wanted to do, to do the best job possible."
The Rangers fell behind when Glynn allowed a three-run homer to Barry Bonds in the first inning. After the Rangers rallied, Glynn took a 7-3 lead

into the fifth, but did not qualify for the victory because he was lifted after issuing consecutive walks with one out.
Glynn knew Oates wanted him to throw strikes, and when the rookie didn't, Oates took him out.
"To be the pitcher we want him to be, he's got to throw more strikes," Oates said. "If you throw the ball over the plate, you've got a chance. If you walk 'em, you have no chance."
Loaiza (1-1) gave up four runs and five hits to pick up his first victory since beating Detroit on Aug. 31 last year.
"He threw strikes in the game when we had a lot of runs," Oates said. "I can live with strikes. You can't get outs unless you throw strikes."
Scoring plenty of runs didn't hurt, either. The Rangers' previous three victories were one-run thrillers, so they

gave themselves a break with a 17-hit attack.
Rookie Ruben Mateo had a career-high four hits and Mark McLemore had three with three RBI.
"It was good to see the bats come alive," Oates said. "We got behind early, then we did good things to get back in it."
Ivan Rodriguez also had three hits. Juan Gonzalez, Rusty Greer, Lee Stevens and Mateo drove in two runs apiece to help the Rangers to their fourth victory in five games.
"We have one of the best offensive teams in baseball," Gonzalez said. "Tonight everybody saw it. We need that kind of offense every night."
Texas came back against Giants starter Chris Brock (6-8) with a two-run first inning. Greer had an RBI single and

Gonzalez added a run-scoring double.
The Rangers knocked Brock out of the game with one out in the second. McLemore tied it 3-3 with an RBI single, then Rodriguez gave the Rangers the lead for good with a run-scoring single.
Gonzalez, the first batter faced by reliever Felix Rodriguez, hit a sacrifice fly to make it 5-3. Mateo's two-run double in the third extended the lead to 7-3.
In the fifth, McLemore had an RBI single and Greer drove in another run on a groundout to make it 9-3. In the sixth, Todd Zeile scored from third on a wild pitch by Julian Tavarez.
San Francisco closed to 10-5 in the seventh on J.T. Snow's two-run double.
The Rangers scored four in the eighth on Lee Stevens' two-run single, Royce Clayton's RBI single and a sacrifice fly by McLemore.

Immortal Nolan Ryan says 'I'm just a man'

ALVIN (AP) — Visitors are greeted at the museum entrance by a larger-than-life-sized poster of Lynn Nolan Ryan frozen in mid-windup. A few feet away, in large red type, is his philosophy about himself.
"I know who I am," the inscription begins. "I'm a country kid from Texas with the ability to throw a ball and the dedication to keep myself in shape. I'm just a man."
It's easily the most understated comment about the soon-to-be Hall of Fame pitcher that echoes through the Nolan Ryan Museum.
No one else would call Ryan "just a man."

Sunday, Ryan will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. He was elected on his first try, making it with the second-highest percentage of all time.

Throughout Texas, Ryan already has been enshrined as a local treasure.

A section of highway leading into his hometown of Alvin is called the "Nolan Ryan Expressway." The Texas House of Representatives made him an official Texas hero in April 1989.

The Nolan Ryan Historical Foundation constructed the 12,000-square-foot Nolan Ryan Center for Continuing Education on the campus of Alvin Junior College.

About one-third of the building is dedicated to the city's most famous resident. It opened in April and has quickly become a popular attraction.
One of Ryan's prized possessions, his first glove, is among the memorabilia available for viewing.

"I remember going to Alvin Hardware with my dad and being the last of six kids, to pick out, for the first time, anything new for myself and it not being a hand-me-down," Ryan said. "I go by that display and see that glove and that's one of the things I think about. That was a real high spot in my life."

Many of Ryan's favorite memories are from his childhood, like when he earned a spot on his first team.

"To make that team, go out and try out, that was a big event in your life," Ryan said. "I look back at that and those

days were some of my fondest memories in baseball, being on Little League teams and just playing the game for the enjoyment of playing and feeling no pressure whatsoever."

Guests can tour Ryan's museum amid the sounds of baseball. Press a button and a different slice of Ryan's unmatched career will appear on one of six video screens.

The first video recounts Ryan's early years with the Alvin Yellowjackets, and his discovery by scout Red Murff.

Other videos recount his career stops with the New York Mets, California Angels, Houston Astros and the Texas Rangers.

Familiar quotes about Ryan dot the exhibit walls.

— Dave Duncan: "A good night against Nolan Ryan is going 0-for-4 and you don't get hit in the head."

— Rickey Henderson, Ryan's 5,000th strikeout victim: "If you haven't been struck out by Nolan Ryan, you're nobody."

— An unidentified fan at Arlington Stadium: "Ryan is more popular here than a pickup truck with a gun rack."

— Hall of Famer Don Sutton, after watching Ryan's fifth no-hitter: "I'm going to pitch tomorrow with an inferiority complex."

All this for just a man?

Age finally tapped Ryan on his right elbow on Sept. 22, 1993. Pitching in Seattle, he let rip a fastball and tore a ligament.

Ryan retired with 5,714 strikeouts, seven no-hitters and 324 victories. The strikeouts and no-hitters are major league records, two of the 53 times his name is in baseball's record book.

Ryan has kept busy the last five years, expanding his cattle and banking businesses, holding a state office and investing in a minor league baseball team.

The team, which will fittingly be called the Express, will play in Round Rock, near Austin. It will be a Class 2A affiliate of the Astros and Ryan's oldest son, Reid, will be the general manager.

"The first two years I was out of the game I had a real problem with the adjustment of not being a player, that change in my life," Ryan said. "Now, I've



Nolan Ryan, shown here at a February 1996 news conference when the Texas Rangers announced they would retire his number, will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., on Sunday.

really kind of overcome that.
"I'd much rather be introduced as a Hall of Famer than a future Hall of Famer. I never was real comfortable with people introducing you that way. It's kind of nice to have that behind me."

Sometimes, though, the competitive fires still flare up.

"I would have loved the opportunity to face Ted Williams, who is considered the greatest hitter to ever play the game," Ryan said. "I think that would have been a challenge to try to figure how to get him out and what would be the proper approach to get him out."

A brushback pitch wouldn't be out of the question, a Ryan tactic noted by slugger Mark McGwire.

"He was just an intimidator," McGwire said of Ryan. "He'd knock you down in a heartbeat. The thing that made him so nasty was his breaking ball. Nobody ever talks about his breaking ball."

"His breaking ball broke from Arlington to Houston and he threw pretty close to 100 miles an hour. It's pretty hard to beat."

Ryan was fearless throwing inside and he was prepared to back up his aggression. After Dave Winfield charged Ryan when he was pitching for the

Astros, Ryan was ready when Robin Ventura came after him in their famous confrontation in 1993.

"I saw the intent in Winfield's eyes where he tried to hit me and I ducked it," Ryan said. "I decided then if anybody came out to the mound then I need not be in a passive position, that I need to be just as aggressive as they were."

Ryan hasn't forgotten those who helped him along the way.

When a Southwest Airlines plane dubbed The Nolan Ryan Express takes off for Cooperstown, the passenger list will include Ryan's high school coach Jim Watson and Murff, who signed Ryan to his first pro contract.

"It was the highlight of my life in sports," Watson said. "When we were going through it, we just knew that we had a good high school pitcher. We had no idea it would go this far."

"My only claim to fame with Nolan is that I kept him in shape, didn't hurt his arm and made sure he was ready to go."

Ryan's family also will be making the trip.
Murff, who has stayed close to Ryan through the years, is among the minority who think some of his records will be broken.

Minor league ump's strike decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's major and minor league umpires are in a muddled mess.

While some American League umpires are trying to rescind their resignations, disgruntled minor league umpires postponed a decision on a strike date until today at the earliest.

Two high-ranking baseball officials, speaking on the condition they not be identified, said Monday they were told some AL umpires either attempted to rescind their resignations or discussed the possibility with the AL office.

AL president Gene Budig declined comment. Umpires union head Richie Phillips said: "You'll have to talk to them about that."

Phillips said last week that 57 of the 68 major league umpires had resigned, effective Sept. 2, and that he expected most of the remaining nine members of his union to do the same. Two umpires who were hired during the 1979 strike are not union members.

Phillips hasn't released a list of the umpires who are quitting.

Commissioner Bud Selig isn't expected to respond to the resignations until perhaps later this week. His advisers said he will accept the resignations and instruct his staff to hire new umpires to complete the season and officiate the postseason.

Umpires think that by walking out at the season's most critical time, they will put pressure on baseball to negotiate a new labor contract to replace the deal that expires Dec. 31.

Minor league umpires who claim to have formed a union — management has refused to recognize it — didn't set a strike date during their two-hour conference call. Phillips said they will hold another conference call Tuesday, but he didn't know if a strike date would be set then.

"We talked over a lot of issues," he said. "As far as decisions and strategies, they deferred any decision until sometime (today)."

Nineteen umpires from 16 minor leagues, a group headed by Mike Billings of the Triple-A International League, issued a statement calling conditions "deplorable."

"The Minor League Umpires Union supports the major league umpires, but certainly does not exist for that purpose," said the statement.

Billings said issues included salary.

Minor league umpers get \$15-\$20 in meal money, he said, a \$2 decrease from last year.

Astros extend NL Central lead with extra-inning win over Indians

The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Not even the best team in baseball can stop the Houston Astros.

The Astros won their eighth straight game, 3-2 in 11 innings over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night, when Tom Candiotti's wild pitch allowed the winning run to score.

The Astros, who had only four hits, scored the winning run without a hit. Candiotti (4-6) walked Bill Spiers and hit Bogar with a pitch to start the inning.

Houston loaded the bases when pinch-hitter Carlos Hernandez laid down a bunt and was safe when Candiotti failed to get Spiers at third. With Craig Biggio at the plate, Candiotti threw a wild pitch on a 1-0 count, allowing Spiers to score.

"On that (bunt) play, I have to rely on the catcher," Candiotti said after the

Indians lost their season-high fourth straight. "It's my job to get the ball and I thought I heard him say 'go to third,' but I was going to go that way anyway. It's a do-or-die play in that situation and it's a gamble you have to take."

The Astros improved to 12-2 in interleague play after winning the first two games between the AL Central leaders.

Jose Cabrera (3-0) struck out the side in the 11th for the win.

"I caught a break when he hit me," said Bogar, who had two unsuccessful bunt attempts. "You know things are going your way when you load the bases without a hit and score the winning run without getting a ball out of the infield."

In other interleague games, it was Montreal 6, the New York Yankees 4; Philadelphia 16, Tampa Bay 3; Florida 10, Boston 7; Toronto 8, Atlanta 7 in 10

innings; Detroit 7, Cincinnati 6; the New York Mets 4, Baltimore 1, Kansas City 10, the Chicago Cubs 2; the Chicago White Sox 10, Milwaukee 8 in 12 innings; St. Louis 8, Minnesota 4; Texas 14, San Francisco 7; Seattle 7, Arizona 5; San Diego 4, Anaheim 1 in 10 innings and Oakland 10, Colorado 5.

In the only National League game, Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh 12-7.

Yankees 6, Expos 4
Brad Fullmer homered, doubled twice and singled as Montreal, victimized by David Cone's perfect game a day earlier, ended their six-game losing streak by winning at Yankee Stadium.

Fullmer went 4-for-4 and doubled to set up Shane Andrews' two-run single that broke a 4-4 tie with two outs in the eighth inning.

Phillies 16, Devil Rays 3
Scott Rolen homered twice for the second straight day and Philadelphia improved to nine games over .500 for the first time in nearly four years with a victory at Tropicana Field.

Rolen, who homered in his last at-bat Sunday to give the Phillies a 3-2 victory in the series opener, hit a two-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the third off Bryan Rekar (6-5).

The power surge gives Rolen five homers since the All-Star break and 10 in July.

Marlins 10, Red Sox 7
Preston Wilson went 4-for-5 with his club rookie-record 18th homer as Florida won at Boston.

A day after pounding 14 hits in an 11-9 loss, the Marlins had 16.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for
Wednesday, July 21, 1999:

Unusual opportunities come from difficult situations. You are stable, direct and clear about what you want. Don't be discouraged. Stay flexible. Endurance really counts. Nothing should be done halfway. You get what you want, but you'll have to stick to it. Sarcasm can harm negotiations. Knowing what kind of conversation you want remains key. If you are single, you might want a relationship, and you can develop one. Recognize how very intense you are - sometimes that can frighten suitors. If attached, walk in your mate's shoes more frequently. SCORPIO can get you in trouble!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
* Clarity becomes confusion. Abundance marks negative as well as positive events. With extremes ruling, sarcasm happens whether you mean it to or not. Honor a short fuse. Take a walk or break if need be. You're only human and you, too, have limits. Tonight: Do what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

* The best intentions run amok. You might have a difficult time with problems that seem to crop up from every direction. Another's sarcasm, topped with confusion, could push you over the line. Take a break, walk or write feelings down, rather than explode. Tonight: A boss or VIP reverses course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

* Take your time. Don't push too hard. Your energy, patience and tolerance are limited - just like everyone else's. News from a distance makes you shake your head. Regroup. Be careful what you say to a co-worker who disappoints you. Honor your own resources. Tonight: How about a night off?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

* Your ability to find solutions helps you wade through a maze of confusion. You might not always be comfortable with what comes up. Misunderstandings run rampant. Be especially careful with financial commitments. You could go way overboard. Make your needs top priority. Tonight: Dance away stress.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22)

* You may be working with others who are difficult and/or not communicating well. You can plead your case or ask for support, but you'll probably be ignored. Count on being the major driving force in your world. Others give you flak; you could become testy and sarcastic! Who can blame you? Tonight: Vanish fast!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

* Listen to others who present a determined argument. You could have a fight with someone. Be prepared to back down. Tonight: A determined argument.

Be careful how you verbalize what you want. Somehow, others see you as sarcastic or misinformed. Fortunately, this will pass. Don't hold grudges. Remain communicative. Take action; claim your power. Tonight: Share today's war stories with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
* Make absolutely no financial commitments. There could be a backfire. Another's tightness could affect you. Give a decision a day or so; the picture could change. Unexpected news involves a child, risk or new flirtation. Listen to feedback. Quickly drop any illusions! Tonight: Avoid spending unwisely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
* You are in better shape than most. The moon beams you into a position to deal with the snafus of the day. Be careful about unleashing sarcasm on someone in charge. Be honest with yourself about a needed change on the homefront. Work toward that. Tonight: Your smile does wonders.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
* Everything seems so out of whack that pulling into your own space and handling what you must is best. Unexpected news surprises you, but recognize that you might be overly tired and fatigued. Don't allow another to push you beyond your limits. Tonight: Cocoon.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
* Stay focused on what you want - no one else can, right now! A friend can be overly assertive, in your opinion. Look past what is happening. Think about the importance of your objectives. Refuse to take confusion and sarcasm personally. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
* Pressure intensifies; you may feel like throwing in the towel. Don't. Avoid sharp words if possible. This will pass. Others find you touchy and unpredictable. Trying to find solutions doesn't work. Just let go. What you hear could change radically in the next few days. Tonight: Nose to the grindstone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
* Accept feedback from others. If you listen rather than react, you'll gather unusual information. Read between the lines. Take an opportunity to break a pattern. Question decisions carefully, postpone them if possible. More facts could still be forthcoming. Tonight: Escape to the movies.

BORN TODAY
Actor Jon Lovitz (1957), actor Robin Williams (1952), U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno (1938)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.coolpage.com/bigar>.

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Woman searches for way to warm man's cold feet

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DEAR LOST: Ask him, "Are you more afraid of losing me, or more afraid of being hurt?" Give him a deadline, and if he's still "uncertain," face it - he's not for you.

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funeral home, and at times pictures are taken, especially for relatives who are too ill or elderly to attend the services or make a long trip. We have taken pictures, per the family's request, of infants - this is usually the only photograph they would have of a baby they lost.

The sister-in-law should not have broken her promise, but her statement of how much better he looked dead than alive could have meant that he had a long illness and suffered, which can affect the deceased's appearance. The embalmers are artists! They can do wonders for a deceased who was ravaged by a terrible disease or who was in an accident. - T.S. FROM L.L.

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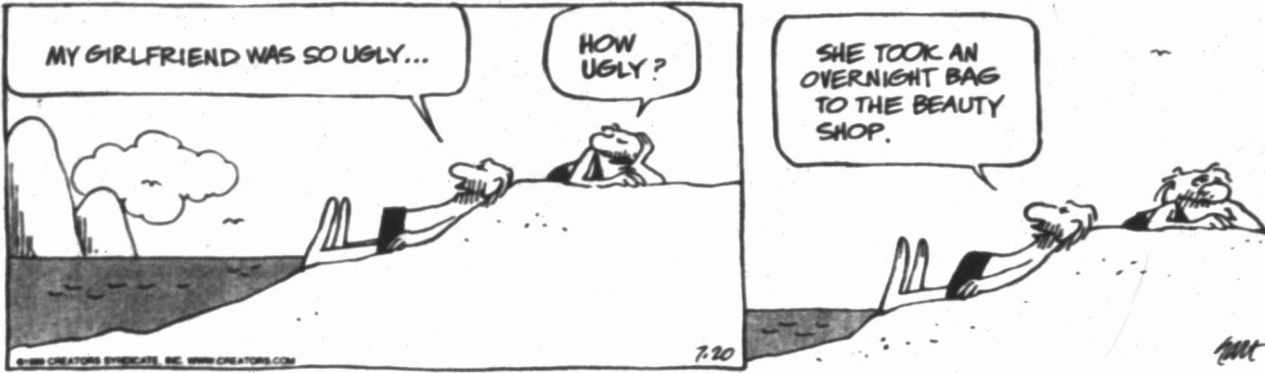
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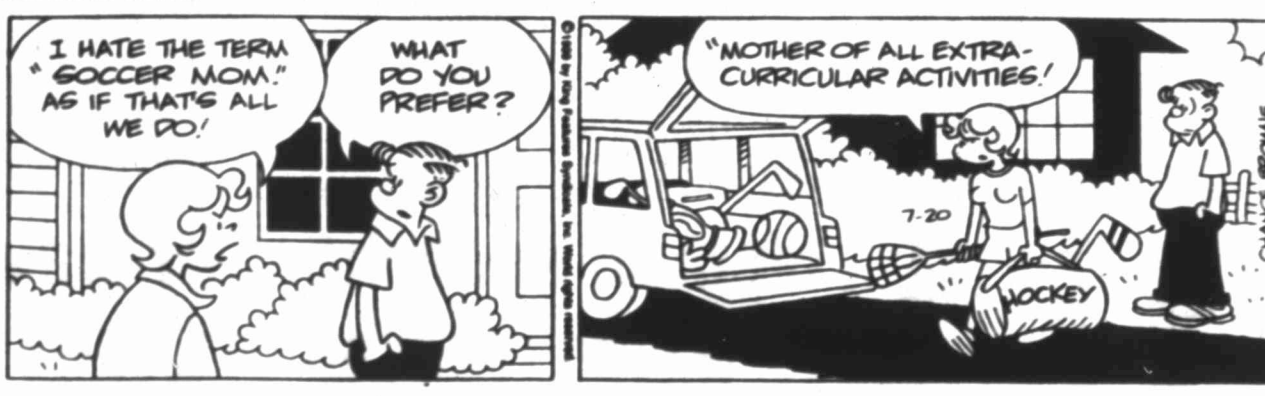
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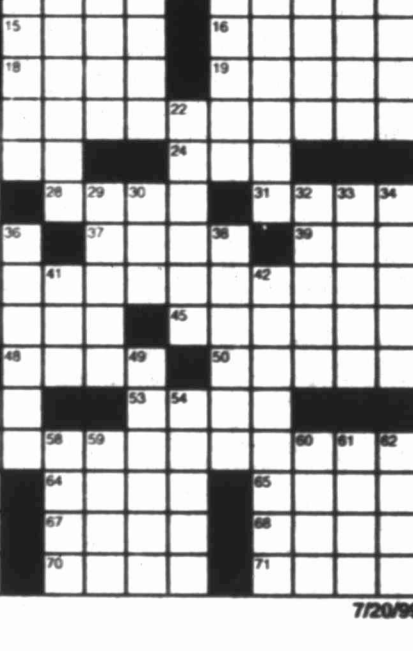
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independence from Spain. In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1881, Sioux Indian leader Sitting Bull, a fugitive since the Battle of the Little Big Horn, surrendered to federal troops.

In 1942, the first detachment of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps - later known as WACs - began basic training at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

In 1944, German officials tried to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb at his Rastenburg headquarters. The explosion only wounded the Nazi leader.

In 1944, President Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

In 1951, Jordan's King Abdullah was assassinated in Jerusalem.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Penn., killing 80 people and causing \$350 million in damage.

Ten years ago: President Bush called for a long-range space program to build an orbiting space station, establish a base on the moon and send a manned mission to the planet Mars.

Five years ago: Bosnian Serbs rejected an international peace plan sponsored by the United States, Russia, France, Britain and Germany.

One year ago: Russia won an \$11.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund to help avert the devaluation of its currency. A smoky fire aboard the cruise ship Ecstasy just two miles from the Florida shore forcing its return to port.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 69. Video artist Nam June Paik is 67. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 64. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.) is 63. Actress Diana Rigg is 61. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 56. Country singer T.G. Shepherd is 55. Singer Kim Carnes is 53. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 52. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols) is 43. Actress Donna Dixon is 42. Actor Frank Whaley is 36. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 35.

Thought for Today: "We may well go to the moon, but that's not very far. The greatest distance we have to cover still lies within us." - Charles de Gaulle, French statesman (1890-1970).