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## WEATHER

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## Volunteers sought for 'Night Out' event in August

The Big Spring Herald is organizing a National Night Out group in Big Spring.

The group of volunteers would sponsor an annual event — slated for Aug. 1 this year — billed as a "night out against drugs and crime." It brings together neighbors to meet, share information and organize efforts to prevent crime where they live.

The effort would depend on the work of block captains who will organize gatherings in their neighborhoods. Anyone who is interested in serving as a block captain or volunteering in some way for this effort can call the Herald, 263-7331, ext. 236.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.  
□ 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.

### FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
□ AMBUCS, noon, La Posada.  
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

### SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
The Pottion House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.  
□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.  
□ Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

### MONDAY

□ Texas Tech Exes meeting, 6 p.m., Sparenberg bldg., 309 S. Main.  
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third.  
□ Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

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## Police believe multiple weapons were used in shooting deaths

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Big Spring police say more than one gun may have been used in the shooting deaths of three local people Sunday night at a Sixth Street residence.



Capt. Pam WILKERSON Jordan said today that a

Department of Public Safety dive team would be searching for at least two weapons at Comanche Trail Park Lake.

"The DPS dive team was requested late Monday, but as when they are due to arrive we do not know at this time," said Jordan. "We are hoping to be notified sometime today."

Police believe firearms used to kill 39-year-old Simona Hollingsworth, 56-year-old Janie Mendez and 21-year-old Chris Delgado were dumped at the lake.

Meanwhile, the only surviv-

ing victim of the shooting remains in stable condition at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Twenty-four-year-old Vicki Green, despite suffering multiple gunshot wounds, summoned police to the Sixth Street residence at 11:50 p.m. Sunday.

She also identified 17-year-old David Martinez as the gunman who opened fire that night, killing her three roommates. All were shot in the head, according to police reports. Relatives have said that Martinez is the son-in-law of Hollingsworth, also known to

family members as Simona Deleon.

Martinez was placed into custody a couple of hours after the shooting. He has been charged with Hollingsworth's murder. He remains in custody at the Howard County Jail in lieu of \$125,000 bond.

According to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, further charges could be forthcoming.

"We fully anticipate filing further charges at a later date," said Wilkerson. "At this time we are waiting to do so until

more evidence is presented."

Meanwhile, Big Spring police are gathering more information. Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said Monday more arrests could be made. He declined to elaborate, however. Part of the investigation still centers around Comanche Trail Park Lake.

A search at the lake by members of the Big Spring Fire Department turned up nothing Monday. The search was called off at 2 p.m., at which time the DPS dive team out of Austin

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Howard County Commissioner Bill Crocker cuts some limbs off a tree at the Heritage Museum this morning. Inmates from the Wilderness Camp helped to remove brush at the museum.

## Council

### New city employees required to live 30 minutes from work; portion of Young Street closed

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Addressing some in-house business, Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved a change in the personnel policy to require all city employees hired after July 12 to reside within a 30-minute travel time of their workstation.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said that while the policy change will be for all positions, the greatest concern has been with fire department and police department personnel.

Twelve of the 14 emergency medical services personnel on the city payroll live out of town, Fuqua noted.

In cases of ambulance transfers, he noted, some people have had to wait too long for someone to be called in from out of town. It hasn't caused a problem with emergency calls, he said, because those people are required to be on duty in Big Spring during their shift.

Mayor Russ McEwen voiced some concerns.

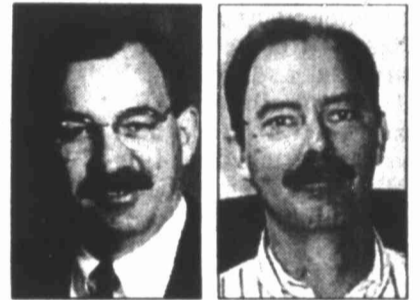
"My concern is that we'll be cutting out Lubbock, Midland and Odessa," said McEwen. "If it works, it's great. But I'm afraid we won't have that employment pool to draw from. I'm afraid it may have a negative effect."

Fuqua defended the policy change, however.

"One of the problems we have had with people living in other towns such as Lubbock is that we train them here and they end up getting a job there, and we become just a training ground. We feel this will help us retain those people, and in fact think it will help us in recruiting personnel from other area towns," Fuqua said.

The measure was passed unanimously, though the council directed Fuqua to report back in 90 days to see how the new policy was working.

Approval of the policy came after a public hearing attended



MCEWEN FUQUA

by a standing room only crowd on the closing of a block-long stretch of Young Street

The group, which consisted primarily of Trinity Baptist Church members, convinced the council to close a portion of Young Street that divides the church's property.

Specifically, the ordinance calls for the closing of Young Street between 11th Place and 12th Street. Members of the congregation cited safety issues for children and the elderly as the reason to close the street.

"I'd like you to consider closing the street for safety — not just for the children's sake, but for the elderly of Trinity Baptist Church as well," said Claude Craven.

Four others spoke in favor of closing the street, including Trinity Baptist Church pastor Randy Cotton.

"Anytime you make a decision like this there is going to be some inconvenience caused to somebody," Cotton said. "This is not just a traffic consideration, although that is perhaps the most important. But when it rains, it's like a river there."

Cotton said it is difficult to cross the street when it rains, and added that if the street were closed, the church plans to construct some walkways to allow those who are attending services and other activities easier access to both portions of the property.

Edward Jones was the only person who spoke against clos-

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## Vietnam Memorial Committee wanting to bring Moving Wall back to Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

The Vietnam Memorial Committee is hoping to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial in a significant way, but needs the help of local and area entities, businesses and individuals to accomplish it.

"We want to bring The Moving Wall here," said Gene Wilson, a Vietnam Memorial Committee member.

The Moving Wall is a scale version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., containing the names of 58,213 U.S. military men and women who were either killed in Vietnam, are unaccounted for prisoners of war, or who are listed as missing in action.

## TO HELP

Mail donations to Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring, Texas, 79721

The structure — 252.83 feet in length — drew tens of thousands of people to Big Spring during a weeklong stop in 1987 and was the inspiration behind the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial.

Wilson spoke before Big Spring City Council on Tuesday, asking for help in funding the project, expected to cost approximately \$20,000.

The committee wants to purchase new flags and flagpoles, a public address system, temporary walkways for the handicapped and perform landscap-

ing at the site, which would be directly north of the Vietnam Memorial. There are numerous other associated costs, including tent rental, electrical wiring, temporary lighting, barriers, brochures, refreshments, emergency medical supplies and the like.

Some items maybe donated, others will have to be purchased, Wilson said.

"We don't want to ask anyone for two much. We think if we could get it spread out it would be easier for everyone," Wilson said.

There's a catch — organizers won't know until late December or early January if The Moving Wall has been scheduled to be in Big Spring on Memorial Day.

"We can't wait until then to

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## Workforce Center sets career opportunity with PepsiCola Co.

By ALLISON THOMAS  
Staff Writer

Texas Workforce Center, in conjunction with the Dr. Pepper-PepsiCola Company of Big Spring, will be holding a career opportunity meeting Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Dr. Pepper-PepsiCola Company, which sells and distributes PepsiCola products, is seeking to hire three or more route sales representatives.

"Our route sales representatives drive trucks, sell and deliver the product," said David Jones, the director of human resources for the company. "They have to interact with people and merchandize the product, which means they make it look good."

The people hired will be paid a commission on the products they sell, in addition to a base salary.

"They're almost out on their own," said Jones. "The more they sell, the more they get paid. It's a great job because

they don't have anyone breathing down their neck."

Benefits of the job include a 41K plan, a profit sharing plan, disability insurance, medical insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, a dental plan, vacation time and sick leave, said Jones.

The career opportunity meeting will include a video presentation and talks by Jones and the branch manager. Free pizza and Pepsi will be provided.

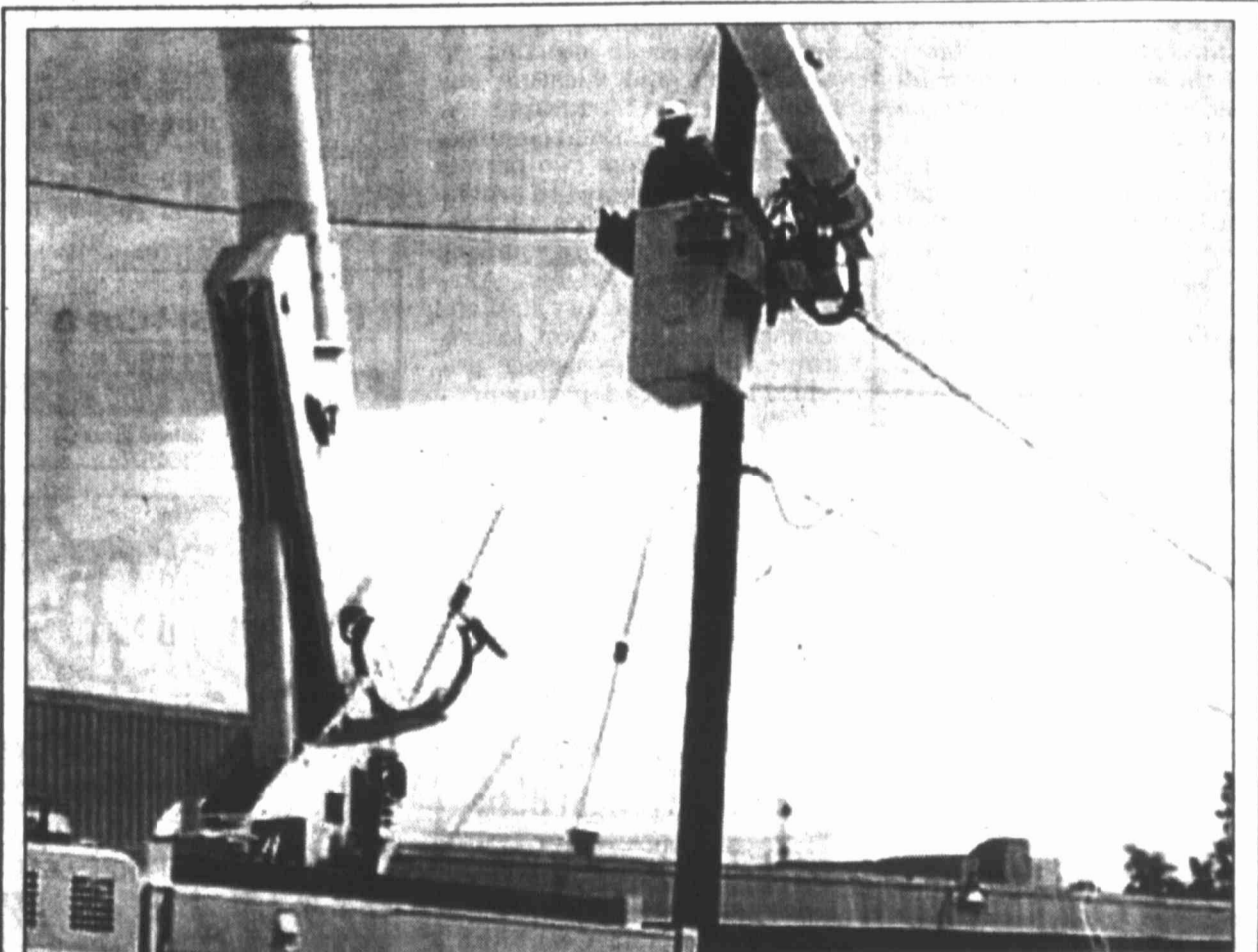
"We'll be taking resumes and bringing applications that they can fill out at the meeting," said Jones. "We'll keep the resumes on for 60 days."

There are no set requirements for the job, and the meeting is open to anyone who is interested.

"We would like them to have a high school education, but it's not required," said Jones. "Route sales experience always helps, but that's not required either."

"The job is physically

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Nick Roberts, an employee for TXU Electric, disconnects an electrical line in the 700 block of Scurry. Several lines were being replaced in the area.

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OBITUARIES

Anita Cate Squires

Funeral service for Anita Cate Squires, 76, Broadus, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2000, at Claybar Funeral Home Chapel in Orange with the Rev. Barry Bradley and the Rev. Don Richey Jr. officiating. Graveside service and burial will follow at 4 p.m. at Broadus Cemetery in Broadus with the Rev. Wayne Barth officiating.

Simona DeLeon

Rosary for Simona DeLeon, 39, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 28, 2000, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagen, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Janie Tejerina Mendez

Rosary for Janie Tejerina Mendez, 56, Big Spring will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

Hazel McElreath

Funeral service for Hazel McElreath, 94, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, in Big Spring.

Chris Delgado

Rosary for Chris Delgado, 21, Big Spring will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, June 30, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

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the wastewater treatment plant improvement project were also rejected. R.M. Wright Construction of El Paso submitted a base bid of \$381,076. "There's only \$350,000 in the budget for this. So we're already \$30,000 over and with the alternate items we need, we'd be about \$200,000 over," said Todd Darden, director of public works. The staff plans on implementing an in-house approach to making the improvements, Darden said. He said the city would work directly with various vendors on the project.

WALL

begin working on this project though," said Wilson. "It's just too big to wait until January to start. Besides, we wanted to catch these entities such as the city during the time they are working on their budgets for next year. After they have made up their budget, it may be too late."

MARKETS

July cotton 52.40, up 9 points; August crude 32.22, up 16 points; cash hogs steady at 60; slaughter steady at 68; even; July lean hog futures 69.60, down 25 points; June live cattle futures 68.17, down 15 points.

JOB

demanding and the work gets warm, so whoever we hire should be physically fit," he added. "They also need to be able to get a Class C driver's license and interact well with people."

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ing the street. He pointed out that portions of Sixth, Eighth and 10th streets are already closed off during parts of the day, making it difficult for motorists to get to from one side of the town to the other.

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SHERIFF

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DAVID ALONZO POMPEY, 33, of 1510 Nolan, was arrested on a charge of forgery by passing (BSPD)

DAVID CANO MARTINEZ, 17, of 711 1/2 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of murder (BSPD)

BOBBIE KINCHELOE BARRAN, 41, of 1707 Bonley, was arrested on charges of revocation of probation (DWI) (BSPD)

EVELYN HAWKINS, 42, of 810 Cheney, was arrested on a charge of issue a bad check (HCO)

AURORA RENTERIA COLLINS, 39, of 1309 Princeton, was arrested on a charge of no liability insurance, third offense. (HCSO)

SHOOTINGS

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

LEE FULBRIGHT, 35, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

PABLO MORENO, 22, of 3208 W. Ninth, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Lancaster.

ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd.

OBSCENE CONDUCT was reported in the 1400 block of Harding.

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THEFT was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way, in the 400 block of Birdwell and in the 201 block of W. Marcy.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 93 Tuesday's low 70 Average high 95 Average low 70 Record high 115 in 1994 Record low 54 in 1954 Precip. Tuesday 0.00 Month to date 6.14 Year to date 11.34 Normal year 49.84 Sunrise Thursday 6:42 a.m. Sunset Thursday 8:57 p.m.

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS WORKFORCE CENTER of Big Spring, 310 Owens St., is having a career opportunity meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m.

THE COAHOMA LIONS CLUB

will begin Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Coahoma High School football stadium parking lot, south on First to the North Service road, east to Sixth, north to the high school and then west back to the starting place.

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## Elian's departure plans set, but appeal still a possibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elian Gonzalez may be heading back to Cuba as early as tonight for the first time in seven months. Assuming the Supreme Court gives the green light, his return home will attract a lot more

attention than his departure. Barring an adverse court ruling, Elian would be free to leave U.S. soil for Cuba after 3 p.m. CDT, and tentative plans were being made for a nighttime arrival in Havana aboard a

chartered flight from Washington Dulles International Airport. Elian would be accompanied to Cuba by his family and an entourage of Cuban compatriots, including classmates who joined him here in April. But the departure plans would have to be put on hold if the Supreme Court agrees to hear an appeal by Elian's Miami relatives seeking a political asy-

lum hearing for the 6-year-old. Cuban officials said the departure plans were being coordinated by Gregory Craig, the lawyer for Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. Elian, just another Cuban boy last November, has since become an international celebrity. He barely survived a perilous boat journey from Cuba that claimed the life of his mother, and since his rescue

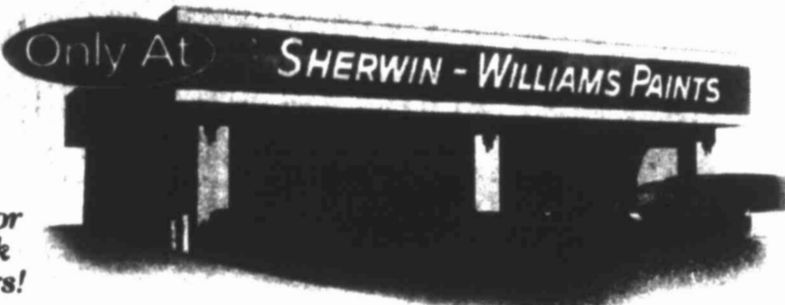
from the Atlantic Ocean on Thanksgiving Day he has been at the center of a bitter custody battle between his father in Cuba and his Cuban-American

relatives in Miami. For President Fidel Castro, getting Elian out of the clutches of his powerful adversary has been a No. 1 priority.

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OUR VIEWS

Makes sense to have city workers near

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved an employee policy that's time has come. After July 12, all new city employees will be required to live within a 30-minute driving distance of their workstation.

While some believe that Big Spring has to rely on out-of-town employees to fill skilled positions, others have taken an opposite approach. They feel that Big Spring has for too long been a "training ground" — primarily for firefighters, emergency services personnel and police officers — who stay only a short time before finding work where they live.

The 30-minute distance requirement still allows for those who choose so to reside in a country setting or even in nearby communities such as Coahoma, Forsan, Ackerly and Stanton. But, for the benefit of those who they serve — the citizens of Big Spring — it requires them to be able to get to their stations in a reasonable amount of time.

We think that is prudent and fair to all employees. Too often, we suspect, if a department needs a worker in a hurry, it will contact the one who lives closest. That may be reasonable to solve an emergency situation, but it is not fair to the employee who chooses to live in Big Spring.

City council members have asked the city manager to give the policy a try and report back in 90 days as to how it is working. We feel that should address some of the concerns of those who believe the policy might be flawed.

Most of us reside in or near Big Spring because we love the people and the community. Big Spring citizens enjoy pulling together, whether it be to pray for rain, pick up trash, celebrate Independence Day or raise funds for a worthwhile project.

It just makes sense that someone who has more at stake than a 9-to-5 job is going to have a stronger sense of pride in the community, and therefore, make a better employee.

We applaud the council for taking this approach.

OTHER VIEWS

In recent years, only one major football tournament has passed off without violence — the 1994 World Cup, for which England failed to qualify. While many countries attract a hooligan following, the 'English disease' remains a problem that is most acute on these shores. Contemptible scenes such as those in Charleroi and Brussels have shamed the nation again and again, over the course of three decades.

There is agreement that more must be done to prevent a repeat of this national disgrace. The question is what the government should send a

firm message to the hooligans, and to the camp-followers who encourage them ... by publishing the names of those who are deported. They would then face the difficult task of explaining to their employers, families and local newspapers; it would make it much harder to pretend that they were just innocent bystanders. The chance to watch the thugs, and join in after enough Trappist beers, must no longer be seen as part of the thrill of following England. That culture must change, and shame can be a powerful deterrent.

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Public is the jury and Nov. 7 is judgment day

Republicans should be careful what they wish for when it comes to appointing a special counsel to investigate Al Gore. Last week, word leaked that yet another Justice Department official has recommended that Attorney General Janet Reno appoint a special counsel to investigate Gore's involvement in illegal and questionable fund-raising activities.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Robert J. Conrad, a career prosecutor who currently heads the Justice Department investigation of the 1996 Clinton-Gore presidential campaign, is now the fourth high-ranking official to do so. FBI Director Louis Freeh has also recommended that Reno appoint an outside counsel, as did Charles G. LaBella, Conrad's predecessor at Justice, and Robert S. Litt, a political appointee at the department.

There is no question that Gore's activities in raising funds at a Buddhist Temple in 1996 deserve more scrutiny — after all, longtime Gore associ-

ate Maria Hsia has already been convicted of a felony for her role in the event. And it is certain that Reno's highly politicized Justice Department is incapable of conducting an impartial investigation of Gore's actions. But the appointment of an outside counsel to head an investigation during the height of the presidential campaign is problematic and could end up hurting Republicans as much as Gore himself.

After nearly eight years of nonstop scandals and investigations of the current administration, the public wants to be done with it. The best way for this to happen is for the electorate to sweep the place clean, sending Al Gore, Bill and Hillary Clinton, and the whole rotten crew into early retirement. Polls suggest that both Al Gore's and Hillary Clinton's electoral ambitions are already being stymied by this widespread sentiment. So why not let politics take its course? The one thing that could upset Americans more than having to put up with these folks one day past Jan. 21, 2001, is the prospect of a Republican-controlled Congress pressing for endless investigations and hearings.

It would be one thing if these investigations were likely to return indictments. They aren't. As the recently conclud-

ed investigation into Hillary Clinton's role in the Travelgate firings proves, evidence that someone lied to investigators isn't enough to guarantee prosecution, even when the lies occurred under oath.

Independent counsel Robert W. Ray, who investigated the first lady, says there is evidence Mrs. Clinton lied to investigators and perhaps the grand jury when she denied any involvement in the White House travel office firings in 1993.

But Ray has declined to prosecute her because he doesn't believe he could win a conviction based on the evidence he has. The same holds for the prosecution of the president, who, we all know, lied under oath in the Paula Jones case and before the grand jury. And the rule probably applies to Gore, as well.

While people may say that public officials should be held to a higher standard, in fact the public is loathe to see a first lady, a president or a vice president prosecuted unless there is incontrovertible proof that they have committed serious crimes. Gore may well have lied to investigators not only about the Buddhist Temple fund-raiser but about the fund-raising phone calls he made from his White House office in 1996 and about the 21 White House fund-raising "cof-

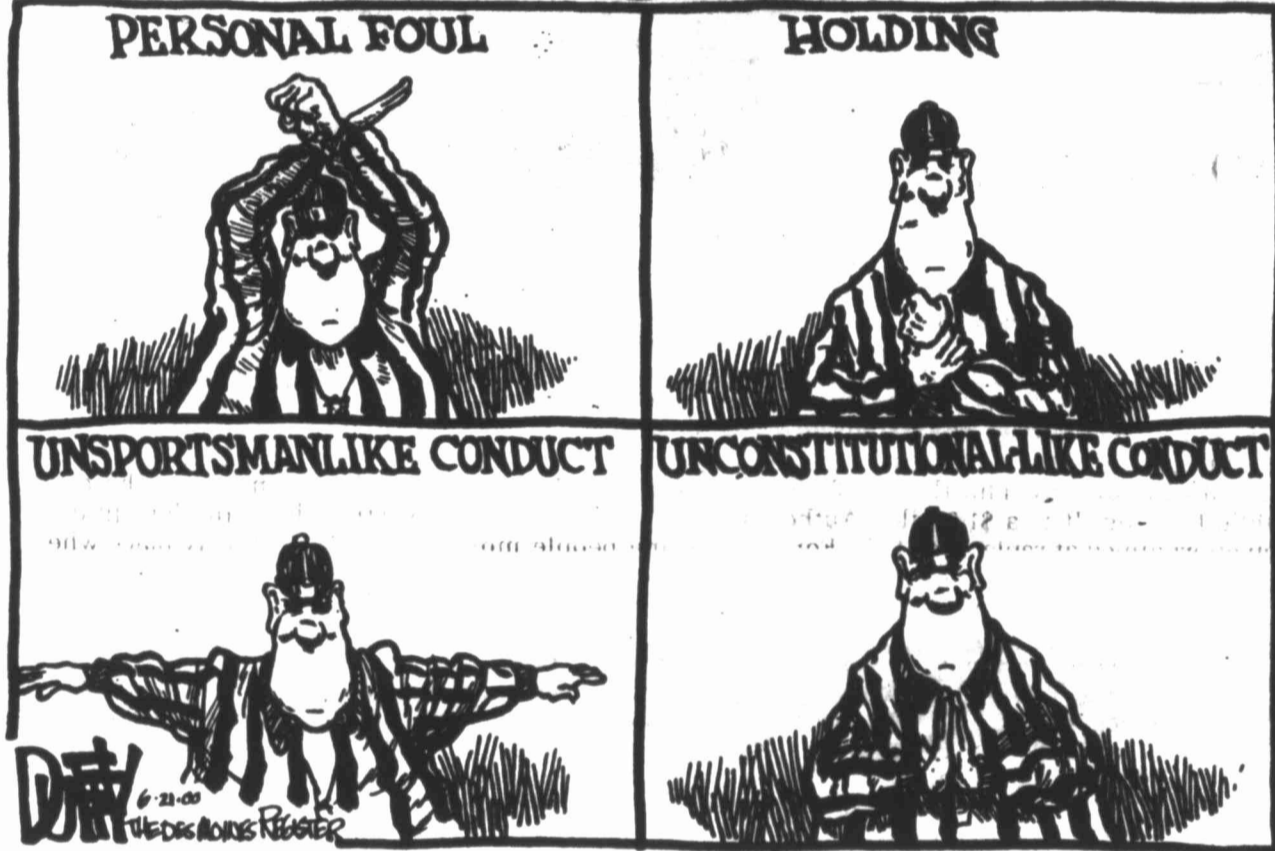
ees" he hosted or several others the president hosted and he attended. But there's no indication the public wants to see the vice president indicted for these transgressions and almost no chance that a Washington jury would convict him if he were indicted.

But perhaps the most compelling case against the appointment of an outside counsel to investigate these matters is that it would likely remove the issue from public debate and judgment, which is where it belongs. Once an outside counsel is appointed, Gore could get away with stonewalling questioners by saying it would be improper for him to comment on an ongoing investigation. Evidence could only dribble out through leaks, which Gore would try to turn to his advantage.

If Al Gore truly has nothing to hide, he'll press the Justice Department to release all documents related to this investigation — including every internal memo calling for appointment of a special counsel. Since this isn't likely to happen, the press should play its traditional role in ferreting out and publishing information. Voters must play their role, too.

In the final analysis, they are the jurors in this case, and Nov. 7 is judgment day.

PENALTY SIGNALS



The tree that loves summer toys

I guess Dads will always be Dads. Their kids will always need some help

only a Dad can provide. That's certainly the case with me.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

My son and his family live in the Highland Park section of Dallas near a small attractive park that has a playground, baseball diamond and a big open area that is just perfect for throwing Frisbees or boomerangs.

My 9-year-old grandson was playing with his brand new boomerang when it got hung up in a tall tree. His Daddy tried his best to retrieve it, but it remained tightly secured to that tall tree.

They tried throwing things up at it to get it down. They threw a baseball up into that tree and it was lost among the leaves and branches and never came back down. They threw a baseball bat up there and it,

too, became lodged in the foliage. They went home, got a rake and started throwing it up there to try to get back some of their stuff. The baseball bat came down, but the ball and boomerang stayed up there.

They gave up. That's when we came on the scene.

When we arrived at their house for a visit, my daughter-in-law said something about the ultimate challenge. I asked her what she was talking about and she told us about the things in the tree.

Susan and I changed into our grubbies and headed for the park with our grandson. We didn't take anything with us. We had nothing to throw into the tree to retrieve the boomerang. But I knew we could get it down.

When we got to the tree, I surveyed the situation. I looked up there and saw the red, triangle-shaped boomerang hanging on a small twig. I noticed the lowest branch on the tree was at the 10-foot level, too high to climb. The trunk was vertically straight and thick, no curves or notches or bumps for getting a good toe hold.

Nearby on the ground was a discarded pint-sized water bot-

tle that had a little bit of water in it. I started throwing that up into the tree.

A man was playing catch with his son at the nearby baseball diamond. When they noticed us, they came over to see what in the world we were doing. The man started throwing his baseball up into tree, even after I told him about my son losing a baseball up there.

One of his throws went right through the center of the boomerang.

Another throw dislodged it and it fell to another small twig and got hung up again. I continued to throw the water bottle, which would lose water every time it came back down and banged into the ground.

My grandson went over to the playground picked up a shirt-tail full of pea gravel. Brilliant! We put some into the water bottle to give it weight. After a couple of throws, I hit the boomerang and it came down. I hung it on the door for my son to see it when he came home from work. He was impressed. I was proud.

I love being a Dad. It's almost as great as being a granddad.

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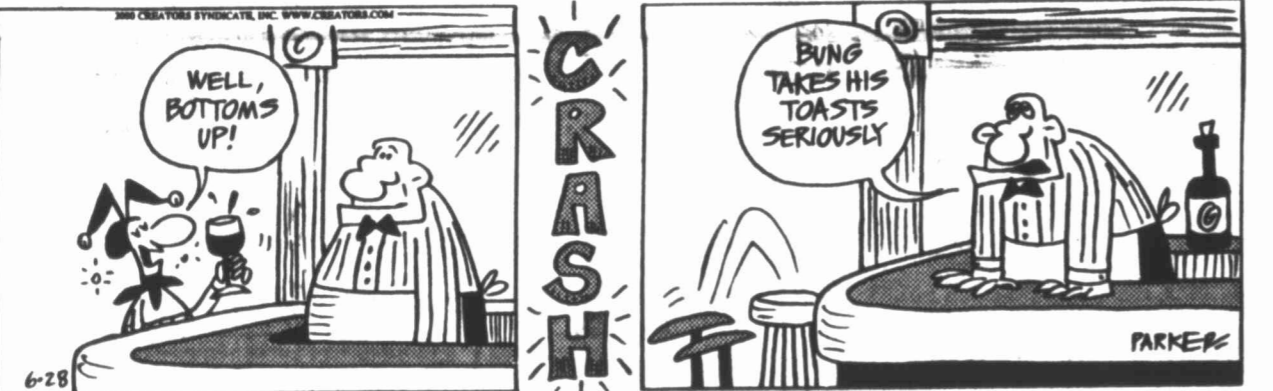
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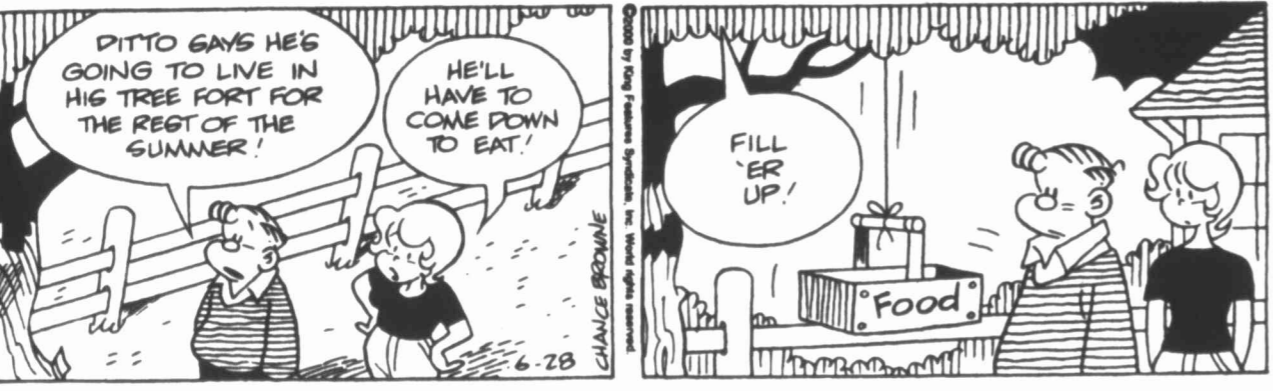
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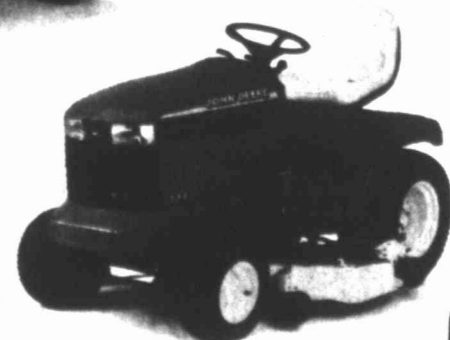
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