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## Local Roundup

### Koobraey is tonight

The annual Koobraey ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Hereford High School auditorium.

The program will include the naming of winners of several honors, including Mr. and Miss HHS. The event is open to the public.

### Dawn chili supper is Friday

The Dawn Community Association will sponsor a chili and pie supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Dawn Community Building. Chili and pie will be served for \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. All proceeds will benefit the projects of the association.

### Police arrest one Wednesday

Hereford police arrested a 17-year-old male Wednesday for unlawful carrying of a weapon at Park Ave. and Campbell St. Reports included apparent child abandonment in the 100 block of Higgins; domestic disturbance in the 100 block of Higgins; neighbors complained of excessive diesel fumes from a truck parked in the 300 block of Ave. G; criminal mischief in the 200 block of Ave. F; burglary in the 200 block of W. Park; theft in the 500 block of Ave. H; dog bit in the 100 block of Kibbe; and \$595 worth of items taken from a vehicle in the 200 block of Ave. F.

### Cooler weather is forecast

Tonight, clear with a low in the mid 20s. East wind 5 to 15 mph. Friday, mostly sunny with a high in the lower 50s. South wind 5 to 15 mph. The extended forecast for Saturday through Monday is for fair skies Saturday, becoming partly cloudy and a little cooler Sunday and Monday. Highs lower 60s Saturday cooling to the lower 50s by Monday. Lows near 30 to the mid 20s. This morning's low at KPAN was 29 after a high Wednesday of 61.

## News Digest

### World, National

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia - U.S. military planners say Iraq will not deter allied attacks by using civilians to shield strategic sites. One defense expert says Iraq may have two dozen "dual-use" facilities - civilian bomb shelters that are also military command centers. WASHINGTON - U.S. officials are turning the blame back onto Saddam Hussein for the deaths of civilians in a bombed Baghdad bunker. They say only military targets are under threat of allied aerial attack. OVER SAUDI ARABIA - The B-52s arrived right on schedule, passing methodically over an Iraqi missile facility at Taji as they dropped scores of 500-pound bombs. To the west, allied sorties went Scud hunting. And east, in and around Kuwait, the skies appeared as if filled with locusts, swarming over Saddam Hussein's southern-most troops and two Republican Guard divisions. "Welcome to the friendly skies," the commander of a U.S. AWACS plane told the first journalists to get a bird's eye view of the war against Iraq. CHALMA, Mexico - Overeager street vendors block a narrow alley leading to a Roman Catholic sanctuary jammed with miracle-seekers on Ash Wednesday, causing a stampede and crush that leaves 41 people dead. WASHINGTON - If South Africa keeps its promise to release all political prisoners by April 30, the Bush administration will ask Congress to respond by allowing the resumption of some trade with that country, U.S. officials say. WASHINGTON - States, big cities and the environmental and energy conservation lobbies are preparing to fight for major changes in President Bush's proposed \$105 billion spending plan for highways and mass transit. SAN FRANCISCO - City Hall expected a lovers' onslaught today from hundreds of gay and lesbian couples making their unions official. Valentine's Day is the first day that unmarried couples can legally declare themselves domestic partners under landmark legislation voters approved in November. WASHINGTON - Travelers fed up with high long-distance phone charges at airports, hotels and other public places would get a break under new rules proposed by the Federal Communications Commission. LOS ANGELES - The long-lost first half of the original text of Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" has been found in an attic trunk in what experts call an extraordinary literary discovery.

### Texas

AUSTIN - A proposed constitutional amendment to allow some local property tax revenue to be taken from wealthy school districts and spent in poor ones was passed by the Senate Education Committee. AUSTIN - Texans dialing their loved ones deployed to the Persian Gulf won't have their telephones disconnected if they can't pay the huge bills they have rung up, officials say. DALLAS - The nation's independent oil and natural gas producers are gearing up to fire their first salvo in the long debate over creation of a national energy policy. WASHINGTON - Escalating fuel costs, tougher government regulations and higher lending practices may force farmers into a severe credit crunch as the spring planting season nears, Texas agriculture organizations and farm state lawmakers say. AUSTIN - Texas voters were smart enough to chose who runs state government and they're smart enough to decide if the state should run a lottery, Gov. Ann Richards says.

## Military families find phone relief

AUSTIN (AP) - Texans dialing their loved ones deployed to the Persian Gulf won't have their telephones disconnected if they can't pay the huge bills they have rung up, officials say. The Public Utility Commission on Wednesday gave emergency approval to measures that will keep customers from having their telephones disconnected because of large bills from Saudi Arabia. At the same time, they asked domestic phone companies to absorb the cost of troops' calls home and pressed for a cut in Saudi phone charges. "To require U.S. troops to defend our interests in the Persian Gulf area and then deny them the ability to preserve their morale by communicating with their families is unconscionable," said PUC Commissioner Marta Greytok. The cost of calling the United States from Saudi Arabia is \$1.46 per minute, including a 73-cent surcharge imposed by the Saudi government. The remaining 73 cents goes to long distance carriers and local exchange companies. Mrs. Greytok on Wednesday wrote U.S. and Saudi officials, including President Bush and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, asking the Saudi Arabian government to eliminate the surcharge. The 1,000 telephones sent by AT&T to the front lines are transported via a satellite network that does not use the Saudi Arabian infrastructure, she said. "We are in Saudi Arabia at the request of the Saudi government, among other things, to defend the Saudi people," she said. "There should be a break. There should not be this 73-cent surcharge." Mrs. Greytok asked FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes to set the rates for troops in Saudi Arabia at cost or below, which would have the domestic telephone industry absorb all or part of the costs. She also suggested that a nationwide 900 number which could accept donations be established for troops and their families.

initiative is the first that she knows of in the United States to help with troop telephone bills, and she hopes the example spreads. "Texas is very heavily represented (among the troops), and certainly if we move to do something like this, it sends a very clear message," she said. "I think it indicates across the nation that we see a serious problem." Last week, Mrs. Greytok said telephone bills for some military families have reached \$800. She has a son in training as a Navy Seal diver in California, she said. "It's very hard to hang up the phone. You just want to keep talking, because as long as you can hear that person's voice, you know they are safe," she said. "Now that the technology is available ... to call from the foxhole to the living room - that's incredible, but we don't want them to be denied it because of some charges." The PUC emergency plan changes some requirements for local telephone companies. The amendments: -Prohibit disconnection of a customer's service for failure to pay for calls originating in a war zone and billed to a Texas number. -Mandate creation of deferred payment plans for customers billed for calls from Saudi Arabia who say they cannot pay. -Offer a choice of two deferred payment plans. -Prohibit interest or late payment charges on deferred payment plans. -Prohibit calculation of customer deposit based on calls originating in a war zone and billed to a Texas number.

Former Vice President Aaron Burr was found innocent of treason in 1807. Antarctica's 800-mile-wide "area of inaccessibility," named for its remoteness from all coasts, was first crossed on foot by the six men of the 1990 International Trans-Antarctica Expedition, says National Geographic.



Lions induct two new members. Lola Faye Veazey, Deaf Smith County's district clerk, and Margaret Perez, county tax assessor, were inducted Wednesday as new members of the Hereford Lions Club.

## FmHA resumes loans to farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Farmers Home Administration says it will begin making farm operating loans to hard-pressed farmers in time for spring planting. La Verne Ausman, FmHA administrator, said Wednesday that permanent regulations for carrying out changes ordered by Congress in last year's farm law will not be ready for some time. But Ausman said interim regulations are being prepared that will enable the Agriculture Department agency to do "some in-between servicing" of loans to farmers. "We can and will be providing all the normal (loan) servicing activities for Farmers Home borrowers," he told reporters. But major credit relief efforts such as loan restructuring, write-downs, deferrals, reamortization and other actions authorized by the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 will have to wait until a full set of regulations is ready by the end of this year. "A lot of things stopped cold" when the new farm law became effective on Nov. 28, Ausman said. "We can't do write-downs, write-offs, all of that, because of the changes in the act." Ausman outlined the agency's plan as pressure grew on Capitol Hill for the FmHA to do more about what many believe could be a credit crunch on farmers as they take to the fields this spring. Some of those complaints were voiced Wednesday by Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Texas, who blamed the recession in part for making it tough on farmers. "I expect recessionary pressures to make it harder for Texas farmers to get financing for their crops this year, but that's only part of the problem," Bentsen said. "Many farmers come to planting time weakened by floods and freezes last year, and some parts of our state have been suffering from drought for the past several years," he said. Add to that the rising costs of diesel fuel and other supplies, Bentsen said. "And on top of that, the Farmers Home Administration is making it tougher for farmers to get credit, while at the same time dragging its feet on implementing changes mandated by the 1990 farm bill." Bentsen said that if the government fails to address the situation now, "we'll see a severe farm credit crunch develop over the next 60 (to) 90 days."

However, FmHA administrator Ausman indicated it won't be that long before his agency - traditionally known as the federal government's lender of last resort for farmers - will be ready to make farm operating loans. Those will include guarantees for those who borrow from banks and other private lenders, and FmHA direct loans for farmers who can't qualify for other arrangements, he said. The interim regulations will even allow FmHA "to make annual production loans to delinquent borrowers," Ausman said. Those include farmers who have had trouble repaying FmHA loans in the past. However, the major thrust of FmHA will continue to be guaranteed loans, which have been running at nearly \$1 billion a year. Direct loans by the agency have shown a gradual decline, from about \$900 million in the 1989 fiscal year to \$733 million in 1990 and an estimated \$493 million in 1991. The FmHA, beset by a huge backlog of overdue loans, began several years ago to reorder collections and help farmers meet their obligations. The Agricultural Credit Act of 1987 allowed much leeway in restructuring and, in many cases, writing down or writing off loans altogether, depending on a borrower's ability to pay. Ausman provided figures showing that about 91,000 notices went out to delinquent borrowers beginning in November 1988, telling borrowers to get together with FmHA to work out repayment problems. About 38,300 of those notices, or applications, were returned to the agency. He said approximately 25,000 of those loans had been resolved, either paid off or brought up to date. And progress continued on many of the remainder. But Ausman and other FmHA officials estimated that at least \$6.2 billion in troubled loans covered by the 1987 reform law are uncollectable and have been written off or, in some manner, shown as a loss. An additional \$2 billion, including some old debts going back 10 years or more, also may be lost. For several years, estimates of total FmHA bad-debt losses have variously been put at \$8 billion to \$10 billion.

## Free education offered to future rural doctors

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - A new state program is trying to entice rural students to study health-related fields free-of-charge if they will return to their medically-strapped communities to practice. State health officials say the Outstanding Rural Scholar Recognition and Forgiveness Loan Program will be a shot in the arm for the Lone Star State, which has led the nation in hospital closures the last five years. "Financial aid for students across the board is so limited," said Jan Friese, a spokeswoman for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Austin, which is directing the program. "This is a remarkable commitment from our legislators. The key aspect to the program will be the commitment of the students, who have to leave their home towns to get their training and then return to practice." The program will be especially helpful for rural areas in desperate need of allied health positions such as nurses, laboratory assistants, X-ray technicians and physical therapists, officials said.

"Hospitals are having to cut out services nationally because they can't fill the positions," said Shirley McManigal, dean of allied health at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. "When there is a short supply, the rural areas will always be hardest hit." The rural scholar program requires a prospective medical student in a rural county to find a government agency, hospital or organization that will pay up to half of their educational expenses. The state then matches the sponsor's funds. "For every year the student practices in their community, a year in the loan is forgiven by the state," Ms. McManigal said. "It's essentially free money."

## Hospital Notes

HOSPITAL NOTES Elisa Zallar Cantu, Andrea Castillo, John Phillip Chapman, Maria Meraz Chavez, Infant Boy Chavez, Dana Stepha Collier, Jose Luis Espinoza, Ethel Gunstenon, Abelina Hernandez, Ana Maria Lopez, Nicholas Olivares, Elsie Pickering, Raymond Smith, Mary Bell Varner and Infant Girl Varner. Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chavez are the parents of a son, Hector Chavez Jr., born Feb. 12, 1991.

## Wooten indicted for rape of retarded woman

LUBBOCK (AP) - A Lubbock man accused of raping his profoundly retarded sister-in-law and fathering her child has been indicted on a count of sexual assault. Jimmy Wooten, who has been jailed on \$250,000 bond since his arrest Jan. 17, was indicted by a Lubbock County grand jury Wednesday on one count of sexual assault. Police accuse Wooten of raping 33-year-old Debra Lynn Thomas and fathering her son, David Lynn Thomas, who was born on Jan. 1.

Lubbock County Assistant District Attorney Denise Williams said Wednesday no trial date had yet been set for Wooten. The Associated Press does not usually identify rape victims, but Ms. Thomas' name was made public at the request of her sister and legal guardian, Dori Wooten. Ms. Thomas, a former resident of the Lubbock State School, has the IQ of a 2-year-old and does not realize she has given birth. Ms. Thomas' rape drew national attention after suspicion initially focused on employees of the Lubbock State School. But DNA blood tests submitted to police by Wooten and 10 state school employees genetically fingerprinted Wooten as the leading suspect in Ms. Thomas' rape. If convicted, Wooten faces two to 20 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines. The case has initiated reforms in the reporting of abuse of clients at state schools governed by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Mrs. Wooten, who threatened the Lubbock State School with a multimillion-dollar lawsuit before her husband was arrested, has since refused to comment on the case. Ms. Thomas' attorney, David Ferleger, claims the state school and school superintendent Lonnie Willis are still liable for his client's rape. "Lonnie Willis suspected Jimmy Wooten of sexually abusing Debra Lynn Thomas and he refused to report

and or take any action," Ferleger said after Wooten's arrest. "We believe that the federal court will hold the state in contempt for failing to report the rape and abuse of Debra Lynn Thomas," he said. Dona Hamilton, an assistant attorney general who represents the MHMR, said Willis never found any evidence to confirm sexual abuse. A 1923 earthquake devastated Tokyo and Yokohama, Japan, and claimed some 150,000 lives.





# Umpires may face spring lock-out

NEW YORK (AP) - Baseball could be facing another spring training lockout, this time of the umpires.

A year ago, the owners locked players out of training camps for 32 days in a contract dispute and Richie Phillips, executive director of the Major League Umpires Association, thinks they might try the same tactic with his membership, which is negotiating a new agreement.

"Some owners feel they need to get a win," Phillips said. "They want to send a message to the umpires that just because we gave (big money contracts) to the players, don't think we'll give it to you. There are teams with \$30 million payrolls who will fight over who pays for the fertilizer

in training camps. They're saying, 'It stops here. We draw the line with the players.' They want to dash expectations."

Phillips wrote the umpires last week, warning that a spring training lockout looms as a real possibility even though contract talks are on schedule. "I am optimistic that we can make substantial progress prior to our meeting in Florida next week," he said.

The umpires association will hold two days of meetings in Orlando Feb. 25-26. Phillips said that even without an agreement before spring training, he would advise the umpires to continue working.

"I see no reason for a work stoppage," he said. "There is no

impasse. I am optimistic that we can have an agreement before the start of the season. There is a real understanding on both sides on what has to be done and we are going about the business of getting it done."

Attorney Robert Kheel, representing the leagues in negotiations, was out of town and unavailable for comment.

Phillips said the umpires have "heightened expectations" for their new contract. "You read the papers every day. There are some players who make more than all 60 umpires put together. That created heightened expectations. They are doubling, tripling, quadrupling salaries for the players. The salary figures evidence an ability to pay in a thriving industry."

Phillips cited the increased value of franchises, saying that the Kansas City club carried a \$20 million pricetag in 1984 and new franchises are selling for close to \$100 million now.

"Every team is getting more than \$15 million more than two years ago from the national television package," he said. "The revenues are enormous. The umpires realize they are an integral part of the overall product than the leagues market. They make a substantial contribution and they feel they should be compensated commensurate with that contribution in accordance with the revenues being generated."

# GOP sends Astros packing

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros are looking for a home for the month of August, 1992, and at present, the Astrodome and Superdome are crowded.

With the Astrodome rented out for the Republican National Convention from July 27 through Aug. 23, Astros owner John McMullen says the dilemma could be solved by playing some home dates for that month in Louisiana's Superdome.

But the New Orleans' facility is crowded too, with two religious conventions, one at the beginning of the month and another at the end.

Superdome general manager Bob Johnson said the Superdome could accommodate an 8-to-10 game Astros homestand if he can convince the conventions already scheduled to adjust their schedules. He declined to name the conventions but said 10,000 to 20,000 people would be involved.

The Superdome hasn't started working on any rescheduling plans, Johnson said.

"We're not going to jump through hoops to bring them here until we know they are interested," Johnson said.

B.J. Cooper, communications director for the Republican National

Committee, said the GOP has a signed contract to occupy the Astrodome for the designated period and has no plans to give up part of its access.

"I don't see any right now. As we understand it, that's not even being discussed," Cooper said. "With each of the cities considered for hosting the convention, one of the thousands of issues you ask about is access. 'We need a certain amount of time from a logistics standpoint. Let's just say that's the time that is agreeable to us and to the people down there that we can get in and get out.'"

The Superdome has hosted major league exhibition games, and is scheduled for games March 22 and 23 between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the American League champion Oakland Athletics.

"Our stadium is major league ready," Johnson said. "This would not be a sojourn into a barnyard. If they (Astros) want a recommendation, all they have to do is ask (National League president) Bill White. He was here last spring."

The Astros would oppose giving up their home games for the road. They were the worst road team in baseball last season, winning 26

games away from the Astrodome. Astros pitcher Jim Deshaies, the club's player representative, said he saw no easy solution.

"It's difficult if you're trying to be competitive," Deshaies said. "Home field is an advantage. I don't think playing home games elsewhere would mesh with the players. Sending the team on the road for a month isn't kosher either."

Ben Love, chairman of Houston's effort to bring the GOP convention to Houston, said McMullen was a key factor in securing the convention by promising the Astrodome and its adjoining facilities.

"He told us it would be available and that he would take the responsibility of clearing it with the baseball people," Love said. "My hat's off to him. He did a great service to this city."

The convention will bring in an estimated \$60 million boost to Houston's economy.

Mickie Mantle stole 152 bases during his career with the Yankees and was caught on 39 occasions.

# McGriff signs for \$15.25 M

NEW YORK (AP) - Fred McGriff got the big bucks, Glenn Wilson got a job and Bob Boone got a look.

McGriff and the San Diego Padres agreed Wednesday night to a \$15.25 million, four-year contract that makes him the fifth-highest paid player in baseball.

Wilson, a free agent outfielder who hadn't attracted a great deal of interest, got a one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves, while the 43-year-old Boone was invited to go to spring training with the Seattle Mariners.

McGriff made \$1.45 million last season with the Toronto Blue Jays, who traded him to San Diego at the winter meetings with Tony Fernandez for Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar.

McGriff batted .300 last year with 35 homers and 88 RBIs. He was eighth in the American League in batting and fourth in home runs.

Under the new deal, he will get a \$1 million signing bonus, \$2.5 million in 1991, \$3.5 million in 1992, \$4 million in 1993 and \$3.75 million in 1994. The Padres have a \$4.25 million option for 1995 with a \$500,000 buyout.

McGriff becomes the 37th player to agree to a contract worth \$3 million a year or more. The annual average value of \$3,812,500 is the fifth-highest in baseball, trailing only Oakland outfielder Jose Canseco, Los Angeles outfielder Darryl Strawberry, New York Yankees first baseman Don Mattingly and the extension Boston right-hander Roger Clemens will begin in 1992.

Wilson, 32, hit .245 with 10 home runs and 55 RBIs in 118 games with the Houston Astros last year. He has a .265 average during eight seasons with 98 homers and 521 RBIs.

Atlanta guaranteed Wilson \$150,000 for going to spring training and will give him a \$500,000 contract if he makes the team. Wilson could make as much as \$750,000 if he stays with the Braves for the entire season.

Boone, a career .254 hitter with 105 home runs and 826 RBIs in 2,264 games, is an 18-year veteran who played with Philadelphia, California and Kansas City. He could form the second father-son pair on the team, joining the Ken Griffey's.

Boone's 21-year-old son Bret was the Mariners' fifth-round pick in last

June's amateur draft. Bret Boone will be at the Mariners' minor league camp, which opens March 10.

Bob Boone played in 40 games last year with Kansas City, batting .239 with no homers and nine RBIs. He broke and dislocated his right index finger on May 16 and was placed on the disabled list. He didn't play again until July 21.

## Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to introduce new optional services, Personalized Ring™ and ComCall™, beginning March 18, 1991.

Personalized Ring™ is an optional service that provides single-line customers the ability to manage incoming calls by allowing up to three directory numbers to share the same line. One of the numbers is called the "master" number; the others are called the "dependent" numbers. A regular ring is provided for the master number and unique distinctive rings are provided for up to two dependents.

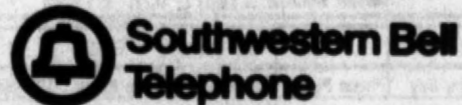
ComCall™ is an optional service that provides single-line customers the ability to set up internal intercom communications among multiple telephone extensions. A distinctive ring is heard to alert all extension users of an intercom call. Customers must subscribe to the optional service Three-way Calling for ComCall™ to function. (The monthly rate for Three-way Calling is \$2.10 for residence customers and \$2.65 for business customers.)

Personalized Ring™ and ComCall™ are intended for use by both residence and business customers. Personalized Ring™ is expected to generate first-year revenues of \$1.8 million. ComCall™ projects first-year revenues of \$53,000.

### Proposed Monthly Rates\*\*

	Residence	Business
*** Personalized Ring™		
First dependent number	4.00	6.00
Second dependent number	2.00	2.00
*** ComCall™	2.00	2.50

Persons who wish to comment on this application should notify the commission by March 7, 1991. Requests for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas, 78757, or you may call the Public Utility Commission Public Information Office at (512) 458-0256, or (512) 458-0221, teletypewriter for the deaf.



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Here's strategies for raising drug-free kids

The way to reduce the growing drug problem is to educate parents about how to keep their young children from ever trying alcohol or other drugs. That's according to the National PTA and GTE, which have joined forces to create a drug use prevention program called "Common Sense: Strategies for Raising Alcohol and Drug-Free Children."

Love tests given to class

Members and spouses of Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class of Avenue Baptist met recently at K-Bob's. Dorothy Sargent, president called the meeting to order and Bill Wall voiced the opening prayer. Special guests were Pastor Larry Cothrin and wife DeAnn.

specific actions they can take to help keep their children drug and alcohol free.

"Common Sense" is based on research that determined a new drug education approach aimed at younger children was needed, as well as the fact that young children are more influenced by their parents than by their peers. With this in mind, the program focuses on three key areas: -Building strong bonds to families and schools; -Setting rights, rules and limits; -Providing good parental role models;

A national advisory committee of educators, physicians and experts in alcohol and drug-abuse prevention helped develop the program.

A meeting planning kit which is available to PTA units free of charge, provides easy-to-follow instructions and the resources to organize and conduct four interactive meetings. It also includes brochures with tips on raising alcohol and drug-free children and a 15-minute video that helps evaluate parent-child communications and aids in the program discussion.

The following tips can help parents in their efforts to raise drug and alcohol free children:

- Be aware of how your own use of alcohol can influence your children. Avoid using excuses for drinking, such as "I had a rough day." -Be cautious about how you use over-the-counter drugs. -Treat your children with respect to nourish their self-esteem. Demonstrate your own sense of self-respect and self-esteem for your children to imitate.

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am a flight attendant with an airline that has initiated a bold no smoking policy system-wide. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas on company property and never on any of our flights.

Our Military Airlift Command charters, however, work under a totally different set of rules. Since military aircraft is a lucrative part of our operation, it behooves us to go along with the military's program.

As everyone knows, federal law now prohibits smoking on all flights within the continental United States. On our international flights, however, the military still allows its personnel to go on puffing and puffing.

Unless you have been in a smoking section when 150 cigarettes light up at once, you cannot imagine what it's like. I will tell you. It's murder on the people who have to work back there. On a recent Desert Shield charter, the entire plane was designated as a smoking section. The air was blue during the entire trip. I thought I'd choke.

The military certainly has it within its power to say "no smoking" on any flight. I have seen nonsmoking

colonels and generals disallow smoking on a few flights across the Pacific. If the members of our military can go without smoking in the field for days at a time--to keep from blowing their cover--they can go without a cigarette for eight to 10 hours on a plane.

Through your column you might have some influence with Military Airlift Command to implement a no smoking policy. This would be a tremendous service, not only for the families of those addicted, but international flight crews everywhere would thank you from the bottom of their lungs. Especially me.--D. Paul

DEAR D. PAUL: The point you make is certainly valid, but this is a very sticky wicket. No one has been more vocal about the dangers of cigarette smoking than I. And I will continue to speak out against the use

of tobacco, in every form, because I know the deaths of 380,000 people a year in this country are directly attributable to cigarettes.

But the men and women on military aircraft are going over to face God-knows-what. They are bound to be tense and anxious. If they are smokers and want to light up to relieve anxiety, I say, under these special circumstances, let 'em smoke, but do not provide the cigarettes.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: This has been on my mind for years and I finally got up the nerve to write to you about it. You are going to decide, yes or no.

My husband and his cousin visited Springfield, Ill., when they were in their early teens. They went to an exhibit that displayed several interesting items that belonged to

Abraham Lincoln. Don't ask me how, but they managed to steal a pair of scissors that once belonged to Abraham Lincoln. My husband was 14 at the time.

He is now in his mid-60s. I have been after him for years to return those scissors but he feels that they are a memento from his youth and it's OK to keep them. What should be done? We've been arguing about this for years.--S.B., Chicago.

DEAR S.B.: Memento, my eye. Those scissors are stolen property.

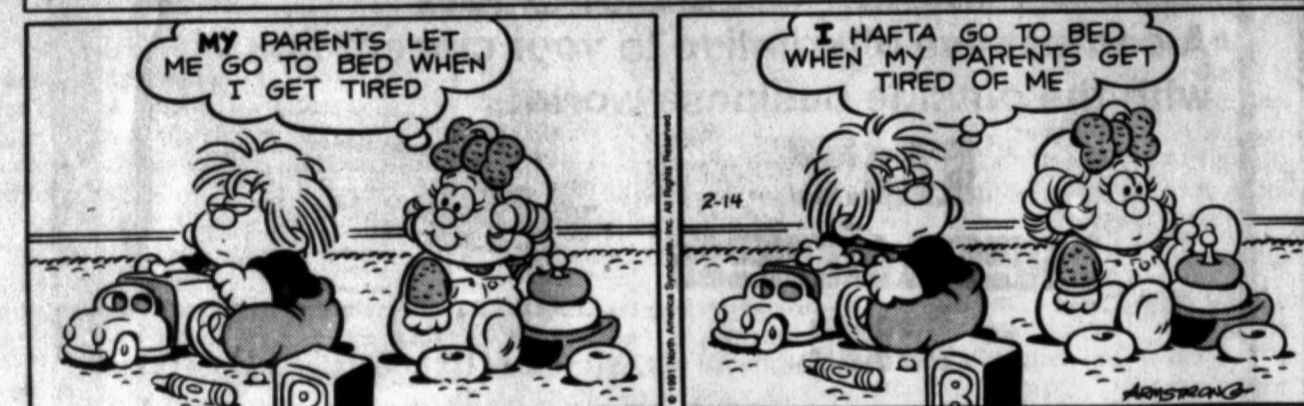
Ralph Newman, one of the country's foremost authorities on Abraham Lincoln, has provided me with the proper address. Your husband should mail the scissors to: Mr. Thomas F. Schwartz, Lincoln Collection, Illinois State Historical Society, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill. 62701

Comics

BLONDIE by Dean Young and Stan Drake



Marvin By Tom Armstrong



BETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



Barney Google and Snuffy Smith By Fred Lasswell



The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



Television

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM to 11 PM) and rows for TV channels (CBS, NBC, ABC, etc.) listing programs for Thursday, February 14, 1991.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 15

Table with columns for time slots (7 AM to 12 PM) and rows for TV channels listing programs for Friday, February 15, 1991.

# Help us send a little bit of Hereford to the Persian Gulf.



A special issue of the Hereford Brand on Sunday, Feb. 24, will be dedicated to local soldiers serving in the Persian Gulf and elsewhere in the Armed Forces.

The special issue will be mailed by the Brand to service personnel from Hereford and promises to be a special keepsake edition for everyone.

This special issue will also be designed so that advertisers may show their support for the service personnel stationed in the Gulf and elsewhere. A special civic rate will be offered to allow

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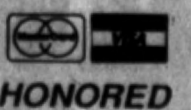
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