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Council to address ambulance fee hike during meeting tonight

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

One of the items to be considered by the Big Spring City Council tonight is an emergency reading of the city's ordinance code to reflect an increase in ambulance fees.

City officials say the proposed increase in ambulance service fees is needed to insure that services will continue to be provided at a professional and effective level.

Emergency Services Coordinator Brian Jensen said the reason for the increase is to

maximize the city's return from Medicare, which reimburses the ambulance a certain amount of the fees charged to patients covered by Medicare.

"The city is proposing the increase as part of its annual look at its fee structure, which keeps the ambulance service up with Medicare," Jensen said.

If the council passes the proposed fee increase for the ambulance service, Section 13-210(1) would be amended to include the following schedule:

• Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency without special services, \$250.

• ALS Emergency with special services, \$360.

• ALS Non-Emergency transfer/transport with special services, \$250.

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• Mileage charge per loaded mile, \$5.50.

• Standby time per hour, \$35.

• IV Therapy, \$35.

• Disposable supplies (maximum charge), \$35.

• Oxygen administration, \$25.

• Pharmaceutical fees on drug items administered by emergency medical service person-

nel will range from 50 cents for a 325 milligram aspirin to \$28 for six milligrams of adenosine.

"Keeping up with Medicare gives the city a buffer," Jensen said. "We want to charge what Medicare will pay us, otherwise we're leaving money on the table."

Should the council pass the resolution, it also includes amending Chapter 13 of the code by adding Section 13-209 — Definitions.

Those definitions include Advanced Life Support and Special Services, which would serve to clarify the city's basis

for particular ambulance service charges, according to Jensen.

"The definition for Advanced Live Support (ALS) comes straight from Medicare," Jensen said.

It reads: "An ALS ambulance has complex, specialized, life-sustaining equipment and ordinarily, equipment for radio-telephone contact with a physician or hospital."

Typical of this type of ambulance would be mobile coronary care units and other ambulance vehicles that are appropriately equipped and staffed by person-

nel trained and authorized to administer IVs, provide anti-shock trousers, establish and maintain a patient's airway, defibrillate the heart, relieve pneumothorax conditions and perform other advanced life support procedures or services such as cardiac (EKG) monitoring.

Special Services reads: "Any invasive management utilized in the treatment of a patient, such as the administering of medications, IV therapy, advanced airway management and the interpretation and treatment of cardiac dysrhythmias."

Officials plan new, improved deck for historic spring

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The question of what to do about the burned out observation deck overseeing the historic spring at Comanche Trail Park has been answered — rebuild it and build it better.

The deck was burned by vandals on Feb. 26, 1995, and was eventually torn down a few weeks later.

In the time since, several ideas have surfaced as to how the deck should be rebuilt or if it should be rebuilt at all.

Inmates from the city's Wilderness Camp inmate work program are using rocks from around the park this week to rebuild the deck.

According to Crane, the impact of the inmate program is not only visible in Comanche Trail Park, but all around the city.

Crane said the inmate program averages about \$50,000 per month in labor the city otherwise would have to pay for.

"The program has definitely been a great help to the city," Crane said.

Considering the fact that the program has been in Big Spring for approximately 33 months, the city has realized an eco-

nomie benefit of about \$1.6 million.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said she hopes the deck can be rebuilt in about a month to a month and a half.

"We would like to have it completed in about a month and a half or so, depending on whether the inmates can work continuously on the project," Bogard said.

Inmates were scheduled to begin moving the rock to be used in the deck to the site this week.

When the deck was first destroyed, local residents and community leaders, including the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, began exploring the most effective method of rebuilding the deck so that it would resist future vandalism attempts.

A guardrail was first put in place where the burned structure stood, but rebuilding the deck has always been the first priority of those working toward that goal because many Big Spring residents frequent the park and felt something had been taken from them when the deck was burned.

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Water flows into the Big Spring at Comanche Trail Park Monday. Officials plan to rebuild the observation deck, which was destroyed by vandals, beginning this week.

BSISD trustees shaping budget

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

If a budget can be compared to a painting, then consider Monday's Big Spring ISD budget workshop a study in sketch art.

The school district began work on its budget for the coming fiscal year Monday night, and only the barest outlines for the new financial package emerged from the 4 1/2 hour meeting.

Specifics will be the order of the day when trustees meet again today at 5:30 p.m. for a second workshop on the budget.

Among the details to be looked at today include how to finance the \$31.9 million package. While a new tax rate is far from set in stone, a tax hike is a strong possibility, officials said.

Ron Plumlee, the assistant superintendent for business, told trustees that the district will have \$15 million less in total taxable values next school year.

The major reason is the expected passage of the Aug. 9 referendum which will increase the homestead exemption by \$10,000. The measure, which is expected to pass easily, will add \$21 million to the valuations that are off limits to taxing enti-

ties such as BSISD.

Because of the drop in the tax rolls, the district's effective rate — what the district would charge to raise the same amount of revenue as last year — is 3.3 cents above last year's actual rate of \$1.493.

A budget fueled by the effective tax rate — \$1.526 — would have a built-in deficit of around \$528,000. Adopting a tax rate a penny above the effective rate would reduce that deficit by about \$104,000, Plumlee said.

Another major item in the budget to be determined today will be exactly how to finance the purchase of furniture and other equipment for the new junior high, which is expected to open at the start of the 1998-99 school year.

Total cost of the purchases, which include furniture, computers and audio/video systems, is \$1.75 million over the next two years, Plumlee said. However, the district has more than one option as to how to pay for the purchases.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said that past school boards, anticipating this circumstance, gradually built up the district's fund balance — its nest egg, so to speak — gradually over the past several years.

"(Past boards) knew that this

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Danny leaves behind muddy mess

Hurricane dumps 2 1/2 feet of rain on coastal Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — The remnants of Hurricane Danny, crawled through the state, dumping torrential rain and causing flooding as it trekked north.

The storm pummeled central and western Alabama with up to 8 inches of rain Monday. An equal amount of rain was expected to fall overnight, prompting flash flood warnings in three counties.

Along the coast, Danny dropped 2 1/2 feet of rain in three days in its weak hurricane form.

At its worst, the storm sent upwards of 2,000 people to shelters. Most took advantage of lighter rains and waded back into wrecked homes Monday. Tens of millions of dollars in damage was estimated.

"We pretty much lost everything we had," said Sharon Williams, who was among the 100 people who fled Fish River over the weekend.

The floodwaters hit Julie Brinson's house with such speed and force that it broke windows and buckled the deck.

"It's just so devastating. There was no time. There was just no time to take anything with us," Mrs. Brinson said as she searched her home for an antique jewelry collection.

Family photos were easier to find. They were floating around when the family returned.

Officials said flood control efforts had sharply subsided throughout the state, but emergency personnel remained on alert.

Nine inches of rain fell in only five hours in Choctaw County, a sparsely populated timber and farm community about 80 miles from the coast. Sheriff Donald Lolley said about

50 people were rescued by boat as flooded roads made travel almost impossible until the rain ceased later in the day.

"A lot of people ran off the road and we had to rescue them from vehicles," Lolley said.

But there were promising signs in the aftermath.

At the Gulf Shores beach resort, many shops and restaurants reopened, and tourists started to return.

"Most of the businesses are trying to bounce back pretty quick," said Paul Johnson, general manager of Souvenir City, which opened its doors Sunday.

And the state's most prestigious golf tournament, the Alabama Open, will go on this coming weekend despite the water making TimberCreek unplayable. Tournament officials moved the event to Azalea City Golf Club.

"There was a need for a high course and we're the highest," club pro Clay Koschel said.

MEET THE NEW BOSS



Coahoma school board of trustees secretary John Metcalf, left, meets superintendent-elect Michael Hartman Monday night. Hartman is expected to sign his contract next week.

Trustees OK tennis court upgrade, budget amendments

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Before beginning work on the budget Monday, Big Spring school trustees took action on several items. Among items approved were:

• A \$68,524 contract from Merritt Track and Tennis Systems of Oklahoma City to provide repairs to tennis courts at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

• More than \$101,000 in budget amendments for the 1996-97 school year.

• The resignations of Runnels

Junior High language arts teacher Paula Mackey and high school special education teacher Marc Williams.

• The hirings of Tiffany Weese, Goliad Middle School language arts, Julie Casarez, high school physical education, James Reasonover, high school industrial technology/woodworking, Lana Schooler, Moss Elementary third grade, Gayla Stone, high school vocational home economics, Lucy Odom, Goliad language arts, and Kandi Wilkenson, technology department.

Trustees also heard a report from assistant superintendent Murray Murphy concerning local results from this year's Texas Assessment of Academic Skills testing.

Murphy said he was very pleased with the results, which he said showed improvement from the previous year.

He was particularly happy with high school results in the reading and writing portion of the tests. More than 92 percent of high school sophomores taking the tests passed those areas, results show.

If there was an area of concern, it was in fourth grade mathematics scores. Only 76 percent of the district's fourth-graders passed that portion of the TASS.

"I really can't give you an answer as to why it's that way," Murphy told the trustees.

District-wide, 73.9 percent of 10th-graders passed all portions of the test, while 66.1 percent of the district's eighth-graders passed all parts of the TASS. Elementary results ranged from 66 percent (fourth grade) to 83 percent (fifth grade).

WEATHER



Tonight, chance of evening thunderstorms. Lows 68-75. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 90-97. Wednesday night, isolated evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, isolated mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair.

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Pearl
Caufield

Service for Jessie Pearl Caufield, 80, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at Shannon's Rosehill Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth. Interment will follow at Rosehill Cemetery, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Caufield died Monday, July 21, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1916, in Brownwood. She married William Caufield on Sept. 28, 1934, in Fort Worth. She had worked as a secretary for many years. They had been in Big Spring since 1993. She attended First Christian Church in Big Spring but had been an active member of the Meadowbrook Baptist Church of Fort Worth.

Survivors include: her husband, Will Caufield, Big Spring; one daughter, Claudia Balthrop, Big Spring; and three grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Shannon's Rosehill Funeral Chapel in Fort Worth.

Local arrangements by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Arthur Sturgill

Service for Arthur Sturgill, 64, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Monday, July 21, 1997, in a local hospital.

Mamie D.

"Big Mama" Jones

Service for Mamie D. "Big Mama" Jones, 88, Eunice, N.M., will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at First Baptist Church in Tahoka. Interment will be in the Tahoka Cemetery.

Mrs. Jones died Sunday, July 20, at Lee Regional Hospital in Hobbs, N.M.

She was born Dec. 17, 1908, in Ballinger. She attended school in Levelland. She married L.B. Jones on March 14, 1940, in Lamesa. He preceded her in death on April 18, 1979. They moved to Lynn County in 1944 from Levelland. She was a retired farmer and member of Berry Flat Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Survivors include: one son, Charles Nolan Jones, O'Donnell; one daughter, Billye Wes Edwards, Leander; one step-daughter, Wanda Gladden, California; two grandchildren she raised, Ben Andrew Thompson of Eunice and Penny Dell Thompson of Lubbock; one brother, H.B. Wright, Levelland; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of White Funeral Home, Tahoka.

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PARK

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Donations were sought from residents interested in helping rebuild the deck. Those donations were sent to the Reconstruction Fund, c/o Tom Ferguson at city hall.

Local residents made several donations to rebuild the deck and \$2,000 was raised for the project in May 1995 during the Wal-Mart County Music Across America Tour concert in Big Spring.

"The Convention and Visitors Bureau wants to see the deck rebuilt because it's good for the city, the park and it attracts tourism," Debby Valverde, program coordinator for the chamber, said.

Another part of the deck — some might say you can't have one without the other — is the historic spring, which has also been the recipient of several improvements.

Jerry Worthy, owner of Texas RV Park and a member of the CVB subcommittee overseeing the spring project, said once the entire project is complete Big Spring will have something very nice.

"The spring is again running and we have two water falls that run into ponds," Worthy said. "The pipes have been extended some 200 feet to the west (to accommodate the ponds). McMahon Concrete poured concrete foundations so the ponds would hold water."

The new observation deck will be a stone and concrete structure with railing," Worthy added. "There will not be a roof on this deck so that the deck and spring will have more of a natural look."

Cavan McMahon, chamber first vice president for tourism, said the whole area surrounding the spring, including the deck, is part of Big Spring's history.

"Getting the spring running again was important because it's where Big Spring got its name," McMahon said. "It's a pretty area down there and it does help tourism in Big Spring. The main thing is taking care of what we have."

Accident
leaves two
women dead

HERALD Staff Report

A two-vehicle accident near Stanton Friday evening left a mother of four and a mother of six dead when their vehicle was struck in the rear causing it to roll.

The accident occurred around 8:50 p.m. Friday two miles south of Stanton on Highway 137.

According to Department of Public Safety (DPS) reports, Vickie Ann Klein, 36, of Stanton and Donna Beth Klein, 36, of Stanton, were killed when their 1990 Geo Metro was struck in the left rear and rolled onto its top, throwing one of the women from the vehicle and pinning the other.

The two women were traveling north bound on Hwy 137 as was a 1994 Chevy truck driven by Billy Wayne Bryant, 56, of Big Spring.

DPS reports indicate that Bryant's truck was also towing a trailer and attempted to pass the Metro on the left side when the Metro made a left turn onto County Road C3301.

The truck went into a slide and struck the Metro on its left rear, which caused it to roll onto its top in the west bardsch.

No citations were issued in the accident and DPS reports also indicate that neither passenger in the Metro was wearing a seatbelt.

Bryant and his grandson, a passenger in the truck, were not injured.

Funeral services were held Monday and earlier today for Vickie Ann Klein and Donna Beth Klein.

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day would come ... that we'd be faced with some big expenditures," McQueary said, "and they didn't want a tax hike to drive these purchases."

The fund balance for 1997-98, estimated at \$4.61 million, could be dipped into to cover the junior high purchases. Other options include taking out a loan from the Texas Association of School Board's Capital Acquisition Program.

Another major area to be explored tonight will be how to finance salaries for 25 teachers and 29 administrators. Other teacher salaries were covered by state-mandated increases approved by this year's state legislature.

The board meets at 5:30 p.m. today in the board room.

MARKETS

Oct. cotton 74.85 cents a pound, up 27 points; Aug. crude oil 19.33, up 15 points; Cash hogs \$1 higher at 61; slaughter steers steady at 63; Aug. lean hog futures 81.15, down 20 points; Aug. live cattle futures 66.17, up 12 points.

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Atmos Energy	24% + 1/4
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Chrysler	35% + 1/2
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Texas Utils. Co.	34% + 1/2
Unocal Corp	39% + 1/2
Wal-Mart	35% - 1/2
Amcap	15.37-16.31
Euro Pacific	29.16-30.94
I.C.A.	29.00-30.77
New Economy	19.56-20.75
New Perspective	21.21-22.50
Van Kampen	14.49-15.21
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	327.60-328.10
Silver	4.28-4.31

BRIEFS

TONIGHT, WAL-MART WILL HOST a free country music concert in the parking lot with Asleep at the Wheel, beginning at 7 p.m. The show is part of a national tour to Wal-Mart stores.

Bill Young, a new artist, will also be part of the show. In-store album signing sessions are planned to follow the performances.

A DRAMA AND OUTDOOR concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday outside the Big Spring Mall.

The event is presented by Cornerstone Church.

BIG SPRING FAMILY YMCA offers its facilities for a party, reunion or other event. The Y has an indoor swimming pool, gymnasium and room for refreshments. Prices will vary depending on the length of the party and the facilities used. Call the Y at 267-8234 for more information.

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AROUND THE TOWN

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Runnels, formerly the TU building). Call Sondra at 267-7220.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m., Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Open birthday night, covered dish 7 p.m. and birthday meeting 8 p.m., 615 Settles. This is to celebrate AA sobriety yearly birthdays.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•O'Neal Kunkle Unit No. 47, DAVA meeting, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5 to 5:45 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 6:30 p.m., 409

A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER TRAINING course will be offered beginning Aug. 12 at Howard College. The class is designed to prepare employees to work at the Big Spring Correctional Center and to staff the new facility to be built in April 1998.

Taking the course does not guarantee work with Cornell Corrections, which operates the local facilities. For more information, call the continuing education office at Howard College, 264-5181.

ST. JOSEPH'S ANNUAL SUMMER Festival, 108 S. Fourth, Coahoma, will be Saturday. There will be games, fun, rides, music, food booths, cake walk, bingo, prizes and more. There will also be a Mexican dinner at noon.

SACRED HEART CHURCH will sponsor its summer festival Aug. 1-2 at 508 N. Aylford Street.

There will be games, macarena contests, DJ music and lot of other fun events. Trips, fajitas and hamburgers will be among the food available. Everything gets underway at 6:30 p.m. each day.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN HOME HEALTH sponsors a Community Health Screening monthly at local churches.

Tuberculosis screening is available Tuesday, July 29, from 4 to 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Annex, 809 Scurry.

THERE WILL BE TEEN night from 7 to 11 p.m., every Friday during the summer, at the Eagles Lodge on Third Street. This will be a non-alcoholic dance.

The cost is \$4 and concessions will be available. All teens are invited.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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DeLay may be next high-ranking GOP leader to fall

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Tom DeLay, a scrappy former exterminator who posed for a magazine story a year ago with a bullwhip in hand, could be the next casualty of the foiled coup against House Speaker Newt Gingrich. But not without a fight.

As House majority whip, the 50-year-old Republican from suburban Houston has a knack for counting votes and making deals. And his followers say he believes he can weather an effort to oust him.

"He's getting a bum rap," said DeLay spokesman John Feehery. "He's not going to resign; he has no intention of resigning. He's a valuable asset to the Republican Party."

GOP dissidents say they were encouraged in their anti-Gingrich scheming by the third-ranking DeLay. DeLay has

maintained a public silence on the episode.

DeLay — along with House Majority Leader Dick Armey, a fellow Texan, and House GOP Conference Chairman John Boehner of Ohio — could face no-confidence votes when Republicans caucus privately on Wednesday.

A preliminary meeting is planned tonight.

If Gingrich tries to replace DeLay out of revenge, as some Gingrich loyalists are suggesting, it wouldn't be the first time the two have crossed swords.

DeLay backed another Republican when Gingrich ran for his first leadership post in 1989. And after Republicans seized control of the House in 1994, DeLay got his current job by defeating Gingrich's hand-picked choice, then-Rep. Robert Walker of Pennsylvania.

At best, the two have enjoyed a rocky working relationship.

DeLay, who ran a pest-control business before getting into politics, is no stranger to controversy.

An ideological conservative, he is blunt-spoken and makes no apologies for being an active political operator, once declaring: "I'm a hard-working, aggressive, persistent whip. That's why I'm whip."

Congressional whips are responsible for day-to-day management of legislation and for lining up votes — by bullying tactics if necessary — in support of party leadership positions.

To drive home his job, he keeps a bullwhip on a table in his office.

And he posed with a bullwhip for an article in the September 1996 Texas Monthly.

Colleagues refer to him, not always respectfully, as "The Hammer."

Armey and DeLay came to the House in the same year, 1985, and have mostly been friends.

"They're both combative souls and a little mean-spirited at times," said Bruce Buchanan, a political scientist at the University of Texas.

DeLay got into a shoving match in April with Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

DeLay uttered a vulgarity and shoved Obey before the two were separated by a DeLay aide.

DeLay, who maintains close ties to Christian conservatives, has been a tireless advocate for conservative causes, including lower taxes and less regulation.

His attempts as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to cut back on environmental regulations generat-

ed protests from many, including moderate Republicans.

In a floor speech in 1995, DeLay branded the Environmental Protection Agency "the Gestapo of government."

Of the Republican leaders implicated by some in the abortive anti-Gingrich plot,

DeLay is the only one who hasn't publicly denied any role.

And that may be bringing him some grudging respect from other Republicans.

Rebels are reportedly angry with denials of involvement by Armey and Boehner.

Rep. Bill Paxon of New York stepped down last week as Gingrich's appointed leadership chairman as a result of the controversy.

But GOP renegades have said Paxon had less involvement in the scheme than did the others.

According to some GOP accounts, Armey was interested in the move until he learned that the renegades were poised to elect Paxon — not Armey — to succeed Gingrich.

Gingrich on Monday urged Republicans to put down the knives and work together.

"There comes a time when, in order to succeed, a team must work as a team," the Georgia Republican told an audience in Smyrna, Ga.

Speaking of his own predicament, Gingrich said, "You know, I don't quit."

But he offered no hint whether he will seek the ouster of DeLay or any other members of the Republican leadership.

Various of the GOP renegades have said DeLay had given them the go-ahead to offer a motion to "vacate the chair" at a meeting earlier this month.



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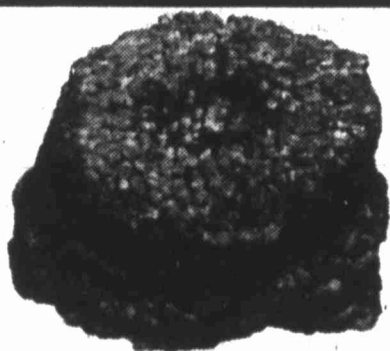
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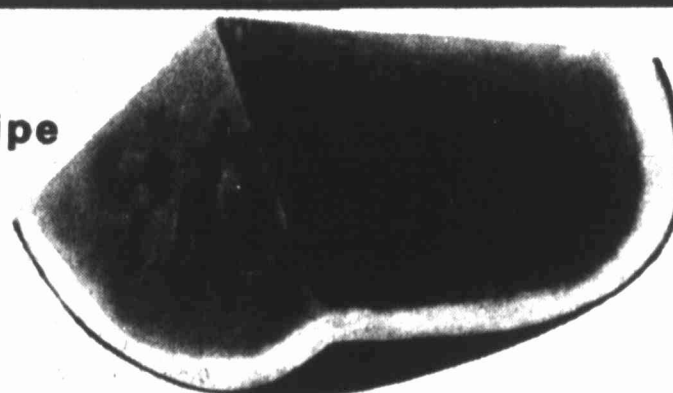
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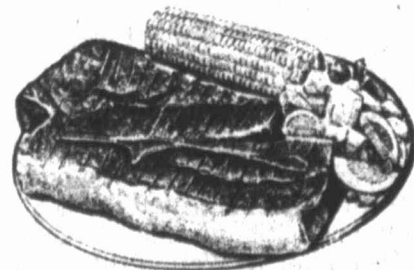
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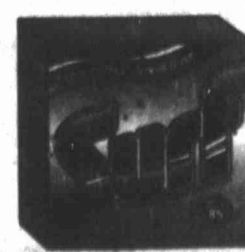
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Quote of the Day

"The First Amendment itself is a risk. But the greater risk is to do nothing."

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OUR VIEWS

Do your part in battle with weeds

There's been plenty of rain this year. Unfortunately, that means there are plenty of weeds, also.

A wet spring was a godsend for area farmers and water district officials, but it also gave weeds a running head start to a bountiful year. And more weeds mean more eyesores in Big Spring.

Drive by almost every vacant lot — and more than a few front yards — and you'll see some truly Texas-sized weeds. While weeds are always going to be a fact of life in West Texas, having some large enough to hide small children in is inexcusable.

Keeping weeds at a manageable height not only makes yards and lots more attractive, but less likely to be a haven for pests such as mosquitoes and small, wild animals.

Another incentive, if you should need one, is that keeping a well-managed lot means you won't run afoul of city ordinances.

While on the subject of lawns and lots, a well-deserved pat on the back goes out to the people behind the renovation of the Howard County Courthouse lawn and surrounding area.

A group of local people, including attorney Ben Bancroft, county commissioner Bill Crocker and Master Plan Coordinator Tara Kersh have been busy the past few months sprucing up the area around the courthouse, and their efforts have not been in vain.

The courthouse lawn is looking better than it has in years, and the area surrounding the building is shaping up nicely.

Also to be congratulated is the City of Big Spring for its recent efforts in hauling away large trash items.

Efforts such as these make our community more attractive to residents and visitors alike.

Keep up the good work.

OTHER VIEWS

The spectacle was not large but was nevertheless electrifying. In the cobblestoned plaza in front of Havana's cathedral, under a huge picture of Pope John Paul II, some 4,000 people gathered on June 29 for the first outdoor mass held in Cuba in nearly 40 years. Though the pope is not scheduled to visit Cuba for another six months, the anticipation of his arrival already is fueling a renaissance of public expressions of religious fervor in the western hemisphere's sole Communist enclave.

The reaction to the celebration by the normally repressive Cuban government was encouraging: It not only allowed the mass to take place, but it sent an official representative, and the event was covered by the government-owned TV and newspaper.

Something is changing, though very slowly. It's a tentative but promising thaw — far more promising than decades of U.S.-sponsored confrontation, military invasions and economic boycotts, not to mention Mafia hits and exploding cigars. And it's all happening thanks to a frail but very courageous pope.

—Chicago Tribune

Neanderthals are not about to climb out of the human gene pool any time soon, no matter how big a splash Munich researchers make with a new DNA theory holding that this ancient man was not an ancestor of modern humans.

Blow the academic whistles, float a raft of data, yell "Shark!" and the species with the short foreheads will continue to paddle about, oblivious to breakthrough thought on who married whom back in the cave. The human imagina-

tion will keep it there. So will the science of living, which seems to offer daily proof of the link.... How else to explain certain unforgettable blind dates.... Politics is full of Neanderthals, fiercely working to turn back the clock.... Lawmakers seeking to kill the National Endowment for the Arts come to mind, along with those raising fists against the evils of the United Nations.

Sullen clerks, clumsy movers, angry plumbers, inaccurate bulldog journalists, sadistic auditors — all bear a strong family resemblance to the short, stocky brute of a now questionable cousin.

—The Boston Globe

Republican leaders have no doubt: Cutting the tax rate on profits made from stocks would unleash an economic boom by encouraging people to invest in U.S. companies.

If taxpayers could keep more of their profits, Republicans say, they'd be quicker to invest... that sounds reasonable.

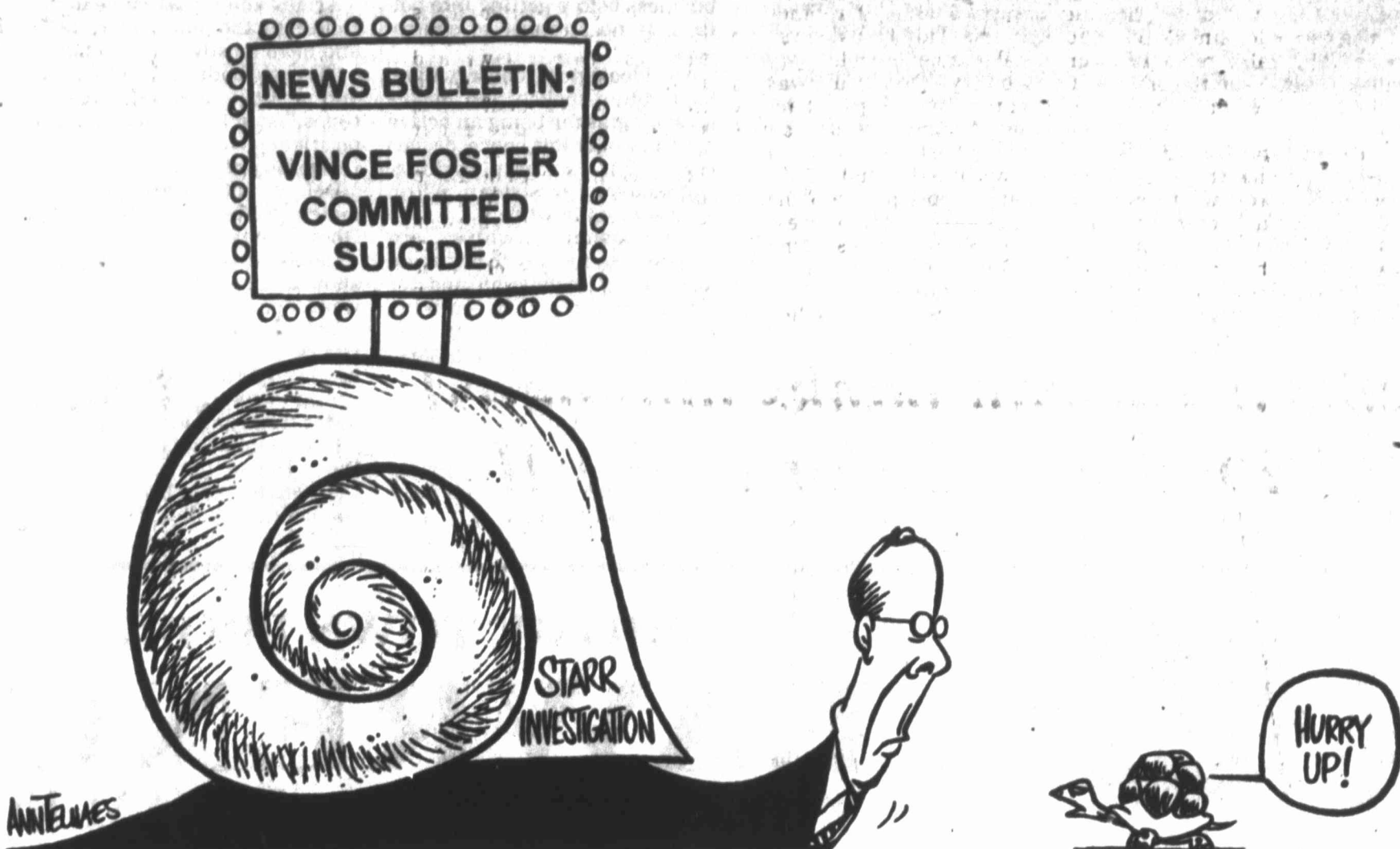
But the stock market is a lot more complicated than that. History offers no proof that a capital-gains tax cut has any sustained impact on stock prices or the economy. In the past two decades, Congress has made three major adjustments... and the stock market has acted randomly.... The market's direction is dictated far more by changes in interest rates, productivity, corporate profits and trade agreements.

If Congress cuts the tax rate this summer, it will please its wealthy campaign contributors, but it will do next to nothing to help the economy and the stock market.

—The Atlanta Constitution

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Millionaire divorce highlights value of a homemaker

By BONNIE ERBE

Scripps Howard News Service

Legal confrontations between divorcing millionaires may not be among the most pressing social issues facing Americans today. But they can be among the more interesting.

Consider the recent fiscal fiasco created by the divorcing Wendts.

He, Gary, the CEO of GE Capital Services; she, Lorna, his high school sweetheart and dutiful corporate wife of 32 years. He has offered her a \$10 million settlement. She, in typical American go-for-the-gusto style, is pushing for half their assets, variously estimated at between \$24 million and \$90 million. Connecticut Superior Court Judge Kevin Tierney is the adjudicator who must resolve this dispute (a decision is expected by mid-August) and his ruling had better be Solomonic.

The case is engaging not only due to the size of the estate at stake, but also for the questions it raises about the value

of a homemaker's contribution to society — questions whose answers can make for odd alliances. No one can deny that a \$10 million settlement, no matter how much Gary Wendt is worth, is a hefty sum. It should keep Mrs. Wendt living in high style for the rest of her life.

But we begin to ponder some pretty touchy issues when we debate whether she's worth half, or more, of his earnings.

We must then raise such questions as whether he could have made it without her building a stable family life and impressive social life for him? We must evaluate the worth to the career spouse of a full-time homemaker who raised healthy, happy children. We must ask how much of one spouse's success in the boardroom was due to the other's support in the bedroom? Was the homemaker or the corporate ladder-climber the more easily replaced? These are not easy questions.

In a recent discussion with four very opinionated women (two feminists, two conserva-

tives), the two conservatives supported Gary Wendt and argued that Lorna's economic contributions were paltry compared with his. They believed that he could have much more easily replaced her than vice versa. They ended up agreeing that she should take the \$10 million offer and run — not the pro-family position one would expect the family values crowd to espouse.

The liberals, on the other hand, felt Lorna Wendt deserved 50 percent or more of Gary Wendt's estate because they believed her contributions were undervalued by society. They added that once the marriage is over, he will be able to keep on earning mega sums while she will be consigned to live the rest of her life supported by her divorce settlement. Again, not the kind of thinking one would expect of progressive, career-oriented women.

I find myself coming to the same conclusion as the two conservative women, although for very different reasons. The reality is that homemaker's contributions may have ines-

timable psychological and social value, but they have little or no economic value. That's a terrible truth; but it is a truth.

And if we are uncomfortable with that, we have to work to change our culture, not take it out on Gary Wendt. But I also believe Mrs. Wendt, and any woman who becomes completely financially dependent on a man, puts herself in a precarious financial position and does so at her own peril. At least Lorna Wendt is walking away with a minimum of \$10 million. Most deserted homemakers walk away with little or nothing.

Judge Tierney's decision will echo up and down corporate and living rooms walls, and should spur a national debate about the value of homemaking. Perhaps his ruling will also shed some insight, because it's clearly an issue we have yet to resolve.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

The expansion of NATO is a big mistake

All the sordid and petty aspects of Bill Clinton's presidency pale in comparison to the historic and epic blunder he is committing by expanding the alliance of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Historians will view this as one of the two or three great mistakes of the 20th century. Future generations may pay for it with their lives — and by the millions. For sure, it will cost American taxpayers billions of dollars they can ill afford to waste on unnecessary conflicts.

Europe has twice gone to war in this century because of entangling alliances. The last time it was because Great Britain was pledged to defend Poland. Now, Clinton wants your children to pledge their lives to defend Poland, which if it's ever attacked by Russia,

can only be defended by starting World War III.

Adding Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic to NATO is a direct slap in the face of Russia, all of Madeleine Albright's heifer dust rhetoric notwithstanding. The Russians understand what it means, even if this fussy, arrogant and dogmatic former college professor doesn't.

Furthermore, as one astute commentator put it, Clinton is gaining dependents, not allies. Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary will eat American taxpayers alive.

NATO, which is a war-making alliance, served its purpose by deterring the Soviet Union from attacking western Europe when the Red army sat on the borders of Germany. The Red army is gone. The Soviet Union is gone. The purpose of NATO is gone.

Lack of reason for existence is demonstrated by the blatant misuse of NATO troops in the Balkans. No one in the Balkans attacked or contemplated an attack on any member of NATO. Moreover, there are no international war criminals in the Balkans. Just civil war

casualties. There is absolutely no justification for the use of NATO forces in the Balkans' business, which is just the resumption of a several-centuries-old ethnic conflict.

As one who lived through World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War, I am dumbstruck that Clinton is throwing away the world's one chance for a peaceful future. That one chance consists of integrating Russia into the West. Instead, Clinton is isolating Russia and driving it toward the East where, if Russia chooses, it can firmly ally itself with China and dominate the world in the next century.

Russia has always been torn between the East and West, and the positive meaning of the collapse of the Soviet Union was the opportunity that it presented for the West to invite Russia to become part of the European Community. Instead, Clinton is clearly signaling that the West, grown arrogant in its temporary good fortune, views Russia as a potential enemy.

Every hard-line communist, every retired KGB officer and every xenophobic nationalist in

Russia and the former Soviet Republics will have their hands strengthened by the expansion of NATO. It gives truth to what they have been saying, and it puts the lie to what Russian democrats and liberals have been saying.

God, what a stupid, stupid move.

The only hope is that the expansion will be vetoed by the U.S. Senate, and that, given the weak knees and minds in the present Senate, is a slim hope.

For example, Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., said that he would probably oppose expansion, but since Clinton has already committed the U.S. to expansion, he feels obligated to vote for it. Well, if that's the view in the Senate — that they can be bound by a foolish president acting on his own without consulting them — then they may as well resign and go home. The Senate is supposed to be an independent branch of government, not the hind tit of the executive branch hog.

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'Toilet law,' other questionable rules, come under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — It has become known as the federal toilet law.

To conserve water, Congress in 1992 approved legislation reducing the amount of water that can be used each time a toilet flushes, thus also reducing the water pressure and the ability to clear the bowl of its contents.

After complaints flooded in from people saying that they now need to flush two and three times to get enough pressure to clear the bowl — thus wasting more water than before — several U.S. House members on the Corrections Advisory Group are

now attempting to flush the law, once and for all.

That group, comprised of 12 House members, is going across the country looking for other "foolish and ridiculous laws" for repeal or amendment.

On Monday, the group was represented by Reps. Sam Johnson, R-Plano, and Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth, at a hearing open to the public.

Since its inception in 1995, the legislative corrections process has resulted in 23 bills being passed by Congress and 16 being signed into law.

"The public wasn't consulted

about the toilet law," Johnson said. "The public has to work, so it never gets consulted about anything. Kay and I think that the people have better ideas about what's best."

"Congress passes laws and you say, 'What in the world causes this to happen?'" Ms. Granger said. "This is our chance to correct it."

The House members heard an assortment of stories Monday, mostly focusing on overburdened regulations being administered by agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Michael J. Nasi, an attorney representing the city of Frisco, just north of Dallas, said actions taken by the city regarding the discharge of effluents by a battery company had been targeted for \$125,000 in fines by one arm of the EPA and cited for an award by another EPA section.

"We are optimistic that our problem will be resolved," Nasi said. "But we don't want anyone else going through this. It's ironic that an agency could be imposing penalties for something that another part of the agency wants to give an award for."

Nasi said the EPA had cited the city for allowing too much effluent, which included salt water, into its water system.

The city, rather than reroute the effluent to a larger body of water where it would be diluted according to EPA standards, tried to work with the plant responsible for discharging the salt water on a method that would eliminate the pollutants completely.

"We want to do better than the EPA standards," Nasi said. "We want to fix the problem with an innovative treatment process."

David Bary, an EPA spokesman in Dallas, said, "We are quite used to criticism of the agency."

"The enforcement actions that we do take are done to protect human health and the environment," Bary said. "That tends to be unpopular among certain groups but it is a mandate that the agency must follow."

Don Summers, a 65-year-old owner of an electric generator service business in Austin, complained about a federal law requiring him to send certain taxes withheld from employees directly to the IRS via wire.

Report: Vatican banks laundered Nazi gold during World War II

WASHINGTON (AP) — Swiss banks aren't the only facilities accused of safeguarding plundered Nazi-era gold. A newly declassified document identifies the Vatican as a postwar repository used by the ousted Nazi puppet government of Croatia.

In the first evidence of Vatican complicity in the handling of Holocaust loot, a document uncovered by researchers points to 200 million Swiss francs, mostly in gold coins, held for members of the deadly Ustasha after the fall of Nazi Germany.

If the 200 million Swiss francs were still held today, it would be valued at about \$170 million, plus hundreds of millions more in accumulated interest.

The Vatican today denied the accusation.

"There is no basis in reality to the report," said Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls.

He said it is based on an anonymous source "whose reliability is more than dubious."

Ustashes who controlled Croatia during the war exterminated hundreds of thousands of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies, and historians have denounced the Vatican for maintaining ties to the regime led by Ante Pavelic.

A Croatian cardinal was convicted by the postwar communist government of abetting war crimes.

The document, disclosed by

researchers for an A&E Television documentary, is an internal U.S. Treasury Department memo kept secret for 50 years. It is among 15 million U.S. documents related to the safekeeping of Nazi-plundered gold, mostly by Swiss banks. New details of the scandal continue to emerge as various researchers pore over the trove.

"Approximately 200 million Swiss francs was originally held in the Vatican for safekeeping," says the declassified Oct. 21, 1946, memo from Treasury agent Emerson Bigelow to his superior, Harold Glasser, identified as director of monetary research.

The document surfaced after A&E producers Stephen Crisman and Gaylen Ross finished a two-hour documentary on Switzerland's handling of Nazi gold, so it is not reported in the program, which is being shown on the cable channel July 26.

The program details shipments of gold ingots by the fascist Romanian government to Swiss banks to keep from the Allies and dealings of the secretive Bank of International Settlement, run by American Thomas McKittrick, which Ross said laundered gold for the Nazis in Switzerland.

Ross provided a copy of the memo on the Vatican to The Associated Press, and other

researchers vouched for its authenticity. It contained declassification markings dated Dec. 31, 1996.

Other documents establish that Bigelow received reliable information from the American Overseas Special Services, precursor of the CIA, on Nazi wealth held in specific Swiss bank accounts.

The memo quotes a "reliable source in Italy," apparently a U.S. intelligence source, as saying the Ustasha organization removed 350 million Swiss francs from funds it had confiscated in Croatia, then part of Yugoslavia.

The memo says 150 million Swiss francs was impounded by British authorities at the Austrian-Swiss border and the balance was held in the Vatican.

While stating that as a fact, the document cites rumors that a considerable portion of the Vatican-held money was sent to Spain and Argentina through the Vatican's "pipeline," but says the rumors might be a "smokescreen to cover the fact that the treasure remains in its original repository" at the Vatican.

A number of Ustashes, including Pavelic, found refuge in either Spain or Argentina after the Nazi defeat.

Several investigations are following the trail of Nazi plunder after World War II.

Study: Third of Hispanics live in poverty

CHICAGO (AP) — Hispanic Americans, who are expected to be the largest minority in the United States within 10 years, are struggling to find ways to share in the nation's economic boom.

A study of Hispanic economic status indicates that a third of all Hispanic Americans live in poverty and trail other ethnic groups in educational levels, home ownership and health insurance protection.

Community leaders gathered at the annual conference of the National Council of La Raza, the nation's largest Hispanic advocacy group, are seeking to reverse those trends.

"The problems must be attacked on several fronts," said Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza. "We need progressive tax reform, we need greater home ownership, and we need fairness."

The nation's Hispanic population is 32 million people; in 10 years, Hispanics are expected to be the largest U.S. minority.

"What happens to the Hispanic community is important to what happens to America," Yzaguirre said. "Whether America has a Social Security system that is viable, whether America has a Medicare system that is viable, will be determined by Hispanics."

In a luncheon address to the conference on Monday, Vice President Al Gore credited Hispanics with helping fuel the U.S. economic boom that has raised wages, lowered inflation and created a winning investment climate.

But Gore told the audience of 2,200 he agreed that Hispanic Americans were not sharing fully in the economic good times.

"Not enough Latinos are participating," Gore said. "We have a lot of work to do, and we will not rest until everyone in every community shares fully."

During the four-day conference, more than 4,000 participants will attend workshops on dozens of topics affecting the Hispanic American community, such as welfare and immigration reform, job readiness, non-profit job opportunities and community mobilization.

The economic status report was based on a range of university studies and census data. It represents "a mixed bag" of indicators, but "the negative stuff is pretty serious," said Sonia Perez, director of the research for La Raza.

"The positives give us some promise of what we need to

build the strength of the community," Perez said.

Positives in the report were few. Chief among them were that Hispanic men have the highest labor participation rate, meaning they are more likely to be working or in search of work.

Another hopeful sign was that the ranks of Hispanic women classified as managers or professionals increased from 14.7 percent to 17.5 percent between 1990 to 1996.

But the good news was overwhelmed in a sea of statistics indicating Hispanics were being trapped in a cycle of low-paying jobs, poor education and a lack of health insurance that is sapping the community of its vast potential, Yzaguirre said.

"Every other group has a higher income than Latinos," Yzaguirre said. "Hispanics are the only group that dropped in median income. We are the poorest."

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Abilene's 21 hits, 14-8 win force Blue stars into showdown

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Abilene's Junior League All-Stars literally took batting practice against Big Spring American Blue pitching Monday, pounding out 21 hits — seven of them for extra bases — en route to a 14-8 sectional tournament finals win.

The Abilene win forces the two teams into a championship showdown tonight to determine which team advances to the 1997 Junior League State Tournament in Waco.

That game will be played at 7:30 p.m. at Abilene's Redbud Park.

"We ran up against an awfully good offensive baseball team that capitalizes on every mistake you make ... whether it's an error out in the field

or a bad pitch," Big Spring manager Delvin Guinn said after staging a lengthy meeting with his team following the loss. "We've just got to put this one behind us and get ready to play them tomorrow night."

Big Spring starter Willis Morrison took the loss, absorbing most of the punishment — giving up 13 runs, 11 of them earned, on 15 hits in 5 1/3 innings of work.

Reliever Chance Nichols gave up just the one earned run in 12 1/3 innings of work, but was tagged for six hits.

Abilene would never trail, scoring a pair of unearned runs in the top of the first that Big Spring answered in its half of the inning.

Morrison led off Big Spring's first by reaching base on an error and moving to third on a passed ball and an errant

pick off throw by Abilene starter Garrett Rutledge. He scored on a wild pitch.

Steven Franco scored a few moments later after drawing a walk, stealing second and reaching third on the wild pitch that scored Morrison. Manuel Holguin's RBI single to left tied the game.

Abilene's parade of seven doubles began in the second inning, as they scored two more runs for a 4-2 lead. The tournament's hosts extended their lead to 8-2 in the third.

Big Spring attempted to answer in the bottom of the third, scoring five runs off Abilene reliever Matt Haynes, who was called in after Rutledge walked Daniel Mata to lead off the second inning.

That had been Rutledge's third walk

of the game, but Haynes would issue nine more free rides in taking the win.

Haynes may have been particularly wary after having given up back-to-back doubles to Franco and Big Spring catcher Ryan Guinn to open the bottom of the third.

Two walks, a couple of errors and a single by Dusty Floyd later, Big Spring had trimmed the Abilene lead to a single run.

Abilene added another tally in the fourth, turning a lead off single, two walks and a sacrifice fly into a 9-7 lead.

Guinn scored what proved to be Big Spring's final run of the game in the bottom of the fourth, drawing a walk and eventually scoring when the homesteaders committed an error

with the bases loaded.

Abilene padded its lead with two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings and still another in the top of the seventh.

Despite threatening in each of the final three innings — putting runners in scoring position each time — Big Spring was unable to do any more damage. Brandon Greathouse's fly out to center ending the game with the bases loaded somewhat telling of the Blue All-Stars' woes on the evening.

Guinn paced the Big Spring offensive attack, going 3-for-5 at the plate.

In fact, it was Big Spring's inability to come up with key hits — they managed just four hits other than Guinn's on the night — when Abilene errors and walks had provided scoring opportunities that seemed most telling.

Palmeiro, Key prove too much for Rangers, 5-1

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON — Following a 3-7 homestand, the Baltimore Orioles don't seem to mind that they are playing 14 of their next 17 games on the road.

The Orioles got a six-game road trip underway with a 5-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night, improving Baltimore's record to 31-17 away from Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

"I think our team plays better on the road," said Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, whose two-run homer in the sixth put them ahead for good. "I think we're more relaxed. We look forward to it. We can play with anybody in this game. We've showed that."

Palmeiro says he gets no special thrill out of beating his old team, the Rangers.

"I get asked the same question every time I come here," said Palmeiro. "It's the same as beating anybody else. It isn't special to beat them anymore. It's just like any other team."

Palmeiro, who played for the Rangers from 1989-93, put the Orioles in front 2-1 in the sixth

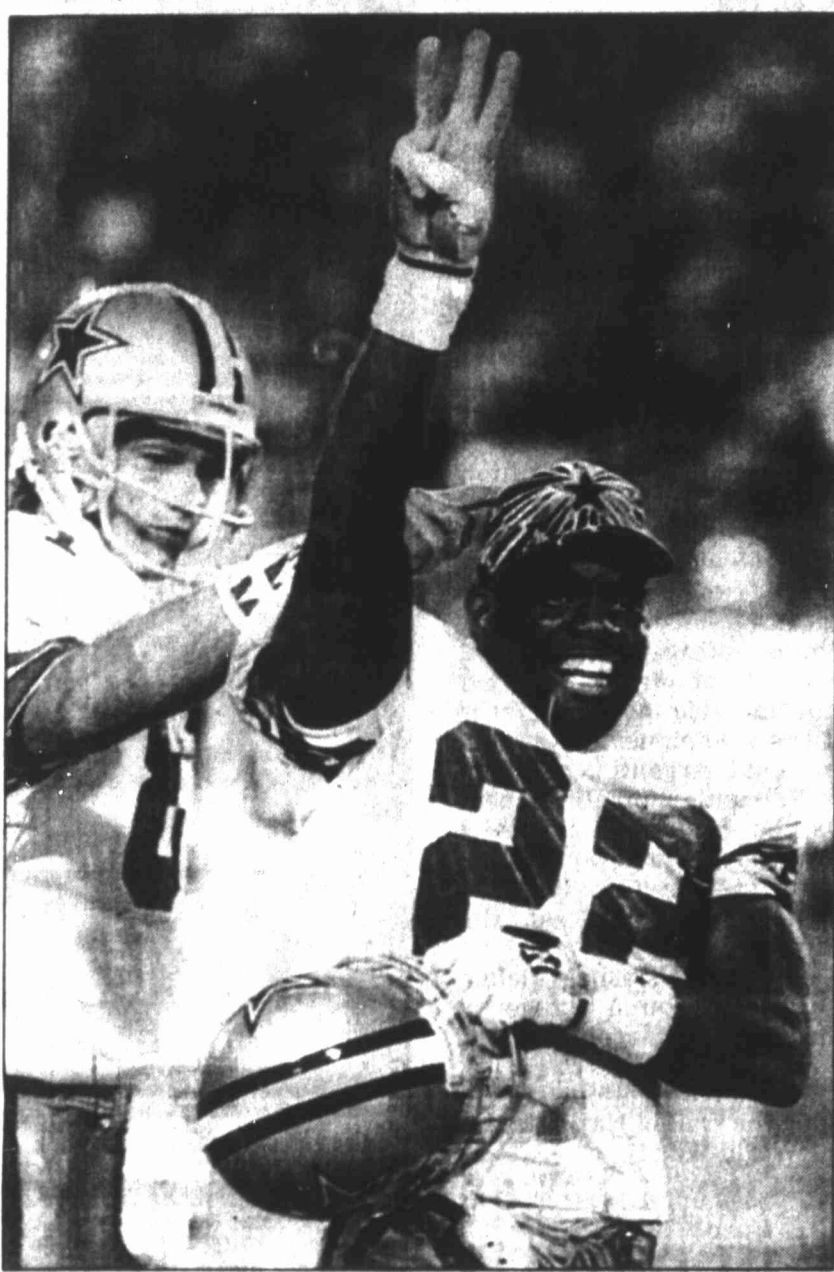
with his 19th homer. Geronimo Berroa led off with a single, then scored when Palmeiro hit Darren Oliver's first pitch to the grassy slope behind the center-field wall.

Jimmy Key (13-6) allowed six hits and one run in six innings, struck out seven and walked one to pull out of a tailspin during which he lost five of six decisions. Key outpitched Oliver (6-10), who allowed four runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Key gave up a first-inning run on Will Clark's RBI single, but he shut out Texas for the next five innings.

"I threw better," said Key, who has allowed one run in 15 innings against Texas this season. "I'm still struggling in the first. After that, I threw real well."

Jeffrey Hammonds added a run-scoring triple in the seventh, driving in Brady Anderson, who walked. Oliver walked Berroa intentionally, then followed with a walk to Palmeiro to load the bases. Cal Ripken's groundout drove in the second run of the inning to extend Baltimore's lead to 4-1.



Emmitt Smith, shown celebrating the Dallas Cowboys' Super Bowl XXX win over Pittsburgh in this file photo, is looking forward to a big season in 1997.

Emmitt ready for a rebound to quiet critics

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Emmitt Smith played last season with a jammed neck, a bad ankle and a sprained knee and still managed 1,204 yards of rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Yet Smith was blamed by some for the Dallas Cowboys' drop to 24th in the NFL in offensive production.

It's enough to make Smith wonder what he must do to please his critics.

"Many people would say they had a successful season if they produced what I did after what I had to go through," Smith said.

"Besides being hurt I had the mental strain of all my frustrations. I think I had a hell of a season considering what happened. But some people wanted to rip me and rip the team."

Smith hurt from his ankle to the top of his head, which he landed on while diving in the season opener against the Chicago Bears.

His lips tightened as he explained the pain of last

year's lost season in which his injuries, teamed with those to the offensive line, now-retired tight end Jay Novacek and Eric Bjornson, grounded the high-flying offense.

"It was a long, hard year," said Smith, who underwent surgery in January for removal of bone spurs from his right ankle. "But this one is going to be different."

Coach Barry Switzer agrees.

"Emmitt is quick and that's what we missed last year when he was injured," Switzer said. "He was a half-step slow to the hole sometimes because of his injuries, but you have to admire him for wanting to play."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said Smith has been impressive so far in camp.

"Emmitt is working hard, and as far as I'm concerned he looks as good as he's ever looked," Aikman said.

That may have something to do with his new hairdo. Smith pulled off his hat to reveal a shaved head, his good luck symbol for the new season.

BIG SPRING'S FIRST



Courtesy photo

Here are the Shockers, the first ever girls' 16-Under ASA traveling team from Big Spring. Front row, from left, are: Cecily Paradez, Amy Lang, Jessica Canales, Amy Jackson, Misty Padilla and Kaci Acrl. Back row: Coach Bobby Lang, Anita Valdez, Valydia Aguirre, Juanita Valdez, Jessica Cisneros, Lindsey Marino, Monica Rubio, Terry Denton, manager JoEllen Canales and chaperone Dianna Valdez.

Seemingly Cowboys' eternal flame, Bill Bates is back for a 16th season

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Old Bill Bates chuckles at the very thought he could be playing for the Dallas Cowboys another 15 years.

"My kids want me to play as long as possible," said Bates, sweat pouring off his oak-hard 213-pound frame following a long workout at St. Edward's University. "Hopefully when they're out of college and running kickoffs, I'll be running down there with them."

The 36-year-old Bates was kidding about still playing football a decade from now.

Or was he?

How humorous would it be to see the elder Bates alongside a younger Bates running downfield on a kickoff team?

He has been bent, broken and battered as the Cowboys special

teams ace. He's been on the potential cut list at every camp since he made the team as a free-agent rookie in 1983.

But the fiery Bates, who has played for every coach the Cowboys have ever had, always win a job with his hustle and determination. He leads the NFL in concussions and special team tackles. He's had a fractured left wrist and a damaged knee, all the same season.

But Bates, who has twice been named NFL special teams player of the year, takes the hits and keeps on playing.

"He's an example of what hard work can accomplish," said Dallas Coach Barry Switzer. "He's a leader by example."

Once again Bates is playing for the NFL veteran minimum of \$275,000 and happy as a lark

to be doing it. No current NFL players have been with their team as long as Bates and offensive lineman Mark Tuinei (also 15 years) have been with the Cowboys.

"I love football," Bates said. "I even love training camp. I can't imagine what I'd be doing without it. I'm a throwback to a time when players almost played for free. If I didn't have a family, I'd probably do it."

Bates, who owns a ranch, could ranch but would rather not. Several years ago he tried the restaurant business but got out of it.

Football is what he does best. That and having children. There are triplets in the Bates clan.

Bates said in the off-season this year would probably be his last.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Duel in the Desert set at Moss Lake

The second annual Duel in the Desert drag boat races are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at Moss Lake.

Sanctioned by the Southern Drag Boat Association, Duel in the Desert is expected to draw more than 100 boats which will race in 16 different classes.

Qualifying will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday and continue until 6 p.m. Elimination runs will commence at noon Sunday and continue until championships are named in each of the event's classifications.

A two-day pass for the event are priced at \$12 each. Purchased individually, the weekend's tickets would be \$15, since Saturday's racing is priced at \$5 and Sunday's eliminations ticket running \$10.

Sands PTO slates basketball tourney

The Sands Parent-Teacher Organization will

host a junior high and high school girls' basketball tournament July 24-26 in the Sands HighSchool gymnasium in Ackerly.

Teams from Stanton, Snyder, Coahoma, Shallowater, Robert Lee, Colorado City, Denver City and Sands will be competing.

Thursday and Friday schedules call for games to begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 9 p.m. Saturday's games are slated from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Football clinic set in Coahoma

Coahoma Junior High School will conduct a football indoctrination clinic July 23-25 for students that will be entering the seventh and eighth grades this fall.

According to coach Jim Edwards, the clinic will be conducted by the junior high coaching staff.

Instruction is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day and the cost for the clinic will be \$20 per student.

Edwards said the fee can be paid before and anytime during the week of the camp. Participants will receive a T-shirt, cap and

instruction on the fundamentals of football and weight training.

Hunting permit applications accepted

Applications for public hunting permits on O.H. Ivie Reservoir Wildlife Management Areas are being accepted by mail beginning July 15 and continuing through Aug. 15 at the O.H. Ivie Reservoir Field Office.

Applications will be accepted by mail only. The number of permits issued will be limited, and requests for information and application packets should be made by calling the Colorado River Municipal Water District by calling 267-6341 or writing to CRMWD, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

A public drawing for the permits has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sept. 17 at the field office located near the north end of the dam. Applicants are welcome to attend the drawing if they so desire.

For the 1997 season, only archery hunting will be allowed during both the archery and gun season on the Talpa WMA.

Both shotgun and archery hunting will be permitted on the Riverside WMA, but only during the gun season, Nov. 1 through Jan. 4.

Volleyball camp set for July 28-Aug. 2

The Rose Magers Volleyball Camp has been scheduled for July 28-Aug. 2 at Big Spring High School's Steer Gymnasium.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at Neals Sporting Goods. The fee for registering is \$75 per participant.

The camp will be structured with girls of different ages taking part in different sessions. Seventh through ninth graders will attend 8 a.m. until noon sessions, while fifth and sixth graders will have a session from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Junior varsity and varsity players will attend sessions from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

For additional information, contact coach Traci Pierce at 267-4047. Registration forms should be mailed with fee payments to 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring, Texas 79720 not later than July 24. Registrations received after July 24 will require a late fee of \$10.



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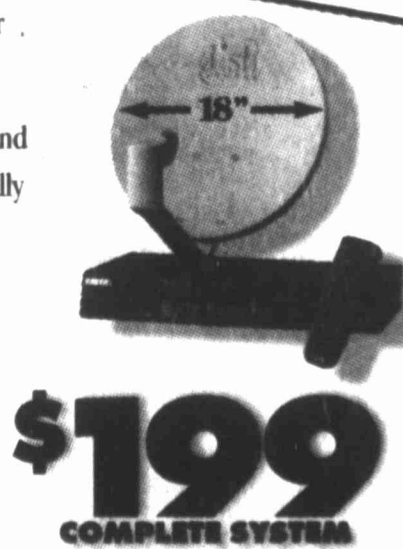
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Paraffin Service Co. (Div. of Yale Key) Looking for Truck Driver with CDL Licensed with less than 3 tickets in 5 years. Will have to pass DOT Physical and Drug Test. Must be 21 years old. Will take applications at the Stanton and Lamesa offices or call 1-800-522-0474 or 756-2975. Benefits include: Health Insurance, Uniforms furnished, Profit Sharing Plan, 1 week vacation, after 1 year employment, 2-week vacation after 2 year employment. Will train qualified applicants with oil field experience.

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FOR SALE OR LEASE: 2716 Central Drive, 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 car garage, central heat/air, \$67,500. Call Harry for Showing 915-520-9848.

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1991 TOYOTA PREVIA LE van loaded clean, \$9,000. 267-8782.

1995 1989 Chev. Caprice, 4 dr, runs good. 620 State.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Open House and Final Public Meeting

TxDOT Route Study
Lubbock to 110/Amarillo North
The Texas Department of Transportation is holding an open house and public meeting on July 21, 1997 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1501 6th Street, Lubbock, Texas. The open house will be held from 8:00 pm to 7:00 pm and the public meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.
This will be the final public meeting for the TxDOT Route Study from Lubbock to Interstate 10, and from Amarillo north to the state line. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the prioritized improvement listings within each transportation corridor and to receive comments on the study conclusions.
During the open house, exhibits and maps will be displayed and members of the study team will be available to discuss the route study with everyone having interest in the project. TxDOT representatives from the Abilene, Amarillo, Lubbock, Odessa and San Angelo Districts will also be in attendance. Comments will be provided and a court reporter will be available to take private comments.
The public meeting will begin at 7:00 pm with a presentation by the study team followed by public comment. Individuals wishing to voice their comments during the public comment period may sign-up at the meeting. The purpose of the comment period is to receive feedback on the conditions of this study. The comments will be helpful to the study team as they prepare the final report for the Texas Transportation Commission.
In an effort to allow time for each public response, a limit of 3 minutes per person may be necessary. Responses will not be provided. There will also be opportunities for discussions with TxDOT staff and the study team during the public meeting recess.
Written comments may be submitted at the open house and public meeting, or mailed to the Texas Department of Transportation, Attn: Maribel P. Chavez, P.E., Abilene District Engineer, P.O. Box 180, Abilene, Texas, 79604, up to 10 days following the public meeting date. Comments will also be accepted on the Route Study Telephone Hotline by calling 1-800-661-3234. 1481 July 15 to 22, 1997

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 23:

Money blooms in this prosperous year, but you might not have a lot of control over its origins. The unexpected runs riot; use your instincts to feel your way through. It would be unwise to turn accounting duties over to a partner. If it's your cash, handle it yourself! Concentrate. If you are single, passion is wild and amazing. You will play the field by choice. If attached, accent communications. Don't assume you know how your mate is feeling; reach out. A creative project draws you closer. PISCES confuses and delights you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Do what you must, and no more. Chaos looms around work and daily events; you're in no mood for complications. Make plans for a physical activity to neutralize stress, then soak in a hot tub to relax. Tomorrow's another day! Tonight: Dream the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Socializing brings double benefits: You expand your circle of friends and improve your public persona. Don't be surprised when a casual acquaintance flirts heavily. Your irresistible ways continue for several weeks. Tonight: Are you ready for romance?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Keep your nose to the grindstone at work. Make no mistake; you're being scrutinized. Fortunately, your work is good enough to impress the powers that be. Later, a home project occupies your thoughts; you'll act on it in the coming weeks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
You feel invigorated and a bit out of control as you plunge into a new romance. To be on the safe side, let the dust settle a bit before completely committing yourself. You can enjoy this connection if you remain in the moment. Tonight: Search your soul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Present a gift expressing love or gratitude. This is the beginning of an increase in prosperity that reaches into the next few weeks. Be appreciative, and lower expectations. You feel like a total winner! Tonight: Take a hot bubble bath.

TOO LATES
Sleeps better without me, so we've been sleeping apart. I know he works hard at his job, and it's important for him to get a good night's sleep, but that's no excuse for his behavior toward me. Our sex life has practically come to a halt. I expressed my feelings to him, only to be ignored. When I get affectionate with him, he pushes me away saying, "Not now, honey, I'm too tired."

Abby, I don't claim to be the perfect wife, but the house is always immaculate and the laundry is never piled up. I make hot meals daily and our pets are well-groomed and cared for. I am not drop-dead gorgeous, but I get my share of looks and remarks. I will not seek what I need from other men, but I won't spend the rest of my life in a marriage that consists of domestic duties and nothing more.

My husband never misses your column. Hopefully, he'll see my letter, realize how hurt I am, and change his ways. Sign me ... DESPERATE FOR ADVICE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for three years and love my husband dearly; however, I'm very close to leaving him. Why? Because I feel invisible. I'm a good wife and do everything within my power to make him happy, but when he comes home from work, he greets me with a "hi" - then he greets our three dogs with petting and words of love. This infuriates me! It's so painful I have to leave the room.

As of three months ago, my husband decided he sleeps better without me, so we've been sleeping apart. I know he works hard at his job, and it's important for him to get a good night's sleep, but that's no excuse for his behavior toward me. Our sex life has practically come to a halt. I expressed my feelings to him, only to be ignored. When I get affectionate with him, he pushes me away saying, "Not now, honey, I'm too tired."

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DEAR DESPERATE: For the sake of your marriage, it is imperative that you find out exactly what happened three months ago that changed the dynamics of your relationship with your husband. He is behaving like a selfish, insensitive clod. Before you walk out, tell him how you feel and offer him the option of marriage counseling.

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CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES

Church and club news items are due at the Herald office on Wednesday by noon for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Venus enters your sign early this morning. Take a look in the mirror; you will like what you see. So will those you encounter, although there could be a mixed message. See it as an opportunity to build a better understanding of someone you care about. Tonight: Shop for clothes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Tie up all loose ends. You might not be able to accomplish everything you set out to; do what you can. Later, you will be glad to lose yourself in window-shopping. Relax, and avoid pressuring yourself. All ends well. Tonight: Sip an iced tea on the patio.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
A flight of fancy brings the exciting realization that you want to begin living more and worrying less. Brainstorm with a friend, who concurs. Of course, responsibilities won't disappear, but somehow they seem easier to deal with. Tonight: You can't stop laughing!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

