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A&A moves into Airpark; DPS leaves

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

At its regular meeting Monday morning, the Howard County Commissioners' Court was informed by Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert that A&A Aircraft Refinishers has moved into Building 1101 at McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. The Department of Public Safety has moved out.

The DPS was using a portion of the building, but studies indicated it would be more efficient to build the DPS a new facility for approximately $200,000, instead of constructing a new building for A&A, which would cost approximately $750,000.

Lambert told commissioners the city is willing to build the facility at no cost to the county if the DPS wanted to remain at the Airpark. "We can do it (build) in less than six months. We don't want the county to lose any revenue or the DPS to lose any jobs."

County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioner Bill Crooker said the county would consider the city's offer if it is deemed a viable option for the county and DPS for the future.

In other business, Drew Mouton, representing the firm of Bancroft, Mouton & Wolf, updated the Commissioners' Court on the collection of delinquent taxes in Big Spring and Howard County.

"This is the same report given to other entities," Mouton said, "such as the city, the school district, and Howard College. The last 12 months have been good for collections, but I don't expect this every year."

According to Mouton, $463,000 in delinquent taxes have been collected in the last year. This figure is comparable to years

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REMINISCING



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Betty Cota and Charles Wash look at an old class photo as the two were at the Forsan High School All-Class Reunion in the school cafeteria Saturday morning.

Economy on the rise in Big Spring

■Increase in sales tax rebates is a good sign

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

According to State Comptroller John Sharp's office, the 7.57 percent increase in sales tax rebates for the first half of 1994, compared to 1993, is an indication of stronger local economies.

Sales tax revenue figures were released at the end of July, and the adjusted local sales tax revenue for the first half of 1994 totaled $761 million, while revenue for the first half of 1993 totaled $708 million.

Sharp said, "One of the few things that economists will agree on is that sales tax revenue is a good barometer of local retail sales activity."

To better gauge the true level of local economic activity, Sharp's office adjusted local tax revenues to delete non-economic factors such as sales tax rate changes, audits or reallocations.

"These adjustments allow us to compare apples with apples, or more importantly, sales tax revenue for the first six months of 1994 with the first half of 1993," Sharp said.

According to the figures released by the Comptroller's office, the adjusted sales tax revenue varies by regions of the state, and local sales tax revenue is up in each of the 10 economic regions of the state.

About 500,000 businesses in Texas collect state and local

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Program offers college credit to high school students

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Students who attend area high schools can now earn college credit towards five associate degrees being offered at the Howard College campuses.

The five Technology Preparatory (Tech-Prep) programs recently approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board are office administration, management development, computer information systems, license vocational nursing and health information technology.

Officials with Howard College were responsible for revising the curriculum and degree format for the five degrees. They worked closely with area high schools before presenting the information to the coordinating board.

"The whole effort behind all of this is to be able to articulate courses into a two-year degree plan. A student can take certain classes in high school and earn up to nine semester credit hours towards a degree," explained Dr. Dusty Johnston, vice president for instruction at Howard College.

Johnston continued: "Right now, the LVN degree is offered to students at the Midland and San Angelo high schools because they have allied health programs, but the locals ones

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DOING HER PART



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Rebecca Pierce tosses a can into a bin as she was sorting out the different aluminum cans and putting them in the proper bins during the monthly recycling drive sponsored by the Howard County Coalition for the Environment Saturday. The Coalition accepts bundled and bagged steel and aluminum cans and newspaper. However, the Coalition will not be able to accept plastics at this time.

Local man has standoff with police; girl sexually assaulted

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A local resident was taken to the Big Spring State Hospital for evaluation after a five-hour standoff with police.

Reports say officers were called to 4010 Dixon around 10:15 Monday night in referen to an armed white male wl was claiming he was going to kill himself and others. He stated he had a handgun and shotgun in his possession.

Sgt. Scott Griffin said: "No other people were in the residence when officers arrived.

The officers established a perimeter around the residence and neighbors were advised to seek shelter. The Special Operations Response Team was activated and responded to the scene."

Attempts were made to negotiate with the man throughout the five-hour ordeal. Griffin said the subject was taken into custody after members of SORT used a combination of OC (pepper fog) and CS gases as well as distraction devices to force him out of the house.

He was then transported to the state hospital for emergency committal and evaluation.

15-year-old girl sexually assaulted

Police are investigating an aggravated sexual assault of a 15-year-old Hispanic girl.

"The girl had just returned home and family members flagged down an officer who was in the area around 3 a.m. Tuesday. After establishing what had happened, the girl was taken in a private vehicle and escorted by the officer to the emergency room (at Scenic Mountain Medical Center)," explained Sgt. Scott Griffin.

The alleged offense occurred on the northside of town between 10 p.m. Monday and 2 a.m. today.

Griffin added, "the victim told officers there was more than one person in the room and she alleged there were multiple offenders."

Police continue to investigate the incident. No other details were available as of presstime.

Street sealcoating project nears end

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

If you've noticed a lot of new gravel on city streets, it's because the city of Big Spring and Howard County are putting the finishing touches on a five-week sealcoating project.

According to County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson, who updated County Commissioners on Monday about the project, the five-week project is near completion.

This project has been handled as a joint operation between the city and county, with the city supplying oil and gravel and personnel and the County Road Administrator and his crews supplying personnel and equipment.

When the project is completed, according to city and county officials, almost 30 miles of city streets will have received a facelift.

Assistant City Manager and Public Works Director Tom Decell said: "This year, with the generosity of the County Commissioners, we were able to sealcoat several miles in the city. The city furnished gravel, oil and some personnel, and I feel sure that this (cooperation) will continue."

Decell said the Public Works Department will periodically do an analysis of the city streets to see which streets have been sealcoated most recently.

"We keep fairly accurate records," Decell said, "and we try to sealcoat each street at least once every five to seven years."

As for running into any major street damage during a project such as sealcoating, Decell said, "Our on-the-scene supervisors (County Road Administrator, city personnel, etc.) work in very close contact, so any potential problems that arise are handled on the spot."

Texas Trivia

How many consecutive years was Sam Rayburn in the House of Representatives?

49

The Texas Rangers were formed in:

1835

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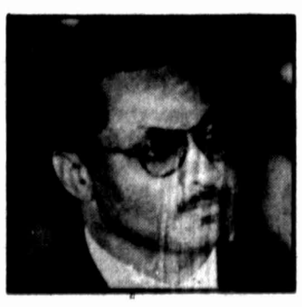
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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, facing possible investigation by an independent counsel for his contacts with the poultry industry, received a guarded vote of confidence from the White House. See page 5.



World: North Korea has offered to scrap 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods that contain the bomb-making element plutonium in exchange for economic aid from the United States. See page 4.

STATE

OC breaking even

Odessa College officials claim they have "broken even" with financial transactions despite figures that indicate the college suffered more than $7 million in losses while trading securities this year. See page 3.

Hand found in glove box

An investigation has been launched following the discovery of a shriveled human hand inside the glove box of a car that had been left at an automobile dealership for repairs, police say. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today

SUNNY

99 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ **71**

Fair, low near 70.

Tonight, fair. Low near 70. East to southeast wind 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight

CLEAR

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid 90s. Southeast to south wind 10-15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. High in the mid to upper 90s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph.

Gulf War veterans board taking action

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Persian Gulf Veterans Coordinating Board, the agency that reviewed requests and recommendations that the federal government investigate the health of troops that served in the Gulf War, has received a multi-faceted response in federal medical programs and research.

The PGVCB has affirmed the administration's commitment to thoroughly investigate a number of health complaints from veterans of the Gulf War, with special emphasis being placed on a group of veterans with unexplained illnesses following the war.

According to the Department of Veterans Affairs, the description of federal activities, including a new health survey and improved uniformity in case assessment, is in response to an April report by outside experts convened for a National Institute of Health technology assessment workshop. Recommendations were made toward research as well as techniques for clinical assessment of sick military personnel and veterans.

Agencies of the PGVCB, including VA, Health and Human Services, and the Department of Defense are supporting more than 20 programs to learn more about the long-term health consequences of military service in the Gulf.

The PGVCB's reaction to the NIH workshop shows interagency collaboration in a large Navy epidemiological study which, including control cases, will survey 1.2 million service personnel records for information on hospitalization and birth defects, and will include special physiological testing of 2,250 Navy Seabees.

According to VA, it also is working with the other agencies to launch a mail survey of a random sample of 10,000 veterans and active duty personnel to compare symptoms and health status with an identically-sized group not deployed in the Gulf.

In addition, the HHS's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will be conducting a telephone survey of Iowa residents to compare the health status of some 2,000 veterans who served in the Persian Gulf with the status of 2,000 veterans who served elsewhere during the Gulf War.

The PGVCB also agreed with recommendations for the establishment of a uniform assessment protocol. This "Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Protocol" is designed for patients whose diagnosis is not readily apparent after routine examinations and is being used jointly by the VA and DOD, which has scheduled more than 750 examinations under this new protocol.

According to VA, this protocol specifically addresses screening for viscerotropic leishmaniasis, which is a serious form of the parasitic disease that has been detected in less than three dozen service personnel and veterans. Departments involved are recommending attending physicians consider the disease in examining patients, and if concern warrants, consult with infectious disease specialists to determine whether a bone marrow biopsy is necessary.

Other initiatives outlined by the PGVCB include:

•The DOD preparing a request for proposals for a study that will examine chemical effects and an ill-defined condition known as multiple chemical sensitivity syndrome.

•Studies will continue to examine the role of stress from deployment and post-traumatic stress disorder, with the goal of developing intervention strategies.

OBITUARIES

Celestino T. Correa

Celestino T. Correa, 78, Big Spring, died Monday, Aug. 8, 1994, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Felix Villa

Memorial services for Felix Villa, 68, California, were held 7:30 p.m. June 28, 1994, at the Evangel Cathedral in Spartanburg. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 7, at Rosehill Chapel in Whittier, Calif. Burial was in Rosehill Cemetery.

Mr. Villa died Saturday, June 25.

A native of Big Spring, he was the husband of Lydia Villa and the son of Sostenes Villa and the late Francisco Cruz Villa. He was a retired chef and attended Evangel Cathedral in Spartanburg. Mr. Villa was a World War II Veteran and former commander of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 54.

He is survived by his wife: Lydia Villa, Calif.; two daughters: Helen Macias, Monte Bello, Calif., and Laura Cesario, Upland, Calif.; six sons: Jerry Villa, Gaffney, Felix Villa, Jr., La Ponte, Calif., Charles Villa, Tico Rivera, Calif., John Villa, Modesto, Calif., Anthony Villa, Los Angeles, Calif., and Henry Villa, Merced, Calif.; two stepdaughters: Mary Loa, Rosemead, Calif., and Diana Rutland, Gaffney; one sister: Mary Gonzales, Atwater, Calif.; six brothers: Gregory Villa, Raymond Villa, both of Big Spring, Julian Villa, El Paso, Frank Villa, Turlock, Calif., Tony Villa and Albert Villa, both of Atwater, Calif.; 22 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

All arrangements were under the direction of Shuford Hatcher Funeral Home.

Lila Pilon

Funeral services for Lila Pilon, 77, Capitan, N.M., will be 2 p.m. today at the Capitan Church of Christ with Leslie Earwood officiating. Graveside services will be held 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10, 1994, at Mt. Olive Cemetery, Big Spring.

Mrs. Pilon died Friday, Aug. 5, at her home in Capitan, N.M. following an extended illness.

She was born Oct. 2, 1916, in Big Spring to Jefferson Earl and Verla Vivian Jones. She was an elementary school teacher in the Hobbs Public School system. She taught for about 27&1/2 years, mostly the fourth grade. She lived in Hobbs from 1948 until 1982, at which time she and her husband moved to Capitan where she had lived the remainder of her life. She and her husband, Edmond Pilon, were married in Roswell, N.M., on Oct. 23, 1954.

She is survived by her husband: Ed Pilon, Capitan, N.M.; one son: Richard Pilon, Austin; two daughters: Carolyn Gaston, College Station, and Martha Huckabee, Hobbs, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family request memorials to the New Mexico Christian's Children's Home, Portales, N.M.

Arrangements are under the direction of La Grone Funeral Chapel, Ruidoso, N.M.

MYERS & SMITH
FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Russell Felts, 36, died Monday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
BIG SPRING

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ON THE RUN
Big Spring

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**GREGORY KEITH PROBST**, 35 of 3911 Dixon, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**BRIAN JOLLEY**, 26 of 1600 East Third, was arrested for assault/family violence, criminal mischief and resisting arrest.

•**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** in the 1300 block of Scurry.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 2500 block of Larry, 1600 block of East Sixth, 1100 block of Johnson and 2500 block of Seminole.

•**THEFTS** in the 500 block of Westover and in the 400 block of Birdwell.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1100 block of East Fourth. The complainant told officers someone entered her home through an unlocked window and stole a compact disc player, television, VCR, micro audio system and a bedspread.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 800 block of East 14th and 2000 block of Gregg.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 2600 block of Ann.

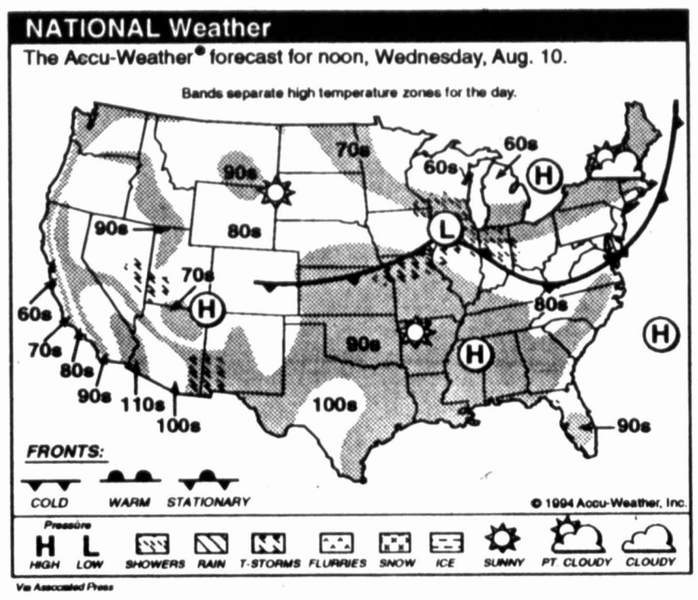
SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**SHAWN LEIGH MOSER WALKER**, 29 of P.O. Box 2292, was sentenced in district court to two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for motion to revoke probation on theft over $750 and under $20,000.

•**ISABEL GONZALES LOMAS**, 37 of 806 North Goliad, was arrested for revocation of probation for forgery by passing. She was transferred from the city jail and remains held without bond.

•**JOSEPH A. OGLETHORPE**, 24 of Arlington, pled guilty in district court to possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 10 years deferred adjudication, fined $1,000 and ordered to pay $124.50. He was then released to the adult probation office.



DID YOU WIN? PICK 3: 9, 9, 8

MARKETS

Dec. cotton futures 70.55 cents per pound,up 25 points; Sept. crude oil 19.32,down 10 points; cash hog steady at 56 cents higher at 43.25 even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents lower at 69.50 even; Aug. live hog futures 45.92, down 58 points; Aug. live cattle futures 71.20; down 12 points; according to Delta Commodities.

Index 3748.63
Volume 83,893,780

Name	Quote	Change
ATT	53⅛	-⅛
Amoco	59	nc
Atlantic Richfield	105½	nc
Atmos Energy	17⅛	nc
Boston Chicken	40½	+⅛
Cabot	54⅛	+⅛
Chevron	43⅛	nc
Chrysler	46¼	nc
Coca- Cola	43½	-⅛
De Beers	25¹¹⁄₁₆	+⅛
DuPont	59½	nc
Exxon	58⅛	-⅛
Ffna Inc	77⅛	+⅜
Ford Motors	30⅜	+⅛
Halliburton	31⅛	-⅛
IBM	64	+⅜
J.C. Penney	48⅛	+⅛
Laser Indus LTD	6½	+⅛
Mesa Ltd. Prt	5½	-⅛
Mobile	82½	+½
NUV	10¼	nc
Pepsi Cola	31⅛	-⅛
Phillips Petroleum	31⅜	+⅛
Sears	46⅛	-⅛
Southwestern Bell	42¾	nc
Sun	27⅛	-¾
Texaco	62¾	+¼
Texas Instruments	80¾	+ 1¼
Texas Utilities	33⅛	-¼
Unocal Corp	28⅜	-⅛
Wal- Mart	24⅛	-¼

Mutual Funds

Amcap	11.97- 12.70
Euro Pacific	22.30- 23.66
I.C.A.	18.65- 19.79
New Economy	14.76- 15.66
New Perspective	15.47- 16.41
Van Kampen	14.33- 15.03
Gold	378.45- 378.95
Silver	5.14- 5.17

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

RECORDS

Monday's temp.	100
Monday's low	71
Average high	97
Average low	70
Record high	107 in 1952
Record low	57 in 1959
Rainfall Monday	0.11
Month to date	0.11
Month's normal	.34

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•The Herald's annual Community Guide edition will be coming soon-and we need to update all area churches for the edition.

Please call Gina Garza at 263-7331 between 8 a.m. and noon with churches, services and times, pastor and a phone number.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free bread for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•New Phoenix Hope Group, 901-A W. Third, open meeting, noon. Women members only, 8 p.m.

•Diabetes support group, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212. Ages 14-20.

•Westex Players organizational meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Texas Center for the Arts in the Practical Arts Building on the Howard College Campus.

WEDNESDAY

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

•Survivors,10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

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past, but not as good as the last two.

The biggest account to be collected was that of P.J. Enterprises, which paid more than $100,000 in delinquent taxes. The actual amount of taxes owed by the company was somewhere in the neighborhood of $20,000 to $30,000, but fines and penalties pushed the amount to more than $100,000.

Mouton told commissioners that bankruptcy filings and tax payment agreements are up. "Tax agreements hurt collections," he said, "because most agreements cover a three-year period."

A new software program, according to Mouton, is starting to make collecting taxes easier because a report can now be generated that shows which tax agreements have been recently serviced.

Commissioners agreed to renew the contract with Mouton and his firm for the collection of delinquent taxes. Mouton said his firm will try to foreclose on 100 or more properties in the next year, at the rate of about 10 per month, that he described as "upside down," meaning the taxes due on the property is more than the actual market value of the property. These properties will be sold, Mouton said hopefully, to people who will take care of them, which will improve the look of the city.

Kathleen Miller and Russ McEwen also addressed the court during the meeting on the subject of health insurance for the county.

McEwen, an insurance agent, discussed Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Miller, a Certified Insurance Counselor and Licensed Risk Manager, updated commissioners on the different directions they could approach when selecting health insurance for the county.

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The county did not make any decision on health insurance on Monday, but will discuss the subject again at its next meeting.

Economy

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sales tax from their customers and send the money to the Comptroller's office on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis, depending on the size of each individual businesses. The current state sales tax rate is 6.25 percent, while the local rate can be as much as 2 percent.

After the money is sent to the Comptroller's office, the state's share of the revenue is deposited into the State Treasury, and the local portion of the revenue is returned to communities to help fund a wide variety of programs and services.

The state's 10 economic regions showed the following increases in local sales tax revenue for the first part of 1994: Central Texas, 11.2 percent; Gulf Coast, 5.2 percent; High Plains, 7.8 percent; Metroplex, 9.3 percent; Northwest Texas, 4.1 percent; South Texas, 3.7 percent; Upper East Texas, 6.9 percent; Upper Rio Grande, 7.7 percent; Southeast Texas, 3.7 percent; and West Texas, 5.3 percent.

Locally, Howard County shows an adjusted sales tax revenue of $1,629,635 for the first part of 1993 compared to $1,728,389 for the first part of 1994 for an increase of 6.05 percent.

Big Spring's local sales tax rate is 2 percent, while Coahoma and Forsan each have a local rate of 1 percent.

The 6.05 percent increase for Howard County reflects Big Spring, which increased from $1,593,312 to $1,682,010, a 5.56 percent change; Coahoma, which increased from $16,949 to $18,241, a 7.62 percent change; and Forsan, which increased from $19,373 to $28,137 to show a change of 45.23 percent.

As a region, West Texas showed an increase from $16,600,804 for the first part of 1993 to $17,485,566 for the first part of 1994.

Tech-Prep

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don't at this time.

Also, the health information technology degree is just in San Angelo. The other three are available to students in Big Spring, Coahoma and any other high school that is interested."

"This integrates technology and academic education. It helps the student achieve both skills to allow them to enter the workplace," Johnston added. "The small benefit of Tech-Prep is a student earns nine hours of credit for college. The big benefit is that it gets them thinking at an earlier age of a career path so they can start pursuing that kind of education and take the right courses."

In a way, the program is also a recruiting tool for Howard College. If a student signs up for Tech-Prep, he or she is guaranteed to get the nine hours of credit at Howard College, but that credit is not guaranteed if he or she decides to attend a different junior college.

Local faculty members who helped to develop the Tech-Prep programs include Doris Huibregtse and Gayla Williams of the Howard College campus, and Betty Clere of Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

VA WANTS VETERANS TO REFINANCE LOANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs is stepping up its campaign to inform veterans with high-interest rate. VA guaranteed home loans of the cost benefits of refinancing their loans.

"We are encouraging veterans to refinance their loans and realize substantial savings, at the same time giving a boost to the economy," said VA Secretary Jesse Brown. The VA has a streamlined program for converting VA guaranteed loans to new ones at lower interest rates at little or no cost. VA's Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan program allows a veteran with an outstanding VA-guaranteed loan to obtain a new loan at a lower interest rate by using the same entitlement the veteran previously used to buy the home.

The program allows veterans to reduce the rate and generally requires no property appraisal or re-qualifying. For example, the effect of reducing a current VA loan with a 10 percent interest rate to 8.5% is to reduce the monthly payment by $98 on a $90,000 loan balance. "It is easy for the veterans to take advantage of the new VA program," said Brian Thomas, Branch Manager of South Central Mortgage. "It can all be done by mail and usually with no out-of-pocket costs to the veteran."

Veterans interested in information about refinancing their home loans can call Mitchell Skidmore, toll free (800) 533-5626.

Church knew of sexual abuse charges

DALLAS (AP) — At least one high-ranking Roman Catholic knew about sexual abuse allegations against a priest but approved his transfer to Dallas 10 years ago, according to a published report.

"We made the best decision at the time in view of the circumstances," said Bishop David E. Fellhauer, who was the second-ranking official in the Dallas Diocese at the time.

Fellhauer, now of the Diocese of Victoria, knew of allegations against the Rev. Robert Peebles Jr. before his 1984 transfer, according to a copyright story in Tuesday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

An alleged sexual assault involving a boy led Peebles to resign as an Army chaplain. Church superiors learned of the accusations and moved him to St. Augustine Catholic Church in Dallas as an assistant pastor in 1984.

Peebles eventually became a pastor at St. Augustine. He left the priesthood after three more boys accused him of sexual abuse.

Also on Monday, Peebles confirmed the contents of court papers filed last week in which he admitted abusing between seven and 20 boys while he was a priest, The News reported.

"Everything I said in my deposition I said under oath, and I stand by it," said Peebles, now a New Orleans attorney.



Associated Press photo

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison talks with Francisco Carrizales, left, an employee at Houston Ship Repair, about health care reform after a news conference Monday in Channelview.

Hutchison shooting down Clinton plan

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison vows to work for the defeat of the Clinton-endorsed health care proposal.

On Monday, Mrs. Hutchison echoed her party brethren, charging that the White House-backed measure would raise taxes too high and grant government too large a role.

"I will not support a plan that has employer mandates, that has huge new tax increases and will take away the quality of care that we have in our system," Mrs. Hutchison told about 25 workers at Houston Ship Repair, Inc. in Channelview, Texas.

The Clinton administration contends that health coverage for all Americans would give protection to 3.2 million Texas working families now without coverage.

The Senate bill drafted by Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, calls for covering 95 percent of Americans by the year 2002. President Clinton has endorsed this plan.

But Mrs. Hutchison charged that the Clinton-Mitchell plan calls for 17 new taxes, a premium most Americans cannot afford to pay.

"I am supporting the (Sen. Bob) Dole plan. The Dole plan has no mandates, no taxes," she said. "It will keep the quality of the system and most important, it will improve the system as we know it."

Dole, a GOP leader from Kansas, has united most Republicans behind a less sweeping no-new-taxes reform plan.

Congress is rolling up its sleeves for serious consideration of health reform in the next few weeks. The White House on Monday stepped up its media blitz for universal coverage by issuing state-by-state data on universal coverage.

OC breaking even, college officials say

ODESSA (AP) — Odessa College officials claim they have "broken even" with financial transactions despite figures that indicate the college suffered more than $7 million in losses while trading securities this year.

The losses from trading activities in 1994 amounted to $7.3 million, according to college figures.

College officials said Monday that investment gains from securities traded in the fall of 1993, however, brought in about $750,000, offsetting part of the losses. At the same time, officials count $2.7 million in interest income from the college's troubled investment portfolio, bringing the net loss down to $3.85 million.

College president Phil Speegle and Victoria Chisum, the school's chief financial officer told The Odessa American that the the college has actually "broken even" on its investment transactions since a $3.9 million loss attributed to the trading of three securities earlier this year is actually a "book loss."

"In terms of real dollars, we are about even," Speegle told the newspaper.

For the past four months, Odessa College has been mired in a investment crisis caused by a more-than-50-percent decline in the market value of its $22 million investment portfolio.

College officials announced last May that nearly all college funds, including the remainder of its 1993-94 operating budget, had been invested in high-risk securities known as mortgage-backed derivatives.

Since then, the Odessa College board of trustees has adopted a financial plan that will keep the college operating without having to sell the investments.

But before college trustees were ever informed of the investment problems, the college utilized dollar rolls, a sophisticated type of loan in which securities are sold and repurchased, to borrow $2.2 million from a securities firm, Speegle and Chisum said.

As part of the loan transaction, a series of three securities were sold and eventually repurchased by the college, officials said. Because the market value of the investments had declined due to rising interest rates, the trade resulted in a $3.9 million loss, according to college figures.

But because OC paid off the loan, in essence repurchased the securities and has them in its possession, the trade loss from the transaction only appears "on paper" and does not constitute an actual financial shortfall, Chisum explained.

A month later, however, the college was not so fortunate.

At the end of March, shortly after Speegle said he was informed about the investment crisis, the college sold $7 million worth of securities for $3.6 million, incurring a $3.4 million loss, according to college figures.

Human hand found in car launches investigation

AUSTIN (AP) — An investigation has been launched following the discovery of a shriveled human hand inside the glove box of a car that had been left at an automobile dealership for repairs, police say.

The woman who left the car for repairs on Monday was said to have been visiting relatives in Austin. The woman, who was not identified by police, was driving a car with New York license plates, officers said.

A relative reportedly told police the lacquered body part has been handed down from generation to generation.

"It's obviously from a cadaver," said police spokeswoman Ann Taylor. She said police were investigating to determine what, if any charges, might be filed. Abuse of a corpse was one possibility, she said.

A production manager at Chevrolet Country who was searching inside the car to get information about the car's exterior paint discovered the hand Monday morning, according to body shop manager John Webber.

"We thought it was just, like, a stage prop at first," Webber said. "But once you got to look at it, it was real all right. The top digit of the finger was missing and the bone was sticking out.

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"It was kind of all wrinkled up like beef jerky," he said.

"It drew a crowd real quick," Webber added. "Everybody quit working. Pretty soon, I told them to put the hand back in the glove box and go back to work. Then we got to thinking, maybe we better call the police."

The hand was being held at the Travis County morgue where a pathologist will examine it today to determine if it is human, according to Darlene Dunn, a Travis County medical examiner's investigator.

Police investigators initially treated the case as a possible homicide until they were able to contact the woman's grandfather, who lives in New York state, spokeswoman Taylor said. He told them it was a quirky hand-me-down.

"He told us that he taught anatomy 40 years ago and that this hand has been passed down from generation to generation and that's how this woman happened to have possession of it," she said.

Webber, who estimated the body shop repairs up to 140 cars a month, said he's never encountered anything so strange in his 17 years as an auto mechanic and manager.

"We've had bomb threats before. We've even found piles of money and different things in cars," Webber said. "But this is the first time we ever found a human body part.

"She kept that hand like some people keep pet rocks," he said. "Strange."



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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"'Never lose your temper with the press or the public' is a major rule of political life."
Christabel Pankhurst

Drive cautiously in school zones

School starts next Friday in Big Spring.

Bittersweet words, those are. No more carefree play days for children. No more splashing in the pool.

No more carefree driving days for local traffic, either. Those empty school zone crossings will soon become crowded. Instead of watching out for kids on bikes throughout local neighborhoods during the day, drivers will need to beware of children on foot, on bike or any other form of transportation near the schools.

It seems like such an easy transition to make. But after a summer of letting down one's guard, it might be too easy to forget that school zones can't just be breezed through anymore.

Kids will be on the sidewalks. Buses and cars filled with youngsters will be on the roads, often backing up traffic. Oh, sure, we know the routine - early morning and midafternoon - but those first few days, we might not watch as closely as we should.

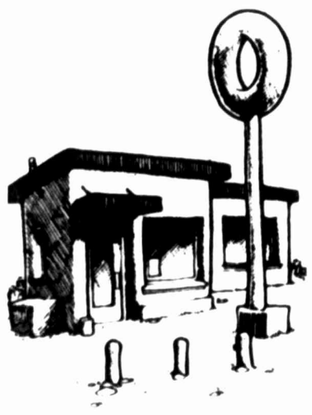
It's not too soon to get back into the habit of paying very close attention to flashing lights and speed limits at school zone crossings and other areas where children may congregate.

Let's make sure children returning to school face no greater trauma than having to sit in a stuffy classroom when somewhere in town, a refreshing pool still beckons.

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Mooseheart belongs to enlightenment



Paul Harvey
Columnist

Charity has been taken out of the hands of the church and turned over to the people who run the Post Office.

When you let government dispense your charity dollars, most of the dollars stick to the wrong fingers. One good example is worth a thousand admonitions. Someday, I'd like to take you with me to Mooseheart, near Chicago, Ill.

Of all the worthy humanitarian things that service clubs and fraternal organizations and lodges and the like do ...

Of all the genuine services that they render in the American tradition of charity at home ...

Mooseheart is a shining example.

Years ago, a widowed mother with seven children passed my way on their way to Mooseheart.

Their daddy had belonged to the Loyal Order of Moose, so this family was entitled to live in this lovely place.

Soon, the mother was working as a nurse in Mooseheart hospital to be near her children attending Mooseheart High School until they graduated.

Mrs. Nancy Rita Fagan's little ones ranged in age from 9 to 2.

The family would be an aggregate 80 years at Mooseheart before the youngest child graduated.

No, I am not a Moose. I'd be proud to be one but I have always thought that a professional observer can cheer worthy efforts more effectively from the sidelines.

If public welfare rewards indigence, promiscuity and wasteful extravagance, Mooseheart is a dynamic demonstration of civilized man's better self.

Over the years, this 1,200-acre community and school has evolved. It now accepts applications from all children in need -- whether or not there is any family connection with the Moose fraternal organization.

Mooseheart is not a "halfway house" or a "temporary shelter." It is not an orphanage that seeks to place children with adoptive parents.

Mooseheart welcomes one child or a family of children, whether they are 12 weeks old or 12 years old, with the intention of caring for them until they graduate from Mooseheart High School.

Mooseheart care may extend beyond graduation. Students who've been residents for four years and who graduate with a "B" average or better have traditionally been granted college scholarships covering tuition, room and board at a state university.

With a present enrollment of 200 and expansion planned that will accommodate 500, Mooseheart is certainly eligible for what former President Bush designated as one of the "thousand points of light" ...

Except, seen up close, Mooseheart does not belong to the dark. It belongs, rather, to an enlightened new day.

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Full disclosure helps prevent problems

"Arguments," quipped Oscar Wilde, "should be avoided. They are always vulgar and often convincing." Perhaps to avoid arguments — or guff from the troglodytes who oppose their agenda — President and Mrs. Clinton often shrink from full disclosure. This habit has now landed the first lady a date in the witness box.

On Sept. 12, Mrs. Clinton and other health-care task force members will attempt to persuade U.S. Judge Royce Lamberth that they did not violate the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Three anti-Clintoncare groups claim the task force flouted the act by allowing hundreds of members of a health-care "working group" to meet in secret. The 1972 law aims to prevent special interests, in cahoots with government officials, from crafting public policy behind closed doors.

The Justice Department, representing the task force, first argued that the working-group members, many of whom hailed from academe and nonprofits, were de facto government employees. Justice lawyers have dropped that lemon of a defense. They will now contend that the 1,000 or so members formed an "anonymous horde" without real influence. Well now.

Chad Jackson of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (a plaintiff) notes that the Clintons flamboyantly assembled what they deemed the best minds on health care. Mrs. Clinton then disregarded their ideas? Please.

Other than disdain for the hoi polloi, what explains the Clintonites' secretiveness? The plaintiffs claim that some working-group participants would profit from the government-heavy health plan they helped concoct.

The Kaiser Family Foundation, a charitable trust with statist affections, dispatched five representatives to the working group. Kaiser Permanente, a foundation angel and the largest operator of health maintenance organizations, would almost surely benefit from Clintoncare, which would assign most people to HMOs.

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WORLD

Korea offers nukes for economic aid

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea has offered to scrap 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods that contain the bomb-making element plutonium in exchange for economic aid from the United States, it was reported today.

Meanwhile, U.S. nuclear experts are likely to visit North Korea later this month to help slow the corrosion of the fuel rods, other reports said.

The fate of the rods is a central issue at U.S.-North Korea talks under way in Geneva on opening the secretive North's nuclear sites to international inspection.

North Korea claims its nuclear program is peaceful, but its 17-month refusal to allow full inspections has deepened suspicions it has been developing atomic bombs.

North Korea agreed in June to freeze its nuclear program pending the Geneva talks, which then were postponed following the July 8 death of longtime leader Kim Il Sung.

During the month's delay, the spent fuel rods from the North's 5-megawatt reactor continued to decay. The North says it must begin reprocessing them by the end of the month to avoid contaminating its nuclear complex.

Western experts calculate North Korea could extract enough plutonium from the rods during reprocessing to make five nuclear weapons. Western analysts believe the Communist North already has enough plutonium to make at least one atomic bomb.

U.S. officials demanded the rods, removed in May, be turned over to a third country like China. North Korea balked, saying the rods are its property.

North Korea's chief delegate to the Geneva talks, Kang Sok Ju, said after Monday's session that he made new proposals to ease concerns over the spent fuel rods. He did not elaborate.

But South Korea's Joongang Daily News quoted unidentified sources in Seoul and Geneva as saying North Korea told U.S. officials it was willing to bury the fuel rods in concrete.

In exchange, the North asked the United States to provide it with a light-water reactor, a conventional power plant, and aid to modernize power distribution facilities, the newspaper said.

It quoted one South Korean source as saying the United States was likely to accept the proposal.

China, Taiwan fight to stop hijacking

■Enemies join forces against issue plaguing both nations

BEIJING (AP) — A breakthrough agreement between longtime enemies on mainland China and Taiwan includes important steps meant to stop a spate of hijackings from China.

It was the first significant agreement since formal contact between the two rival governments began in the spring of 1993. The latest talks ended Sunday, and the highest-ranking Chinese envoy to visit Taiwan since 1949, Tang Shubei, flew back to Beijing on Monday.

The two sides reached consensus on how to deal with hijackers, as well as illegal mainland workers in Taiwan and fishing disputes in the Taiwan Straits, a joint news release said. A formal agreement will be signed after minor differences are resolved, it said.

Details were sketchy, but negotiators called the results a breakthrough after months of low-level talks.

China agreed that Taiwan can take humanitarian concerns into account when repatriating hijackers, but refused to put the words "political reasons" into the agreement.

China also agreed Taiwan would look into the cases before sending the hijackers back, said a Taiwanese official connected to the talks, who spoke on condition of anonymity and declined to give further details.

Hijackers who served prison terms in Taiwan will not be tried again after they are repatriated, the negotiators said. They also said the hijacking agreement could be applied to other criminals.

The consensus reached on hijacking will "leave no loopholes" and will protect airline safety, the China Daily quoted Tang, the mainland's envoy, as saying.

China also agreed to pay the costs of detaining and repatriating illegal immigrants to Taiwan if their return is delayed. Taiwan had been asking China to help pay these costs for about 1,000 people from the mainland whose return has been delayed by China.

Government vessels from both sides would be able to mediate in fishing disputes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mine closed, men inside presumed dead

MOURA, Australia (AP) — Eleven coal miners trapped inside a collapsed tunnel for two days are most likely dead, officials said in deciding today to seal the shaft to prevent further explosions and fires.

"There is no hope for the 11 men," said union leader Andrew Vickers after a meeting with the mine's operator. "The situation is so serious that there is no alternative but to seal the mine."

An explosion Sunday trapped the miners in a tunnel 850 feet below the surface, about two miles from the mine entrance. A series of explosions and underground fires since then — as well as high levels of dangerous gases in the shaft — dashed hopes of rescue.

There has been no contact with the men, aged between 22 and 50, since the initial blast. The gas masks they carried were designed to be used for only one hour.

"Once the mine is sealed, the fires will gradually burn themselves out," the mine operator said in a statement. They were working on sealing it today.

The cause of the blasts have not been determined, although it was likely that a combination of methane and coal dust ignited, officials said.

Typhus may be latest threat in Rwanda

GOMA, Zaire (AP) — A deadly fever thought to be typhus has killed 19 refugees and may be spreading, posing yet another threat to the nearly 1 million Rwandans in crowded camps, authorities said today.

Unsanitary conditions in the camps have spawned epidemics of cholera and dysentery, which along with other diseases and malnutrition have claimed as many as 25,000 lives since mid-July.

Thirty cases of the new, undiagnosed fever were reported, said Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

French military doctors think the disease is typhus and have sent blood samples to France for testing. Results were expected by week's end.

Typhus is a generic name for any of several infectious diseases characterized by high fever. It can be prevented by vaccination and treated with antibiotics.

The disease is commonly spread by lice, which abound among the filthy, largely unwashed refugees, who barely get enough clean water to drink. It can easily strike down the weak, elderly and malnourished, whose natural defense mechanisms are impaired.

About 1 million war refugees, mainly Hutus, are in Goma, having fled Rwanda for fear of reprisals from the Tutsi rebels who ousted the Hutu-led government.

Up to 500,000 civilians, mainly Tutsis, were slaughtered by Hutu militias and the Rwandan army after the country's civil war reignited in April, when Rwanda's Hutu president died in an unexplained plane crash.

To ease the strain on the camps, the United Nations has tried to encourage Rwandans to return home — with little success.

U.N. officials believe only 130,000 refugees have returned to Rwanda. Panos Moumtzis, another spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency, said nearly 20,000 people were counted on the road to Kigali, the capital, on Monday.

Troops of the defeated Hutu-led army have intimidated many of the Hutu refugees, warning them they could be killed by members of the rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front if they return to Rwanda.

International airlift resumes in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The international airlift that supplies the beseiged Bosnian capital with most of its food resumed today, 2 1/2 weeks after it was shut down by sniper fire on relief planes.

A Canadian C-130 cargo plane landed this morning at Sarajevo's airport, the first of 14 planes expected today.

Stocks of food in the city are so low that donors are willing to operate the airlift over the next two weekends, said Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency. Normally, relief planes operate only on weekdays.

The airlift was halted July 21 after shots were fired at incoming planes, presumably from Bosnian Serb forces surrounding the city. It resumed briefly last Friday before tensions spiraled over Serb seizure of heavy weapons from a U.N.-monitored arms depot, and it was called off again.

Late last month, the Serbs closed the only road into Sarajevo available to commercial and civilian traffic. The route had been the source of roughly half the city's food.

On Monday, the U.N. commander for Bosnia proposed the creation of a demilitarized zone around Sarajevo. Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose called on the Serbs and the Muslim-led government to withdraw all soldiers and heavy weapons in and around Sarajevo. That includes heavy weapons put under U.N. guard when NATO demanded the guns around Sarajevo be pulled back last February.

Rose's proposal appeared aimed at avoiding a repeat of last Friday's Serb move, which prompted a NATO air strike at an old Serb anti-tank weapon south of Sarajevo.

After the airstrike, the Serbs returned the weapons they had seized. Rose now apparently wants to build on the Serbs' new sense of isolation to get weapons out of Sarajevo and the 12.5-mile "no-weapons-zone" around the city imposed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Serbia last week pledged to cut off all military supplies and trade with the Bosnian Serbs because they have rejected an international peace plan.

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Clinton's job rating sinking

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's job rating has slipped to its lowest level in a year, with Americans now evenly split on his performance, according to a new poll.

An ABC News-Washington Post poll released Monday night found 47 percent approve and 47 percent disapprove of the way Clinton is handling his job. The survey showed a 10-point drop in the president's approval rating in four months.

The telephone poll of 1,015 adults was conducted over the past weekend, after a bruising week of congressional hearings into the Whitewater affair.

Fully 60 percent of the respondents said the hearings were not worthwhile and 58 percent said the issue was not important.

Even so, 48 percent said they thought Clinton had done something wrong in the Whitewater matter while 39 percent thought he had not.

Clinton's job rating was the worst since August 1993, when 45 percent approved of Clinton's performance and 51 percent disapproved.

MEDALS OF FREEDOM



Associated Press photo

Washington Post cartoonist Herbert Block, left, applauds as President Clinton awards the Presidential Medal of Freedom to the widow of Cesar Chavez, Helen Chavez, during an East Room ceremony Monday. Clinton awarded the nation's highest civilian honor to nine Americans, including Block and Chavez.

Senate ready to play hardball with health care

WASHINGTON (AP) After decades of fitful starts and failed attempts at national health insurance, the Senate is opening debate on a Democratic bill designed to secure health coverage for at least 95 percent of Americans by the turn of the century.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell on Monday promised "a very vigorous and informative debate," and expressed hope that "it can be conducted free of some of the harsh rhetoric that has occurred here over the past several days."

That hope seemed sure to be dashed.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, invoked the threat Monday of a filibuster, saying "no amount of finger-pointing ... will stop me from opposing something that is an anathema to everything I believe is right for America."

Another conservative, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., saying "haste does make waste," introduced a resolution urging Congress to put action off until next year.

Democratic leaders remained intent on pushing the Mitchell plan and a companion bill in the House through this month before the lawmakers go home for a delayed summer break.

"This is a very historic week for every American," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said at a White House briefing where the administration released reams of statistics on the 15 percent of Americans — almost 39 million people — who now lack insurance.

The 1,410-page Mitchell plan would overhaul insurance rules and provide subsidies to help millions of Americans buy private insurance. It would require employers with fewer than 500 workers to offer wide choices of health plans, including the option of buying coverage through community-rated cooperatives. Larger firms could self insure, but would also have to offer choices between fee for service care and managed care.

If 95 percent of Americans were not covered by the year 2000 and Congress failed to take other action, employers with 25 or more workers would be required to pay half their insurance premiums starting in 2002 in states with more than 5 percent uninsured.

President Clinton was meeting at the White House today with business leaders who have expressed support for employer contributions to health insurance, universal coverage and containment of medical costs.

The Congressional Budget Office was to deliver to Mitchell today its official verdict on the costs of his proposal. Mitchell has said it would be deficit neutral.

But congressional sources said the majority leader was making last-minute changes to reduce the costs of his promised subsidies, which originally provided help for pregnant women and children up to three times the poverty line. The cutoff now may be scaled back to 230 percent of poverty. The poverty line is currently $14,764 for a family of four.

But some liberals were hoping for an early showdown vote on Mitchell's watered-down employer mandate, which is crucial to the Democrats' hopes of getting an even tougher bill through the House.

The House debate on Majority Leader Richard Gephardt's plan — including an expansion of Medicare for the poor, the jobless and some small business workers, and a mandate on employers to pay 80 percent of premiums — won't start until next week at the earliest.

Ag secretary receives vote of confidence



ESPY

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, facing possible investigation by an independent counsel for his contacts with the poultry industry, received a guarded vote of confidence from the White House.

"I think until the facts speak otherwise, the president has every reason to have confidence in Mr. Espy," White House spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said Monday.

The statement came as Attorney General Janet Reno was poised to ask for an independent counsel to examine Espy's contacts with Tyson Foods Inc., the Arkansas-based poultry giant.

A key issue is whether Espy accepted travel, lodging and professional football tickets from Don Tyson, head of the nation's largest chicken producer.

But allegations of potential misconduct beyond Espy's dealings with the poultry industry have also come to light.

The department's Office of Inspector General has also looked into a request by his office from Chicago-based Quaker Oats for Chicago Bulls play-off tickets in 1993 when Espy was to be in that city on business.

The Justice Department received the case from the inspector general.

In addition to investigating the possible gratuities, the Justice Department has questioned former and current employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The investigators were trying to determine whether Espy aides interfered with the agency's efforts to develop new, tougher regulations for poultry.

"It's in the hands of the attorney general," lawyer Evan Barr, who is helping represent Espy in the case, said Monday. "We'll speak to it if and when" the request for an independent counsel happens, he said.

The investigation has focused on Espy's trip in May 1993 on a Tyson airplane to Washington from Russellville, Ark., where Espy spoke to the Arkansas Poultry Federation.

Espy says he reimbursed Tyson for the trip and maintains it was necessary to take the corporate jet because he had to get back to Washington quickly.

Tyson spokesman Archie R. Schaffer confirmed that Espy's companion, Patricia Dempsey, did not reimburse the company for her accommodations or her travel with Espy.

"Patricia Dempsey is a private citizen," Schaffer said.

Crime bill should be voted on this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of the $33.2 billion crime bill hunted for kindred spirits as House Speaker Tom Foley predicted a vote this week on the measure that would ban assault-style firearms and help put 100,000 more police on America's streets.

President Clinton and congressional leaders expect the bill itself to pass with large bipartisan majorities, but the stumbling block remains a vote on the "rule" that sets procedures for full House voting on the crime package.

"There are Democrats, regrettably, who are resisting the rule, I think unwisely, and I'm sure there are going to be Republicans who will support the rule and bill," Foley, D-Wash., said Monday.

Clinton, Foley and other bill supporters cranked up their arm-twisting Monday. Some backers said they were within five to 10 votes of passing the rule. But a senior administration official said House leaders gave Clinton a list of 20 members they needed his help in lobbying. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

"We're picking up support on the rule day by day," Foley said, adding, "I think we'll get it on the floor this week."

Clinton also kept up public pressure on the National Rifle Association and other groups trying to prevent the bill from getting to the House floor so they can change the package devised by House and Senate conferees.

"That bill has been held hostage for 11 days by certain special interest groups," Clinton said during a ceremony honoring nine people with the President Medal of Freedom.

He lobbied Democratic and GOP lawmakers by phone last week and planned more of the same, plus personal meetings, this week.

"For the next few days, he'll be doing what he needs to do to get the votes," spokeswoman Dee Dee Myers said at the White House. "You'll see a lot of lawmakers in and out of here."

Unless some Republicans buck their tradition of voting en masse against most rules, the Democrats will have to provide all 218 necessary votes out of their 256 members. That means they can lose only 38 and still pass the rule.

The chief Democratic opponents of the rule are NRA-backed gun control opponents who want that ban stripped from the legislation.

House bill gives help to Gulf War veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Persian Gulf War veterans suffering from a range of undiagnosed ailments would receive at least temporary government payments under a bill approved by the House.

On a voice vote Monday, lawmakers approved a bill that would award up to six years of compensation to veterans suffering from the so-called Persian Gulf syndrome, a variety of symptoms for which doctors have been unable to identify the causes.

Those veterans "deserve the benefit of the doubt," argued Rep. Jim Slattery, D-Kan., one of the bill's authors.

The bill also would provide $5 million a year for research on the health problems and $10 million a year for marriage and family counseling.

The bill was sent for further action to the Senate, where its fate was uncertain.

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., held a hearing last week on the Gulf War's impact on veterans' reproductive health.

At the same time, the House endorsed a bill providing a 3 percent cost-of-living increase in disability pay for veterans with service-connected disabilities, and for widows and children of veterans. The bill was sent to the Senate, which has already passed a similar measure.

If at the end of three years no diagnosis of the Gulf veterans' conditions can be made, compensation will automatically be authorized for an additional three years.

To be eligible, a veteran must be at least 10 percent disabled with symptoms that began before Oct. 1, 1996, or two years from the date of the person's departure from the gulf area.

"What we are doing is unprecedented," said Rep. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss.,

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BSHS golfers hit the links

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Normally, Big Spring golf coach Gary Simmons likes to keep track of his team members during the off-season. But this summer hasn't been normal for Simmons.

Because of the recent birth of his son, Simmons has had more important things to deal with than golf scores. That hasn't kept several members of the team, however, from honing their skills during the summer.

For the past few months, seven members of the BSHS golf team have participated in several Junior PGA events across the state.

While most teenagers have been pursuing more leisurely activities this summer, Jake McCullough, Justin Cole, Charlie Marmolejo, Ryan Williams, Mike Balderach, Josh Palmer and Rusty Palmer have been hitting the links, sharpening their games for the coming golf season.

Despite being out of touch this summer, Simmons said the experience will be helpful for his team.

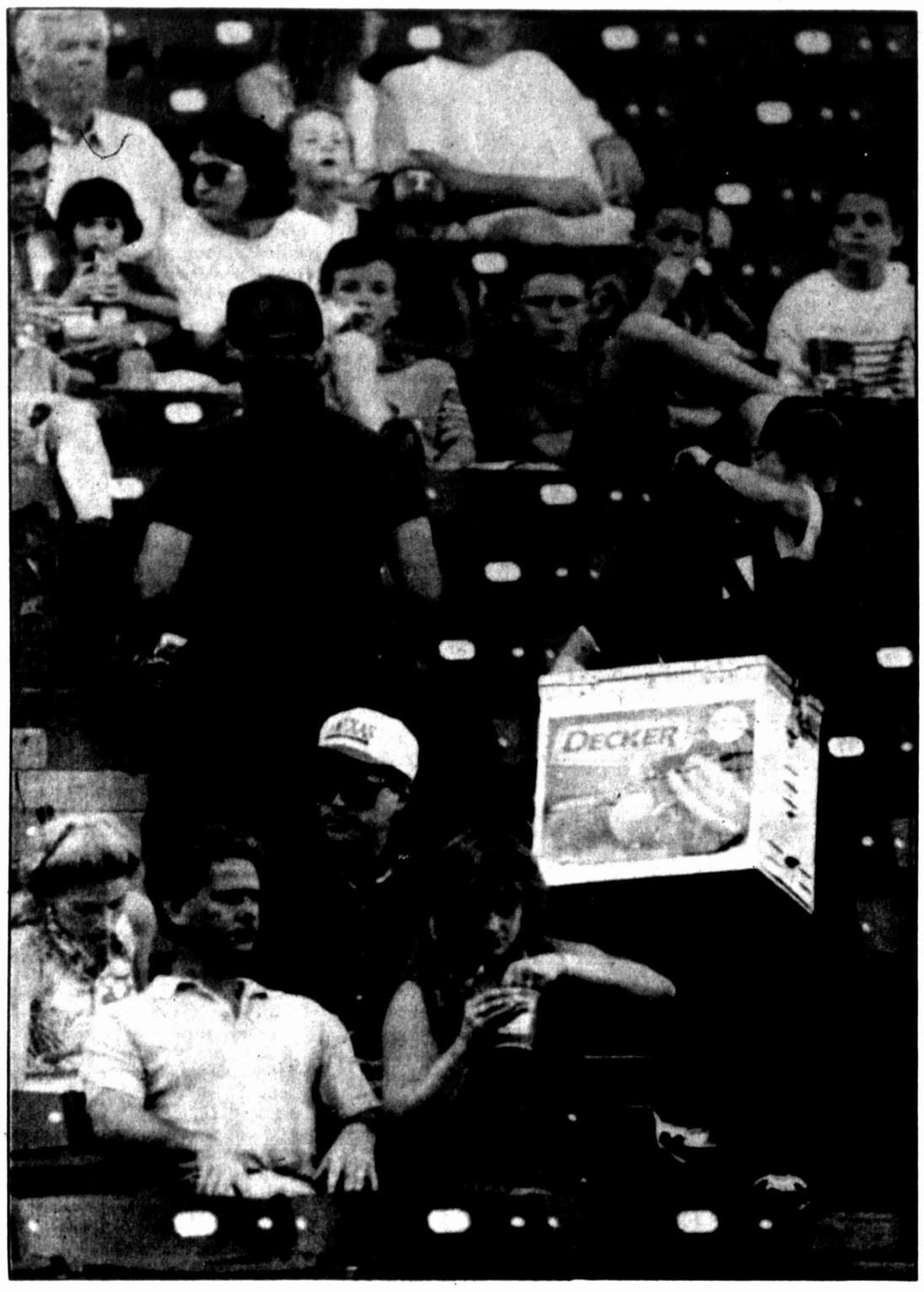
"You really can't judge how the experience will help until the season happens," he said. "But one thing's for sure - they'll be ahead of the kids that didn't play this summer."

While wins were hard to come by at the Junior PGA events, McCullough said first-place finishes weren't the only reason he played.

"A lot of it was for the competition, and to improve our games," he said. "It teaches you how to compete."

McCullough estimates he and his teammates entered about nine tournaments this summer.

His best finish? "I tied for fourth - in what seems like all of them," he said. "It seemed like I was always two shots out of the lead, and there were always two guys tied for second ahead of me."



Associated Press photo
Vendors peddle their goods at the Ballpark in Arlington Tuesday. Thousands of vendors will lose their jobs temporarily if the major league baseball players go on strike.

Strike losses

Players who would lose the most in salary during each day of the strike.

	1994 salary*	Daily loss	52-day loss
1 Bobby Bonilla, New York Mets	$5,700,000	$31,148	$1,619,672
2 Jack McDowell, Chicago White Sox	$5,300,000	$28,692	$1,506,011
3 Roberto Alomar, Toronto Blue Jays	$5,000,000	$27,322	$1,420,765
Roger Clemens, Boston Red Sox	$5,000,000	$27,322	$1,420,765
5 Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore Orioles	$4,800,000	$26,230	$1,363,934
Minimum salary	$109,000	$596	$30,973

*Salaries listed do not include prorated shares of signing bonuses or other guaranteed income, or incentives bonuses earned, or money lost because of lost opportunities for incentive bonuses.

Source: AP research — AP/C. Sanderson

Strike would put hurt on economy

ATLANTA (AP) — Hotels, restaurants and bars in baseball towns from Seattle to Miami are bracing for a multi-million-dollar knockdown pitch if the national pastime shuts down this Friday.

"It practically would kill us," Phyllis Campisi, office manager for the Alligator Alley Bar and Broiler, a watering hole near Busch Stadium in St. Louis that depends on Cardinals fans for most of its business.

If major league players strike, potentially wiping out the final third of the season, many businesses that thrive on diamond fans stand to lose most of their customers.

Baseball stars will hardly miss their paychecks, but their absence will have a severe ripple effect that goes well beyond the ballpark borders.

Local merchants are likely to miss the spending power of part-time workers such as popcorn vendors and parking lot attendants. In cities such as Atlanta, where baseball is a prime entertainment attraction, a strike would give out-of-town fans one less reason to come.

Elmer W. Hatcher, an attorney in Aiken, S.C., makes the 180-mile drive to Atlanta about six times a year to see the Braves play, and he wants to see the Aug. 17 game against the Chicago Cubs. He and his wallet will stay put if there's a strike.

"I always stay at hotels, eat at restaurants. I spend $300 to $400 each time," Hatcher said. "It's been a long time since I came to Atlanta for any other purpose than a Braves game."

Rick Villaveces, manager of the Fat Tuesday bar in Underground Atlanta, a popular tourist spot about a mile from Atlanta-Fulton County

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Both sides see little chance of avoiding strike

NEW YORK (AP) — With three days left before baseball players are scheduled to strike, both sides see little chance of avoiding the sport's eighth work stoppage in 22 years.

"This has the air of a dispute the owners are intent on forcing," union head Donald Fehr said after Monday's non-productive bargaining session. "The players are resigned to it and ready to go.

"The nature of the questions we're getting is things like, 'Is it OK if I leave after the game Thursday to go home or should I wait for a flight Friday morning?' ... The players assume the strike will take place. If it doesn't, that's great, but that's the operating assumption."

Management negotiator Richard Ravitch said he was "much less optimistic" about reaching a settlement without a stoppage.

"I don't want to spark any unrealistic optimism, but when you're in a situation like this, I wouldn't dare predict what's going to happen between now and Friday," Ravitch said. "That doesn't mean I think the fairy godmother will descend with a solution."

Monday's session covered non-economic issues and today's talks will be at the committee level. The sides didn't schedule any negotiations beyond that but said they expected to meet Wednesday.

"I assume there will be a meeting if someone thinks there's something to talk about," Fehr said. "There's nothing scheduled. There's an air of inevitability about all of this."

Fans sensed the inevitability, too. During the New York Yankees' 6-5, 11-inning victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night, some chanted "No strike! No strike!"

"Sadly, players will not address the issues that are of concern to us," Ravitch said earlier in the day. "They want to talk about the basic agreement in the context of how the players can get more money. We want to talk in terms of dealing with problems of the game and how to make sure baseball is economically viable in the 28 cities in which it's being played."

The true and sort of amazing adventures of a softball pitcher



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

After 42 bruises, 29 profanities and countless losses, you'd think I'd learn by now.

I'm not a softball pitcher.

Playing on the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church team has meant a lot - meeting new friends, enjoying a night out, getting some exercise - but unfortunately each game has given me a stiff neck.

That's from turning my head to watch batted balls fly over our outfielders' heads.

It's a strange scenario. I've had no success as a slow-pitch pitcher since I started chucking the ball in college intramurals, but I beg to pitch whenever I join a team. I feel lost or bored anywhere else - you can go three years in right-center field without touching the ball. Besides, my grandfather pitched, my Dad pitched and my Uncle Buddy pitched. Why shouldn't I?

Let me count the reasons.

I walk a batter about as often as Halley's Comet passes through. That ought to be a good trait for a pitcher, but don't be so sure. My pitches are right down the pipe for the most part, and the batters' eyes light up every time I groove one. I throw bad pitches intentionally every now and then to keep hitters honest, but that doesn't help.

How bad is it? Well, I remember the time a friend of mine came to watch me play in college intramurals. My team lost something like 104-2, and yet I was still searching for a bright side after the game.

"So, what did you think of my pitching?" I asked.

My friend said, "Well, Dave, you sure didn't walk anybody."

"Yea, but they hit the ball all over the place. What they hit - seven home runs?"

"Well, Dave, at least you back up the bases really well."

It hit me right then. If your best attribute as a pitcher is backing up home plate, you're hurting.

Yet I keep coming back for more. There's just something about slow-pitch softball. It's fun whether you're winning or losing. Heck, after each game I have to ask someone what the score is. I'm too busy pitching, hitting, coaching third base or chattering to worry about numbers.

Of course, you tend not to pay attention to numbers when they aren't in your favor. Let's be honest here.

As my ERA grows even higher than the national debt, I still can't enough of pitching. I'm equally inept at all the other positions and all the other sports, but pitching is special.

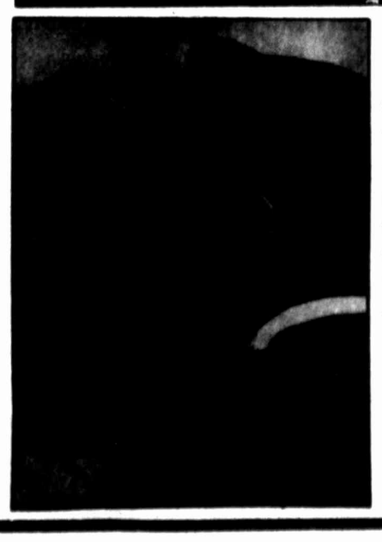
You touch the ball on every play.

Nothing happens until you throw the ball.

Next game, I'm just going to stand there and hold it.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Oh, yeah? Yeah!
First base umpire Larry McCoy, right, finds himself face-to-face with Baltimore first base coach Davey Lopes in a sixth inning argument Monday in New York.

TEXAS SPORTS

Bush disappointed

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers have been in first place in the American League West for a club-record 71 days, but that's not been enough to satisfy managing general partner George W. Bush.

"It's been real disappointing," Bush told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Monday. "We're in first place, but we're seven games under .500. We thought we would have a better team than this."

Bush made the remarks before Monday night's 14-4 loss to the Seattle Mariners dropped the Rangers to eight games below .500 at 52-60.

General manager Tom Grieve and manager Kevin Kennedy aren't being blamed for the team's situation, Bush said.

"The manager is doing a fine job," Bush said.

AROUND THE WORLD

Rhodes, Maddux honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Rhodes of the Baltimore Orioles, who pitched two shutouts last week, was named AL player of the week and Greg Maddux of the Atlanta Braves was selected NL player of the week.

Maddux also was 2-0 last week, allowing two runs in victories over New York and Cincinnati.

Christie wins gold

HELSINKI, Finland (AP) — Britain's Linford Christie, arguably the finest sprinter in European history, captured his third straight 100-meter title at the European Championships to tie Soviet Valery Borzov's record from the 1970s.

Christie clocked a relatively slow winning time of 10.14 seconds.

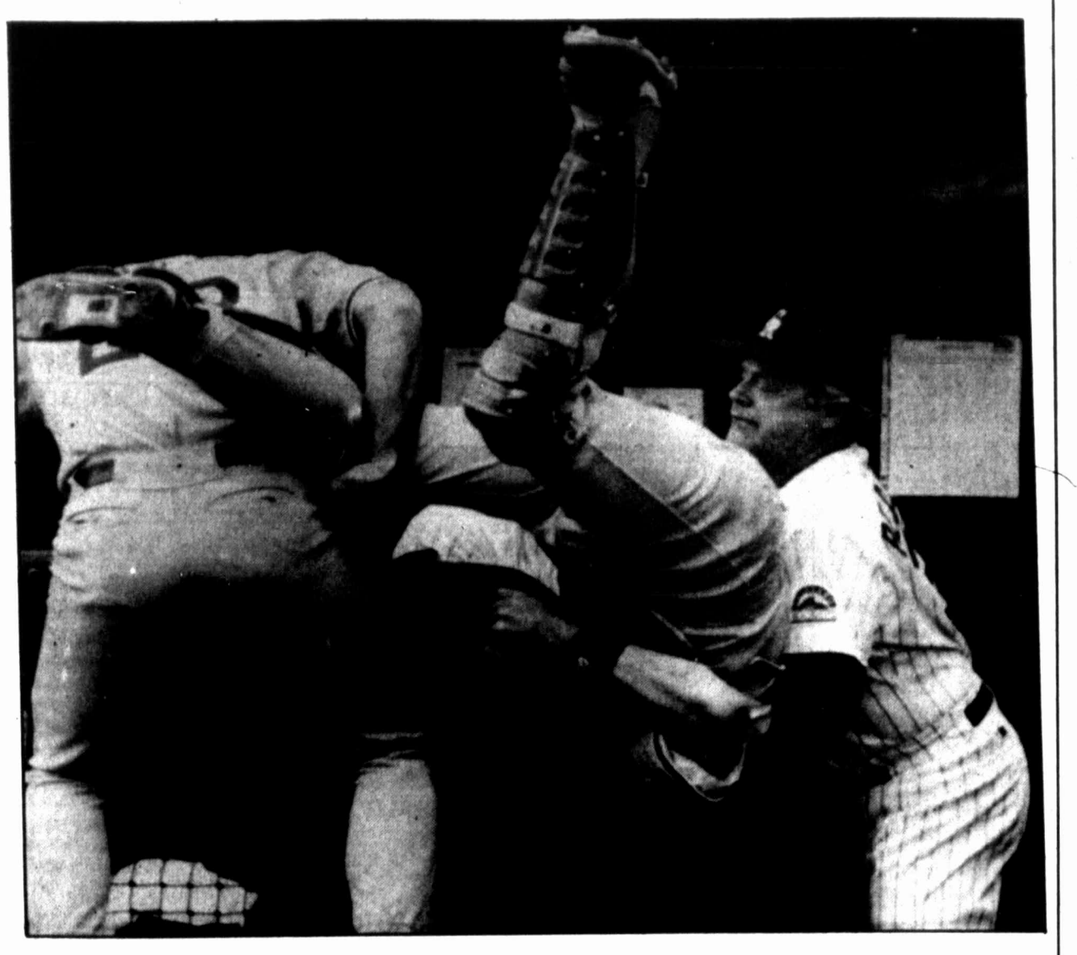
ON THE AIR

Baseball
San Diego at Houston, 7 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
Atlanta at Colorado, 7 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).

Basketball
World Championships, U.S. vs. Australia, 8:15 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

Boxing
Larry Holmes vs. Jesse Ferguson; Eric Griffin vs. Ramon Euroza, 8 p.m., USA (ch. 38).

UP AND OVER



Associated Press photo

Los Angeles catcher Mike Piazza, center, flips upside down as he hits the rail in front of the Colorado dugout in Denver Monday night.

Sliding Rangers lose again, 14-4, to Seattle

ARLINGTON (AP) — Major-league baseball teams have backed into divisional titles before, but the AL West-leading Texas Rangers are making it a full-bore slide lately.

The Rangers, 14-4 losers Monday to Seattle, have lost four straight games and have dropped seven of their last nine. Texas has lost six straight against divisional opponents for a miserable 8-20 record against the AL West.

Yet, Texas needs any combination of two wins or two losses by the Oakland A's to ensure they'll be in first place when the strike begins Friday. The Rangers are ahead of the A's by 1 1/2 games with two to play.

"I'm embarrassed by the way we've played the last four days," Rangers manager Kevin Kennedy said. "Our guys are embarrassed. I'm not going to get on anyone. They know what they have to do. They're just not doing their job."

Although this is another leg of the Mariners' seemingly never-ending road trip, Seattle played The Ballpark in Arlington as if it were its home. The series shifted to Texas because of structural problems at the Kingdome.

The Mariners pounded out 16 hits — half of which went for extra bases — as they won for the seventh time in eight games against Texas this season.

Tino Martinez drove in a career-high six runs, and Jay Buhner added three RBIs in the opener of a three-game series.

Martinez went 3-for-5, Buhner was 2-for-3 outing and Ken Griffey Jr. had a 3-for-4 night. Eric Anthony and Luis Sojo each went 2-for-5.

Buhner, Martinez, Sojo and Griffey all homered as the Rangers increased their major-league leading total of runs allowed to a whopping 686.

Strike

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Stadium, said his business picks up about 20 percent on days when the Braves are playing.

"We get a lot of business before and after the game ... they stop in for a couple of daiquiris and head out to the game," he said. "If they don't do that, it's going to be hard on us."

In Cleveland, the Indians are playing to huge crowds in a new stadium and contending for a division title after decades of futility. Baseball has sparked a transformation of the Gateway neighborhood from a collection of run-down buildings and empty parking lots to a thriving area of restaurants, bars and cafes.

"We have a lot of entrepreneurs who have started things around the Gateway area. These people are wondering what's going to happen next," said Carol Rivchun, marketing vice president for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association.

"It seems cruel to have your love of the game become a business decision," said Chuck LoPresti.

In Chicago, which boasts two big-league teams, chamber of commerce officials say a season-ending strike could cost businesses as much as $500 million.

In Arlington, Texas, the strike would be a blow to charitable groups that are compensated for letting volunteers work the concession stands at Rangers games.

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BASEBALL

Standings
American League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	70	40	.636	—
Baltimore	61	49	.555	9
Boston	54	59	.478	17 1/2
Toronto	53	59	.473	18
Detroit	51	61	.455	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	66	45	.595	—
Cleveland	65	46	.586	1
Kansas City	63	50	.558	4
Milwaukee	52	60	.464	14 1/2
Minnesota	51	60	.459	15
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	**52**	**60**	**.464**	**—**
Oakland	50	61	.450	1 1/2
Seattle	46	63	.422	4 1/2
California	46	67	.407	6 1/2

Monday's Games
Cleveland 6, Toronto 1
Milwaukee 12, Detroit 4
Minnesota 5, Boston 2
New York 6, Baltimore 5, 11 innings
Seattle 14, Texas 4
California 6, Kansas City 1
Chicago 2, Oakland 1
Tuesday's Games
Milwaukee (Eldred 11-10) at Detroit (Bergman 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Lopez 1-1) at Toronto (Stottlemyre 6-7), 7:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Moyer 4-7) at New York (Abbott 9-7), 8:05 p.m.
Boston (Clemens 9-7) at Minnesota (Erickson 8-11), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Cummings 1-4) at Texas (Bohanon 2-1), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 7-6) at California (Anderson 7-5), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago (Alvarez 12-7) at Oakland (Reyes 0-3), 10:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Cleveland (Grimsley 4-2) at Toronto (Guzman 12-10), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago (Bere 11-2) at Oakland (Ontiveros 6-3), 3:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Bones 10-8) at Detroit (Wells 4-7), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (McDonald 13-7) at New York (Key 17-3), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Sele 8-7) at Minnesota (Deshaies 5-12), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Converse 0-5) at Texas (Brown 7-9), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Gordon 11-6) at California (Finley 9-10), 10:05 p.m.

National League
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	72	39	.649	—
Atlanta	66	45	.595	6
New York	54	56	.491	17 1/2
Philadelphia	52	60	.464	20 1/2
Florida	50	62	.446	22 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	65	46	.586	
Houston	**65**	**47**	**.580**	**1/2**
Pittsburgh	52	59	.468	13
St. Louis	51	60	.459	14
Chicago	49	62	.441	16
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	56	55	.505	
San Francisco	53	59	.473	4
Colorado	52	62	.456	5 1/2
San Diego	45	64	.413	12 1/2

Monday's Games
Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 7, Los Angeles 6
New York 3, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 11, Florida 1
Atlanta 6, Cincinnati 4
San Francisco 5, Chicago 4
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
San Francisco (Black 4-2) at Chicago (Trachsel 9-7), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Hawkins 3-2) at Florida (Cardine 4-4), 7:45 p.m.
New York (Hamilton 3-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 13-6), 7:45 p.m.
Montreal (DeMartinez 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 9-9), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gross 9-7) at Cincinnati (Smiley 11-10), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 5-11) at Houston (Kile 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 13-8) at Colorado (Ritz 4-6), 9:05 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
San Francisco (VanLandingham 7-2) at Chicago (Banks 8-11), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (Watson 6-5) at Florida (Weathers 8-11), 7:45 p.m.
New York (Saberhagen 13-4) at Philadelphia (West 4-9), 7:35 p.m.
Montreal (DeMartinez 10-5) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 9-9), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gross 9-7) at Cincinnati (Smiley 11-10), 7:35 p.m.
San Diego (Benes 6-13) at Houston (Kile 8-6), 8:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 13-8) at Colorado (Ritz 4-6), 9:05 p.m.

Shaq proving to be handful at world hoops championship

TORONTO (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal has some trouble defensively with big men who can shoot from the outside. Other centers have even more trouble defending the 7-foot-1, 300-pound O'Neal.

"The big men that we've faced can all shoot outside, as a general rule, and against Australia it will be the same problem," coach Don Nelson said before Dream Team II's game with Australia tonight at the World Championship of Basketball.

"Their big men can shoot and they can also drive, so that makes it difficult for Shaquille. The other side of the coin is that they had a difficult time matching up with Shaquille, so we usually come out on top in that one."

The U.S.-Australia game is their opener in the Group I quarterfinals. Russia, Puerto Rico, the United States and Australia play each other once, with the top two teams advancing to Saturday's semifinals, along with the top two teams from Group II — China, Croatia, Canada and Greece.

Dream Team II's inside players were a combined 32-for-43 from the field against Brazil, while the 3-point shooters were 3-for-16.

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> **Don Nelson**

"Right now, teams seem to be trying to stop our outside, and our inside is wide open, so that's where we're going," Nelson said. "Eventually, teams will try to stop our inside and that will open up our shooters. It doesn't matter what teams do. We're going to make them pay the price."

Asked about Australia, several U.S. players showed they aren't worried about their opponent.

"Is that who we're playing?" O'Neal asked. "I didn't even know."

Playing before a crowd that was definitely on its side, Greece held off a last-minute rally by the host country. Greece led 72-65 with 1:34 to play when Canada's Kory Hallas hit consecutive 3-pointers to make it a one-point game with 52 seconds left. Canada forced a turnover, but Rick Fox of the Celtics turned the ball over as he started to make a move toward the basket with about 13 seconds left. Panagiotis Fassoulas dunked with five seconds left for the final margin.

Fanis Christodoulo led Greece with 26 points and 10 rebounds, while Hallas topped Canada with 20 points.

In the classification round, Spain beat South Korea 98-57, Argentina downed Egypt 91-66, Brazil defeated Cuba 82-76 and Germany beat Angola 86-76.

"I know nothing at all," forward Derrick Coleman said. "When the time comes, we play."



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Shaquille O'Neal winks at a passerby as he watches the Croatia-China basketball game at Maple Leaf Garden in Toronto Monday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Watch your temper. You could tell someone off before you know it. Politics and diplomacy play into a situation. Remember the old saying that sugar draws better than vinegar. Defer to another,and get what you want. Tonight: Accept an invitation. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rest. Focus on your day-to-day needs. Your temper might be short and could cause you a problem that is totally unnecessary. Be more realistic about what you want. Tonight: Get plenty of rest. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A financial problem forces you to be creative. You can make waves where it counts. If you are romantic, you will see things differently. Focus on the positives in your life. Use your high energy creatively. Tonight: Be a love. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Settle down and you'll get more of what you want. An important offer coming your way could get you way ahead. Be open to changes. Pressure builds, and you blow your stack. Tonight: Entertain at home. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You become more talkative. You view life positively and remain on top of a situation. A gentle approach gets you far. Tonight: Make the most of an opportunity. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Understand another's loss of temper . Finances are highlighted, but you might need to be careful with a financial arrangement. Creativity and understanding are emphasized. Tonight: Purchase a gift for a loved one. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have high energy at last. Use care, or you could tell off an authority figure when you least want to. A soft touch brings you benefits. Use your instincts to come up with a successful answer to family problem. Tonight: As you like it. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are testy. Look at news from a distance as an opportunity to change a situation. It may be best to keep a love matter to yourself. Everyone does not need to know your business and viewpoint. Work through stress. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way **

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22- Dec. 21): A partner might disappoint you financially, and you might have some heated words in response. Consider being more diplomatic than you have been. A creative approach is important in the long run. Tonight: Deal with change positively. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A partner blows a fuse. Stay focused on work and your professional image. You will find a good solution to a problem if you go with the flow and remain optimistic. A soft approach allow you greater flexibility and happiness. Tonight: Let love flow. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are touchy and emotional. Reach out for another. A work-related matter could have you feeling pressured. Do not take out your frustrations on another. A gentle approach with a loved one brings positive results. Tonight: Stay on top of a situation. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A creative encounter is intense for you. Consider giving a loved one a gift or sharing something special. Be careful with flirtation, which could backfire and cause new problems. Tonight: Flow with an opportunity. *****

If Your Birthday is Wednesday, Aug. 10,1994: Learn to discharge your anger in a positive way during the year ahead. The more upbeat you are when dealing with challenges, the better off you will be. Creativity and understanding will be strong. Share your softer feelings. Your manner of expression and management style could produce gains. If you are single, the holiday season and the period that follows could be important. if you are attached, you might buy a new home, or your family might grow. LIBRA is gaga about you.

The Asterisks (*) Show the Kind of Day You Will Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Widow needs decent bowling partner



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I became a widow at age 52. I am now 70, but people tell me I could pass for 50. My hobby is bowling, and I really do enjoy it. I bowl between 160 and 200.

I have a boyfriend who has been my bowling buddy since my husband passed away. We bowl at the same place. The problem is that he is very stingy. He takes me out to dinner in exchange for sex at my place afterward. (I feel like a whore; instead of money, he buys me dinner.)

I would dump him in a minute if I could find another bowling partner. I am very personable and have many friends, but he is the only bowler. — YOUNG AT HEART

DEAR YOUNG: Strike the boyfriend and spare yourself the humiliation of feeling like a whore; he's not in your league.

Post a notice on the bulletin board of your bowling alley: WANTED: PARTNER FOR SENIOR WOMAN WHO BOWLS 160-200. Sign it, "Young at Heart" and include your telephone number. You could score.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is a registered Republican and I am a Democrat. When we were first married, it wasn't a big deal to either one of us. During the last presidential election, we fought over which bumper stickers to put on our cars, and whose sign to put in our front yard. We have three teen-age children; two are Democrats and one is a Republican.

In the '92 presidential election, my husband and I went to Washington, D.C., and rented two different cars because my husband wanted Bush stickers and I wanted Clinton stickers on the car. When Clinton won, my husband sulked for two weeks.

We can't discuss political issues anymore without ending up in a shouting match, so we just stay off the subject to keep peace in the family.

Abby, are we unusual? Or are there other families like ours? — FIGHTING IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR FIGHTING: I would say that your family is unusual. Most families are of the same political persuasion. But when family members disagree, they need not be disagreeable.

DEAR ABBY: Your letter about the guy who, after buying two drinks for a girl at a bar, said, "Your place or mine?" reminded me of Alex Karras, who told this one on the Johnny Carson show:

A guy bought a couple of drinks for a gal at a popular pickup bar, then invited her up to his room.

She replied, "Oh, I think I should tell you, I'm a lesbian." The fellow replied, "Oh? How are things in Beirut?" — JOHN HEIDEN, EL PASO, TEXAS

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THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



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SUNDAY - 3 p.m. Friday

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Too Late Too Classify 001

1988 FORD F-150 XLT Lariat Super Cab. One owner, low mileage. 263-2214.

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3 bedroom/2 bath, central heat/air, fenced yard. 2 bedroom/1 bath, fenced yard, corner lot. Owner will finance. 263-1281.

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'84 VOLKSWAGON RABBIT Convertible. Low miles, new top/interior/paint. New Goodyear Eagle tires. Great car!! 267-3394.

FOR SALE: 1985 Chevy Impala. 4 door, V-8, automatic, AC, cruise, $1995 o.b.o. 263-2071, 264-9907.

FOR SALE: Monte Carlo SS. Call 394-4360.

HARD TO FIND- 1982 Mazda RX7. Asking $2500. Call 263-4410.

NICE SCHOOL CAR. Electric windows, sunroof, new paint, runs great. 1979 Toyota Supra. 915-263-5941.

'66 POR CANCELED tion. Serious inqui 0311.

Auto Parts & Supply 018

FOR SALE: 1 set of P275/60SR15 tires. 267-2191 leave message.

Too Late Too Classify 001

BUYERS WHO WANT a house and a farm suitable for horses. Becky Dorton, ERA Reeder Realtors, 267-8266.

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THE BRASS NAIL is now hiring experienced waitresses. Good pay and tips. Apply in person during business hours.

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THE BIG SPRING HERALD APPRECIATES YOUR BUSINESS

Here are some helpful tips and information that will help you when placing your ad. After your ad has been published the first day we suggest you check the ad for mistakes and if errors have been made we will gladly correct the ad and run it again for you at no additional charge. If your ad is inadvertently not printed your advance payment will cheerfully be refunded and the newspaper's liability will be for only the amount actually received for publication of the advertisement.

VEHICLES

Boats 020

CADDO BASS BOAT. 70HP Johnson, trolling motor, dilly trailer. New seats, carpet, battery. $1800.00. 573-6733.

Pickups 027

1964 FORD PICKUP. Great shape. $1200. Call 267-7969 between 5:00pm-10:00pm.

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FOR SALE: 1992 Ford Ranger. Longbed, 5 speed, air conditioning, AM/FM stereo w/tape player. Take up payments. 263-0806.

FOR SALE: 1992 Ford XLT Super Cab. 14,000 miles. Call 267-3474.

Recreational Veh. 028

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements 036

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Instruction 060

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$2,500 Credit Card Guaranteed. Same Day approval. Also qualify for a major bank card & cash advances; Call 1-800-254-4580 X-151.

ATTENTION Big Springs
*** POSTAL JOBS ***
Start $11.41/hr. + benefits. For application & info, call 1-(216) 324-2102. 7am to 10pm, 7 days.

Attention Big Spring
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Applications for Sorters, Clerks, Carriers. Starting rate $12.26/hr. plus benefits. For complete hiring information, you must call 1-219-736-4715, ext. P8032. 8:00am-8:00pm, 7 days.

BRICK & BLOCK MASONS
Longterm government project. $16.00/hour. Office #: 817-386-8975. Home: 817-386-8481. EOE

Help Wanted 085

AVON WANTS individuals interested in earning $8-$12 hr. No door to door. 1-800-827-4640.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES
$5.05 an hour. Holidays-Vacations. Annual Bonus. Also needing Certified Medication Aides and LVNs. Apply in person, 3200 Parkway, Comanche Trail Nursing Center. $150 sign on bonus.

CONNIE'S FASHIONS is looking for an Assistant Manager. If this position is for you, stop by 600 Main to apply.

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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

EOE

DRIVER NEEDED- Class A CDL w/tanker endorsement. Experience preferred. Apply at 1515 Hwy 350 or call 263-0743.

EXPERIENCED STEP AEROBIC Instructor. Certification preferred, but not necessary. Apply at YMCA, 801 Owens.

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With knowledge of air conditioning and heating. Hours must be flexible. Send resume to: P.O. Box 710.**

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Human Resources
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(915)268-7256
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1 to 2 year offset printing experience. WEB press experience preferred but not necessary. Willing to work hard and produce high quality product. Apply at Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, between 8:00-11:00 a.m. ask for Tony.

SALESMAN POSITION OPEN to be opened at Texas RV Center. Sells quality real RV products. Commission. FILLED 87 between 1:30-5:00pm.

THE SPRING CITY DO-IT CENTER has an opening for a Warehouseman. Clean driving record a must, Class A license a plus. Knowledge of building material and forklift experience important. We are looking for a neat, mature, responsible individual to fill this position. Fill out application at 1900 E. FM 700, Big Spring, TX.

Help Wanted 085

PART-TIME COUNTER HELP. Must be 18 years old, willing to work early mornings and weekends. Apply in person only, Donut's Etc. 2111 S. Gregg.

THE SPRING CITY DO-IT CENTER has a position open for Retail Floor Salesman. Good appearance, attitude, and ability to deal with customers a must. Knowledge of hardware, paint, plumbing, electrical, lawn and garden important. Fill out application at 1900 E. FM 700, Big Spring, TX.

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Livestock For Sale 270

BLACK 4 horse trailer, tongue pull, $1,000. Call 394-4369.

Poultry For Sale 280

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MISCELLANEOUS

Appliances 299

GUARANTEED USED Refrigerators and new evaporative air conditioners. As always best prices! Branham Furniture, 2004 W. 4th. 263-1469.

Auctions 325

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Ceramics 350

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Swimming Pools 436

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REAL ESTATE

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Business Property 508

FOR SALE: Great Business Location-Hwy. Frontage, Near AirPark, 1+ acres with 600 sq. ft. metal shop building. 240 sq. ft. storage trailer. $28,000.00. SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY. Call 263-8914.

Farms & Ranches 512

200 ACRES stock farm. Some cotton allotment, 6 irrigation wells, 2 bedroom house. 915-397-2303.

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49 Other Texas Listings
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Houses for Sale 513

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267-5444 263-5000

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Unfurnished Apts. 532

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Unfurnished Houses 533

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6 :PM :30	News (642) Wh. Fortune	Full House Design. W.	C. Sandiego Wild America	Waltons (382828)	News (9460) Rescue 911	News Wh. Fortune	News (2712) Current Affair	B. Hillbillies Sanford	Buscando el [illegible]iso	Sebastian Star Bear:	(915847) News	Ninjas (CC) (320915)	Treasure (17505996)	Trouble (CC) (12005688)	Prime Time Praise	In Search Of (199170)	Beyond 2000 (104002)	Kung Fu (779688)	La. Downs Sportstalk	(454825) American	Movie: Gunga Din (935809)	Sanford Out All Night
7 :PM :30	Full House Sister, Sister	South Central (CC) (86606)	Seapower J'rny	Trivial Pursuit Boggle Inter	Rescue 911 (CC) (44064)	Full House Sister, Sister	TV Nation (CC) (93354)	Matlock	[illegible]30) Ag[illegible]as de	First Mission Basil Heat[illegible]	Wildhorse Conc[illegible]	Movie: CrissCross (CC)	Movie: Roswell	Movie: The Man Without	(684646) Bill Bright	Biography (563606)	Terra X Undersea	Kung Fu (462064)	Major League Baseball:	Muscle Golf: Pro	[illegible]	Happenin Comicview
8 :PM :30	Roseanne Ellen	Crypt Tales Crypt Tales	Seapower J'rny	Rescue 911	I Can Make You Love	Roseanne Ellen	Larroquette Wings	Major League Baseball: At-	Color de Rosa	Nixon Int[illegible] views W[illegible]	[illegible]sic City night	(6717083) (:45) Movie:	(319248) (:45) Brain	a Face (CC) (181286)	BJ Robinson Answer	Movie: Cracker: To	Invention Next Step	Basketball: Team TBA	San Diego Padres at	Athletes Golf League --	Movie: Citizen Kane	Video Soul (808977)
9 :PM :30	NYPD Blue (CC) (4118)	Star Trek: Next Gener	Seapower J'rny	700 Club (910625)	Me. Laura Black	American Portrait	Dateline (CC) (99538)	Ianta Braves at Colorado	Primer Impacto Noc.	David Frost (266977)	(501712) Club Dance	Raising Cain (CC)	Smasher... A Love Story	Lifestories Beverly Hills	Praise the Lord	Say I Love You (184915)	Watergate (567422)	vs. U.S.A	Houston Astros (702921)	Final Round Baseball	(930354)	[illegible]
10 :PM :30	News Cheers	Mama In the Heat of	MacNeil-Lehrer	Bonanza	News Late Show	News Ent. Tonight	News (79335) Tonight Show	Rockies (CC) (720731)	Noticiero Uni. Movie: El	Dinosaur!	(890199) News	(28471151) (2[illegible] Movie:	(87918083) Movie: South	Cop II (CC) (3433460)	(762880)	[illegible]	Terra X Undersea	Movie: The Shadow	Women's Pro Beach	Sportscenter (922335)	Movie: Gunga Din (206809)	Out All Night Screen Scene
11 :PM :30	Roseanne Nightline	the Night Star Trek:	P.O.V. (CC) (88286)	Big Bro. Jake Mansion	Married	Nightline (:35) Rolonda	(CC) (11793) Late Night	Movie: North by	Gato sin Botas	One Small Step	Wildhorse Concerts	Posse (CC) (28916712)	Beach (5215199)	(:15) Movie: Patriot	[illegible]	Biography (723286)	Invention Next Step	Riders (732335)	Volleyball Collector	Baseball Up Close	[illegible]	Midnight Love
12 :AM :30	H. Patrol Ent. Tonight	Next Gener Love Con	Forgotten Apes	Paid Program Paid Program	Arsenio Hall	(5505335) News	(20335) News (68855)	Northwest (711083)	(623151) Papa Soltero	(736606) Movie:	Music City Tonight	Dance of the Damned	(12:10) Movie: For a	Games (CC) (3526335)	R.Bonnke Prime Time	Movie: Cracker: To	Watergate (271403)	Movie: Conagher	PGA Champ.	Surfing: OP Pro (637045)	Movie: Citizen Kane	(545441) Comicview

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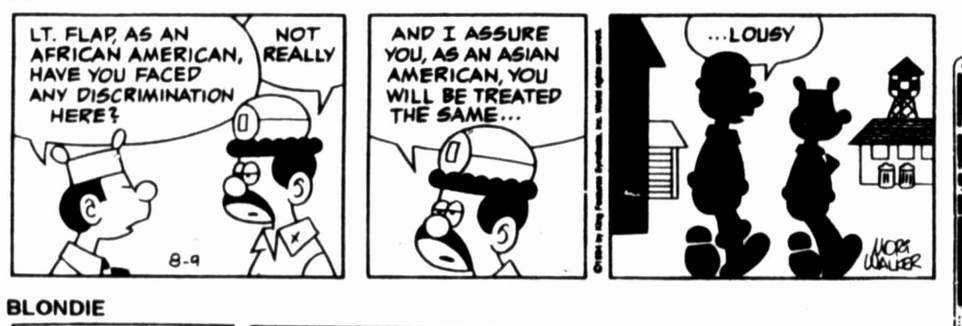




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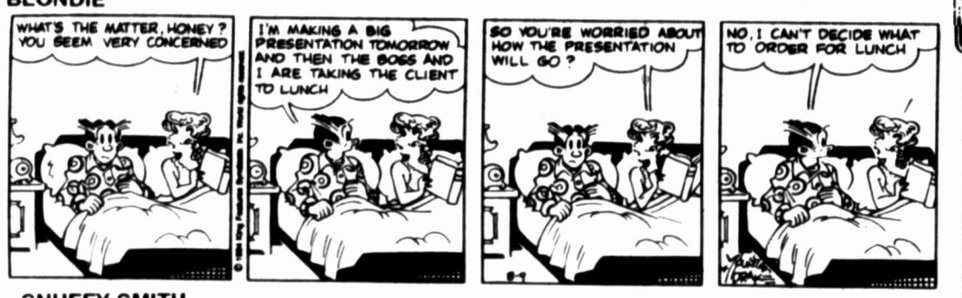
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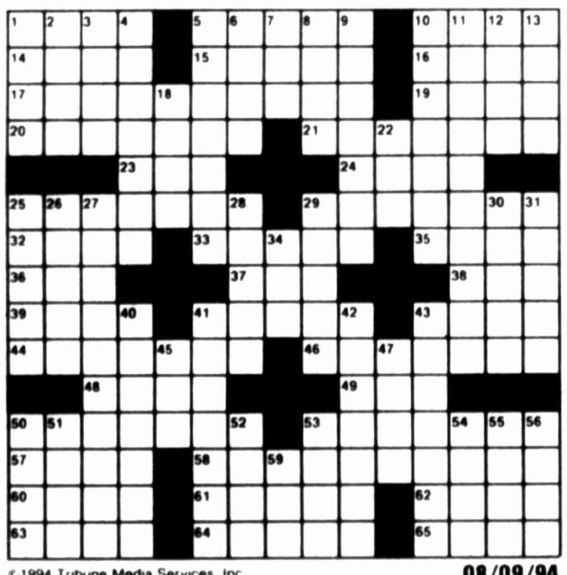


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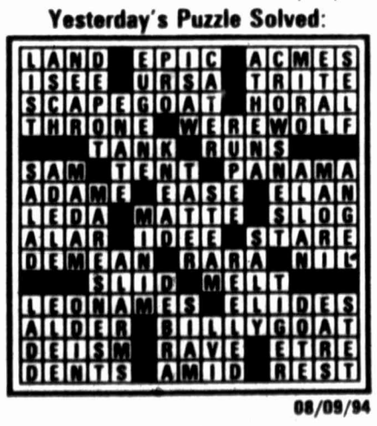
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17 Kind of compliment
19 Slight flaw
20 Sprints faster than
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24 "— She Sweet?"
25 Evil
29 Airline runs
32 Scads
33 — Angels
35 Become diffused gradually
36 Ski lift
37 Ms Zadora
38 Onassis
39 Travel stops
41 Fleet
43 Young miss
44 Falcon
46 Pensioner
48 Pick up furtively
49 And not
50 Patron
53 Peaceful
57 Commend
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60 Comic Johnson
61 Rocky debris
62 Glacial snow
63 Army camp
64 Like some seals
65 Sicilian mount

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2 Ostrich-like bird: var.
3 River craft
4 Participant
5 Romance language
6 Sardine containers
7 "Howard's —"
8 —-do-well
9 Tribulations
10 Ingredients
11 Uncertain
12 Be inclined
13 Sounds of disapproval
18 Actor Cronyn
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26 Solo
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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This date in history

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 9, the 221st day of 1994. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 9, 1945, during World War II, the United States exploded an atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

On this date:

In 1790, the Columbia returned to Boston Harbor after a three-year voyage, becoming the first ship to carry the American flag around the world.

In 1842, a border dispute between the United States and Canada was resolved with the signing of the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1848, the Free-Soil Party nominated Martin Van Buren for president at its convention in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau published "Walden," in which he described his experiences while living in a small cabin near Walden Pond in Massachusetts.

In 1930, a forerunner of the cartoon character Betty Boop made her debut in Max Fleischer's animated short "Dizzy Dishes."

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1944, 50 years ago, 258 black American sailors based at Port Chicago, Calif., refused to load a munitions ship three weeks after another ship exploded, killing 320 men, two-thirds of them black. The sailors faced courts-martial, fines and imprisonment for their refusal.

In 1969, 25 years ago, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally murdered in Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his disciples were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, 20 years ago, President Nixon's resignation took effect. Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive.

Ten years ago: At the 1984 Summer Olympics, Britain's Daley Thompson won his second successive Olympic decathlon.

Five years ago: Toshiki Kaifu was elected prime minister of Japan, succeeding Sousuke Uno. In Mexico, a train fell into the San Rafael River after a bridge collapsed, killing 112 people.

One year ago: Reputed "Hollywood Madam" Heidi Fleiss, accussed of running a high-priced prostitution ring, pleaded innocent in a Los Angeles courtroom to five counts of pandering and one count of selling cocaine.

Today's birthdays: Former Georgia Sen. Herman Talmadge is 81. Former baseball manager Ralph Houk is 75. Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., is 73. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 52. Actor Sam Elliott is 50. Boxing Hall of Famer Ken Norton is 49. Football quarterback Doug Williams is 39. Actress Melanie Griffith is 37. Singer Whitney Houston is 31.

Thought for today: "Either a beast or a god." — Aristotle, Greek philosopher (384 B.C.-322 B.C.).

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