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FIRST MURDER

Stabbed man walks around seeking help before dying

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department are investigating the city's first murder of the year.

Reports say Marcos Aguilar, 34, was stabbed to death in the 1200 block of Lamar early this morning. Officers were originally called to the 1100 block of Stanford in reference to an unknown disturbance.

Upon arrival, officers found Aguilar on the front porch of a residence where he went seeking help after being attacked. Aguilar was able to speak to officers and tell them he had walked from Lamar Street to Stanford looking for assistance before collapsing.

A press release states the victim had been stabbed with an unknown object and was able to give officers information about his attacker. Aguilar was taken to the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center where he died.

Justice of the Peace Bill Shankles pronounced him dead and has ordered an autopsy. Public Information Officer Sgt. Victor Brake stated in the release the detective division is in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant for the suspect and an on-going domestic situation may have led to the murder.

No further information was available.

School finance goes back to court; schools sue over state aid amounts

AUSTIN (AP) — The formula for determining how much state aid Texas schools receive is under fire in the courts this week as a result of a lawsuit filed by dozens of school districts.

The districts claim in their suit that a miscalculation of state education funds has cost them hundreds of millions of dollars since 1985.

Austin attorney Buck Wood, who represents about 70 districts, said Monday the state's method for determining education aid runs "totally contrary" to the process established by state law.

The trial was expected to continue Wednesday.

At issue is the significance of a constitutionally mandated tax freeze for senior citizens.

School property taxes of all elderly Texans are frozen under the Texas Constitution when they reach age 65. So, if a senior citizen is paying taxes on a $100,000 home when he turns 65, he will continue to pay the same taxes even if the value of the home increases to $150,000 the next year.

The value of the property is similarly frozen for school districts since they cannot obtain additional taxes from those homes even if the values increase.

Schools are funded primarily with local property taxes and state aid. The state comptroller determines the amount of taxable property in a school district and then uses that data to distribute state aid.

Districts with more taxable property are assumed to be able to collect more taxes and, therefore, need less state aid.

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>
> **Buck Wood**

To make up for the taxes lost under the elderly freeze, state legislators in 1985 passed a law requiring the state to adjust for the loss when determining state aid.

In the calculations, however, the state has been withholding an amount equal to regular homestead exemptions — usually 20 percent — granted all homeowners in a district.

As a result, if a $100,000 home owned by a senior citizen increases in value to $150,000, instead of receiving a $50,000 adjustment, the school district has been getting a $30,000 adjustment.

The result, the plaintiffs say, is higher property value and less state aid.

The districts suing the state say that homestead exemptions should not be considered in the freeze adjustment because the freeze supersedes it.

"Property removed from the school districts' tax rolls, either by the statute or the Constitution, is not to be used against the school districts in the market value study," Wood said, characterizing the state's practice as a "stealth interpretation" of the law.

However, Assistant Attorney General Gene Storie said the method was "clearly established" in 1985. Optional exemptions must be included in the formula determining a district's taxable property, he said, only mandatory exemptions can be kept off the rolls.

"What they are asking for is an interpretation of the statute which doesn't track the actual appraisal, doesn't show the actual difference between what the district would have raised without the freeze and the amount that they actually raised," Storie said.

District Judge F. Scott McCown said several times that he was confused by the issue.

The districts will have to resolve that confusion if they intend to collect the $80 million they say was withheld this year or the millions they say they were denied.

CLEANING BEGINS



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Workers start clearing out the rubble which was once the eastbound Interstate 20 bridge recently. The widening of the westbound bridge was completed recently and plans are the same to widen the southbound bridge.

Public hearing on road reconstruction Thursday

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A meeting to hear public input about a proposed construction project is scheduled for Thursday evening.

The Texas Department of Transportation and the city of Big Spring are hosting a public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds Activity Building.

The project, scheduled to take place along Airbase Road, includes reconstruction and rehabilitation of the road from Business Interstate 20 to Simler Street and West 16th Street from Airbase Road to FM 700.

Texas DOT employee Mike Lee says the work includes regrading, safety improvements and the reconstruction of the intersection at Airbase Road and West 16th Street.

Lee says at one time there was probably a guard gate at that intersection when Webb Air Force Base was here and it is time to reconstruct it so traffic

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ON THE TRAIL



Associated Press photo

Off-duty police officers, wearing identifying t-shirts, jog a trail over Town Lake in Austin. Operation Safe Trails is a program created by an Austin police officer that will identify off-duty officers who could assist trail users when requested and take action when necessary.

Ballot Box 2 moving to new location

By MARY McATEER
Staff Writer

STANTON - Martin County needs a new place to vote.

Among matters considered in a special meeting of the Martin County Commisioners court June 26 was the question of a location for Ballot Box Number Two - there isn't a public building to put it where it goes.

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Texas Trivia

Parades, a carnival, fun and food for all combine to form what Eagle Pass celebration?

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: After five days of whizzing around Earth under the flags of two nations, shuttle Atlantis and space station Mir separated today with a gentle push and moved into their own orbits again. See page 5.



World: Irish Republican Army sympathizers rioted in Northern Ireland's two largest cities Monday, outraged at the early parole of a British soldier convicted of killing a Roman Catholic woman. See page 5.

STATE

Celebrating

Everyone knows the Fourth of July is a time of picnics, firecrackers and scorching heat. But many Texas children, new to this country, don't really know what the holiday really means. See page 3.

More responsibilities

The Department of Public Safety isn't just for handing out traffic tickets anymore. The DPS, which celebrates its 60th anniversary next month, is taking on a slew of new responsibilities. See page 4.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



Wednesday



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Mostly clear

Tonight, mostly clear, low mid 60s, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph, gusty; mostly clear night, low mid 60s, southwest winds.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s, southwest winds 10 to 15 mph; mostly clear night, low mid 60s.

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Move

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Under an old Federal Court order specifying the location of ballot boxes, Box Number Two was placed in what used to be the Martin/Glasscock Neighborhood Center. The building was then converted to public housing, which was still suitable for balloting. The building is now a private residence.

According to County Judge Bob Deavenport, county officials don't anticipate any problems with relocating or eliminating the box. The present community center is six blocks from the original location. Commissioners approved pursuing relocation or elimination of Box Two with the voting rights section of the Attorney General's Office.

In other business, the court authorized the county clerk to expend $4,740 from the Records Management and Preservation Fund to re-bind 12 deed record books, authorized payment of bills, and approved monthly reports.

■ OBITUARIES

Helen West

Funeral services are pending for Helen West, 89. She died Monday, July 3, 1995, in Granbury. The services are pending with Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

Herbert Schuelke

Funeral services for Herbert August Schuelke, 73, of Stanton, are scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton. Tommy Hursh and Carl Leonard Jr. will officiate. He died Sunday, July 2, 1995, in Stanton after a lengthy illness. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 13, 1922, in Mandoza, Texas and had lived in Stanton for the past 30 years. He served in the U.S. Army in 1941 and 1942.

He married Frankie O. Leonard on April 7, 1947, in Stanton and was a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

He was a retired carpenter and contractor and was maintenance manager of Stanton Independent School District for 17 years.

He is survived by his wife: Frankie Schuelke, Stanton; a son: H.A. Schuelke, Lamesa; a sister: Virgie Johnson, Stanton; and two brothers: Fred Schuelke, Ackerly and Cecil Schuelke, Midland.

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Helen West, 89, died Monday in Granbury. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. E.W. (Marie) Greer, 74, died Saturday. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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She was born to be Red, White and Blue

By CAROL NUCKOLS
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

BEDFORD, Texas — Considering her Fourth of July birthday, it should come as no surprise that Nancy Hulme collects Uncle Sam figures, flags and other patriotic memorabilia.

The Fort Worth native grew up celebrating anniversaries of the United States' birth along with her own. She will turn 47 on Tuesday.

"It's been a great birthday to have," she said. "It's fun for everybody — you always have a holiday."

Even now, her birthday celebrations include picnics, fireworks and sometimes parades. "Just for me," she quipped, adding, "I think I thought that when I was little."

Hulme, a corporate recruiter for Premier Health Staff Inc., began collecting antiques 22 years ago, after moving into her present home. At the same time, she put a flagpole out front and started flying flags. "I have always had flags," she said.

Beyond that, her collection of red-white-and-blue items originated 10 or 15 years ago, when she found a china Uncle Sam bank at an antiques shop in Jefferson. Now, it joins numerous collectibles in Hulme's sun room.

Other prizes include a three-dimensional, carved-wood Uncle Sam figure, a two-dimensional wooden one cut out by her father and painted by her sister, and an Uncle Sam hat crafted by her father from a tree stump.

Hulme painted the hat white, adding a blue band adorned with white stars. "Like the original Uncle Sam," she said, gesturing toward recruitment posters ("I want you for the U.S. Army") on the wall.

Other depictions of the symbolic figure include a nutcracker, Christmas ornaments, dolls, a windsock dangling from the window, a painted cast-iron door stop and a reproduction mechanical bank, whose hand drops a penny into a bag.

Hulme would like to expand her collection of antique patriotic items, especially Uncle Sams. But "I can't find the old ones," she said.

Displayed alongside the Uncle Sams on an antique dry sink are American flags, folded in accordance with flag etiquette; other flags fill a patched, old copper pot. "I really fly 'em almost too long," Hulme said of the faded flags. "Those look pretty sad."

She also collects samplers, both old and new, with patriotic motifs. One of them she stitched herself, in honor of the U.S. Bicentennial.

One of Hulme's cherished objects is an original cartoon by Star-Telegram cartoonist Etta Hulme of an Uncle Sam hat. The drawing, which appeared in the newspaper on Nancy Hulme's 40th birthday, was a gift from the cartoonist, formerly related to her by marriage.

In the collector's bedroom hangs an early 20th century flag print with the text of the Pledge of Allegiance that adorned the classroom where her great-aunt taught — either in Azle or in the Panhandle town of Estelline; she's not sure which. There's also a needlepoint pillow her mother made for her, with a bear holding an American flag.

Wooden Texas flags, birdhouses with patriotic motifs and a director's chair whose seat and back Hulme painted with stars and stripes carry out the collection's theme.

She also has quite a few star-studded or red-white-and-blue articles of clothing and accessories. "The wildest one I'll only wear on the Fourth of July," she said. It's a shirt that looks just like a flag. "I have people salute me."

Hulme often receives patriotic gifts for her birthday, or even for Christmas. For example, her son, Philip Hulme, gave her a set of quilted flag-design place mats and a matching quilt for Christmas last year.

Hulme's collecting doesn't end with the red, white and blue. She also collects books, hearts, kaleidoscopes, angels, paperweights, snow globes, bears and videotapes — mostly classic movies.

Frank Capra's patriotic films — including "Meet John Doe, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" and "State of the Union" — are some of her favorites. Oliver Stone's "Born on the Fourth of July" also is in Hulme's film collection. She likes the movie, but not as much as the 1942 film "Yankee Doodle Dandy." "I love 'Yankee Doodle Dandy,' " she said. "It makes you feel great."

Sort of like having fireworks to celebrate your birthday on the Fourth of July.

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Hearing

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can flow better.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and encouraged to offer comments and suggestions about the proposed project.

Lee adds they will begin advertising for bids sometime in October and the contract will be awarded in November.

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■ POLICE

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

•LEONIDES VELA JR., 17, of 4103 Muir, was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $3,500 bond.

•TOBY SHALYON CERDA, 17, of 1518 Wood, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol and possession of marijuana under two ounces. He was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $1,500 bond.

•KATHY JEAN LESLY, 42, of 1003 Wood, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces. She was transferred to the county jail and later released on a $1,000 bond.

•BUDDY JAY WHITELY, 36, of 1207 Mesa, was arrested for assault.

•DEBORAH LEE WHITELY, 42, of 1207 Mesa, was arrested for assault.

•NEIGHBOR DISPUTE in the 200 block of West Marcy.

•SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY INVESTIGATIONS in the 1500 block of East Sixth, 1100 block of North Lamesa, 400 block of Westover, 2500 block of Wasson and 1200 block of East 18th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/ASSAULT in the 1000 block of North Main.

•ASSAULT in the 500 block of East 18th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1800 block of East Marcy and 2400 block of Morrison.

•DISORDERLY CONDUCT BY PEEPING in the 2200 block of Runnels.

•THEFT OF GAS in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•LOUD PARTY in the 700 block of East 15th.

•FIREWORKS in the 1700 block of Young, 1500 block of East 15th, 1500 block of Lincoln, Kenny and Kentucky Way, 1100 block of West Fourth, Sixth and Elgin, 500 block of Settles and at 16th and Benton.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING ISSUED in the 1500 block of Stadium.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 700 block of West FM 700. A citation for failure to yield right of way was issued and no injuries were reported.

■ SHERIFF

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

•BRIAN DOUGLAS JOLLY, 27, of 1100 1/2 North Aylford, was arrested for revocation of probation. He had been on probation for unlawfully carrying a weapon on licensed premises.

•J.A. SMITH, 69, of 2307 Old West Highway 80, was arrested by DPS troopers for driving while intoxicated. He was later released on a $1,000 bond.

•LINDA MARIE GIBBS, 32, no address given, turned herself in to the sheriff's office on two motions to revoke her probation. She had been on probation for delivery of marijuana and driving while license suspended. She was later released on a $7,000 bond.

■ IN BRIEF

Old Settlers set to socialize

"Social Life in the 30's" is the theme of the 62nd Annual Old Settlers' Reunion Saturday in Stanton.

Registration begins at 9 at the Community Center, and the downtown parade begins at 10. Grand Marshalls will be Inez and Gordon Stone, Velma and Bill Clements, and Winnie and John Connell.

The day's activities will include reunions of the classes of 1949-50, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1985, 1990, and Courtney School. Dinner at the Community Center will begin at 6 p.m. Cost is $5 per plate, catered by Johnny's Barbecue. For more information, please call Lyn Porter at (915) 756-3855.

VFW meeting will be July 11

The next meeting of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013 of Big Spring will be July 11. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and all members are urged to be present. Applications to join the VFW from Korean War Veterans will be accepted. All veterans who served in Korea during the conflict years are eligible to join the VFW. All veterans from all wars that served overseas during the conflict years may be eligible to be a member. For more information call 267-4503.

■ SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food 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.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

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

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

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., room 113 of the Family Life Center building of the First Baptist Church. Enter by SE door. Call 267-2769.

•Coahoma Senior Center Project Group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Call 394-4439.

•Cancer Support Group, 12 noon to 1 p.m., room 213, VA Medical Center, and 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/widower support group), 5:30 p.m., will not be meeting. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

WEDNESDAY

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



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CELEBRATING

■ New or old, Americans celebrate country's birthday

Everyone knows the Fourth of July is a time of picnics, firecrackers and scorching heat.

But many Texas children, new to this country, don't really know what the holiday really means.

In South Texas communities such as San Juan, located along the Rio Grande just a stone's throw from Mexico, many immigrant school children don't realize it's the birthday of their adopted country.

Students and staff at Carman Elementary in San Juan recently promoted awareness about the holiday. Summer music teacher Rosalinda Gomez led a chorus of youngsters, replete with American flags, in a crescendo of patriotic songs.

"We were not going to let the Fourth of July go by without them being aware of what the Fourth was," summer principal Angie Trevino said. "For our little ones, it's important. A lot of these kids are from Mexico. So, if there's no school, they ask, 'Why?' They connect it to fireworks, but they don't know why."

Fireworks lit up the skies Monday night as many Texans took advantage of a four-day weekend before today's holiday. All banks, post offices and other government facilities were shut down in honor of the 219th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

A number of large celebrations will accompany the countless backyard barbecues and lakeside outings today. Among them is Houston's Freedom Fest, which in past years has been the largest Fourth of July celebration in the country.

Rock veterans Foghat and Steppenwolf will join country singer Rick Trevino at the all-day event, which takes place on the banks of Buffalo Bayou near downtown.

At Luckenbach, Willie Nelson will stage is Fourth of July picnic in the small South Central Texas hamlet for the first time since 1973.

All 11 acres of Luckenbach has been fenced in for the big party, including the dance hall, an outhouse, one rooster and three other assorted fowl.

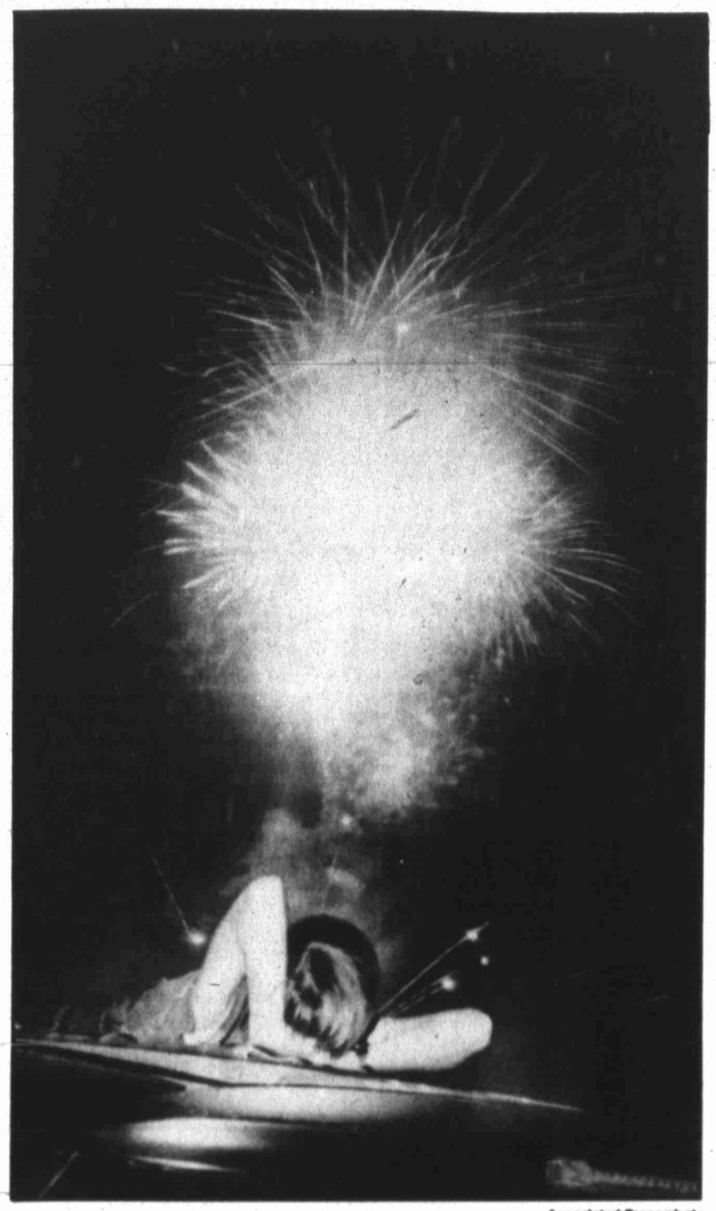
The Gillespie County hamlet, located on the banks of South Grape Creek about 50 miles northwest of San Antonio, consists of a few weathered cedar buildings, several shade trees and seven residents. Organizers of Nelson's more-or-less annual get-together expect 10,000 revelers. To accommodate everybody, the town parking lot is being turned into a stage. Parking, for a fee, will be on adjacent ranches.

The 25-act show was scheduled to begin around noon.

Fort Hood is sponsoring fun runs and a carnival while amusement parks and municipalities of every size plan varying events with one common thread — loud, bright and colorful fireworks that should add a little sizzle to an already hot Texas night.

In Waco, police estimated about 20,000 people attended the Freedom Frolic celebration Monday.

Terry and Laura Bowden carted their 2-year-old son and 3-year-old daughter through the festivities in a red wagon.



Associated Press photo

Jason Carter polishes off an evening of listening to patriotic music and eating watermelon by relaxing on top of a van Sunday while watching a fireworks display in Texarkana. The display was part of the American Celebration at the First Baptist Church in Texarkana.

New duties, more money for DPS

AUSTIN (AP) — The Department of Public Safety isn't just for handing out traffic tickets anymore.

The DPS, which celebrates its 60th anniversary next month, is taking on a slew of new responsibilities. That's why its biennial budget will exceed the half-billion dollar mark for the first time in history.

The issuance of concealed handgun permits and databases for juvenile arrests and DNA for sex offenders are among the new responsibilities held by the state's top law enforcement agency now.

But before speed-minded motorists begin celebrating, know this — the biggest item of budgetary growth is the highway patrol division. Officials say an expected increase in traffic thanks to the North American Free Trade Agreement will heighten the need for black-and-whites on the highways.

Some observers say the growing impatience with crime is also a contributing factor in the budget's growth.

"If you look at the platform on which George Bush ran and won, it was getting tough on crime," said Thomas H. Little , a political science professor at the University of Texas at Arlington.

Ronald D. Krist, chairman of the three-member Public Safety Commission that oversees the DPS, says the voters have mandated that the state refuse "to tolerate lawlessness."

Overall, the DPS will see an 11 percent budgetary increase when Texas' fiscal year begins in September. At a time when belt-tightening is forcing staff cutbacks at other agencies, the DPS will need to take on at least 300 new employees.

Cattle count sets new record

LUBBOCK (AP) — A survey headlined "Cattle-Feeding Capital of the World" counted a record 6.46 million head last year in the Texas Panhandle and bordering states.

The survey covers the 52,000-square-mile area Southwestern Public Service Co. serves — from eastern New Mexico and southwest Kansas into Texas' South Plains, south of Lubbock.

The annual report paints a picture of steady growth for an industry anxious about poor prices and huge beef supplies.

"1994 was pretty tough. It was a year of character building," said Bob Barrett, manager at Barrett-Crofoot Feedlots Inc.-East in Hereford.

"The markets haven't been as good, but it continues to show a strong increase" in cattle numbers, said Dave Krupnick, manager of agricultural marketing for Amarillo-based SPS.

Numbers of fed cattle in the region climbed 3 percent in 1994, up from 6.27 million cattle the previous year, according to the survey. That's the sixth straight year of growth, Krupnick said.

Tallies at the end of 1995 likely will show another increase reflecting huge cattle imports from drought-plagued Mexico.

The survey showed Deaf Smith County as the regional leader. Feedyards around Hereford accounted for 918,887 cattle last year, the survey said.

Cyclist's death stirs biking clubs to fight against drunk driving

FORT WORTH (AP) — The death of a Fort Worth cyclist at the hands of an alleged drunk driver has spurred bicycle enthusiasts across the city into action.

Fort Worth Bicycling Association president Chuck Flanagan was one of many friends of slain cyclist Sandra Tomlinson who says he views drinking and driving with a much sterner eye. Ms. Tomlinson was run down June 25 as she rode on the shoulder of a busy road.

"As individuals, we are all opposed to drunk driving," Flanagan said. "But, as a club, we were not active in the issue."

Club members John and Margaret Mason say they were 40 feet behind Tomlinson when a car driven by Grant Z. Warren allegedly swerved onto the shoulder and hit her.

Margaret Mason says the incident has changed her focus.

"Something like this happens in your life, and fear is instilled in you," Mason said. "The fear that now motivates me, unfortunately, had to come from the accident."

Peggy Adams, the coordinator of the Tarrant County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said it's common for people personally touched by tragedy to want to get involved in prevention.

Police say the blood-alcohol level of the 20-year-old suspect was twice the level needed to be legally intoxicated.

HOT, HOT cuisine burns Austinites

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin restaurant goers couldn't stand the heat, so they complained to the kitchen.

It looks like the only howling going on at the Coyote Cafe, a sibling of a famous Santa Fe, N.M., came from customers who were scorched by the high concentrations of peppers in the fare.

When the haute eatery opened in Texas' capital last month, it didn't change the level of chile peppers that helped put it on the map. Restaurateur Mark Miller figured Central Texans could take it.

It looks like the city famed for its hot sauce festivals has bitten off more than it could chew.

Customer feedback has caused Coyote to turn down the heat. Miller came to Austin last week to cool off some of his dishes.

"In the beginning when you open a new restaurant, you listen to everyone," Miller said.

The restaurant specializes in "New Mexican" food, which doesn't contain the heat-squelching properties of cheese and sour cream.

Violent storm claims a fourth life

EL PASO (AP) — The violent storms that ravaged the El Paso area last Friday have claimed a fourth victim.

An El Paso woman trapped beneath her car by raging floodwaters died Monday. Norma Padilla, 23, had been fighting for life through the weekend after rescuers found her under her boyfriend's submerged car Friday night.

The storm spawned flash flooding and widespread crop damage in addition to killing four in El Paso and Juarez, El Paso's Mexican neighbor.

Police say Padilla had been visiting her boyfriend when a torrent began pushing his Volvo down the street.

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Quote of the Day

"One thing I've learned is that democratic schooling and freedom of expression are not a gift of the gods."

Gloria Pipkin, teacher, 1993

Eternal vigilance for the freedoms celebrated today

The birthday of a new world is at hand, and a race of men, perhaps as numerous as all Europe contains, are to receive their portion of freedom from the events of a few months. The Reflection is awful - and in this point of view, how trifling, how ridiculous, do the little, paltry cavellings of a few weak or interested men appear, when weighed against the business of the world.

Those are the words of Thomas Paine in his book "Common Sense."

And, that is what we are celebrating today - the birth of a nation founded in freedom.

But as Thomas Jefferson said, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

Not vigilance for the world, but vigilance for our own freedoms.

We have to be vigilance about asking our government to do so much for us, giving away our freedom to act on our own.

We have to be vigilant against extremist groups of all types who would take our freedoms and attempt to fit all of us into their mold.

We have to be vigilant not only about our own freedoms, but hold dear to our hearts the freedoms of others, because that is what the United States is about.

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Charles C. Williams Publisher
DD Turner Managing Editor

Tonight, we will watch fireworks displays. We will eat barbecue, enjoy our friends and our families.

While we do this, we need to reflect on the freedom we have to celebrate this day. Thanks to a band of revolutionaries, we have the Constitution, we have a democratic system of government whereby we elect our legislators. We have the freedom to choose, the freedom to assemble, the freedom of religion and a free press with all its good and bad.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the bravery of many men and women who willing gave their lives in the wars this country has fought to preserve our freedoms and the freedoms of others.

The price of freedom is never easy. As Jefferson said, constant vigilance is needed to make sure we continue to have freedoms. And, as with anything, there is good and bad in the struggle to keep our country free and strong.

A free United States, with open dialog, is a strong United States.

Inflammable Red, White and Blue

The American flag has draped the coffins of countless heroes who gave their life in its cause. It has fluttered at the headstones of men and women of every earthly ancestry who answered to the name "American." From Mt. Suribachi to the Sea of Tranquility, it has stood for our nation's resolve, sacrifice and achievement. In millions it inspires affections that, inexpressible, are all the more eloquent. It gives redemptive meaning to terrible personal loss.

Anyone who would set a match to this banner, in short, must be some piece of work.

Yet we strongly urge the U.S. Senate not to imitate the House, which on Wednesday voted 310-120 to endorse this alteration of the Constitution: "The Congress and the states shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Our admonishment comes despite polls that show three in four Americans favoring statutory flag protection, despite the 49 state resolutions calling for an anti-desecration amendment, despite even the lovely sentiments the flag engenders. We simply believe that such an amendment would do more to injure the spirit of American liberty than all the kerosene-pouring clods and America-haters put together.

Whatever else flag-burningis, it is political expression: what the First Amendment was created to protect. Scholars and barber-shop sages may wrangle whether free speech shields product ads or porno. But about political expression — by which the country's ills are brought to light, discussed and set right — the Founders' intent seems clear. Flag-burning is almost patently outrageous, yet sometimes even outrageous speech spurs democratic dialogue and works reform.

Americans are also blessedly uncompelled to invest any symbol — crown, cross or even flag — with an officially dictated reverence. The Nazis and the Soviets jailed people for marring a swastika or a Red emblem because both regimes demanded conformity from their subjects. America requires no coerced devotion. You may hate her. You may say you hate her. You may write you hate her. You may show you hate her — even by torching her robes. The happy paradox of this liberty is that most citizens do not hate but love her. Shall we upset this wondrous formula to swat a pathetic handful?

Were subversive vandals tonight to burn every flag in the country, morning would find the spirit of America without a singe. That spirit smoulders only when we doubt its power. A flag-burning amendment would enshrine our doubts.

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John Adams, just why not July 4?

If John Adams had had his way, we would be celebrating Independence Day on July 2 under the clanging moniker "Day of Deliverance."

That was the day in 1776 that the Continental Congress actually voted independence from England.

For that matter, we could have celebrated on June 7 when Richard Henry Lee moved his resolution that "these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent states."

However, we Americans have a disconcertingly breezy way of choosing the days we will celebrate, and we have been known to rearrange the calendar to make those celebrations more convenient.

Other Revolutionary War dates of equal, perhaps even greater, significance are ignored. The 220th anniversary of the outbreak of that war passed this April 18th without notice. We do not mark Oct. 19, 1781, when the war was effectively won, with Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown. Nor do we note Nov. 30, 1782, when the British recognized U.S. independence or the formal end of the war with the signing of the Peace of Paris on Sept. 3, 1783.

It speaks much about this nation that our most heavily guarded national treasures are a couple of pieces of paper, the Constitution and, of course, the Declaration of Independence whose formal adoption we observe today.

Rather than bloodshed or birthdays, our great national holiday celebrates a pro forma vote on an idea, but what a splendid idea:

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In too much of the world, these principles are still revolutionary.

Here we honor them for the 219th time, celebrating the day much as the citizens of Philadelphia did on the second anniversary — when they finally got their city back from the British — with parades, games, fireworks and feasts.

Happy Independence Day. Be careful in pursuing that happiness.

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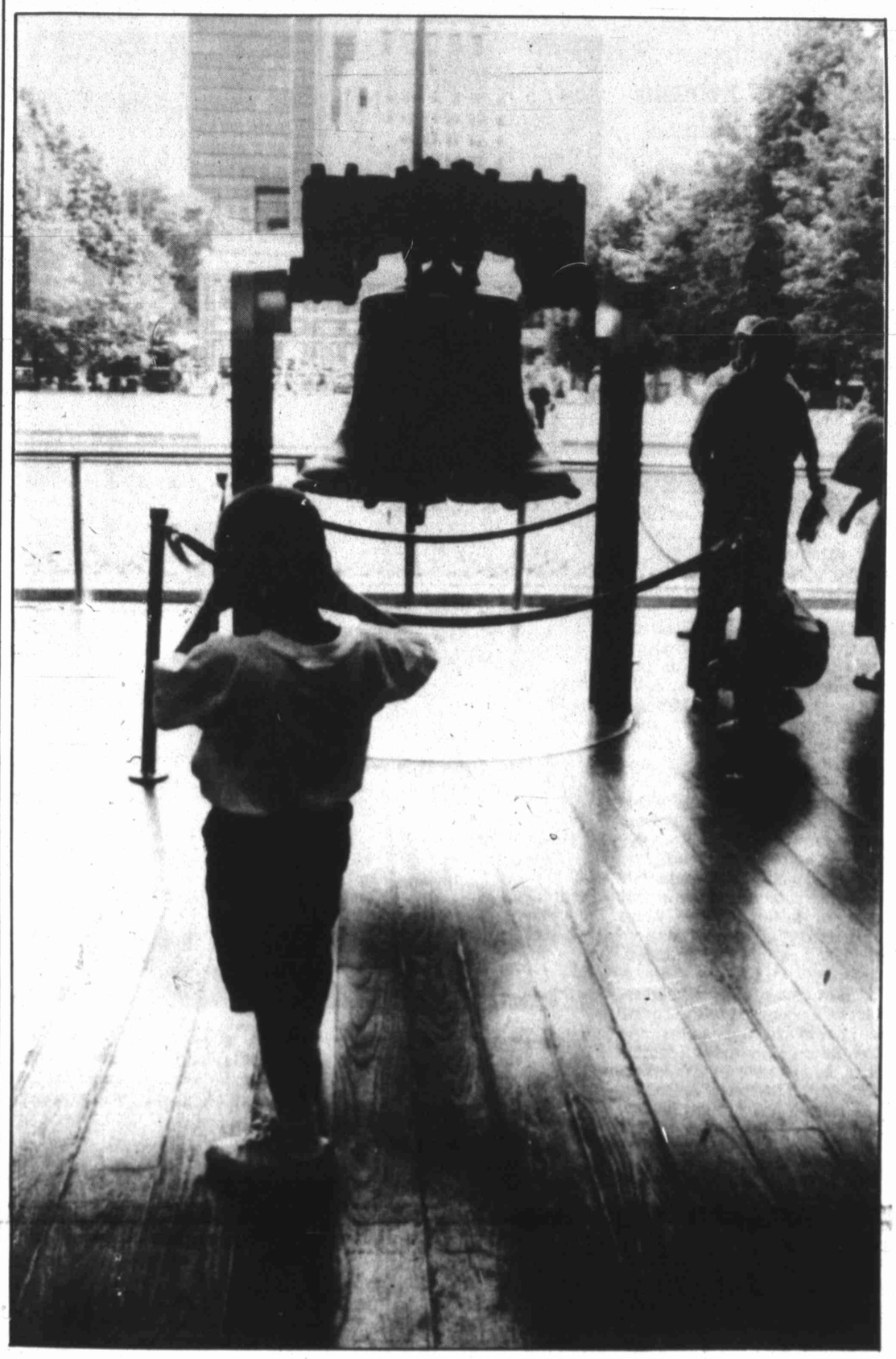
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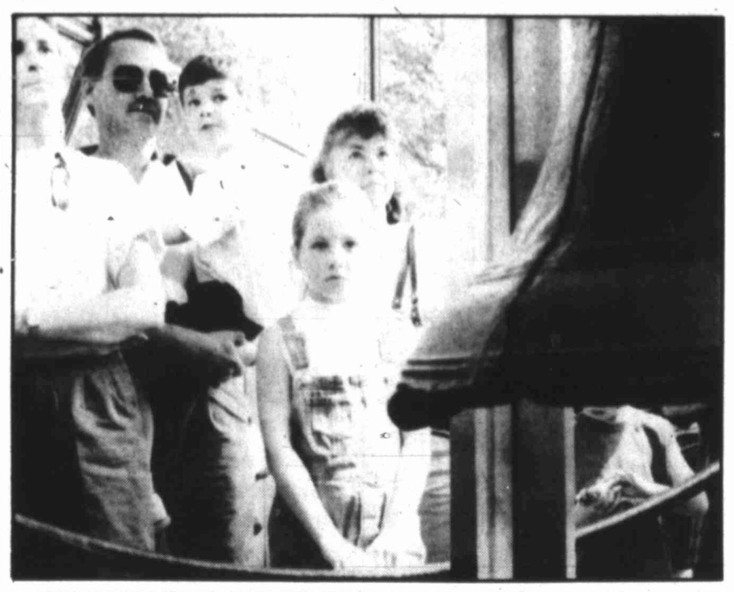
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LET FREEDOM RING!!!





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Above, a young visitor photographs the Liberty Bell during a tour, while at left, visitors listen intently as a park ranger gives a talk on the history of the bell during a tour at the Liberty Bell Pavilion at Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia Monday. The Liberty Bell, which symbolizes freedom, was cast in 1753 and has been on display in its current location since 1976. It is unknown when the bell started cracking, but by 1846 it was cracked so badly it hasn't been rung since.

Grants the difference for schools

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In Long Beach, Calif., where Janet Hawk teaches, some elementary schools do a great job of winning private grants to pay for field trips or extra computers. Other schools win hardly any grants at all.

It's one reason the Naples Elementary science teacher feels Congress should keep the Education Department.

"You have all these differences in state money, in local taxes, in the school's ability to get these grants," Hawk said. "You really need someone looking out for the rights of the kids who are underserved."

Gathering Sunday for their annual convention, many teachers in the nation's biggest teachers union, the National Education Association, echoed those thoughts.

Hoping to keep up public support for schools, they criticized proposals in Congress to eliminate the federal agency.

But among the 9,000 delegates elected to represent 2.2 million teachers, not all felt the same.

"Personally, I think it's a waste of money," said Andrew Balash, who teaches high school French in Geneva, Ohio. "I really believe parents and teachers in their local schools know what's best for that school."

Balash acknowledges he's in a minority here — he also strongly supports home schooling and tax money for private schools, both of which the NEA officially bemoans. But he is not alone.

"The Constitution doesn't say anything about a federal role in schools," adds a friend, Ed Weber, who teaches math and computers at a suburban Cleveland high school.

Even among teachers who support the Education Department, many, including Hawk, said they want the agency to stay mostly hands-off, pushing neither too many regulations nor too much paperwork.

Education Department officials contend they have cut back on regulations in recent years and are promoting local control. They point out their role is limited because the federal government provides just six percent of public schools' money. The rest comes from state and local taxes.

But critics say the agency, created during the Carter administration with the NEA's urging, pushes its views by requiring states and local schools to toe a regulatory line to receive money.

"In some cases the extra money might be helpful. But I still don't think you need a department," said Balash. "Parents and teachers know best where the money's needed."

In Congress, some Republicans want federal education money to go in block grants to states, giving governors leeway to distribute it to schools.

Other Republicans propose merging the agency with the Labor Department to cut back on employees and save money. President Clinton supports keeping the it as it is.

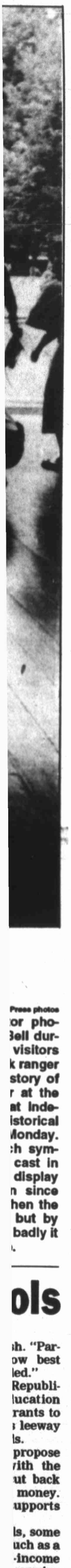
Under all the proposals, some department functions, such as a loan program for low-income college students, would survive and be switched to other agencies.

But Martha Mitchell, who teaches disabled preschoolers in Zanesville, Ohio, worries what would happen to the rules governing how schools must treat disabled children.

Some of those rules predate the department, but they have been broadened considerably since its creation. Mitchell points out that, not long ago, many disabled youngsters were denied a spot in public schools.

"You need a Department of Education to look out for these children's rights," Mitchell said. "Districts have a real tendency to overlook them."

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HISTORY ENDS

■ *Atlantis lets go of Mir*

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After five days of whizzing around Earth under the flags of two nations, shuttle Atlantis and space station Mir separated today with a gentle push and moved into their own orbits again.

First, two cosmonauts left the Mir in a small Soyuz transport ship and moved 250 feet away to record the undocking of the shuttle and space station which had flown as one large spacecraft. In turn, Atlantis made its own circular flight to photograph the Soyuz reattachment to Mir.

"The button is pushed, the hooks are driving," said shuttle commander Robert "Hoot" Gibson, telling Houston that the mechanism that linked the two craft was being released.

At that point, springs eased the shuttle away from the Mir, which had been anchored to the docking mechanism in the shuttle cargo bay. Slowly the two giant spacecraft separated. The crew on the Soyuz reported it had a good view of the process.

The three spacecraft performed an intricate ballet, sparkling in the sunshine against the blackness of space.

The sun was so bright that it obscured the docking target on Mir, but the Soyuz was reattached successfully to the station. The cosmonauts also had to contend with a shutdown of the main computer on Mir, which in turn failed to turn on the station lights.

"Atlantis, it has been an inspiring visit with our neighbors in space," said Mission Control.

"We look forward to returning," the Houston control center added.

"We agree with that. ... We agree 100 percent," Gibson replied.

The space-to-ground radio link crackled with several sets of conversations, with Mission Control in Kaliningrad speaking to the cosmonauts on Soyuz in Russian.

Atlantis carried up seven people, and it is returning with eight. Astronaut Norman Thagard had been flying on the Mir with two Russians for nearly four months, and all three were returning to earth on the shuttle.

Two cosmonauts carried aloft on Atlantis remained behind for a three-months stay on Mir. It was they who manned the Soyuz for the picture taking.

The five days of joint flight, exercising and carrying supplies back and forth generated a bountiful supply of good feelings.

"It's just one of the small milestones along a much greater journey, but at least we have begun that very long journey," said Gibson.

Hatches on each ship were closed Monday.



Associated Press photo

Space Shuttle Atlantis Commander Robert Gibson, center, shakes hands with Russian space station Mir cosmonaut Nikolai Budarin, bottom right, during a farewell ceremony Monday. Atlantis is scheduled to undock from Mir today.

British soldier released, riots begin

LONDON (AP) — Irish Republican Army sympathizers rioted in Northern Ireland's two largest cities Monday, outraged at the early parole of a British soldier convicted of killing a Roman Catholic woman.

Britain freed Pvt. Lee Clegg, 26, after a campaign by army officers and British newspapers against his life sentence for killing Karen Reilly, an 18-year-old passenger in a stolen car.

The move unleashed pent-up rage in Northern Ireland, where Clegg's 1993 conviction offered a rare instance when the British army was held accountable for killing.

IRA sympathizers in working-class Catholic parts of Belfast went on the march and burned more than 100 cars, vans and buses within hours of the announcement. The violence spread to predominantly Catholic Londonderry, the province's second-largest city, where about a dozen vehicles were hijacked and burned, police said.

In scenes reminiscent of the worst days of Northern Ireland's civil strife, army bomb disposal experts blew up vehicles abandoned outside police stations in Belfast and other towns. Police donned flak jackets for the first time in several months.

Key figures in the IRA movement said growing anger at Britain was jeopardizing the 10-month-old IRA truce.

"People here find this decision deeply insulting," said Martin McGuinness, a former IRA commander and chief negotiator for its allied Sinn Fein party.

Rare gun linked to bombing found

KINGMAN, Ariz. (AP) — A rare rifle federal authorities believe might have been stolen by the Oklahoma City bombing suspects has turned up in a pawnshop.

The rifle, a Winchester Model 43 .22 caliber-Hornet, is believed to be one of 66 weapons taken from Royal, Ark., gun collector Roger Moore in a $60,000 heist last November.

Jim Fuller, the owner of A&P Pawn, mentioned to FBI agents who were in his pawnshop that he had recently purchased the unusual rifle. "I guess they made the connection and said, 'Jim, don't sell that gun, we'll be right back,'" he said.

"They came back with an ATF agent" and took the weapon last week, Fuller said.

Fuller said he bought the Winchester on May 26 from James Rosencrans, the next-door neighbor of Michael Fortier, an Army buddy and close friend of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh. Fortier reportedly is negotiating with federal prosecutors in Oklahoma City on a deal to testify against McVeigh.

Moore said he believed that McVeigh may have been involved in the robbery in which jewels, gold and silver also were taken. Moore said he knew McVeigh and McVeigh was familiar with the collection.

A dozen of the stolen guns were similar to weapons the FBI said it found at the Herington, Kan., home of bombing suspect Terry Nichols. Agents said they could not make an exact match because serial numbers had not been recorded.

U.S.-Japan trade negotiations move into photography

WASHINGTON (AP) — Just because the big auto fight with Japan has been settled doesn't mean the world's two largest economies are now at peace. The newest battleground is film and photographic paper.

Less than a week after resolving the dispute on autos and auto parts, the Clinton administration announced Monday that it was opening an investigation into charges by America's Eastman Kodak Co. that Japanese rival Fuji Photo Co. was unfairly limiting access to the Japanese market.

Autopsy confirms bear mauling

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Autopsies on the bodies of a 77-year-old hiker and her son confirm that they were attacked and killed by a bear on a popular trail, authorities said Monday.

State Medical Examiner Dr. Michael Propst and Deputy Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Norman Thompson performed the autopsies on Marcie Trent and Larry Waldron, 45.

Officials at first thought a moose might be to blame; moose tracks were found in the area, and the wounds seemed inconsistent with a bear attack, said Bruce Bartley, a spokesman for the Department of Fish and Game. But he said there hadn't been much doubt that Trent and Waldron were fatally mauled by a bear Saturday.

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The City of Big Spring Police Department, along with the Howard County Sheriffs Department will be patrolling all areas to ensure your safety. They will also assist with traffic control prior to and after the event. No parking will be allowed along FM 700 and the ambulance entrance of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The City Fire Department, along with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will be on location to eliminate any problem.
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■ Wimbledon

Sampras staying red hot

■ Tarango nailed with $15,000 fine

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Not even a drubbing from Pete Sampras could take the ear-splitting grin off Greg Rusedski's face. When it was over, with Sampras a 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 winner, Rusedski still was beaming.

While Rusedski tried his best to engage the crowd, Sampras never wavered from his serious demeanor as he went about winning his 18th consecutive match at Wimbledon to reach the quarterfinals.

"I was trying to wipe the smile off his face," Sampras said.

To which Rusedski replied, "I'm sorry to say he's never going to wipe that smile off my face, no matter what."

Sampras' next opponent is Shuzo Matsuoka, the first Japanese man to progress this far at a Grand Slam event since Jiro Sato reached the Wimbledon semifinals in 1933.

Matsuoka, who fell onto his back in exhilaration Monday after beating Michael Joyce, is the outsider in a quarterfinal lineup that also includes the following matchups Wednesday: Top-seeded Andre Agassi against Jacco Eltingh of the Netherlands, No. 3 Boris Becker of Germany vs. Cedric Pioline of France, and No. 4 Goran Ivanisevic of Croatia against No. 6 Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Meanwhile, Murphy Jensen telephoned relatives today to say he was safe and well, a day after the flamboyant tennis player disappeared from the Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

The 26-year-old player disappeared without explanation before a mixed doubles match Monday and his worried family called police and local hospitals when he failed to return to their rented house Monday night.

But his mother Patricia, who is staying with Murphy's brother Luke at a rented house near the All England Club, said today, "He is safe and well. He telephoned his sister in Atlanta to say he is in London."

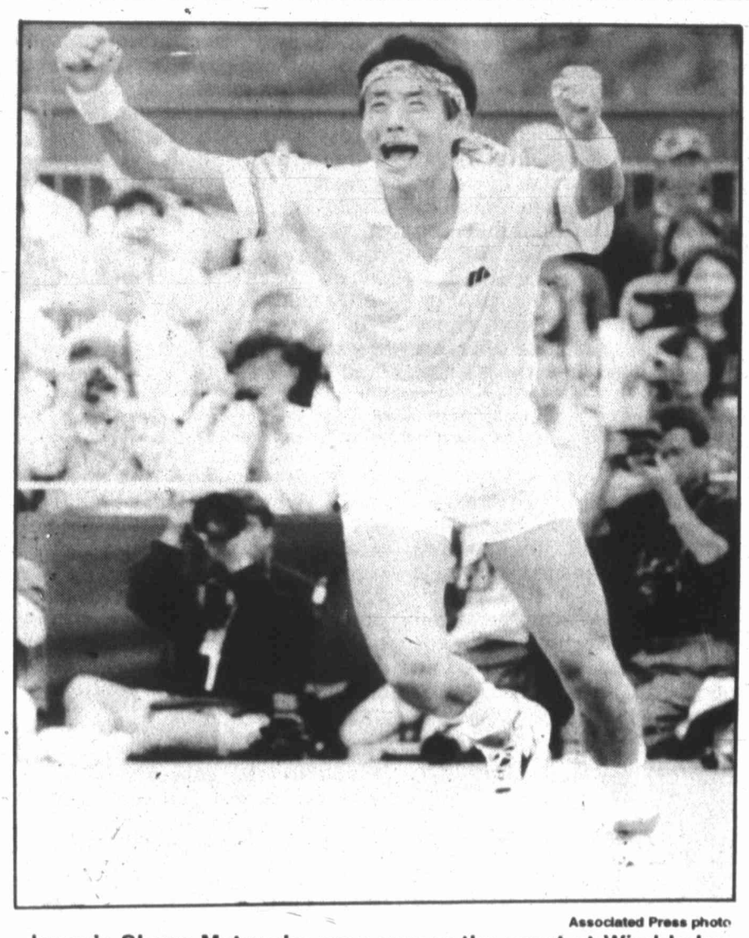
The All England Club fined Murphy Jensen $1,000 for the default. He was the third player to default, following the disqualifications of Britain's Tim Henman for slamming a ball that hit a ball girl and American Jeff Tarango for walking off the court in a dispute with French umpire Bruno Rebeuh.

Tarango on Monday defended his combative wife, Benedicte, and stuck to his charges against a "corrupt" umpire, despite sustaining the largest fine ever levied at Wimbledon.

"My wife and I had to stand alone and defend ourselves against some overwhelming pressures," Tarango said after getting hit with $15,500 in fines for his actions in stalking away from Saturday's match with Alexander Mronz.

Tarango said he was assured a proper investigation will be conducted by the Grand Slam Committee into his accusations against Rebeuh, who was slapped twice in the face after the match by Benedicte Tarango.

The women's quarterfinals were set for today.



Associated Press photo
Japan's Shuzo Matsuoka runs across the court at Wimbledon after defeating Michael Joyce 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 Monday.

Goin' National

Local girl makes good in gymnastics

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Nine-year-old Rachelle Guinn is making her first appearance in the national meet for the Big Spring Sidewinders.

That doesn't mean she doesn't know what to expect.

Guinn, a student at Bauer Magnet School, made the trip to nationals last season.

"I went last year; I just didn't compete," said Guinn, who made the trip with the Sidewinders who had qualified. "It was really neat. I'm not really nervous about going. I'm just going to do my best."

Guinn started in gymnastics two years ago when her good friend and across-the-street neighbor, Whitney Oppegard, told her about the Sidewinders. Guinn said she never dreamed she'd get this far, or that gymnastics would take her all the way to Savannah, Ga., for this year's nationals. When asked what her secret to success has been, she kept it pretty simple.



GUINN

"I don't know. Hard work, I guess."

Guinn is small, and her voice is soft, but she's made huge amounts of noise as a gymnast. Her favorite event is the floor exercise, and she's plenty of success in that event.

"I really like the floor," Guinn said. "I don't know why, but I just think about every single move, one at a time."

Guinn said that another secret to her success has been the support of her coaches and her family. Russ McEwen is the Sidewinders' coach.

"He tells me what I'm doing wrong and how to fix it," she said. "My family, they really help me because they like to come here, just to watch me.

"Sometimes they don't come to watch the whole thing, but they still come early to pick me up and watch a little bit of our practice. That helps me a lot."

What would Guinn like to be when she grows up? Why, it's a natural.

"I want to coach a gymnastics team."

Sidewinder marks success by the day

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Hayley Whiteside is hoping to make her second trip to nationals more than just a one-day deal.

Whiteside, 10, represented the Big Spring Sidewinders at the national meet last season, and she'll be doing that again this week in Savannah, Ga. Last season Whiteside narrowly missed making the top 80, which would have advanced her to the second day of competition and given her a chance to reach the event finals.

"I want to make it to the third day," Whiteside said. The third day is saved for the event finals.

Whiteside makes the trip from Midland six days a week for practice - she said she's gotten used to making the trip every day. She may get enough of riding in car, but she never seems to get enough of the floor exercise - her favorite event and the one she has the most success in.



WHITESIDE

"It's one of the easier events, at least easier than the vault and the bars, for me. You get to show a lot of expression and have a lot of fun."

As for what led her to start gymnastics, Whiteside said it was simply family encouragement.

"I've been in gymnastics for five years, and I think my mom was the reason. My mom did gymnastics, and I think she wanted me to."

Whiteside said she wants to be an illustrator when she gets older, drawing pictures for books. For now, though, she hopes for an extended run toward national glory in Savannah - either individually or as a team.

"This team could really do well," she said. "This team is really yelling for each other, and we feel really confident. We're not nervous."

■ Texas Baseball

'Big Cat' goes 6-for-6, Rockies beat Astros

DENVER (AP) — Andres Galarraga collected a club-record six hits, including two home runs, and drove in five runs Monday night to power the Colorado Rockies past the Houston Astros 15-10.

Besides hitting his 15th and 16th homers, Galarraga had a double and three singles in a 6-for-6 performance, helping the Rockies raise their three-year home record against Houston to 10-1. He also scored four runs, tying a club record, and his 13 total bases bested his own club record of 12 set eight days ago.

Rockies manager Don Baylor said the "display Galarraga put on tonight was memorable. You don't see too many games like that, a nine-inning game where a hitter has six at-bats and he's going for 6-for-6."

Astros manager Terry Collins wasn't quite as enthusiastic.

"This place (Coors Field) is a joke, to say the least," he said. "It's ridiculous. I've never seen anything like it — bloop singles, a lot of balls that are flat scary. It's worse than Mile High (Stadium). Vinny Castilla's home run — that's a fly ball."

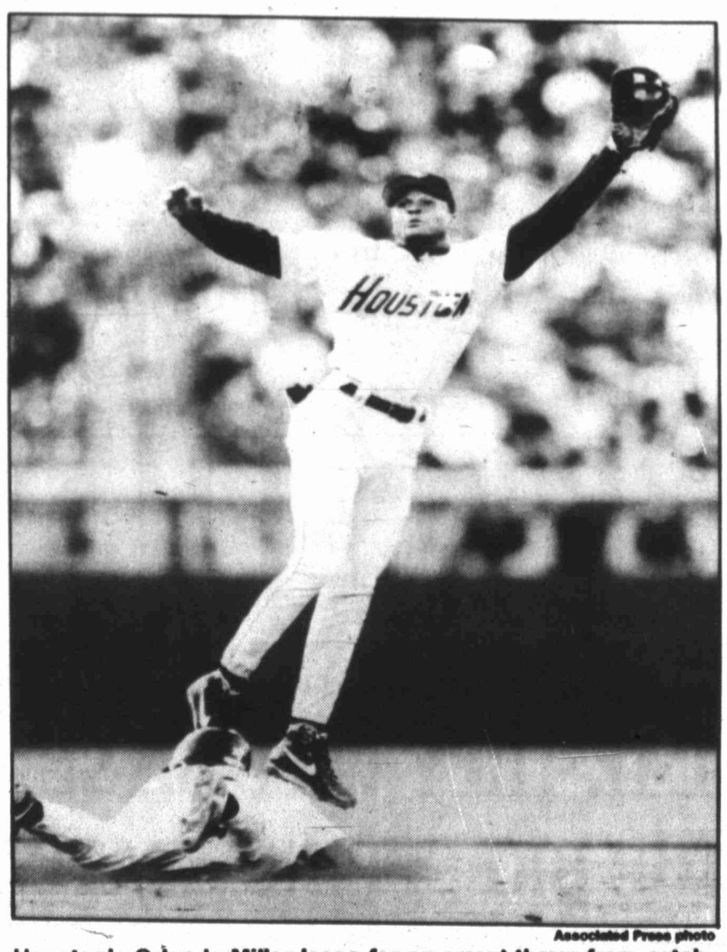
Galarraga's fifth hit, a 413-foot homer off James Dougherty (3-1) in the seventh, broke a 10-10 tie.

Roger Bailey, the fourth of five Rockies pitchers, pitched a hitless seventh inning to improve his record to 3-4. Darren Holmes pitched the final two innings for his fourth save.

Indians 9, Rangers 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Charles Nagy pitched seven scoreless innings in Cleveland's 9-1 victory over the Texas Rangers Monday.

Nagy (6-4) has won his last two starts, after hitting a bumpy stretch that saw him give up 10 runs in 7 2-3 innings covering two starts in mid-June. Kenny Rogers (8-4) took the loss as the Rangers dropped their third straight.



Associated Press photo
Houston's Orlando Miller leaps for an errant throw from catcher Tony Eusebio as Colorado's Eric Young steals second base Monday. Colorado won 15-10.

All-Star Game makes for some rich Indians

NEW YORK (AP) — The Cleveland Indians will pay more than $1 million to four players who made the All-Star team, according to a study of bonuses by The Associated Press.

Thirty-seven players earned $2.36 million for their selection to the July 11 game at Arlington, Texas, but only $535,000 will go to players in the National League.

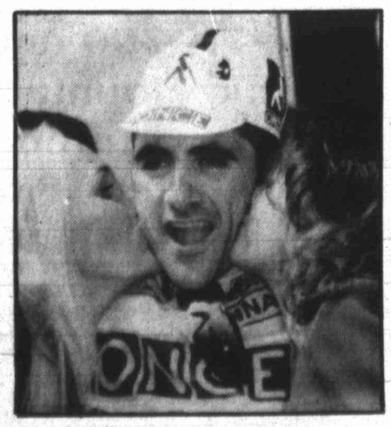
Indians outfielder Kenny Lofton has a clause in his contract that says his base salary next season rises to $3.5 million from $3.1 million because he's an All-Star. The Indians' option on outfielder Albert Belle, which is virtually sure to be exercised, rises to $5.5 million from $5 million because of his selection.

In addition, the Indians will pay a $50,000 All-Star bonus to pitcher Dennis Martinez and All-Star bonuses of $25,000 each to second baseman Carlos Barga, Belle and Lofton, making their total All-Star bill $1,025,000. Indians outfielder Manny Ramirez and reliever Jose Mesa do not have All-Star bonus clauses.

Minnesota Twins outfielder Kirby Puckett gets a $100,000 All-Star bonus for the third straight year. Bonuses of $50,000 go to 12 players in the AL and seven in the AL, and $25,000 bonuses go to nine players in the AL and seven in the NL. Florida Marlins outfielder Jeff Conine gets the smallest bonus: $10,000. Twenty-two of the 59 players picked for the game do not have All-Star bonus clauses.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Doesn't get any better than this
Hostesses kiss Laurent Jalabert after he took the overall lead at the Tour de France Monday.

TEXAS SPORTS

Astros' closer examined

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros reliever John Hudek has been examined in Colorado for a circulatory blockage problem in his right arm, officials said Tuesday.

Hudek, who has been on the disabled list since June 23 because of the problem in his pitching arm, was examined by Dr. David Roos in Denver.

The team had no immediate comment regarding that examination, except to say that no surgery has been scheduled.

Meanwhile, Hudek remains with the team, which was scheduled to play the Colorado Rockies Monday night. If surgery is required, Hudek likely would miss the rest of the season.

Hudek made the All-Star team for the National League last season as a rookie.

NATION/WORLD

Record set in 2,000-meter run

PARIS (AP) — Noureddine Morceli of Algeria set the world record for 2,000 meters on Monday at the Paris Gaz de France Grand track meet with a time of 4 minutes, 47.88 seconds.

The previous record was 4:50.81 by Said Aouita in 1987, at the final regular season meet in Paris.

Devils to stay in New Jersey?

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — Recent negotiations on a new lease and a delay in a court showdown between the Devils and their landlord raised some hopes the Stanley Cup champion will remain in New Jersey. The Devils and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority on Monday continued to show signs of reconciliation.

ON THE AIR

Baseball

Major League
Texas at Cleveland, noon, ESPN (ch. 30).
NY Yankees at Chi. White Sox, 3 p.m., ESPN.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
Los Angeles at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).

Cycling

Tour de France, 11:30 p.m., ESPN.

SPORTSEXTRA

BASEBALL

American League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	36	26	.581	—
Detroit	32	32	.500	5
Baltimore	29	33	.468	7
New York	28	32	.467	7
Toronto	23	37	.383	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	43	18	.705	—
Kansas City	31	28	.525	11
Milwaukee	28	33	.459	15
Chicago	27	33	.450	15 1/2
Minnesota	18	44	.290	25 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	36	27	.571	—
Texas	**35**	**28**	**.556**	**1**
Oakland	34	30	.531	2 1/2
Seattle	32	31	.508	4

Monday's Games
Detroit 4, Seattle 2
New York 8, Chicago 4
Cleveland 9, Texas 1
Baltimore 9, Minnesota 4
Boston 12, Kansas City 5
Milwaukee 7, Oakland 3, 10 innings
California 4, Toronto 2

Tuesday's Games
Texas (Burrows 2-1) at Cleveland (Black 4-2), 1:05 p.m.
New York (Rivera 1-2) at Chicago (Fernandez 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Givens 0-2) at Oakland (Darling 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Erickson 3-6) at Baltimore (Klingenbeck 2-1), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Torres 2-4) at Detroit (Moore 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 5-1) at Kansas City (Gubicza 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 2-3) at California (Finley 6-6), 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Seattle (Carmona 1-2) at Detroit (Lira 5-4), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Gross 3-7) at Cleveland (Martinez 7-0), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Trombley 0-3) at Baltimore (Rhodes 2-2), 7:35 p.m.
Boston (Cormier 3-1) at Kansas City (Gordon 5-4), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Bankhead 1-1) at Chicago (Alvarez 1-5), 8:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Roberson 4-2) at Oakland (Ontiveros 8-2), 10:35 p.m.
Toronto (Hentgen 4-6) at California (Boskie 6-1), 10:35 p.m.

National League

All Times EDT

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	38	24	.613	—
Atlanta	37	25	.597	1
Montreal	31	32	.492	7 1/2
Florida	22	38	.367	15
New York	23	40	.365	15 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	39	23	.629	—
Houston	**33**	**28**	**.541**	**5 1/2**
Chicago	32	31	.508	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	24	35	.407	13 1/2
St. Louis	26	38	.406	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Colorado	34	29	.540	—
Los Angeles	33	30	.524	1
San Francisco	32	31	.508	2
San Diego	31	31	.500	2 1/2

Monday's Games
Atlanta 10, Philadelphia 4
Florida 5, San Diego 2
Chicago 4, New York 2
San Francisco 8, Cincinnati 7
St. Louis 6, Montreal 0
Colorado 15, Houston 10
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Montreal (Martinez 5-4) at St. Louis (Hill 5-4), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Quantrill 7-3) at Pittsburgh (Ericks 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 5-4) at Florida (Gardner 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Mulholland 2-6) at Cincinnati (Schourek 6-4), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdez 5-3) at Atlanta (Mercker 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 5-5) at New York (Saberhagen 5-2), 7:40 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 2-3) at Colorado (Freeman 2-6), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
San Diego (Hamilton 3-2) at Florida (Hammond 5-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Leiter 3-5) at Cincinnati (Rijo 3-4), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Green 8-4) at Pittsburgh (Loaiza 5-3), 7:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 6-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 7-4), 7:40 p.m.
Chicago (Castillo 6-4) at New York (Mlicki 4-4), 7:40 p.m.
Montreal (Perez 7-2) at St. Louis (Urbani 2-3), 8:35 p.m.
Houston (Kile 3-7) at Colorado (Ritz 6-3), 9:05 p.m.

Texas League

Second Half
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Shreveport	8	5	.615	—
Tulsa	6	7	.462	2
Arkansas	6	7	.462	2
Jackson	6	7	.462	2

Western Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
El Paso	7	6	.538	—
x-Midland	**7**	**6**	**.538**	**—**
San Antonio	6	7	.462	1
Wichita	6	7	.462	1

x-clinched first half title

Monday's Games
Wichita 5, El Paso 4, 14 innings
Shreveport 5, Arkansas 4
San Antonio 9, Midland 3
Jackson 6, Tulsa 1

Tuesday's Games
El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Shreveport
Midland at San Antonio
Tulsa at Jackson

Wednesday's Games
El Paso at Wichita
Arkansas at Shreveport
Midland at San Antonio
Tulsa at Jackson

Texas-Louisiana

Northern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Lubbock	28	15	.651	—
Amarillo	25	18	.581	3
Tyler	25	21	.543	4 1/2
Pueblo	19	24	.442	9
Abilene	15	28	.349	13

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Alexandria	28	18	.609	—
Rio Grande	25	18	.581	1 1/2
Corpus Christi	22	21	.512	4 1/2
Mobile	16	27	.372	10 1/2
Laredo	15	28	.349	11 1/2

Monday's Games
Mobile 9, Alexandria 3
Lubbock 11, Rio Grande Valley 8
Corpus Christi 18, Abilene 0
Tyler 6, Laredo 5
Amarillo 19, Pueblo 2

Tuesday's Games
Corpus Christi at Laredo
Mobile at Rio Grande Valley
Pueblo at Abilene
Lubbock at Amarillo

Wednesday's Games
Corpus Christi at Laredo
Mobile at Rio Grande Valley
Pueblo at Abilene
Lubbock at Amarillo

AL Leaders

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—EMartinez, Seattle, .373; CDavis, California, .359; OLeary, Boston, .348; Naehring, Boston, .347; MRamirez, Cleveland, .336; Baerga, Cleveland, .335; Seitzer, Milwaukee, .333.

RUNS—EMartinez, Seattle, 52; Phillips, California, 51; Edmonds, California, 49; MVaughn, Boston, 49; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 49; JnValentin, Boston, 48; Belle, Cleveland, 47.

RBI—MVaughn, Boston, 56; McGwire, Oakland, 56; EMartinez, Seattle, 52; Thomas, Chicago, 51; Belle, Cleveland, 48; Edmonds, California, 47; MRamirez, Cleveland, 47; TMartinez, Seattle, 47; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 47; Fielder, Detroit, 47.

HITS—Baerga, Cleveland, 86; EMartinez, Seattle, 82; Nixon, Texas, 77; Belle, Cleveland, 75; Palmeiro, Baltimore, 75; Murray, Cleveland, 75; Curtis, Detroit, 74; Lofton, Cleveland, 74.

DOUBLES—Belle, Cleveland, 26; EMartinez, Seattle, 23; DiSarcina, California, 20; Seitzer, Milwaukee, 18; Naehring, Boston, 17; Baerga, Cleveland, 17; CRipken, Baltimore, 17.

TRIPLES—RAlomar, Toronto, 7; Lofton, Cleveland, 5; White, Toronto, 5; OLeary, Boston, 4; DiSarcina, California, 4; ByAnderson, Baltimore, 4; 5 are tied with 3.

HOME RUNS—MVaughn, Boston, 23; McGwire, Oakland, 22; Thomas, Chicago, 20; Fielder, Detroit, 19; MRamirez, Cleveland, 16; Thome, Cleveland, 16; Gaetti, Kansas City, 16.

STOLEN BASES—Goodwin, Kansas City, 24; Nixon, Texas, 20; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 19; Coleman, Kansas City, 19; Lofton, Cleveland, 18; LJohnson, Chicago, 17; McLemore, Texas, 17.

PITCHING (7 Decisions)—DeMartinez, Cleveland, 7-0, 1.000, 2.53; RJohnson, Seattle, 8-1, .889, 2.96; Stottlemyre, Oakland, 7-1, .875, 3.74; Langston, California, 7-1, .875, 4.57; Boskie, California, 6-1, .857, 4.42; Ontiveros, Oakland, 8-2, .800, 2.65; Hanson, Boston, 7-2, .778, 3.32.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Seattle, 139; Appier, Kansas City, 109; Stottlemyre, Oakland, 96; Finley, California, 86; Cone, Toronto, 76; JMcDowell, New York, 72; Hanson, Boston, 71.

SAVES—Mesa, Cleveland, 20; LeSmith, California, 20; Eckersley, Oakland, 17; Henneman, Detroit, 15; Ayala, Seattle, 13; Montgomery, Kansas City, 13; RHernandez, Chicago, 12; DJones, Baltimore, 12; Aguilera, Minnesota, 12; Russell, Texas, 12.

NL Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—DBell, Houston, .358; TGwynn, San Diego, .345; Grace, Chicago, .343; Dunston, Chicago, .338; Bichette, Colorado, .331; Mondesi, Los Angeles, .323; LWalker, Colorado, .321.

RUNS—Mondesi, Los Angeles, 50; Bonds, San Francisco, 49; Biggio, Houston, 47; Finley, San Diego, 46; Gant, Cincinnati, 46; LWalker, Colorado, 44; Bagwell, Houston, 43; Galarraga, Colorado, 43; McGriff, Atlanta, 43.

RBI—DBell, Houston, 52; Sosa, Chicago, 52; RSanders, Cincinnati, 51; Gant, Cincinnati, 51; Galarraga, Colorado, 51; Bonds, San Francisco, 47; Karros, Los Angeles, 46; Hayes, Philadelphia, 46.

HITS—DBell, Houston, 88; Bichette, Colorado, 83; Grace, Chicago, 82; TGwynn, San Diego, 81; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 80; Karros, Los Angeles, 77; Sanchez, Chicago, 76.

DOUBLES—Grace, Chicago, 33; Lankford, St. Louis, 21; Bichette, Colorado, 19; Cordero, Montreal, 18; McRae, Chicago, 17; RSanders, Cincinnati, 16; Biggio, Houston, 16.

TRIPLES—Mondesi, Los Angeles, 4; BJordan, St. Louis, 4; RSanders, Cincinnati, 4; Gonzalez, Chicago, 4; Offerman, Los Angeles, 4; McRae, Chicago, 4; Bonds, San Francisco, 4; Larkin, Cincinnati, 4; Bonilla, New York, 4.

HOME RUNS—LWalker, Colorado, 18; Gant, Cincinnati, 18; Galarraga, Colorado, 16; Sosa, Chicago, 15; Karros, Los Angeles, 14; RSanders, Cincinnati, 14; Bonds, San Francisco, 14.

STOLEN BASES—Veras, Florida, 23; Larkin, Cincinnati, 20; RSanders, Cincinnati, 18; DeShields, Los Angeles, 17; DBell, Houston, 16; DLewis, San Francisco, 16; DSanders, Cincinnati, 16.

PITCHING (7 Decisions)—Smiley, Cincinnati, 8-1, .889, 3.12; GMaddux, Atlanta, 8-1, .889, 1.78; Nomo, Los Angeles, 6-1, .857, 2.05; CPerez, Montreal, 7-2, .778, 2.93; Navarro, Chicago, 6-2, .750, 3.09; Hammond, Florida, 5-2, .714, 2.27; Portugal, San Francisco, 5-2, .714, 3.71; Saberhagen, New York, 5-2, .714, 3.24.

STRIKEOUTS—Nomo, Los Angeles, 109; Schilling, Philadelphia, 90; Benes, San Diego, 87; Smoltz, Atlanta, 83; GMaddux, Atlanta, 80; Fassero, Montreal, 79; Drabek, Houston, 73.

SAVES—Slocumb, Philadelphia, 20; Myers, Chicago, 19; Henke, St. Louis, 16; Beck, San Francisco, 14; Rojas, Montreal, 14; JBrantley, Cincinnati, 14; TdWorrell, Los Angeles, 12.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday

BASEBALL
American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Placed Eddie Murray, first baseman-designated hitter, on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of Ruben Amaro, outfielder, from Buffalo of the American Association.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed Mike Gardiner, pitcher, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled Mike Christopher, pitcher, from Toledo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the contract of Mike Magnante, pitcher, from Omaha of the American Association. Recalled Chris Stynes, infielder, from Omaha. Optioned Joe Randa, infielder, to Omaha. Designated Dennis Rasmussen, pitcher, for assignment.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled Ernie Young, outfielder, from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League. Optioned Andy Tomberlin, outfielder, to Edmonton.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Placed Bruce Ruffin, pitcher, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to June 26. Recalled Omar Olivares, pitcher, from Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed Andre Dawson, outfielder, on the 15-day disabled list. Signed Jaime Jones, outfielder, to a minor-league contract and assigned him to the Marlins of the Gulf Coast League.

NEW YORK METS—Signed Jeffrey Parsons, shortstop, and assigned him to Pittsfield of the New York-Penn League.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Activated Terry Mulholland, pitcher, from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned Enrique Burgos, pitcher, to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Signed Scotty Bowman, coach and director of player personnel, to a three-year contract. Promoted Jim Nill, amateur scouting director, to director of minor-league player development, and Hakan Andersson, scout, to director of European scouting.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Re-signed Bob Carpenter, left wing, and Bob Guerin, right wing.

Howard College wears black eye

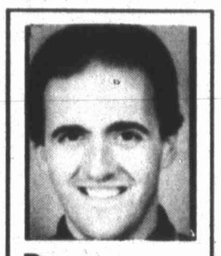
If someone suggests you take a correspondence course from Howard College, do yourself and HC a favor.

Just run away. Far away.

Howard administrators would like to run away after the events that have surfaced in the last two days. Thank goodness today's a holiday - Howard, Texas Tech and the rest of the involved parties can take a deep breath before it's back to work.

And back to answering questions.

If you missed it, here's the scenario as brief and simple as it can be made:



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

In the summer of 1991, the Texas Tech men's basketball team wanted a recruit, Nate Jackson, who played at a junior college in Idaho. For some reason, Jackson needed another class before he could transfer to Tech, so he enrolled in a Spanish correspondence course.

At Howard College. Funny thing is, Howard doesn't have correspondence classes.

You probably know the rest. Howard instructor Harlen Thornton gave Jackson a 'C' grade for the class even though *the two never met*. Jackson said he answered several questions in a telephone 'exam' with Thornton.

Don't you wish all classes were that easy! We could have all graduated from college in three days!

The circumstances that led to this mess aren't clear. By Jackson's accounts, Tech coaches encouraged him to take the class at Howard after he declined to come to summer school at Tech. Perhaps Jackson was looking for a free ride while he stayed at his San Jose, Calif., home.

If you believe what you read, he got that free ride.

The incident smells too much like the one that brought down the Baylor men's basketball program last season. In that case, there were more serious charges of phony term papers and coaches feeding athletes test answers, but there was also a large trail of bogus credits and make-believe classes.

For now, the questions remain questions - finding people to talk to about this incident on the Fourth of July weekend is like searching for the winning Lotto numbers. Both Tech and Howard have launched internal investigations into the matter.

Deception is the word for the day. Tech apparently deceived Jackson into thinking Howard had correspondence courses. Jackson deceived Tech by not telling the university about his free ride. And Thornton said HC coaches misled him to think Jackson would eventually show up to class.

Thornton was dead on when he said he made a "bad judgment call" when giving Jackson a passing grade. Howard records show Jackson received four credit hours for the class, and those hours should be taken away from him immediately. Sure, taking away the credit now helps no one escape the mess, but at least it would save a little face for Howard.

Why would this come to light four years after the fact? Is Jackson a disgruntled former Red Raider out to get Tech coach James Dickey? Is there a former Tech coach out to get the university, as many have suggested?

Who cares?

Either way you want to look at it, the mess has hit the fan already, and Tech is in scorching hot water.

Meanwhile, the hard work Howard College has put into building a strong reputation might already be up in a cloud of smoke.

Tour de France has new leader

VITRE, France (AP) — Exactly one year after falling and being forced to drop out of the Tour de France, Laurent Jalabert gained the overall lead.

Jalabert took over from Jacky Durand in the overall standings with the help of bonus seconds in sprints.

Favorite Miguel Indurain, seeking his fifth consecutive Tour victory, was 22nd for the stage and 15th overall, only 34 seconds from the lead.

Jalabert has a five-second lead over Laurent Brochard.

Alomar stalker awaits hearing

TORONTO (AP) — A woman charged with threatening to kill Roberto Alomar of the Toronto Blue Jays spent a night in jail awaiting a bail hearing.

Police arrested Tricia Miller, 31, in the lobby of the SkyDome Hotel after she handed hotel staff a bag containing a loaded revolver. Miller faces charges of threatening death, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a dangerous weapon, possession of a restricted weapon and possession of stolen property.

Police said the woman came to Toronto four days ago to shoot Alomar and then herself.

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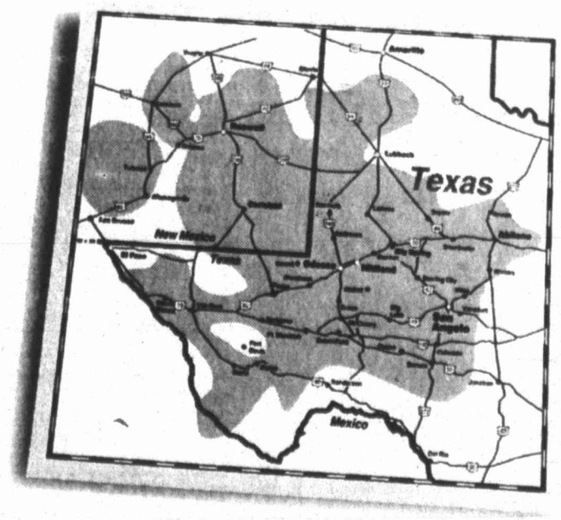
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FOR WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 , 1995

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your playful side emerges, and you want to share the depth of your feelings with others. Don't hesitate to let people know what's going on with you. Your light, easy tone attracts others and permits options that you hadn't thought of until now. Tonight: Go out on the town. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Work is dominant today, but a soft approach makes you a winner. Be direct when dealing with others, and you'll get positive results. Refuse to be intimidated. Good things will happen if you keep your nose to the grindstone. Trust what's happening. Tonight: Work late. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your creativity surges, and you see new ways to make money and prosper. Don't kid yourself about what's right and which way you need to go. Know your desires and choices. Make an extra effort to help someone else feel cared for. Tonight: Be a love. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Venus moves into your sign today, adding to your allure and desirability. Someone cannot resist you and wants to get closer. Listen to what's being offered, refuse to be taken in by anyone and focus on your priorities. Trust your own judgment. Tonight: B e a couch potato. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You might be more sensitive than usual, and you see situations in a new light. Your sensitivity and awareness make you very happy and allow unexpected situations to develop. Follow your instincts, and take time to sort through your feelings. Tonight: Hang out. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are empowered by situations that surround you. You feel unusually good about a friendship. Share your unique perspective. Be aware of the choices you have. Examine your financial potential instead of playing games. Tonight: Veg out. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You feel like you're on top of the world. Someone likes your work and gives you positive reinforcement. You are appreciated for who you are and how you handle matters. Stay on top of opportunities, and be willing to take risks. Tonight: You call the shots. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Gather steam, know your limitations and prepare to take action. It's important that you make the right decision about the which direction to take. Trust yourself and what you want. Your instincts about finances are right. Tonight: Have a key discussion with a friend. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are personality-plus and have the ability to change your direction. Know what's appropriate. One-to-one relating regarding a financial matter proves successful. Your positive approach makes you a winner. Tonight: Go for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone lets you know his opinions. Don't avoid discussions, and remain optimistic. Sometimes it may be difficult to agree with someone. However, follow your instincts and accept your responsibilities. Evaluate a change. Tonight: Be available. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reach out to people who are at a distance. Take a risk, and dare to view life in a new way. A nurturing approach pays off. People are attracted to you and want to be close to you. A change in perspective will help you make a decision. Tonight: Investigate potential. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): One-to-one relating is highlighted. You feel unusually good and are capable of making decisions that empower you. Be sensitive to what someone else wants to do. Be aware that you are highly visible and highly desirable right now. Tonight: Snuggle in. *****

IF JULY 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is an unusual year when you grow to understand situations in a new way. Be sensitive to alternatives, and be aware of your attractiveness. You will notice that others are drawn to you, especially after December. Your desirability is high in 1996. You are entering a new relationship cycle. If you are single, romance is likely to knock on your door in a most unanticipated way. You will have a lot of choices, so know what you want and expect from others. If attached, you feel as if you have fallen in love again. Enjoy this closeness and the strong, caring feelings. LIBRA can be annoying.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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If parents' behavior changes, Alzheimer's may be the cause



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: That 68-year-old woman in Maine whose children pay too much attention to her should count her blessings.

When a parent's behavior changes and she leaves her beds unmade, doesn't get dressed, and rejects visits from family members, there may be more going on than a desire for privacy.

My mother exhibited similar behavior and I, too, respected her right to privacy. However, I learned too late that she had Alzheimer's. I found myself with a mother I no longer knew, who hadn't paid her bills in months, and who lashed out in anger about seeing her doctor. She miraculously escaped injuring herself and others when her forgetfulness resulted in an apartment fire.

Eventually, at the urging of her physicians, I was forced to place her in a nursing home against her will.

Abby, "privacy" is every person's right. However, children of elderly parents should not be discouraged from involvement in their parents' lives — they could be ill and not know it.

Their children could be left with a burden of guilt, and legal and ethical dilemmas, if something is seriously wrong with the parent. — BEEN THERE IN MINNEAPOLIS

DEAR BEEN THERE: The woman who complained that she received too much attention from her family is still financially independent and active in every aspect of her life, including entertaining her "significant other" who lives across town. Her complaint was that her family ignored her requests to call before dropping by.

However, your statement that a change in behavior can be a symptom of serious illness is correct. And may I add an important fact: Alzheimer's is no longer considered a disease afflicting only elderly people. Some in their mid-50s have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

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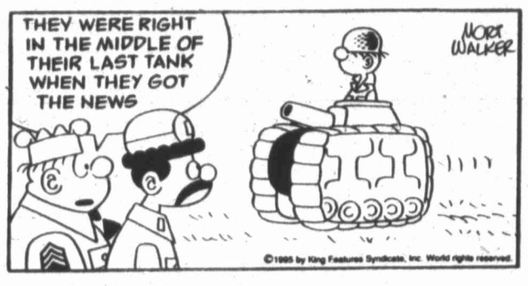
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	Home ... Fortune	Full House Simpsons	C. Sandiego Science Guy	Waltons (890425)	News (9549) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (1365) Coach	" Major League	Agujetas Rosa	Festival of Folk Heroes	(711100) News	(:10) Movie: The Air Up	" "	Wimbledon Tennis	Prime Time Praise	" Pops Goes	Beyond 2000 Next Step	(CC) (608051)	Beach Press Box	Sportscenter Major League	Young Mr. Lincoln	Happen. Now Sanford
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	Home Imp Coach	(40100) "	(441810) American	Rescue 911 "	Movie: Flight of the	Home Imp Coach	Frasier Larroquette	Dodgers at Atlanta	Vacaciones (74636)	Thomas Jefferson	Country Greats Hall	City Slickers II: The	(CC) (714839)	(2536617) (:45) Movie:	John Hagee (85568)	" "	How West Lost	Yellow Ribbon	Pro-Beach Volleyball:	cisco Giants at Cincinnati	Upon a Time in the West	Video Soul (559365)
	NYPD Blue (CC) (3181)	Star Trek: Next Gener.	Experience "	700 Club (727758)	Intruder (CC) (67520)	Lonesome Dove-Series	Dateline (CC) (27926)	Braves (:35) Movie:	Primer Impacto Noc.	Movie: Holiday Inn	of Fame Celebration	Legend of Curly's Gold	Movie: Shattered (CC)	P.C.U. (CC) (7692544)	Praise the Lord	" Pops Goes	Mandela's Fight	(9164641) (:45) Movie:	AVP Tour (52278)	Reds Baseball	(604346) "	" "
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	Roseanne Frasier	the Night Northern	P.O.V. (CC) (34094)	Bonanza "	Married...	Ent. Tonight (:35) Rolonda	Show (CC) (56343839)	(78709988) "	Pelicula (718094)	Bing! His Legendary	Red Hot and Country	(505704) Movie: Dino-	Deadly Exposure	(93749920) "	" "	" "	How West Lost	Dandy (21172433)	Rugby: Australia vs.	Baseball Cycling: Tour	Warlock (8089075)	(458617) "
	Rush L. Dennis P.	Exposure Who's Boss?	Center Stage (296211)	Paid Program Paid Program	Late Late Show	(9026075) News	Late Night "	(11:50) Merrill's	" "	Years (:20) Conti-	Country Greats Hall	saur Island (451704)	(67404177) Surf Nazis	Saturday Night Special	R.Bonnke Prime Time	" Preview	Mandela's Fight	" Seven Brides	New Zealand (985704)	De France Running	(:35) Movie:	Comicview

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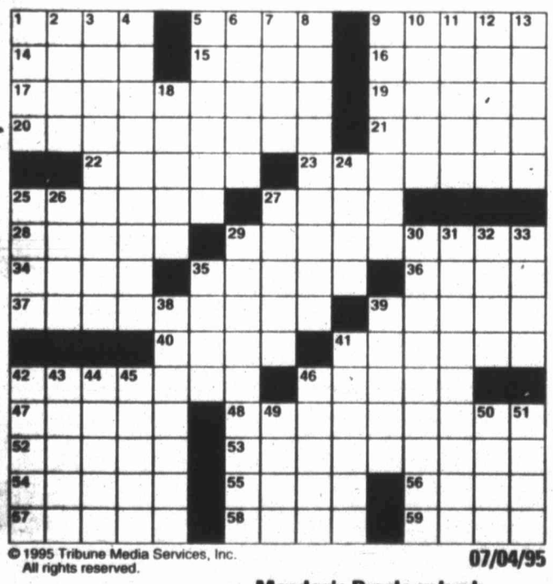
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CASPER (PG)
11:15-1:45-4:45
BRAVEHEART (R)
8:00

THE Daily Crossword by Roger Jurgovan



ACROSS
1 Heartfelt
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9 Spud
14 Ellipse
15 Champion
16 Spurious wing
17 Wisely caustic
18 Overtax
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22 Promised
23 Slopes backward
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27 FDR's dog
29 Jots
29 Information
40 Pub fare
41 Pound
42 Formerly, e.g.
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13 Declaims violently
18 Takes a breather
24 Impetuous ardor
25 Thailand, formerly
26 Wolf
27 Imitations
29 News dispatch starts
30 Apple pie and baseball
31 Good — (compassionate person)
32 Slaughter of baseball
33 Moral lapses
35 Place for murals
38 Cattle — (ranchers)
39 Rabbit fur
41 Rock salt
42 Aloof
43 Lowest point
44 Treasure —
45 Employs
46 Daughter of David
49 Ran swiftly
50 — suit
51 Gaelic

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Monday's Puzzle solved:

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 4, the 185th day of 1995. There are 180 days left in the year. This is Independence Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1802, the United States Military Academy officially opened at West Point, N.Y.

In 1826, 50 years to the day after the Declaration of Independence was adopted, former presidents John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died.

In 1845, 150 years ago, American writer Henry David Thoreau began his two-year experiment in simple living at Walden Pond, near Concord, Mass., as he took up residence in a small cabin he'd built himself.

In 1917, during a ceremony in Paris honoring the French hero of the American Revolution, U.S. Lt. Col. Charles E. Stanton declared, "Lafayette, we are here!"

In 1939, baseball's "Iron Horse," Lou Gehrig, said farewell to his fans at New York's Yankee Stadium.

In 1959, America's 49-star flag, honoring Alaskan statehood, was officially unfurled.

In 1960, America's 50-star flag, honoring Hawaiian statehood, was officially unfurled.

In 1966, President Johnson signed the Freedom of Information Act, which went into effect the following year.

In 1976, Israeli commandos raided Entebbe airport in Uganda, rescuing almost all of the passengers and crew of an Air France jetliner seized by pro-Palestinian hijackers.

Ten years ago: An attempted coup began in the West African nation of Guinea; it was put down the following day.

Five years ago: During a break in the Soviet Communist Party congress in Moscow, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev promised to resign in two years if perestroika did not improve Soviet life by then. Rioting that left three people dead erupted in 30 English towns following England's loss to West Germany in World Cup soccer.

One year ago: Rwandan Tutsi rebels seized control of most of the capital Kigali and continued advancing on areas held by the Hutu-led government. The United States opened its embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, with a Fourth of July party.

Today's Birthdays: Conductor Mitch Miller is 84. TV personality Virginia Graham is 83. Advice columnist Abigail Van Buren is 77. Advice columnist Ann Landers is 77. Actress Eva Marie Saint is 71. Playwright Neil Simon is 68. Actress-photographer Gina Lollobrigida is 67. Baseball owner George Steinbrenner is 65. TV talk show host Geraldo Rivera is 52. Tennis player Pam Shriver is 33.

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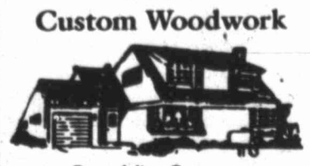
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263-4834

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Costume jewelry makes a comeback

By CHERYL CASWELL
Thomson News Service

LOGAN, W.Va. — If diamonds are a girl's best friend, then costume jewelry is her pal.

Anyone who has explored the oddities in her mother's jewelry box, dressed up in old bangles and beads or enjoyed wearing an unusual pin that was once a grandmother's knows the quirky comfort of old costume jewelry.

But now those once inexpensive baubles in Mom's treasure box could be more than fun; they could be valuable.

Collecting unusual and distinctive costume jewelry from the 1940s, '50s and '60s has become a popular hobby, and anyone who has browsed a flea market or antique mall knows there's plenty of it out there.

"There's more of it out there now than ever," said Carol Ratz, who sells costume jewelry at her booth in Hale Street Antique Mall and at her shop in Logan. "Right now is a good time to buy, because it goes in cycles."

Unlike many collectibles, old costume jewelry is still affordable. Ratz said buyers can easily find pieces in the $5 to $175 range. She once latched onto a valuable pin at a garage sale for 50 cents.

"I've bought lots of things in the $5 to $15 range," said Jackie Oblinger, a former Charleston television talk show host from the '50s and '60s. Oblinger now resides in Bluefield, and is an avid costume jewelry collector.

"I enjoy the fun of collecting, but I think its also preserving an American art form," Oblinger said.

Oblinger is writing a new book for collectors, and said her own love of old jewelry began because she was often allowed to rummage through her grandmother's drawers.

"She collected jewelry from all over the world," Oblinger said, "because it was small and easy to buy when she traveled. When she died, she left her collection with me.

"Originally costume jewelry was meant to be a transition type jewelry for women who had taste but limited income," she said. "It's not junk jewelry, but a lot of people do just throw it out."

Oblinger herself wore a lot of costume jewelry, much of it Sarah Coventry, on the air during her television show. She was known to make gifts of what she was wearing to some of her television guests if they admired it. One of them was Mrs. Hubert Humphrey.

"You have to learn to appreciate it, then learn how to find it," she said.

"You can find old costume jewelry almost anywhere," said Oblinger, who is still in the habit of making gifts from her collection.

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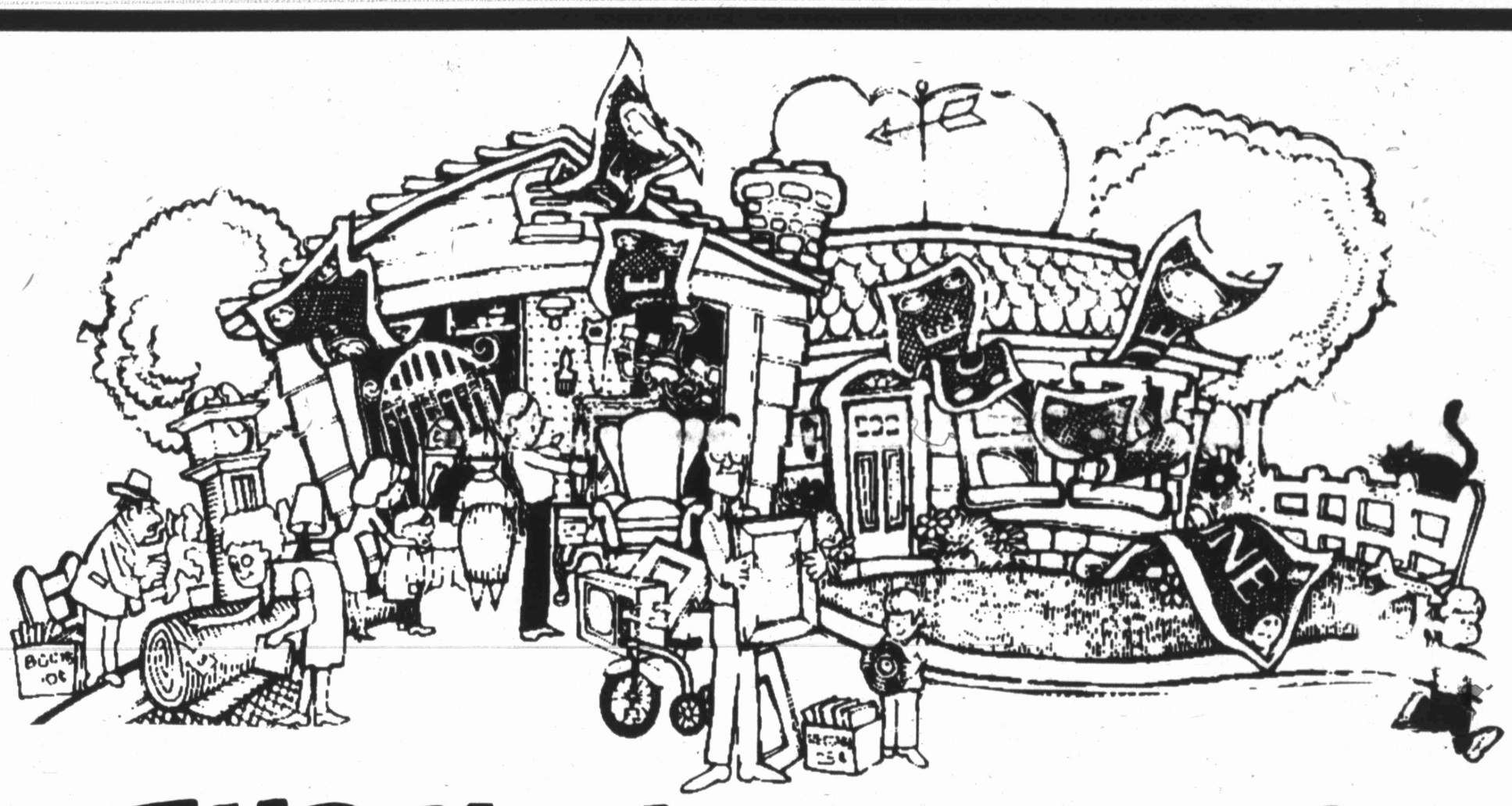
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