

Hermleigh water will be disrupted as projects begin

Two projects which began Monday are expected to intermittently interrupt water service at Hermleigh throughout the week.

The projects include repairs to the Hermleigh water tower and the installation of a new water line for the county operated system.

The work at the water tower will involve repairs to the tower's stand pipe, according to Mrs. Harold Mason of the Hermleigh Water Works.

She said service should not be disrupted for more than a single morning or afternoon.

We just want to tell people that if the water goes off it will be coming back on a little later," she said Monday.

She noted her husband would be completing the laying of the new water line. Repairs to the water tower's stand pipe will be completed by an outside contractor.

Water customers will likely also notice a decrease in water pressure, she said, since at some point water will be pumped directly into the lines rather than using the water tower.

She said it is hoped both projects can be completed during the week.

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Ask Us

Arms control faces summit leaders

TORONTO (AP) Leaders of the world's seven richest nations, having resolved or at least papered over disagreements on Third World debt and farm subsidies, turned their attention today to a discussion of President Reagan's arms control initiatives and other foreign policy concerns.

The officials began their second day of talks aimed at drafting a final political communique. The United States was pushing for inclusion of a proposal to prohibit airplane hijackers from refueling.

Senior officials from the seven summit nations had worked into the early morning hours today on the wording of proposals endorsing the U.S. arms control negotiations with the Soviet Union and a call for further negotiations to reduce non-nuclear forces in Europe.

Reagan, arriving for the talks, held in a windowless basement room of the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Center, was asked about a coup in Haiti which overthrew civilian president Lesle Manigat.

"We are assessing that right now," said Reagan. The president did not respond at all when asked for his opinion of a breakthrough agreement announced today with Japan which resolved a lengthy dispute over U.S. access to the beef and citrus market.

The landmark agreement calls for Japan to lower tariffs on beef and oranges over the next six years with U.S. officials predicting it could double the value of U.S. beef exports to the country, pushing them to more than \$1 billion annually.

The 14th annual economic summit meeting between leaders of

the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy, and Canada began on Sunday and is scheduled to conclude with a final economic communique on Tuesday.

At the opening session, the Western leaders quickly decided to play down a contentious dispute involving farm subsidies and approved in principle a debt relief package for the poorest countries of the world.



ALUMNI: Graduates of the now-closed Lincoln School, including, from left at the table, Vera Newsome, Veronica Davis Floyd and Evelyn Malone, gathered outside the former school building at noon Saturday for food, refreshments and reminiscences. The third annual Lincoln School Reunion was held during the weekend. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Blacks observe June 19

by The Associated Press

Texas blacks said people should look beyond the festivities of Juneteenth to assess the status of blacks 143 years after a Union general arrived in Galveston and proclaimed the emancipation of the slaves.

Across the state, Juneteenth, short for June 19, was celebrated Sunday with songs, picnics and parades.

Houston political activist Zollic Scales Jr. said that blacks must remember "where we have come from and where we are going."

Scales said that although blacks are better off today, "we still have a long way to go."

In Dallas, hundreds of people visited a display about Texas at the South Plains symposium center.

In Galveston, Juneteenth celebrations were to continue throughout the week with a parade scheduled today.

The Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln on Jan. 31, 1863, but Texas blacks did not receive word of their freedom until Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston in 1865.

Corpus Christi resident Violet Jordan and her seven grand children were part of the Naval Air Station Corpus Christi Juneteenth celebration Saturday.

They said that blacks and children need to know where they came from and how they were treated. "It was a tough life then," he said.

Organizers of the annual state festivities said they hope the Juneteenth event will become a Corpus Christi tradition.

About 130 people gathered at the base for the day's event, which included a slide show and presentation on the history of black Texas, a picnic, barbecue and cookout, a ball game and a show and dance.

In Dallas, several people drove five hours toward New Park Saturday, where the fourth annual Family Day celebration was scheduled Saturday and Sunday.

Celebrators, including a young boy from Mexico, lined up for a long drive to the base of the longest tunnel, where exhibitors, vendors and a show were held.

Q: What kind of tax increase can I expect on my house and lot in Snyder this year?

A: Budget studies are not complete for the four Snyder-based taxing entities, but information provided to date, with three of the four entities estimating a projected tax rate, indicates a tax hike in the range of 4 to 6 percent when all four are combined. The school and college project some increases and the county proposes to hold the line on taxes. City budget workshops aren't set until later this summer, but no significant tax base erosion for the city was experienced this year. All figures at this point, however, are tentative.

In Brief

Milk anti-trust

DALE ABASSETT, Fla. AP) — Southland Corp. has agreed to pay nearly \$10 million to settle charges that a former division conspired with other producers to fix prices of milk sold to Florida public schools. A former general of Bob Butler, south and today.

Butler was the said past and present official of Veda Farms Dairy, an Miami formerly owned by the Public School, Southland, has acknowledged that the firm participated in price fixing.

Body found

COLLEBY, Fla. AP) — A woman's body, found to be that of a 19-year-old, was recovered in a wooded area Sunday. Police said the body was found in a wooded area Sunday.

Chemical fire

CHANDLER, Ill. AP) — A fire at a chemical plant Sunday night caused a major fire and forced the evacuation of workers and residents nearby.

Local

Several of those involved had minor injuries after the mishap, which occurred around 10 p.m. Saturday two miles south of Dunn on Hwy 208.

Vets to meet

The Veterans Association will hold a meeting at the local school building on Monday.

Weather

Snyder: Temperatures high 70s, low 40s. Windy. Partly cloudy. High 70s, low 40s. Windy. Partly cloudy.

Court proposes...

Absentee locations may go rural

County commissioners have directed County Clerk Jenna Vee Miller to seek U.S. Justice Department approval to put county clerk employees in five rural county areas for absentee voting in connection with the Aug. 14 special election here.

The absentee polling locations would be at Hermleigh, Ira Dunn, Fluvanna and the Northeast Community Center.

Commissioners said ballots might be taken from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on one day at each location.

The court also appointed election judges and alternates for each of the county's 16 election precincts for the August and November elections.

In other action Monday, commissioners declined to change courthouse policies on locked restrooms and "No Smoking" signs after hearing a Hermleigh woman argue that all courthouse bathrooms should be open to the public and that smoking should not be discouraged.

Lorena Burleson said the locking of the second floor men's bathroom and second and third floor women's bathrooms is an inconvenience, especially to some elderly people.

Commissioners were not inclined to change the restroom policies, they said in the ensuing discussion because of vandalism and cleanliness problems in restrooms that are open to the public.

Women's restrooms are left unlocked on the first and fourth floors and men's on the first, third and fourth floors.

Commissioners said signs asking women to use the public restrooms were not inclined to change the restroom policies.

11 riding in pickup escape serious injury

A Snyder woman was listed in stable condition Monday at Cogdell Memorial Hospital with injuries suffered in a three-vehicle accident involving 14 people, 11 riding in one vehicle.

Several of those involved had minor injuries after the mishap, which occurred around 10 p.m. Saturday two miles south of Dunn on Hwy 208.

The only one hospitalized was Teresa Gale, 33, of 3604 Irving Ave. She reportedly suffered a deep cut on a knee, along with less serious injuries.

With her in her vehicle was her 3-year-old son Clint. He was taken with his mother by Snyder EMS Ambulance Service and was treated and released at the Snyder hospital.

A Department of Public Safety trooper said a southbound 1978

Datsun 280 Z driven by Anne Sherrill Smith, 33, of Dunn hit the Gale vehicle a northbound 1987 Dodge Colt van, a glancing blow, then ran head on into a second northbound vehicle, a 1960 Chevrolet pickup occupied by 11 individuals.

Smith was also treated and released at Cogdell Memorial.

The pickup she struck was driven by Maria G. Portas, 36, of 307 1st St., who reportedly had minor injuries for which hospital treatment was not required.

Other occupants of the pickup who reportedly suffered relatively minor injuries were Rodina Okanas, 32, Daniel Gutierrez, 17, Gata Gata, 11, and Diana Gutierrez, 14, all of Hwy 4.

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Fine arts division at WTC gains Gibson as chairman

A new chairman for the fine arts division at Western Texas College has been named. John Gibson, an associate professor of art who has been with WTC nine years.

He will be replacing Mike Thornton, who was recently named to the administrative post of director of adult education and extension services at WTC.

As chairman, Gibson will oversee a division which includes the academic studies of music, drama, speech and art.

The college has seven divisions to include communications and letters, health physical education, business and mathematics, occupational education, science, social science and fine and applied arts.

Gibson began teaching at the college in the fall of 1979 and immediately after receiving his master of fine arts degree from North Texas University in Denton.

He also earned a BA degree in fine arts from the University of Oklahoma in 1967. He is a native of Tulsa, Okla.

He and his wife Denise have two children, a daughter, Melonie, age 8, and a son, Michael, age 6.

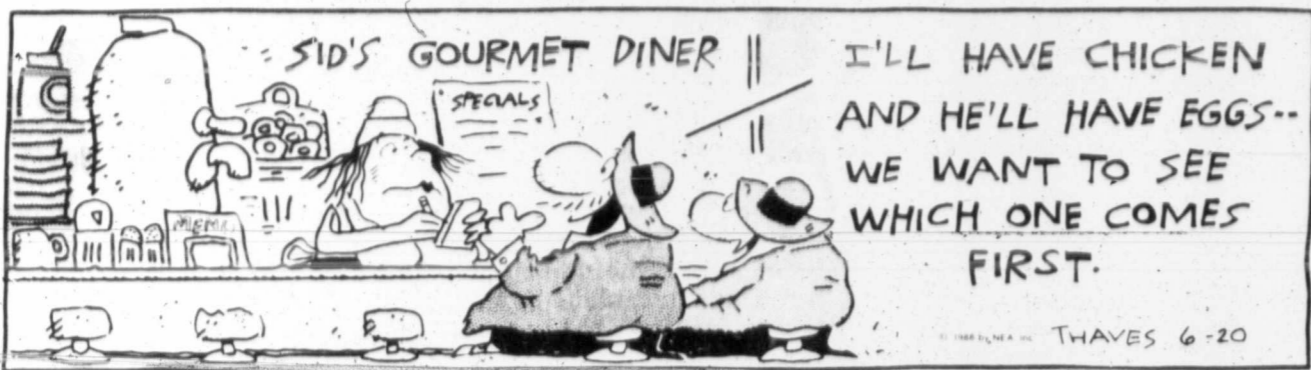


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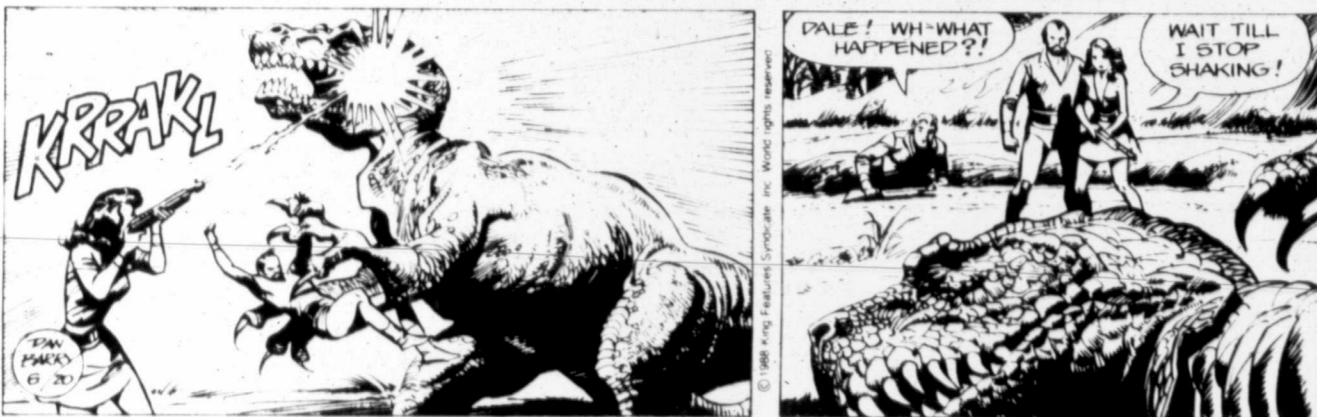
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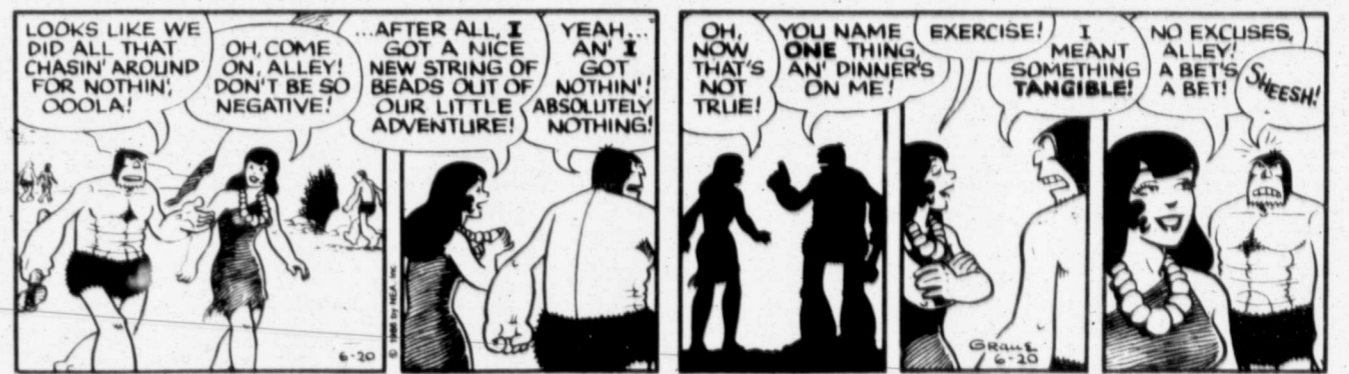
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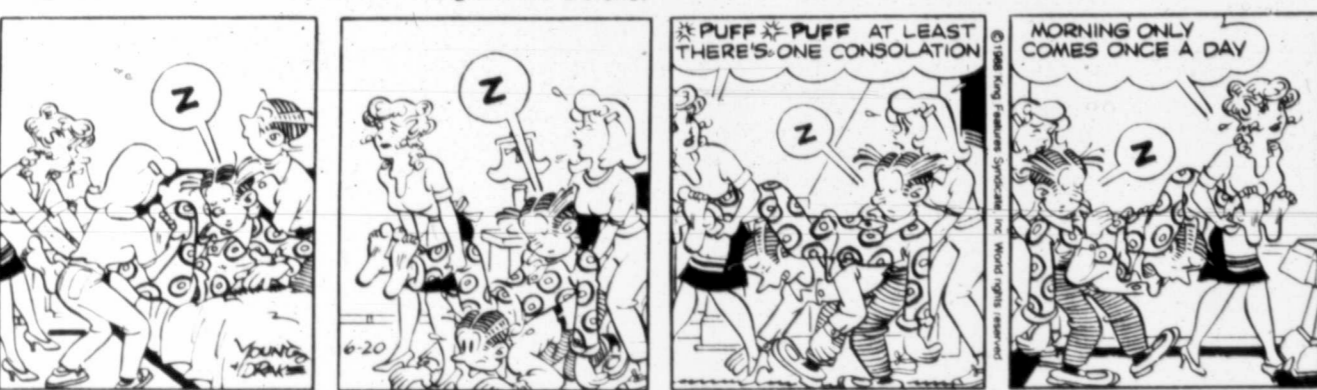
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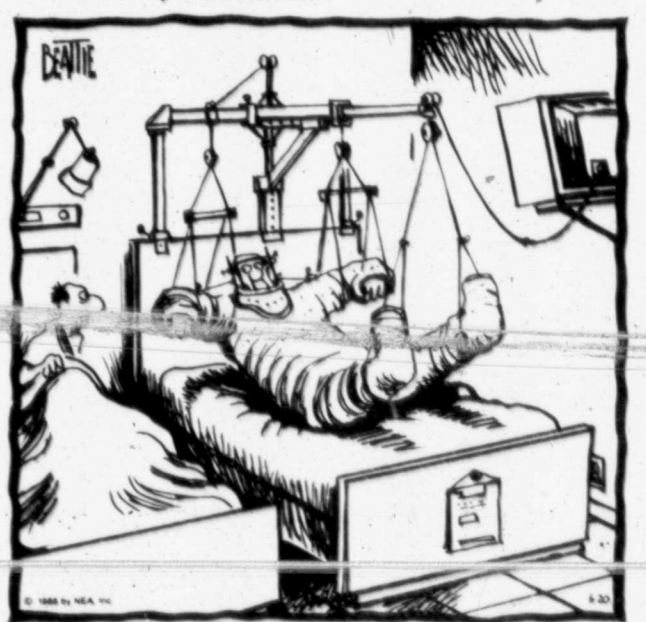


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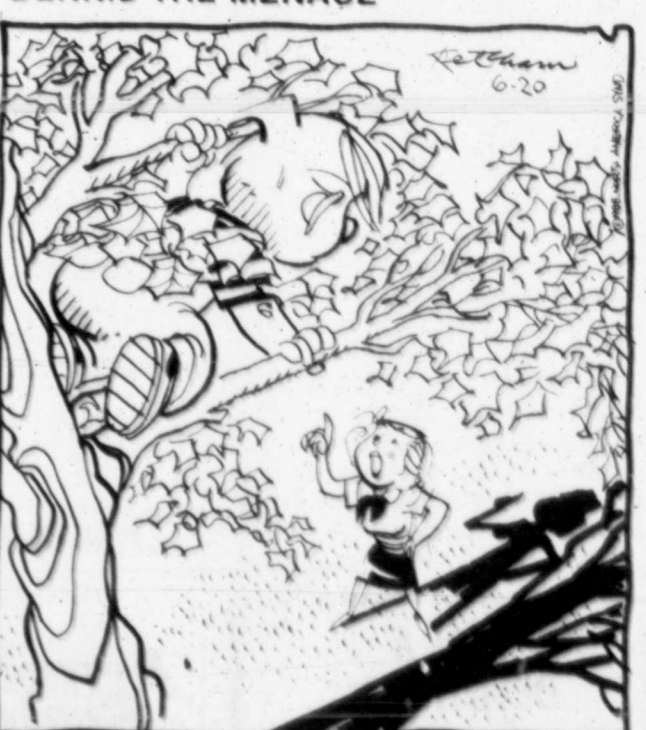
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By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT The fronts of my legs were too dry, so I coated them with Vaseline when I showered. They became very red, rough and itchy and broke out in watery blisters. I stopped the Vaseline and my legs are healing, but still dry. What can you suggest?

DEAR READER Vaseline is petroleum jelly. As such, it is not absorbed into the skin. Its primary use is to act as a protective mantle on the skin's surface. For this reason, Vaseline is not usually an appropriate treatment for dry skin, unless the dryness is caused by exposure to wind or inclement weather. In addition, petroleum jelly is greasy and messy, it prevents the skin from "breathing."

I believe that you will obtain better results by using a moisturizing cream for your dry legs. There are many of these products on the market. They often contain lanolin, a natural oil that is readily absorbed into dry skin. I suggest that you try various skin creams until you find one that solves your problem.

One caution: If the dryness and scaldiness persists, see a physician, because you could have a primary skin disorder, an underactive thyroid gland or an allergy to something you are putting on your legs, such as soap and certain fabrics.

DEAR DR. GOTT For 10 years I have been disabled by a strange neuromuscular disease undiagnosed by dozens of specialists. If I use any of my voluntary muscles too much, they become painful and useless for two weeks. I can only type 80 words a day or perform 15 minutes of physical work. I'm only 43. Have you ever heard of something like this?

DEAR READER Yours is an unusual story. Because you seem to be suffering from a muscle disorder, I think that you should have a biopsy, during which a small portion of a muscle is removed and examined under a microscope. This test may provide a diagnosis. In addition, some metabolic diseases (such as hypothyroidism) and autoimmune disorders (such as lupus erythematosus) can affect muscle function.

I cannot possibly second-guess the opinion of specialists you have seen. However, I think that your most ap-

propriate next step is to request referral to the diagnostic clinic of a university hospital. In such a setting, doctors are trained and equipped to diagnose unusual ailments.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report, "Help 1 Physical Illness," which lists referral sources for a wide variety of illnesses. Other readers who would like a copy should send \$1 and their name and address to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Hispanic leader eulogized by priests and politicians

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (AP) — Priests and politicians praised a Hispanic leader who was successful in his 16-year struggle to register more Hispanic voters, but lost a brief battle to cancer.

Willie Velasquez, 44, president of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, was buried Saturday. He died Wednesday after a month-long bout with cancer.

More than 1,200 people attended Velasquez's funeral at St. Mary's Catholic Church, where Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis gave the eulogy.

Several priests also celebrated the Mass and called Velasquez an unselfish leader.

"Once in a rare moment in the world's history, the Lord raises a man such as this... kind of like a comet that doesn't appear very

often, but flies to the sky in a shining and brilliant light, but always only for a brief moment," said Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M.

"But the image and impact of that comet remains imprinted in our minds forever and that was the life of Willie," Ramirez said. "We are very grateful to him."

Velasquez's non-profit organization has conducted more than 1,000 voter registration drives for Hispanics, as the ethnic group's voting strength grew from 2.5 million in 1976 to a projected 5 million for the November general election.

SVREP also has filed and won at least 85 lawsuits that changed at-large election systems to single-member districts to ensure Hispanic representation.

The number of Hispanic elected officials has grown from 1,566 in 1974 to more than 3,000.

New safety hazards found in city zoo's cat exhibits

HOUSTON (AP) — Visitors to the Houston Zoo won't be able to see many of the cat exhibits until safety problems uncovered at the new \$5.4 million facility are corrected, officials said.

Concern about safety problems at the zoo surfaced after the May 12 death of zoo keeper Ricardo Tovar, who was mauled by a Siberian tiger that broke through a door window.

Among the hazards under investigation are cages that were cited by the builder a year before the exhibit opened as being dangerous to the public, city records show.

In a March 9, 1987, letter to a city official, building contractor W. J. Hessert said: "There have been numerous meetings and discussions concerning the small cats exterior cage material and it has always been our position that the material seems inadequate to retain the cats and protect the public."

Hessert said in the letter he was most concerned about the black leopard cage, made of plastic-coated wire with 4-inch-square mesh to contain the cats. The only barrier to keep the public away from the cats is a waist-high hand rail four feet from the cage.

"By leaning over the rail a person can put their hand right through the mesh and into the cage," the letter warned. "A cat can reach out through the mesh and/or a child can climb through the handrail."

The designer of the exhibit, CRS Serrine Inc., responded to the contractor's repeated warn-

ings with a June 15 letter that said zoo director John Werler "was aware of the condition (and) that no action is required at this time."

City Parks Director Don Olson, chairman of the force set up after Tovar's death to examine the cat exhibits for hazards, said Saturday he does not know why the city did not heed Hessert's warnings last year.

Olson said the task force discovered other safety problems in the cat exhibits, but declined to identify them.

"There will be some other corrections necessary," Olson said. "If I didn't think there were any, we would probably have already put some cats back out."

"We have them off display until we have done enough testing to determine that the exhibits are totally safe."

In his letter, Hessert warned the city that a plastic panel in the Siberian tiger cage was not strong enough to hold the tigers. Although the architects responded that the design was acceptable, the city later added reinforcements to the area in question, Hessert said.

The city has hired a testing laboratory to determine whether materials in the cat exhibits are strong enough to contain the animals. Testing could continue for another month before a final report of the task force's findings and recommendations is compiled, Olson said.

When the zoo officials reopened the Bengal tiger exhibit on Memorial Day, they were promptly confronted with a new pro-

blem. A man was arrested after he climbed onto the rocks over the exhibit and taunted the tigers below.

Despite that incident, the Bengals have remained the only cats on display because their exhibit is considered safe, Olson said.

As the scrutiny of the cat exhibits continues, the city of Houston is preparing to fight a \$6 million lawsuit filed by Tovar's son charging that the city was grossly negligent in the zoo keeper's death. Hessert's construction firm and CRS Serrine also are named as defendants in the lawsuit, which alleges that poor design of the cat exhibit contributed to Tovar's death.

A similar lawsuit has been filed against CRS by the zoo keeper's wife.

Auction held

NEW YORK (AP) — Elvis Presley's maroon nylon underpants, Michael Jackson's fedora and Bob Dylan's handwritten lyrics were among the mound of rock 'n' roll memorabilia that fetched more than \$500,000 on the auction block.

The parcel of Presley's personal items, including the underpants, an electric razor, hairbrush and black socks, went for \$605, said Laura Stewart, a spokeswoman for Sotheby's auction house.

A Gibson model J-200 guitar Presley used in the late 1950s and early 1960s sold for \$27,500, the top price paid at Saturday's auction, Ms. Stewart said.

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New rule may endanger all commercial air traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some aviation safety experts and the airlines say a new requirement aimed at easing the threat of collisions near airports still leaves commercial jets exposed to danger from small planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration rule announced last week calls for sharply expanding the airspace in which small, private planes must have equipment that tells controllers their altitude. FAA officials predict it will result in a significant increase in air safety.

But critics of the final regulation accuse the FAA of scaling back their proposed requirements too far by requiring

the new equipment only if planes fly within 10 miles of airports in most parts of the country. Only at the busiest facilities will the equipment be required for 30 miles around the airports.

"We thought (the FAA rule) was going to go much further," Jim Burnett, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said in an interview. He called the aspect of the regulation that applies to 116 airports with moderately busy air traffic "clearly inadequate" to protect jetliners from small planes.

The Air Line Pilots Association, which represents 40,000 pilots, and the Air Transport Association, the trade group for the airlines, joined in the criticism, although FAA officials called the rule a significant safety improvement.

"It brought some improvement, but didn't go as far as it should have," said John Mazon, a spokesman for the pilots union.

The ATA issued a statement saying the new requirement for small planes, all of which does not go into effect until after 1990, "clearly does not go far enough. . . . The potential for conflicting incidents (between aircraft) remains."

The FAA rule, announced last Thursday, was an outgrowth of the 1986 collision of a small Cessna and a Mexican airliner over Cerritos, Calif., in which 82 people were killed. The small plane had no device which would show controllers its altitude on the radar screen.

Last February the FAA suggested a sweeping rule that would have required the equipment on all planes flying within 40 miles of 254 airports and above 6,000 feet.

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