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## Spring Board

### How's that? Foreign cars

Q. If I am picking up a car that has English license plates, do I have to register it in the United States first before I can drive it?

A. No, according to the Department of Public Safety. Foreign license plates are legal for 30 days. At the end of that time, however, the owner should have applied for license plates from the state he lives in.

### Calendar: Science fair

**TODAY**  
• The Permian Basin Regional Science Fair will be open for public view from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

**WEDNESDAY**  
• "Scapino," a Howard College dinner theater presentation, will begin at 6:45 p.m. with a floor show and dinner in the student union building.

• The League of United Latin American Citizens will sponsor a forum for all city, county and school candidates at 7 p.m. at Amigo's Club at 205 Runnels.

**THURSDAY**  
• "Scapino," a Howard College dinner theater presentation, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the college student union building.

• The Hawks and Hawk Queens will be honored with an awards presentation at noon in front of the Student Union Building at Howard College.

**FRIDAY**  
• The Malone-Hogan Continuing Medical Seminar will feature Dr. D.N. Crikler, editor of the British Heart Journal, speaking at 12:30 p.m. at the hospital's classroom.

• "Scapino," a Howard College dinner theater presentation, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the student union building.

• Revco will sponsor a free blood sugar screening at their College Park Shopping Center location from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
• "Scapino," a Howard College dinner theater presentation, will begin at 6:45 p.m. in the student union building.

### Tops on TV: Terrible Joe

James Cagney stars as a former boxing champion who must come to terms with his past and career when a granddaughter he hasn't seen for 15 years comes into his life in "Terrible Joe Moran." The movie also stars Ellen Barkin and airs at 8 p.m. on channel 7. Howard Rollins and Irene Cara star in "For Us, The Living: The Medgar Evers Story," at 8 p.m. on PBS.

### At the movies Right Stuff

The Cinema is featuring "The Right Stuff" and "Reckless." The Ritz will feature "Harry and Son" with Paul Newman and "Star 80." At the R/70, look for "Silkwood." Check moving listings for times.

### Outside: Dusty

Partly cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of rain and dust are forecast today and Wednesday. Look for highs in the mid 70s today with southwesterly winds, 20 to 30 miles per hour. By tonight, lows are forecast to fall into the mid-30s with northwesterly winds, 15 to 25 miles per hour. On Wednesday, highs should reach only the upper 50s with northwesterly winds, 20 to 30 miles per hour.

# Craig given 20 years in prison

By KEELY COGHLAN  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was sentenced Monday to 20 years in prison for murdering his best friend as the result of an on-going feud.

The seven-woman, five-man jury deliberated about two hours before sentencing 23-year-old Oren Lee Craig to prison Monday afternoon. The 118th District Court jury also found that the shotgun Craig used on Oct. 18, 1983, to kill James Kevin Harmon was a deadly weapon.

Because of the ruling on the shotgun, Craig probably will serve more time than usual before becoming eligible for parole, according to District Court Judge Jim Gregg.

"He won't be up for parole as soon," Gregg said.

According to the Criminal Code of Procedure in cases with findings of deadly

weapons, such a person would not be eligible to be released until his actual calendar time reaches one-third of the sentence or 20 years in a life sentence. He cannot serve less than two years.

In such cases, good conduct time is not considered to shorten the time before a convict is eligible for parole.

Under this rule, Craig probably will not be eligible for parole until he has served six years, Assistant District Attorney Don Richard said. However, he could be released earlier, depending on whether the Board of Pardons and Paroles decreases time served because of crowding conditions in Texas prisons, he said.

District Attorney Rick Hamby said he was "very pleased" with the jury's sentence.

"The jury had a tough time deliberating the facts of the case (on Thursday, when they

delivered the verdict)," Hamby said. "I'm very pleased."

The jury had the option of fining Craig a maximum of \$10,000 and of awarding restitution to the victim's family, but did not do either. Craig testified during the punishment phase of the trial he would pay restitution, including Harmon's funeral bills.

But Hamby argued the jury should not award probation or restitution, saying, "We (the prosecution) don't want no blood money."

Defense attorney Jack Thompson said Craig's family "probably" would want to appeal the case. But Thompson said he would not know on what grounds an appeal could be based until he further studies the case.

Thompson argued that the jury should place his client on probation because "James Harmon came looking for Oren Craig" the night

Harmon was shot in a car wash parking lot on Gregg Street.

"Oren Craig didn't come to the door of James Harmon's house with a shotgun and knock on his door. James Harmon came looking for him," Thompson told the jury Monday.

However, "no one on the jury opted for probation," according to foreman Troy Jones, a vocational nurse at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital.

"There wasn't much discussion (on the punishment compared to the discussion on the verdict)," Jones said. The jury took two hours to reach a sentence.

The jury could have placed Craig on probation if it had sentenced him to 10 years or less.

The jury deliberated five hours before convicting Craig of murder.

"It (reaching a verdict) was real hard," Jones said. "Everyone agreed he was guilty."

## State says utility hike is padded

AUSTIN (AP) — The state counsel who represents residential and small business utility customers says the new Texas Utilities Electric Co. is seeking a rate increase in a fashion that means some consumers would be overcharged.

The utility — formed three months ago by the merger of three electric companies — is seeking approval of a \$304 million rate increase from the Public Utilities Commission, which regulates Texas utility companies.

A hearing on that request is scheduled for June 19. A PUC administrative law judge says she probably will rule next month on a trio of motions that the case be dismissed.

Critics of TUEC want the rate hike denied, contending the utility is basing its projected financial needs on much of the same information that was used in recent rate hike cases for two of the three merging utilities.

Texas Electric Service Co. was granted a \$73.9 million boost on Dec. 12. A \$47.4 million hike was granted for Dallas Power and Light on Jan. 16, although the request had been filed before the merger. The third partner was the Texas Power and Light Co.

"By pancaking the increase requests, or putting one on top of another, it inevitably means that customers would be overbilled for some costs," said Jim Boyle, state Public Utility Counsel representing smaller utility customers.

Boyle's office has filed a motion seeking to dismiss TUEC's increase request.

A Public Utility Commission staff attorney, Eddie Pope, also asked that the case be dismissed.

Pope's petition criticized the new company for violating previous commission orders and fashioning its rate case to emphasize costs and mask company savings.

"TUEC's petition should be dismissed because the case is not sufficiently ripe. TUEC has not yet experienced enough operation time to be able to know their actual financial picture," Pope said.

TUEC officials responded to the criticism by charging that the PUC was suddenly applying new rules in their case that had not been applied in other cases.

"It seems very unusual," said Eddie Walton, a TUEC vice president.

"It seems like we're getting into an era of people trying to decide what's best for the public interest by dealing in technicalities instead of getting down, like we always have, to 'Let's determine this case on the merits of the case,'" he said.

Ray Ward, a spokesman for TUEC, said the utility needs the rate hike "to slow down the decline in our financial condition."

He said the increases granted to DP&L and TESCO "were far less than we requested and far less than we needed."

## Duck has the last quack

### Bird's goose almost cooked by fishhook

By JIM BROWN  
Staff Writer

An unsuspecting Mallard duck was relaxing in the sun on Comanche Trail Park Lake recently when its keen eye spotted a favorite morsel of food. With precision born of necessity, the duck's bill struck with accuracy.

Imagine the Mallard's surprise when it discovered it was hooked by the food. A three-pronged fishing hook imbedded itself in the side of the mallard's mouth.

Barely able to eat, the duck spent the next several days attempting to remove the painful prongs.

But to the rescue Monday came game wardens Wayne Armstrong and Charlie Gray and Big Spring Parks Director Gary Taber, who retrieved the duck from the lake.

The hook was removed by veterinarian Hank Thompson, who treated the bird's wound and accompanying infection. The duck was then taken to a bird sanctuary in Midland, where it stands a good chance of recovery.

Bebe McCasland, a local ornithologist who takes injured birds under her wings, said, "Ducks are often snared by unintended fish lines, and occasionally fishermen cast bait at the ducks in an attempt to snare them."



MAULED MALLARD — Charlie Gray, a warden for the state Parks and Wildlife Department, holds a duck whose goose was almost cooked when it got a three-pronged fishing hook caught in its bill. A veterinarian removed the hook and treated the wound, and the bird was taken to a sanctuary in Midland. The duck plans to return to Comanche Trail Park Lake, where the feather-raising incident occurred.



## Dust storm strikes

Staff and wire reports  
High winds and blowing dust slammed into the Big Spring area about 9:30 a.m. today while other parts of the state saw heavy thunderstorms and large hail.

Some of the worst weather was noted in Dallas, Tarrant and Collin counties, where golf ball-sized hail and hard downpours hit the area after midnight. High winds also accompanied the severe storms. However, there were no reports of injuries or serious damage.

Most of the severe weather had moved into Louisiana and Arkansas by 4 a.m., but forecasters warned of the possibility of more heavy thunderstorms over North Texas through early Wednesday.

A 20 percent chance of rain is in the Big Spring forecast through Wednesday morning. Highs today were expected to reach the mid 70s, and winds were forecast to reach up to 30 mph by this afternoon.

Tonight, forecasters are calling for lows in the mid 30s locally and winds as high as 25 miles per hour.

Wednesday should see cooler temperatures with highs expected to reach only the upper 50s. Winds again should reach up to 30 miles per hour.

In the High Plains, rain was possible tonight, along with snow accumulations of up to one inch, the National Weather Service said.

Other thunderstorms developed before dawn from Waco to near Mineral Wells, while another line of showers was spotted in West Texas near Sanderson.

Light fog and drizzle blanketed eastern sections of the Hill Country. Mostly cloudy skies were the rule across the state, although fair skies covered the Lower Rio Grande Valley, far West Texas and the Trans Pecos.

Temperatures were mostly in the upper 60s and lower 70s over the eastern half of the state.

## Science fair in 6th orbit

The sixth annual Permian Basin Regional Science Fair is under way at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Projects representing the work of more than 600 students are displayed at the event.

Joe Reed, director of the science fair, said 394 entries will be displayed in the coliseum. Students use the same steps as professional scientists employ to prepare projects for the fair.

Students from 20 counties are divided into categories of grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Helen Gladden, elementary curriculum coordinator for the Big Spring school district and one of the organizers for the science fair, said friends and parents are invited to view the exhibits from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. today.

Judging in the event began at 1 p.m. today.

# Police Beat

## Man's wallet stolen

Richard Grove of 703 Lorilla told police that someone at about 7:30 p.m. Monday stole his blue polyester wallet while he was playing a video game at the Aladdin's Castle arcade at the Big Spring Mall, police reports said. Grove told police the wallet, which contained \$110 cash and several credit and identification cards, was on the floor in the arcade when it was stolen, reports said.

Police logged a total of four arrests for suspicion of driving while intoxicated during the night. Arrested were Gary A. Hughes, 22, of 2009 Johnson; Inez J. Gonzales, 43, of 208 N. Nolan; and Deatra Hamlett, 31, of 1905 25th, police reports said.

Police made the fourth DWI arrest after an argument at the Lamplighter Inn on West Interstate 20. Reports said Donald F. Bailey, 20, of Coahoma was arrested and subsequently filed an assault report stating that someone he knew struck him in the nose with a fist during an argument.

Mary Ann Foster of 404 Glasgo told police that she suffered bruises to her face and neck after someone she knows struck her at about 5:45 p.m. Monday, police reports said.

A total of two hubcaps, value unknown, a jacket worth \$45, cassette tapes worth \$20 and the title to a 1969 Ford were taken from an unlocked 1978 Ford while it was parked outside the Other Place bar at 800 W. Fourth, police reports said. Richard Delgado of 1910 Nolan told police that someone entered his vehicle between 9 p.m. and 10:20 p.m. Saturday and stole the items, reports said.

Raul Ledesma of 1905 Wasson Drive told police that someone he knows between 5 p.m. Friday and 9 p.m. Monday stole an automatic pistol worth \$75 from a 519 Hillside address, police reports said.



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## Fire hits unoccupied house

A boy playing with matches has been blamed for a fire late yesterday afternoon that caused an estimated \$1,500 in damages to an unoccupied residence at 603 N. Lancaster, Fire Marshal Carl Dorton said this morning.

Juvenile witnesses at the scene said they saw a boy enter a shed behind the residence. Smoke came from the shed soon after the boy left, he said.

High winds gusting to 30 mph carried the blaze from the shed to the main house about 8 feet away, according to Dorton.

"If it hadn't been for the wind, we wouldn't have had any damage to the house," he said.

Big Spring firefighters responded to the fire at 5:07 p.m. Tuesday and returned to quarters at 6 p.m., he said.

## Deaf council sets workshop

The Highland Council for the Deaf will sponsor a day-long workshop for beginners in communication with the deaf.

The seminar is slated for March 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will cost \$25. The fee includes lunch, refreshments and snacks.

The class is limited to 30 persons. Contact Shelly Massey at 267-6779 for more information.

## Harte-Hanks suspends trading

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Harte-Hanks Communications Inc. has suspended all trading on the New York Stock Exchange pending a company announcement.

A spokeswoman for Larry Franklin, the San Antonio-based company's executive vice president, said Harte-Hanks would issue a statement before the opening of business Wednesday.

Harte-Hanks owns and operates 27 daily newspapers, 75 non-daily publications, four VHF network-affiliated television stations, nine radio stations and a cable station.

Trading was suspended Monday.

# Markets

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American Airlines	33 1/2	AT&T	15 1/2
American Petroleum	60 1/2	Texasco	38 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	24 1/2	Texas Instruments	138
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Enersch	19 1/2	U.S. Steel	30 1/2
Energas	17 1/2	Exxon	38 1/2
Ford	35 1/2	Westinghouse	49 1/2
General Electric	36 1/2	Western Union	25 1/2
Halliburton	41 1/2	Zales	25 1/2
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Gulf Oil	76 1/2	Pioneer	25
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J.C. Penney	49 1/2	HCA	37 1/2
Johannesburg	10 1/2		
K. Mart	30 1/2	MUTUAL FUNDS	
Coca-Cola	54 1/2	Ampcap	7.58-8.26
DeBeers	79 1/2	Investors Co.	10.14-11.08
Mobil	29 1/2	New Economy	12.85-14.04
Pacific Gas	13	Non Prospective	8.40-9.18
Phillips	39 1/2		
Sears	32 1/2		

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# We are the champions



WINNING SMILES — Mariah, top, the Big Spring High School Color Guard, was all smiles Monday after winning its third state title in Austin. The group defeated Main Event from San Antonio by 1.1 points to take the top spot. Below are the soloists who placed

in competition and they are from left: Michelle Deanda, eighth in flags; Robby Roten, second in rifles; Glenn Mellinger, first in rifles; Tim Carroll, sixth in rifles; and Janice, third in flags.



# O'Bryan wants 90 more days

AUSTIN (AP) — Condemned child-killer Ronald Clark O'Bryan's lawyer asked the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles on Tuesday to keep him alive for 90 more days so he can continue his legal fight to live.

O'Bryan, 39, is scheduled to die Saturday as punishment for the Halloween 1974 poisoning of his 8-year-old son Timothy, who died after eating cyanide-laden trick-or-treat candy.

"This is not a particularly pleasant case, under any circumstances," attorney Charlotte Harris of Houston told the board.

She also asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals on Tuesday to stop the execution.

Her argument to the Board of Pardons and Paroles was based on what she called a "chaotic" situation in the courts concerning a point raised by O'Bryan, a former Deer Park optical company worker.

# Sheriff's Log

## Man gets 6-month jail sentence

A 33-year-old Big Spring man Monday started to serve a six-month jail term for contempt of district court.

Federico Bustamonte, 33, of 1200 Mobil remains in county jail. He was sentenced by 118th District Court Judge Jim Gregg.

Howard County sheriff's deputies Monday arrested Antonio A. Gonzales Jr., 26, of Lomax on an warrant for suspicion of revocation of probation on a driving while intoxicated conviction. He was released on \$1,000 bond set by County Court Judge Milton Kirby. Deputies Monday also arrested Patrick Baker, 49,

of 1503 1/2 Scurry on a peace bond. He was released on \$2,000 bond set by Justice of the Peace Lewis Heflin.

Virginia Barrington Odlozelik, 27, of 1012 W. Third was transferred Monday to county jail from the police department on Eastland County warrants for suspicion of speeding and failure to appear in court. Odlozelik was released on \$400 total bond.

Michael Taft Palmer, 22, of San Angelo was transferred from the police department to the county jail Monday on suspicion of unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was released on \$1,000 bond set by Municipal Judge Melvin Daratt.

# Girl Scout cookies investigated

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — Reports of needles and paper clips in Girl Scout cookies have prompted federal officials to order an investigation of the plant where the cookies are made following suspension of distribution throughout Maine.

Robert C. Fish, director of compliance for the Food and Drug Administration's regional office in Nashville, Tenn., said Monday his office will inspect the Louisville, Ky., plant where over 50 million packages of the cookies were baked. He said the possibility of sabotage had not been ruled out.

Cookies baked at the Louisville facility were distributed in 43 states, the District of Columbia and West Germany, a company official said. The company today refused to say which states received its cookies.

"Every kook in the country is starting to make claims," James Yowell, president of Mother's Cookies, said in a telephone interview from his office in Augusta, Ga. "All of a sudden, people are starting to come up with claims all over the place... some of them in areas we do not service."

The company's Louisville, Ky.-based Little Brownie Bakers division makes about half of the Girl Scout cookies sold annually around the nation.

Police in several Maine communities have reported discoveries of pins in the cookies, and there also have been reports of tampering in several other states.

On Monday, the Kennebec Girl Scout Council followed the lead of the state's other council, the Abnaki Girl Scout Council of Brewer, and decided to suspend distribution. The decision followed a report that an Oakland, Maine, girl found a sewing needle in one.

The Abnaki Council suspended distribution of the cookies Sunday after a woman bit into a cookie with a pin in it. No injuries have been reported, but the Waldo County Sheriff's Department said it found four other boxes with pins in them.

In Bar Harbor, a woman found two pins stuck in Girl Scout cookies when she opened a box. And police found two more pins when they opened a second box that the woman had purchased.

Bar Harbor Police Chief Craig Hall said there were holes in the bottom of the cookie box where the pins had been inserted.

Lewiston police also reported two cases of pins being found in a box of cookies.

The reports of tampering started in Missouri about two weeks ago when a suburban St. Louis woman said she had found a needle in one of the cookies. The Girl Scouts halted distribution of the cookies there as a result, and the St. Louis council estimated that it would lose about \$1 million, about one-third of its annual budget, because of the action.

In New Jersey, where two Berkeley Township residents reported finding glass and metal shavings in several packages, the Ocean County prosecutor's office said Monday that no evidence of tampering was detected.

"This thing has really gotten out of hand," Yowell said. Investigators in St. Louis determined that holes were poked in the sides of boxes to insert the foreign substances, he said.

Maine authorities said it appeared the cookies had been tampered with before they reached the state.

Bill Bayres, chief executive of Little Brownie Bakers, said Monday that the company is conducting an internal investigation at the Louisville plant.

"We have metal detectors on each line and good controls," Bayres said. "It's hard to believe it could have happened here." Each box is exposed to the metal detector after wrapping, Bayres said.

Little Brownie has been baking cookies for the Girl Scouts for about 10 years, and nothing of this sort has occurred before, Bayres said.

The Girl Scouts are the "real victims," he added. Maine purchasers of the cookies are being urged by the Girl Scout councils to carefully examine boxes for signs of tampering and to turn them over to local authorities for investigation if tampering is suspected.

Ingrid Ekdahl, executive director of the Kennebec Girl Scout Council, said customers can receive refunds if they return boxes.

# County rescinds approval on roads in Tubbs Addition

Howard County Commissioners Monday afternoon rescinded a vote taken earlier that morning unanimously accepting road specifications in the Tubbs Addition.

Horace Tubb had presented a drawing of a plat to commissioners with the meets and bounds — written description of the road's boundaries — of roads he intended to build through the area.

But commissioners later rescinded their action on the advice of County Engineer Bill Mims and County Attorney Bob Miller. They said Tubb had failed to include a dedication or the meets and bounds of the plat itself on the drawing.

"We're putting the cart before the horse," Commissioner Bill Crooker said. "We need to have the other specifications first."

County Judge Milton Kirby said Tubb probably would not have any problems with the new requirement.

"He said he'd do whatever we said was necessary," Kirby said.

In the vote approving the roads, commissioners had added a stipulation that Tubb provide right-of-way for a future exit from his roads to Highway 87.

The county engineer and county surveyor are now creating plat standards for the county. The county has road construction standards, Mims said, but no plat standards.

The plat standards will also include drainage standards, Mims said.

Commissioners also approved an energy-use survey of county buildings by Danny Brown of Brown's Electric Co. of Midland.

Brown told commissioners he could reduce the county's energy bills by about 50 percent per month. Brown is asking for a percentage-based fee — one-half of the savings in electric bills, Kirby said.

Commissioners also voted to purchase four new voting machine demonstrators, four new metal ballot boxes and 12 new voting machines for four additional precincts created when the city formed single-member districts.

The voting machines are estimated to cost about \$95 each, and the demonstrators and ballot boxes about \$35 each. Commissioners will take bids on the purchase.

Commissioners decided not to install a telephone for election precinct judges and workers on election day at the Sand Springs balloting site, election precinct 206. The issue died for lack of a motion.

Commissioners said they voted against the telephone because they do not provide telephones at voting sites in Coahoma or Forsan.

# Two women accused of setting man of fire

ABILENE (AP) — A man's wife and teen-aged stepdaughter have been charged with attempted murder after he was doused with gasoline and set on fire while he slept, officials said.

Nick Eugene Oates, 38, was in critical but stable condition Monday at Lubbock General Hospital, said a hospital spokesman. The spokesman said Oates suffered second- and third-degree burns over 50 percent of his body and will probably need skin grafts on his back.

Investigators said the family told them Oates had threatened them and that a family argument had been going on for about two days.

Charged Monday were Cheryl Kay Oates, 38, and her 17-year-old daughter, Robin Renee Elliott, said Justice of the Peace Sam Matta.

Both were released on \$10,000 bond. The attempted murder charge carries a possible penalty of 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Mrs. Oates' 14-year-old son was being held by juvenile authorities, who were seeking to place the boy in supervisory custody.

Police said the three told investigators that they set fire to Oates at 5:50 a.m. Sunday by pouring gasoline on him and igniting it as he slept. Investigators said the family accused Oates of physically and verbally abusing them over a long period of time.

The family said Oates came home at about 1 a.m. after drinking and threatened the family, which also included three girls aged 18, 12 and 11 and a 9-year-old boy.

Investigators said the family contended that Oates frightened them on numerous occasions to the point that they would arm themselves with kitchen knives, bats or sticks for protection.

# Deaths

## Mary Woodard

MIDLAND — Mrs. Poe (Mary) Woodard, 67, a former resident of Big Spring, died Monday at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with the Rev. Allen Whitman officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

## Frederico Ramirez

Frederico Ramirez, 73, died at 10:40 a.m. Monday at a local hospital after an illness.

## Della Jones

Della Jones died at 7:38 a.m. today in a local hospital. Services are pending with the Nalley-Pickle Funeral Home.

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# People

By the Associated Press

## Fisher in Frankenstein film

LONDON — Light years away from her role as Princess Leia in the "Star Wars" films, actress Carrie Fisher has come back to Earth to take on Frankenstein, the British way.

Ms. Fisher, 27, has been signed to star alongside English actors Sir John Gielgud and David Warner in a Yorkshire Television version of the 19th-century horror tale, the production company has announced.

The daughter of actress Debbie Reynolds and singer Eddie Fisher will play the girlfriend of Baron Frankenstein, the castle-dwelling scientist who created a living monster.

Warner, who will play the monster, told reporters: "There will be no nuts and bolts in the monster's neck and he won't be seven feet tall. Our story will tell of a brilliant scientist who tried to push science to its limits and create the perfect man."



CARRIE FISHER

## Skelton's home burglarized

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP)—Comedian Red Skelton, with a worldwide reputation for making people laugh, found no happiness as he returned from a benefit performance in London to discover that his mountaintop ranch had been burglarized.

Items stolen were worth "more than \$100,000" and included a \$50,000 oriental statue that had been given to the 70-year-old comedian's son Richard, who died of leukemia at the age of 9 in 1958, Skelton's secretary, Anita Mykowsky, said Monday.

Also missing are other art objects and saddles and other gear owned by Mrs. Skelton, a horse breeder, she said.

"The burglars didn't get into the main house, which was equipped with an alarm," said Miss Mykowsky, "but they did break into the barn and garage. I had to break the news when the Skeltons arrived from London on Saturday."

## Burt may buy restaurant

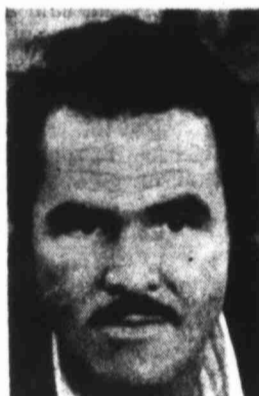
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Actor Burt Reynolds, whose many pictures include "Smokey and the Bandit," has tentatively decided to become a partner in a restaurant franchise to be appropriately named BanditTree Inc.

Reynolds, 48, has agreed in principle to purchase 50 percent of Poatree Inc., making him a full-partner in the franchise with Buddy Killen, president of Tree International, a large country music publishing company.

With four restaurants in Texas and two in Georgia, Poatree Inc. is the largest franchise of the Nashville-based Po Folks Inc. chain.

Po Folks, which operates 102 restaurants in 17 states, features country cooking.

And Reynolds said in a statement issued Monday, "The down-home cooking is the kind of food I grew up on and love."



BURT REYNOLDS

# The news in brief

By the Associated Press

## Salvador runoff predicted

SAN SALVADOR — Bickering among election officials, stalled the vote-counting, but moderate Jose Napoleón Duarte and rightist Roberto d'Aubuisson appear headed for a runoff in their bitter contest for the presidency of El Salvador.

A runoff will be required if no candidate gets a majority of the vote from Sunday's election, and by Duarte's own count, that won't happen.

The first round of balloting was seen all along as a showdown between Duarte and d'Aubuisson, who differ sharply on how to end a civil war that has claimed more than 50,000 lives and shattered the nation's economy.

In the absence of an official tally, only Duarte's Christian Democratic Party was providing unofficial election returns, and these figures showed him without a majority.

The official results were delayed by squabbling within the Central Election Council, a supposedly non-partisan supervisory agency.

Ballot counting began Sunday night by officials at the 6,598 polling places, but certification and tabulation of the results by the election council still had not begun by late Monday. Asked when tabulation would start, council vice president Roberto Meza Delgado replied, "I haven't an idea."

The council is composed of representatives from six of the eight political parties which fielded presidential candidates. The two unrepresented parties had not been formed at the time the council was created.

## Connecticut primary today

HARTFORD, Conn. — Gary Hart was expected to win most of the 52 delegates at stake in today's Democratic primary to complete his victorious sweep of the six New England states.

The three candidates still in the race — Hart, Walter Mondale and Jesse Jackson — all campaigned in Connecticut on Monday with Hart due for a final appearance today in New Haven.

Officials were forecasting a voting turnout of one-third or less among the state's estimated 660,000 Democrats.

While Hart and Jackson could measure the time they spent in Connecticut in terms of days, Mondale could point to only about four hours. The former vice president concentrated instead on next week's New York primary, where 252 delegates are at stake.

At Yale University in New Haven, Jackson said that if he were elected, he would give Congress a budget to "eliminate hunger in America within six months." And he said that by cutting weapons programs, he could "eliminate poverty in America within three years."

In Hartford, Hart said he was convinced that Mondale's proposals for Central America would lead to "the rather large loss of American lives" by the end of this decade.

Mondale traveled to New Haven Monday night for an airport news conference and a visit to a senior citizen center.

A University of Connecticut poll conducted last week showed Hart favored by 48 percent of the 521 voters surveyed, Mondale by 28 percent, Jackson by 5 percent. The remaining 19 percent were undecided. The

poll had a margin of error of 5 percentage points.

Those undecided voters could be a key factor for Mondale. Late last week, Betty Tianti, secretary-treasurer of the Connecticut State Labor Council and a strong Mondale backer, said undecided workers contacted by union representatives were beginning to line up behind Mondale.

"On March 1, about 35 percent of the people we were contacting were saying they were undecided," she said. "Now, we're seeing a decrease in the number of undecided and they're overwhelmingly falling to Mondale."

Connecticut sends 60 delegates to the Democratic convention in San Francisco in July. Eight are unpledged and not picked on the basis of the primary results, and the other 52 will be apportioned on the basis of the percentage each candidate receives in each district.

Five of the unpledged delegates, however, have already publicly endorsed Mondale. They are Reps. Barbara B. Kennelly, Sam Gejdenson and William R. Ratchford, all D-Conn., and Democratic State Chairman James M. Fitzgerald and Vice Chairwoman Arline M. Bidwell.

## Guinea's Toure dies

CLEVELAND — President Ahmed Sekou Toure of Guinea, a black African Marxist who led his country to independence in 1958, died on an operating table after a 5,000-mile flight for emergency surgery on his deteriorated aorta. He was 62.

Sekou Toure, 62, was rushed to the Cleveland Clinic early Monday on a special plane arranged by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia after a team of four physicians from the clinic examined him in Guinea on Saturday, clinic spokesman Frank Weaver said today.

The flight to the famous U.S. heart clinic, which has treated many other heads of state, was required because the African leader's health was failing, Weaver said. The decision was made after consultation with physicians for King Hassan II of Morocco.

When Sekou Toure arrived at the hospital, massive internal bleeding was discovered from an aneurysm in the aorta, the main blood vessel from the heart, Weaver said.

Doctors had to replace the aorta from the heart to the abdomen in an operation that began at 10 a.m. Monday.

Sekou Toure was pronounced dead at 3:23 p.m. Monday, according to Weaver.

He was widely admired by militant Africans for his often stormy anti-colonial posturing, but critics were shocked by his ruthless communist-style dictatorship. His years in power were marked by economic paralysis and bloody purges in reprisal for countless plots against his rule.

Sekou Toure came to power in 1958 when President Charles de Gaulle offered France's colonies in Africa a choice between partial autonomy in a French community or full independence.



AHMED TOURE

## Judge moves to stop prison brutality

HOUSTON (AP) — Fifteen Texas Department of Corrections officers have been fired and 92 others disciplined in the past four months for using excessive force against inmates, an attorney said at a hearing on the prison's new brutality policy.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice on Monday approved the policy, in which the state promised to "adequately discipline" employees who used unnecessary force against inmates. The policy includes use of polygraph tests on the inmate and the accused officer.

"The new procedures will be of benefit to the inmate class," said Justice, who in 1981 ordered sweeping changes in the Texas prison system.

TDC attorney Rick Gray said the prison officers fired and disciplined include "all levels from warden on down."

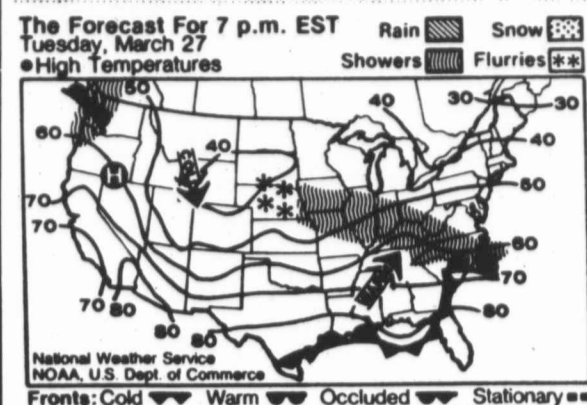
The TDC last week instituted a new policy of placing any officer demoted as a result of such investigations on six months' probation, Gray said. She said lawyers received 25 letters from 300 in-

mates commenting on the plan to combat excessive use of force.

Gail Littlefield, an attorney for the U.S. Justice Department, which intervened in the reform suit, called the new plan "fair and reasonable."

March: To HIGHLAND MALL Register: This week in all the stores! See: The Money Chamber Be There: For over 1500 in cash & prizes March 31st! WIN a visit to the Money Chamber.

# Weather



# Editorial

## Tax system needs overhaul

Nobody likes to pay taxes, but some people are going to great lengths to deprive the government of its due.

Like with the Rolls-Royce Caper. The government lets taxpayers deduct a portion of the cost and the maintenance expenditures on a car used for business purposes. But it doesn't say what kind of a car. Why not get a \$109,000 Rolls? Such a purchase would entitle some taxpayers \$65,913 in tax breaks within three years.

The government allows depreciation deductions of up to half the cost of a car to be used for business or for producing investment income. Investment tax credits provide even more savings. A \$109,000 Rolls doesn't seem to be such a luxury when almost two-thirds of the cost can be cut from a person's income tax bill.

And it just isn't traveling salesmen, car rental firms and cab drivers who can use their vehicle as business expense. If a car is used only part of the time for business, that portion can be deducted.

These tax dodges are legal under the IRS rules but in most cases they are clearly abuses. And they are typical of scores of other scams and dodges hidden in the U.S. income tax code.

Why doesn't Congress put a stop to these abuses by changing these laws? Congress does make the attempt from time to time, but when it tries to close loopholes, there are scores of lobbyists in the corridors feverishly at work opening more loopholes. Every time the IRS laws are revised, they get worse. The rich get richer and the poor get poorer.

What must happen, and soon if this country is to remain solvent, is a complete overhaul of the tax system. Trying to fix the present system is a useless task.

## Mark the little box

The best thing those who pay income tax can do for themselves is put a favorable check mark in the little box marked "Presidential Elections Campaign" on the first page of their IRS returns.

A mark in the "yes" box will ensure that \$1 will be taken from the tax payment and placed into a special government fund. If it is a joint return, another \$1 can be designated for the spouse.

Both major party candidates receive an identical sum from this fund — money straight from citizens and not from special interest groups. By designating a dollar, a taxpayer is saying, "I want part of my tax money to pay for clean elections."

What taxpayers should remember is that this political fund doesn't cost them a cent. The money comes from taxes owed. The deduction doesn't add to a tax or lower a refund.

Of course the money does come from somewhere. It comes from tax revenues, and with a sky high federal deficit, there must be a compelling reason to siphon off tax dollars. Citizen federal elections is just such a reason.



Billy Graham

## The spiritual side of our depression

DEAR DR. GRAHAM: I don't know what is wrong with me. I have a fine husband and two good children, but I just feel depressed and sad all the time. Sometimes I feel like going to bed and never getting up again. — Mrs. A.A.F.

DEAR MRS. A.A.F.: Doctors and psychiatrists I have talked with concerning depression have told me there are many, many different causes. For example, it has been discovered that much depression is caused by chemical imbalances in the body, which in turn affect the mind. When these imbalances are discovered, they can often be corrected with the proper medication and the depression is cured.

I mention this because depression can be very serious, and you need to find out its cause in your case. Depression (as you are discovering) can paralyze you and can even lead you to do things that you know are wrong or harmful. Don't try to hide from it or deny that you are facing a problem that needs treatment, and don't feel guilty because you are facing an emotional problem. Begin with your family doctor, and speak honestly with him about your feelings. If he is unable to deal with your problem, he should refer you to someone who is. At the same time, I know that

depression can also have spiritual roots, and whatever you do don't neglect this side of it also. (Be sure you also seek help from a doctor or counselor who will encourage you spiritually. Perhaps your pastor can suggest someone who will be helpful at this point). I do not know your situation, of course, but sometimes we can become depressed because we failed to obey God's will for our lives. Sometimes we have allowed our selfishness and sin to cut off our relationships with other people. Sometimes we have become depressed because we have become wrapped up in our own problems and never care about others and their burdens.

Whatever the reasons may be for your situation, my prayer is not only that you will get better, but that you will turn to Christ in your need. Seek God's help and encouragement. If you have never committed your life to Christ, turn to him and ask him to come into your heart. Then take encouragement daily from the promises of God's Word, the Bible. God loves you, and he wants you to accept his love and trust it every day.

Billy Graham's religious column is distributed by the Tribune Company Syndicate.



Jack Anderson

## Guns turned on informant

WASHINGTON — One of the government's most valuable and respected informant on international gun-running appears to have become the victim of a bureaucratic turf battle within the Treasury Department. Result: He has been indicted on 16 counts of illegally transporting weapons. His trial is going on in Salt Lake City.

The informant is Don Walsh, whose undercover work has helped build several important cases for the Customs Service and the Justice Department over the past decade.

Walsh's supporters say his prosecution is the result of a vendetta by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms — which, like customs, is a part of the Treasury Department. They say ATF agents resent the fact that Walsh cooperated with other federal agencies rather than ATF.

A customs special agent who has worked with Walsh told my associate Indy Badwar: "It's a case of one branch of Treasury out to bag an informant of another branch."

He said ATF agents posing as gun buyers had tried on several occasions to set Walsh up, but had failed. "We advised Walsh that each time undercover ATF agents tried to set him up he should report them to ATF," the customs man said.

Once ATF went after Walsh for lending a pistol to a customs officer for a "false sale" to gun-runners; ATF even threatened to confiscate the weapon from customs' evidence vault. Customs, which won its case against the gun-runners, indignantly rebuffed ATF's attempt.

Walsh is a nationally recognized, reputable manufacturer of small arms. As such, he was invited to speak at a conference in Las Vegas last April sponsored by *Defense and Foreign Affairs* magazine.

Walsh took along for display four cases containing a handful of small arms, including silencers manufactured by his Virginia-based company, Interrand. Before he left Washington, Walsh filled out the paperwork and registration forms required by ATF, and placed copies in the weapons cases.

When he arrived in Las Vegas after changing planes in Salt Lake City, Walsh discovered his baggage was



Art Buchwald

## Voting booths and the bathroom

A person's vote used to be the most sacred thing in his life, and the one thing he was permitted to do in privacy. Not any more.

When Joe Proctor walked out of the voting booth the other day he was surrounded by six people with clipboards.

"What's your religion?" one person shouted.

"How old are you?" another demanded.

"How much money do you make?" someone else wanted to know.

"Hey, what's going on?" Proctor said.

"We're conducting an exit poll," one of the clipboard people replied.

"We want to know who you voted for."

"I don't think that's any of your business," Proctor said.

"What do you mean it isn't any of our business? We have to know so we can report it on television."

"I don't want my vote shown on television," Proctor said.

"We'll report you for interfering with the electoral process," someone said. "It's your duty as an American to tell us how you voted."

"And also to reveal if you're married or single, and whether you're conservative or liberal."

"And why you voted for one candidate as opposed to the other."

"Says who?" Proctor demanded.

"The public has a right to know. How can we tell who won the primary if you won't answer our questions?"

"Why don't you wait until the ballots are counted?" Proctor asked.

"We can't do that or the other networks will scoop us. Americans don't have time to sit around until the ballots are tabulated."

"Well, they're going to have to wait if they want to know how I voted," Proctor said.

"Okay," said a clipboard holder.

"If you won't tell us who you voted for, will you tell us who you voted against?"

"Not on your life."

"Does that mean you voted against Mondale?"

"I've got to go home to lunch."

"Don't be hardheaded. We're not going to use your name. If you didn't vote for Hart just tell us why."

"I'm going to call a cop."

"Does that mean you voted for Glenn because you think he's stronger for law and order?"

"Hold it. There are two things in my life that I can do in privacy — and one of them is vote secretly for the candidate of my choice."

"What's the other?"

"Go to the bathroom, which is what I've got to do right now."

One of the pollsters shouted, "If you don't answer our questions you're threatening the sanctity of exit poll."

"Well, you'll have to poll somebody else."

"If you're not talking, that means you voted for Jackson."



Around The Rim

## Sandstorm survival tips

Each year about this time, I take pity on any newcomers to West Texas. If they've moved here from back East, or even from South Texas, I always fear they'll scurry back home once they've tasted their first Big Spring sandstorm.

Veteran West Texans have developed some survival tactics for dust storms. The first rule is never fool yourself into believing they won't happen. For years I kept hoping that a spring would go by without swirling, choking dust ruining the end of February, all of March and some of April.

Then one day I accepted the fact that dust storms and spring go together in these parts. Once you accept that fact you'll be prepared when you look to the north and see a brown cloud sweeping your way.

Dust storms are hard on the eyes and can make you cry. People who wear contact lenses need a special manual for survival during a sandstorm. For years I wore my contacts in any weather and would often find myself screaming for help when I couldn't see to walk from my car to a building.

The only survival tip I have for contact wearers is to take them off for a while and put them back in when the wind is calmer.

One survival tip that's hard to remember when you're gasping for breath is to keep your sense of humor about the whole thing. Remember, it could be worse. Not much worse, maybe, but certainly there are worse things than a sandstorm.

When I was in Lubbock attending Texas Tech I felt I had moved to the sandstorm capital of the world. It makes me tired just to remember that long walk across campus in the raging spring wind, holding on to books and papers and praying that I wouldn't drop any papers and have to chase them across campus. I can remember days up there when the sky was dark in the middle of the day.

But people on the Tech campus kept their sense of humor about the whole thing. One of the pictures in our annual showed two people, coats and hats blowing off their bodies, heads jutting forward, fighting the wind just to make it to class. The editors were telling it like it is, and everyone on campus could see themselves in that picture.

One last survival tip. A sandstorm, bad as it is, does eventually stop, and the after effects include a calm that will surprise you. The air seems cleaner. For a brief time, you can enjoy this respite. Think of it as the eye of the hurricane.

If we were hard hit by other types of weather, such as floods, raging blizzards or frequent tornadoes, the damage would be much worse and the cleanup more difficult. I know there is little comfort in that, but when you're hit with a mouthful of dirt, you take comfort where you can get it.

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**Dr. Donohue**

## Hot tubs

**Dear-Dr. Donohue:** I recently saw a TV program on the dangers of hot tubs. At our community center, where I swim a few times a week, we have the whirlpool, the steam room and the sauna baths. No one there seems to be able to tell me if these are good or bad. I would appreciate knowing. — E.M.K.

None of these need be harmful and all three can be relaxing and even give a degree of therapy. Whirlpools, as you know, are used in physical therapy—to get blood flowing to an injured limb for example. Whole body whirlpools can limber up all of your muscles by increasing circulation. You can think of them as whole body massages. Steam rooms and saunas will increase your heart rate, boost circulation and give a sense of relaxation also.

Now, what of the dangers you heard about? Well, for one they are potentially dangerous if you have heart, blood pressure, or an uncontrolled thyroid problem. The rise in the heart rate, the loss of body fluid, and the increase of body temperature can add up to too great a strain for the system. This must be guarded against in people who suffer from such ailments as I mentioned.

But I suppose you are referring chiefly to the matter of infections from the water used. That happens if the water has not been properly treated and the facilities properly maintained. There is danger inherent in hot tub use, but not one that cannot be avoided if the owner is diligent in keeping the tubs and water clean. This is particularly true of redwood tubs.

**Dear Dr. Donohue:** What is the agent injected to facilitate X-rays of the kidneys? What are its side effects? — W.D.G.

A common one is diatrizoate. Injected by vein, it reaches the kidneys to make them more contrasty in X-rays. Usually, there are no side effects, although it may cause nausea in some people. Rarely, a person may be allergic to the dye. It does have iodine in it, so people sensitive to iodine products should inform the doctor of that. Other wise, it's safe to use.

The booklet "Dizzy Spells" discusses loss of balance, vertigo and nausea, Meniere's disease and labyrinthitis. For a copy write to Dr. Donohue in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611. Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and 50 cents. Dr. Donohue welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters.

## Miss Boyett honored at shower March 22

Karen Boyett, bride-elect of Robert Walker, was feted with a miscellaneous bridal shower in the parlor of Wesley United Methodist Church, March 22.

Hosting the event were Mrs. Preston Crawford, Mrs. Junior Johnson, Mrs. Phillip Price, and Mrs. Terry Grantham.

The hostesses presented Miss Boyett with a corsage of pink carnations accented with pink ribbons and stephanotis. Corsages also were presented to Mrs. Bill Bodin, bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Howard Walker, prospec-

ive bridegroom's mother, Mrs. M.D. Cross of Colorado City, bride-elect's grandmother, and Mrs. Cecil Thixton, prospective bridegroom's grandmother.

The table covered with a lace cloth was centered with pictures of the bridal couple. A white cake was decorated in pink and featured a pair of wedding bands and the couple's names.

The couple will marry April 14 in Wesley United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor, officiating.

## Brenda Montgomery feted with bridal shower March 24

Mrs. Randy Montgomery, formerly Brenda Clark, was feted with a bridal shower in the Salem Baptist Church Annex, March 24.

Hosting the event were Mrs. J.L. Baugh, Mrs. Jerold Walker, Mrs. Woner Robinson, Mrs. Carrol Walker, Mrs. James Coates, Mrs. Harold Broughton, Mrs. E.E. Lowe, Mrs. Robert

Honeycutt, Mrs. L.C. Gibbs, Mrs. Jesse Brooks and Mrs. Ray Walker. They presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner and a corsage of pink flowers.

Special guests were Mrs. Grady Nelson, the honoree's mother, and Mrs. Clyde Montgomery, the bridegroom's mother, Lavina Walker,



Associated Press photo

**FALL FASHIONS** — Models display comfortable and cozy knitted patchwork coats in pastel shades during the showing of Missoni ready-to-wear collection for Fall-Winter in Milan recently.

## Hawaiian program given at club meeting

A program about Hawaii was presented at a meeting of the City Home Extension Club in the home of Frances Zant, March 23.

Dolores Norred, Hazel Duggan and Jean Cantrell visited Hawaii in January spending two days in Honolulu and seeing the other islands during a seven-day cruise. Ms. Norred gave a brief history of the islands.

Posters of some of the flowers grown on the islands were displayed by Ms. Duggan. Ms. Cantrell led a medley of Hawaiian songs.

The next meeting will be at 2 p.m., April 13.

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**Dear Abby**

## Couple ponders taking pooch abroad

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are planning a trip to France and Italy in about six months and we want to take our dog with us. We have OKs from our dog's vet as well as from France, Italy and the airline we're booked on. We will be staying with friends and it's all right with them, too.

We have no one to leave her with, so our vet advised us to take her with us as she might grieve herself to death if she were left in a kennel. We will be gone from two to three months.

She will have to travel in a "cage" in the hold of the aircraft. We were told by friends that she would catch pneumonia or freeze to death, but we checked with the airline and were told that the temperature in the hold of the aircraft is the same temperature as in the passenger section.

Abby, will you please ask your readers if they have ever taken their dogs overseas?

We are even thinking of taking ours on a dry run to Fresno. We plan to keep the cage in the living room of our home so she will become accustomed to it. We know all about permits for her to enter Italy and France. Our vet is taking care of all that.

This is the vacation we have always dreamed about, and we are no spring chickens. It is now or never. Help us, please!

**DOG LOVERS IN SAN MATEO, CALIF.**  
**DEAR DOG LOVERS:** If your vet approves, and the airline agrees, that seems sufficient assurance. If I hear from any dog lovers (pro or con), I will keep you posted. Dog lovers, send me your tales.

**DEAR ABBY:** I read with concern that yet another poor soul (a widowed senior citizen, no less) was put through unnecessary agony when her blood test showed a false-positive for syphilis.

I'm sure you gave much comfort to many by publicizing the fact that people who at some time in their lives have had malaria, scarlet fever, infectious mononucleosis and many other diseases are apt to show a false-positive for syphilis. But, Abby, you failed to mention another very common reason for this — the

flu shot!

I didn't know this until my blood test showed positive for syphilis, and I knew it was not possible for me to have contracted that disease. Finally my dermatologist asked me if I had had a flu shot. I told him I had. Then he told me that could account for the false-positive in my blood test.

Please mention this in your column, Abby. Many people (particularly senior citizens) take flu shots as a matter of routine. I did.

BETTY S., MESA ARIZ.

**DEAR BETTY:** Consider it mentioned. And thanks for the input.

## Order and Notice of Regional Hearings to Hear Public Comments

On February 17, 1984, General Telephone Company of the Southwest (GTSW) filed an application for a rate increase with the Public Utility Commission of Texas in Docket No. 5610. Pursuant to Section 43(c) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat. Ann. art. 1446c, the Commission has determined that it is in the public interest to collect testimony at regional hearings for inclusion in the record. At the regional hearings the Commission will hear protests and comments from members of the public. Those members of the public desiring to make such statements under oath shall have that opportunity.

Regional hearings will be held at the following locations and times:

San Angelo Convention Center  
500 Rio Concho Drive  
San Angelo, Texas  
Wednesday, April 11, 1984  
2:00-5:00 p.m.; 6:30-9:00 p.m.

City Building  
200 N. Fifth Street  
Garland, Texas  
Friday, April 13, 1984  
2:00-5:00 p.m.; 6:30-9:00 p.m.



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## Grandparents announce baby's birth

Mr. and Mrs. Don Evans, Sand Springs, announce the birth of their granddaughter, Erin Denise Evans, at Midland Memorial Hospital, March 18. The infant arrived at 8:59 p.m. weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces. Erin is the daughter of Ricky and Kim Evans of Midland.

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# Town's booze ban ineffective

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — A challenge to give up alcohol for a week has found few takers among bar patrons in this southern Florida city, say customers and workers at local taverns.

Mayor William Konrad, at the urging of Boca Raton Community Hospital, called on residents to go on the wagon for the week, and one lounge, Wildflower, cooperated by offering \$1 off for specialty non-alcoholic drinks. But few patrons gave up alcohol, said Wildflower manager Jamie Moore. "Awareness among the press is much greater than among customers," he said.

"Tell the mayor if he comes out to Wildflower and doesn't drink, we won't," said 24-year-old Jacqueline Sessa. "I just decided to ignore the whole thing," said Alan LaVoie, also part of Wildflower's happy-hour crowd early Monday night.

But one customer, Joe Stogots, 36, did accept the challenge to abstain from alcohol. With a glass of ginger ale on the bar beside him, Stogots said he decided to give up booze "just to see if I could."

"Last call" was midnight Saturday for those going on the wagon. The alcohol-free week ends at 12:01 a.m. Sunday.

"Everyone can get wasted next Sunday if they want to," said Donna Curley Hearn, 36, community education coordinator at Boca Raton Community Hospital, a private non-profit facility.

Ms. Hearn, who claimed credit for inspiring "Alcohol Awareness Week," said its aim was to make people aware that alcohol is the "No. 1 abused drug in the country." "We'd like people to know that many people who are alcoholic can go one week without drinking," she said.

Ms. Hearn had no figures on how many of the town's 60,000 residents have given up booze. "That's not our goal," she said. "We're not going to watch-dog society."

Some bars and restaurants in Boca Raton "have made a big joke" of the hospital's idea, said Norman Briggs, another manager of Wildflower, adding, "I don't think they should." "We're not here to try to get people drunk."

We want our customers to come back," he said.

Joe Riello, owner of Haggarty's, is not offering any alcoholic specials. "If you own a gas station would you want to stop serving gas for a week?" he asked.

He said Sunday night — the day the campaign began — was his biggest Sunday of the year.

The lounge owner said he was very surprised the mayor endorsed the campaign, adding it could reduce the pay of people who depend on tips for part of their income.

Besides the alcohol-free week, Ms. Hearn has asked 10 percent of the hospital's 1,500 employees to wear the letter "A" to work Wednesday.

The idea is to demonstrate that alcoholics are found in all walks of life.

"They're not the gutter-level alcoholic often portrayed in pictures," Ms. Hearn said.

The hospital has also held lectures this month as part of a national "Alcohol Awareness Month," and sponsored a corporate education program to tell businesses about evaluation and referral services for alcohol problems.

## Big Spring group targets facilities for renovation

A new reorganized Cultural Affairs Council has set renovation and restoration of the municipal auditorium and the amphitheatre as "highest priority" work, director Sam Woodward said.

"We are sitting atop a potential gold mine with these facilities," he said. "Neither Midland nor Odessa have anything comparable."

He said modernization of existing facilities would allow Big Spring to compete for and bring in regional dollars.

Woodward's comments came in announcing the reorganization of the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Chamber of Commerce into a two-division Cultural Affairs Council.

One of the first objectives of the Cultural Affairs Council will be to start a master calendar of the arts and a community "artsline," Woodward said. The primary purpose of the calendar will be to avoid the scheduling of events on conflicting dates.

The artsline will be a telephone recording which will give callers "an up-to-date rundown of current arts events," according to Kelly Draper, chairman of the Council.

The new policy division of the Council is made up of private citizens with a goal of implementing community arts objectives, establishing a grants award system for assisting local arts groups, and possibly serving as a source for underwriting certain costs for local arts organizations.

The advisory division is composed of arts organizations' representatives and is responsible for offering guidance to the policy division in determining overall community needs.

The next major arts event will be the inaugural performance by Big Spring's own symphony orchestra on April 7 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The concert will be directed by the internationally known conductor, Dr. Marinanna Gabbi.

## Judge won't probe Estes leak

FRANKLIN, Texas (AP) — State District Judge Thomas Bartlett said grand jurors violated oaths of secrecy last week in divulging testimony given by convicted swindler Billie Sol Estes, but he plans no inquiry.

"I'm disappointed that the grand jury was used like it was," Bartlett said Monday.

But he told the Waco Tribune-Herald and the Marlin Democrat that he does not plan to investigate the source of the leaks because "I'm not equipped with any investigative force."

District Attorney John Paschall said he doubted he would look into the matter either. He said he prefers to "let sleeping dogs lie."

Three newspapers reported Friday that Estes, a twice-convicted swindler, told the grand jury last Tuesday that former President Lyndon Johnson ordered the killing of a former Agriculture Department official whose death near here in 1961 had been ruled a suicide.

Former associates of Johnson immediately disputed Estes' claims, calling them "scurrilous attacks" by a "pathological liar." Others said Estes was trying to boost sales for a book, written by his daughter, and released recently.

Estes' daughter, Pam Estes, said if county officials are not concerned about the leaks, she and her father are.

## Highland Mall plans cash prizes

An elaborate promotion at Highland Mall this week is designed to entice shoppers with more than \$1,500 in cash and prizes up for "grabs" in a money chamber.

According to a press release, the money chamber is the size of an elevator and circulates swirling bills through a blower system.

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## 3 incumbents file at Grady

GRADY — Three incumbents have filed for reelection in the Grady school district race, along with three challengers. There is also one person conducting a write-in campaign.

Thaita Holloway did not file for the election but is conducting a write-in campaign for the April 7 election.

Incumbents filing are Eddie Odom, Myrl Mitchell and Wilson Stewart.

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## Good guys can wear black

Everyone knows them as the bad guys in black. They run around in their striped shirts, whistles dangling around their necks ready to let out a loud toot on the next culprit.

By now you have probably figured out that I'm talking about basketball referees and unfortunately a lot of people view officials this way — the villains, matching the color of their attire — like a dark cloud hovering over the court ready to rain an abundance of fouls and violations on the competitors.

When the smoke clears and the game is over, most of the time an irate fan, coach or player usually saddles their team's loss on the back of the men in black. It is not so much the coaches and players as the fans.

The fans see things one way — their way. So why not place the blame on the official? Forget the fact that their team shot 15 percent from the floor and committed 30 turnovers. It's just so much easier to place the blame on the referees.

Two local officials agree that the biggest problem with fans is that 80 percent of them don't know the rules of the game. They might be able to tell you who led the NBA in scoring in 1965 or how many world titles the Boston Celtics have won, but they still don't know the rules and regulations of basketball.

Why would anyone want to be a referee anyway? Being on the road at least four times a week (that's after getting off from a regular job) and being subjected to ridicule the entire game by spectators from both sides. Seems like a pretty thankless job to me. Both officials mentioned in this article wished to remain anonymous.

The first official I talked to is a four year veteran of basketball wars who says his main goal is to someday reach the professional ranks.

"I do the job for the kids," he said. "That way I can teach them how to play the game abiding by the rules." What is the key to being a good referee? "Concentration," he said. "You must always keep your mind on what's happening on the court."

Another thing an official must do is always keep things under control during the game. "You should never let the game get out of hand," he commented. "A good example is one game this year when I let the players play during the first half. Near the end of the first half the contest got rough and out of hand."

At the start of the second half I called both teams together and told them I was going to call everything close. That way I got control of the game."

Official number two has been calling games for five years and said the hardest thing about being a referee is going through the trials and tribulations of having the fans hollering at you throughout the game. He agreed that the key quality is concentration. "You just have to tune out everything but the game," he said. "You must thoroughly know each and every rule. If you don't you just make things hard on yourself."

But officials agree that referees have bad games just like the players. This usually happens when they lose their concentration. A key to calling a good game is having a good pre-game meeting with the other official. This is when both officials get together before the game and go over the rules and what to do if certain situations arise. The officials must work as a team.

Both expect fans to ride the refs throughout the game, but what about coaches? Both agree that coaches will see how much they can get away with, until they have been warned by the referee.

What are some of the tricks of the trade that coaches use to try to sway the ref's judgement in their favor? One official said that a common one is that the coach will make remarks to his players on the court, directed at the official. For instance, "Didn't you get hacked on that shot?" or "I know it's hard to jump with two men hanging on your back."

Coaches will also try and butter-up the referee. Patting him on the back because of a good call and always complimenting the ref's calls.

As for myself, just like most, I have been guilty of blasting the officials, not even taking in consideration all the turmoil these unsung heroes go through.

After talking to these two gentlemen I view officials in a whole different limelight. Sometimes good guys do wear black.

## 'Gift' gives Irish NIT title opportunity

NEW YORK (AP) — Notre Dame basketball Coach Digger Phelps is still enjoying the Christmas present given him by Irish football Coach Gerry Faust — wide receiver-turned-point guard Joe Howard.

Phelps went to the 5-foot-9 Howard as a last resort when the Irish lost their only point guards on the roster to academics and injury. Howard is still paying dividends and the latest is a trip to the championship game of the 47th National Invitation Tournament.

Notre Dame, 21-11, beat fellow independent Southwestern Louisiana 65-59 Monday night to advance to Wednesday's title game against Michigan. The Wolverines, 22-10, eliminated Virginia Tech 78-75 in the opening game of the semifinal double-header played before a Madison Square Garden crowd of 9,049.

Howard, who scored six points, 20 fewer than senior forward Tom Sluby, was the catalyst in a 15-6 Irish spurt over the final 6:07 that lifted Notre Dame into its second NIT championship game.

"He's been doing those things since he joined the team," Phelps said of the man who has led the Irish football team in receptions each of the past three seasons. Howard arrived at Phelps' sideline after the football team's 19-18 victory over Boston College in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 29.

With Notre Dame leading 58-55, Ken Barlow of the Irish was called for an offensive foul that nullified a successful dunk. The Ragin' Cajuns came downcourt and Alonza Allen missed a jump shot that Howard rebounded. Nine seconds later, Howard fed Barlow for a three-point play and a six-point lead. Howard then made two free throws with 1:20 remaining and six seconds later he stole the ball as USL tried to get back in the game.

The Irish enjoyed a fine night on the free-throw line to keep the Ragin' Cajuns at bay.

After not attempting a free throw in the first half, Notre Dame made it first 15 in the second half and finished with 17 of 20.

"I don't want to talk about free-throw shooting until Thursday morning," Phelps said in his best superstitious coaching voice. "I've said all along the three things that got us here were defense, rebounding and free-throw shooting."

Southwestern Louisiana Coach Bobby Paschal agreed that those three factors sent his team into the consolation game.

"We didn't handle ourselves very well," Paschal said. "Their defense had a lot to do with that. They made us impatient with their aggressiveness and their offensive rebounding hurt us as much as missed free throws."

The final rebounding total was 38-30 for Notre Dame and the offensive numbers read 12-9 for the Irish.

"Tim (Kempton) and (Jim) Dolan did a great job on the boards," Sluby said. "That made it easier for me to take my shots."

Sluby finished at 50 percent from the field, 11 of 22.



HAPPINESS IS — University of Michigan graduate assistant coach Ernie Sellers (left) raises an arm in victory as he embraces forward Butch Wade after the Wolverines beat Virginia Tech, 78-75 in an NIT semifinal Monday. At right, the Ragin' Cajuns Alonza Allen



(left) and Notre Dame's Tom Sluby (33) are high and low on the ball in the other NIT semi-final which the Irish won, 65-59 over Southwestern Louisiana. Sluby scored 26 points to pace the Irish. Allen scored 20 for SWL.

## Wildcats vow not to be intimidated

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Georgetown may be known as a bunch of bullies, but it's not the only Final Four basketball team that can play rough — and Kentucky wants its opponent to know that.

No. 2 Georgetown plays third-ranked Kentucky in the national semifinals Saturday in Seattle.

"We're not going to be intimidated by them," said Wildcat forward Winston Bennett, who's been known to roughhouse himself. "Physical play and roughness is our kind of game anyway. We're a hard-nosed, physical ballclub. That's what we stand for."

"So I don't think that will bother us whatsoever." Just in case, Bennett said, Coach Joe B. Hall talked with his players Monday after he dismissed media and spectators from the team's first practice since it beat Illinois 54-51 Saturday to win the Midwest Regional.

It's hard to predict, but if Michael Graham, Patrick Ewing or one of the other Hoyas takes a swing or knocks anyone over, the Wildcats want to be ready and in control, Bennett said.

"Coach more or less talked about that today, and from listening to that, what I have to do is run up to the guy, put a finger in his face and say, 'I'm not going to stand for this,'" said the 6-7, 210-pound freshman from Louisville. "It'll be awfully hard not to retaliate, but I think I can control as long as he knows I'm not going to be intimidated."

If that doesn't do it, defense will, said Bennett: "Yell, 'Stick! Stick! Stick!' and all up in his face, giving him no room to move and trying not to let him touch the ball — things like this ... I think it's a challenge."

Three Kentucky players bore scars from the rough victory over Illinois: guard Dicky Beal had a black eye and forwards Sam Bowie and Kenny Walker were limping. But all three worked out and said they'd be fine by Saturday's game.

"I'm looking forward to playing Georgetown ... Pat Ewing is a great player," said Melvin Turpin, Kentucky's 6-11 center. "He's a shot blocker. He's an intimidator — something like Kentucky is."

"We intimidate. We block a few shots." "We" means mostly the Wildcats' "Twin Towers," Turpin and Bowie, although the 6-8 Walker also likes to hang around the basket.

"Georgetown likes to intimidate players. So does Kentucky," said Turpin. "We like to intimidate players, too. So there's no problem going against Georgetown."

"We should be able to bang with this team. We're going to have to be physical. If we're not, we're not going to be able to stay in the game," Beal said. "We can't just lie down and let him knock us down. We've got to let him know we're there for business."

And while Kentucky takes on an unaccustomed role of the nice guy about to meet the bullies, the Hoyas have some adjustments to make, too, especially in their shots.

"We present a lot of problems for any team. There are things they have to worry about, too, and Bowie and Turpin are certainly two of them," Hall said.

## Record breaker does in Gamblers

HOUSTON (AP) — Michigan quarterback Bobby Hebert is doing his best to silence critics of the United States Football League, who say the second-year league is not exciting.

"I don't see how you can't enjoy this," he said after passing for a league-record 444 yards Monday night in leading the Panthers to a 52-34 victory over the Houston Gamblers. "If you like to see points scored, then you have to like this, whether it's college, NFL or USFL."

The second-year pro from Northwestern Louisiana also tossed four touchdown passes in topping the record 440 yards set Sunday by New Orleans' Johnnie Walton. The teams combined to set a league record for most points scored in a game.

Hebert completed 26 of 37 passes, including 9-12, 230 yards and three touchdowns in the second half in leading the defending league champions to their fifth victory in as many games. Houston, now tied with Oklahoma behind Michigan in the Central Division, fell to 3-2 before 38,754.

"I think our offense needs a lot of praise," said Michigan Coach Jim Stanley. "I think Bobby showed the world that he is a great quarterback. We've got great receivers, a good offensive line, and a hustling defense."

The game matched Hebert, the league's top-rated quarterback a year ago, against rookie Jim Kelly, who was 18-23 for 298 yards and three touchdowns. But Kelly suffered two interceptions, and the Gamblers, who

hadn't fumbled in their four previous games, lost two.

Houston opened a 14-7 advantage early in the second quarter when Kelly hit Scott McGhee and Richard Johnson on 9-yard scoring passes sandwiched around John Williams' 1-yard TD run for Michigan.

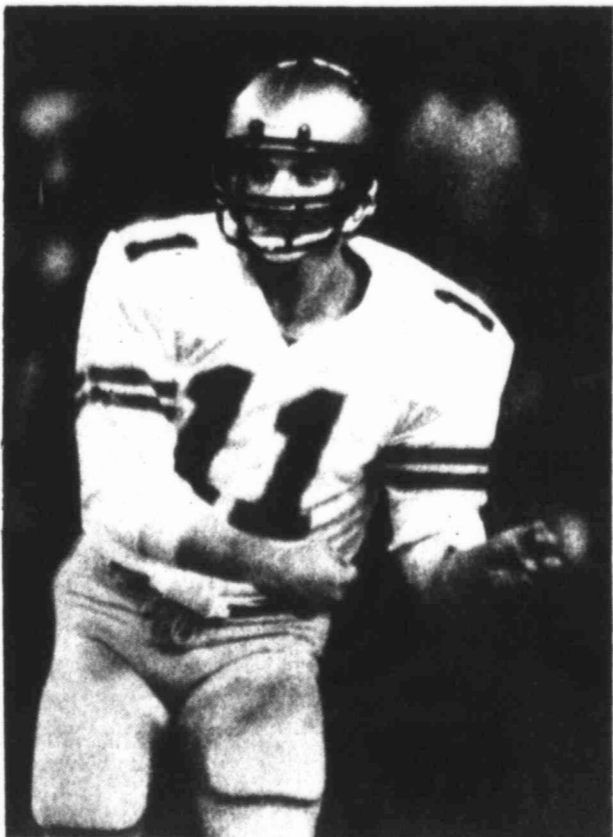
But Hebert engineered a drive to Novo Bojovic's 22-yard field goal and collaborated with Anthony Carter on an 11-yard TD pass to give Michigan a 17-14 halftime edge.

Hebert and Kelly traded long touchdown passes midway in the third quarter before the Panthers scored 28 unanswered points. Hebert hit Derek Holloway for 72 yards at 5:08 while Kelly tossed a 63-yarder to Clarence Verdin at 6:17.

Then Linnie Patrick scored on runs of 14 and 11 yards and caught a 19-yard pass from Hebert, and Carter caught a 55-yard bomb to make it 52-21.

Houston countered with Greg Moser's 65-yard scoring reception and Todd Fowler's 4-yard run.

"Houston's a great team," Hebert said. "They don't play like an expansion team. Arizona's probably got more overall talent, but Houston's the best team we've played."



RECORD BREAKER — Michigan Panthers quarterback Bobby Hebert puts some body english into his follow through of a first quarter pass completed against the Houston Gamblers Monday night in the Astrodome. Hebert connected on 26 of 37 attempts for 444 yards for a new USFL record. The Panthers won the game, 52-34.

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x-Philadelphia	45	25	64 1/2
x-New York	42	28	60 1/2
New Jersey	39	32	54 1/2
Washington	31	41	43 1/2

**Central Division**

x-Milwaukee	42	30	58 1/2
x-Detroit	41	30	57 1/2
Atlanta	33	40	45 1/2
Chicago	28	45	37 1/2
Cleveland	25	48	35 1/2
Indiana	22	49	31 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

Dallas	39	32	54 1/2
Utah	40	33	54 1/2
Kansas City	34	37	47 1/2
Denver	34	39	46 1/2
San Antonio	31	41	43 1/2
Houston	27	44	38 1/2

**Pacific Division**

x-Los Angeles	47	23	67 1/2
Portland	42	28	60 1/2
Seattle	36	36	50 1/2
Phoenix	33	40	45 1/2
Golden State	32	39	45 1/2
San Diego	28	46	38 1/2

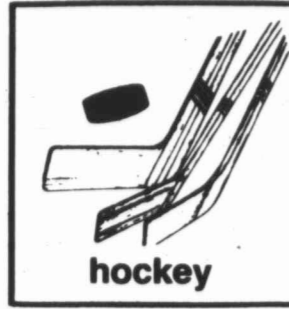
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**Tuesday's Games**  
Dallas at New York  
Boston at Washington  
New Jersey at Cleveland  
Philadelphia at Atlanta  
Golden State at San Antonio  
Detroit at Chicago  
Denver at Houston  
Kansas City at Utah  
San Diego at Phoenix  
Seattle at Portland

**Wednesday's Games**  
Dallas at Boston  
Washington at Philadelphia  
Chicago at Detroit  
New York at Indiana  
Cleveland at Milwaukee  
Kansas City at Seattle  
Los Angeles at San Diego

**Monday's Games**  
Birmingham 27, Tampa Bay 9  
Michigan 23, Houston 24

**Saturday, March 23**  
Houston at Oklahoma  
Chicago at Washington  
Jacksonville at Memphis  
Sunday, April 1  
Arizona at Denver  
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia  
Oakland at Pittsburgh  
San Antonio at Michigan  
New Jersey at Los Angeles  
Monday, April 2  
New Orleans at Birmingham



## hockey

**WALEY CONFERENCE**

**Patrick Division**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
x-NY Isles	47	24	4	96	245	267
x-Washington	45	26	5	97	297	220
x-Philadelphia	42	25	10	84	338	281
x-NY Rangers	40	28	9	88	303	295
New Jersey	17	53	7	41	226	325
Pittsburgh	16	55	6	38	246	377

**Adams Division**

x-Buffalo	47	23	7	101	309	247
x-Boston	45	25	4	96	321	252
x-Quebec	40	27	10	90	347	269
x-Montreal	35	37	5	75	283	281
Hartford	28	40	10	62	275	310

**CAMPBELL CONFERENCE**

**Norris Division**

y-Minnesota	38	30	9	85	333	328
x-St. Louis	32	39	7	71	288	308
x-Detroit	30	40	7	67	289	313
Chicago	28	41	8	64	266	300
Toronto	25	43	9	59	299	375

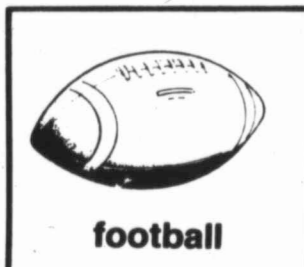
**Smythe Division**

y-Edmonton	35	38	5	115	434	309
x-Calgary	33	39	14	80	294	283
x-Vancouver	31	39	8	70	298	324
x-Winnipeg	29	37	10	68	331	363
Los Angeles	22	43	12	56	297	366

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**Tuesday's Games**  
Boston at Quebec  
Buffalo at Hartford  
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders  
Edmonton at Calgary  
Winnipeg at Los Angeles

**Wednesday's Games**  
New Jersey at Washington  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh  
Toronto at Detroit  
Minnesota at Chicago  
Winnipeg at Vancouver



## football

**USFL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic**

W	L	T	Pct.	PP	PA	
Philadelphia	4	1	0	800	101	49
New Jersey	4	1	0	800	130	84
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	300	71	96
Washington	0	5	0	000	00	186

**Southern**

New Orleans	5	0	0	1000	142	68
Birmingham	4	1	0	800	138	64
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	600	107	122
Jacksonville	2	3	0	400	126	115
Memphis	1	4	0	300	78	149

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central**

Michigan	5	0	0	1000	158	102
Houston	3	2	0	600	163	140
Oklahoma	3	2	0	600	59	90
San Antonio	1	4	0	300	50	85
Chicago	0	5	0	000	116	146

**Pacific**

Denver	4	1	0	800	108	106
Arizona	3	2	0	600	184	72
Los Angeles	2	3	0	400	54	73
Oakland	0	5	0	000	24	100



## transactions

**BASEBALL**

**American League**

**BOSTON RED SOX**—Sent Roger Cleons, Rich Gale and Steve Crawford, pitchers, Marc Sullivan, catcher, and Leo Graham, outfielder, to their minor league complex for re-assignment.

**TEXAS RANGERS**—Waived Pat Underwood, pitcher, for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Sent Al Lachowicz, pitcher, to their minor league complex for re-assignment.

**National League**

**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Placed Bob Walk, pitcher, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Returned Paul Runge and Paul Zuvella, infielders, and Rick Lisi, Rufino Linares and Leo Vargas, outfielders, to their minor league complex for re-assignment.

**CHICAGO CUBS**—Acquired Tim Stoddard, pitcher, from the Oakland A's in exchange for Stan Kyle, pitcher, and a player to be named later.

### After two dismal seasons

## Knepper ready to play anywhere

COCOA, Fla. (AP) — Picher Bob Knepper is ready to play shortstop for the Houston Astros this season if that's what management decides, but Manager Bob Lillis thinks it would be much better if Knepper regained his position in the Astros starting rotation.

After a bright start in 1981, his first season with the Astros, Knepper has faded to 5-15 and 6-13 records the past two years. Knepper has been lifted from the starting rotation in each of those seasons but he expects the drought to end now.

"I just have to concentrate better and not let people bother it," Knepper said. "Whatever they want me to do, I'll do, even play shortstop. That's all I can do."

Knepper has two years remaining on a four-year contract that pays him \$500,000 annually and Lillis and General Manager Al Rosen think he's about ready to earn it.

"He's really improved his unloading time with runners on base," Lillis said. "It's one of the things we're really concentrating on this year in getting pitchers to give the catchers a chance to throw runners out at second base."

Acquiring Knepper from San Francisco in December, 1980, was among Rosen's first acts as general manager and he hasn't given up on the lefthander.

"Bob Knepper is going to put it together and I want him on my side when that happens," Rosen said.

A major problem for Knepper last season was his inability to hold runners on base. He said he let that criticism bother him on the mound.

"I would be pitching bad and people started looking at my stretch," Knepper said. "So I'd get it on my mind and start worrying

about the stretch and forget about getting the guy out at the plate."

Knepper's early season performance paralleled the team's sad start. The Astros got off to an 0-9 start and Knepper struggled to a 1-8 record.

Knepper came to training camp this year with a specific set of guidelines to prevent a repeat of 1983.

"In the past couple of years, I've come in feeling good and just wanted to get in shape and I didn't really have anything specific to work on," Knepper said.

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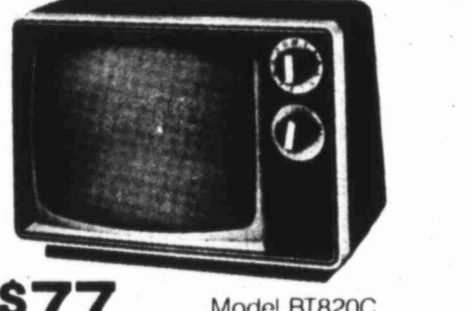
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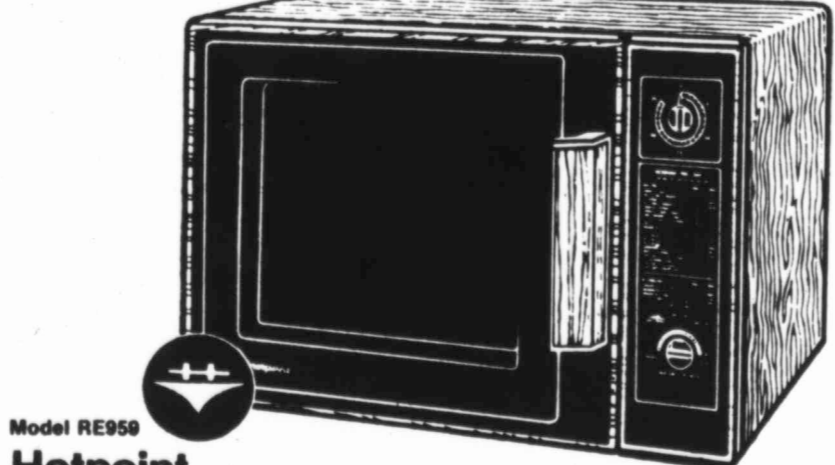
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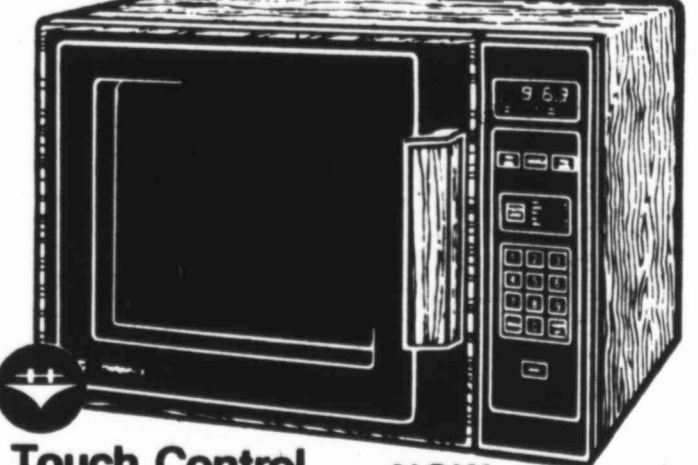
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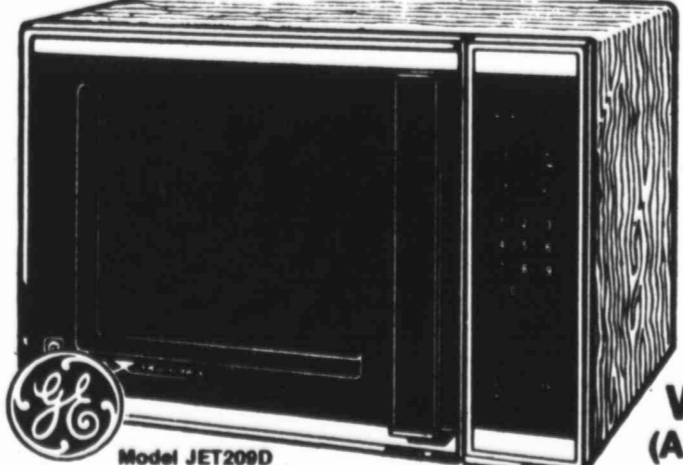
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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| ACROSS | 30                      | Out of the storm | 50                   | Indian filled pouch | 24                     | "du lieber" |                    |
| 1      | Officer trainee         | 31               | Society miss         | 53                  | Ocean plants           | 25          | Tiny               |
| 6      | Sleetas                 | 34               | Blue-collar worker   | 54                  | — Ono                  | 26          | A Ford             |
| 10     | MacMurray or Flintstone | 35               | Posm                 | 58                  | Blown away?            | 27          | Country estate     |
| 14     | Text, memorial          | 37               | Murder               | 62                  | Ranger or Eagle        | 28          | "Boot"             |
| 15     | Curved arch             | 38               | Teachers' org.       | 63                  | Factual narrow paths   | 29          | country            |
| 16     | Swiss river             | 39               | Advantage            | 64                  | Made into narrow paths | 30          | Go-between         |
| 17     | Fun-seeker of sorts     | 40               | Addition to a house  | 65                  | Formerly, once         | 31          | Ruse               |
| 20     | Young suffix            | 41               | Spruce               | 66                  | Offenses               | 32          | Buchanan or Bergen |
| 21     | Mex. cheer              | 45               | "Now I — me down..." | 67                  | Levees                 | 33          | Wallace or Noah    |
| 22     | Does                    | 46               | Dispatched           |                     |                        | 35          | Foolish            |
| 23     | Roof overhang           | 47               | Highway              |                     |                        | 39          | Passage            |
| 25     | Inspiration             | 48               | Wedgie or pump       |                     |                        | 41          | Shuckel            |
| 27     | Manifest                | 49               | Arouse               |                     |                        | 42          | Carrillo or Genn   |

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**FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1984**

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** The daytime will find it difficult not to argue about points of view different from your own. But you will find that it will not be easy to right conditions after any confrontation.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** You find business and personal friends do not agree about some matter that is vital to your welfare, but listen anyway.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Outsiders could easily try to spoil your relationship with partners if you permit. Keep silent, and go about your business.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)** Keep busy at the routine work you have to do, and forget that new venture right now. Schedule your time wisely.

**MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21)** You need not spend a lot of money in order to go through with plans you have made, so don't permit others to pressure you.

**LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21)** You find that kin are opposed to your ideas, but gentle persuasion is best to iron the matter out. The evening can be happy.

**VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22)** You want to run off to other things instead of handling the work ahead of you, so get this done first.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** Don't spend so much time on the practical that you miss out on something worthwhile of an idealistic or cultural nature.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** Have more concern for kin and home instead of wasting so much time with an unworthy person. Be active.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** Forget private worries, and get into the communications that will help you in the business world. Be with friends.

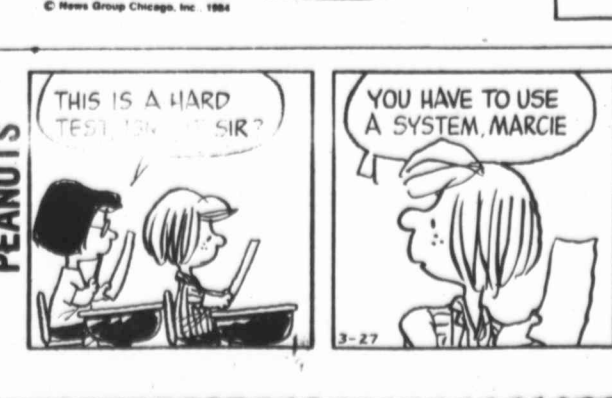
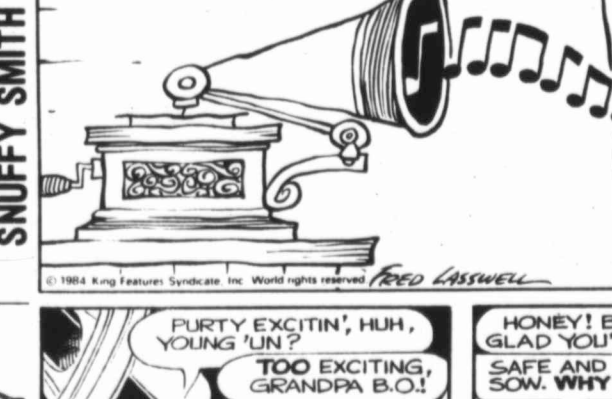
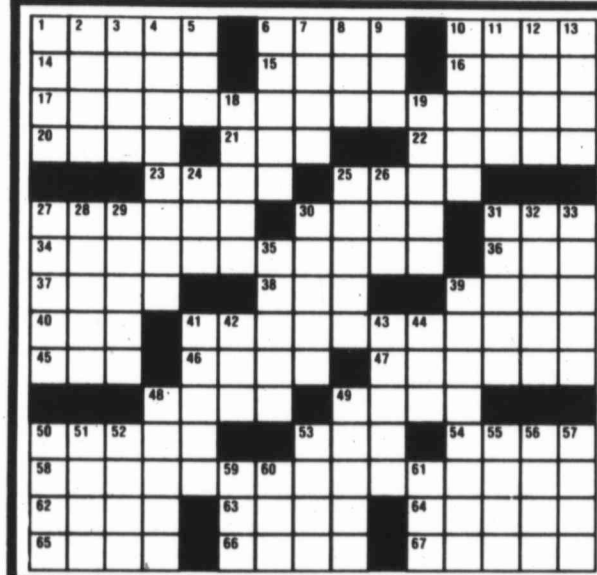
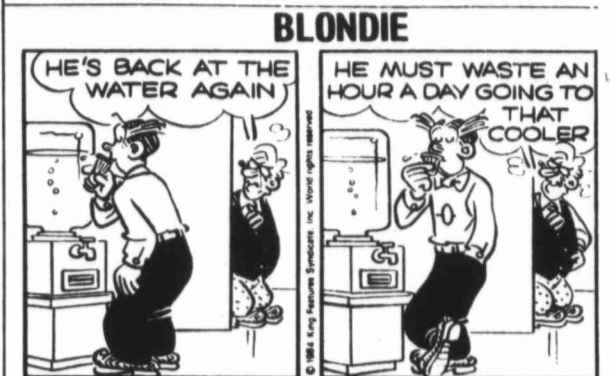
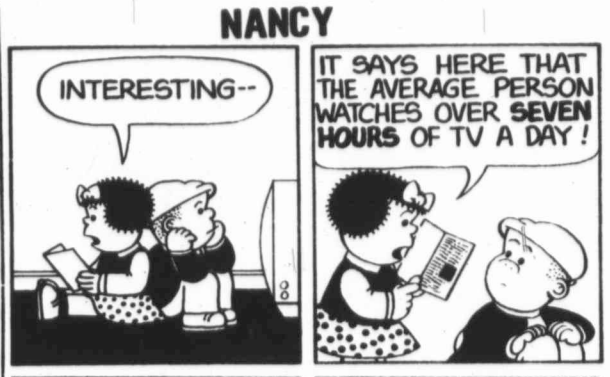
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Get a more modern approach at financial matters, and you get far better results. Listen to the advice of an expert.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Make sure you know what you want in life, and go after it in a positive way. Be social and happy.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Study more modern way of operating, and stop getting tied down with the antiquated. You can now advance more quickly.

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**DEADLY HANDFUL** — Christy Brunch of the Gainesville Pit Masters held a snake in her hand during the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup held over the weekend. The event saw more than 2,900 pounds of rattlers caught.

**Snake wranglers corral 2,900 pounds of rattlers**

E.H. Mancill of Crane brought in a 66-inch long snake to win the longest snake honors at the Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup last weekend.

Tied for second and third longest were J.C. Brem, also of Crane, and the Sand Hills Rattlesnake Club of Andrews, with snakes measuring 64½ inches long.

The shortest snake honors went to Steve Hale of Colorado City, who brought in a 13½ inch snake. A tie for second and third place went to Sherman Powers of Big Spring and J.C. Brem of Crane, with snakes measuring 14 inches long.

Johnny Forbes of Colorado City, Sherman Powers of Big Spring and E.H. Mancill of Crane brought in snakes with 15 rattles and a button to tie three-ways for the snake with the most rattles.

Johnny Forbes brought in the most snakes, measuring in with 483 pounds. The event, sponsored by the Big Spring AMBUCS and Coors, brought in 2,943 pounds of snakes. About 750 pounds were cooked and served to roundup participants.

Close to \$4,000 in venom was donated for research and Texas A&I University.

**Lead-laced feed killed horses**

DALLAS (AP) — Seventeen of 50 horses exposed to lead-contaminated feed at a North Texas YMCA camp have died of lead poisoning during the last three months, camp officials said.

A toxicologist said the poisonings appear to be accidental and isolated, and camp officials said Monday they believe a horse found dead Friday at Camp Grady Spruce in Palo Pinto County may be the last casualty.

"All (50) horses consumed the lead, but none of the survivors shows severe clinical signs," said Dr. John Reager, chief of toxicology in the Texas Veterinarian Diagnostic Center in Bryan.

"There was lead contamination in an ingredient of the horse feed," he said.

Reager said the feed probably picked up the lead in a contaminated rail car or truck.

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**Fund started for Coahoma cancer patient**

A fund has been set up for R. E. Digby of Coahoma who is at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, undergoing cancer treatments.

To help defray expenses a fund has been set up at the Coahoma State Bank. Frances Swann, a bank employee, is administering the account.

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## Texas sports fast growing counties

NEW YORK (AP) — Texas claims five of the nation's six fastest growing counties, while Michigan has two of the top three in population loss, according to a new study by Dun & Bradstreet Corp.

The report issued this week showed counties in the Sunbelt experiencing the greatest population gain between 1980 and 1983, while those in the industrial Midwest and Northeast were the biggest losers. Previous U.S. Census figures have shown the same trend.

The fastest growing county in the study was Montgomery County, Texas, near Houston, where the population jumped 50 percent in first three years of the decade, from 128,487 to an estimated 193,073.

On the other end of the scale was Wayne County, Mich., an auto manufacturing center that includes Detroit. Its population declined 5.5 percent, from 2,337,891 to an estimated 2,208,992, the report said.

"The migration of workers and their families is closely associated with job availability and patterns of regional economic growth and decline," the company's chief statistician, Joseph W. Duncan, said in a three-page summary of the report, which cited 50 big counties — 25 of them fast-growing and 25 fast-shrinking.

The company said it arrived at its estimates using direct marketing data that "identify the characteristics of U.S. households and track their movements," plus other information it did not specify.

"Heavy development" of the Texas oil industry fueled the growth of five counties there. After Montgomery, the three fastest growing counties in the nation were Fort Bend, Ector and Denton, all in Texas.

The report said Gwinnett County, Ga., a suburb of Atlanta, was the nation's fifth fastest-growing county of more than 100,000 people, and another Texas county, Collin, was sixth.

Madison County, Ind., near Muncie, was ranked second in population loss, with a drop of 5.28 percent, followed by Barrien County, Mich., with a 4.4 percent drop, and the Bronx, which is both a county and a borough of New York City, with a 4.3 percent loss.

Arlington, Va., was No. 5 in population loss with a 3.7 percent loss.

Overall, of the fastest-shrinking counties, states noted more than once included Michigan with six counties, New York with four, and Ohio, Indiana and New Jersey, all with two, the study said. Of the fastest-growing, multiple listings were eight in Florida, six in Texas, two in Louisiana, two in Virginia and two in California.

Here is a list of the top 25 estimated population gainers and losers, by percentage, among counties with more than 100,000 people in 1980:

**Gainers, with biggest gainer listed first:** Montgomery, Texas; Fort Bend, Texas; Ector, Texas; Denton, Texas; Gwinnett, Ga.; Collin, Texas; Arapahoe, Colo.; Lee, Fla.; St. Tammany, La.; Pasco, Fla.; Lafayette, La.; Marion, Fla.; Seminole, Fla.; Palm Beach, Fla.; Harris, Texas; Cleveland, Okla.; Manatee, Fla.; Clark, Nev.; Volusia, Fla.; Davis, Utah; Prince William, Va.; Sarasota, Fla.; San Bernardino, Calif.; Solano, Calif.; and Virginia Beach, Va.

**Losers, with top loser listed first:** Wayne, Mich.; Madison, Ind.; Berrien, Mich.; Bronx, N.Y.; Arlington, Va.; Kings, N.Y.; New York, N.Y.; Washtenaw, Mich.; Lane, Ore.; Delaware, Ind.; Cambria, Pa.; St. Louis, Minn.; Queens, N.Y.; Mahoning, Ohio; St. Louis, Mo.; Berkshire, Mass.; Jackson, Mich.; Hudson, N.J.; District of Columbia; Calhoun, Mich.; LaSalle, Ill.; Genesee, Mich.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Essex, N.J.; and Cuyahoga, Ohio.

## Industry looks to Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — As the nation's economy rebounds from the recession, the governor's Office of Economic Development is being besieged with inquiries from out-of-state industries wanting to look Texas over, officials say.

"We're being deluged with corporate relations inquiries," said Harden Wiedemann, who directs the office.

He attributes the interest to the improved economy, noting that the nation's industries are using about 80 percent of their plant capacity. That level in the past has served as a trigger for an increase in expansion and relocation opportunities.

"Some (inquiries) will pan out and some will be way down the pike," Wiedemann said.

New industries coming to Texas and wanting to deal personally with the governor should be bringing 1,000 jobs with them, Wiedemann said.

Although Gov. Mark White has put in-

dustrial recruitment near the top of his list of priorities, he has time to deal personally only with major employers, Wiedemann said.

There have been several victories since the office was created last autumn.

The 3M Co. was lured to Austin to build a research and office center. Goodyear Tire Corp. has agreed to invest \$250 million in the expansion and renovation of a Kelly-Springfield radial tire plant at Tyler in a negotiation that involved an extensive state commitment to help retrain workers at the plant.

The lengthy negotiations over the Tyler plant were difficult, officials said, noting that the talks involved convincing the plant's union to agree to some pay cuts in return for job security.

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