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Spring Board

How's that? Mourning

Q. Why do the Big Spring police officers have a black band on their badges?

A. The bands are signs of mourning for retired Police Lt. Robert Dugan, who died Tuesday night. The police department put the bands on Wednesday morning. Services for Dugan, who served as acting chief for four months, were today.

Calendar Country music

THURSDAY

• The Tom Castle Country and Western Band will give a concert at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. All guests are welcome.

• The Texas Little League will have a meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Westside Community Center. All coaches, board members and parents of players are asked to attend.

FRIDAY

• The Merry Mixer Square Dance club has cancelled their Friday dance. The next dance is Dec. 28.

SATURDAY

• A charity fund raiser (ring toss) sponsored by the local merchants will be held at the Big Spring Mall from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Rainbow Project.

SUNDAY

• The Forsan band will host a Christmas concert at 3 p.m. in the Forsan High School auditorium.

• The Coahoma Big Red band will present a Christmas concert at 2:30 p.m. in the elementary school gym. Joining the band will be the fifth grade IPA class and the high school bands. There is no admission charge.

Tops on TV Cheers, Blues

When a suspicious spot shows up on Norm's chest X-ray, he decides to sail off around the world on "Cheers," at 8 p.m. on channel 13. Later, Belker poses as an operator in a beauty salon on "Hill Street Blues" at 9 p.m. on channel 13.

Outside Snow

Although highs are forecast to reach the upper 60s this afternoon, chilly winds and a drop in temperature are forecast by tonight. Look for northeasterly winds, 10 to 15 miles per hour and lows in the upper 20s by tonight and a 20 percent chance of snow. By Friday, highs will reach the low 40s and winds will be northeasterly, 10 to 15 miles per hour.



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College district budget slashed

Staff and bureau reports
AUSTIN — Budget cuts amounting to more than \$2½ million less than requested for the coming biennium were recommended for Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf by the Legislative Budget Board Wednesday.

At Howard College, the LBB recommended \$1.85 million for the fiscal year beginning in September 1985 and \$1.85 million for the following year.

The school requested \$2.2 million and \$2.3 million for each of the next two fiscal years.

The Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, a part of the Howard County Junior College District, would see its budget for each year of the biennium drop to \$1.35 million from the current level of \$1.9 million.

It had requested a \$2.4 million appropriation in 1986 and \$2.1 million in 1987.

Dr. Bob Riley, president of the Howard County Junior College District, said the proposed cuts were "unbelievable."

Riley was studying the LBB's recommendations this morning and said he feels the cuts were

Howard County College District

• Request: \$9 million

• Recommended: \$6.4 million

made because, "We have less contact hours" this year and because of "reducing funding rates" across

the state." He said, "I want to study their rationale and the figures."

But, faced with the preliminary figures, "It looks very serious for us." Should the figures be approved by the Legislature, "We could be looking at reduced operations next year."

Riley stressed that the LBB figures are, "Merely the first round of talks. They are based on no new taxes."

He said he was prepared for a lower recommendation from the LBB.

"Everyone had said that (the figures) would be low." Looking at four big areas of expenditures — public schools, highways, the prison system and higher education — Riley said he felt "everyone was looking at (higher education) to help offset" the rising costs of state programs.

Comptroller Bob Bullock had estimated that state revenues would fall short of a no-growth budget for the next two fiscal years by \$900 million. LBB Office Director Jim Oliver said that some newly found excess funds have slightly

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Kids of Indian Summer

Herald photos by Tim Appel



PLAY HOUSE — Two little girls play games in an old tractor tire at Jack & Jill.



WHO, ME? — Cory Bess looks startled as he tries to catch a pass.



JONATHAN DRAKE tries out his moves as a replacement for Cowboy punter Danny White.

Charity drive nears '84 goal

By KEELY COGHLAN Staff Writer

Hooper Sanders is feeling "pretty positive" about the United Way. As of today, the United Way "has reached almost 94 percent of its \$202,500 goal," Sanders, campaign chairman, said. The total stood at \$191,870.

He is realistic about the goal, saying, "I don't see how we will get \$202,500. But we feel pretty positive. We had an awful lot of people working very hard this year and we contacted more businesses this year than ever before."

Of course, "We're disappointed, but we're satisfied. We feel we would have reached the goal if not

for the economy."

The United Way volunteers knew going into the campaign in August that a lingering drought and shakey economy would spell trouble for the annual fundraiser.

But despite the county's economic troubles, this year's United Way drive raised more money than 1983. "Last year we raised \$165,000. We feel real good that we've come in so high this year."

Sanders said he expects to raise a little more money between now and the end of the year. But, "for all practical purposes, the cam-

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Hooper Sanders

Water district ired at new dam

By KEELY COGHLAN Staff Writer

The Colorado River Municipal Water District, upset about a Texas Supreme Court ruling that blocks construction of its Stacy Dam project, will probably try to block construction of another dam project downstream, CRMWD spokesman Joe Pickle said today.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, which filed the suit to block construction of Stacy Dam, is "whipping up support" for a one-dam project to be located between LaGrange and Columbus at Shaw's Bend, Pickle said.

According to Pickle, a member of the water district's board of directors, the LCRA has had plans

to build a six-reservoir project for several years.

But in the last week, a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation spokesman has been talking of constructing one dam instead of six smaller reservoirs to reduce costs by one-third, reduce inundated land and minimize environmental impact, he said.

"Apparently the bureau has decided on a one-dam approach instead of six," Pickle said.

"It's just in the talking stages now," Pickle said. "Until they file for a permit (with the Texas Water Commission), we won't oppose it. When they get that far, we likely

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Oil recovery not seen until late 1986

HOUSTON (AP) — A turnaround in the oil industry is not likely until the end of 1986, meaning next year should be a flat one for oilfield activity in the United States, National Supply Co. is predicting.

The Houston-based firm, the world's largest manufacturer and supplier of drilling machinery and production equipment to the oil patch, released Wednesday its annual industry predictions for the coming year. It calls for oil prices to fall slightly, stable gas prices, and drilling costs and oil and gas demand up a bit.

The average rig count for the U.S. should be 2,500 next year, a modest improvement from the

average 2,410 rigs working through the first 11 months of 1984, said Robert E. Harris, chief executive officer for National Supply.

"Even with drilling costs far below those that prevailed in the boom years of the early 1980s, the current uncertainty about oil prices seems to be stifling the incentive for exploration and new drilling — particularly on land," Harris said.

He said offshore drilling provided the "only really bright spot domestically," with the 300-rig Gulf Coast fleet topping 90 percent utilization in November and still rising. Harris cautioned, however, that because offshore costs are

much higher, the emphasis there "may cut into funds normally spent for land drilling."

The industry recession forced National Supply earlier this year to announce the closings in 1985 of two manufacturing plants, in Torrance, Calif. and Houston. When

the oil boom peaked in 1982, the company employed 13,000 people. The workforce now stands at 5,500, Harris said.

"Today's good news is that we don't have a lot more of that kind of bad news in store for you," he told reporters. "The bad news is that we don't have a lot of good news either."

Harris said the accuracy of the company's forecasts depended on the strength of the U.S. dollar internationally, the actions of OPEC and the impact of a tax reform bill on the oil industry.

Another problem, he said, was that "no one can give you an iron-clad guarantee that Col. Khadafy

or the Ayatollah Khomeini or some other certified fruitcake won't turn the Middle East upside down in the next few months."

Harris said tax reform proposals that would eliminate investment incentives were "ridiculous" and "outrageously insulting" trial balloons from the Treasury Department. Passage of such proposals, he said, would make the oil industry "a scapegoat" for the nation's economic problems.

"If the oil industry — particularly the independents — were to lose the incentives built into the present tax laws, it would kill the oil industry as we know it," Harris said.

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Boonebusters

Residents of Oklahoma town fight takeover by Texas oilman

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Thousands of Bartlesville residents gathered in the city's Community Center Wednesday night to join civic leaders in denouncing the threatened takeover of Phillips Petroleum Co. by Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens.

Pickens, chairman of Mesa Petroleum Co. of Amarillo, Texas, also leads a group called Mesa Partners which has proposed a \$9.1 billion takeover of Phillips. He has said he has no plans to move the company, but fears of a pullout or replacement of hometown workers with outsiders have galvanized residents.

The crowd of approximately 3,000 overflowed a civic auditorium and angry residents heard the proceedings in a side conference room and the building's basement.

Speakers said a takeover of Phillips by Pickens and his group would be a severe blow to the economy of this city of 40,000.

"We are rallying for Phillips because we are concerned about the future of this community and its surrounding areas," said Barry Hudson, an executive of the Bartlesville Chamber

of Commerce.

"In the past this community has drawn together when tornadoes and floods threatened. It is now time for us to rally together again to face another outside threat," Hudson added.

Legal maneuvering stalled Pickens' efforts to take over the company. However, speaker after speaker voiced concern that a Pickens takeover would be a disaster for the town's economy.

The Pickens group already has accumulated 8.9 million shares of Phillips' stock, about 6 percent, but court challenges have delayed the next step in its bid, a \$60-a-share offer for another 23 million shares.

A federal court in Delaware on Wednesday denied a Phillips request for a temporary order blocking the Mesa bid, but an Oklahoma court order remains in effect to prevent the acquisition from proceeding.

Phillips employs about 7,700 in and around its headquarters here. Pickens has said he will move to Bartlesville to operate the company.

However, he has refused to say if he will sell parts of the company to pay the cost of his acquisition of the company.

"We are here because the Bible tells us to love our neighbor, and it is because of the importance of our corporate neighbor that we are here," Hudson said.

Hudson said that the company has helped provide the churches in the community and contributed to the quality of education in the town.

The auditorium where the rally was held was built with a \$4 million matching grant from Phillips.

David Oakley, a past president of the Chamber, said the company paid approximately \$357 million in salaries to area residents in 1983.

"The quality of life in Bartlesville is threatened by Pickens' plans," he said.

The importance of the company to area residents was emphasized by Rudy Taylor, publisher of a newspaper in Caney, Kansas.



Texas oilman T. BOONE PICKENS

Texas, Mexican state sign pact on cattle sales

AUSTIN (AP) — An agreement between Texas and Tamaulipas is the first of its kind between American and Mexican states and could provide a lucrative new market for cattlemen, officials say.

Under the agreement announced Wednesday, Mexican ranchers will buy high-quality breeding stock from Texas beef and dairy cattle producers.

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower, who attended the announcement on the International Bridge at Hidalgo, said the Mexican ranchers could be purchasing up to 2,000 head of livestock.

"No other state in the United States has a similar agreement with a Mexican state," Hightower said. "What we are witnessing today is two states which have identified a mutual area of concern, agriculture, that we intend to address ourselves."

Texas officials said two similar agreements with the Mexican states of Nuevo Leon and Coahuila, are expected next week.

"We don't just share a border that stretches from Brownsville-Matamoros to El Paso-Juarez. We share a future together, and the most important link we can make is to help each other," Hightower said.

"Texas cannot prosper if our neighbors in Mexico do not also prosper. All of us — the agricultural producers of Texas, Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon and Coahuila — have the same purpose."

The pact announced Wednesday also will cover sale and importa-

'Texas cannot prosper if our neighbors in Mexico do not also prosper. All of us...have the same purpose.'

Jim Hightower
agriculture
commissioner

tion of sheep, goats and cattle to Mexico, and shipments of citrus products and vegetables from Mexico to Texas markets.

The agreement, signed last month in Ciudad Victoria, already has resulted in some transactions, officials said.

Two hundred breeder cattle have been sold to the University of Tamaulipas, and a joint venture project for the creation of a cattle embryo transplant clinic at Reynosa is expected.

"There is a lot of interest to upgrade trade with Texas on a number of products," said Ricardo Garres, marketing specialist with the Texas Agriculture Department.

"They have already signed a letter of intent to purchase 2,000 head of quality registered cattle," he said.

Hightower said the agreement "lays the framework for improved scientific and technological exchange and a process for sharing basic agricultural information between state governments and agricultural organizations."

Former DA loses license

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston Munson of Gonzales, the district attorney for four South Texas counties until he resigned under fire in May, has lost his law license for six months as the result of an investigation on charges of professional misconduct.

Munson accepted the suspension, handed down by a state Bar of Texas grievance committee, but in a written consent denied any wrongdoing.

Munson served for 13 years as chief prosecutor for Gonzales, Colorado, Guadalupe and Lavaca counties. He resigned last May after the state Prosecutor Council voted 7-0 to go to court to remove him from office.

He had only seven months left to serve because W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall of Seguin had defeated him in

the Democratic primary race for district attorney. The suspension took effect Dec. 1.

A grievance committee that had been investigating Munson for months concluded that he violated a variety of bar rules, primarily through conflicts between his job as district attorney and his private civil practice.

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Brownwood residents told not to drink water

BROWNWOOD (AP) — The Texas Department of Health has declared water from a Lake Brownwood system unsafe for drinking unless it is boiled. More than 1,000 residents of Lake Brownwood were notified this week by the owner of the People's Water System that their drinking water is "potentially unsafe" and must be

boiled before being consumed. The boiled water order is the second issued this year by the Texas Department of Health, according to Stanley Thompson, regional director for Environmental and Consumer Health in Abilene, an agency of the department. Thompson said the order would be in effect indefinitely, or until

good samples can be collected from the system. "It is very rare that we issue this kind of order," said Thompson. "We would not have done it if we had not considered the water dangerous. The water is highly chlorinated. That is probably the only thing that has saved them (residents) from worse problems."

Customers of the People's Water System received postcards signed by People's Water System owner C.F. Allison. "Based on the results of recent bacteriological testing, the Texas Department of Health has directed the People's Water System to notify its customers that the water being supplied is potentially unsafe."

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Jim Hightower
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'Trivial Pursuit'

Hightower blasts N-dump search

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal officials who recently altered their choice for potential nuclear waste dump sites in the Texas Panhandle are playing "Trivial Pursuit" and ignoring scientific data, says state Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower.

"The U.S. Department of Energy has more games to play than Parker Brothers," Hightower said Wednesday.

The energy department wants to open a high-level nuclear waste dump by 1998. Texas sites in Swisher and Deaf Smith Counties are being considered, but the Washington officials recently adjusted the boundaries of those sites.

"They've rolled their dice one more time and decided to move their Deaf Smith site by two miles east and the Swisher County site by one mile to the northeast, as if these minor adjustments would satisfy our major concerns," said Hightower. "DOE is playing Trivial Pursuit."

Energy department officials are scheduled to issue another report on Dec. 20. Gov. Mark White on Wednesday asked them to delay that by 45 days in order to give the state a chance to review the recent "unexplained changes."

"The questionable technical validity of the site identification in Texas demands that these sites not be carried forward to the evaluation process until the technical issues are fully identified and resolved," said White.

Hightower said the energy department should review data supplied by the state and "listen to the people who will be affected by their silly scheme."

State officials opposed the Deaf Smith site previously targeted by the energy department because it included a major seed farm.

The farm is considered vital to much of the state's agriculture.

The revised site does not include the farm, but Hightower said it still includes a Santa Rosa aquifer water well that supplies the city of Vega.

Budgets

Continued from page 1-A changed the picture. The bottom line is that \$790 million will have to be cut from state agency budgets from current fiscal year levels.

Texas higher education institutions absorbed a large percentage of the shortfall as they took a \$676 million beating.

"We are going to carry the brunt," Riley said.

Although he was expecting a reduction, Riley said, "We are going to take them to task" on the budget recommendations. The battle for more money "is just starting," he said.

Riley noted that the 1986-87 budget figures do not include money for insurance costs.

The current 1985 budget figure for the district includes \$191,760 for insurance costs. That figure, however, provides only 95 percent of those 1985 insurance costs to the junior colleges.

The 1986-87 insurance costs are not included in the board staff recommendation for the district since another state agency will be administering the funds, a staff budget examiner said.

Sam Hill, vice president of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, said the proposed cuts "don't threaten the whole program, but they are threatening some services, and all of our services are essential."

Hill said SWCID must have \$1.75 million for each year of the biennium to operate at a level which is beneficial to students at the school.

"That is still less than what we have now," Hill said.

During budget talks two years ago, "The LBB had recommended zero funding for SWCID," Hill said. From that perspective, this year's recommendation is more encouraging.

But from the perspective of "what we asked for," the situation is critical, Hill said.

"We are going to take a hard look at our budget and meet with (State Rep.) Larry Don (Shaw) and Sen. (John) Montford. We will try and justify (the budget requests) to the Legislators," Hill said.

Hill said he was optimistic that more money could be obtained from the Legislature. But, "We are realistic. We know the budget is tight statewide and we're not oblivious to that. But we're operating on a bare-bones budget as it is. We're going to take a look at the current operating budget

and make it even more cost effective."

The budget board is composed of House and Senate members. Its proposal will be presented to the 1985 House and Senate budget writers for consideration.

Cuts averaging about 10 percent were approved for Texas junior colleges.

In general, Texas universities took average cuts of more than 25 percent from their current funding levels. But that percentage refers to money coming from the state's general revenue fund and does not include construction projects.

A new constitutional provision approved by voters Nov. 6 guarantees \$100 million a year to 26 Texas universities for construction, repair, renovation, library materials and equipment and cannot be cut by the LBB.

Oliver said his staff tried in their recommendations to the board to "distribute the misery" of the cuts equitably among the schools.

Institutions with climbing enrollments got bigger chunks of funding than those with declining numbers of students. Also, schools with a lot of high technology and business programs would receive more funding. Utility expenses also were cut if it appeared the universities hadn't used their previous allotment, Oliver said.

The board staff also recommended an \$83 million increase for the Texas prison system from the 1985 level of funding of everything except construction. But it was not as much as sought by the prison system. The Texas Department of Corrections asked for a total of \$909 million for the next two budget years. The board staff recommended \$775 million.

Action is not expected on the proposal until Thursday.

In other business, the board approved \$9.7 billion for the Foundation School Program, which supports the public schools. Oliver said that the increase is only 5.6 percent above the 1985 level, which includes millions of dollars appropriated through this summer's education reform session.

Without the reform, the recommendation would represent a 24 percent increase above previous funding, Oliver said.

Delaying about \$100 million in reforms, such as pre-school for disadvantaged four-year-olds, was discussed but rejected by the board.

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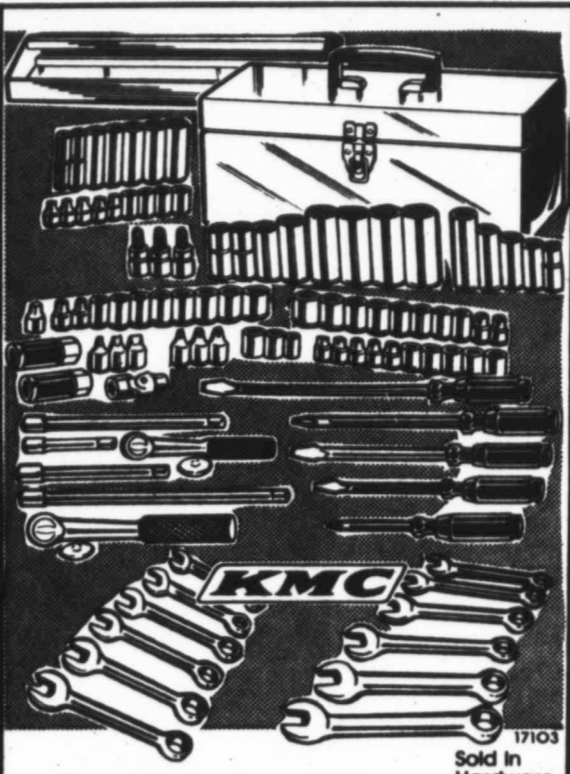
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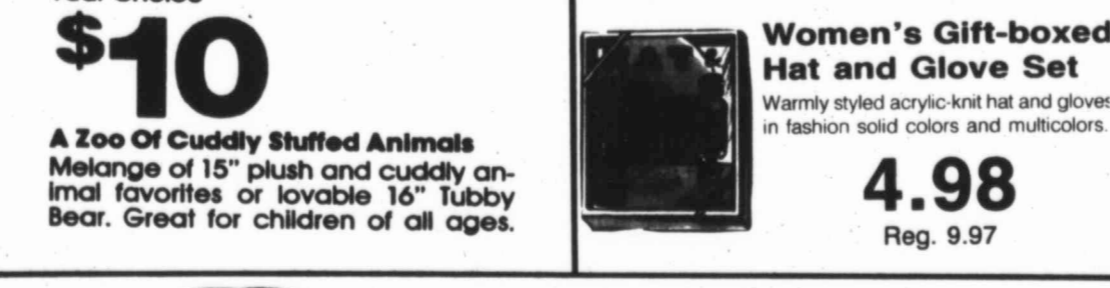


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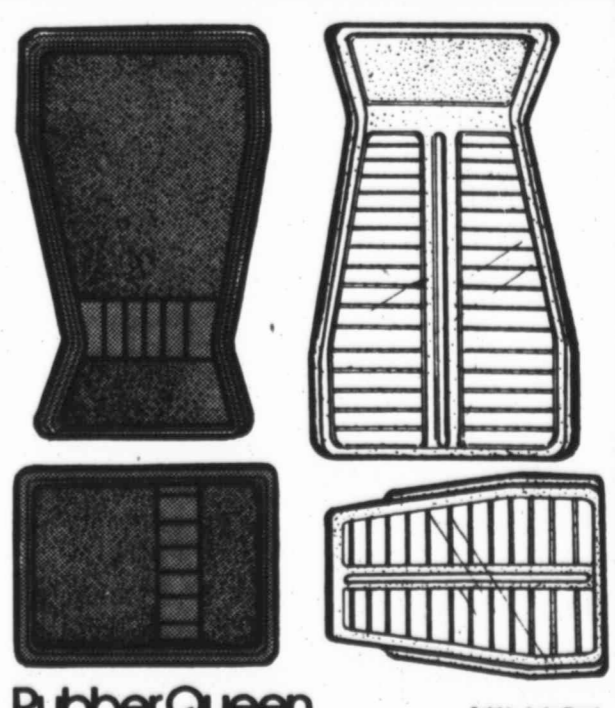
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Dr. Donohue

Neurofibromatosis is inherited

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My granddaughter has neurofibromatosis. Can you explain what this is, and the cure? She is 5 years old. — Mrs. J.T.

In this inherited disease soft growths form on protecting sheaths around nerves either at the skin surface or deeper within tissue. The growths, which usually appear in early years, most often increase in size and number with age. If there are no visible signs of growths, the doctor may be alerted to the condition by the appearance of coffee-colored patches on the skin.

Their size varies from very tiny to as large as an inch in diameter. They are marked by irregular shape with even edges. About a third are accidentally discovered during a visit to a doctor for other ailments or to seek help for the cosmetic problem.

If growths are inside the body and are pressing on organs, they have to be removed. About a third of neurofibromatosis patients require surgery.

If you look closely you'll see a few brown spots on most bodies. But these so-called "age spots" are

usually few in number, less than five, whereas in neurofibromatosis there are more than five, and the patches are larger.

If the person has the gene for neurofibromatosis it is passed on to children. Another name for the problem is Von Recklinghausen's disease.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: If a woman has a hysterectomy and only the uterus has been removed will that hasten the menopause? Is there a good book on the subject you can recommend? — T.P.

The answer to your question is no, removal of the uterus (hysterectomy) will not alter the timing of menopause. I am positive that if you visit your library you will find a number of very good books on the subject of menopause.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I recall that you have been pretty strong against the use of male hormones for building muscles. How do you feel about use of a new substance, growth hormones, among body builders? Does it work? Can it hurt? — D.

It doesn't work and it can hurt. We've simply got to stop this obsession with trying to build bet-

ter bodies through chemistry. The use of human growth hormones has to be condemned. There is no evidence that this hormone will add an ounce of muscle tissue. Excess growth hormone can enlarge the hand, the skull, and facial bones. It can cause heart problems. These substances have their legitimate uses, for those who have a need because their bodies are not producing the hormones in sufficient amounts. They are for children whose pituitary glands do not produce the hormone.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is there less calcium in skim milk than there is in whole milk? — W.L.

The calcium content is about the same.

Nannie Adkins honored for her 100th birthday

Mrs. D. W. (Nannie) Adkins was honored for her 100th birthday during a reception at Mountain View Nursing Home, Nov. 25. The event was hosted by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Adkins is a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Rebekah Lodge, Order of Eastern Star and World War I Auxiliary. She has seven children: Mrs.

Winifred Wood, Bernice Micallef, Archie Adkins, Charles Adkins, Lawrence Adkins and Norma Lee Awtry, all of Big Spring, and Marguerite Marion of Denver City.

More than 100 people attended the reception. Out of town guests were from Midland, Snyder and Hobbs, N.M.

Debbie Walling gives program on homemade holiday decorations

A program on "Handmade Christmas Decorations" was presented by Debbie Walling at the Mu Zeta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, Nov. 26. The meeting was at Ms. Walling's home.

Members discussed plans to attend the Beta Sigma Phi State Convention in San Antonio in June. Members were asked to bring items for a food basket to be given to a needy family for Christmas.

Dear Abby



Private affairs are in public records

DEAR ABBY: Every now and then a woman writes to say that she's involved with a man who claims he's not married, but she suspects he is. I was in that spot once, so I did a little detective work on my own and discovered I was right. Not only did I learn the man was married, I also found out:

1. It was not his first marriage.
2. Where he was born.
3. What kind of work he was doing at the time of his marriages.
4. His mother's name.
5. His father's name.
6. The names of the women he married.
7. Their professions.
8. Where they were married.
9. Who witnessed those marriages.

Abby, I got all this information at no cost to me simply by checking the public records in the county registrar's office in the county where I suspected the man had married. Pass it on.

ANONYMOUS IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR ANONYMOUS: In

California, records of births, deaths and marriages are available to anyone who wants to see them. But because the laws differ from state to state, it may not be true elsewhere. However, this can be easily checked out by calling your county registrar's office.

DEAR ABBY: Guess what? Today I feel as though I have really accomplished something, and all I did was go to the mailbox.

I called the local Alcoholics Anonymous chapter and asked the people there to please send me some literature. I've just read it, and you know, I feel better already. I wanted to share my accomplishment with the world, and

what better way than to write to you? I don't have the guts to go to a meeting yet, but eventually I will. Love from a female college student. Sign me...

OPTIMISTIC

DEAR OPTIMISTIC: Your letter was a real upper. You're going to make it. All you have to do is stay sober — one day at a time.

Good luck. And please write again in six months with a progress report. I care.

(Problems? What's bugging you? Unload on Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

A Christmas remembered...

When Ebenezer Scrooge was visited by the Ghost of Christmas Past, he was reminded of the happiness he found in those long-ago days.

Today, we can find that same sort of happiness when we remember our favorite Christmas. Christmas stories from our past can spread the spirit of the holiday by sharing them with others.

This year, the *Big Spring Herald* is asking readers to send in their stories about "My Most Memorable Christmas." Herald staff members will select the best stories and publish them in the Sunday Lifestyle section Dec. 23.

Your story doesn't have to be about the "perfect" holiday that was plentifully sup-

plied with food and gifts, unless that is your most memorable Christmas. It may also be a story of when money and gifts were scarce but love was abundant. Or when something major happened that makes that Christmas stand out in your mind. Maybe the tree caught on fire, your home flooded, or Santa Claus brought a brand new baby to your family.

We would love to hear your stories. Please submit them by Dec. 19. Drop them by the *Herald* or mail them to "My Most Memorable Christmas", Lifestyle Department, *Big Spring Herald*, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All stories become the property of the *Herald* and cannot be returned.

Hyperions celebrate Christmas

The members of 1970 Hyperion Club and their husbands dined at K.C. Steak and Seafood House for the annual Christmas celebration, Dec. 6.

Following the meal, the couples went to the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Wayne Henry for dessert and fellowship.

The club's next meeting will be at the Energas Demonstration Kitchen, Jan. 11. Diane Calley, Energas home economist, will present the program "Mexican Fiesta".

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Birthday balloons



LINSEY MARINO, holding silvery balloons, is surrounded by her friends Wednesday at Jack & Jill School and Day Care Center. They were singing happy birthday to Lindsey, who turned 3 yesterday.

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Hysteria sweeps students again

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Officials blame hyperventilation and hysteria on two incidents in which members of the Fort Concho Elementary School choir have collapsed during performances — including one on live television.

One day after 24 of their classmates collapsed during a choir performance, 10 Fort Concho Elementary School students fell ill Wednesday and had to be treated for hyperventilation after the performance at television station KLST.

Five were taken to Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital by fire department ambulance for further treatment. All of the students were later released.

The children were singing Christmas carols on "The Pat Attebery Show" when several of them began to show signs of fatigue about 5:15 p.m.

The camera would shift, then go back to the choir "and there would be one less performer," night news producer Tony Harden said.

"Kids have been coming on this show for a long time. I've never seen anything like this happen," Ms. Attebery told the San Angelo Standard-Times.

"I have never seen anything like this as long as I have been teaching," said Jim Wynne, the choir director. "I can't believe that this happened again."

Tuesday afternoon during a dress rehearsal of their Christmas PTA program before the entire school, students began feeling ill and fainting.

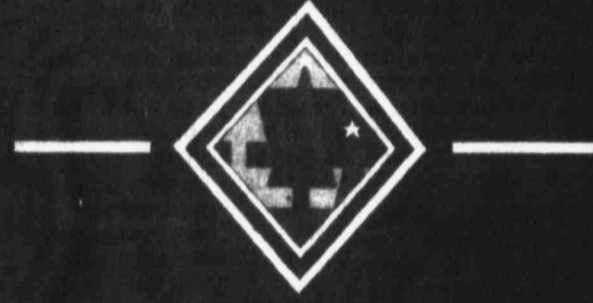
Twenty-four received hospital treatment for what doctors, emergency medical technicians and school officials termed mass hysteria brought on by a combination of fatigue, heat and excitement.

One student, Linda Pena, 9, remained at Shannon Wednesday night. She was listed in fair condition.

Wynne said 44 students from the school's choir were singing Christmas songs on Wednesday's television show.

"A couple of children were feeling weak, so they were escorted off camera," Wynne said. "They complained of feeling weak and faint, so they were taken outside."

Only after a boy complained of weakness, others followed suit, Wynne said.



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Bulldozer cleans the beach in Walden Pond restoration project.

Associated Press photo

Washing Walden

Thoreau's pond of prose gets a good cleanup

CONCORD, Mass. (AP) — "Simplify, simplify," philosopher Henry David Thoreau exhorted from the shores of Walden Pond in 1854.

Now, the state of Massachusetts is heeding his advice, using tractors and cranes to remove the tarnish of modernity and return the celebrated pond to a more natural setting.

"I'm afraid Thoreau would be very disappointed if he saw Walden now," said Stuart Weinreb, a landscape architect running the \$650,000 project. "That's a lot of why we're renovating."

In the next five months, workers will raze two cement bathhouses, remove a concrete swimming pier and resurface a third bathhouse with cedar shingles. Concrete walls encircling the pond will yield to stones and native granite.

"To be honest, a lot of people come from all over the world — Japan, Canada and England — expecting this to be a very pristine natural environment, and they are immediately hit with these structures and concrete and a swimming beach, and they are very upset and put off," Weinreb said.

The din of heavy machinery already echoes across the 62-acre pond 15 miles west of Boston as workers make the body of water more like it was when it inspired Thoreau to write "Walden," his classic on the wonders of nature.

By Memorial Day, Walden Pond should be more like it was when Thoreau lived alone in a one-room hut for two years, keeping diaries on the beauty around him.

"We're taking the minimalist approach now," said Weinreb. "It's important to provide the type of cultural experience people expect there."

Walden Pond's problems stem from its popularity. Every year, more than 750,000 tourists and

souvenir seekers walk the shores where Thoreau picked berries, watched birds and reflected on life as an individualist. Each summer day, 15,000 people swim and boat in the deep, clear waters where he fished for perch and pickerel.

The large parking lots across from the pond have become a hangout for local teen-agers, whose radios blare in the woods where Thoreau found a "tonic" called solitude.

The pond remained much as Thoreau revered it until 1922, when the family of writer Ralph Waldo Emerson decided the property to Middlesex County. The cement structures, concrete walls and pier soon followed.

The use of Walden Pond became an international issue in 1957 when without warning the county uprooted 100 trees and started building a ramp that would have allowed buses within 70 feet of the pond. Public outcry blocked the construction.

Ten years ago, the state took over care of Walden and decided to return it to the simple beauty that made it a legend and a symbol. State funding finally became available this year.

Walden's many fans have praised the renovation project.

"It's an American shrine. They teach 'Walden' in every high school in this country," said Mary Sherwood, president of Walden Forever Wild, a group dedicated to keeping the pond natural. "It's the most famous pond in the world. (The renovations) should have been done years ago."

Ms. Sherwood said she also feels the state is not going far enough. Her organization has proposed a bill to the Massachusetts Legislature that would make Walden a sanctuary where swimming and boating would be forbidden.



ELIZABETH TAYLOR

Liz Taylor to marry No. 8

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor, whose first seven husbands included Richard Burton — twice — Eddie Fisher and Sen. John Warner, plans to marry New York businessman Dennis Stein after a whirlwind one-month romance, friends say.

"She called me and told me that she is engaged to Stein," Victor Luna, whose engagement to the actress broke off just five months ago, told the New York Daily News. "She called me because we are still wonderful friends."

John J. Miller, a friend of the groom-to-be, confirmed the nuptials to the New York Post.

"He called me and told me, 'The answer is a definite yes!'" said Miller, who told the Post that Stein decided to give Miss Taylor a 20-carat diamond engagement ring after visiting her in Los Angeles last week.

The couple, both 52, were introduced last month. Stein has been married once.

Miss Taylor's previous marriages were to hotel heir Nicky Hilton; actor Michael Wilding; showman Michael Todd; Fisher; Burton, the late actor, twice; and Warner, a Republican from Virginia.

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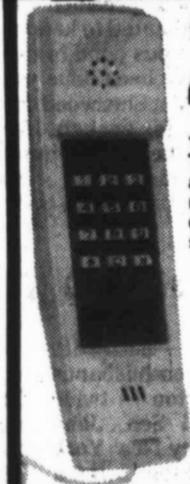
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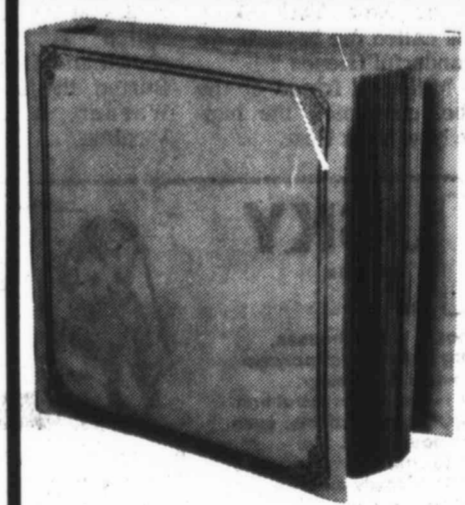
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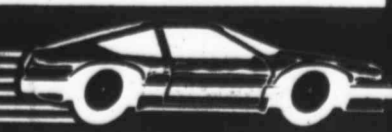


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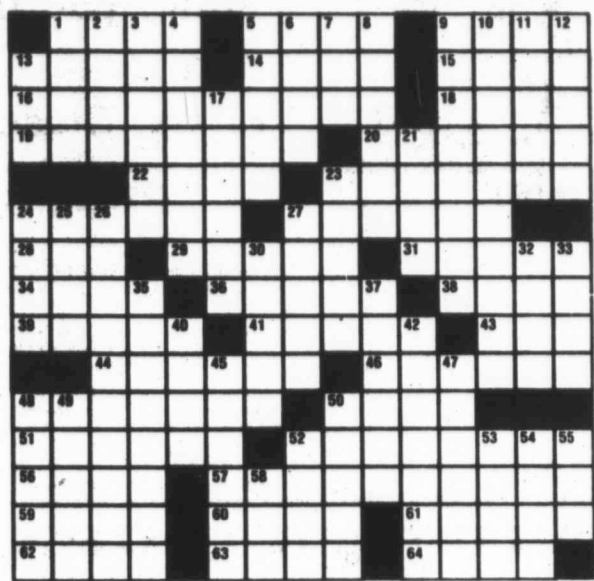
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COMICS Page

THE Daily Crossword By Melvin Kenworthy

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cuts off branches
 - 5 Fruit of the blackthorn
 - 9 Beige
 - 13 Recipient
 - 14 Rope fiber
 - 15 Many popes
 - 16 Knightly furniture item
 - 18 Being: Sp.
 - 19 Fickle
 - 20 POW attendant
 - 22 Over
 - 23 Engravers
 - 24 Precious
 - 27 Have equal billing
 - 28 Workers' group
 - 29 Hilaire Germain Edgar — concerning a legal matter
 - 31 Thieves' places
 - 36 Teasty
 - 38 Tessera
 - 39 Great golf score
 - 41 Regions
 - 43 Once known as
 - 44 Hie
 - 46 Bull's-eye
 - 48 Loud-voiced one
 - 50 Fashion
 - 51 Gloomy
 - 52 Mistfit for 57A
 - 56 Wave: Fr.
 - 57 See 52A
 - 59 Bridge support
 - 60 Eject
 - 61 Wisdom
 - 62 US inventor
 - 63 Exclamation of disgust
 - 64 Snicker—
- DOWN**
- 1 Dolt
 - 2 Responsibility
 - 3 Group of five
 - 4 Calmed by drugs
 - 5 Overcharge
 - 6 Ear part
 - 7 Lubricate



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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:



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- 48 Declivity
- 49 Classical headband
- 50 Castle adjuncts
- 52 Oxidation
- 53 Combread
- 54 Alternative word
- 55 Dobbin direction
- 58 Sine — non

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"Don't come in, Mommy! Don't come in! You'll ruin Christmas!"

Your Daily HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RIGHTER INSTITUTE

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 14, 1984

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The plans you made that had considerable scope to them the past several days require that they be put into motion if you are to benefit by them. So get into the specific details.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be enthused about whatever work you have to do whether at home, office, for the government, etc. Be happy with your mate.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) First find out about some recreation you want to get into so that you will not meet with some disappointment later.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) It is important that you go along with ideas of kin and maintain the harmony at home which is so important to you.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get into usual Friday studies, but expect some changes to arise later. The evening is fine for visiting.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) During spare moments consider your financial status and plan how to make it better. If you set up a wiser budget, you will have more.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Organize the specifics of any situation very well so that you can save money and time, plus energy. Meet with friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Early handle necessary business affairs so that your weekend will be free from worry and you can do what you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Contact discriminating and successful friends who can assist you in your most important interests.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your career work needs some retouching and revitalization, so get at this early. Listen to the directives of a higher-up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You get news from a distance which needs immediate handling, so get at it and clear it up.

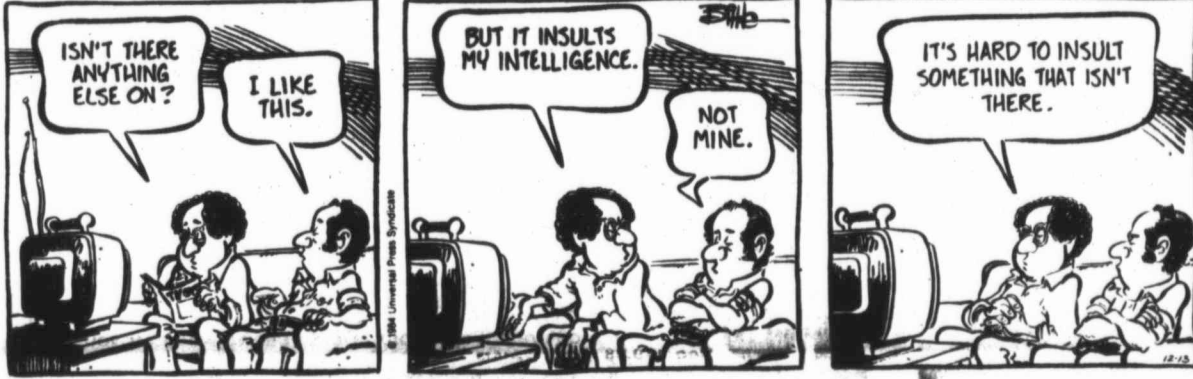
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Some new situation may arise in business that can prove beneficial to you if you act quickly and wisely.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Long conversations with associates will reveal what is expected of you and then you can make changes if necessary. Be cheerful at home.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be very good at making a fine blueprint of any project before handling it. But your exacting progeny could get so caught up in detail only to lose out on the benefits. Be sure to send to college and learn to be more practical. Much travel is denoted here.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!
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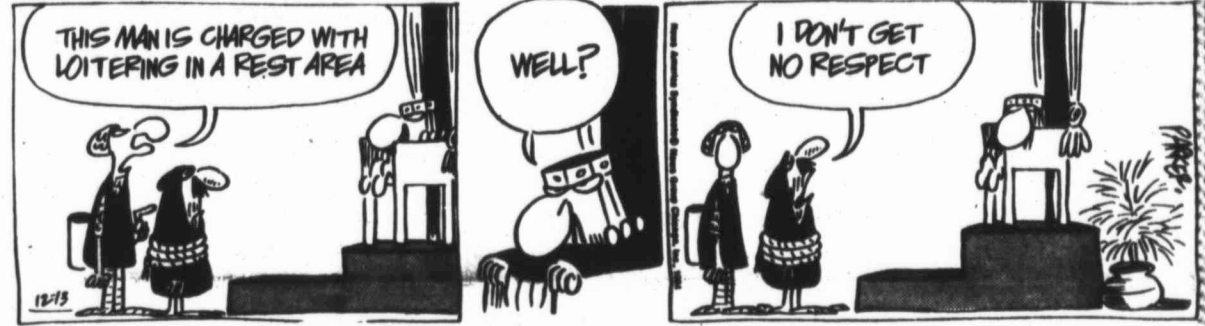
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Tax district considers replacement

Members of the Howard County Consolidated Tax Appraisal District discussed in its regular meeting held Wednesday afternoon in the county courthouse the appointment of a member to the Appraisal Review Board.
Jack Shaffer's term on the review board expires on Dec. 31, 1984 and chief appraiser Gene Pereira told district members that the subject would be listed as an action item on the agenda in a future January meeting.
District member D.D. Johnston said during the discussion that he had spoken to Shaffer and the board member said he would serve another two-year term if no adequate replacement was found to fill his position.
"Jack said if you know of anyone who had the knowledge of this town — he'd be glad to step aside," Johnston said.
Other district members voiced their concerns about losing Shaffer.
"I always found Jack to a square shooter," chairman Billy T. Smith said about Shaffer.
"He's always been fair and honest," Johnston said.
In other action district members took:
• Voted unanimously to set the Districts 1985 Holiday Schedule identical to the county courthouse's

schedule. The courthouse will be closed on Dec. 24-25th and the 31st. Howard County Commissioners Court will decide in its next regular meeting on Dec. 17 about making Jan. 1, 1985, a holiday for county employees.
• Postponed setting a work session date for review of policy and personnel books. District members are presently studying policy books used in other counties to use as guidelines when they write their own.
• Voted unanimously to change a regularly scheduled meeting set for Jan. 9th to Jan. 16th in order to allow Pereira to attend a tax conference being held Jan. 7-9.

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Justice official meets with LULAC

By SCOTT FITZGERALD
Staff Writer
Richard Evarts, a conciliation specialist with the community relations branch of the Justice Department in Dallas, arrived in Big Spring Wednesday afternoon to begin closed discussions about a recent Howard County shooting death.
The Justice Department had been requested by the Big Spring chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) to investigate the shooting death of Joe Garza, 16, of San Angelo.
Garza was fatally shot by Howard County sheriff's deputy O.D. Majors when the youth attempted to run a roadblock on Highway 87 south of Big Spring on Nov. 26.
Evarts said he met with Pat

DeAnda of LULAC and Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard in the late afternoon and continued discussions that lasted until about 8 p.m.
Evarts said that both groups agreed to deliver a prepared message to the media regarding its initial closed discussion.
"A frank and congenial meeting was conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 12, between LULAC Chapter 4375 and Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard," the statement said.
"The meeting, called to express various views regarding policies on the use of force, was conducted with the assistance of community relations service director Richard Evarts from the U.S. Department of Justice in Dallas. Further discussions are planned for late

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Federal grand jury indicts Ginnetti

Former Big Spring car dealer Anthony "Tony" Ginnetti was indicted last week by a federal grand jury in Abilene on six counts of making a false statement on a loan application, according to the federal district court clerk in Abilene.
The indictments were handed down Dec. 4, the clerk said.
According to law enforcement officials, Ginnetti remains at large after leaving town more than six months ago, only two weeks before Texas Ranger Charles Brune and the Howard County Sheriff's office began investigating an illegal

fraud scheme involving car titles and bank loans.
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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC NOTICE
December 10, 1984
The City of Big Spring Board of Adjustments and Appeals, in accordance with the Southern Standard Building Code conducted a hearing on December 5, 1984 at 5:15 p.m. on an appeal of the Building Official decision to abate by demolition the structures at the following locations:

Legal Description	Address	Owner of Record
Lot 2, Block 47, College Heights	2302 Nolan	R.W. Theobald
Lot 12, Block B, Moore Heights	900 N.W. 4th	O.E. Foster
Lot 9, Block B, Moore Heights	902 N.W. 4th	Church of God in Christ
Lot 9, Block B, Moore Heights	906 N.W. 4th	Ida Mae White

The Board affirmed the decision of the Building Official in these cases, therefore all persons having a proprietary interest in the subject properties are placed on notice that the structure shall be abated by delition ten (10) days following publication of this notice.
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