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BIG SPRING (TEXAS) THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1985

Spring Board

How's that? Sesquicentennial

Q. I've heard people talk about the Texas Sesquicentennial. What is it?
A. The Sesquicentennial is the 150th anniversary of Texas independence from Mexico, and will be celebrated in 1986.

Calendar

Humane society

THURSDAY

- The Big Spring Humane Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Westside Center.
- The American Diabetic Association will meet at 7 p.m. in the classroom on the first floor of Malone-Hogan Hospital.
- The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees will meet at the Kentwood Center for a potluck supper and business meeting at 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

- In celebration of Black Heritage Month, a special program will be held at 7 p.m. at the Howard College auditorium. Dr. John Arradondo, professor of Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tenn., will speak, followed by the play, "For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf."
- LULAC will gather at the Coors Hospitality Room from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in connection with National LULAC Week. The public is invited.
- The Merry Mixers will dance at 8 to 11 p.m. at the Square Corral to caller James Moore. Guests are welcome.

SATURDAY

- The Permian Basin Regional Science Fair begins today in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- Women's Ministries of the First Church of the Nazarene will sponsor a garage sale in the church gymnasium, 1400 Lancaster, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Louise Burgess band will present a special music program at 7 p.m. in Kentwood Older Adult Center.

SUNDAY

- Vietnam War veterans will be honored at reception from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars post home on Country Club Road.
- The awards ceremony for the Permian Basin Regional Science Fair will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Exhibits will be on public display.

Outside

Rain

A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms is in today's forecast with high temperatures reaching the upper 60s. Southerly winds, blowing 10 to 20 miles per hour, are gusty. Tonight's highs will be in the upper 40s with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Tomorrow's forecast calls for highs near 60 and a 20 percent chance of rain. Southeasterly winds will be blowing 10 to 20 miles per hour.

Stacy Dam may clear last hurdle

Opponents to vote today

Harte-Hanks Austin Bureau
AUSTIN — Directors of the Austin-based Lower Colorado River Authority were expected to vote today on whether to approve documents officially withdrawing the agency's opposition to the controversial Stacy Dam project.

They went into closed session late this morning to be briefed on the document as part of their monthly meeting. Directors of the river authority instructed their staff last month to settle the lengthy feud with the reservoir's planners, the Big Spring-based Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Representatives for both authorities, for the past three weeks, have met in person or by phone almost daily to hammer out a detailed document outlining a plan for shared use of Colorado River water.

Colorado Municipal Water District plans for the reservoir, which would be near Ballinger and would provide water to a wide area

of West Texas, were stymied by a Texas Supreme Court ruling last November that invalidated a Texas Water Commission permit for the project. The court order, since altered and sent back to the commission for further review, followed LCRA claims that Colorado River water needed for the reservoir already is obligated to downstream users, chiefly the LCRA.

"I think we're pretty close," Eloy Soderberg, general manager of the LCRA, said of the settlement proposal.

Soderberg said he wanted to meet with the board in closed session to "make sure that what they intended for us to put in there is in there."

Soderberg said details or copies of the final plan will not be made public until at least Tuesday, when the Colorado River Municipal Water District Board meets to consider whether to give its endorsement to the plan.

2 Texas ports picked as finalists for base

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm said today Houston-Galveston and Corpus Christi are among the six finalists for location of a proposed new Navy base.

"Obviously I'm delighted that at this stage, we still have two sites that are being considered," he said at a news conference today. "I share the sadness of those who were not selected."

Although Gramm, R-Texas, said the Navy will announce the other four finalists at a later date, the office of Rep. Jack Fields, R-Humble, said the other sites are Lake Charles, La.; Mobile, Ala.; Pascagoula, Miss.; and Pensacola, Fla.

In addition, the Key West, Fla. is still being considered as a possible site for a reserve fleet, Fields' office said.

Seven Texas cities were among the 16 cities in five states who bid for the battleship base. Houston and Galveston submitted a joint proposal.

On Wednesday, Texas Gov. Mark White, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen and Gramm met with Navy Secretary John Lehman.

After the meeting, Lehman said he was "confident that Texans want the Navy as part of their community."

"The decision will not be political," Lehman said. "Dollar costs will determine the outcome of

the decision. The lowest cost to the taxpayer that provides the capability that is needed is going to be where the battleship ends up."

Hobby said the state has pledged up to \$25 million for road construction and education facilities for the base.

Gramm said Texas has "been married to the military for a long time."

The other Texas cities who bid on the base were Port Arthur, Freeport, Port Lavaca and Brownsville.

Orange is seeking part of the unit, two frigates assigned to the Navy Reserve. The rest of the "strategic action group" includes the to-be-restored battleship U.S.S. Wisconsin, a cruiser, a destroyer and another frigate.

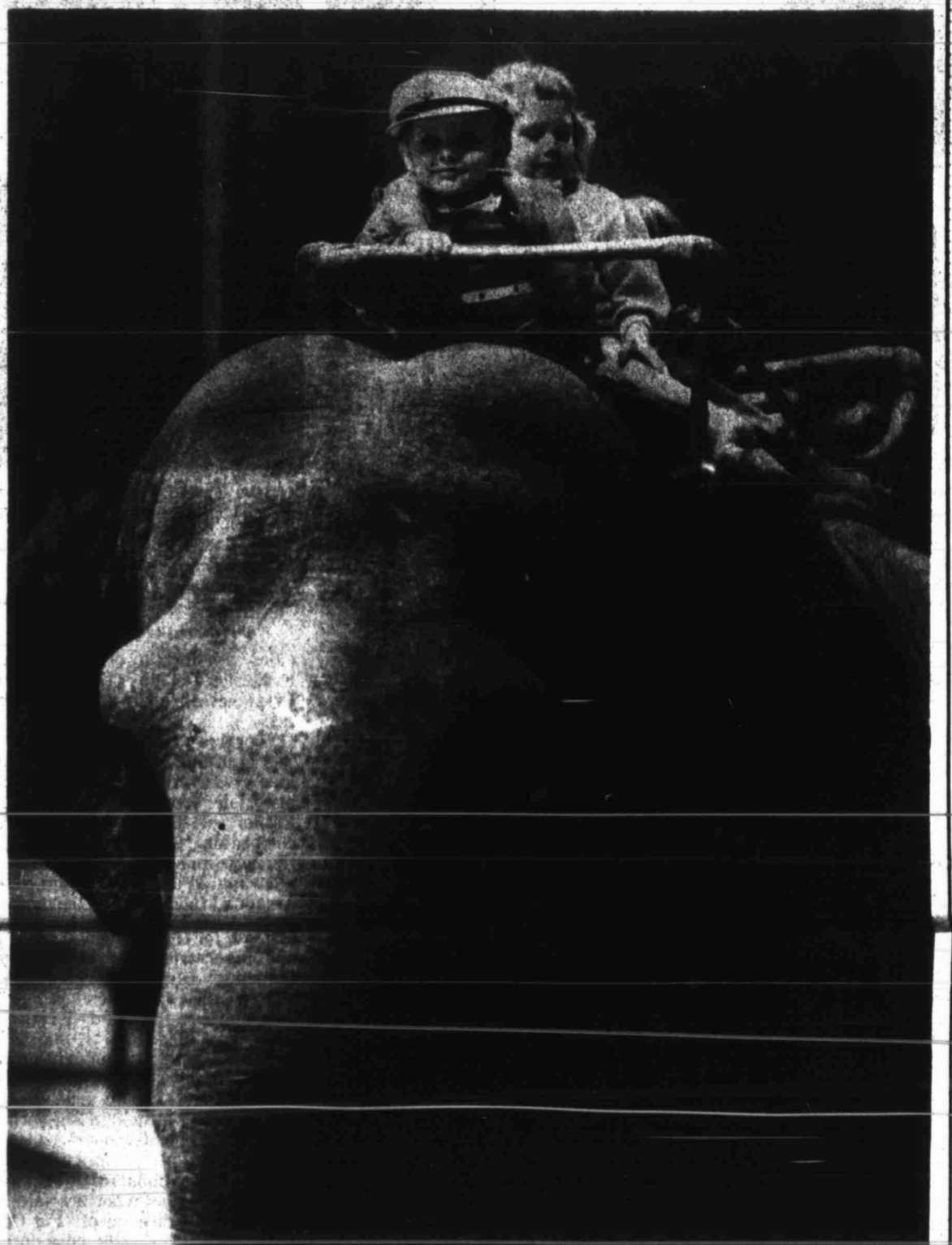
Navy officials will visit finalist cities again, Lehman said. The final selection is expected this spring, and the base would begin operating in 1991.

All the cities have been wooing the Navy to get the jobs and development and prestige they hope the base will bring.

Lehman said the Texas delegation was the most impressive he has met with to date. No other governors have traveled to Washington to meet with him, he said.

"I've been trying to hold them off," he said. "They've all wanted to."

Circus comes to town



Two small children take a commanding view from their perch atop an elephant's back during a performance by the American Continental Circus Wednesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.



Animal tamer HARRY THOMAS puts his head in the mouth of the tiger.



A JUGGLER eyes the rings as she balances on a unicycle.

Black heritage

NAACP marks month with special program

By CAROL BALDWIN
Staff Writer

"For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf," an award-winning play on the experiences of American black women, will highlight a community program Friday at the Howard College auditorium, according to Dock Voorhies, president of the local

chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

The program begins at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Dr. John Arradondo, professor of Meharry Medical School in Nashville, will speak during the program. Winners from a recent NAACP-sponsored contest will be

announced.

The event is being held in conjunction with Black Heritage Month. Emcees for Friday's program are Sam Hill and Angel Jones.

Black Heritage Month, a nationwide observance, is celebrated each February. The month was selected in part because it coincides with the month of the NAACP page 2-A

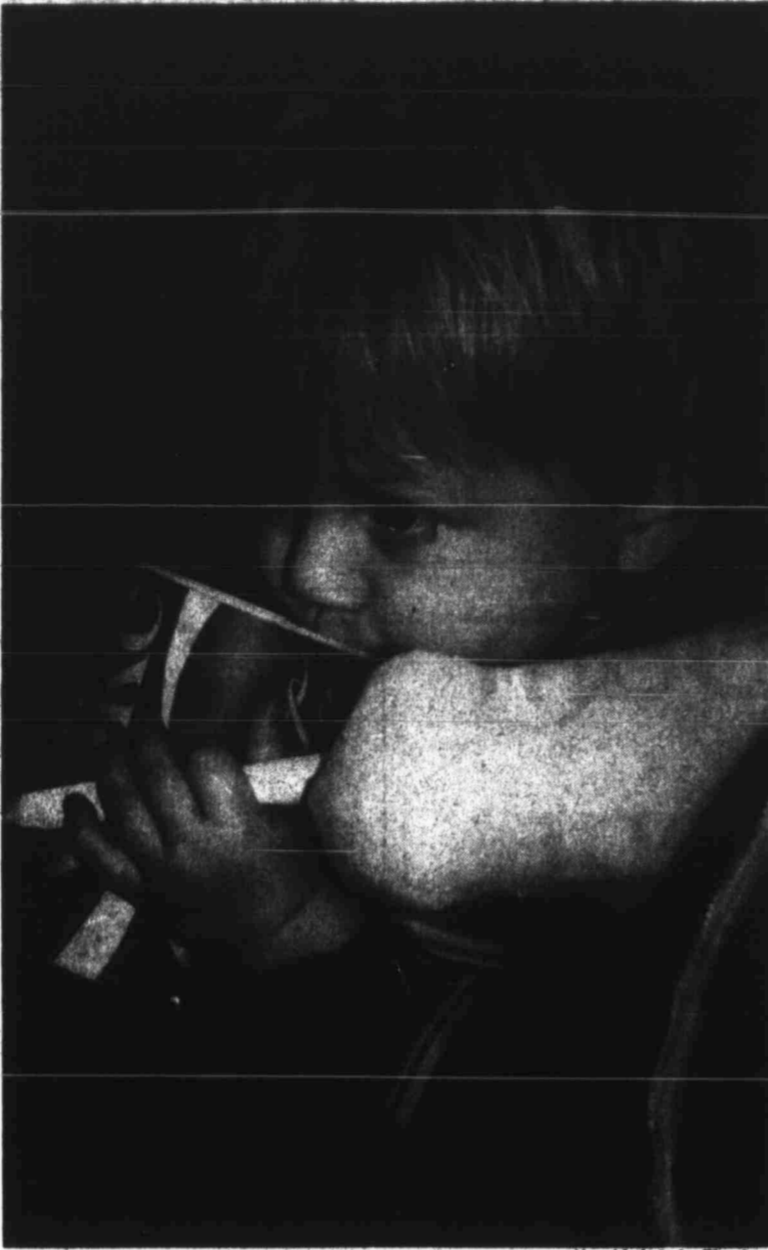


The cast of "For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf" rehearse at the college auditorium.

A day at the circus



DANA GONZALES, 5, from Stanton, peeks over her sunglasses to get a better look at action in the center ring at the American Continental Circus Wednesday.



JASON GLASS, 2, juggles a corkscrew and some cotton candy as he watches the circus. The event was sponsored by the Howard County Sheriff's Posse.

Sheriff's Log

2 sentenced to TDC

Two Big Spring men pleaded guilty to violating their probation requirements yesterday in 118th District Court and were sentenced to the Texas Department of Corrections by District Court Judge James Gregg.

Doyle Wayne Perdue, 33, of 1318 Wood will serve three years in TDC. He was initially charged with burglary.

Kenneth Wayne Robinson, 22, of 1811 Avion will serve four years at TDC. He was initially charged with forgery by passing.

Big Spring police transferred Kevin Dwayne Kennemur, 17, of Garden City Route to county jail after he was charged with driving while intoxicated. He was released on \$1,000 bond set by Municipal Judge Melvin Daratt.

Police transferred Adam Rodriguez, 17, of 106 Algerita to county jail after he was charged with DWI. He was released on \$1,000 bond set by Daratt.

A Big Spring man told sheriff's deputies that his vehicle had been burglarized while it was parked at Cline Construction Company last week.

Terry Parsons Terry remains in county jail after she was returned from the Lee County sheriff's office Wednesday afternoon.

She is charged with revocation of probation on a prior DWI charge and capias pro fine in the amount of \$508.

Police transferred George Allen Wren, 40, of Kermit to county jail after he was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released on \$500 bond set by the police department.

Five persons suspected of being illegal aliens were released by the sheriff's department Wednesday evening to the U.S. Border Patrol bus.

Truck catches fire on highway

Howard County sheriff's deputies notified the Coahoma Fire Dept. that a truck caught fire Wednesday afternoon on Interstate 20 near mile marker 198½.

A spokesperson at Coahoma City Hall said this morning that the fire truck was en route when it was notified that a person had put out the fire with an extinguisher.

2 men arrested in drug bust

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — Two Texas men in a rental truck were arrested by Arkansas Highway Police who confiscated about 460 pounds of marijuana found in the truck, an officer says.

Highway Police officer Charlie Caldwell said Gilberto Dominguez, 34, and Jose Luis Montalvo, 33, both of San Antonio, were being held on \$100,000 bond each after being charged with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver following their arrest Wednesday on Interstate 30 near Texarkana.

Caldwell said he and another officer of the Highway Police — the enforcement arm of the state

NAACP

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icides with birthday of Black leader Frederick Douglass (Feb. 14) and President Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12).

Voorhies said Negro History Week originated in 1926 from an idea by Carter G. Woodson, a black historian sometimes called the Father of Black History. The celebration was renamed Black Heritage month during the 1970s.

During Friday's program, Dr. Arradondo will speak on the theme, "African-American family historical strength for the new century."

Winners from the local Afro-academic, cultural, technological and scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) will be announced Friday, Voorhies said.

ACT-SO includes competition in the humanities, performing arts, sciences and visual arts. Local competition was held in Big Spring Feb. 16 and local winners will advance to state competition in Dallas. The national finals also will be held in Dallas, Voorhies said.

Pat Hardy, director of "For Colored Girls who have considered suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf," said the play is a "choreopoem. It's done in a real unusual style, an impressionistic style. We use a lot of images and thoughts, more than straight-line reality."

The play, a Broadway hit several years ago, features "basic sets and minimum costumes."

Hardy said the play deals with "the coming of age of Black women." Characters recount their experiences with childhood, children, trouble with men and encounters with prejudice.

Each character "represents one portion of a Black woman's life," Hardy said.

Taking roles in the production are Charlene Voorhies, Jareta Dalbert, Zassar Gatson, Cecile Crenshaw, Gwen Rain, Gloria Marion and Claudette Green.

David Mills is assistant director.

The NAACP has sponsored a number of programs during recent years but the play is a new direction for the group, Hardy said.

The play "celebrates the Black family," Hardy said. "We thought this play would be most appropriate for the evening."

Volunteers were recruited from the NAACP and the group has been rehearsing steadily for the past few weeks.

The play deals with "universal themes. Anyone can relate to the play," Hardy said.

Hardy, the city's administrative assistant, has worked with several professional theater companies. He said, "The play provides Big Spring with a unique community experience."

Woman bars men from store

HOUSTON (AP) — The hand-lettered sign on the locked glass door reads: "No Men Allowed in This Store."

Evelyn Courtemanche put the sign up after she was terrorized and the store manager was beaten by gunmen who robbed her Houston resale shop last month.

"It's amazing how much the shoplifting's cut down," she said Wednesday. "They have to walk right by me now to get out."

Business has not been hurt because the store has regular customers, she said.

After 10 years in business without trouble, it took only the Jan. 21 robbery to put fear into Ms. Courtemanche.

Store manager Yvonne Franklin was beaten and Ms. Courtemanche, who owns the store, was roughed up. She said the two men threatened to kill her with a pair of scissors.

Ms. Franklin gave the men \$97 — all the money in the store, she said.

"But that didn't satisfy him. He kept on beating her," Ms. Courtemanche said.

The gunmen fled after spying a phone off the hook and fearing that someone on the other end of the line heard the commotion.

Both women were so upset that neither believes she could identify the robbers.

Customers who approach the store, called Second Time Around, are greeted by Ms. Courtemanche, who peers through the locked glass door. Female customers are allowed in to browse among second-hand clothing and shoes.

Men, accompanied by their wives, also are allowed entry, she said.

Harris County District Attorney John Holmes said the sign probably violates federal civil rights laws but he doesn't think federal authorities will consider it serious enough to challenge.

If they do, Ms. Courtemanche doesn't appear to care.

"We're not going to give in," she said.

Ruling may have little effect

AUSTIN (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court ruling this week requiring state and local governments to pay overtime wages is being hailed by union leaders as a major victory. But Texas government leaders say the ruling may have little effect.

In a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court said the federal government could impose minimum wage and overtime laws on transit systems operated by state and local agencies.

The decision stemmed from a suit by an employee of the San Antonio bus system.

The ruling apparently brings state and local government workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act, which requires employers to pay time and a half when employees work more than a standard work week.

The ruling overturns a 1976 Supreme Court ruling that exempted services including police and fire protection, sanitation, and hospitals from overtime laws.

Some government administrators said they are interpreting the opinion much more cautiously than the unions.

Weather

The Forecast for 7 a.m. EST, Fri., Feb. 22

Low Temperatures

FRONTS: Warm Cold Occluded Stationary

Showers: Rain Flurries Snow

Forecast

West Texas: Scattered showers and thunderstorms through Friday. A few possibly heavy east of the mountains through Friday. Cooler most sections by Friday. Highs today mostly 60s except to mid 80s along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande. Lows tonight 40s to mid 50s except 30s Panhandle. Highs Friday 50s to lower 60s except to upper 70s along the Big Bend of the Rio Grande.

Yesterday		Other cities	
High temperature.....41		CITY	HI LOW
Low temperature.....53		Arlene	61 49
Record high.....53		Amarillo	65 43
Record low.....14		Austin	67 55
Rainfall.....0.15		Dallas	69 48
Year-to-date.....69.55		San Angelo	64 54
Normal-to-date.....61.15		Wichita Falls	61 44

Police Beat

Andrews couple injured

An Andrews couple was injured slightly Wednesday afternoon in a two-car accident on E. FM 700, near the intersection of E. 16th Street, according to police reports.

Arthur Truman Gooch, 81, of Andrews, who drove one of the two cars in the accident, and his passenger Peggy Lee Gooch, 76, also of Andrews, were treated and released from Malone-Hogan Hospital, according to a hospital spokesman.

The driver of the other car, Betty Jane Henderson, 52, of 805 W. 16th, was not injured in the accident.

The accident occurred at 2:41 p.m. Wednesday in the 2900 block of FM 700, 157 feet east of E. 16th, according to police reports.

Both Mrs. Henderson, who was driving a 1976 maroon and white Ford Granada, and Gooch, who was driving a 1980 maroon Oldsmobile Cutlass, were traveling east on FM 700, the report stated.

The Gooches were approaching Mrs. Henderson's car, and were traveling faster than she was, the report stated. The Gooches were unable to stop their car in time or change lanes before their Cutlass collided with the rear of Mrs. Henderson's car, according to the report.

Lana Emerson of 3400 W. Highway 80 told police that a man she knew assaulted her at 7 p.m. Thursday by hitting her head and body with a brick.

Police arrested George Allen Wren, 40, of Kermit at 9 p.m. Wednesday at 500 W. Fourth on suspicion of driving while license suspended.

Deaths

Inez Magee

FORT WORTH — Inez Florence Magee, a Big Spring resident for more than 40 years, died Wednesday in Fort Worth. She had lived in Fort Worth since 1972.

Graveside services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. The Rev. Keith Wiseman will officiate.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. She was part worthy matron of chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Social Order of the Beauceants.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.A. Magee.

Survivors include two sons, J.W. Foster, L.P. Foster, five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Lois Dickerson, Hawthorn, Calif.

R. Clyde Hollingsworth

R. Clyde Hollingsworth, 66, of 1807 Nolan, died Wednesday afternoon at Malone-Hogan Hospital following a brief illness.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Victor Sedinger, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born July 3, 1918, in

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel

R. Clyde Hollingsworth, 66, died Wednesday. Services will be Friday at 10:00 A.M. in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Markets

Index	1,280.91	Gen. telephone	43 1/2
Volume	44,578,800	Halliburton	30 1/2
		IBM	134
		J.C. Penney	49 1/2
		Kidder	31 1/2
		Coca-Cola	61 1/2
		DeBeers	4 13/32
		Mobil	27 1/4
		Pacific Gas	17 3/4
		Phillips	48 1/2
		Sears	35 1/2
		Shell	55 1/4
		Sun Oil	49 1/4
		AT&T	31 1/4
		Texaco	35 1/4
		Texas Instruments	118 1/2
		Texas Utilities	27 1/4
		U.S. Steel	27 1/4
		Exxon	46 1/2
		Westinghouse	36 1/2
		Western Union	9 1/4
		Zale	35 1/2
		Kidde	35 1/2
		Pioneer	32 1/2
		MGP	66
		HCA	46 1/4

AMCAP MUTUAL FUNDS

Ancap	8.95-7.78
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Nation

By Associated Press

A hospital clubhouse?

WRENTHAM, Mass. — Three 14-year-olds apparently used a vacant wing of a state hospital for the retarded as a clubhouse and caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage to the facility and its medical equipment, state police say.

The youths — two of Dedham and one of Foxborough — were found huddled inside a makeshift playroom at Wrentham State School on Wednesday.

State Trooper Michael Tobin said those arrested were charged with juvenile delinquency by reason of malicious destruction of property and breaking and entering and released into the custody of their parents pending arraignment Friday.

The day of Malcolm X

NEW YORK — Twenty years ago today, as he delivered a speech to 300 followers in Harlem's Audubon Ballroom, black nationalist leader Malcolm X was assassinated by three men with pistols and shotguns.

Malcolm, who also was known among his Black Muslim followers as El Hajj Malik Al-Shabazz, rose from a shoeshine boy, pimp, drug peddler and prison inmate into an articulate advocate for black civil rights.

His fiery speeches warned of confrontation with whites if equal rights were not observed, but also gave hope to economically and culturally depressed blacks.

Jury subpoenas tapes

CHICAGO — A Cook County grand jury subpoenaed a candidate for alderman who admitted he secretly taped a conversation in which he says Mayor Harold Washington tried to coax him to quit the race by offering him a better city job.

The grand jury began investigating the taping on Wednesday on orders from Cook County State's Attorney Richard M. Daley after Washington's office called for a probe of possible criminal activity.

A Washington aide said the mayor did nothing improper if reports that he offered city sewer worker James "Skip" Burrell, 44, a promotion to drop out of the race were true.

Sears issues new card

CHICAGO — Sears, Roebuck & Co., stepping up its move into the world of finance, will introduce a new all-purpose credit card by the end of the year to compete with Visa and MasterCard, company officials say.

Sears' chairman Edward R. Telling, who made the announcement Wednesday, said in 1981 that such a card was part of Sears' goal to become the largest financial-services company in the nation. It is already the nation's largest retailer.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher addresses a joint meeting of Congress Wednesday on Capitol Hill. In her speech, the first by a British Prime Minister to a combined House and Senate since Winston Churchill in 1952, she warned that the West should not "expect too much too soon" from the arms control talks with the Soviets.

Praising the president

Britain's Thatcher shows support for Reagan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, emphasizing her acceptance of President Reagan's arms control strategy, is playing down U.S.-British differences spawned by a strong dollar and a weak pound.

The British pound, along with other Western European currencies, has been driven to record lows against the strong American dollar. Mrs. Thatcher's Conservative Party has blamed America's \$200 billion deficit for siphoning capital from around the world, weakening other currencies and driving up interest rates abroad.

Mrs. Thatcher, in separate private sessions planned today with Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III and Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul A. Volcker, was to emphasize how the economic policies of one country affect another, according to a British Embassy spokesman.

In keeping with the positive, non-confrontational tone of her visit, the prime minister "does not have a shopping list of complaints," spokesman Alan Ingle said. "They are general discussions of bilateral economic issues."

Mrs. Thatcher also was to have a working breakfast with Baker and other administration officials, including Secretary of State George P. Shultz, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Agriculture Secretary John R. Block and Special Trade Representative William Brock.

Later, she scheduled separate visits with Volcker and Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole. The president and Mrs. Thatcher, after conferring privately in the Oval Office on Wednesday, lunched and talked for 2½ hours. Mrs. Thatcher said she and the president had "a thorough discussion" of economic problems.

Continuing her enthusiastic praise of Reagan's conservative policies, she said the record of the American economy and its success in creating new jobs is "envious." But she added the reminder that the size of the U.S. economy is such "that your decisions affect all of us."

An official familiar with the discussions who spoke on condition he not be identified quoted Mrs. Thatcher as saying that "while there are obvious concerns about the strength of the dollar, the biggest danger would be a rapid decline in the value of the dollar."

In her address Wednesday to a joint session of Congress — the first by a British prime minister since Winston Churchill in 1952 — Mrs. Thatcher expressed support for efforts to cut the U.S. deficit.

"No other country in the world can be immune from its effects — such is the influence of the American economy on us all," she said.

She noted that the current strength of the dollar, which makes foreign goods less expensive in the United States, poses difficulties for U.S. export industries and creates pressure for international trade barriers that would harm free trade.

"I am certain that your administration is right to resist such pressures," she said. "To give in to them would betray the millions in the developing world, to say nothing of the strains on your other trading partners."

At a formal British Embassy dinner Wednesday evening marking the 200th anniversary of Anglo-American diplomatic ties, President Reagan praised Mrs. Thatcher for the "vigor, clarity and directness" of her views.

World

By Associated Press

Israelis raid 2 villages

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli troops and armored vehicles today raided two more villages in south Lebanon, where two men were killed the day before while trying to escape the new clampdown on guerrilla warfare against the Israeli occupation force.

A unit of 17 armored personnel carriers and 15 other vehicles rolled into Deir Qanoun An-Nahr, while a force of 27 armored personnel carriers and 13 other vehicles entered Teir Debba, according to sources and reporters.

Timur Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, confirmed the operation. He said the Israeli soldiers rounded up all the men in both villages and were interrogating them in the village schools.

Guerrillas kill 6 officers

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — Leftist guerrillas fired grenades at a truck carrying about 40 policemen in the capital Wednesday evening, reportedly killing at least six officers.

Police and rebels traded fire in scattered battles after the attack, and two explosions were heard.

A police spokesman, who spoke on condition he not be identified, said the attack on truck occurred shortly after sundown near a military hospital a few blocks from the downtown area.

Just a crack in the Wall

BERLIN — Western authorities found out how thick the Iron Curtain is when they tried to rescue a howling cocker spaniel trapped between two sections of the Berlin Wall, police said today.

Police said today that the episode began when the stray dog fell from a viewing platform on the western side of the wall into East German territory Tuesday. The dog landed between an old and new section of the barrier, built by Communist authorities to stop escapes to the West.

The dog immediately began to yap and howl, prompting residents in nearby apartments to alert West Berlin police. French military police were called in, and they used a megaphone to call the East German border guards, asking them to help rescue the animal, a police statement said today.

On the trail of a MIA

BANGKOK, Thailand — A team of U.S. experts will travel to China early next week to inspect what the Chinese say are the remains of an American pilot missing since World War II, a spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Command said today.

Some 78,000 Americans, both military and civilians, remain unaccounted for from World War II.

Stockman listed in stable condition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Budget Director David Stockman was hospitalized early today after entering a Georgetown University Hospital emergency room while complaining of feeling faint, a hospital official said.

Stockman, 38, was listed in stable condition at the hospital, where he had been accompanied by his wife, hospital spokeswoman Claudia Dominitz said.

"Mr. Stockman came in at 1 a.m. and he was complaining of feeling faint," Ms. Dominitz said. "He was admitted to the hospital and is in stable condition."

She would not reveal the extent of Stockman's problem pending further discussion with his doctor and family.

Ms. Dominitz said the Stockmans told a nurse at the hospital that they had been attending a dinner party earlier.

Stockman has been the focus of considerable controversy recently because of public remarks about military pensions and aid to farmers.

He also charged that the military brass is more concerned about its pension security than national security.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Communications of the Southwest, Inc. ("AT&T Communications"), in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act and the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") hereby gives notice of its intent to implement a new schedule of rates for its services. The new rates will be effective February 22, 1985, unless otherwise determined by the PUC. All customers and classes of customers would be affected by the proposed rates.

AT&T Communications has filed restructured tariffs designed to more closely recover access and other costs for private line, DATAPHONE® Digital Service, OCC Facilities, WATS and 800 services.

Also proposed is the institution of a charge for directory assistance to begin to recover access costs incurred for such service, and increases in rates for operator assisted AT&T Long Distance calls.

AT&T Communications is proposing to restructure its AT&T Long Distance Service and to reduce its overall revenues from basic long distance approximately \$25 million.

While long distance rates will, in most instances, be reduced, certain AT&T Long Distance rates are proposed to be increased to more nearly recover the access charges approved by the PUC for such service.

The proposed new rates for all services would result in an increase in adjusted test period revenues of \$123.4 million, or 11.3 percent.

A complete copy of the proposed tariffs are on file with the Texas Public Utility Commission.

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Opinion

Is exercising harmful to rats?

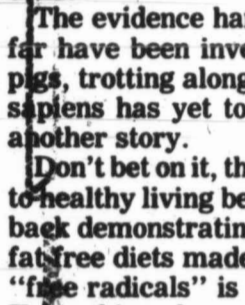
"Whenever the urge to exercise comes over me," the hoary joke goes, "I lie down until it passes." "Not funny," the physical fitness camp responds. "Exercise is what keeps you alive and beautiful. It strengthens the heart and trims the fat."

The fitness enthusiasts have convinced almost everyone. Indeed, the quest for long life and beauty has changed the landscape. You can scarcely do laps in the local swimming pool without risking injury from a passing swimmer's elbow. Lines form at the Nautilus machines. Elbows fly every which way in aerobics classes. And there is scarcely a city street or country lane that does not feel the pounding of squadrons of joggers.

The beneficial impact of exercise on heart and waistline is real enough. But now there's new research to suggest that the sedentary school wasn't entirely off base. Scientists at the University of California at Berkeley Membrane Bioenergetics Group report that vigorous physical exercise generates massive bursts of chemicals that may cause cancer and speed the aging process. These chemicals — free radicals they are called, which some might regard as an appropriate subject for study at Berkeley — are normally present in the body, but during rigorous workouts they can get out of control, multiplying in number, damaging DNA and disrupting the functioning of cells.

The evidence hardly is definitive, for the joggers that thus far have been investigated at Berkeley are rats and guinea pigs, trotting along at 1 mph for up to two miles a day. Homo sapiens has yet to be studied, and our bodies may just tell another story.

Don't bet on it, though. Animal research has pointed the way to healthy living before, most notably in a study several years back demonstrating that while jogging made pigs svelte, only fat-free diets made them healthy. The lesson of the Berkeley "free radicals" is very much the Lesson of Life these days: Everything, from deciding how much to exercise to cutting the federal budget, is one damn tradeoff after another.



Steve Chapman

Assault on the middle class

The favorite criticism of President Reagan's budgets during his first term — aside from the deficits — was that they took away from the poor while sparing the affluent. The critics should have been careful what they wished for. The latest presidential budget gives it to them.

This spending blueprint is a frontal assault on welfare for the middle class. It cuts an imposing array of programs whose objective is to protect the strong, reflecting a consistent application of the belief that people who can pay their own way ought to do so.

That is a principle on which liberals and conservatives should agree. Liberals think the government has a humanitarian duty to help those who can't help themselves, with the cost borne by those better off. But every dollar Washington spends putting affluent kids through college or subsidizing small business is a dollar that can't be spent on food stamps or public housing.

Conservatives, by contrast, want to limit the size of the federal government, minimizing its responsibilities and maximizing individual self-reliance. But Washington's power can't be restrained if its duties include everything from financing exports to underwriting extravagant mass transit systems.

Members of the middle class understandably will resist. But they ought to keep in mind that the dollars they get from Washington are dollars Washington gets from them. For the most part, the middle class is taking money out of one pocket and putting it in another. If it loses money not paid out in subsidies, it will gain in money not taken in taxes — and in a healthier, more dynamic economy.

Budget director David Stockman sees clearly the driving force behind the expansion of federal spending — the eagerness of Congress to court Mr. and Mrs. Average American with programs designed just for them. Politicians have learned well the crucial lesson taught by Social Security: If you want a program to prosper, spread its benefits as widely as possible.

From the electoral point of view, the best group to help is the middle class, because that's where the political action is. The budget is thus a historic — not for the dollar amount of the cuts, though it isn't trivial, but for the central theme. His plan should dispel the myth that federal spending can be brought under control simply by cutting out programs aimed at the poor (which account for less than a tenth of the budget).

The only flaw is the administration's exclusion of Social Security from fiscal austerity, even though it is the largest single domestic program and the most important to the middle class. As the new Economic Report of the President points out, the elderly are typically as well off financially as younger Americans. Between 1960 and 1983, the average monthly Social Security benefit rose twice as fast as wages and salaries and nearly three times as fast as the consumer price index. Retirement benefits plainly can be frozen without inflicting any measurable hardship.

Defense spending also deserves more scrutiny than it has gotten from the administration. No doubt Congress can find ways to save a few billion here, as it has in previous Reagan budgets. But no large reductions can be achieved without a re-examination of America's global commitments — a step congressional Democrats, for all their brave talk, have persistently declined to take.

If the design of Reagan's budget is pathbreaking, its fate will be equally momentous, for good or ill. If Congress isn't willing to tackle middle-class entitlements, there can be no realistic hope of substantially reducing the role of the federal government any time in the foreseeable future.

Republicans who balk at these cuts will no longer be able to claim a devotion to limited government. Democrats who resist cannot claim to be defenders of the weak. In the coming budget battle, the question is whether either party has the nerve to act on its own rhetoric.

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Jack Anderson

Fallout from nuke forecast



WASHINGTON — When the oil potentes overestimated the demand for their product and brought on a worldwide glut, prices tumbled and consumers got a break.

But when U.S. officials made similar predictions for the nuclear power industry, and a worldwide glut of enriched uranium followed, it's the taxpayers who are getting stuck.

The federal government, caught by its own miscalculations, is losing roughly \$45 a unit on the millions of units of enriched uranium that the Department of Energy produces each year for the nuclear power industry. Here's how it happened:

A decade ago, the now-defunct Atomic Energy Commission forecast a rapid and virtually limitless growth of nuclear power and the need for enriched uranium that fuels the powerplants. But staggering cost overruns and safety concerns all but smothered the infant nuclear power industry.

Headless of the warning signs, officials stuck to the rosy projections and began easing restrictions on the import of foreign uranium. Uranium from abroad poured in, and some restrictions were reimposed. Today, only 30 percent of most power companies' enriched uranium can be imported, but there is no limit to the amount of raw uranium a company can buy abroad and turn over to the Energy Department for enrichment.

The marketing measurement of enriched uranium is called a Separate Work Unit, or SWU. Foreign producers currently sell enriched uranium for anywhere from \$90 to \$117 per SWU.

The Energy Department's price varied from \$139 to \$150; as a result, it now has some 24 million SWUs on its hands. To get rid of this, it has offered power companies a 10-year contract, restricting their imports but guaranteeing that the price of enriched uranium they buy from DOE will never go higher than \$135 per SWU.

That might seem like a smart marketing move, except for one thing: According to Jeanine Hull, a former Capitol Hill expert on the subject, it costs the government \$180 to produce each SWU it sells to its customers. This may be a bargain for the nuclear power industry, but the taxpayers have to make up the \$45 difference.

The Energy Department's sales this year are expected to total 9.9 million SWUs. That would mean a loss of almost \$450 million. Enrichment is impoverishing the agency.

Unlike most government commodity subsidies, this one doesn't benefit domestic producers, because the power companies can import all the raw uranium they want. And foreign producers can undercut U.S. uranium mines easily, either by the use of virtual slave labor (South Africa) or through their own government's subsidization (Canada). The only beneficiaries of the Energy Department's money-losing enrichment system are the nuclear power companies.

Ms. Hull's suspicions were relayed to Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., and then Rep. Richard Ottinger, D-N.Y., who ordered the General Accounting Office to investigate. In their report, the investigators concluded that the government could not break even on its new 10-year contract, as the law requires it to do.

The investigators found that the agency is shuffling figures to make its uranium program appear profitable. It plans to depreciate its enrichment plant and equipment depreciation and to undervalue the excess enriched uranium it has on hand.

John Longenecker, the official in charge of the enrichment program, conceded to my associate Vicki Warren that the agency hasn't met its costs in the past, and does owe the Treasury money. As for the General Accounting Office's criticism of its accounting procedures, Longenecker said the Energy Department used a reputable accounting firm to help, and that the discrepancy arose because "we used different assumptions" to determine costs.

STRICTLY PERSONAL: Readers want to know: Is government service really the financial sacrifice that Attorney General-designate Edwin Meese has been making it out to be? Or is appointment to a government job a ticket on the gravy train.

Well, sometimes it's a hardship, sometimes not. Take the case of Edgar T. Callahan, who was appointed by the White House to be chairman of the National Credit Union Administration.

The NCUA board voted to pay Callahan's moving expenses to Washington from Springfield, Ill. Relying on this, Callahan laid out \$21,250 to relocate and was reimbursed by the government. But the General Accounting Office decided the NCUA board had overstepped its authority by guaranteeing Callahan's moving expenses. For two years the GAO has been insisting that Callahan refund the \$21,250.

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quired the city to permit unattended displays, the creche," she said.

Justice William H. Rehnquist said he felt the village officials interpreted the ruling "somewhat more broadly than I do," and Justice Byron R. White said no one could say what legal ramifications there would be if the village denied space for the creche on other than church-state grounds.

Last March, the justices ruled by a 5-4 vote in a Pawtucket, R.I., case that the constitutionally required separation of church and state could withstand that city's inclusion of a creche among its holiday decorations.

The court said community governments wanting to display Nativity scenes can do so, at least when they're accompanied by Santa Claus, reindeer, silver bells and other non-religious symbols of Christmas.

But the case from Scarsdale, a wealthy New York City suburb of about 17,000 residents, poses a somewhat different set of facts.

Over the years, the community permitted Nativity scenes in Boniface Circle, a small public park in Scarsdale's business district. But amid growing protests from Jewish organizations and others, the village board of trustees voted in 1982 to ban the display.

Area residents, including representatives of seven Roman Catholic and Protestant churches, sued the village over the ban.

They said the village board was violating their free-speech rights by refusing to allow the creche's display.

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, reversing a federal judge, ruled last June 21 that permitting the Nativity scene for up to two weeks at Christmas does not unconstitutionally "advance religion in general or the Christian faith in particular."

Moreover, the appeals court said the Boniface Circle park had become a "public forum" from which a display could not be banned just because of its religious message.

The appeals court ruling, however, left open the possibility that the village board lawfully could ban all displays from the park — regardless of their content.

Since agreeing in October to resolve the Scarsdale dispute, the justices have received unsolicited advice from various groups.

The American Jewish Committee, the National Council of Churches of Christ, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith urged the court to restore the Nativity scene ban.

The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights argued against the ban.

And the Reagan administration urged the justices to uphold what it said is a "narrow holding" by the 2nd Circuit court.

The village has ample discretion under the Constitution to adopt neutral policies for the use of its park, and thereby either to permit or to exclude Nativity scenes and similar unattended structures," Justice Department lawyers said in a friend-of-the-court brief.

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Dear Abby

Dr. Donohue

Cataracts rarely cause glaucoma

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Will you explain the cataract-glaucoma connection, specifically how a cataract can cause glaucoma in some people? Also, I have been informed that use of steroids can cause glaucoma. I have cataracts and am quite concerned about it all. I know you'll be able to explain and perhaps ease my mind about it. — G.N.C.

I hope I can. Let me begin by trying some ends together.

Cataracts can cause glaucoma, but it is a rare happening. As the clouding of the eye lens (the cataract) progresses the lens swells somewhat. If that happens to a significant degree it can block the flow of fluid from the eye interior, and as you know it is such fluid building that causes glaucoma.

Besides this swelling, another problem with cataracts adds to the glaucoma potential. That is the production of sticky proteins in the clouding lens. These proteins block fluid flow too. But let me repeat, these are rare causes of glaucoma.

Now to the steroid connection. Yes, steroids, especially in eyedrop form, can raise pressure in the eye and lead to glaucoma. Or any steroid medicine used for long periods can do the same.

But you don't have to live with the dread of steroid use. The potential side effects I mention are well known and doctors check for them when a person is put on such medicines. Your other eye questions are answered in the booklet, "Cataracts and Glaucoma," which I sent you. Other readers may order by writing me care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope and 50 cents for printing and handling.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do you have information about the benefits of potassium chloride, which I am now taking? My doctor is giving me this, and also has me on Lasix and Zaxoxyn. I am 76 years old and very weak. — R.W.H.

Potassium chloride is a form of potassium used as a supplement when a person doesn't have enough of the mineral in his body. The two medicines your doctor has you on can make you lose too much of your potassium reserves. You can easily lose more than you could hope to make up in your diet. A low body potassium level can lead to weakness. I hope your supplement is restoring your pep.

DEAR ABBY: I need an objective opinion. When we saw that new neighbors were moving in in a rental truck, my husband and I went over to help. Twice I mentioned that my husband had a bad back. After we helped move all their possessions except for a grand piano, we invited them over for a drink, and I made several suggestions for obtaining help to move the piano out of the truck and into their house.

Later I prepared some

homemade soup, and delivered it with napkins, spoons, bowls and crackers.

The next day, the man came over and asked my husband to help him move the piano. Despite my objections, the two of them moved the piano down a ramp, up four steps and into the house.

The temperature was 6 degrees and the wind-chill factor was 20 below. This neighbor is about 35 and a professional body-builder.

My husband is 56, and 20 pounds overweight, out of shape, and has a bad back and high blood pressure. He was once hospitalized for chest pains and a suspected heart attack.

Now my husband isn't speaking to me because I "embarrassed" him when I demanded that he stop lifting that piano and come home. (He ignored my pleas.)

Was I justified in ordering my husband to come home?

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DEAR TRYING: You were justified in asking your husband to come home, but you should have done so privately, instead of "ordering" him to do so in front of the neighbors.

And what can happen to out-of-shape, middle-aged men who undertake strenuous tasks in cold weather is well-documented every winter in the obituaries.

PTA Council begins new program

The McGruff puppet was the topic of the Feb. 5 meeting of the Big Spring City Council PTA.

Marcy Elementary School is the pilot program to introduce the puppet to the children. Each puppet kit costs \$65 and is geared to each grade level (1-5). McGruff is used on public service announcements to help prevent crime.

The City Council PTA's goal is to have at least one puppet for each grade level in the Big Spring elementary schools and Lakeview.

For information about the program, call Neida Reagan at 263-1910 or Donna Parker at 263-1649.

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Prospective adoption parents must be between the ages of 25 and 55, childless or with children, single, or married at least two years, of all races, religions and physical limitations. The wait for foreign babies and children is usually less than one year.

Orientation fee is \$5 per person. To pre-register, call Los Ninos International at (512) 443-2833.

Author to speak to Nightwriters

Mary Frances Beverly, an author of magazine articles and a book about Texas restaurants, will speak at the Texas Nightwriters meeting in Midland, Saturday.

The meeting will be at 1 p.m. at the Artificial Lift School in Midland. The school is located at 1162 County Road North and Loop 250.

Ms. Beverly's book, *Great Hometown Restaurants of Texas*, is the result driving around the state for a year seeking 100 of the best home-owned restaurants. In addition to book reviews, she also has had articles published in regional and national magazines.

The Texas Nightwriters, a group of professional writers, meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of every month. The guest speaker is featured for the first hour of the meeting. After a break, members meet to read their works for critique. Only members are allowed for the critique portion of the meeting.

The annual membership fee is \$15. The group is composed of writers who are selling their works and those who want to learn how to write for profit.

For more information, call (915) 685-3232.

School Food Club celebrates holiday

A Valentine theme was carried out in the decorations at the Big Spring School Food Club meeting held Feb. 14.

The summer convention will be held in June in Corpus Christi. All new officers will attend.

The next meeting will be March 21 at Goliad Middle School. All members must attend the meeting.

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Arts advocates rebuffed by House

Six Big Spring residents among delegation at Austin hearing

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AUSTIN — Arts advocates from 33 Texas cities, including Big Spring, converged on the Texas Capitol Wednesday to lobby against proposed budget cuts to the Texas Commission on the Arts, but they got a rude reception from some House budget architects.



SAM WOODWARD

The statewide gathering of arts supporters included a delegation of six from Big Spring. That group, headed by Sam Woodward, a member of the Big Spring Symphony Board, met with state Rep. Larry Don Shaw, D-Big Spring, for lunch.

Also participating in the lobby effort was Suzanne Haney, Linda Ainsworth, Sancha Christensen, Donna Fields and Lisa Nichols, all of Big Spring.

The recommendation of the Legislative

Budget Board, which represents a 10 percent cut in current funding, would set back the arts in Texas," Candes Chumney, chairman of the Texas Arts Alliance, said in a news conference as part of Arts Day '85.

They hoped to influence lawmakers, who are pondering budget cuts in state agencies, to almost double the commission's \$4.2 million budget. But Rep. Foster Whaley, D-Pampa and a noted fiscal conservative, peppered the commission with criticism in a meeting of the House Appropriations Committee.

Whaley quoted a magazine article that deemed the commission a "sacred cow" because of its members — "people like Mrs. T. Boone Pickens and Mrs. Trammell Crow."

Whaley also criticized an Austin visit by the Paul Taylor Dance Company, where he said the commission subsidized the performance by "about \$6 a ticket." Some 476 complimentary tickets were given out by the local sponsors, with about 1,600 people buying tickets, he said.

In contrast, a Willie Nelson appearance last

summer filled even the "cheap motels," Whaley said. The commission, however, does not help sponsor for-profit events.

Ms. Chumney said the arts commission needs \$16 million for 1986 and 1987, based on the needs of major arts institutions, local arts agencies and community arts programs.

The budget board recommendation would mean a loss of \$1.7 million in economic activity for the state during the biennium, she said.

The state also would lose \$1.5 million in funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, she said. The national program will grant \$375,000 if it is matched by new state funds. Local governments also must match it, and private donors would contribute, she said.

Last week, the House Cultural & Historical Resources Committee recommended restoration of both the 10 percent cut and the \$375,000 matching funds.

However, the committee made the \$375,000 contingent on income from the sale of Sesquicentennial gold medallions, she said.

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N-plant pipes questioned

DALLAS (AP) — More than a quarter of 226 pipe supports inspected at the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant are potentially unstable and must be reviewed to rule out the possibility of a domino-like collapse of the piping system, officials say.

Those findings from San Francisco-based Cynga Energy Services, released Wednesday, support a criticism leveled almost three years ago by two former Comanche Peak engineers.

Jack Doyle and Mark Walsh had questioned the design of the plant's pipe supports. Their concerns prompted Peter Bloch, chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, to declare in late 1983 that the "record before us casts doubt on the design quality" of Comanche Peak.

The plant's owner, Texas Utilities, ordered the Cynga audit on Bloch's recommendation.

Cynga officials recommended that the utility evaluate pipe supports throughout the plant and

either modify the supports to fix the problem, prove that each support is stable or prove that the entire system is stable if any individual support fails.

The supports are needed to keep highly pressurized pipes from breaking apart during earthquakes or from whipping around out of control if a pipe breaks during operation.

A special Nuclear Regulatory Commission task force is scheduled to review pipe supports with utility officials at Comanche Peak next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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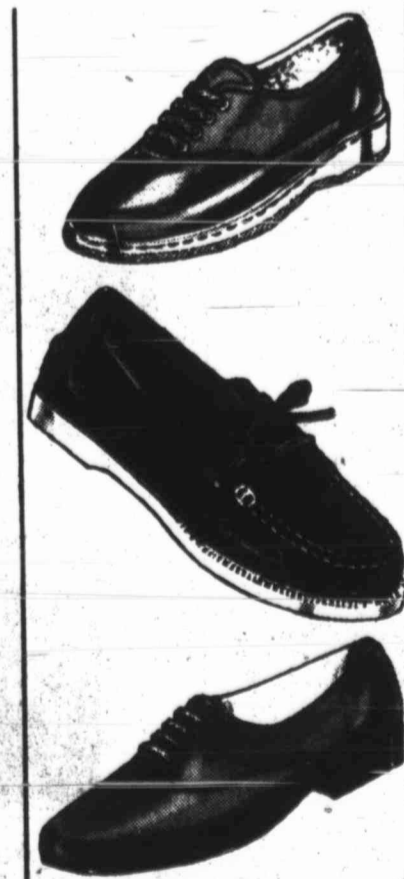
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Thursday Notes



By Charlie Alcorn

The final statistics for the boy's district 4-5A basketball season were released today. Benard Williams was the district's 9th leading scorer with a 16.1 point average...

As a team, the Steers ranked second on the year in Team Rebounds with a 32.7 average per game. Offensively, the Steers averaged 63 points a game...

The Western Junior College Athletic Conference released their statistics for games played through February 17.

For the men, Bruce Kimble jumped into the leading scorer's position, averaging 18.4 points per game, 5th in the league. Michael Porter is right behind Kimble at 17.7 points per game...

Hawk post Walter Reynolds is the teams leading rebounder at 7.7 boards per game, 5th in the league.

Porter is the fourth rated assist man in the league at 5 per game. Post man Martin Jenkins is has the league's second highest field goal percentage at .633 per cent.

As a team, the Hawks dropped from first in the league in free throw percentage for the first time this year. The Hawks are second behind Amarillo at .701 per cent.

The Hawk-Queens leading scorer is Molly Early, whose 14.6 point per game average currently ranks 9th in the league.

The Queens leading rebounder is Alex Provincio at 7 rebounds per game. Hawk post Diane Dickson is leagues fifth rated shot blocker with 31 rejections on the year.

As a team, the Queens are averaging 70.8 points per game, 4th in the league. Defensively, Howard is giving up 60.7 point a game, third best in the league.

The Big Spring United Way and the Local Firefighters 2292 post are sponsoring another volleyball tournament at the Federal Prison Camp this weekend. Games will be played all day Thursday and Friday...

There are 28 men's teams and 12 women's team scheduled to compete. There will be a 50 cent admission charge for all day passes and a concession stand will be available.

The Coahoma Boys Youth Basketball League has completed the first half of their season with the Celtics taking the first half with a record of 3-0.

All games are played at the coahoma High School gym on Saturdays.

Here are some results from the District 1 Hoop Shoot sponsored by the Elks Lodge in Pecos on February 16.

In girls 8-9 year old division, Jennifer Duggar placed third. Boys 10-11 year olds, Cort Peterson placed first. Girls 10-11 year olds, Malana McGuire placed third.

Peterson and Evans will compete in the state finals in Temple March 9. Congratulations to all these winners!

Big Spring Pro Rodeoer Wacey Cathey continues to make his mark on the cowboy circuit this year. The bull rider has currently amassed \$2,248 this year in the bull riding portion of the circuit...

Rob Chaney of the Hereford Longhorn semi-pro football team is looking for people who are interested in getting a team together in Big Spring.

The semi-pro league already has 12 teams and a schedule that runs from the middle of August to early December. Fourteen games have been tentatively scheduled for this year.

For more information contact Chaney at (806) 364-7404 or after five at (806) 364-8032.

The Hobie Fleet 526 is planning a regatta at Moss Lake for March 19, which will benefit the Permian Basin rehabilitation center. An organizational meeting has been scheduled for February 28...

Congrats to the Coahoma eighth grade girls basketball team and coach Gina Farmer on their recent completion of a perfect 11-0 season.

So dominant were the young Bulldogettes that they had only three close games, two with Greenwood and one with Big Lake.

Elana Himes, a 5-11 post player led the team in scoring and rebounding with 12 and nine respectively. Cheryl West, a 5-10 forward, averaged six points and six rebopunds per contest.

These team's record over the past two years is a sparkling 23-2. Coach Farmer says her troops already have visions of state championships dancing in their heads.

SWC race in shambles

Mustangs bite the dust again

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Southern Methodist Mustangs collapsed on the road again Wednesday night and suddenly found they had company atop the Southwest Conference basketball ladder.

The Texas Christian Horned Frogs cut down the No. 9 rated Mustangs 72-64 while Texas Tech beat Baylor 83-71. Both the Red Raiders and Mustangs are locked with 9-4 records.

They meet in Dallas Feb. 27. In other games, Texas A&M blew a chance to make it a triple tie at the top by falling 53-51 to Texas at home; Arkansas climbed back into the race with a 73-59 rout of Houston, and Rice clubbed Tarleton State 82-44.

Arkansas is just a game off the lead with a 9-5 record while A&M is a game a half back at 8-5.

"The race is really muddled now," said SMU Coach Dave Bliss. "Obviously, we've got to start playing better basketball. TCU was just smarter than we were and we let it get away."

It was SMU's fourth straight road loss.

"I thought TCU played a good, smart basketball game," said Bliss. "We just played poor offensively. We hurried key shots."

Carven Holcombe hit four free throws and a basket in the final three minutes for TCU.

SMU is 20-6 overall while TCU evened its league mark at 7-7 and the Horned Frogs are 15-10 overall.

Holcombe led the Horned Frogs with 18 points. The Mustangs got 19 points from seven-foot center Jon Koncak and 17 points from Carl Wright.

The victory before 6,392 fans in Daniel Meyer Coliseum broke a four-game Horned Frog losing streak against the Mustangs. Texas Tech senior guard Phil



Happiness is upsetting the SMU Mustangs as TCU player CARVEN HOLCOMBE gives a victory cheer after TCU defeated SMU 72-64 in Southwest Conference basketball.

Wallace had a 12-point effort in the second half against Baylor.

"We're glad to be in a tie for first. Everybody likes to be in that position," Texas Tech head coach Gerald Myers said.

Arkansas senior center Joe Kleine scored 27 points and the

Razorbacks climbed to a 34-29 halftime advantage.

Arkansas raised its season mark to 18-10.

"I was pleased," he said. "Tarleton State had a lot of disadvantages, not being a Division 1

program and traveling that far on the day of the game. But we really defended them well.

Texas limited A&M's Kenny Brown to four points, two each half, and ended his double-digit scoring mark at 24 straight games.

"This is an unbelievably big win for us," an exuberant Texas Coach Bob Weltlich said.

Brown booked on sexual battery charge

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Brown is free on bail after being booked for investigation of rape and sexual battery while a "complete investigation" is conducted, police say.

Brown, 49, was arrested at his home in the Hollywood Hills Wednesday morning after an alleged incident late Tuesday night, said Sgt. Richard Beardslee, reading a statement prepared by the police.

Arrested along with Brown was a woman identified as Carol Moses, 22. She was booked for sexual battery, Sgt. Charles McGeart said.

The police statement said the arrests stemmed from the complaint of a 33-year-old woman, who was not identified. She alleged that Brown, with Moses, raped her after Brown had struck her several times. Police declined to elaborate on Moses' alleged involvement.

"complete investigation" is under way.

Brown was released on \$17,500 bail, and Moses released on \$1,000 bail, Beardslee said. A police spokesman said that charges must be filed before an arraignment date could be set, and no charges had been filed.

An Associated Press call to Brown's residence was answered

by a woman who identified herself as Sally and said Brown was not available.

In 1965, a jury found Brown innocent of assault and battery charges following an incident in Cleveland involving an 18-year-old girl.

Brown was arrested in June, 1968, and accused of assault with intent to murder when his 22-year-old girlfriend was found semi-conscious under the balcony of his Hollywood apartment.

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NY Islanders	31	23	4	66
NY Rangers	19	29	9	47
New Jersey	18	31	8	44
Pittsburgh	19	32	5	43

ADAMS DIVISION				
W	L	T	Pts	GF
Buffalo	26	17	12	68
Montreal	29	21	10	66
Quebec	29	23	8	66
Boston	26	25	8	60
Hartford	19	31	7	45

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE				
W	L	T	Pts	GF
St. Louis	27	21	10	64
Chicago	27	29	4	58
Detroit	18	31	11	43
Minnesota	16	32	11	43
Toronto	14	36	7	35

SMYTHE DIVISION				
W	L	T	Pts	GF
Edmonton	42	12	8	90
Calgary	37	23	7	87
Winnipeg	29	25	7	85
Los Angeles	25	23	11	61
Vancouver	18	33	8	44

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Wednesday's Games
 Pittsburgh 6, Calgary 3
 Detroit 3, Minnesota 2
 Chicago 3, Montreal 2

Thursday's Games
 Hartford at N.Y. Rangers
 Los Angeles at New Jersey
 Toronto at Philadelphia
 Winnipeg at N.Y. Islanders
 Washington at Vancouver
 Edmonton at Buffalo
 N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh
 Chicago at Minnesota
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NBA Glance

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Atlantic Division				
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Boston	44	12	.786	—
Philadelphia	43	12	.782	1/2
Washington	29	27	.518	15
New Jersey	27	28	.491	16 1/2
New York	18	37	.327	25 1/2

Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Milwaukee	39	17	.696	—
Detroit	32	23	.582	6 1/2
Chicago	25	28	.472	12 1/2
Atlanta	24	31	.436	14 1/2
Cleveland	19	36	.345	19 1/2
Indiana	17	38	.309	21 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Denver	35	20	.636	—
Houston	32	22	.593	2 1/2
Dallas	30	25	.545	5
San Antonio	27	28	.491	8
Utah	26	29	.473	9
Kansas City	18	36	.333	16 1/2

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
L.A. Lakers	39	16	.709	—
Phoenix	35	20	.636	12 1/2
Portland	25	30	.455	14
Seattle	23	32	.418	16
L.A. Clippers	22	34	.393	17 1/2
Golden State	12	43	.218	27

Wednesday's Games
 Utah 110, New Jersey 104, OT
 Philadelphia 127, Golden State 116
 Milwaukee 113, Detroit 112
 Cleveland 102, Indiana 92
 Dallas 104, Portland 96
 Washington 105, San Antonio 104
 Houston 126, Phoenix 122
 Denver 132, Boston 129
 Seattle 118, L.A. Clippers 105

Thursday's Game
 L.A. Lakers at Kansas City

Friday's Games
 Chicago vs. Boston at Hartford, Conn.
 Golden State at New Jersey
 New York at Atlanta
 L.A. Lakers at Indiana
 Detroit at Philadelphia
 Utah at Cleveland
 Washington at Dallas
 Portland at Houston
 San Antonio at Phoenix
 Denver at Seattle

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MEN		
1. Midland	12-3	
2. Odessa	12-3	
3. NMMI	10-5	
4. Amarillo	10-5	
5. WTC	8-7	
6. NMJC	7-8	
7. Howard	6-9	
8. Frank Phillips	6-9	
9. Clarendon	2-13	
10. South Plains	1-14	

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Midland at Howard 7:30; Amarillo 7:45; Frank Phillips 8:15; NMMI 8:30; Odessa 8:45; South Plains 9:15; WTC 9:30; NMJC 10:00

WOMEN		
1. Odessa	12-0	
2. Western Texas	10-2	
3. Clarendon	7-5	
4. Amarillo	6-6	
5. Howard	5-4	
6. NMJC	4-8	
7. South Plains	1-9	
8. Frank Phillips	1-11	

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Frank Phillips 6:30; Amarillo 6:45; Clarendon 7:00; South Plains 7:15; WTC 7:30; NMJC 8:00

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE
 Howard at Odessa; NMMI at Clarendon; South Plains at NMJC; Frank Phillips at Midland; Western Texas at Amarillo

Women's Top 20

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — The Top 20 teams in the JUCO women's basketball poll, with season records through games of Feb. 18 and points:

1. Odessa, Texas 28-0 80
2. Copiah-Lincoln JC, Miss. 24-0 76
3. Moraine Valley CC, Ill. 25-0 72
4. Emmanuel, Ga. 19-1 69
5. Connors St., Okla. 21-2 68
6. Moberly, Mo. 23-0 61
7. Cloud City CC, Kans. 19-1 51
- (tie) NW Mississippi JC 18-1 51
9. Central Wyoming 18-2 51
10. Lake Region JC, N.D. 18-2 42
11. CC of Allegheny Cty., Pa. 25-2 41
12. Truett-McConnell, Ga. 19-3 34
13. Roane St. CC, Tenn. 18-3 32
14. Tyler JC, Texas 21-4 24
15. Cochise, Ariz. 20-3 22

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Men's JUCO Top 20

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — The Top 20 teams in the JUCO men's basketball poll, with first-place votes, season records and points through games of Feb. 18:

1. Highland Pk., Ill. (16) 31-0 215
2. Miss. City CC, Ark. (3) 29-0 174
3. Allegany CC, Md. (2) 28-2 150
4. Dixie, Utah (1) 25-1 130
5. Independence CC, Kan. 25-3 99
6. Paola JC, Texas 27-0 81
7. DeKalb CC, Ga. 25-1 80
8. Miami-Davis CC, Fla. 24-3 62
9. KeyStone JC, Pa. 21-3 46
10. Mattick CC, Okla. (1) 19-0 47
11. Westchester CC, NY 22-3 31
12. Erie CC, NY (1) 25-3 25
13. Odessa, Texas (1) 24-4 27
14. Chowan, N.C. 22-3 27
- (tie) San Jacinto, Texas 21-3 24
18. Kankakee, Ill. 26-3 24
17. Coll. of DuPage, Ill. 25-2 20
18. Wallace St. CC, Dtn 20-4 14
19. Laredo JC, Texas 23-4 11
20. Moberly, Mo. 25-3 11

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Bluefield St. 87, Concord 85	Bowdoin 75, Brandeis 53	Oklahoma 110, Colorado 89	Rice 82, Tarleton St. 44
Bucknell 67, Drexel 57	Buffalo St. 62, Alfred 60	A&M 51	Texas Christian 72, So. Methodist 64
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Cheyney 77, E. Stroudsburg 50	Clarion 75, Slippery Rock 70		

McCray fast becoming Rockets' unsung hero

By The Associated Press
 Just because Rodney McCray doesn't have the stature, statistics or press clippings of Twin Towers teammates Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olatujun, Rockets Coach Bill Fitch doesn't sell him short. "As good as the Towers are, they can't get it done without Rodney," Fitch says. "First of all, he gets the other teams' top scorers defensively — the Larry Birds and the Bernard Kings — and I don't think anyone fills a lane on the fast break any better than Rodney McCray."
 McCray started slowly in his rookie year last season after he was chosen third in the 1983 National Basketball Association draft behind Sampson and Steve Stipanovich of Indiana.
 McCray signed his contract late, then hurt his back, and by mid-season he was averaging just 8.4 points per game. In the second half of the season, however, he averaged 12.8.

"The only time I questioned choosing him No. 3 was when he had the bad back and weighed as much as me," said the paunchy Fitch. "Now, he's our most versatile player. He rebounds, passes, plays defense and is very unselfish. Once he learns to shoot a little better from the outside, I want to be his agent instead of his coach."
 This season, with the Rockets improving from cellar-dwellers to title contenders in the Midwest Division, McCray is averaging 15.0 points, with 12 games of 20 points or more.
 Despite the presence of the 7-foot-4 Sampson and the 7-0 Olatujun, the 6-7 McCray still has managed double-digit rebounding in 12 games. As a passer, he's been the team leader in assists on 10 occasions. "It makes a difference that I have a year under my belt, a year of learning the players in the league and learning what I can and can't do," the softspoken McCray says.

Spring training officially begins

By The Associated Press
 Sparky Anderson traditionally operates one of the toughest spring training camps in baseball. It will be made even tougher this year by one fact: The Detroit Tigers are defending their World Series title.
 Not since the 1978 New York Yankees completed a three-year run as American League champions has a team won successive AL pennants.
 That precedent has not daunted Anderson, who has said, "We'll go to spring training with the idea of repeating."

The Tigers, along with the Minnesota Twins, were the first teams to officially open camp Wednesday to pitchers, catchers, rookies, players recovering from injuries and any others who volunteer for a little early work. The Tigers train at Lakeland, Fla., the Twins at Orlando.
 Most of the regulars and veterans are due in camp by the end of February or the first few days of March.
 Eighteen clubs train in Florida, and the other eight are in Arizona.

The Houston Astros are the only club with a new spring training site this year, having moved to Kissimmee, Fla., from Cocoa.

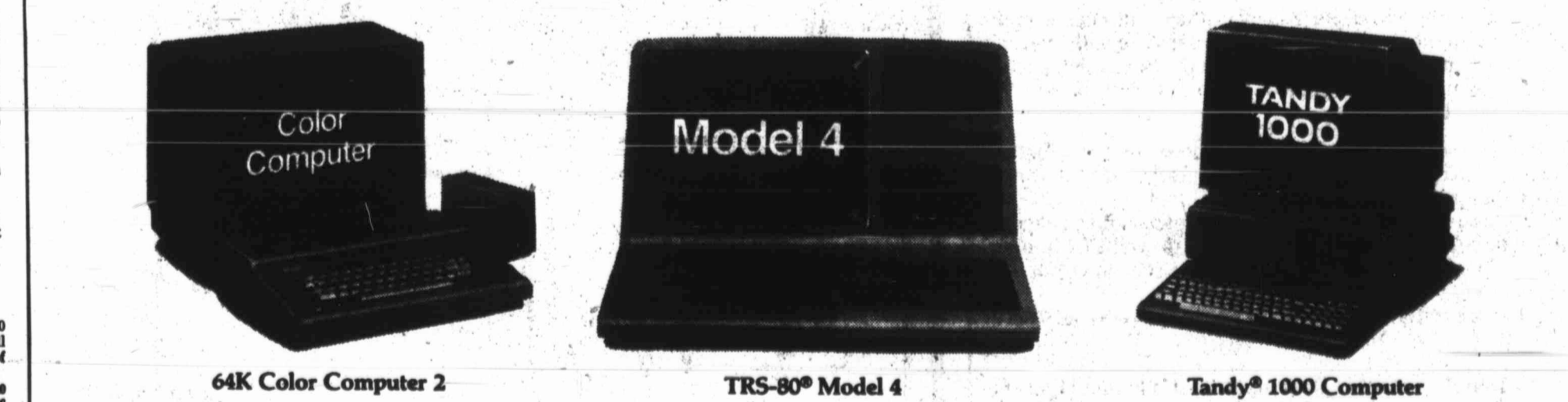
All clubs will have opened their spring sites by next Thursday, Feb. 28, when the Oakland A's begin workouts at Phoenix, Ariz.

Three NL teams — Houston, Los Angeles and New York — open camp on Thursday. The Cincinnati Reds, Atlanta Braves, Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox and New York Yankees open their facilities Friday.

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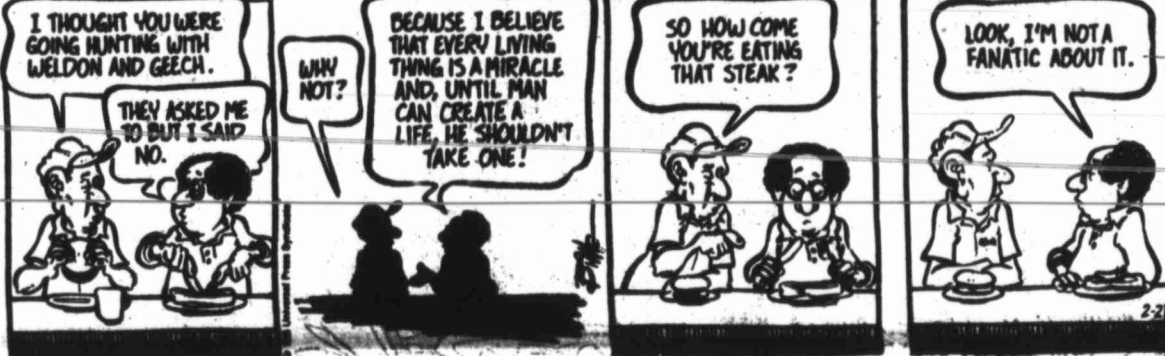


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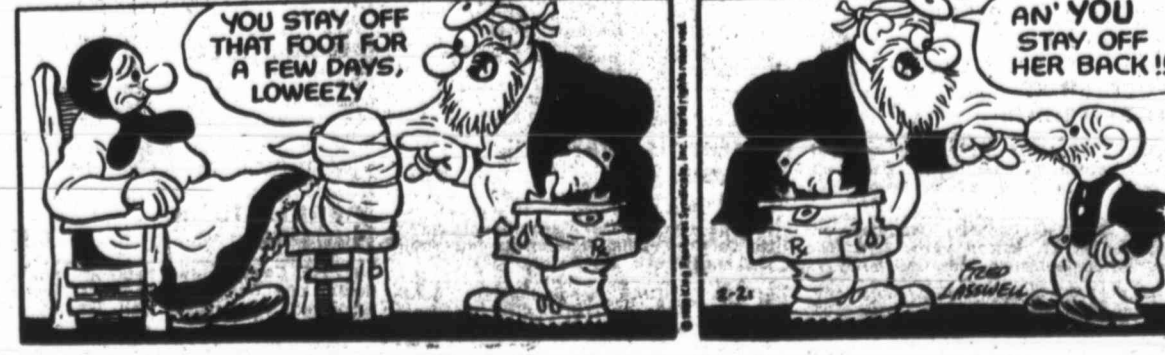
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Blue Badge program to aid lost kids looking for help

The Big Spring Police Department is beginning a new program that will offer emergency shelter to small children walking alone on city streets.

Children would be able to go to neighborhood volunteer homes that have a sign of a blue badge in the window in case they are lost, a person is after them or they need help, according to Police Sgt. Fred Pace.

Homes participating in the Blue Badge Safety Home program will be selected by the department's crime prevention unit from a list of volunteers. Homes chosen for the program will be visited by the crime prevention unit and a Department of Human Resources employee, Pace said.

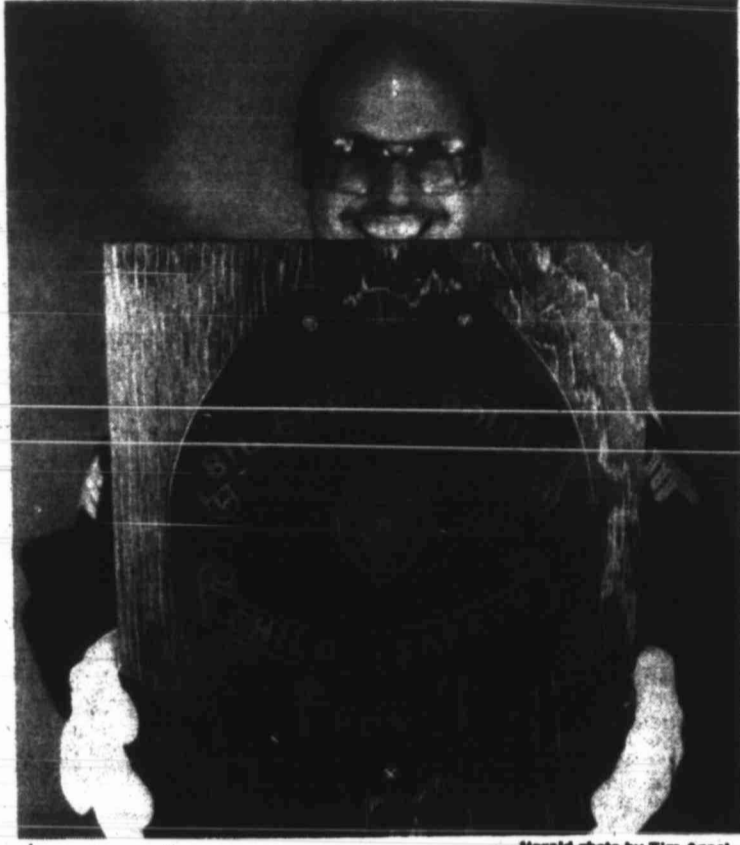
Background checks and personal reference checks on volunteers will be conducted before the home is approved. Once in the program, they will be inspected annually, he said.

The badge displayed in the windows of these emergency shelters will be shaped like badges worn by Big Spring police officers. The badge will be on a light blue background with yellow lettering, according to Pace.

Grade schools will have badges for children to see and to become familiar with the program, he said.

If a child goes to one of the houses for help, the adult volunteer at the house will get the child's name, his home address, his parents' names and phone number, and the name of the child's school, Pace said.

Under the program, the volunteer would call the



Big Spring Police Sgt. Fred Pace displays the symbol for the department's new child safety emergency shelter program.

parents, the school and the police department, notifying them of what action they have taken. If the parents are not available, an officer will be sent to pick the child up. Children will not remain at the home any longer than it takes to notify the parents or the police of the child's location.

If the child tells the Blue

Badge Safety Home volunteer of any suspicious circumstances, such as a stranger trying to pick the child up, the volunteer will notify the police department, Pace said.

For more information on the program or on becoming a volunteer, parents should call Pace at the police department at 263-8311.

White Hats

Knott farmer organizes rural group for Chamber

By CAROL BALDWIN
Staff Writer

A plan to involve residents of the rural community in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce was put into motion Wednesday during the monthly chamber directors' meeting.

Paul Hopper, an area farmer who is a Chamber member, received permission to begin an auxiliary group that will be known as the "White Hats."

The group will be formed of farmers, ranchers and members of the agriculture community and will function as a support network for the rural community, Hopper said. Hopper estimates 50 members will be enrolled within three months.

The organization will be reviewed in six months and plans are to have the White Hats join the Chamber as full members within three years, Hopper said.

Chamber officials agreed to budget \$500 for the auxiliary. The money will be used to purchase white caps and patches.

The White Hats will serve as hosts for agriculture-related events such as stock shows, the annual Agriculture Appreciation



PAUL HOPPER

Banquet, and various other agriculture programs. The group will also be a liaison between the city and rural communities.

Granville Hahn, president of the Chamber, told directors that the Chamber's new computer will be delivered Friday.

Bruce Hogenmiller, manager

of Big Spring Savings, was elected to the board Wednesday. Hogenmiller "has asked for a place of duty in the city," Hahn said. He will replace Tommy Rutledge.

Officials voted to support several issues, including a resolution urging Congress to approve a new Interstate cost estimate. The failure to approve the ICE has caused approximately \$9 billion in highway funds to be held in Washington, members were told.

Officials voted to protest the IRS auto record keeping rules, and to oppose state legislation on House Bill 32, which would extend unemployment coverage for agricultural employees. The group supported a resolution on Senate Bill 21, which would raise the state's legal drinking age to 21.

Permission was granted for members of the business committee to look into fund raising projects for new or refurbished Christmas decorations for the city. Plans are to sponsor a commemorative belt buckle sale and host an auction featuring items donated from local merchants.

Monahans class planning reunion

The class of 1941 from Monahans High School is planning a reunion for late July.

For information, contact the following persons in Monahans: Maude Fielding Wells of 1605 S. Ike, 943-5816; Dorothy Bicknell Andrews of 1103 S. Kenneth, 943-4566 or Shirley Erwin of 1207 S. Murray, 943-3758.

LULAC banquet caps observances

The annual awards banquet of the local chapter of LULAC is scheduled for Friday at the Coors Hospitality Room and will culminate National LULAC Week, announced newly-elected president Pat DeAnda.

The League of United Latin American Citizens chapter Wednesday night elected Mary Pena, vice president; Linda Arsiaga, secretary; Bo Hardy, reporter; Manuel Arsiaga and Chon Marquez, treasurer; and Mary Sanchez, Sgt. at arms.

Big Spring Mayor Clyde Angel signed a proclamation earlier this week marking Feb. 17-23 as LULAC Week in Big Spring. The local chapter set up a memorial at the county courthouse "to honor (local) Hispanic veterans who died in World War II, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War," said Linda Arsiaga.

The organization will honor several people at its banquet Friday night, she said. The event is set for

6:30 p.m. The special guest speaker will be Eliseo Solis, the first Hispanic County Commissioner elected in Lubbock County. He was elected Nov. 1984.

Other speakers will be Howard County Commissioner O.L. "Louie" Brown; City Council member E.A. "Henry" Sanchez and Big Spring Independent School Board member Billy Pineda.

In a release from the local chapter, DeAnda said, "Locally we have set a precedent politically through efforts by people with democratic spirits. We have gained representation on the city council and the school board. Doors that have been virtually closed to us have suddenly opened."

"While many barriers have fallen by the wayside, Hispanics today still have far to go and much to accomplish."

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Spelling Bee winners



MOSS SPELLERS — Mary Ellen Franco, left, became the champion of Moss Elementary's Spelling Bee Tuesday and will advance to the Howard County Spelling Bee March 5. Runner up was Tammy Lynn Clanton, 11, right. The two competed against 23 other spellers in the competition, which lasted seven rounds. Miss Franco is the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Armando Franco Jr., 1017 Bluebonnet. Miss Clanton is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Clanton, 407 E. 11th. Both are students of Betty Addy.



ELBOW WINNERS — Jennifer Dubose, 11, left, will represent Elbow Elementary School at the Howard County Spelling Bee March 5. She became the champion of her school's spelling bee Wednesday. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dubose, Sterling City Route, and a fifth grade student of Jackie Hays. Runner up at Elbow is Mac Robison, 10, son of Debra Forrest of Forsan. Robison, right, will compete on the county level if Miss Dubose is unable to participate. He is a fifth grade student of Derrell Baggett.



Brief showers scatter rain

Cloudy skies and scattered rains brought about .15 of an inch of moisture to Big Spring Wednesday. Rain began falling heavily in the city about mid-morning Tuesday. Gutters and low-lying areas became flooded with the short but heavy rainfall. Scattered rain continued throughout the day.

About .01 of an inch of rain was recorded in the city Tuesday. The rainfall brings the year-to-date total to .55. Normal to date for this time of year is 1.15 inches.

Larry Shaw of Knott said he recorded one-half inch of rain Wednesday.

The forecast called for a 20 percent chance of more rain today, but sunny skies and few clouds made hopes for additional afternoon rainfall slim.

By tonight, look for a 30 percent chance of more rain. Lows tonight will fall into the upper 40s.

On Friday, the forecast is again calling for a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs on Friday will be slightly cooler than today. Highs should reach the upper 50s.

Tax aid for elderly offered at center

Elderly people and people from low-income families can receive free income tax assistance beginning Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the Northside Community Center, 110 N.E. 8th.

Louise Hamilton and Florence Thorburn are trained volunteers providing this service through the Tax Aid/TCE program. The service is provided every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the center. For more information call 263-2673.

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