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Spring board

How's that? Representatives

Q. What are the addresses of our state representatives, Larry Don Shaw and John T. Montford?

A. Write to: Larry Don Shaw; Representative, 69th District; P.O. Box 2910; Austin, Tx, 78769; or phone 263-2321. For Montford, write: John T. Montford; Senator, 28th District; P.O. Box 12068; Austin, Tx, 78711; or phone (806) 744-5555. These and other addresses appear as space permits on the Herald Opinion page.

Calendar Chili supper

TODAY

- The Christian Life and Witness course will be taught at 7 p.m. at the First Church of God.
- The Coahoma Volunteer Fire Department will offer a first aid CPA course from Feb. 2-16. Those interested must register by Jan. 28. The instructors will be from Lee Ambulance.
- The Colorado City Dancers will host a senior citizen dance from 7 to 10 p.m. and the Civic Center in Colorado City. The Porky Proctor Band will perform country western music. The public is invited.
- The Big Spring High band boosters will meet at 7 p.m. at the high school band hall. All parents of band members and anyone else interested is invited to attend.
- A chili supper will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Activity Center. Chili, beans, pie and coffee or tea will cost \$3.

WEDNESDAY

- The Wall Committee will meet at 8 p.m., instead of 7 p.m. as previously announced, in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Siren tests continue

City emergency warning sirens are being tested again today, according to Fire Chief Carl Dorton.

Dorton said the tests are an attempt to "get the bugs out" of the new system. The sirens also were tested Monday.

The sirens sound three different calls, corresponding to the type of disaster they are warning of, he said. A tornado warning would be one continuous note, lasting as long as the danger was present, he said. A fire warning would be one continuous note for a short period of time; and a "man-made disaster," such as a nuclear attack, would be a wavering tone, he said.

Service officers' seminar

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will be the site of a seminar for all area County Service officers, as well as service officers affiliated with service organizations, Medical Center Director Conrad Alexander said.

The daylong event begins at 10 a.m. and continues through 4 p.m. It will take place Wednesday in room 212 of the Medical Center.

Alexander reported that at least 50 participants are expected from throughout the surrounding 54 counties.

End is in sight for Coahoma cuts

By EDDIE CURRAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — After the School Board eliminated a coach/teacher position, all allocations to cheerleaders, and made several other cuts Monday night, Superintendent Jerry Doyle said the Board is "real close" to concluding its cutting of the 1987-88 school budget.

"We've done all the big cuts," Doyle said after the meeting, conducted in a board room packed with a standing-room-only crowd of teachers, parents and other citizens.

Because of the drop in the price of oil, Coahoma was forced to

decrease its budget by approximately \$500,000 — there have been approximately \$470,000 in reductions made to date, he said.

In one of the first orders of business, the Board accepted the resignations of high school Principal Ronnie Bourland and elementary school Principal Tom Spell.

The Board voted unanimously to extend the contract of middle school Principal Bob Etheridge, but tabled setting his salary after a vote of 3-2 defeated a motion to leave his salary unchanged. Bruce Griffith and Jim Wright had voted not to decrease his salary, although Jimmy Sterling, Stanley Phillips and Marvin Keenan had voted to

decrease his salary in keeping with the salary reductions of the teachers.

Several students, teachers, employees and parents made pleas to the Board not to make certain cuts. Cafeteria Director Mary Womack, who said she has been working in the Coahoma schools for 29 years, asked the Board to reconsider its 10 percent reduction in cafeteria employees' salaries. Womack said she had already cut a fourth of her staff, and has been doing her own cutting for years.

"When I found out we were being cut, well, it felt like I'd worked all these years for nothing. I don't think it would be fair to my women,

as hard as they work, to cut 10 percent. If I lose any (employees), and go back to \$3.35, what kind of people could I get?" she said.

Womack, who said the cafeteria finances were in the black, requested that the Board wait until the end of the year before reducing her employees wages, and the Board agreed to consider her request.

After considering the possible elimination of two teacher/coach positions, the Board decided unanimously to delete one such position in the junior high. Athletic Director Billy Kidd said eliminating two positions would force some teams to practice

before school, but with one less coach some teams could practice during a school period.

"Who (will be cut) is going to be a problem," Kidd said. The elimination of the position will save approximately \$20,000, Doyle said.

In light of that cut, the Board decided not to make further cuts on the athletic budget, which had been cut by 19 percent previously, to \$83,000.

The Board voted 3-1, with Phillips opposing, not to allocate a proposed \$4,950 for a cheerleading budget. However, the cheerleaders will be allowed to have fund raisers

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Swept away
Sara Bavin, secretary at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, sweeps the sidewalk of snow that fell Tuesday morning. The light snow mainly fell between South 6th Street and South 15th Street, with areas to the north and south in Big Spring having no dusting at all.

Jury to decide the fate of manslayer

A jury of eight women and four men will decide the fate of a 22-year old man who pleaded guilty this morning to involuntary manslaughter charge arising from a March 8 traffic accident.

David Ray Waymon of 704 East 3rd St. admitted he was guilty of driving a pickup truck that struck from behind the motorcycle driven by Joe Harold Roundtree. He died as a result of the collision, according to police reports.

Waymon pleaded guilty after District Attorney Rick Hamby read the grand jury indictment to the jurors.

Waymon could be sentenced to 10 years in the state prison and fined \$5,000. He also could be placed on a probation sentence. He is represented by Wayne Basden, a Big Spring attorney.

According to police reports, the accident occurred during an early morning hour at a traffic light in the 300 block of West 4th St.

Fifteen witnesses were sworn in before testimony began.

George Michael Kennedy, Sterling City Route Box 22, testified he was with the deceased the day before the accident.

According to police reports, Kennedy, in addition to Stephanie Poiney Rodriguez, of Lubbock, and Gary Richard Barth, 2521 Fairchild Dr., were severely injured as a result of the accident. Kennedy testified he was admitted for a week's treatment in a hospital. He suffered head injuries and testified

he couldn't remember the accident.

Big Spring police officer Stan Parker, who was the first to respond to the accident call, testified that he concluded Waymon's pickup struck the motorcycle from behind as it traveled east on 4th St.

The motorcycles were traveling in a two in front and two in rear formation, Parker said.

"The impact of collision was fairly hard," he testified.

Big Spring police officer Roger Sweatt, who arrived at the scene to assist Parker, testified the defendant came up to him at the scene and said he was the driver of the pickup.

Sweatt testified he detected a strong smell of alcohol when the defendant spoke to him and that Waymon stumbled while walking toward the patrol car. His speech was also slurred, Sweatt said.

Shortly before the trial began this morning, a husband and wife each pleaded guilty to felony drug charges.

Manuel Renteria, 30, 1504 B. Lincoln St., will serve four years in the state prison for possession of a controlled substance. Tammy Renteria, 28, 1200 Grafa St., will serve a seven-year probation sentence for delivery of a controlled substance.

They were both arrested on July 4, while attempting to deliver heroin, said Assistant District Attorney Robert Morris.

Clements back in Austin

By SCOTT ROTHSCHILD
Austin Bureau

AUSTIN — Saying Texans are demanding a change, Bill Clements returns to the helm as governor of Texas Tuesday with the state caught in the currents of red ink and a straining prison system.

"The next four years in Texas can be literally a historical time, but only if we believe the status quo is not good enough," Clements said in a prepared inaugural address.

The 69-year-old Dallas oilman said Texas can begin climbing from tough economic times by improving relations with the federal government and Mexico. "Both are vital to the future of Texas," he said.

Clements was scheduled to begin a four-year term with a ceremony in front of the Capitol shortly after noon. The ceremony also included the swearing in of Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, a Democrat who first took office in 1973 and who has expressed an interest in running for governor in 1990.

In prepared remarks, Hobby said education is the cornerstone of economic recovery and that any attempt to shortchange funds to schools have "ominous implications" that could lead to more dropouts, prison inmates and poverty.

Referring to the drop in oil prices that has wracked state government, Hobby said, "We need to support our public colleges and universities in a way that does not fluctuate with the price of oil. It doesn't make sense to let an Arab sheik decide the quality of education in Texas," Hobby said.

Clements outlined a number of problems facing the state that will require "each and every Texan rolling up their sleeves, and going to work together to get our state on the move again."

Topping the list of problem areas are the budget, quality education and prisons. The nation's second largest prison system Friday closed its doors temporarily to new inmates after exceeding court-ordered prison population limits.

Clements, who also served a four-year term as governor beginning in 1979, joins a week-old Legislature in wrestling with an estimated \$1 billion budget deficit at the end of the current fiscal year and a \$4.8 billion debt for the next two fiscal years.

Clements, the only Republican governor since Reconstruction, was swept back into the Governor's Mansion on the promise of no new taxes.

Meanwhile, Democratic leadership in the Senate and House have said a tax increase is inevitable to lift the state from its economic knees caused by the spiraling price of oil.

Clements declined to give specific budget proposals during his scheduled 10-minute address, saying that details of his budget plan will "be discussed in my State of the State Address in a few weeks and at other appropriate times in the future."

Calling for bi-partisan support to tackle the state's problems, CLEMENTS page 2A

Weather disrupts local long distance service

Long distance telephone service in Big Spring was disrupted Monday morning when a broken water line flooded the phone company's equipment.

Darlene Gifford, community relations manager for Southwestern Bell Telephone, said that a water main about 20 feet from the company's long distance office at Third and Runnels Streets broke early Monday morning.

About 100 pounds of water pressure forced water into the cable vault, she said.

Reports of damage began filtering in at about 4 a.m., she said. At 7 a.m. much of the city's long distance service was non-functioning, and by 8 a.m. Big Spring was completely isolated, she said.

Water was pumped from the

equipment and service restored by 11:14 a.m., Gifford added.

Local calls were not affected because the calls are made through different cables, she said.

The broken water main at Fourth and Runnels Streets was one of four utility crews repaired Monday, according to Public Works Director Tom Decell.

About 400 water customers were affected by the broken lines at the peak of the trouble, he said. Service was restored soon after 5 p.m., he said.

However, Decell added that if temperatures plummet again, more lines could malfunction. Extreme temperatures cause the ground to contract and expand, damaging pipes, he said.



HAROLD HALL
... District 3 representative

Two City Council posts to open

No one has filed yet for election to City Council or the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

Monday was the first day to file for election to the Council, according to city Finance Director Tom Ferguson. Positions held by Councilmen Henry Sanchez and Harold Hall will be voted on April 4.

Both Sanchez and Hall said this morning they haven't decided whether to run for re-election.

Sanchez has served on the Council as district 1 representative for one three-year term. District 1 includes the north and west areas of town, Ferguson said.

Hall has served as district 3 representative for nine years, he said. District 3 covers the south and part of the west areas of Big Spring. Council representative for Big Spring's third district, district

2, is D.W. Overman. He was elected last year.

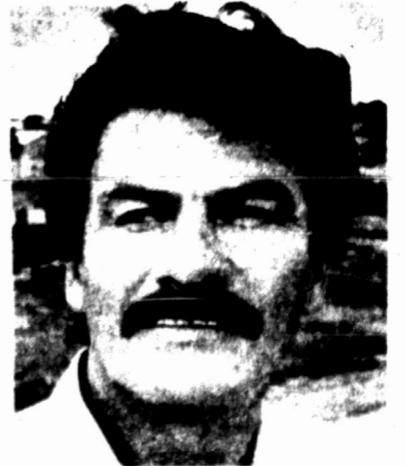
The other three Council positions are selected at large, Ferguson said.

Seekers of either City Council position have until Feb. 18 to file, he said. Candidates must live in the district for which they file.

The Big Spring school board hasn't actually called its election yet, but plans are to conduct it with the city election, according to Superintendent Lynn Hise. Formal action to establish the election date is expected at the Feb. 12 board meeting.

Positions to be voted on this year are held by Dwayne Fraser, district 3, and Billy Pineda, district 1. Hise said that although an election hasn't been officially called yet, candidates can file until 30 days before the election.

COUNCIL SEATS page 2A



HENRY SANCHEZ
... District 1 representative

'Business as usual' at TDC — for now

By MICHAEL L. GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer
HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Texas prisons will continue accepting inmates as long as the system remains under a 95 percent capacity mark imposed by law to avoid overcrowding, a prison spokesman said.

"I feel that we're still under (95 percent). We'll probably go on with business as usual," Texas Department of Corrections spokesman Charles Brown said Monday.

The Texas law setting the 95 percent capacity limit was passed in 1983 after a federal judge ordered officials to take steps to reduce overcrowding in Texas' penitentiaries.

But inmate population in the 26-unit system, the nation's second largest behind California, exceeded that limit Friday forcing officials to close its doors to new inmates.

Weekend paroles pushed the inmate population below the limit, allowing prison officials to reopen Monday.

Inmate population Sunday totaled 38,207, or 168 prisoners short of the ceiling of 38,375, Brown said.

An estimated 21 more inmates were released Monday and about 60 new prisoners were accepted, but Brown said he would not have an of-

official count until later today.

Monday traditionally is a slow day for admissions, officials said.

Some sheriffs around Texas, faced with their own limits on county jail population, accelerated prison transfers last week once they discovered the state prison system was about to close its doors, Brown said.

Prison administrators were trying to devise a more organized system for transfer from about 20 of the state's most populous counties.

Tuesday is the day the prison systems gets its regular delivery of prisoners from Harris County, the state's most populous county. The county that includes Houston averages about 150 inmates a week.

A transfer system involving fewer counties was put into place during 1982 when the prisons faced a crowding crisis and were forced to close for a week, Brown said.

To get below the ceiling this past weekend, 80 prisoners were released on parole Saturday and another 135 on Sunday.

"Normally we don't release prisoners on weekends but it has been done in the past," Brown said.

The system stopped accepting new inmates Friday when it registered 38,414 prisoners, or 95.09 percent, as of midnight Thursday, 38 over

the limit.

As part of a prison reform order, U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice ordered the prison system to reduce crowding. The Legislature passed a law setting the 95 percent capacity limit in 1983.

No immediate end to the daily population crunch was in sight, Brown said.

"This probably will be ongoing until we open up some trusty camps," he said.

The first of 10 such camps, being constructed adjacent to existing prison units, could open some time in March, with the rest operating by June or July, Brown said.

A new maximum security prison, under construction near Palestine, is expected to begin taking inmates in August, and together with the camps will add 4,250 beds to the system, according to Brown.

Justice already has issued a contempt order against the corrections department, saying the agency failed to live up to agreements made in 1980 to improve inmates' living conditions and staffing in the prisons.

The judge gave the prison system until March 31 to meet the standards or risk fines of up to \$800,500 a day. The prison board plans to appeal Justice's contempt order.

Weather

Forecast

West Texas - Travelers' advisory is in effect due to icy roads in the Panhandle, South Plains and far west tonight. Travelers' advisory also in effect due to icy roads in the Permian Basin and Concho Valley tonight and Wednesday morning. Mostly cloudy with scattered areas of snow Panhandle, South plains and far west, moving into the Permian Basin and Concho Valley tonight. Clearing and warmer on Wednesday. Lows tonight in the lower teens Panhandle to middle 20s in the Concho Valley.

State

A winter storm watch was in effect for the Texas Hill Country tonight and Tuesday as winter weather continued across Texas.

Forecasters warned that rain will change to freezing rain and then to snow in the Hill Country of South Central Texas tonight and early Wednesday.

Light snow was falling the Texas Panhandle at dawn today. Some areas of the Panhandle had 10 inches of snow on the ground from the weekend storm and the latest accumulations.

Board schedules elections

FORSAN — The School Board called Trustee elections for April 4 and named election judges at Monday night's meeting, said Superintendent Jerry Doyle.

Doyle said the three positions currently held by Bill Mims, Morrison Donaghe and Dr. Rip Patterson will be filled. He said all interested candidates can file between Feb. 18 and March 4 at the Forsan high school business office.

In other business, Poyner reported that the Board:

- Extended Poyner's contract one year to June, 1990.
- Approved a band trip to a competition in Corpus Christi from May 14-17. Poyner said the students will raise funds for the trip.
- Approved the final part of the annual performance report, as required by state law.

Deaths

Jessie Smith

Jessie Mae Smith, 66, 613 N.E. 10th Street, died Monday morning, Jan. 18, 1987, at her home after an illness.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Rev. James Boyce officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born March 13, 1920, in Marlin.

She moved to Big Spring in 1939 from Marlin.

She is survived by three sisters, Ruby Modkin of Pittsburg, Calif., Estella Crosby of Big Spring and Alcenia Modkin of Midland; two brothers, Carbert Newton of Big Spring and Erea Harris of Midland.

Pallbearers will be Fred J. Cole Sr., Clinton Muse, Glen Person Sr., Charlie Turner, Earnest Henry and Gary Peterson.

old son of Julie Redding, 1503 B Lincoln, died Monday evening, Jan. 19, 1987, at Hall-Bennett Memorial Hospital after an illness.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at Trinity Memorial Park, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 22, 1985, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Julie of Big Spring; his grandparents, John and Carol Redding of Big Spring.

Alford Sipes

Alford Eugene Sipes, 53, Starkville, Miss., formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 19, 1987, in Tupelo, Miss. at the Northeast Mississippi Medical Center.

Services will be Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 8 p.m. at the Alders United Methodist Church, in Starkville. Interment will be Wednesday, Jan. 21, in the Lebanon Cemetery in Hardin County, Tenn., under the direction of Shackelford Funeral Home in Savannah, Tenn.

He was born in Big Spring on Aug. 29, 1933.

He married Martha Carter Nov. 27, 1953. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He was a corporate maintenance engineer for Garan Inc., and a Veteran of World War II and the Korean War, serving in the United States Army Signal Corp.

He is survived by his wife, Martha Carter Sipes of Starkville, Miss.; two daughters, Peggy Sipes of Starkville and Mrs. Letha Taylor of Columbus, Miss.; one son, Steven Sipes of Sardis, Tenn.; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sipes of Amarillo; two sisters, Mrs. Thelma Dagley of Denison and Mrs. Virginia Seavers of Austin; three brothers, Eldon Sipes of Lubbock, Edward Sipes of San Angelo and Alton Sipes of Tyler; two grandchildren.

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Algie Nichols

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Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

LeRoy Minchew, 76, died Monday. Services will be at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Clements

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Clements said, "My actions will be straightforward, my word good, and our programs and proposals offered in a full spirit of cooperation and enthusiasm." He also promised to be responsive and keep his door open to different opinions.

The state can turn its economic problems around, Clements said. "We can dream the impossible dream and make it come true," he said.

Clements said he would rely on the guidance of blue-ribbon committees appointed to tackle the issues of tort reform, prisons, higher education, illegal drug traffic, state government reform and "the protection of traditional family values and of the separation of church and state."

At the same time as the inaugural ceremony, exiting Gov. Mark White, a Democrat, was reportedly gathering with former staff members for lunch at a Mexican restaurant in South Austin.

Clements was to receive the oath of office from another political combatant, Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice John Hill.

Clements surprised political observers by defeating Hill in 1978 to become the first Republican governor of Texas in 104 years.

Clements himself was surprised in 1982 when then-attorney general White upset his bid at a second term.



Rita Clements adjusts her husband's tie as the couple prepares for today's inaugural activities. William P. Clements was to be sworn in Tuesday afternoon as Texas' governor.

Police beat

Theives take vehicle, IBM gear worth \$32,500

Theives stole \$32,500 of goods from Chris M. Warring, 2512 Longley Drive, between 2 and 7:30 a.m. Monday. Taken were a 1986 Chevrolet El Camino, valued at \$17,500; a tool bag containing \$5,000 of IBM tools; 12 boxes containing \$10,000 of IBM parts; and two credit cards.

Also on Longley Drive, a \$300 Sears videocassette recorder was taken from Becky Brooks, 2505 Longley Drive, between 10 p.m. Friday and 11:30 p.m. Sunday, and a window was broken.

Someone damaged a juke box and cigarette machine, stole an unknown amount of change from both, removed a door from its hinges and damaged a padlock at Everybody's Place bar on North Birdwell Lane between 12:05 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Monday.

Vandals threw a rock, breaking a window at the Coca-Cola Bottling Co., 3400 W. Highway 80, between 6 p.m. Friday and 6 a.m. Monday. Damage was listed at \$50.

Arnulfo Flores, 25, of Midland, was arrested at 100 W. 20th St. Monday night for driving with a suspended license, a second offense of no insurance, and expired registration.

Francisco Olivares Jr., 25, 1002 N. Main St., was arrested at 1101 N. Lamesa Highway Monday night for driving without a license and without insurance.

Rosa Marie Martinez, 27, 901 Magnolia Ave., was arrested at 300 W. Second St. Monday for no insurance, second offense.

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Corina Puentes, 30, 3308 Auburn, was incarcerated Monday afternoon by deputies after it was determined by the adult probation office that she had violated the terms of her probation from a theft by check judgment. She is to serve 60 days in county jail, according to the sheriff's log.

Two guilty pleas heard

Howard County judge Milton Kirby received two guilty pleas to driving while intoxicated charges Monday in county court.

Noel Wayne Truex, 42, of Midland, pleaded guilty to DWI. He was fined \$400, \$131 court costs and placed on a 180-day jail sentence probated for two years.

Edgar Lee Boggs, 60, Route Three Box 266-C, pleaded guilty to DWI. He was fined \$400, \$131 court costs and placed on a 90-day jail sentence probated for two years.

Sheriff's log Deputies investigating shooting

Sheriff A.N. Standard said this morning his deputies would continue investigating and taking statements before making a determination on a Monday night shooting incident.

Freddie Rodriguez of Rockhouse Road told deputies he was accidentally shot in the abdomen at 6:10 p.m. while in a house at Howard and Sterling streets.

However, another male person told deputies he accidentally shot Rodriguez while both were in the bedroom, according to the sheriff's report.

Police transferred Rosa Marie Martinez, 27, 901 Magnolia Ave., to county jail Monday morning after she was arrested for failure to maintain financial responsibility. She was released on \$500 bond.

Deputies arrested Lorenzo Jackson, 43, 906 N.W.

Second St., Monday morning for fines he owes the county on a driving while intoxicated judgment. He remained in jail this morning in lieu of an outstanding balance of \$531.

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Council seats

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In addition to Fraser and Pineda's positions, two other representatives are elected by district and three at-large. Ford Farris represents district 2 and

Jimmy Anderson district 4. Those two positions will be voted on in 1988.

Dock Voorhies, Bill Brooks and Dan Wise were elected at-large last year.

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STEVEN SPIELBERG
7:10 AND 9:10

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O.A. Shortes, 57, died Saturday. Graveside services were 2:00 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Homer F. "Pat" Keith, 78, died Sunday. Services were 3:30 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel. Interment was at Coahoma Cemetery.

301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

Nation

By Associated Press

Koop speaks on AIDS

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Nearly 100 million people worldwide could die from AIDS by the end of the century if a cure or vaccine is not found, U.S. Surgeon General Everett C. Koop said Monday.

In a speech before 6,000 students at the Rev. Jerry Falwell's Liberty University, Koop also said he resented criticism from fellow conservatives and evangelicals of his call for sex education to prevent the spread of AIDS.

"Make no mistake about it, AIDS is spreading among more people and it is uniformly fatal," he said, adding that no "cure or vaccine is in sight in the foreseeable future."

In October, Koop called for sex education for children to teach them about AIDS, and said abstinence and condoms were the best ways to prevent the spread of the disease.

Chinese sign letter

NEW YORK — As many as 1,000 Chinese students studying in the United States have signed a letter protesting their country's crackdown on liberal intellectuals, according to a report published today.

"We feel that the ultraleftist practice of labeling people arbitrarily and finding faults with others has re-dominated the area of communication, culture and ideology," said the open letter to the Chinese leadership, The New York Times reported.

Up to 1,000 students from 51 colleges and universities, including 480 who allowed their names to be used, endorsed the letter. Five students told the Times that the largest number of endorsements, 65, came from Iowa State University.

The letter was delivered Monday to the Chinese consulate and the office of the New China News Agency in New York. In Peking, the Education Ministry said it knew nothing of the letter.

Dissident arrives to U.S.

WASHINGTON — "I haven't come to America to die. I've come to America to recover," said Inna Meiman, a Soviet dissident who was forced to leave her family in Moscow to undergo cancer treatment in the United States.

Mrs. Meiman, 54, arrived in the United States Monday, in anguish over leaving long-time Moscow refusenik Naum Meiman, 75, behind in the Soviet Union.

Suffering from cancer of the upper spine since 1983, Mrs. Meiman was granted permission to come to the United States for one year of treatment, but Soviet authorities refused to grant a visa to her husband.

Mrs. Meiman has undergone four operations in the Soviet Union, and has been told she needed treatment available in the West. She is being admitted to the Georgetown University medical center's cancer clinic.



Cars are lined up bumper-to-bumper on Queens Boulevard heading toward the Queensboro Bridge, New York, which links Queens to Manhattan. More than 150,000 commuters struggled to get to work due to a strike against the Long Island Rail Road, the nation's busiest commuter railroad. Ice roadways and the extra traffic combined to slow traffic.

Rail strike

New York prepares for test

By MARJORIE ANDERS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Corporations arranged car pools, chartered buses and rented hotel rooms as New York braced for the first big test of the 3-day-old strike against the country's busiest commuter rail line.

The strike against the Long Island Rail Road, used during business days by nearly 150,000 commuters, widened late Monday as a coalition of five crafts unions joined the walkout. Eight unions representing about 1,700 of the railroad's 6,600 unionized employees are now involved in the strike.

Coalition spokesman John Caggiano apologized to commuters but predicted a lengthy strike as negotiations ended late Monday with no new talks scheduled. Railroad officials said they hoped talks would resume today.

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday blunted the strike's impact, but today was expected to be another story.

A snow storm swept through the region Monday afternoon, and crews worked through the night to clear streets of ice and snow, officials said.

"Roads are in good shape and we're going to go at it all night and into the morning so things will look good for the strike," said Paul Rodriguez, a Sanitation Department crew chief.

However, city Transportation Commissioner Ross Sandler warned, "There is no way that the roads of Manhattan can accommodate the over 100,000 Long

Island Rail Road riders if they all drive in."

Sandler predicted bumper-to-bumper traffic for miles if commuters did not heed warnings to form car pools or use buses.

Some businesses arranged transportation for their employees.

"We're in the bus business," said Philip Morris spokesman George L. Knox. The company, which surveyed its workers last week, set up bus routes and scheduled pickup times.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith offered to pay some expenses of its commuters who usually take the railroad. Company officials said commuting costs at least \$3 above the price of the train ride would be reimbursed. The investment banking concern also said it was considering setting up car pools if the walkout continued.

Some companies reserved blocks of hotel rooms for employees.

All rooms at the Vista International Hotel at the World Trade Center were sold out, said Joe Ray, a reservation supervisor. He said employers paid for most of the rooms, which go for \$195 a night for a single, \$220 for a double.

The five unions, representing machinists, boiler-makers, electrical workers, oilers and sheet metal workers, joined the strike Monday after a day of fruitless talks and despite a last-minute offer by the governor's labor adviser of binding arbitration.

World

By Associated Press

Waite talks to Shiites

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hostage negotiator Terry Waite met with Shiite Moslems holding American hostages and then decided today to prolong his stay in Lebanon, sources close to the Anglican Church envoy said.

"It looked like he has had a breakthrough," said one source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "He will have further meetings with the captors."

Waite had planned to take a morning flight to London. The sources said he cancelled his plans after returning to his hotel from a late-night meeting with Islamic Jihad, the pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem group which says it holds two American captives.

This morning, Waite appeared in the lobby of his seaside hotel in Moslem west Beirut's Druse-controlled Ein Mreisseh district at 9:20 a.m. He and three Druse bodyguards then drove off to an unknown destination.

Official visits U.S.

TOKYO — Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said today that he plans an emergency meeting with U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker to discuss the surge of the yen against the dollar.

"Though we cannot write any scenario, we just can't sit here and waste time," Miyazawa told a news conference after today's Cabinet meeting.

Yuko Kurihara, director general of the Defense Agency, said Miyazawa would leave Wednesday for the United States to discuss the soaring yen, which closed at a post-1949 low of 150.45 yen to the dollar on Monday.

Miyazawa said the currency market situation was "serious enough to require a meeting" with Baker as stipulated in an agreement between the two officials announced last October.

In that agreement, issued after the Bank of Japan cut its official discount rate to a record low of 3 percent, Miyazawa and Baker pledged to cooperate in keeping the two currencies stable.

Irish Cabinet collapses

DUBLIN, Ireland — Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald's coalition Cabinet collapsed today in a dispute over the budget, making general elections next month a virtual certainty in Ireland.

The four Cabinet ministers representing the Labor Party, the junior coalition partner of FitzGerald's Fine Gael Party, walked out of the prime minister's office and said they had resigned because they could not accept budget cuts affecting salaried workers and low-income families.

Deputy Prime Minister Dick Spring said in a statement that the cutbacks demanded by FitzGerald's budget "are not just. They fail to spread the burden of our financial problems."

Finance Minister John Bruton was known to be demanding cutbacks totalling about \$450 million in social welfare funding. The budget has not been published.

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Opinion

Steroid givers also to blame

Brian Bosworth, the provocative University of Oklahoma linebacker, says that a doctor prescribed anabolic steroids to help him recover more quickly from a muscle injury. After traces of the steroids showed in a pre-Orange Bowl drug test, Bosworth was banned from the game.

Bosworth hasn't identified the doctor or produced a written prescription to document his story. Nonetheless, if his version of how the drug got into his system is accurate, it points up one of the reasons that steroid use by young athletes is a growing problem.

Athletes pay the price, but what about the coaches, trainers and others in college and professional athletics who provide the steroids or look the other way? They are just as much to blame.

Athletes take anabolic steroids — man-made versions of the male hormone testosterone — to help them accelerate growth. But steroids also have been linked to liver tumors, prostate cancer and heart disease.

In women, steroids can cause growth of facial hair, baldness and sterility. In men, steroids can cause the development of female characteristics.

Bosworth said, "I deserve my right to give my body the ultimate challenge and be as healthy as I can be."

Steroids have legitimate medical uses. They are used to help recovery in burn patients and to treat anemia and chemotherapy patients. Considering the risks, however, using them merely to speed a football player's recovery is a questionable practice. Using them just to make a player bigger and stronger reflects misplaced values.

Experience with other dangerous drugs suggests that merely punishing the users won't solve the problem. The source of supply also should be addressed.

If taking steroids is wrong and dangerous, those who prescribe and administer the drugs should be held responsible as well.

Mailbag

Parks board thanks prison workers

To the editor:

As president of the Parks Board, I wish to publicly acknowledge and thank the men of the prison community for the work being done in our city park. This work is voluntary and accomplished with monies donated. Our community is most fortunate.

The amphitheater will be the crown jewel of West Texas when renovation is completed. The park is being cleared, dead trees removed,

bridges are being repaired, and picnic areas refurbished.

One must see to comprehend the backbreaking hours, the minute planning, and the devotion to detail that will leave something of each individual involved — a gift to this community of beauty and service. Big Spring! Come see what we have!

JANE THOMAS
President, Parks Board
400 Washington Blvd.

Today

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 1987. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4, because of the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

On this date:

In 1265, England's Parliament, representing districts, cities and boroughs, met for the first time.

In 1801, John Marshall was appointed chief justice of the United States.

In 1887, the Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In 1936, Britain's King George V died. He was succeeded by King Edward VIII. Last November, it was revealed that George's death was hastened by the family physician, who injected the mortally ill king with morphine and cocaine.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference in Berlin, at which they decided on their "final solution" calling for the extermination of Europe's Jews.

In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was sworn into office for an unprecedented fourth term.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower took the oath of office for a second term in a private White House ceremony, delaying the public ceremony because Jan. 20 fell on a Sunday.

In 1981, Iran released the 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 1985, as President Eisenhower had done 28 years earlier, President Reagan took the oath of office in a private ceremony prior to a public ceremony because Jan. 20 fell on a Sunday.

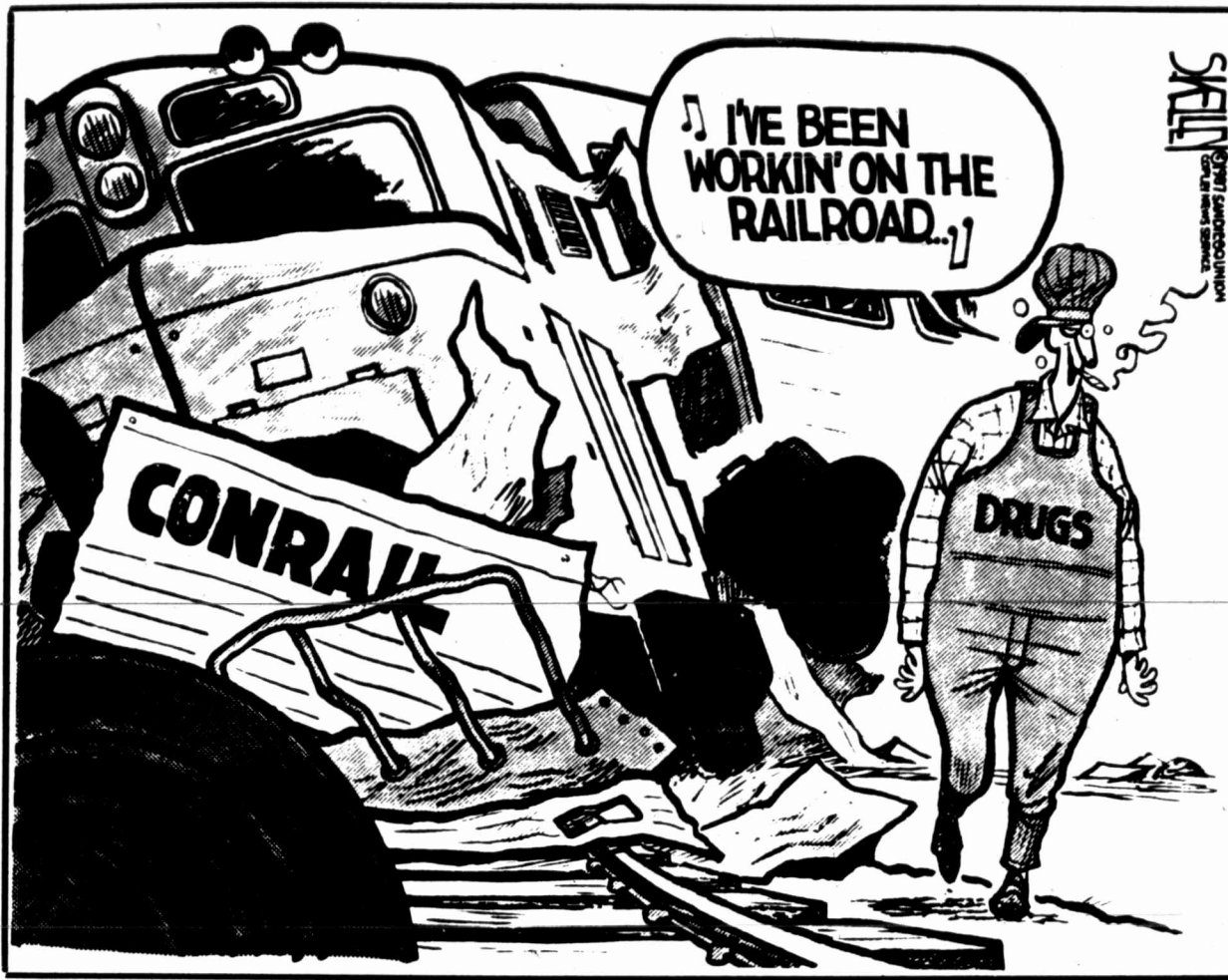
Ten years ago: Jimmy Carter was sworn in as the 39th president of the United States, then surprised onlookers as he, his wife, Rosalynn, and daughter Amy walked from Capitol Hill to the White House, instead of using his limousine.

Five years ago: Seven miners were killed in an explosion at Craynor, Ky.

One year ago: The United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian George Burns is 91. Movie director Federico Fellini is 67. Actor DeForest Kelley is 67. Bandleader Ray Anthony is 65. Actress Patricia Neal is 61. Former astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is 57. Comedian Arte Johnson is 53. Actress Dorothy Provine is 50. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 29.

Thought for Today: "Shallow understanding from people of goodwill is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." — the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-68).



Art Buchwald

Football players take a beating

By ART BUCHWALD

With the Super Bowl remaining to be played, perhaps it is not too late to talk about football injuries. More and more players are getting hurt these days, and doctors are trying to learn why.

Dr. Frederick Pickett has been doing a study, and his conclusion is that the players' injuries are not coming from the other side.

"There was a time when someone on the team made a good play and his teammates patted him on his bottom," Dr. Pickett said. "This is not the case anymore. Let me show you these tapes." He pushed a button and up came a linebacker from the Redskins sacking a Chicago Bear.

"Now watch this," Pickett said. Six burly Redskin defense men jumped on their own linebacker and started to pound and kick him. "Are they mad at him?" I asked. "No," said Dr. Pickett, "they're just congratulating the linebacker on the good play."

"But he isn't getting up." "That's what makes football interesting. You can be hurt by either side."

The Bear quarterback faded back and threw the ball and the tight end caught it and went over for a touchdown. The entire Bear team ran across the field, knocked down the end, then punched him senseless. The tight end, to the chagrin of his own bench, was taken off the field on a stretcher.

Pickett said, "The most dangerous place for a player to be is anywhere near the goal line, particularly if he's the one making the touchdown."

"I've had players tell me they live in fear of scoring because they can't stand the physical abuse from their teammates. One wide receiver told me, 'I have to run to catch the ball, and then I run twice as far so the guys won't break all my bones.'"

"Why do the players do it?" "To show team spirit," Pickett said. "Those 300-pound guys will slam dunk a 200-pound quarterback to prove they want to win the game. I have seen an offensive lineman jump up and down on his running back's chest for no other reason than the fullback made a first down."

"We're not talking about bodily harm committed by the opposition — we're talking about the violence being used by one teammate against another."

"Can't the officials stop it?" "The referee can't call a personal foul on one member of a team for beating up on his fellow player. Watch this tape. The Cleveland cornerback has just intercepted a pass and scored. Look what his teammates are doing to him."

"I can't look. It's too horrible," I said. "Why are they kicking him in the groin?"

"Because he's the best pass interceptor in the league."

"Does your research indicate that most of the football injuries are caused while players are celebrating a good play by one of their own?"

"Yes. Players like to hit their buddies hard, and keep them on the ground to show how much they respect them."

Pickett said, "I'm going to show you something. This is the end of a playoff game last year and the fellow chewing gum is the coach. They just won. Now here comes his team."

"They threw the coach over the goal posts," I said.

"Yes, but worse than that they failed to catch him when he came down. The coach spent all of the winter and spring in traction. The medical lesson I now preach is that if you want to survive in football, don't do anything to call attention to yourself on the field."

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The case for the press vs. the case for the President

By JACK ANDERSON and JOSEPH SPEAR

WASHINGTON — The story of the hostility between President Reagan and the media is too tangled a topic perhaps to be settled by a poll. But it has raised misgivings that hang over Washington like a miasma.

There has always been a fundamental conflict between politician and press that is built into the American system. From its primitive state when anyone cantankerous enough could set up his press and assail the village elders, our system has pitted the ferreter of fact against the manipulator of opinion.

Some journalists have become skilled in the jugular arts and have inflicted painful cuts upon the president. Some White House aides, in turn, have become skilled at the serpentine game of politics and have led the media astray.

What is your opinion? Has the media gone too far in its assaults upon the president? Or has the press merely been doing its duty as monitor, arbiter and critic of all politicians? Your views will have an impact on both institutions.

If you think the press has been fair to President Reagan, please dial 1-900-210-3280. If you think the media has been unfair, dial 1-900-210-3284. The telephone company will bill you 50 cents for the call.

Or just write the telephone number of your choice on a post card and mail it to Peoples Poll, P.O. Box 2300, Washington, D.C., 20013. If you wish to elaborate your views, we will welcome a letter.

The results will be tabulated, analyzed and interpreted by the veteran pollster, Dr. Vincent J. Breglio of Research/Strategy/Management Inc. As a guide, here's a summary of the



Jack Anderson

opposing arguments:

THE CASE FOR THE PRESS: The need for the press to occupy an adversary role was clear to America's Founding Fathers. That is why they made freedom of the press the first guarantee of the Bill of Rights.

Without press freedom, they warned, the other freedoms would fall. For government, by its nature, tends to oppress. And government without a watchdog would soon oppress the people it was created to serve.

With rare exceptions, top officials and authorized spokespersons say only what the president wants them to say. It is the function of the press to dig out the facts and give the people an alternative to the official version of events.

President Reagan thought he could circumvent the working press and reach the public outside the historical process. For six years, it seemed to work — on the surface.

But under the surface, the media chafed with investigative itch. What it couldn't learn in the usual ways, it began to dig for. Some of the exposures may not have been published, at least would not have been sought so diligently, were it not that the Reagan presidency

stirred up the press.

THE CASE FOR THE PRESIDENT: An angry memorandum, never intended to be read outside the White House, summarizes President Reagan's feelings about his press coverage.

His acts and policies are reported to the nation, he believes, by "a left-of-center working press" that does "a masterful job reporting all the gory details" when anything goes wrong.

At a time when the nation needs strong leadership, the president believes, the media is doing its best to weaken and, if possible, destroy him. He thinks the people who cover the White House put their own prejudices and politics above the national welfare.

The Washington media "will remain allies of the Democratic Party" and "its anti-administration cant will not stop," the memo declares. Furthermore, the memo adds hopelessly, "there's absolutely nothing the Republicans can do about it."

DORMITORY DEBATES: Americans may have played a part in the student unrest in China — but not in the way that CIA-watchers suspect.

An insider told us that the "culprits" may well have been American exchange students engaging in rap sessions with their Chinese classmates.

Long hours are devoted to discussion on the mechanics of democracy, the nuts and bolts of freedom that are new and wonderful to the Chinese students.

This would explain why the most explicit demand of the student demonstrators has been for "freedom of the press" as guaranteed in the First Amendment. After 200 years, the U.S. Constitution still packs an inspirational wallop.

Session begins humorously

Austin Bureau

Is frivolity an endangered species as the 70th Legislature approaches an unprecedented shortfall in state revenue?

Not if the antics during the session's opening day on Tuesday are any indication.

In a combination toast and roast, the Senate elected Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, as president pro tem, a largely ceremonial office. The president pro tem takes over whenever Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby is out of the state.

Parker, chairman of the Education Committee and the Senate's answer to Will Rogers, immediately handed Hobby a gag ticket to Tahiti "for four months, with reservations for leaving tomorrow."

As for the state's projected \$5.8 billion budget deficit, Parker said with his usual touch of humor: "It's like trying to feed the 5,000 with two loaves and fishes. But I'm afraid we don't have the same leadership available."

When House members nominate a colleague for the all-powerful House speakership, their speeches are flowery and often overdone to the point of ludicrousness.

Rep. Bill Haley, D-Center, tried a different approach in nominating House Speaker Gib Lewis to a third

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term. Describing Lewis as an "ordinary man," Haley added, "It's not for me to leather-bound and gold Gib Lewis. Every dog needs a few fleas."

Rep. Anita Hill, R-Garland, who spoke after Haley, said she questioned the "wisdom and sanity" of a man who would want to preside over a chamber of "149 egomaniacs."

It was unclear whom Hill was excluding: herself or Lewis. The Texas House has 150 members.

One West Texas lawmaker returning to Austin had a suggestion on how to handle tort reform this session.

The legislator proposed the state Parks and Wildlife Department help out with two new tags for hunting licenses.

They will be for lawyers.

Speaker of the House Gib Lewis was passing some of the time this week with his favorite pastime: big-game hunting.

No, Lewis didn't have to leave his Capitol office to pursue his hobby. There's enough wildlife under the

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"I may disagree with what you have to say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire.

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Dad's 'personal shopper' is never thanked

DEAR ABBY: I am married to a man who has two children by a previous marriage. The children are 13 and 16 years old, and live with their mother in another state. Here's the problem: My husband is quite remiss about sending gifts to his children on their birthdays and holidays, so I have always done the shopping. I try to select tasteful, appropriate gifts for each child. I even buy lovely cards that my husband signs: "With love from Dad."



Dear Abby

I find myself feeling very resentful when the children write and express thanks to him, seldom thanking me unless instructed to do so — which is even worse.

Should I quit spending my time selecting gifts for them? Or do you think I am being selfish and expecting too much? I should add that my relationship with his children is an amiable one.

RESENTFUL IN TEXAS

DEAR RESENTFUL: His children have no way of knowing their gifts were selected by you when the cards are signed, "With love from Dad" — unless, that is, "Dad" tells them. You say the children seldom thank you unless

instructed to do so. Who instructs them? If the "instructor" is Dad, then it would be much more generous and straightforward if the cards read: "With love from Dad and ()" (whatever they call you). Settle this now to ensure that the relationship with your husband is also an amiable one.

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Heidi in Paulding, Ohio" brought back some precious memories. Heidi complained that nobody ever answered her letters, so you advised her to send a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

I had a younger brother I used to write to, but he would never answer my letters, so I sent him an SASE and even enclosed some paper to write on. With it I sent a note: "Please write back and at least say 'Hi'!"

Well, he did. His letter read: "Dear Sis: Hi, I'm fine. Bye. Love, Wayne."

Eighteen months ago, the day before his 29th birthday, my beloved brother died of cancer.

My little joke of sending him an SASE envelope worked because after that he wrote more often and we talked on the phone a lot. But that first letter is one of my most cherished possessions.

By the way I tried the same thing with my older brother, but it didn't work. He still writes only once a year — at Christmas time.

SUSAN IN GOSHEN, CALIF.

DEAR SUSAN: I send my heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your beloved brother. Maybe your older brother will see this and send you a Valentine.

DEAR ABBY: After you printed that letter from "Paul in La

Mirada," who enrolled in law school at age 42 and is soon to graduate, I had to write.

I served 30 years as a naval officer. After that I had two businesses — real estate in Florida and buffalo raising in South Dakota.

Then I entered law school at age 61. I am now 70 and have a thriving law practice.

E.K. HALSEY, VERO BEACH, FLA.

DEAR MR. HALSEY: Congratulations. It's too late to fulfill your dream only if you think it is.

Now for an encouraging word from a neighboring state:

DEAR ABBY: Thanks for the boost to older college students. At Kennesaw College in Marietta, Ga., there is even a name, SOTA (Students Over the Traditional Age), for students who are over 25 years old.

With a fall quarter enrollment of 7,297, 1,712 students were 30 or over. Of these, 526 were 40 or over; 92 were 50 or over; and 14 were between 65 and 72!

With such a dynamic campus, there's certainly no generation gap here!

A HAPPY SOTA

Seek PMS help when problem affects lifestyle

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I get PMS. I know I'm far from being alone, that lots of women have the problem. My question then, is, when do we seek treatment for it? Nobody wants to be considered a complainer. While you're about it, can you tell me if vitamins have anything to do with it? A girlfriend tells me she's been told of vitamin B6 helping. True? — K.B.



Dr. Donohue

You're forcing me into a well-worn medical equivocation. The time to seek treatment is when the problem becomes more than merely a monthly nuisance and starts affecting your living and relationships with those around you. As subjective as that judgment may be, it is all I can offer.

Have you made any efforts to arrive at some medical control yourself? I'm speaking of things like exercise, giving up smoking if you smoke, or cutting back on liquids prior to the menses. And, as I mentioned recently to another PMS (premenstrual syndrome) writer, one of the mild anti-inflammation drugs can ease symptoms.

Many approaches have been tried, and, yes, vitamin therapy is included. Vitamin B-6 has been used, as has vitamin E. I can't vouch

for the results. I gather from your note that you are a young woman. If you do not as yet have a personal physician, this might be a good time and good opportunity to get one. That you would be concerned enough to ask your question indicates that the time to get help is now.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Is it true that shingles can occur in a person who is being treated for malignancy (cancer)? — Mrs. H.V.

Anything that saps the body's immunity system, like a serious malignancy, can apparently permit the shingles virus (herpes zoster) to awaken and cause the

outbreak. Shingles, as you may know, is nothing more than reawakening of the latent chicken pox virus.

Sometimes, if the shingles outbreak can be recognized soon enough for what it is, treatment can keep it in check and prevent the dreaded post-shingles nerve pain some may be fated to suffer. The anti-viral drug, acyclovir, can help in such cases. This illness is discussed in greater depth in the booklet "Facts About Shingles," which you request. Other readers may obtain a copy by writing me in care of the Big Spring Herald, enclosing a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope and one dollar. Sometimes, medicine used for serious illnesses can affect the immunity system, and that, too, may permit the shingles virus to become active.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What, if anything, should be done about low blood pressure? — C.K.

Nothing need be done about low blood pressure that is not producing symptoms, such as faintness. Even then, you would have to trace the problem to the low pressure. People with systolic pressures (first number) as low as 90 can be in excellent health. In fact, they

may live longer than those with readings in the 120 range.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have rheumatoid arthritis. It is not disabling, merely a nuisance. I think it's something I can bear with instead of getting on the medicine treadmill. My idea is that if you can avoid drugs, so much the better. My doctor doesn't feel this way. Why? — Mrs. W.C.

I agree 100 percent that it is always best to avoid any unneeded medicine. But I have to point out the error of your thinking in this. The idea of medicine in arthritis is to control joint inflammation. Medicine goes beyond just relieving pain, which is only a symptom of the inflammation. The inflammation really means that potentially damaging things are happening to the joint. You want to prevent joint deterioration, so you need the anti-inflammation-medicine. Your doctor's right.

Arthritis sufferers can be helped. For a copy of the booklet, "How You Can Control Arthritis," which discusses many types of arthritis and related joint diseases as well as effective treatments and medications, write to Dr. Donohue, P.O. Box 11210, Chicago, IL 60611. Enclose a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$1.00.

Dr. Donohue welcomes reader mail but regrets that, due to the tremendous volume received daily, he is unable to answer individual letters. Readers' questions are incorporated in his column whenever possible.

Area briefs

Federation is topic at meeting

The 1905 Hyperion Club met at the home of Mildred Anderson on Jan. 15 with Betty McKenzie as co-hostess.

"The Challenge to the Individual by the Federation" was the topic of the program given by a guest speaker, Sue Robertson, a charter member of the Junior Woman's Club.

She focused on the aims of the ladies who were founders of the club, their ambition to use their time wisely as they helped the community in various projects and as they planned programs to improve

themselves. She stressed that federation guidelines had been a great help in keeping them well balanced and well organized.

Mary Arnold Hefley presided at the meeting. Prayer of 1987 was led by Hazel Reagan. Roll call was answered with naming of resolutions for the new year.

A letter of thanks was read from the Veterans Administration Medical Center and a nursing home for gifts given at Christmas by the club.

Next meeting will be Feb. 19.

NARVE has meeting, pot luck

The National Association of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees (NARVE) met at Kentwood Center on Jan. 15 for a pot luck supper, followed by a business meeting.

Those reported ill were: Mrs. D. Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Holly and Mrs. J.J. Richardson.

Those present celebrating January birthdays were Mrs. O.O. Brown and Mrs. Charlie Clay.

Mrs. Bill Marlin and Claudia McCreary were appointed to the refreshment committee.

The audit for 1986 was accepted. Members were reminded of the Annual Kentwood Chili Supper on Jan. 20 — a fund raising project for the up-keep of Kentwood Center. Pies are needed for the supper.

Next meeting will be Feb. 19 with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. and a business meeting.

Rape Crisis needs counselors

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is accepting applications for volunteer counselors.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 27. Interviews will be conducted Jan. 28-30. Training sessions begin Feb. 2. It is necessary to attend the entire 20 hours of training.

Rape Crisis counselors are

educated to assist sexual assault victims through all aspects of emotional, medical and legal processes. Men and women are encouraged to apply. Previous counselor training is not required.

Applications and additional information may be obtained by calling 263-3312.

Kitchen gadget shower hosted

Robin Wilson, bride-elect of Don Moore, was honored with a kitchen gadget shower Friday at the home of Kristi Wise, 603 Scott St.

The bride-elect was presented with a corsage made with small

kitchen gadgets and pink ribbon. Special guests were former classmates.

Wilson and Moore will exchange wedding vows on Jan. 23.

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Rules may require citizens to prove residency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Reagan administration proposed today tentative immigration rules requiring every citizen or alien hired for a new job to prove residency and eligibility to work in the United States.

The rules would, for the first time, require all U.S. citizens to prove their legal status when applying for a job.

The rules, released today by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, provide the first glimpse into administration plans for enforcement of the landmark immigration law passed by Congress in 1986 after years of unsuccessful efforts.

Under the proposed rules, evidence of eligibility for work could be shown with a passport or a naturalization certificate or a combination of documents such as a Social Security card and a driver's license with a photo.

These would have to be shown to an employer within 24 hours of employment. Forms showing the employer has verified eligibility must be available in the workplace in case of an inspection by immigration agents.

The INS is following an unusual procedure that makes the tentative rules public before they normally would be released. Formal release

usually comes when rules are printed in the Federal Register, a procedure scheduled for Feb. 25. A 30-day period for public comment begins on that day.

The immigration service decided to circulate in advance what amounts to a draft copy to Congress, other government agencies and interest groups that have been following the immigration law.

"This is a unique opportunity to solicit a broad range of public comment by allowing working drafts" to be distributed, said Mark W. Everson, executive associate INS commissioner.

Nelson said, "We are taking this unprecedented step to permit as much public input as possible to ensure that the new legislation will be implemented effectively, fairly and in an orderly manner."

Nelson said comments on the tentative rules should be received by the agency by Feb. 5. After publication in the Federal Register at the end of February, further responses should be received by the end of March, with final rules to be issued in mid-April, Nelson said.

Under the proposed rules, aliens may show any of a number of different types of work authorization documents issued by the INS.

Four youths arrested in kidnap-robbery

McGREGOR (AP) — One of four juveniles arrested in the extortion robbery of the McGregor First National Bank cooperated with police, authorities say.

The juveniles were arrested late Sunday and Darrel Morgan, 23, was arrested early Monday in connection with the extortion robbery of the McGregor First National Bank.

Justice of the Peace Wilburn E. Lane ordered Morgan held in

lieu of \$35,000 bond on charges of aggravated kidnaping and burglary of a habitation. FBI agents placed a hold on Morgan, meaning he cannot be released even if he posts the bond.

Federal authorities indicated they plan to file additional charges against Morgan.

The juveniles include three 16-year-old boys and a 14-year-old boy, police said.

Atheists object to cross in seal

AUSTIN (AP) — City officials say the "Christian cross" that an atheist group wants removed from the seal of the city is actually a sword handle honoring the family of Texas founder Stephen F. Austin.

Activist Jon Murray, president of American Atheists and son of longtime atheist activist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, sent a letter to Mayor Frank Cooksey saying that recent court cases have said the display of the cross in a governmental symbol is a violation of constitutional requirements of separation of church and state.

"At this critical time in our history, when radical, right-wing religionists are attempting to Christianize the country, it is important that they know they have opposition to these nefarious schemes," said Murray, who threatened legal action to remove the cross.

His mother was active during the early 1960s in pursuing a case that resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court's banning of prayer in public schools.

Glen Cootes, city public information officer, said that the cross is patterned after the "Cross of St. Augustine" found in European heraldry.

Austin led American colonists into Texas territory, then owned by Mexico, in 1821. He was carrying out the wishes of his father, Moses Austin, a Connecticut resident who died soon after receiving permission from Mexico for the colonization.

"The cross, flanked by a pair of wings, was in Austin's family crest," said Cootes, who researched the history of the city seal. "It was part of Austin's family crest that appeared on his watch fob."

Austin ran out of money on a trip to Mexico City to help write the Mexican Constitution of 1824 and had to pawn the watch.

"But he didn't hock the fog with the family crest on it, because it meant a lot to him," Cootes said.

In 1839, the new Texas state capital created on the banks of the Colorado River was named after Austin.

"In 1917, the city of Austin had a big contest to design a flag for the city," Cootes said. "The winner was a guy who had lived here but had moved to San Francisco. In 1919, they awarded the prize and had a big display of the winning design at a ceremony downtown."

"Because the cross and the wings had been on Stephen F. Austin's watch fob, the winner put that design into the seal to symbolize the Austin family," he added.

President of board resigns

AUSTIN (AP) — The president of the State Board of Medical Examiners has resigned, a move that came as a member of the agency's board said a majority was prepared to vote him out of office.


The board received the resignation Monday from Dr. Carlos D. Godinez, a family physician from McAllen who has been president since 1983.

Godinez, 49, had served 14 years on the board that licenses and disciplines doctors.

"It was a surprise to all of us," said Cynthia Jenkins, one of the board members who plans to vote for new officers Jan. 31.

Godinez said he resigned because "I made a commitment to my family and my medical partners to devote more time to family matters and to my private medical practice."

The board has been under fire since last summer, when Texas legislators began looking into the backlog of doctor discipline cases and what they described as the sometimes lax discipline given to unsafe doctors.



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Good attitude pays off

By EDDIE CURRAN
Staff Writer

There's more to the improvement in Charles Young's game than the sharpening of his jump shot. This year, Young wants to win. Last year, well...

"I had a bad attitude. I didn't care if we won or lost or if I scored. It was like I didn't care about the team. It wasn't any fun.

"This year, we're more team oriented. I feel better, I'm more confident. I know we can win. It's just a matter of us going out and proving it. This year, I'm really enjoying it," said the sharpshooting guard for the Big Spring Steers.

Last year Young made 36.5 percent of his shots from the field, 59.2 percent of his foul shots, and averaged just eight points per game. The Steers finished 4-23.

Now read what difference a year makes. Young is shooting 49 percent from the field, which is excellent for a guy who shoots primarily from long range. In addition, he's making 76 percent of his foul shots, and leading the Steers in assists, steals and scoring with 20.2 points per game.

The Steers are 13-9, and Young's ascendance and change of heart have been a major factor in the turnaround.

Obviously, Steers' coach Boyce Paxton is pleased with his senior guard. He's probably a bit relieved as well.

"When I first came in here I was told that Charles would be a problem, but when I got here he jumped on the bandwagon.

"We've had a few ups and downs, but he had to adjust to my way of doing things. I run a disciplined ship, but he's come around and done the things I've asked.

"I've been pleased with his efforts all year. He's worked hard. I demand a lot from seniors and I've put a lot of pressure on the seniors and that's kind of tough because they didn't have me before they were seniors.

"I want them to be leaders and be examples. He's had to take that load on also. It's a tough job and I think he's doing a great job for us," Paxton said.

For his part, Young has liked the change. His admitting that he had an attitude problem was a big step towards clearing it up. He gives his coach some of the

credit for his new outlook. "Coach Paxton is kind of strict, but I like strict coaches. Coach Paxton has helped me out a lot with my attitude, and this year I'm more of a relaxed player," Young explained.

He also said that part of the problem last year was the overreliance on 6-5 forward Brian Mayfield.

"Last year we depended on Brian and the rest of us felt if he could score he could win the game for us. It felt like he was the only way to win, and nobody was taking up the slack for us.

"I think right now, everybody's playing good and everybody has confidence. This year teams don't just look to stop Mayfield, they look to stop all of us," said Young, who's quick to praise his teammate.

"I don't know what to say about Brian. He's great, especially for a junior. He was good last year, but this year I think he's even better because he's added passing to his game. He doesn't have to score as much."

Anyone who has watched the Steers this year, especially in their recent home games against Snyder and Andrews, knows that Young is fully capable of taking up the scoring slack.

He's a southpaw with a quick, wristy release, and when he's on he can dominate a game with his scoring. In a recent 73-65 win over Snyder, Young connected on 15 of 23 shots, most of those long jumpers.

"I was really pumped up for that game. It was a rivalry between us. They were talking and we were talking, and I had to prove myself," said Young, who swished jumper after jumper to more than prove himself.

Among those watching was Howard College Hawks coach Larry Brown. Though Brown said he's a little concerned with the 5-10 Young's defense, he likes the other aspects of his game.

"I've been real impressed with his shooting form and his touch. He's got a great shot, and I understand his ball-handling has improved a lot," Brown said.

Young said he definitely wants to play somewhere next year, probably at a junior college. Although he thinks his size

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Big Spring Steers guard Charles Young, shown here driving past a Snyder defender for a layup, has emerged as an all-around player this season. Young leads the Steers in scoring, steals and assists.
Herald photo by Eddie Curran

Kookaburra III makes America's Cup finals

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP) — Kookaburra III beat Australia IV by 55 seconds Tuesday, completing a sweep of their defenders' final and ending Alan Bond's short reign as holder of the America's Cup.

Kookaburra III won the best-of-nine competition 5-0, but her place in the decisive series against Stars & Stripes and skipper Dennis Conner starting Jan. 31 isn't assured.

Trials with stablemate Kookaburra II, eliminated in the previous round, are planned to see which of those boats would have a better chance of beating the U.S. challenger in the best-of-seven series.

In 1983, the Bond Syndicate's Australia II rode her innovative winged keel to an America's Cup victory over Conner and Liberty. It was the first time since the competition began in 1851 that a U.S. boat didn't win the Cup.

That brought the races to Australia for the first time.

Bond's boat this time was Australia IV, which was faster than Kookaburra III in six of their 10 races before the defenders' final. But in the finals, Australia IV

was outclassed. Tuesday's final race took place under unusually calm conditions. Winds were out of the southeast at 12 knots at the start — at a time of year when they frequently reach 25 knots or more.

Kookaburra III, with Peter Gilmour handling the start, won it by a whopping 36 seconds as she squeezed her opponent so close to the committee boat that Australia IV turned in a circle and had to approach the starting line again.

Skipper Iain Murray stretched Kookaburra III's lead on each of the next three legs and it was 1:03 going into the fourth leg, a reach.

Australia IV picked up 19 seconds on that leg and one second on the next, another reach.

But on the sixth leg, Kookaburra III showed its usual upwind strength and increased its lead from 43 seconds to 1:05. From then on, it was a comfortable cruise to victory.

Stars & Stripes, entered by the San Diego Yacht Club, eliminated New Zealand in the challengers' final Monday with a 1:29 victory, capturing the best-of-seven series 4-1.

Ditka says statements made in fit of anger

CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Ditka says his statement that he would quit as head coach of the Chicago Bears after the 1987 season was made only to his assistants in a fit of anger.

"I did mention that to them, but of course I mention a lot of things in the heat of anger. I'm not sure everything I said would stay that way," Ditka said Monday in an interview with WBBM-TV in Chicago.

"I said nothing to the management of this organization, or to any reporter," Ditka added.

The Boston Globe reported Sunday that Ditka, upset over the firing of his friend Jerry Vainisi as Bears general manager, had told his bosses he would leave after the remaining year on his contract is over.

Vainisi, who remains a team consultant, was dismissed

because of "philosophical differences," according to Bears President Michael McCaskey. The Globe reported that Ditka was "fuming" over the dismissal of Vainisi, a friend and ally.

Ditka, who also has been rumored to be among several coaches being considered by the Atlanta Falcons, told WBBM Monday that leaving the Bears would not be easy.

"If I did leave, a very big part of my life would leave also," he said. "You kind of get to love it. You don't just want to walk away from it."

"But I've learned to walk away from other things in life, and if it came down to that, I probably could do it."

For now, Ditka says, his only sure job commitment is the job of giving Bears fans something to be proud of in 1987.

Sports Briefs

Lady Steers to battle Sweetwater

SWEETWATER — The Big Spring Lady Steers will be in a key District 2-4A battle tonight when they play the Sweetwater Mustangs in Mustang gym at 7:30. Junior varsity action gets things started at 6. The Lady Steers, 18-4 overall and 8-1 in district play, lead the district race. Sweetwater is in second with a 15-6 overall mark and 6-2 district record.

The Lady Steers are coming off a 44-20 win over Andrews Friday night. Sweetwater had an open date.

Big Spring won the first district meeting between the two teams, 46-32 in Steer Gym. In that game forward Teresa Pruitt paced Big Spring with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Sweetwater held a big 40-28 rebounding edge in the game.

Karshena Blueford led Sweetwater with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Banquet tickets on sale

Those wishing to attend the Big Spring High School Fall Sports Banquet Monday night must purchase tickets by Thursday afternoon.

The tickets are \$8 per person and are being sold at Big Spring Athletics and the high school administration office. Former New York Jets receiver Don Maynard will be the guest speaker.

The banquet is open to the public. However, tickets will not be sold at the door.

Phillips staying with Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles' defensive coordinator Wade Phillips, who considered a coaching job with the Dallas Cowboys, says he will stay at his NFL job in Philadelphia.

"I spoke to Tom (Landry) today and we couldn't get things worked out," Phillips said Monday after talking with the Dallas coach. "I've said all along I like it here and it would be hard for me to change from here."

Phillips, the 39-year-old son of former Houston Oilers and New Orleans Saints Coach Bum Phillips, joined the Eagles before the 1986 season as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

Landry said he was interested in Phillips because the defensive coach knew about the "46" and "3-4" defenses. Landry said he wanted to revamp the Cowboys' "flex" defense with elements of other defenses.

Three Astros seeking raises

HOUSTON (AP) — Three of the Houston Astros' most productive players during their drive to the 1986 National League West title are seeking pay raises, according to salary arbitration figures.

All-Star right fielder Kevin Bass, who finished fourth among National League batting leaders last year with a .311 average, is asking for an increase from \$310,000 to \$630,000 for the 1987 season, according to the arbitration figures released Monday. The Astros have submitted a salary offer of \$560,000.

Second baseman Bill Doran, who lead the team in stolen bases and walks, 42 and 81 respectively, is seeking a raise from \$550,000 to \$825,000. The club is offering \$625,000.

Third baseman Denny Walling has requested an increase from \$366,667 to \$595,000 after hitting .312 with 13 home runs and 58 RBIs in a part-time role. The Astros have offered \$450,000.



Hot potato

Big Spring Steers forward Steve Gill grabs the ball away from Ft. Stockton's Todd Templeton (40) and Mike Nix (30) during recent basketball action in Steer Gym. The Steers will be in action tonight when they

host the Sweetwater Mustangs in Steer Gym at 7:30. Junior varsity action gets underway at 6.

Queens' quarter

DON STEVENS
HC Queens coach

After a week off as far as games are concerned, the Hawk-Queens are eager to return to conference play.

Workouts were somewhat disrupted last week due to my illness, but coach Larry Brown came to the rescue in conducting our workouts, for which I am grateful.

We have added a few new wrinkles to our offensive scheme of things and will have somewhat of a new look next time out. Due to the cancellation of Monday's game with South Plains, this Thursday's

game with Frank Phillips College will be the first game to be played over a space of 12 days. We should be well rested for this encounter.

In our last series games in the Odessa College Tournament, the Queens went two wins and one loss against a very strong field of teams. After the opening loss to number seven ranked Central Arizona, the Queens defeated Panola College and Temple College, to win the Consolation Championship.

Terri Powell, sophomore guard, was selected to the all-tournament team. The Queens played played

good, steady ball in the tournament and freshman guard Trena Jackson was outstanding in her performances.

CONFERENCE OUTLOOK

The biggest game of the conference last week was the Odessa College versus Western Texas game, won by Odessa over nationally ranked Western Texas, 68-66. This, coupled with Odessa College's win over South Plains at Levelland, 64-46, also last week, gave every team in the conference at least one loss.

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DON STEVENS

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THE Daily Crossword by Melvin Kenworthy

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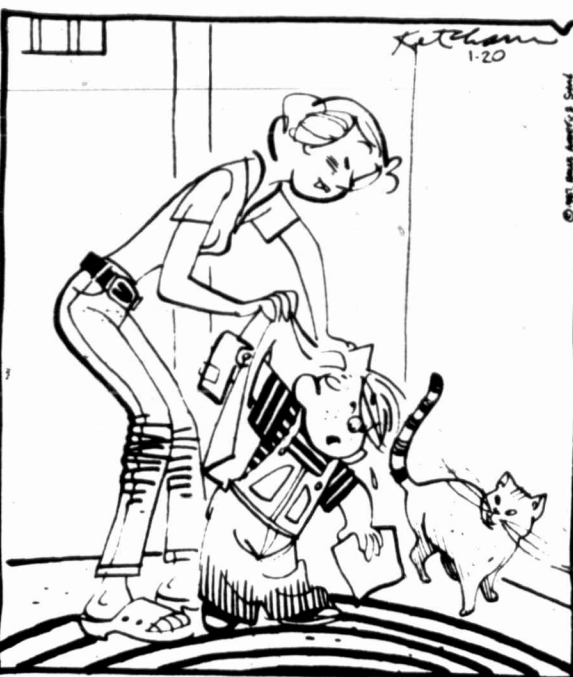
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GENERAL TENDENCIES: An excellent day for you to put your best foot forward and take advantage of an opportunity concerning a relationship. Finish tasks today with a fine touch.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have a fine chance to cement better relations with others and become more successful.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be more precise with your work and add an extra flair to it so that you can command greater benefits.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Some risk you want to take can work out successfully now. Don't get into activities that waste your time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Choose the friends and relatives you want to enjoy amusements with and make plans for such.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Do some little favor for those with whom you are regularly allied with. Show far away friends that you are kind.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get everything around you more sparkling and charming. Study your newspaper for bargains and tips.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have social charm now and should use this wisely. Be with large groups to increase your magnetism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Do something thoughtful for your mate and you'll both come to a better understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It would be wise to go along with the views of others and not be so independent at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Get busy at public and business affairs and make big headway. Using trickery will get you nowhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Look into new interests that could help you to have a more prosperous life in the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Study the conditions around you and know how to make the improvements that are needed.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be very charming and can get just about everything desired very easily, but teach this one to work and lead a more productive life. Permit a lot of playmates for your progeny, for they will be lifelong friends. Slant the education along cultural lines.

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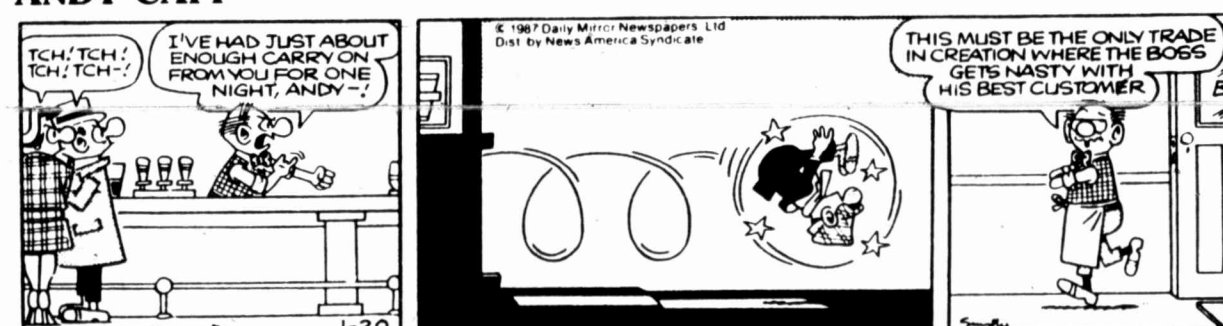
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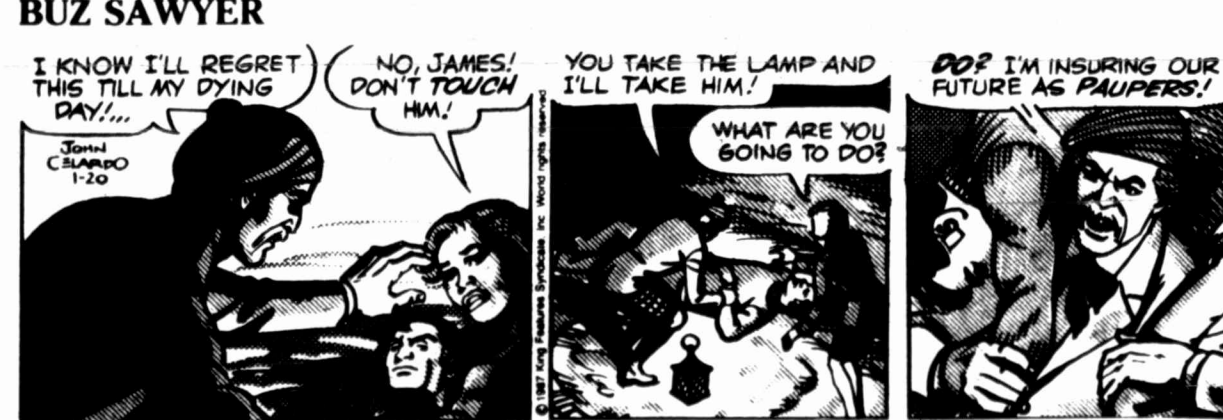
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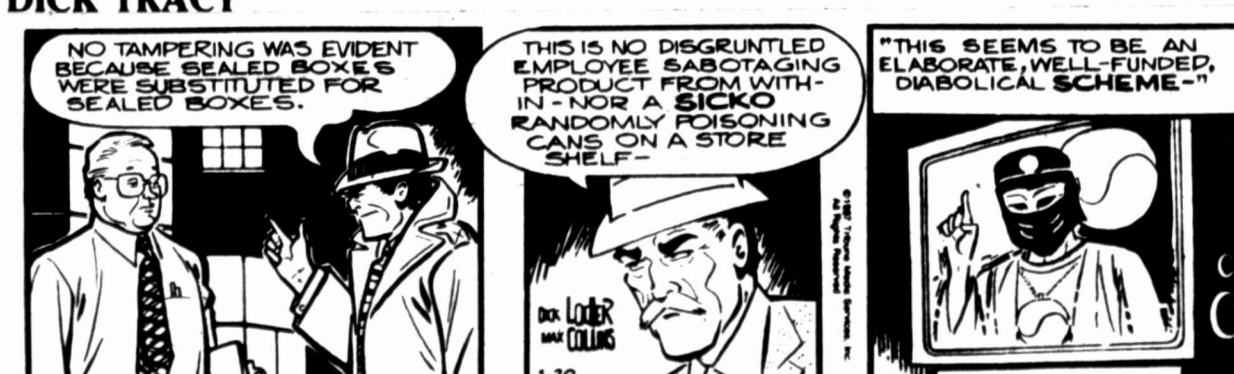
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USA for Africa: How the money was spent



By RICHARD DE ATLEY
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES — Look at that publicity photo from the recording session. There's Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, who wrote the song. Tina Turner, Kenny Rogers, Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and Bette Midler. And Ray Charles, Diana Ross, Kim Carnes and Cyndi Lauper.

Dollar for dollar, no American organization involved in African famine relief got more attention than USA for Africa, the star-studded charity that raised more than \$51 million singing, "We Are the World."

Dollar for dollar, too, no organization faced so much initial resentment — or took more trouble spending its money.

Marty Rogol, director of USA for Africa, recalls meeting with executives of charitable organizations shortly after the record was released. One questioner was blunt: "Who do you think you are? To all of a sudden, out of nowhere, run a relief operation?"

Despite initial skepticism, USA for Africa won the admiration of established agencies for its tight-fisted management and innovative strategies.

"There were a lot of resentments about us, because of who the money comes from," said Rogol. "Here are these organizations, working away, doing all their good work, and then here comes a bunch of musical stars, and all of a sudden, they've got to deal with us."

"We Are the World" was recorded in January 1985 by 45 celebrities, and the record went on sale early in March.

People who normally wouldn't drop a dime in a poor box bought the album or the single, the T-shirts or the video, or simply made a donation, and the organization said in October the total collection was \$51.2 million.

USA for Africa decided in May that its few top people with some charity experience could not handle the flood of money coming in and requests for how to send it out.

"We had several choices when we first started, one of which would have been to have divided the money among x-number of agen-

cies and just give it out. Or the other extreme would be to set up a new agency," said Rogol. "We chose something in between."

USA for Africa approached the United Nations and various relief agencies, but not to hand over money.

"What we did say to them was, 'You definitely know more than we do about what's going on. So let's set up a system that uses that information, and your experience, but still allows us to maintain accountability,'" said Rogol.

Peter Davies, president and chief executive officer of InterAction, an umbrella organization representing 112 domestic private volunteer organizations, said about \$250 million was raised for African relief in the United States from November 1984 to March 1986, including contributions to the American Red Cross and Live Aid, the American arm of Bob Geldof's Band Aid group.

USA for Africa has spent or committed \$49.5 million in Ethiopia, the Sudan and eight other African countries. It did it with seven to 10 staffers and claims its operating overhead was just 1.5 percent.

That was accomplished by having representatives of various relief organizations working in Africa meet in the field and "pretend, for one day, that they were one agency, not competing for these monies," Rogol said.

USA for Africa also asked the representatives at those meetings to reach a consensus on the importance of relief projects.

There were other guidelines for long-term projects: USA for Africa did not want to be the sole source of funds for any project; progress reports were required; projects were to aim at making beneficiaries self-sufficient, and local people were to participate.

Proposals were reviewed in New York by InterAction and the United Nations Office for Emergency Operations in Africa. Only proposals approved by both agencies were submitted to USA for Africa for final consideration.

"It has worked unevenly in some countries, but it was better than just giving the money to whomever came through the door," said InterAction's Davies.

"They could be criticized because it took a long time for a decision to be made, but I think it was worth it. We're not interested in paying for overhead that we had no control over."

Thus, any agency that received USA for Africa money had to raise its own funds to administer the program.

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"The Ethiopian government has decided that because pictures of its people were on TV, and that's how all these agencies raised their funds, that 50 cents of every dollar should be spent on Ethiopia," said Rogol.

"People who normally wouldn't drop a dime in a poor box bought the album or the single ... and the organization said in October the total collection was \$51.2 million."

because of its small staff, said Jane Jacqz, who headed the UN's Office for Emergency Operations in Africa.

According to figures supplied by Rogol, USA for Africa has spent or committed \$6 million in Sudan and \$5.5 million in Ethiopia. About \$1 million in funds for Ethiopia is being held in abeyance "depending on how the human rights issue has been dealt with."

Chad has received \$2.75 million in aid, with \$3.25 million to Mali, \$2 million to Burkina Faso, \$1.7 million to Mauritania, \$2.9 million to Mozambique, \$1.9 million to Niger and \$750,000 to Senegal. Somalia received emergency aid only.

An additional \$5.227 million was placed in a trust for joint projects on food production with the African Development Bank, and \$6.55 million was allocated for a medical task force fund.

"From the United Nations' point of view," Ms. Jacqz said, "the cooperation that came about in the field between the U.N. and the private volunteer organizations because of USA for Africa is really a model for future efforts."

"There was a bit of wariness at first," said Shelly Kessler, a CARE official, of USA for Africa's first attempts at reviewing bids. "There was a time when they needed to rework their ideas. The people involved had a lot of good ideas, but no idea what it meant in terms of implementation."

What developed was a tight organization that rejected pressure from Ethiopia to spend half its money there and gained a reputation for sending funding proposals back for more work.

"Frankly, when you look at the budgets of some of the agencies, it's pretty easy to understand why," said Rogol. "We're not interested in paying for people's vacation pay. We're not interested in paying for overhead that we had no control over."

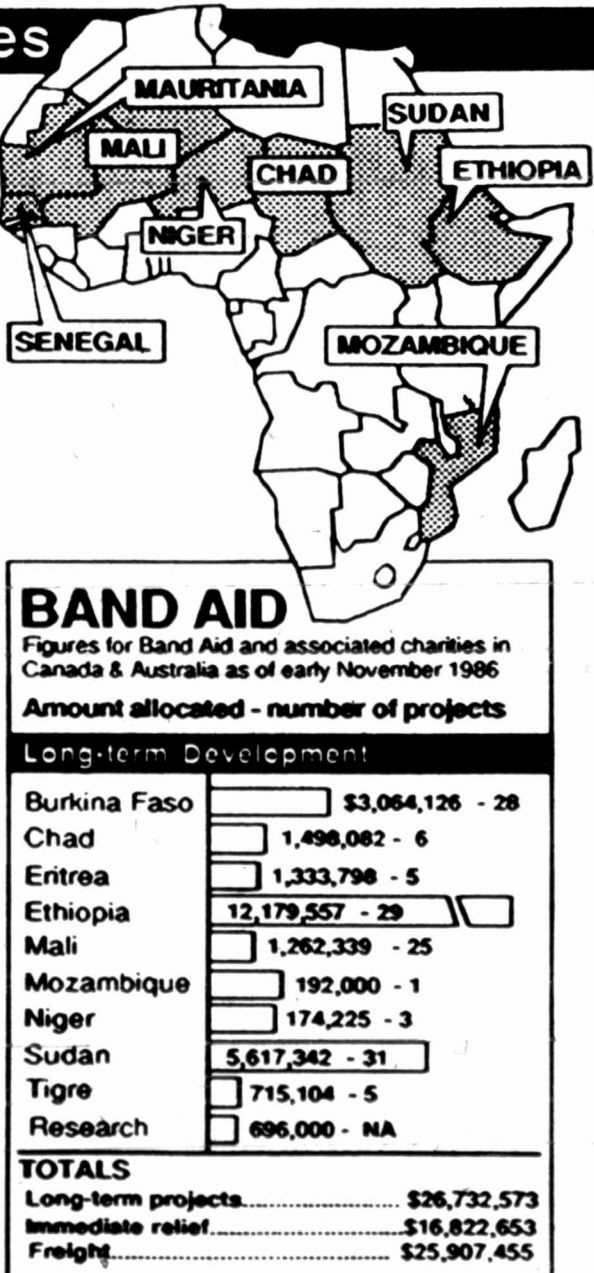
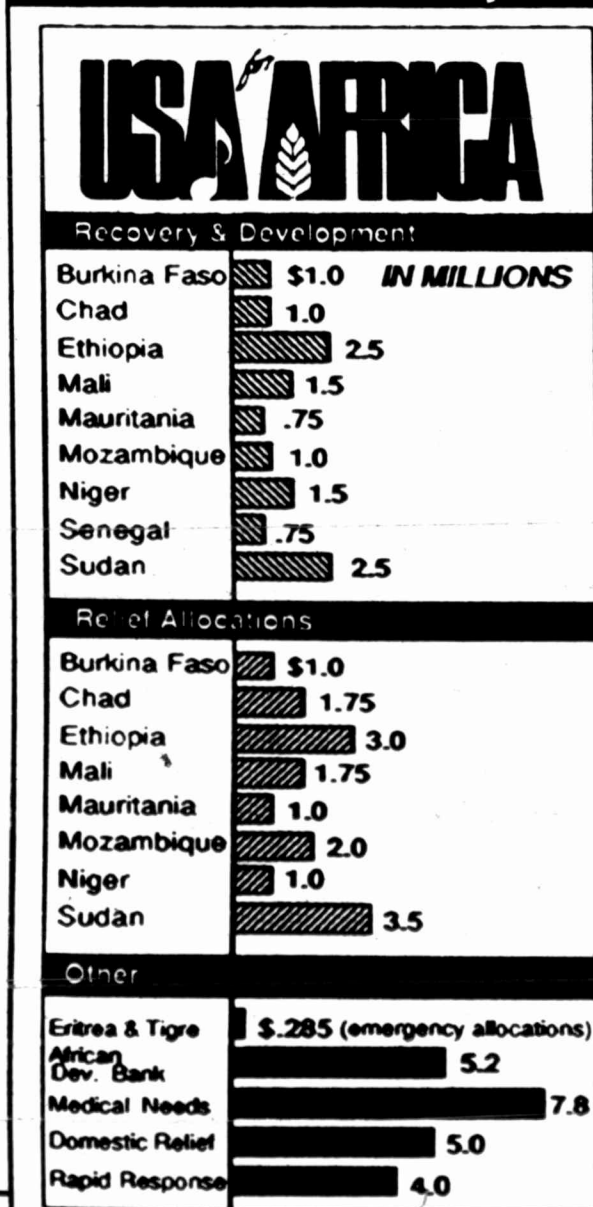
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Where the Money Goes



A resident of the west African nation of Chad draws water from a new well to irrigate a small plot of land, above. The well was built by the international relief and development organization, CARE, which is helping nomadic and semi-nomadic people who have lost herds and other food sources to become successful at farming. Right, a graphic shows the breakdown of USA for Africa and Band-Aid expenditures of the approximately 50 million dollars the song "We are the World" brought to the organization.

Source: USA for Africa and Band Aid

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