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Crossroads weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: It will be mostly sunny, with the highs in the lower to middle 80s, 10-20 mph winds, and some occasional blowing dust. The lows tonight will be in the lower 50s. The highs Wednesday will be in the middle to upper 80s with some occasional blowing dust.



Prison's impact on tax rolls in question

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

The tax impact of converting the vacant Homestead Inn to a minimum-security prison is not easily determined, local officials say.

The property — near I-20 and Andrews Highway — is now on the tax rolls for a market value of \$609,800, said F. E. Pereira, Chief Appraiser for the Howard County Consolidated Tax Appraisal District.

Annual taxes collected on the real estate total \$13,357.66. Personal property taxes collected on the vacant motel, valued at \$95,795, total \$2,098.38 per year, Pereira said.

If the city were to proceed with

its proposed contract with Brady developer Ed Davenport to convert the property into a prison for Immigration and Naturalization Service detainees, the property taxes on the real estate would no longer be collected, City Public Works Director Tom Decell said.

However, the city probably won't contract for ownership of the personal property involved, City Attorney Jean Shotts said.

Acting City Manager Hal Boyd also said Monday that he believes the city's ownership would extend only to the land and the building, not to the contents.

Decell said the letter of intent calls for the city to take title to the property and lease it back to Mid-Tex for \$1 per year for 99 years,

and didn't specifically mention the furnishings or equipment within the facility.

Regardless, someone would still have to pay the personal property taxes on the furnishings and equipment in the buildings after conversion to a prison, according to Debbie Wheeler with the Texas State Property Tax Board in Austin.

Furthermore, citing State Property Tax Code Section 25-07, she said there is a provision to tax property owned by a normally exempt entity if it is leased to a private operator for more than one year.

Under this lease-hold option, the property could be taxable for the transfer value of its lease on

the open market, and that valuation could be carried on the tax rolls, Wheeler said.

The real estate taxes would remain in effect on the property until the date the city assumes title, Wheeler said. "Taxes for 1988 would be prorated on the property from January 1 until the day the city takes title. From then on it would be exempt."

Pereira said lack of relevant facts prevent him from determining whether the city contract would remove the facility from the personal property tax rolls.

He said he was sure the city had someone advising them concerning the legal aspects of the tax



HAL BOYD



TOM DECELL

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Spring board

How's That?

Calendar

Q. How long are the city council terms?

A. Big Spring City Council members serve three-year terms.

Calendar

Coahoma

WEDNESDAY

Kindergarten registration for Coahoma students 1988-89 will be at 2 p.m. in the Coahoma Elementary A-V Room. Call principal Mike Turner for more information, 394-4323, bring shot records and birth certificates. Students must be five on or before September 1.

The Howard County Extension Program Council and Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at 7:30 p.m. in the Days Inn Patio Room.

Texas U.S. Senate candidate, Beau Boulter, will be available at a \$10 breakfast at the Golden Corral, 503 F.M. 700, at 7:30 a.m. and at 2 p.m. at 545 Hillside. Call 267-6110 for tickets to breakfast.

THURSDAY

The Howard County Extension Program Council and Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be hosting an Estate Planning Seminar at 7:30 p.m. in the Days Inn Patio Room.

FRIDAY

Friday Evening Golf Couples will begin the season at 6:30 p.m. in the Comanche Trail Golf Course. For information, please call Aurora at 263-6132.

"Guitarra '88", a concert by four Howard College guitar students, will begin at 8 p.m. at the college auditorium. Free admission.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Culvert work

Lee Wallace, an employee with Strickland & Knight, rakes dirt Tuesday morning to fill in crevices next to recently-poured concrete that will tie in some of the approximately 750 feet of rip-rap on FM 700 just west of the Goliad Street intersection.

Board candidates express views

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Three seats on the Big Spring school district Board of Trustees will be decided when local voters go to the polls Saturday.

Two seats are contested in the election, with Doug Morris facing Donnie Baker in district four, while Al Valdes faces John Webb in the at-large contest.

Incumbent Ford Farris is unopposed for the district two seat.

Baker and Morris will be competing for the seat on the board vacated by Jimmy Anderson, who is retiring. District four includes the Kentwood and eastern sections of the district.

Incumbent Baker was appointed to the

board Sept. 15 to fill the at-large vacancy left by Dock Voorhies. The 36-year resident of Howard County and his wife, Linda, reside at 2303 Cindy Lane.

Political newcomer Morris and his wife, Gwen, reside at 2502 Cindy Lane. They have lived in Howard County for the past eight-and-one-half years.

All candidates but Farris responded to a Herald questionnaire.

Baker and Morris differ slightly on what they consider the major issue facing the school district. Baker said he believes providing housing conditions that comply with state-mandated student/teacher ratios is important.

"The most important issue is housing conditions that comply with 22-1 ratios in

(grades K-4) as mandated by House Bill 72," Baker stated. "I will address it by voting for the solution that is most practical for both the present and future needs."

Addressing future renovation needs in the district is highest on Morris' lists of priorities.

"Our school buildings are old and deteriorating," he stated. "Some major renovation needs to be done or a plan formulated to build some new facilities, especially on the middle school and junior high levels."

Candidates were asked how they intend to secure adequate revenue in light of shrinking tax bases faced by many

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Bob Smith pays taxes 'not owed'

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
and STEVE GEISSEN
For the Herald

Unpaid and disputed taxes that were threatening a city council candidate's right to hold office were paid to the Howard County Tax Assessor Monday morning.

Bob C. Smith paid \$343.81 to Tax Assessor Dorothy Moore to ensure his right to take office if he is one of the three top votegetters in Saturday's election.

The tax bill is the city's share of an April 24, 1986 \$1,322.62 order by District Judge James Gregg. The judge ordered Smith, owner of Bob C. Smith Enterprises, to pay

that amount in delinquent taxes, penalties and legal fees to the city, Big Spring School District and Howard County after Smith failed to appear for the hearing.

The suit had been brought by the school district and joined by the city.

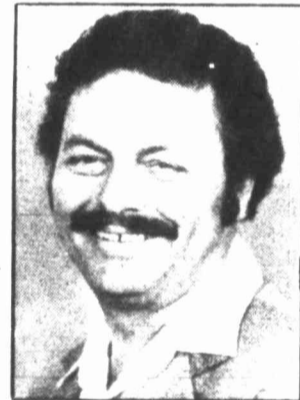
Smith contends that he neither owes the taxes on personal property for the time the court contends, nor did he have notice of the hearing he didn't attend. Four days after Gregg's order, Smith filed a motion to dismiss the case. No apparent action was taken on that motion.

However, such a dismissal motion is traditionally filed before a judgment has been reached and is not the same as a motion for a new trial or an appeal, according to county attorney-elect Hardy Wilkerson, who was contacted for comment. He is not involved in the case.

Since neither a motion for a new trial, nor an appeal was filed within 75 days after the judgment, the ruling will stand unless the presiding judge issues an order of dismissal stating cause, Wilkerson said. No order of dismissal has been filed, according to county clerk records.

Smith's decision to make the payment was

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BOB C. SMITH



Tabatha Foster and her mother, Sandra.

Spunky toddler survives against odds

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press Writer

PITTSBURGH — Tabatha Foster is organ transplantation's endearing wonder child, the first person in the world to survive half a year with virtually all new insides.

And she's not just surviving, but making her presence felt.

The 3½-year-old recipient of a record-setting five transplant organs ignores doctors and nurses after they do something she dislikes, shows her displeasure by pitching her Pampers to the floor, and yanks out her intravenous tubes when her mother steps out of sight.

She throws tantrums when she's not lifted out of bed as soon as she demands and resists being undressed by stiffening her arms. She's not keen about trying different kinds of blended food and, when she does, always spits out the peas.

"She's been spoiled since the day she came into the world. A lot of her bad habits are going to have to be broken," said Tabatha's mother, Sandra Foster.

"I had seen the downfalls (at home) and she bounced back from them. She's been on death row so many times, and I just knew that we'd made it this far, there's no sense giving up." — Tabatha's mother

Still, Mrs. Foster and doctors agree that trait is "what's kept her alive — her spunk, her stubbornness."

The 36-pound pigtailed toddler from Madisonville, Ky., had most of her abdomen replaced in experimental surgery at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. In the 15-hour operation that ended Nov. 1, she received a new liver, small intestine and pancreas and parts of a stomach and colon.

Similar procedures had been performed only twice before in the world, both times unsuccessfully.

A multiple transplant has since been done at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. The 10-month-old patient, Michael Steward of Rockford, Ill., is reported in good condition. He received a new liver, small in-

testine, pancreas and part of a stomach Feb. 9.

Despite her feistiness, Tabatha's recovery has been far from smooth. She's been beset during the past six months by a series of liver problems, a threatening virus and a mysterious three-hour lapse of consciousness.

Her latest setback, a buildup of bile in her liver, prompted doctors in mid-April to insert a drainage tube and downgrade her condition from fair to serious.

"As many small things go wrong, you have to be worried. But I think on the whole, these two cases certainly indicate the feasibility of the whole thing," said Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, director of transplant surgery at Children's Hospital and affiliated Presbyterian-University Hospital.

"They're cutting-edge cases, and I'm sure there will be more."

Three days after Tabatha was born, doctors removed 95 percent of her small bowel because of a potentially fatal intestinal deformity. She was placed on a highly concentrated liquid diet, which damaged her liver.

Doctors at Children's Hospital determined it would be easier to replace the entire five-organ group than just Tabatha's liver and small intestine. The hospital's Human Rights Committee granted permission Oct. 23 for the risky surgery on humanitarian grounds.

"There was no protocol established for this type of procedure," said hospital spokeswoman Lynn McMahon. "The statistics worldwide for people who had undergone similar operations were not very encouraging."

The Fosters needed only a day to make up their minds.

"We really didn't have much of a choice," said Mrs. Foster, 29. "I had seen the downfalls (at home)

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Bob Smith

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preceded by an April 20 notice by City Finance Director Tom Ferguson that Smith could be in violation of a city statute prohibiting anyone from holding office at the same time he is in arrears in payment of any taxes to the city.

Ferguson said Smith's name was on a list of delinquent property taxpayers provided by Moore for the years of 1974-1981. No other candidate was found to be in violation in reviewing qualifications of the candidates, the city finance director said.

Smith contends he was unjustly assessed the taxes, for property he says he did not own during those years. The bill is for personal property at the time he was leasing a service station at 2509 Wesson Road during 1966.

Despite that contention, Smith said Monday that "I have no intention of allowing \$343.81 to stand in the way of the great things I have in mind for this city."

He plans to appeal the tax judgment against him, at which time he anticipates receiving a refund, plus interest on the amount paid.

At the same time, City Attorney Jean Shotts believes that Article IV, Section 5 of the city charter — which prohibits anyone in arrears from serving — may be unconstitutional.

In an earlier effort to resolve the issue, Smith filed a check for \$342.14 Wednesday in his attorney's escrow account on the recommendation of Shotts. Harvey Hooser is representing Smith.

By Monday, Shotts had determined that he could provide neither a federal appellate court opinion, nor a Texas case that held such a statute as unconstitutional. Shotts said a similar case has just begun its course through the legal system in southern Texas.

As a result of that determination, the city attorney said, he recommended Smith pay the taxes to avoid legal complications to his right to take office if elected.

Smith said Monday he does not intend to pay the judgment the court ordered in connection with school district taxes.

A check with Dorothy Moore's office this morning showed a Bob Smith Enterprises tax bill of \$697.07 due the school district and \$239.73 due the county and college district combined. Those figures are for 1966 through 1981, according to Sue Born of the tax assessor's office.

Smith said he will leave \$342.14 filed in escrow, to be applied to the remainder if the court-ordered tax bill stands after the issue is resolved.

Smith said Monday he does not know what steps must be taken to resolve the matter.

Shotts said Monday he suggested the escrow payment because the constitutionality of the statute could not readily be determined and he had just begun his investigation into the tax bill judgment.

Smith contends the judgment is not applicable because he was not notified of the legal procedure prior to the hearing. Although no records of notification in 1986 were found in the County Clerk's files, Howard County Sheriff's Department documents show that Smith was served a citation at 4 p.m. March 12, 1983, by delivery to "Robert C. Smith, doing business as Bob C. Smith

Criminal element blamed

Bob Smith contends that "a criminal element of our community" is responsible for harassment he has suffered in the past 10 years and he plans to have them prosecuted.

Refusing to name individuals involved, he pledged Monday to file criminal charges against them — "I have filed information with law enforcement officials... A good, long while ago," he said, and "I plan for criminal charges to be filed against the persons as soon as the evidence is gathered."

He said no formal action or charges have yet been filed in the matter.

"I believe the citizens are far too intelligent to allow the criminal element of our community to be effective in sabotaging my campaign... I pledge to support strong law enforcement as I have my entire life."

Smith served as a city police officer from 1959 to 1963, he said, and Stanton police chief from '63 to 1965. He was elected Howard County constable for three terms, serving eight consecutive years before resigning to begin work in the bail bond business.

Enterprises," by Deputy Ed Owens, now deceased.

Although the document makes reference to a "tax suit," it does not stipulate the nature of the citation, nor the time the defendant was to appear.

Smith said Friday, "To my knowledge, I was not notified to be in court."

Shotts said it is possible that paperwork on such a matter could have been served and never come to trial before 25 months had passed.

Wilkerson explained that issuance of a citation calls for a response of some type to indicate to the plaintiff's attorney that the defendant planned to contest the case. If no such response was filed, the court would not be responsible for informing a defendant of the hearing.

The 1986 ruling ordered Smith to pay delinquent taxes, penalties and interest on personal property the plaintiffs said Smith owned from 1967 to 1976, and 1980 to 1981.

The original judgment against Smith ordered him to pay BSISD \$714.94 and the county \$241.91.

The judgment decreed that the plaintiffs' personal property consisted of furniture, fixtures, inventory and equipment and was used in the operation of Bob Smith Enterprises.

Smith said he was informed by the county in 1975 that he owed back taxes on the personal property for the years 1966 to 1975. After this initial notification, Smith said he told the county tax collector's office during 1975 to 1980 that he was no longer leasing the property.

The only impact, he said, was the change of billing from Bob Smith's Chevron Station to a billing for Bob Smith Enterprises. However, he was unable to rectify the situation.

Smith said the court decision took him by surprise. "I didn't know about the court decision until I filed for a credit card and was told by the credit card company that I had an outstanding judgment against me," Smith said.

Sheriff's log

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers are investigating a reported theft at the Quail's Western Wheels business in Coahoma on the North Service Road of Interstate 20.

Complaining witness Stanley Blackwell, according to sheriff's department reports, told officers Monday that persons unknown had broken the padlock fastening a chain around three trailers in front of the business.

A white Owen Gray brand horse trailer with tandem axles and white spoke wheels carrying Sears brand tires was taken, according to reports. The trailer is approximately 10 feet long by six wide, according to the reports, and has a partially tan interior; interior padding is covered with green material used to cover ginned cotton bales and the trailer is trimmed around the saddle door and windows with black paint. Value of the stolen trailer was not estimated; it bears the Texas license plate 790190.

• Jimmy Baily at Big Spring Iron and Metal on the Snyder Highway reported that a license plate, Texas registration W-84904,

was lost or taken from a 46-foot float trailer parked at the business during the weekend.

• James Gilbert, Route One Box 430, reported the theft of a Remington 12-gauge Wingmaster shotgun valued at \$350, spare barrel for same valued at \$95, a chime clock valued at \$150 and a cypresswood clock valued at \$65 from his residence between 7:25 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Monday morning.

He also reported the theft of an evaporative cooler from the east window of the residence, valued at \$300, which had occurred during the past two weeks. Total value of items taken was estimated at \$955.

• A motorist reported that a white, International tractor-trailer rig was running vehicles off the road Monday morning on Interstate Highway 20 West. The motorist reported the vehicle carried Tennessee license plates 75711-T.

The report was relayed to the sheriff's office in Stanton for further investigation.

• A woman motorist reported that she was northbound on the Snyder highway at 1:12 p.m. Monday when a southbound pickup

truck had a flat tire. A hubcap from the disabled pickup reportedly struck her vehicle.

• Sheriff's officers investigated reports of drag racing on Parkhouse Road at 6:20 p.m. Monday, and a loose cow on the roadway near the Tubbs residence on U.S. Highway 87 South at 8:07 p.m. The cow was reported back in its pen.

• Robert Charles Johnson, 25, no address given, pleaded guilty to a driving while intoxicated charge in 118th District Court and was sentenced to in the county jail without bond.

• Frank Hernandez, 18, 311 N. Aylford, pleaded guilty in County Court to revocation of probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail. He was given credit for 12 days served.

• Information in the May 2 Sheriff's log concerning the transport of Thomas Adrian Bonilla, 26, Corpus Christi, was incorrect. He was returned to Howard County Monday from Corpus Christi where he had been arrested on a Howard County warrant for sexual assault.

Oil/Markets

West Texas light crude oil 17.34 a barrel, up .20, and cotton futures 66.15 cents a pound, down .14, at 11:47 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Name	CURRENT QUOTE	2047.74 90,788,400 CHANGE from close
American Petrofina	70 1/2	+
Atlantic Richfield	67 3/4	+
Bethlehem Steel	20 3/4	+1/2
Chevron	47 1/2	+1/2
Chrysler	32 1/2	+1/2
DuPont	86 1/4	+1/2
Enbridge	15 1/2	+
Ford	47 1/2	+1/2
Firestone	45 1/2	+1/2
Gen. Telephone	35 1/2	+
Halliburton	33 1/2	+
IBM	114 1/2	+
J.C. Penny	47 1/2	-1/2
K-Mart	34 1/4	+1/2
Coca-Cola	38 1/2	+1/2
DeBeers	10 1/2	+
Mobil	45 1/2	+1/2
Pacific Gas	14 1/2	+1/2
Phillips	17 1/2	+1/2
Southwestern Bell	35 1/2	+1/2
Sears	38 1/2	+1/2
Sun Oil	58 1/2	+1/2
AT&T	26 1/2	+1/2
Texasaco	49 1/2	+
Texas Instruments	47 1/2	-1/2
Texas Utilities	25 1/2	-1/2
U.S. Steel	31 1/2	-1/2
Exxon	44 1/2	+1/2
Mesa Ltd Pulp Pfd A	12	+
HCA	38 1/2	+1/2
Lorimar Telepictures	12 1/2	+1/2
National Health Care Inc.	3 1/2	-1/2
El Paso Electric	15 1/2	-1/2
Cabot	36 1/2	-1/2

Area briefs

Four seeking Coahoma posts

HERALD STAFF REPORT

COAHOMA — Four candidates are seeking election to the three openings on the city council here.

Three incumbents — Charles Seals, David Elmore and Jerry Brockman — have decided to run for re-election to the city council. A fourth candidate, Roy Lee Metcalf, is also campaigning for a seat on the council.

The positions open are for at-large constituencies and two-year terms, according to city officials, and there has been no absentee voting so far in the election.

Forsan absentee voting slow

HERALD STAFF REPORT

FORSAN — Though no absentee votes have been cast in the municipal election here, absentee voting is open, according to Nova Scudday, wife of incumbent mayor Woodrow Scudday.

The mayor and two of the city's aldermen, Doug Parker and Jim Alexander, are running for re-election to the city government, Mrs. Scudday said today.

No one has signed up to oppose any of the three candidates in the at-large election for a two-year term to each of the positions, she said. "No one has signed up to run but there could be a write-in campaign," she said. "We won't know about that until election day, of course."

Band rated high at festival contest

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Big Spring High School Honor and Symphonic Bands were awarded Division I — superior — ratings Friday at the Durango, Colo. Fine Arts Festival.

The Symphonic Band, directed by Steve Waggoner, performed the following selections: "The Belle of Chicago," by Sousa, and "Northpointe Fantasy," by Swearingin.

The Honor Band, under the baton of Ricky Mitchell performed "Fairest of the Fair," by Sousa and "Polly Oliver," by Root.

The bands were awarded plaques for their superior performances.

Following the band competition, seven individuals competed in solo

competition at Fort Lewis College in Durango.

Those receiving Division I medals were: Debbie Lee, Arjia Grant, Ross Neill, Marilyn Corwin, Toby Hain and Torbin McEwen. Band members receiving Division II — excellent — medals were: Jeff May and Debbie Lee.

After the competition, band members spent Saturday and Sunday touring the Four Corners area, including stops at Mesa Verde National Park, Shiprock, N.M. and a tour through Carlsbad Caverns National Park.

The Steer Bands returned to Big Spring Sunday evening.

One arrested in stabbing

HERALD STAFF REPORT

A 69-year-old Big Spring man is in custody today after his arrest in connection with a Monday night stabbing outside Fina's Cafe, 200 N. Gregg St.

Victor Ragoes Yanez, 309 N.E. 10th was arrested after police were called to the cafe at about 10:30 p.m. Once there, they found Rafael Lopez, 43, 508 N.W. Sixth St., suffering from stab wounds to the left triceps and upper left back, police reports indicate.

Lopez was transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Emergency Room by Rural/Metro ambulance. He was admitted to the hospital and is reported to be in stable condition today, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Yanez was arrested on a preliminary charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He is in police custody today in lieu of \$3,500 bond, a police spokesman said.

Parents discuss ADD children

Special to the Herald

Children with the learning disabilities Attention Deficit Disorder and Dyslexia were the topic of discussion at a meeting of concerned citizens Monday evening.

Coahoma school district Trustee Philip Reid and Big Spring school board candidate John Webb attended the meeting and presented their ideas of a school board's role in

dealing with children suffering from these disabilities.

Coahoma school Superintendent Gary Rotan distributed material and presented information relevant to Attention Deficit Disorder.

The meeting was chaired by Cindy Overton, mother of a 10-year-old son who has been diagnosed with ADD. Her goal is to establish a parent support group.

Deaths

Ed Bowman

Ed W. Bowman, 74, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 3, 1988 in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Police beat

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The following complaints were received by Big Spring police Monday:

• Someone did \$250 damage to the passenger side window of a vehicle belonging to Lucy Alvarado, 1603 Robin St.

• Adolfo Franco, 1017 Bluebonnet St., reported someone he knows assaulted him Monday afternoon.

• Four wheels and tires, valued at \$782, was reported stolen from Bob Brock Ford, 500 W. Fourth St.

INS prison

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Pereira added until he could see all the facts and examine the contracts, he couldn't say exactly what amount of tax funds would be lost to the various entities — city, county, school district and Howard College — through the transfer of the property.

Decell said he didn't know exactly how much added value would result from Davenport's remodeling of the facility, but the proposal outline calls for expenditures of \$1.3 million in renovations.

Decell said he understood that the exemption from real estate property tax was a standard part of the scenario under which the proposal to locate the facility here had been developed.

Shotts and Boyd said they understand the city will not take title to the property unless a contract with the Federal Bureau of Prisons is arranged beforehand.

"I believe we would not take title unless the contract with the Bureau of Prisons comes first," Boyd said Monday.

"All that is still subject to negotiation," Shotts said, "but I don't believe the city would take title unless a contract with the Bureau of Prisons exists."

Reading from the letter of intent approved by City Council, Decell said, "The City of Big Spring intends to take title to the property upon completion of construction of the facility, and this would be contingent upon the city's securing a contract with the Bureau of Prisons to furnish the facility to house the inmates."

Davenport's proposal to the city promises a \$1 per inmate per day administrative fee for each inmate housed in the prison.

"If he gets 100 percent occupancy at the initial quota of 240 beds," Decell said, "that's \$87,600 per annum."

"Even if the facility is only 70 percent full, that's in excess of \$60,000 per year to the city," he said.

He said the city will not have to spend any money to receive that fee. "Our only responsibility would be to act as the contracting officer," he said. "In other words, Mid-Tex would send us an invoice for the number of prisoners they have and for the number of days,

and we would forward that to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

"They would verify that count, of course, and then pay the City of Big Spring the full per-diem amount for each prisoner for each day."

"We would then cut a check to Mid-Tex Detention Centers, or whoever it's going to be (running the facility), for that amount, less the \$1 per inmate per day, and that would be our administrative fee for handling that paperwork."

He said there would be other benefits to the local economy resulting from the facility that could be looked at as a tradeoff for the reduction in tax funds.

Among those benefits, he cited approximately 55 jobs at the facility and the expenditures necessary to run a prison at the site.

"The economic impact will include utilities — the water, sewer, garbage, electricity and gas they will have to have. They will pay the City of Big Spring the going rate for water, of \$1.63 per 1,000 gallons."

"They will pay the calculated rate for their sewer, which is a complicated rate, and they will have their electricity through Texas Utilities Electric, and contract with Enbridge for their natural gas," Decell noted.

In addition, he said, the proposal calls for approximately \$300,000 in kitchen supplies and food purchases annually and an undetermined amount of training for which the facility would contract with Howard College, Decell said.

City officials are in agreement that the property would be operated wholly by Davenport and Mid-Tex, who also would have the responsibility and funding for all necessary maintenance and insurance on the facility.

Decell said the proposed detention services agreement calls for Mid-Tex to obtain and maintain the maximum available amount of liability insurance to protect itself and the city from any actions or occurrences arising from the confinement of any prisoner in the facility.

He said the agreement calls for a \$300,000 minimum of such insurance.

RITZ CINEMA
401 MAIN COLLEGE PARK

WALT DISNEY'S G "The Fox & The Hound" 7:10 & 9:00

R "The Unholy" 7:00 & 9:00

SAT. & SUN. MATINEES 2:00

R "Two Moon Junction" 7:30 & 9:30

PG "Eighteen Again" 7:30 & 9:30

SAT. & SUN. MATINEES 2:15

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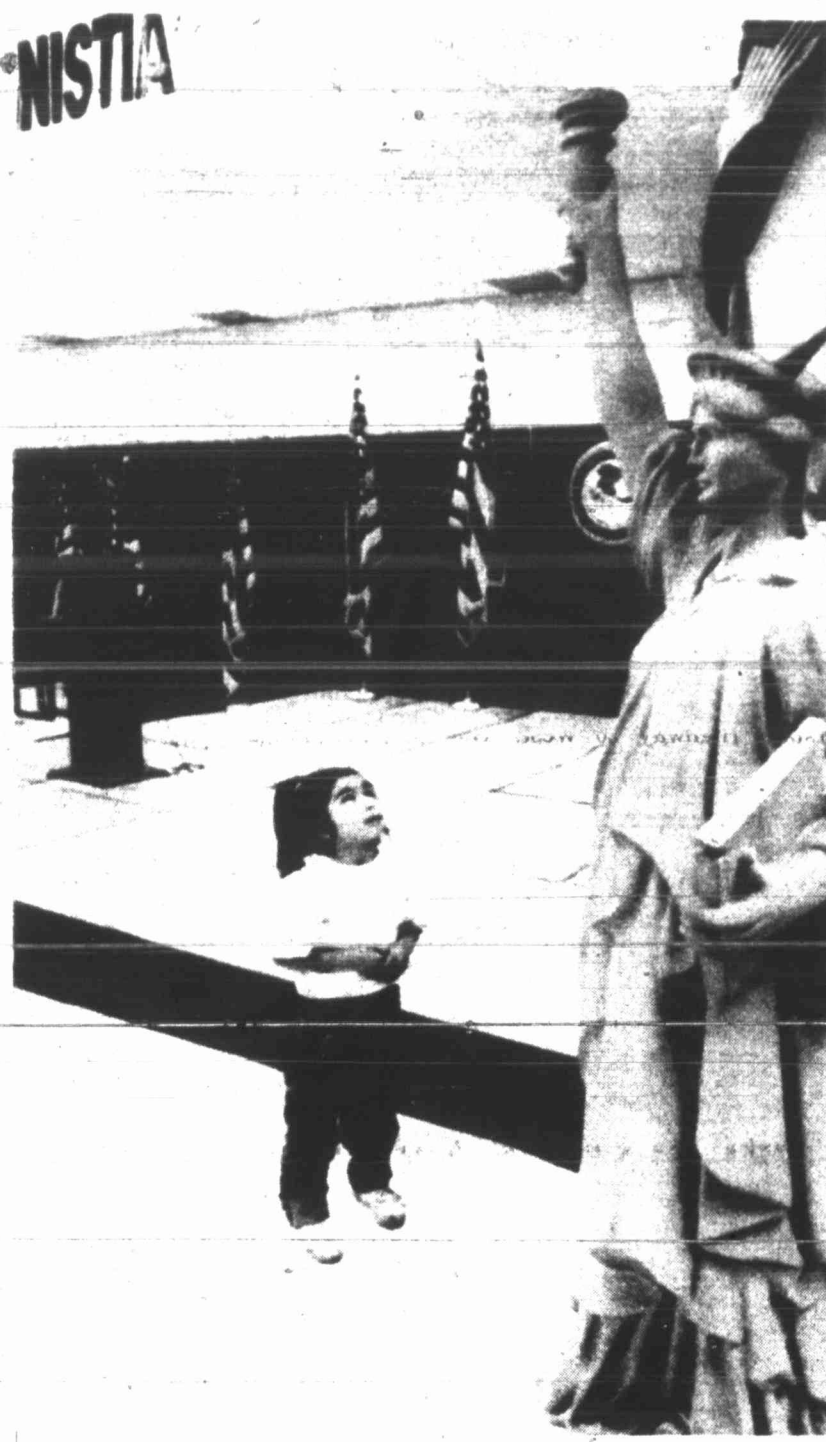
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Ed W. Bowman, 74, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.



Perot says he financed Jackson's trip to Lebanon

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas billionaire Ross Perot said he asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1985 to help free American hostages held in Beirut and financed the trip to Lebanon.

Perot said the National Security Council asked him to contact Jackson to negotiate for the hostages' release.

"I was called and asked to help on a problem," Perot told The Dallas Morning News. "We had one hostage, (CIA agent William) Buckley, who knew too much and it was very important to get him back. Somebody asked who had a track record on getting somebody out of Beirut, and Jackson was the only one who had."

Perot said he met privately with Jackson in Atlanta before the Chicago civil rights leader left on his hostage mission to London and Rome. Perot paid Jackson's expenses — roughly \$30,000 — and sent an associate on the trip with him to "make sure he had everything he needed."

The Dallas businessman and philanthropist praised the Democratic presidential candidate for his efforts.

"The list of people who take a chance like this is very short," Perot said. "The list of people who have news conferences and shed tears is very long. He never blinked, he went."

An account of the deal between Perot and Jackson is contained in "Guts and Glory: The Rise and Fall of Oliver North," a new biography on the former NSC aide. The biography, by "Boston Globe" reporter Ben Bradlee Jr., reports that North and Perot sought out Jackson because he had successfully persuaded Syria to release Navy pilot Robert Goodman in 1983.

Perot said NSC officials did not want to approach Jackson for help. On several other occasions, North enlisted Perot to help ransom American hostages in Iran, Perot said.

Jackson told Perot shortly after his return that one of the American hostages would be freed soon, Perot said.

New director of MHMR likes hands-on approach

AUSTIN (AP) — The new commissioner of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation says he hopes to continue the hands-on management style he has used as Indiana's mental health commissioner.

Dennis Jones says he has tried to spend one day a week visiting institutions or community programs for mentally ill or mentally retarded people, meeting with advocacy groups or making speeches about the needs of the mentally disabled.

"It's awfully important for the commissioner to be out where the action is," Jones said in a telephone interview with the Austin American-Statesman. "The general rule of thumb I've followed is to be out of the office one day a week. That would be a minimum, I think."

Jones, a former psychiatric social worker, was the unanimous choice of the Texas mental health board to head the state's largest public agency, with 26,000 employees and a \$1.5 billion two-year budget. He takes over July 1.

Jones said he wants to quickly become "the system's largest advocate, the most visible advocate. I want to make the needs known and request the funds to support the needed services."

"The No. 1 thing that ought to drive the system is the needs of the clients," he said. "The focus needs to begin and end with what is best for the people we serve."

In Indiana, Jones "recently instituted a program where all the administrative staff go out and visit the facilities," said Marilyn Schultz, executive director of the Mental Health Association in Indiana.

"Denny Jones was always very available, and always willing to come talk with us. He had a busy speaking schedule around the state," she said.

Awesome

LOS ANGELES — Morena Lopez, 4, a United States citizen, ponders Miss Liberty as she awaits her mother and father Monday while they filed for amnesty in Los Angeles. Filing deadline for INS' alien legalization program is two days away.

OPEC

Hance says trip was valuable

AUSTIN (AP) — Railroad Commissioner Kent Hance, saying his trip to the OPEC meeting in Vienna last week was valuable for Texas, believes the state should keep talking with those oil-producing nations.

"I thought it was very worthwhile. I think a communication was established for a dialogue that will promote (oil price) stability," he said.

Not everyone agreed that Hance's trip was a good idea. One group, in fact, has called for prosecution of Hance on charges he violated the Logan Act, which bans private citizens from interfering with U.S. foreign policy.

The Citizen Labor Energy Coalition, boasting 12 million members

"What happens in Vienna at the OPEC meetings will have more impact on our economy than anything that will happen in Austin or in Washington." — Kent Hance

who favor low energy prices, has urged Attorney General Edwin Meese to prosecute Hance.

A letter written by the coalition to Meese accused Hance of "attempting to devise, with agents of foreign governments, new governmental restraints on the operations of a free, competitive market in crude oil."

"It would appear that Commissioner Hance's efforts to assist OPEC in fixing world oil prices are in direct opposition to U.S. foreign and economic policy," Edwin S. Rothschild said in the letter to the attorney general.

"Commissioner Hance is carrying on a blatant campaign to assist OPEC in raising world oil prices and damaging U.S. economic interests," he added.

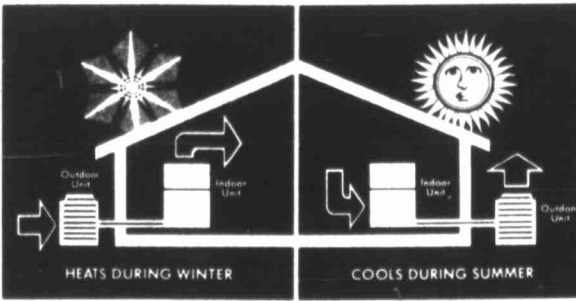
Hance said he agrees with Monday's prediction by the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, who said they expected world oil prices to stabilize near current levels despite the breakdown of the OPEC meeting.

"I am disappointed that today they did not reach an agreement. I figured that if they didn't, prices would slide a little temporarily and then they would come back. ... I still think that within the next year, you're going to see stable prices in the low \$20s' per barrel, Hance said.

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Opinion

Foreign nurses needed by U.S.

Foreign nurses who answered a U.S. plea for nurses in the early 1980s should be allowed to extend their stay in this country. Forcing them to leave when their current visas expire could make the nursing shortage worse.

The shortage continues despite the fact that thousands of foreign nurses have taken jobs in the United States in recent years. The American Nurses Association says that about 300,000 nursing jobs are vacant.

The large-scale recruitment of foreign nurses began about five years ago. Nursing shortages began developing as women's career opportunities expanded. Inconvenient hours and a disparity in pay and status between nurses and some other health care professionals — doctors, most notably — also made nursing less attractive to some people.

Time has now run out on the five-year visas of the first wave of foreign nurses to arrive in the United States. Federal immigration officials say requests for extensions won't be granted. That means the nurses who have been here the longest, and therefore are better experienced in and more acclimated to their U.S. jobs, will be the first to leave.

A consistent immigration policy is important, but so are the nation's manpower needs. Congress acknowledged that, in effect, in March when it advanced immigration policy revisions that gave a higher priority to immigrants working in fields where labor shortages exist.

It would make sense to apply a similar philosophy to the situation in nursing. It doesn't make sense to send qualified nurses away when doing so would make the shortage even more serious.

Mailbag

Family says thanks for repairs

To the editor:
The family of C.R. Yancey would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the workers, the donors of material, and anyone else that had a part in "Christmas in April."
They worked so many hours in the wind; it really restores my faith in people.
The work that was done would not have been done, if they had not done it.
Thank God for everyone associated with "Christmas in April."
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Christmas in April gets thanks

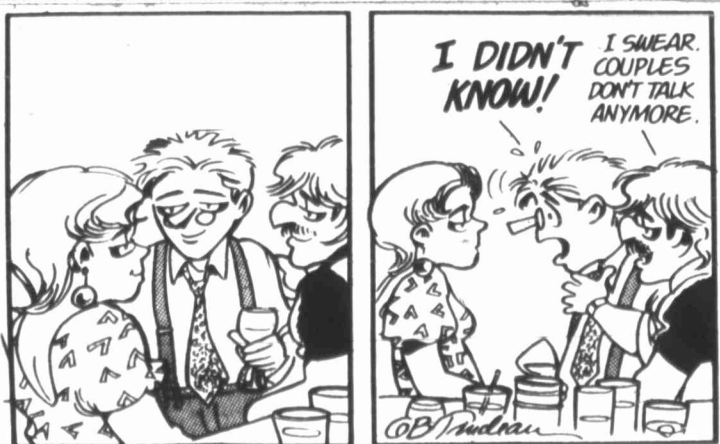
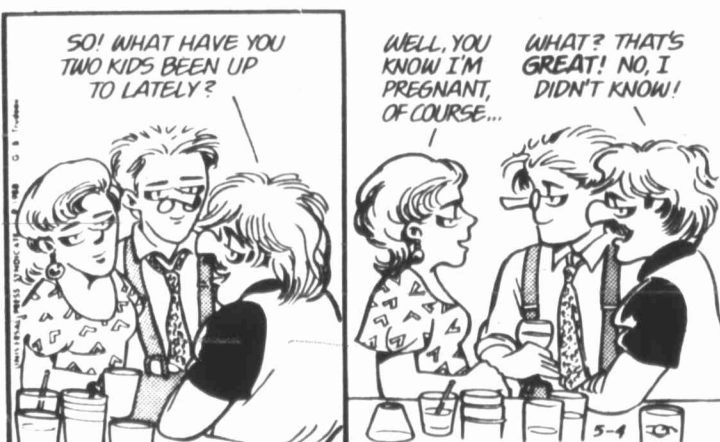
To the editor:
We are expressing our thanks to all the volunteers who helped repair our home at 803 N. Goliad. Christmas in April was the best program that ever happened to Big Spring. We appreciate all the community for helping with all the food, lumber, ect.
We want to express our special thanks to the Federal Prison Camp employees and Hillcrest Baptist Church-Singles, Century 21, Texas Electric, Drinkard Electric Service, Cap. Mier, Cap. John Sneed, Bob Noyes and Liz Taylor.
God Bless You All,
MR. AND MRS. JESUS VIERA AND FAMILY
803 N. Goliad

Resident praises police protection

To the editor:
We live in a busy world where most of the things that you read and hear about the police are unfavorable. This morning I saw something that warmed my heart.
On my way to work, I travel Goliad (Street) every morning, I saw a police car with its flashers on and thought "someone got caught speeding" and immediately checked my own speed. However, as I approached the police car, I saw that the car with its flashing lights was protecting an opossum who had been injured from further injury, while waiting for the animal control officer.
Unfortunately I didn't get the names of the officers, but I wanted you to know that I think all of God's creatures deserve our protection, not just humans, and I was happy to see their concern for that furry, ugly, little animal.
It occurred to me as I drove off that if everyone showed that same respect and concern for everyone and everything, we'd live in a happier, safer world.
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



No smoking on firing line

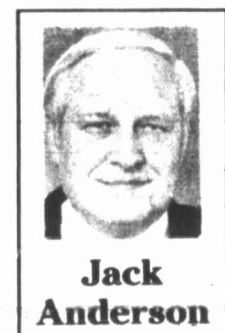
By ART BUCHWALD
The firing squad from Riker's Island marched on the parade ground. Six soldiers, led by Captain Loughboro, lined up at attention, facing the wooden post.
Two soldiers, one on each side, marched Tony the Termitte to the post and tied his hands behind his back. Captain Loughboro stepped forward with a blindfold and tied it around Tony's eyes.
"Would you care for a cigarette?" the captain asked.
"Yes, I would," Tony said. "I'll take a king-sized mentholated."
The captain drew one out of a pack and placed it in Tony's mouth. He was about to light it when a uniformed inspector ran on the parade ground and cried, "Halt! You cannot smoke on this property during a firing squad execution."
"That's ridiculous," the captain said. "Puffing a last cigarette before being shot is an ancient military tradition."
"Never mind tradition. No one is permitted to blow smoke within 10 feet of another person as it's hazardous to everyone's health. Tony isn't just doing harm to himself but to the firing squad as well."
"Suppose I move the squad 10 feet back?" the captain suggested.
"That still would be considered secondhand smoke. Don't you have any respect for human life at all?"
The captain turned to Tony, "Would it bother you to give up your last cigarette?"
"It certainly would. This is a free country and when it comes to puffing, I know my rights."
The captain rifled through a book. "He's right," he said to the inspector. "It says here no one can be shot unless he is offered a last cigarette of his choice."
"But we're only doing this for his health. If Tony sucks on that fag he's going to develop a terrible cough."

Saga of failed space park is a classic Washington tale

By JACK ANDERSON and DALE VAN ATTA
WASHINGTON — The White House came within a hair of endorsing a \$700 million government lease on a private "industrial park" in space, even though there was no competitive bidding on the project and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration wasn't sold on the idea.
The saga of the space park is a classic Washington tale of influence and power. This time, those with power say they went out of their way not to influence anyone. But their names may have been enough to put a shine on the deal anyway.
Space Industries Inc., a young Houston firm, orchestrated the political game for its proposed orbiting industrial park. The company hoped to capitalize on the Reagan administration's plan to privatize much of what the government planned to do in space, and planned to rent parts of the facility to private companies that needed to test products and theories in space.
NASA agreed to launch the industrial space facility with the Space Shuttle. But Space Industries needed more than that from the government. The small company needed a big financial backer, such as the U.S. government, as its prime tenant in space.
The Houston firm took its proposal for a \$700 million, five-year government lease to the powerful White House Economic Policy Council, chaired by Treasury Secretary James Baker. Space Industries' legal counsel was the Houston firm of Andrews & Kurth, which just happened to be Baker's old law firm.
Space Industries' financial consultant was Shearson, Lehman, Hutton Inc., which just happened to have a managing director of investment named Richard Darman. And Darman just happened to be the former deputy secretary of the treasury under Baker.

On the surface, it looked like Space Industries had more than just a good proposal. It had good friends. Both Baker and Darman took pains to stay out of the negotiations. Baker removed himself from any EPC debates on the Space Industries proposal. Darman said he advised Space Industries on the best way to sell its idea in Washington, but never lobbied Baker or anyone else. "I never contacted James Baker on that or any other issue since I left the treasury," Darman told our associate Jim Lynch.

(A Space Industries spokeswoman said that the company was represented in the negotiations by its own staffers, including Assistant Vice President Joseph Allen, a former shuttle astronaut.)
Whatever the intentions of Baker and Darman, their names weighed heavily when the project was considered, according to a top National Security Council source. The source told us, "We thought it was incestuous." He felt that the tie to Baker and Darman was "the only reason the project was moving ahead so quickly."
The source added that it was "unusual" that the proposal went to the EPC in the first place. An interagency group directed by the National Security Council normally handles space policy. In this case, the fact that Space Industries' proposal fit Reagan's space commercialization initiative allowed the EPC to take charge.
Over at NASA, officials were getting nervous. They knew that the budget was tight, and they didn't want a hasty lease on a private satellite to get in the way of their own plans for a space station.
It was Dr. James Fletcher, head of NASA, who finally slammed on the brakes. Fletcher wrote Baker and the EPC a letter on New Year's Eve. He urged the EPC to give NASA time to evaluate the proposal.
Fletcher wrote he was "troubled" that the government wasn't getting competitive bids when there were many companies "seeking to establish a foothold in the commercial space area."
A NASA attorney had alerted Fletcher that the lease with Space Industries would violate the federal Competition in Contracting Act. The lawyer, Edward A. Frankle, said that was one of several "severe" legal barriers. And he told Fletcher that the \$700 million price looked like "an arbitrary amount unrelated to the value received by the government."
Fletcher's letter ended what until then was a relatively smooth ride for Space Industries. Competitive bidding is now required, and other space firms have since expressed interest in submitting proposals.
The issue has spilled over into unpublicized congressional hearings on the industrial space facility. An appropriations hearing was scheduled on the matter for April 28.
Fletcher's intervention slowed the Space Industries' momentum in Congress, where effective lobbyists for the Houston firm had been busy. The lobbyists were buttressed by the presence of former NASA heavyweights now in the top management ranks of Space Industries.



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Wall memorial defaced

WASHINGTON (AP) — The president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund said today that scratches found in the memorial, one resembling a swastika, appear to be random vandalism and not the work of someone trying to make a political statement.

"It looks like the random defacement that happens to memorials in Washington from time to time," said Jan Scruggs. "The memorial has had about 24 million visitors and only one bad egg."

The vandalism is the first since the memorial opened in 1982. National Park Service officials said Monday. The 493-foot granite wall inscribed with 58,156 names of those killed in the Southeast Asian conflict has become the most visited monument in the nation's capital.

"The wall itself has such great respect that we have never had problems with damage," said Bill Ruback, superintendent of national parks in downtown Washington. "It had to be someone crazy to do this."

Cyanide trial continues

SEATTLE (AP) — A woman accused of killing her husband and a stranger with cyanide-spiked painkillers was betrayed by her greed and carelessness, a prosecutor told jurors in the nation's first product-tampering death trial.

But in closing arguments Monday, Stella Nickell's lawyer called the government's case a "house of cards" built on the testimony of Mrs. Nickell's daughter, who said her mother had talked for months about killing her husband.

The jury today was expected to begin deliberations in the U.S. District Court trial.

Mrs. Nickell, 44, of Auburn, is charged with two counts of causing death by tampering with a product involved in interstate commerce and three counts of tampering.

North gives speech

LYNCHBURG, Va. (AP) — Oliver North used his first speech as a civilian to blast his critics, while the Rev. Jerry Falwell compared North's criminal indictment to the persecution and crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

North, a former Marine lieutenant colonel who is accused of illegally diverting money from Iranian arms deals to the Nicaraguan Contras, delivered the commencement address Monday at Falwell's Liberty University.

"He's already been convicted in much of the national media," Falwell told a cheering crowd of about 12,000. "He's already guilty. The first question's always asked: Why are you having an indicted man to speak to the students of Liberty University? I said, 'Well, we serve a savior who was indicted and convicted and crucified.'"

North told the crowd that he had asked his daughter to forgive his accusers, and said he never intended to get caught in a political war between President Reagan and Congress.



Associated Press photo

Hospital collapse

NEW DELHI, India — Rescuers recover another body from the wreckage of a children's hospital annex that collapsed in northern India. The discovery of three more bodies today raised the official death toll to 17. UNI quoted hospital authorities as saying as many as 32 people, including 22 children, were still unaccounted for and that the death toll could rise.

Solidarity strike

Workers must seek new Walesa

GDANSK, Poland (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa today addressed thousands of striking workers at the Lenin shipyard as a walkout took hold at the facility that was the birthplace of the outlawed labor federation.

"We don't want to be the beggars of Europe and of the world," Walesa told the cheering workers as he endorsed the strike that began Monday. The workers responded with chants of "Lech, Lech."

Strike leaders inside the shipyard said 7,000 to 8,000 of the shipyard's 12,000 workers were striking. Production appeared to be completely shut down.

A large poster at the gate listed the strikers, which had increased since Monday. It demanded higher pay, reinstatement of Solidarity nationwide, release of political prisoners and rehiring of fired activists.

The work stoppage at the shipyard was at least the

fourth strike in communist Poland in a week and contributed to the worst wave of labor unrest since the government's December 1981 military crackdown on Solidarity.

Walesa, who headed the August 1980 strike at the shipyard that gave rise to the East bloc's first independent labor movement, received a loud cheer from the workers when he entered the yard this morning.

While giving unqualified support for the strike, the 44-year-old Walesa told workers gathered inside the gate and perched on a fence and rooftops: "I am not your leader. I am tired... You have to find for yourself a new Walesa."

He also told the workers they were taking up the same cause he fought for in 1980. "We lost eight years," he said, speaking through a loudspeaker.

World

Marcos' mother ailing

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The ailing mother of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos today slipped into semi-consciousness after asking President Corazon Aquino to allow her son to return as "my dying wish."

There was no reaction from Mrs. Aquino to the request of 95-year-old Josefa Edralin-Marcos, who was hospitalized Sunday with pneumonia and diabetes. The military chief hinted the armed forces command opposed a Marcos return.

Dr. Sergio Brillantes, director of the Veterans Medical Center, said Mrs. Edralin-Marcos' condition had worsened in the past 24 hours. He said her kidneys were failing but that her blood pressure was too low for dialysis.

"Dona Josefa Marcos has deteriorated quite rapidly since yesterday," Brillantes told The Associated Press. "Her level of consciousness is deteriorating. She is semi-conscious."

Troops land in Lebanon

AIN ATA, Lebanon (AP) — Helicopter-borne Israeli troops landed within a few miles of Syrian positions in south Lebanon today in an operation aimed at Palestinian guerrillas.

Israeli artillery shelled areas around Ain Ata and the nearby villages of Memis, Kfeer, Khalwant and Ein Zeta before the troops landed. There were no reports of casualties.

About 500 Israeli troops armed with automatic weapons and rocket launchers landed on the northern edge of Ein Ata in the foothills of Mount Hermon before dawn and fanned out around the area, police said.

A police spokesman said the Syrian command ordered its estimated 16,000 troops in the nearby Bekaa Valley on maximum alert.

"There have been no clashes, but the Syrians have their tanks dug in on hills overlooking the Israeli operational zone," the spokesman said.

Letter criticizes party

MOSCOW (AP) — A Communist Party member harshly criticized his comrades in a letter to Pravda, saying their careerist ambitions and conformity made the party into a mere instrument of Josef Stalin and his successors.

The letter from a government official, V. Selivanov, to the party daily differed markedly from the usual criticism now seen of the Soviet past, which blames former party leaders themselves for excesses or departures from Marxist-Leninist orthodoxy.

Selivanov, deputy chief of administration at the Ministry of the Aviation Industry, criticized the 19-million member party itself, and its role in his country's political life since the death of Vladimir I. Lenin in 1924.

Selivanov, a party member since 1972, wrote: "The party is the mind, honor and conscience of our epoch."

School band performs in China

BEIJING (AP) — An American high school marching band today became the first foreign musical group to perform on Tiananmen Square, the vast plaza in central Beijing that is one of China's most important sites.

The Pennsylvania High School Marching Band of Fairless Hills, Penn., gave a brief concert before hundreds of Chinese and foreign sightseers in the square, which is ringed by the Forbidden City, Mao Tse-tung's Mausoleum, and the Great Hall of the People, the seat of China's government.

Five members of the honor guard laid a wreath at the foot of the Martyrs' Shrine in the center of the square before the band played. The monument honors those who died fighting Japanese invaders and Nationalist troops in the 1940s.

The 170-member band stood in

formation at the base of the monument and played the American and Chinese national anthems and the song "Brotherhood" but did not march. One band organizer said they were not allowed to march because the square is sacred ground.

Several hundred Chinese sightseers watched the performance, but most were more interested in taking each other's pictures or lining up to see Mao's mausoleum, which is behind the monument.

The audience listened impassively to the three songs and did not clap.

Asked afterward why there was no applause, one elderly peasant from Henan province said, "We can't understand the music. How can we clap?"

Lisa Brumbaugh, who holds the

school banner at the head of the band, said they were told Chinese audiences are not used to applauding. "So I wasn't expecting it," she added.

The group, the second American high school band to play in China, toured the ancient capital of Xian and performed on the city wall on Friday before coming to Beijing on Saturday.

Sunday morning, they played at the Great Wall, where thousands of Chinese turned out to celebrate May Day.

The band is to perform for the last time tonight at Beijing's Capital Stadium before leaving on Wednesday for Japan.

"We practiced for more than a year, and it's been worth it," Miss Brumbaugh said. "China is wonderful. All the people are so interested in what we're doing."

Americans join excavation

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — U.S. military experts met with Laotian officials today to start a search for the remains of two American servicemen shot down in a wartime reconnaissance mission 22 years ago, a military spokesman said.

The U.S. team of 14 people arrived in southern Laos on two C-130 transport planes from Bangkok. The planes carried electric generators, metal detectors and tools to excavate the site in Savannakhet province where the Mohawk OV-10A aircraft crashed, said Maj. Tim Pfister.

The weeklong project is the third U.S.-Laotian excavation for the remains of 555 Americans listed as missing in action in Laos.

Pfister, spokesman for the U.S. Pacific Command, said the team included an anthropologist experienced in identifying human remains and two weapons disposal experts in case any live munitions remained at the site.

The team is from the U.S. Joint Casualty Resolution Center and the Army Central Identification Laboratory, Honolulu-based agencies entrusted with resolving the fates of Americans missing in action from the Vietnam War. The war ended in 1975 with the defeat of the U.S.-backed South Vietnam government.


The U.S. team led by Lt. Col. Joe Harvey, the Resolution Center commander, will be working with

officials from Laos' Defense and Foreign ministries, Pfister said.

The Savannakhet province is in the southern panhandle area between Thailand and Vietnam. The crash site is 95 miles east of the city of Savannakhet.

Pfister said the remains of 11 missing Americans were recovered in the first joint excavation in the communist country in 1985 and eight others in a 1986 project.

On previous excavations, the workers went down on their hands and knees to dig out plane wreckage and sift for bone fragments with fine metal screens. A number of unexploded shells were found.



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Dr. Musick is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist. He graduated from Lubbock Christian College, 1979. He received his doctorate of medicine from Baylor College of Medicine in 1982, with a full residency in Obstetrics/Gynecology, 1986.

This branch of medicine deals with the female reproductive organs, pregnancy, labor and delivery. Dr. Musick is certified in Laser Surgery. His special interest is infertility. Dr. Musick offers epidural deliveries and a wide variety of Gynecology surgeries.

Dr. Musick joined Malone and Hogan Clinic in February of 1988. His hobbies include flying and horses. Snyder is considered as his home town.

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Coahoma school board candidates define the issues

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Voters here will decide between four candidates when filling three vacancies on the school board Saturday.

Stock farmer Daryle Coates joins incumbents Marvin Keenan, Stanley Phillips and Ronnie Wood in seeking the board seats, which are at-large and for three years each.

Polling places for the election will be the Coahoma Community Center, Vincent Baptist Church Educational Building and the Sand Springs Lions Club Building, administrative secretary Judy Park said.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Coates, who has lived in Howard County for 34 years, said his goal was for Coahoma to have one of the most efficient school districts in Texas, and that the most important issue facing the district is too much state regulation.

"The biggest issue facing us at this time is some of the ridiculous rules and regulations imposed on us by the legislature," he stated. "The only way to change legislation is to let one's feeling be known to his representation."

"If this is to no avail, then one



DARYLE COATES



MARVIN KEENAN



STANLEY PHILLIPS



RONNIE WOOD

must seek to replace his representation," Coates added.

He noted that learning to operate within available revenues is the best way to deal with a shrinking tax base, which affects Coahoma and other districts statewide.

"I want to give something back to the school my whole family attended," he gave as his reason for running.

Coates and his wife, Cathy, have two children — Cheryl, 7, and Blake, 5.

Keenan, a 10-year resident of Howard County, is seeking his second term on the school board. A trooper with the Department of

Public Safety, he and his wife, Jo Anne, have two children — Shellie, 16, and Roy Dale, 13.

He stated that his major goal is to continue improving the teaching and educational environment of the Coahoma district and "ensuring that we receive the most benefit for each tax dollar spent."

Coping with a loss of tax revenue is the major issue facing the school board, Keenan stated.

"The loss of dollars because of declining and uncertain tax base (is the major issue)," he noted.

"This problem was addressed by the difficult actions taken this past year by the board as a whole to

operate the school.

"Coahoma ISD is now moving toward recovery," he continued. "I will try to ensure that this progress is sure and sound."

A conservative approach to the district's budget is the best way to deal with a shrinking tax base, Keenan stated.

"... We first need to be very conservative and practice extremely good stewardship of our funds," he noted.

Keenan added that a "grass roots level" message needs to be sent to a state legislature that is unrealistic in mandating changes without providing the necessary

funds.

"It's not logical to cut state funding and taxes, only to require local districts to raise their property taxes," he noted. "I believe we have taxed our local property owners to the limit."

A declining tax base also is the major issue cited by Phillips, a nine-year veteran of the board.

"The administration at Coahoma ISD daily exhaust every avenue available to them to secure any and all funds that are available from state and federal sources," Phillips stated.

"We at CISD are committed to financial security. To achieve that goal, we must: Spend wisely — getting the most goods and services for the dollars spent; (be) conservative in all areas; and raise taxes as a last resort," he added.

Aside from wishing to see the district financially sound, Phillips stated his major goal is to "help (the district) maintain (its) high academic reputation and standing."

He believes his nine years of school board experience under four administrations will enable him to "... see and deal with the issues of public education in Texas as they relate to Coahoma."

"I would like to continue serving the people of the CISD," he concluded.

Wood, a six-year veteran of the board, said his goals are: To lower taxes; increase operations surplus; and increase pay for quality teachers toward an overall goal of providing a good education for district students.

He agrees with his fellow incumbents that school finance is the most important issue facing the district.

"We are addressing the problem with better management," Wood stated. "The administrative changes we made last summer look very good and with a year of experience at Coahoma, the future looks more optimistic."

"Sound business management and better administrative knowledge of finances will best help the district deal with a shrinking tax base, he noted.

"Things have been very trying in the past few years with our shrinking tax base as well as the state-mandated educational changes," Wood stated. "I would like to help get things back to a better situation, both financially and educationally."

Candidates

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school districts, including Big Spring.

Morris replied, "We can start by being more aggressive in collecting delinquent taxes. Right now, our school district is owed over \$200,000 by people who for one reason or another have not paid their tax."

Baker: "We need to set a budget that is in accordance with our economic conditions and maintain this budget without hurting our quality of education."

The incumbent concluded by stating his main goal is retaining qualified teachers in the district.

"We have been fortunate to have highly qualified teachers in our school system and it is my goal to help maintain the best education possible for our children," Baker stated.

"Education is something I care about and this is a way that I can serve my community," he said.

Morris said his major goal is to be a reliable sounding board for

concerned citizens.

"(My goal is) to be available and approachable as a school board member so parents, students and faculty can feel comfortable to call me and say, 'Hey Doug, will you check into this for me?'" he said.

"I think I know something of the hopes and dreams of our young people, parents and teachers, and I want to help each one attain those hopes and dreams," Morris added.

The district four term will be for three years.

Webb and Valdes will be competing for a one-year spot on the board, the remainder of Voorhies' unexpired term. The seat is at-large, encompassing the entire district.

Support of teachers and quality education in Big Spring are the major issue in the election, Webb stated.

"(The major issue is) Big Spring having the best schools in West Texas," he noted. "Attract the best teachers available and support

strongly the concept that teachers are the most important people in Big Spring."

Valdes also said he believes that complying with student/teacher ratios is an important issue, along with maintaining local control of the school district.

"Faced with requirements of HB 72 of ratios, hard, well-studied decisions will have to be made on providing space and new teachers," he noted. "Local control of our districts is another problem we must face as more decisions and mandates and control is assumed in Austin."

Valdes, who served on the Big Spring school board from 1974-1986, said some way must be found to raise more money locally, given a shrinking tax base.

"The state has mandated more requirements without allocating more funds and this has put the local districts in a bind," he stated. "Therefore, the districts will have two routes that must be pursued:



Raise more revenues locally, and lobby for relief through legislative channels."

Pursuing non-local revenue and studying other districts of comparable size to Big Spring are possible solutions to the finance crunch, Webb noted.

"... I hope we can obtain additional monies through a more aggressive pursuit of federal, state and private grants. At the same time, we must be realistic and we must make honest and objective decisions," he stated.

"I am a firm believer in comparative studies between our school's operation and those

schools in other cities of comparable size," he continued.

Webb, an 11½-year resident of Howard County, said his main goal is for Big Spring to have the "best schools in West Texas."

"To do this, we need to hire the best teachers available and fully support our present teachers," he stated. "I wish to involve the entire community in this endeavor. Big Spring cannot pay the highest salaries in West Texas, so to attract the best teachers we need progressive and innovative ideas."

Aside from supporting dropout-prevention programs and reinstating availability of vocational programs, Valdes said his 12 years of experience on the board will prove helpful for the district.

"I have always been interested in the importance of our schools and the contributions I can make," he stated. "I served with great interest for 12 years, taking time out to work in other capacities of service for the community."

"I miss my work on the school board and want to again work for the good of the youth, teachers and school system," Valdes continued. "I am offering myself to the voters as an interested, experienced board member who has the time and insight to contribute in positive ways to the good of our system."

Ensuring the best possible education for his children and others in the district was the major reason Webb gave for running.

"We have two children in school and we want them to have the best education they can get," he noted. "We want them and all the students in Big Spring to attend the best schools in West Texas."

"I think the present school board is doing a good job," Webb continued. "I wish to add my ideas and direction to their course."

Webb, his wife, Laurie, and their two children reside at 4017 Vicky St. Valdes, a 40-year resident of Howard County, and his wife, Lillian, reside at 626 Caylor St.

Guest brings her own dinner

DEAR ABBY: Please settle this. My son brought his live-in girlfriend over to my house for supper. She's 32 and he's 26, and they plan to marry "someday." My specialty is stew. I am on a fixed income and can't afford anything fancier, but everyone who has had my stew says it's the best. Anyway, the live-in girlfriend brought her own microwave dinner! She said she's had my stew and she didn't care for it, so she brought something she could enjoy.

Miss Abby, I raised four children and taught them manners and respect for their elders, which is something this woman obviously never learned. If she had been on a special diet, I would have accommodated her with great compassion, but that wasn't the case, so I told her flat out that she was rude.

Now the girlfriend is mad at my son because he didn't stand up to me and take her part when I said she was rude.

So, please, tell me, who is right?

MOM IN THE MIDDLE
DEAR MOM: You aren't in the middle, your son is. Ms. Live-in was indeed rude to have brought her own dinner to your house. If she didn't care for your stew, she should have eaten a token and toyed with the rest. Furthermore, if she's mad at your son because he didn't side with her instead of you,



she's not only rude, she's stupid. Every smart woman knows that in the long haul, a man will treat his wife the way he treats his mother.

DEAR ABBY: Here's the situation: I have been married for 11 years to a man who was married before. (I'll call him Paul.) He and his "ex" were divorced when I met him, so I had nothing to do with breaking up Paul's marriage. They had been married for 17 years and had three children.

Now every time there is a death in Paul's family, his "ex" not only shows up at the funeral, she sits in the family room with his family. I think she has very poor taste. What would be a tactful way for me to get across to Paul's "ex" that she does not belong there?

ANNOYED
DEAR ANNOYED: It is not your place to get across to her that she "does not belong there." Perhaps she has warm feelings for members of Paul's family, and

they for her. Her three children are bonds between her and your husband's family and always will be, even though she and Paul are divorced.

DEAR ABBY: You recently ran a letter from a Carlton R. Epperson (retired), first class petty officer, who said he believes that his 11 months at sea without setting foot on land is a record. I am writing this letter to you for my uncle, who is still laughing so hard he can't write.

He served from 1942 to 1946 on the USS Minneapolis CA36 heavy cruiser and spent three years and nine months at open sea. (He has 11 battle stars.)

My uncle, who was both a shellback and a polar bear, has gone around the world seven and a half times in water mileage, and engaged in surface battle with the Japanese fleet at Corregidor, the turning point of World War II — so maybe Mr. Epperson owes my uncle a right-hand salute. I'm sure you'll be hearing from many of the other 2,000 men who served on the USS Minneapolis during that time. Any one of them can verify this.

TONY (GABBY) GAMBINO,
NEW ORLEANS

Club note Report on conference

The Tejas Chapter of the Colonial Daughters of the 17th Century met April 30 at Winchester's Steaks and Seafood for lunch and a business meeting, with Mrs. Whit Clark, president, presiding.

Mrs. Clark reported on the national conference in Washington, D.C., where she received the National President General Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Work and Programs, also the chapter was recognized for sending in the best commemorative program for the year.

Mrs. Vera Morrow presented a program on "Your Flag and Mine". Members attended from Rotan, Snyder, Kermit, and Fort Stockton.

The next meeting will be at the restored drug store in Gail, July 30.

Tabatha

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and she bounced back from them. She's been on death row so many times, and I just knew that we'd made it this far, there's no sense giving up."

On Oct. 31, Tabatha went into surgery to receive the organs of a 7-week-old Virginia girl who had died in an auto accident. She emerged from the operating room the next day with glowing, healthy skin, previously yellowed by her malfunctioning liver.

"She hadn't been like that for years," said her father, Roy Foster, 36, who has two children from a previous marriage.

Now, too, she can consume solid food — baby cereal, vegetables and fruits and yogurt — in addition to the liquid diet she receives intravenously and through a stomach tube.

Confined to a hospital all but seven weeks of her life, Tabatha rather likes the attention there, according to her parents.

Mrs. Foster spends virtually every minute with Tabatha, often sleeping in a pull-out vinyl chair in the child's private room. Her husband comes up as much as his job allows.

"I think she enjoys being at the nurses' station more than she does being in the play 'm,'" Foster said.

The feeling is mutual.

"Of any kid I've met in or out of this hospital, I think she's an exceptional child. She's so pleasant, so lovable," said Roz Peck, 23, a registered nurse who regularly surprises Tabatha with presents. "I want her to go home. But someone said today, 'What are you going to do when she leaves?'" Nurses aren't the only ones who have been touched by Tabatha's tale.

The Fosters, quiet-spoken factory workers, have been overwhelmed by gifts sent to their daughter — enough toys to fill 19 big boxes, two boxes' worth of cards, including notes and drawings from schoolchildren. Two teddy bears were so huge they had to be sent home by bus.

What's even more astounding to the couple is the \$355,000 in donations they have received to help cover Tabatha's medical expenses.

"We feel that it's the job of the human race to get behind Tabatha and to support her in her endeavor," said the Rev. Gerald Chapman, chairman of the Pennsylvania State Baptist Association's fund-raising drive.

Williams estimates more than \$350,000 still is owed the hospital and bills keep mounting, but officials have indicated the hospital likely will absorb any unpaid costs since the operation was experimental and therefore uninsurable.

Local puppy wins best in match Sunday

Eighty-six dogs competed in the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual AKC-sanctioned match Sunday in the Dora Roberts Building at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

The 33 breeds came from Midland, Odessa, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Abilene, Snyder, Lovelland, Merkel, San Angelo, Sterling City, Lovington, N.M., as well as Big Spring.

Best in match was 8-month-old Scottish Terrier Owyn Cherry Bomb Passmore, owned by Carole and Ray Owen, Big Spring.

In separate puppy competition, English Cocker Spaniel Essential Regalia Grace, owned by Dr. and Mrs. A.G. Johnson, Sweetwater, won best puppy in match honors.

Best junior handler was Diedre Durbin,

Midland, showing a Saluki in the 10-14-year age division. Other first place junior handling winners were: Stephanie Payne, Midland, showing a whippet in the 15-18-year division; and Katie Newsom, Midland, showing a wire-haired dachshund, in the 6-9-year age division.

High in trial in obedience competition was Bichon Frise Peaches La Creme, owned by Judy Flagle, Lubbock.

First place group winners were: Working group — Boxer Baby Face, owned by Carolyn and Jerry Aiy, Midland; Hound group — Long-haired Dachshund Muldoon's Hop-a-long Cassidy, owned by Warren and Kelly Newsom, Midland;

Terrier group — Scottish Terrier Owyn Cherry Bomb Passmore; Sporting group — English Cocker Spaniel Essential Regalia Grace; Non-sporting group — Chow Chow Lamadero's Dusty Daydream, owned by Sherell Guichard-Thomas, Lubbock; Toy group — Yorkshire Terrier Cagney, owned by Ruby Megee, Lubbock;

Herding group, a German shepherd, owned by Griffin Reid, Odessa.

Conformation and junior handling judges were Karen Elliot, San Angelo, and Betsy Martin, Marfa. Obedience judges were Regina Edwards and Kathy Englehart, both of Plainview. Karen Burnett, Midland, was match chairman.

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Howard region champs!

WACO — The Howard College Hawks secured the Region V baseball title by sweeping the McLennan Community College Highlanders in a doubleheader on a rainy Monday afternoon.

The win gives the Hawks a 42-11 overall record and 16-5 region mark. This marks the first time since baseball was reinstated at HC, six years ago, that Howard has won the Region V crown.

assistant coach Greg Henry the morning after. "I think it's good for the kids to be able to be the first team since we got the program back, to win the conference."

The loss knocks MCC out of the playoff picture. The second state tournament participant will be between Ranger and Northwood. Ranger is 11-10 and Northwood is 11-12. Ranger and Northwood must play each other a game, and Ranger has to play Howard in a

doubleheader this weekend in Ranger. Howard plays MCC in a single game today.

HOWARD 8, MCC 5

Howard pitcher Garth Buresh went the distance as Howard took an early lead, and held on to the win.

Buresh, a freshman lefty from Sioux Falls, S.D., scattered 10 hits while allowing two earned runs. He struck out one and walked four.

Larry Winkle was lifted in the third inning for MCC. He took the loss. The Highlanders also used Phil Essex and Art Levens.

After MCC scored in the first, Howard came through with three runs in the second. Jody Allen singled and Kenny Fredrick walked. Allen scored when shortstop Jay Williams singled. Ernesto Castro's sacrifice fly scored Fredrick. Williams scored on a wild pitch.

In the fifth Howard scored three more runs. Camara, Darren Glenn and Allen all singled. Paul Spyhalski's single scored Camara. Glenn scored on a walk and Allen scored on a wild pitch.

Glenn, Allen, Spyhalski and Williams all had two hits each for Howard.

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HOWARD 6, MCC 5
Camara came through with the

big hit in the top of the seventh inning of the second game, completing the Howard sweep.

Trailing 3-2, Howard exploded for four runs in the inning. Pinch hitter Joey Camarillo walked, and pinch hitter Phil Longo singled. Castro singled, scoring Camarillo with the tying run.

Jose Rubiera walked, loading the bases for Camara. The hard-hitting third baseman from New York cleaned the bases with his triple to left center.

Sports

Bullets stay alive vs. Pistons

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — With the Washington Bullets teetering on the brink of elimination from the NBA playoffs, Bill Malone took it upon himself to help his team survive to play at least one more night.

Malone scored eight of his 35 points in overtime Monday to help the Bullets remain alive with a 114-106 victory. Detroit still holds a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series that continues Wednesday night.

After the Pistons opened the fourth quarter with a 12-1 run to take an 87-81 lead, Malone began to assert himself. He scored nine points in the final 3:22 of regulation, then dominated the overtime with a variety of long-range jumpers.

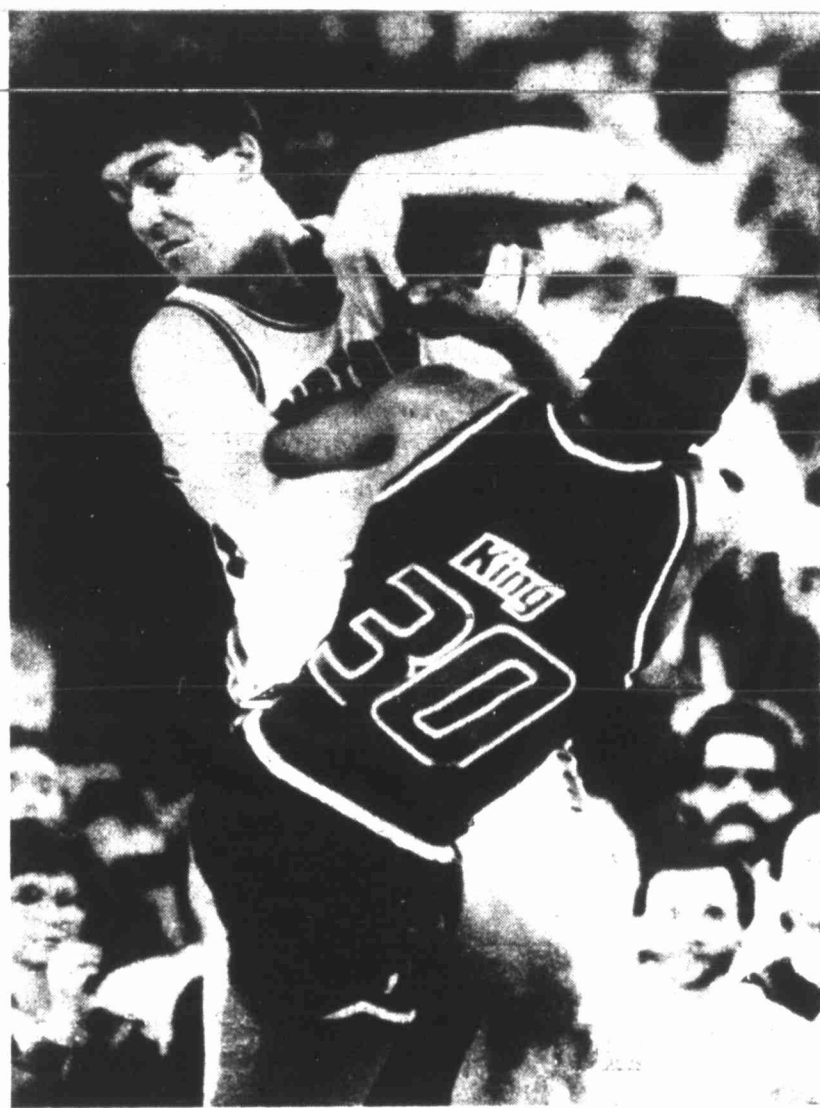
"We were struggling, and I figured someone had to take over," Malone said. "I decided to be the one to do it."

It was the only game played Monday night. Tonight, the Chicago Bulls, led by Michael Jordan, who on Sunday became the first player ever to score 50 points in consecutive playoff games, try to eliminate the Cavaliers at Cleveland. Also, the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers try for a sweep when they visit the San Antonio Spurs.

Elsewhere tonight, Dallas visits Houston and Denver is at Seattle. Those series are tied at 1-1.

On Wednesday night, Boston takes a 2-0 lead to New York and Milwaukee tries to stave off elimination at home against Atlanta. Also, Portland visits Utah in a series tied at 1-1.

Malone had extra incentive to



PONTIAC, Mich. — Detroit's Bill Lambeer rips a rebound away from Washington's Bernard King during first quarter action in NBA playoff competition.

play well. Last year, he was stung by criticism in the wake of Detroit's three-game playoff

sweep after he shot only 37 percent from the floor and averaged a mere 15 points per game.

"This year, I was ready to show my leadership," Malone said. "It was a frustrating, terrible series last season, so this year I figured I had to assert myself."

Malone scored 33 points in the opening game of the series and 31 in Game 2, but the Bullets lost both. Things were different Monday night, however, as Malone led Washington to victory by hitting 15 of 22 shots from the floor, including his last seven.

"This is the best I've ever seen of Jeff," Washington Coach Wes Unseld said. "He's given us a lift offensively that's been missing."

With the score tied at 104-104 in overtime, Malone hit a 15-foot jumper with 2:08 left. After a Detroit miss, John Williams' basket made it 108-104.

A driving basket by Isaiah Thomas cut the Washington lead to 108-106, but Malone and Darrell Walker hit consecutive field goals to give the Bullets a 112-106 advantage with 43 seconds left.

Moses Malone scored 23 points for the Bullets, who blew a 12-point first-half lead but fought back down the stretch after being held to one field goal in the opening 6:17 of the fourth quarter.

"I said all along that this was a potential five-gamer, and I hope our guys are ready for it," Detroit Coach Chuck Daly said.

Thomas led the Pistons with 29 points and Adrian Dantley, limited to 26 minutes because of the flu, scored 22.

The Bullets took a timeout with one second left but could not get off a shot.

Sports Briefs

Bowling tournament winners

Results of the 33rd Annual Cindy Luce Open Tournament at Sherwood Lanes in San Angelo:

4th place team, Pin Deck Lounge: Denise Allison, Bettye Gossett, Brenda Hamill, Disa Reeves and Melody Stokes.

3rd place doubles: Melody Stokes, Brenda Hamill.

10th place doubles: Bettye Gossett, Disa Reeves.

24th place all events: Disa Reeves.

Middle school netters end season

ANDREWS — Both the Runnels and Goliad junior high teams finished out the season on a strong note, placing second here Saturday.

Kristen Sevey and Christy Ragsdale placed second in the seventh grade girls doubles. David Franco and Steven Meek finished second in the seventh grade boys doubles. Mary Terrazas and Kathy Ogburn were second in eighth grade girls doubles.

In eighth grade boys doubles, the team of Jon Sims and Larry Fish finished third. Rounding out the winners was Dane Moore's third place in eighth grade girls singles.

Softball tourney this weekend

The Big Spring Evening Lions are sponsoring a slow-pitch softball tournament Friday and Saturday at Comanche Trail Park's Cotton Mize Softball Field.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. The first 10 teams to apply will be accepted. Trophies are planned for first, second and best sportsmanship team plus a home-run award and 10 trophies for the all-tournament team members.

The competition is Class C softball and each team must bring one blue dot ball.

For further information contact Bill Barren at 263-0659 or Wayne Froman after 5 p.m. at 267-1306.

Admission for the public is free, all proceeds will be donated to Lions Club charities.

Steers in Andrews tonight

The Big Spring Steers will be in District 2-4A baseball action tonight when they play the Andrews Mustangs at 7:30 p.m. Big Spring is coming off a 6-5 loss to Monahans Saturday. Andrews dropped a 2-1 decision to Pecos Saturday.

Big Spring will conclude the season Saturday at 1 p.m. against Pecos at Steer Field.

'Fantastic Fans' give Orioles a welcomed lift

BALTIMORE (AP) — A packed house had the Baltimore Orioles enjoying baseball again.

And, after a 1-23 start, that's a pretty big thing for a crowd to do.

"It was very exciting, like a second opening day," shortstop Cal Ripken said after the Orioles defeated the Texas Rangers 9-1 Monday night before a crowd of 50,402 that came out to Memorial Stadium for "Fantastic Fans Night."

"It felt like September of '82 or '83 again," Ripken said. "The crowd was excited. The dugout was lively. Everytime you went out on the field, you were ready to go. That's how you like to play baseball."

The 35 rows in the upper deck at Memorial Stadium were nearly filled Monday night.

"That was pretty damn impressive," second baseman Billy Ripken said. "We were a 1-23 team coming in and 50,000 people turned out. I never could've expected it."

The fans didn't either. "I never expected to be here," said Bernie Liswell of Baltimore.

who found himself in Row 35. Not when the Baltimore Orioles are 1-23 and more than nine games behind the sixth-place Toronto Blue Jays.

And what baseball celebration wouldn't be complete without an appearance from Morganna, who ran out from the right-field box seats and gave Cal Ripken a kiss as he stood in the batter's box in the first inning.

"I didn't see her coming," Ripken said. "She just said, 'You know who I am' and that she wanted to give me a good luck kiss."

Morganna's appearance came in Orioles' first home game after nearly two weeks of gaining national attention for losing an American League-record 21 games in a row to begin the season.

"This is unbelievable," said Manager Frank Robinson before the game. "I would never have thought this could happen."

The fans, who cheered wildly throughout the game, thought nothing of it.

New-look Phillies turn tide on Houston's Ryan

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — You really couldn't recognize the Philadelphia Phillies' lineup without a scorecard.

The names were the same, but there some well known guys batting in strange spots.

Hey, Mike Schmidt isn't batting cleanup. He's hitting third.

Yo, Lance Parrish is hitting fourth.

Is that Phil Bradley hitting sixth?

Manager Lee Elia as they say, shook the tree.

A nine-hit attack produced a 7-1 victory over Nolan Ryan and the Houston Astros Monday.

And wouldn't you know, every one of the switches triggered the victory.

Parrish singled in a first-inning run. Bradley knocked in two runs in the first for a 3-0 lead against Nolan Ryan.

Ryan, who pitched 81-3 hitless innings against Philadelphia in his last start on April 27, pitched four innings allowing seven hits and six runs.

Ryan never has had much luck in the Phillies' Veterans Stadium. He's 1-8 at the Vet since joining Houston in 1980 and 2-9 lifetime.

Kevin Gross was the unlikely benefactor of this offense.



Stick

Panhandle's Leslie Ware gets sets to handoff to Darcy Duncan on the third exchange of the 800 meter relay during the finals of the Region I-2A track and field meet Saturday at Blankenship Field.

Panhandle ran a 1:46.32 in the event and finished third. Wall won the event in 1:45.57.

Troubled Suns looking for another coach

PHOENIX, Ariz. (AP) — Although Phoenix Suns president Jerry Colangelo calls his franchise "one of the most stable in the NBA," the team is searching for its fourth head coach in 15 months.

Colangelo, saying his club was "going in the wrong direction" with four straight losing seasons, fired first-year head coach John Wetzel and assistant coach Herb Brown on Monday.

Phoenix struggled to a 29-54 record this season, the franchise's worst since the 1968-69 expansion team went 16-66.

Wetzel, 43, had been named the Suns' seventh head coach on April 27, 1987, despite having no previous NBA head-coaching experience but serving as a Phoenix assistant since 1979.

Wetzel succeeded interim coach Dick Van Arsdale, who was 14-12 in the final 26 games of the 1986-87 season after John MacLeod was fired in his 14th year with the club on Feb. 26, 1987.

"John Wetzel is not being replaced because of the record that we had this past year, nor is he being made a scapegoat in any way, shape or form," Colangelo said at a hastily called afternoon news conference.

"He gave it his best shot. He did the best he could," he said. "It was my decision to make a move for the future. We are one of the youngest teams in basketball. We need a coach with some experience, with a presence who can mold a young team, someone who commands respect."

Colangelo said he hopes to hire a new head coach "very, very soon" and he will be "an experienced NBA coach in all probability."

"I have some names in mind, but there won't be any comment on that from me until we announce him. I think we're going to surprise you."

Cotton Fitzsimmons, currently the Suns director of player personnel, may have the inside track on the job. He coached Phoenix in 1970-72 and had a combined 97-67 record, which still stands as the club's best winning percentage.

Fitzsimmons, 56, also coached in the NBA at Atlanta, Buffalo, San Antonio and Kansas City, where he was the league's Coach of the Year in 1978-79.

Reds manager gets unwanted month vacation

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose will be allowed to manage the Cincinnati Reds while he fights his 30-day suspension — the harshest for a manager in 41 years — for shoving an umpire.

Rose said he was shocked to

receive the month-long suspension Monday from National League President Bart Giamatti for shoving umpire Dave Pallone. The two shoves during a loss Saturday night to the New York Mets touched off an ugly scene at Riverfront Stadium, with fans hurling objects at Pallone.

Giamatti called the incident "one of the worst in baseball's recent memory." He also chastised Reds broadcasters Marty Brennaman and Joe Nuxhall for their on-air

criticisms of Pallone during the 15-minute barrage by fans, and summoned them to New York today for a meeting.

"I'm assuming Pete will manage the club at this point (tonight) if he's able," Cook said.

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THREE ACRE Tract, \$300 down, \$95 monthly. Corner of Elbow Road and Garden City Hwy. 1-512-994-1080.

13.48 ACRE TRACT in Compestre Estate Boykin Road, water well, 20 g.p.m., 1-1/2HP pump. Surveyed in 3 tracts. \$28,500. 267-2188.

Resort Property 608

ENJOY SUMMER at Sweetwater Lake. Great lot, darling cottage. \$43,000. (915)694-3929.

Manufactured Housing For Sale 611

ATTENTION: 1st time home buyers! No credit needed. Low down payment. Low monthly payments. We deliver. 806-894-7212.

REPOS, REPOS. 2 & 3 bedrooms. No credit needed. Call 806-894-8187.

1984, 14x80 Palm Harbor, 2 bedroom, 2 full baths. Call 267-6325 days; 267-4644 nights weekends.

Furnished Apartments 651

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2 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths
All electric kitchen, microwave, washer-dryer connections, attached carports, private patio. Courtyard, club room and pool. Serene & Secure. Comparable one bedroom available.
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Phone 267-6500

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NICELY DECORATED, 1 bedroom. Adults only. You pay bills. No pets. \$50 deposit, \$125 month. 505 Nolan. Two bed room, \$175. 267-8191.

Unfurnished Apartments 655

PONDEROSA APARTMENTS, 1425 East 6th. One and two bedrooms, furnished or unfurnished; two bedroom, two bath. Covered parking, swimming pool, laundry room. All utilities paid. 263-6319.

PARKHILL TERRACE nice apartments. Affordable rates, fenced in patios, covered parking, beautiful grounds. 263-6091.

100% GOVERNMENT ASSISTED, all bills paid, rent based on income, redecorated, stoves and refrigerators, family and children. Security Guards. Equal Opportunity Housing. Northcrest Village, 1002 N. Main, 267-5191.

ALL BILLS paid, carpet, stoves and refrigerators, large apartments. Near elementary school. Equal Housing Opportunity. Park Village Apartments, 1905 Wagon Road, 267-6421.

BARCELONA APARTMENTS the finest in resort style living. 538 Westover. 263-1252.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, attached double carport, private patio, lovely court yard and pool, most utilities paid. Serene and secure. Furniture available. Coronado Hills Apartment, 801 Marcy, Mgr. Apartment #1. 267-6500.

FURNISHED HOUSES 657
NICE QUIET, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, shower /tub, water furnished. Ideal for bachelor. Call 263-6569 after 5:00.

ONE BEDROOM, new paneling. Preter employed gentleman. No children or pets. Call 267-6417 before 7:00 p.m.

Furnished Houses 657

ONE, TWO, three bedroom, fenced yards maintained, water, paid, deposit. HUD approved. 267-5546 or 263-0746.

BEAUTIFULLY FURNISHED 2 bedroom. Mature adults. No children. No pets. References required. \$300 month, plus utilities deposit. 263-6944; 263-2341.

ONE BEDROOM furnished house for rent. Call 267-1867.

Unfurnished Houses 659

THREE BEDROOM, carpet, fresh paint, clean. \$200 month, 1000 East 6th. Call 263-3175.

FOR RENT: two unfurnished, 3 bedroom houses. Call 263-8452 before 6:00 p.m.

UNFURNISHED, TWO large bedroom brick, carport and storage, fenced, newly painted. 1803 Young. 263-2591 or 267-8754.

CLEAN, THREE bedroom, one bath, fenced yard. \$250 month, \$100 deposit. 263-8202 after 4:00.

3904 HAMILTON, 3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, den and living room. Central air and heat. \$335, \$150 deposit. 267-7449.

RENT TO Own. 1602 Bluebird 2 bed room. \$200 rent. Rent to own, \$250. HUD Approved. No down payment. 267-7449.

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TWO BEDROOM, one bath mobile home in Coahoma School District on acre of land and well water. 263-8700 or 263-6062.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath. \$150 month. 393-5209 before 9:00 p.m.

KENTWOOD 2210 LYNN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fenced backyard. \$400 month plus deposit. 263-6514 Owner-Broker.

UNFURNISHED, two bedroom house, 1408 Shepherd (between Main and Runnels). \$200 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-8034 after 5:30 p.m.

TWO BEDROOM, paneled, carpet. No children or pets. References. Call 267-6417 before 7:00 p.m.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath. \$275 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-2234.

SUPER CLEAN 3 bedroom, all heat and air, carpeted, fenced yard. \$265. Call 263-3350, 263-2602.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, fully carpeted, fenced yard. 2410 Carleton. \$375 month plus deposit. Call 263-6997.

CLEAN, PARKHILL, 2-1, washer/dryer connections, privacy fence, garage. \$276 month. 807 West 16th, 267-5937.

LARGE HOUSE with 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, new carpet, washer/dryer connections, refrigerator and range furnished. HUD Approved. 267-2112.

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REMODELED, ONE bedroom unfurnished house. Quiet neighborhood, garage. \$180 month, deposit required. 713 Anna. 263-2381; 263-1506.

3 BEDROOMS, 1 1/2 BATHS, double garage. Draperies, carpeting available. Nice area. No pets. Deposit. 267-2070.

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Quality 2 & 3 Bedroom Brick Homes
Starting from \$225/ month.
Central heat/air, washer/dryer connections, covered carports, patios, storage rooms.
Deluxe Units With:
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TWO BEDROOM house, located at 3305 Maple. Stove and refrigerator furnished. 267-6667.

THREE BEDROOM, lots of storage. 1 car garage. Call 263-0064.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH. Marcy School District, fenced backyard. Call 263-0064.

KENTWOOD Three bedroom, bath. Available May 14th. Call Doris 263-6525 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

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ADOPTED at birth, our three-year-old and we want to share loving and financially secure family situation with newborn. Expenses paid, legal, confidential. Please call collect. Elizabeth and Ken. 212-988-9012.

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WE WISH TO SHARE ALL THAT WE HAVE WITH A CHILD TO WHOM WE WISH TO GIVE OUR LOVE AND A CHANCE TO HAVE THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE. WE CAN MAKE THIS DIFFICULT TIME EASIER FOR YOU. WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE YOURSELF, YOUR BABY AND US A HAPPIER FUTURE? ALL EXPENSES PAID.
PLEASE CALL US COLLECT ANYTIME
NAOMI AND JOSEPH (718) 230-4523

Business Buildings 678

SCURRY STREET location. Retail or professional offices. 1540 and 2800 square ft. Will remodel to suit. 267-5382 267-9693.

PRIME BUSINESS Location for lease. Suitable for office space or retail store. 1011 Gregg, next door to American Video. Call 263-1281 ask for Shirley.

SUPERIOR, HIGHLY visible location. 1200 square foot office or retail space. Parquet wood flooring, carpet, wallpapered, track lighting, crown molding, ceiling fans. Central heat, refrigerator, air, 2 storage rooms, kitchen, baths. \$400 month or lease purchase. Paved parking front and back. 267-4663 before 5:00 p.m. or 267-1282, 263-8489.

FOR LEASE car lot, 706 East 4th. \$125 month plus deposit. Call 263-5000.

TWO WAREHOUSES for lease. 5,600 square feet, 3 offices, on 5 acres, \$850 month. 2,400 square feet. On Snyder Hwy. Call Westex Auto, 263-5000.

EXCELLENT BUILDING for lease. 50' x100'. Good location. Excellent office space, or retail business, off street parking. 903 Johnson 263-705.

Storage Building 681

STORAGE UNITS for rent, perfect for R.V.'s, commercial or? Large 12x12, roll-up doors. 267-5382 267-9693.

Manufactured Housing 682

TWO BEDROOM, one bath on acres of land with well water in Coahoma School District. \$678.00 or 263-6062.

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Lodges 686

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ADOPTION: A Lifetime full of warmth and security with lots of love awaits your special newborn. Please give us the chance to give your infant a wonderful home, loving parents, affectionate grandparents and a fine education. Time and dedication promised. All expenses paid. Legal and confidential. Please call Sandy and Michael collect anytime: 1-272-233-1666.

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MUST SELL 1978 Kris Kraft, 19' fiberglass. Galvanized, axle trailer, 2 tops, cover, CB radio, stereo, depth finder, marine radio, porta potty, 305 Chevy V-8, Volvo outdrive. Ready to go fishing, sailing or pleasure on any size lake. Great family boat. \$7,800. Days (leave number) 267-7076; nights, 393-5706.

1979 17/2 FOOT Mon Ark MacLust #F Bass boat with Johnson 100 hp trolling motor, depth finder and H & H trailer. Fast, safe boat on big water. New seats. Ready to go! \$3,750. 267-3817 or after 5:30, 263-2054.

FOR RENT: 2 bedroom, kitchen, utility, den plus. 5 miles out Forsan ISD. \$350 month plus deposit. 398-5565.

1983 CHEVROLET SILVERADO Suburban. Loaded, 1983 Pontiac T.V. Prix. \$2,995; 1982 El Camino. \$2,795. See at Westex Auto Parts, call 263-5000.

THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath, 14 x80. Take over payments. 267-8860.

SALE: Lots baby things, maternity and other clothes, chair and ottoman, black & white T.V., talking bird, evaporative cooler, 1/2 price cosmetics and jewelry. Thursday, Andrews Highway 263-1057, 267-8311.

1987 MAXIMA-SE 5 speed, NAP-Z engine, low mileage, loaded, immaculate, champagne with black trim. \$14,500 263-2364.

ETHAN ALLEN cherry corner china cabinet \$1,000; Zenith 25" console T.V. \$200; Ranch oak large 6-drawer chest \$125; Oak hope chest \$75; Big bird deluxe swing set \$85; Tak

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JEANE DIXON'S Your Horoscope

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 4, 1988

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Keep your nose to the grindstone and those at the top will seek you out. Your generosity is a wonderful asset. Just do not dig a deep financial hole for yourself while trying to satisfy other people's whims. You should be able to boost your income in September. Work hard to develop better relationships with family members. Be more tolerant if your mate and children have different priorities from yours. An understanding heart preserves domestic harmony.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actress Audrey Hepburn, columnist George Will, Francis Cardinal Spellman, jazzman Maynard Ferguson, actor Howard Da Silva, singer Roberta Peters, inflieder Ken Oberkell, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A lot of challenges lie ahead in the workplace. You are full of passion for a special cause. Vacation travel is best postponed until late summer. Spend a quiet evening relaxing at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You feel very much alive and ready for anything today! A telephone call could tip you off to a special deal. Bring a secret financial matter out in the open. Ask probing questions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be on time. The way things look will

affect your ability to win an important argument. Your luck is about to change. Play your cards close to the vest until ready to make your move.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Group help is available. Protect your right to make the final decision. Big-business wheeling and dealing keeps you on the run. You enjoy the hectic pace! Confide only in trusted allies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Handicrafts could change your career goals or provide a second income. Pursue a strong interest in painting or sculpting. Evening should find you in a very good mood. Call a close friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone could challenge your expertise. Stay on your toes! Your imagination is a terrific asset. Jot down creative ideas. Learn to delegate more responsibilities to subordinates. Higher-ups expect you to run the show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A persistent friend could be oblivious to your needs. Be blunt if that is the only way to get through. Your feelings about someone could conflict with your values. Romance is chancy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A chance encounter could yield a wonderful idea. Look for ways to expand your business base without incurring additional expense. A heart-to-heart talk with a trusted friend brings new serenity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your ESP is telling you some-

thing. Get in touch with a friend or relative who is on your mind. Catch up on paperwork. A second job could be the answer to a temporary cash shortage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partner may surprise you with a gift. Ask questions before entering into any new business agreements. A shrewd operator wants you to influence others. Be creative in everything you do. Think bold!

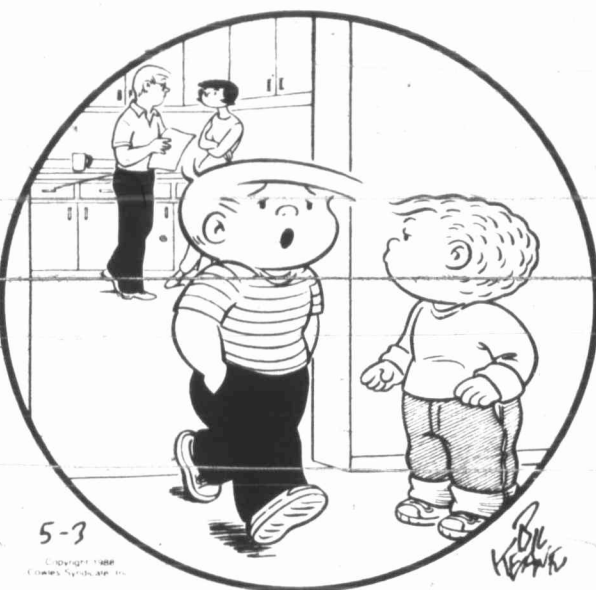
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your enthusiasm inspires others. Creative and artistic activities will net you extra cash. The financial picture is looking up. A relative needs your expertise; give it freely. Ask nothing in return.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do not attempt to hide your emotions. Try to help a teen-ager who has a problem. An invitation from a far-off friend should be taken seriously. New doors will open.

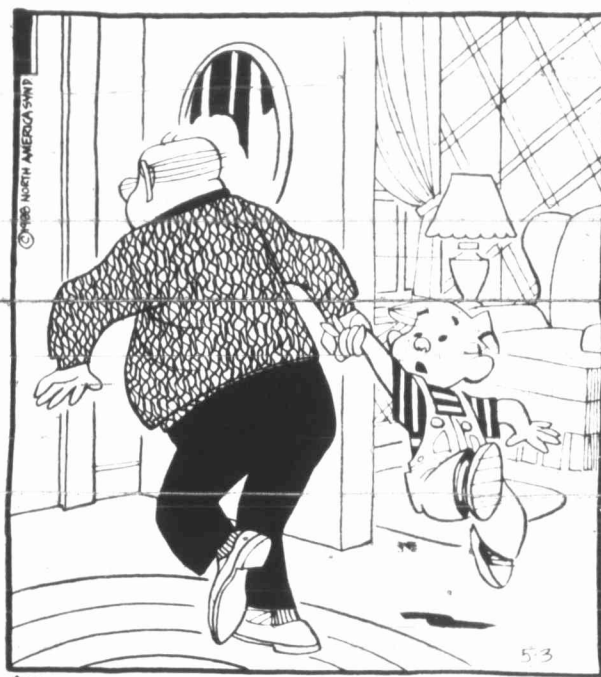
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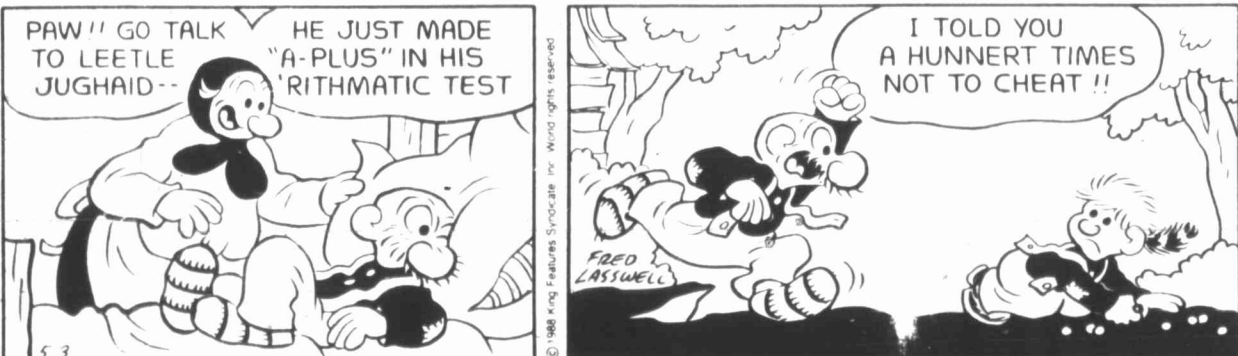
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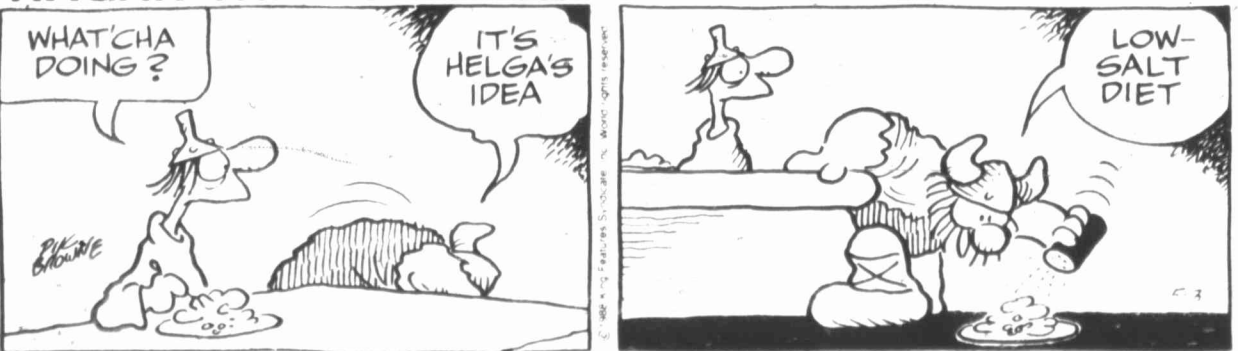
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