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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Sunny through Friday. Clear tonight. Lows tonight lower 40s. Highs Friday upper 70s to mid 80s. Wednesday's high was 62 and the low was 39.



Workers comp law may lower insurance 15%

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The workers compensation bill passed Tuesday by the House will likely result in the lowering of employer insurance rates by more than 15 percent within three years, said the District 69 state representative.

The bill approved by the House 117-27 would institute sweeping reforms in the state's workers compensation system, which has been severely criticized by both employers and organized labor.

A proposed 15 percent decrease in workers comp insurance premiums is included in the bill. But a provision accompanying the rollback will guarantee the

decrease will never take effect, opponents said.

The bill will now go to the Senate, where it is expected to face strong opposition from trial lawyers and organized labor.

House Speaker Gib Lewis said if the Senate makes many changes in the bill a special session may be needed to resolve the differences.

Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring — a member of the House Business and Commerce Committee that conducted lengthy hearings on the bill — refuted claims by opponents of the bill who have said the legislation will not decrease rates and will weaken the rights of injured workers to get fair compensation

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for job-related injuries.

"I think that the decrease (in premiums) will be greater than 15 percent, and we will likely not have to put the rollback in effect," Fraser said.

Under House Bill 1, a 4 percent rollback in workers comp insurance rates would be instituted beginning Jan. 1, 1990, Fraser said. A 10 percent decrease in rates

would follow in 1991, and a 15 percent decrease would be instituted in 1992.

However, a provision included in the bill makes the rate decrease contingent on a finding by the State Board of Insurance, which must determine whether such a decrease would be fair and reasonable.

Fraser said the provision will not

preclude the 15 percent rate decrease, and is only a precautionary measure.

"We want rates to go down, but we need to find out if the insurance industry is able to handle it without companies going bankrupt," Fraser said.

The bill would change the way workers' comp claims are settled.

Currently, disputed claims are heard by the Industrial Accident Board. If a worker is dissatisfied with the IAB ruling, he can sue in state district court, and the board's ruling is considered inadmissible as evidence.

The House bill requires the court to only determine if the evidence

brought before the board justified the board's decision.

"We want to take these cases out of the courtroom and give the Industrial Accident Board more authority," Fraser said.

Limiting the courts role in workers' comp cases is strongly opposed by the Texas Trial Lawyers Association.

"We appear eager to turn our backs on the Texas Constitution and particularly the Texas Bill of Rights," said Rep. David Cain, D-Dallas.

But Fraser contends both employers and injured workers would benefit under the system

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Bentsen endorses Tower bid

By STEVEN KOMAROW
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Sen. Lloyd Bentsen declared himself for fellow Texan John Tower as defense secretary, but he waited until after Democratic leaders said they didn't need the vote.

Bentsen didn't expend on Tower the party clout he gained in his vice presidential campaign, keeping a low profile in the battle that has torn the Senate.

In his speech Wednesday on the Senate floor, Bentsen put his endorsement into terms of personal sympathy rather than political allegiance, reflecting the 14 years he served with Tower in the Senate and his own experience as a scrutinized candidate.

"This event, so painful to John Tower, has been difficult to me. ... We have seen every imperfection in an essentially good man dragged into the pitiless glare of television lights while his daughters sat listening," he said.

"Last fall, I learned firsthand what it's like to have reporters looking up every friend you've had in the last 60 years, or asking what you ate for breakfast," he said.

Tower supporters temporarily were cheered by Bentsen's decision.

"I think that the timing would have been better if it came earlier in the debate. But at this stage, I'll take him any time I can get him," said Tower friend Paul Eggers.

But Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, had already told reporters he didn't need Bentsen's vote. And after Bentsen spoke, four Democrats considered as possible swing votes announced they were against the nominee.

Bentsen's decision was consistent with his position in January when he presented Tower to the Senate Armed Services Committee, praising him as a good choice



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not only for hawks but for liberals critical of Pentagon overspending.

"John Tower is too much of a conservative to give a blank check from the U.S. Treasury to the Pentagon," Bentsen said then.

But as the showdown over the nomination grew in intensity, Bentsen declined to say how he'd vote.

A change in his position, or strong lobbying for Tower, could have had great impact, given the visibility he has held since he was Michael Dukakis' running mate on the Democratic ticket last fall.

Bush telephoned Bentsen repeatedly. Tower supporters in Texas organized telephone calls and letters to his office.

But Bentsen, just elected to a new six-year Senate term at the same time he lost his vice presidential bid, told reporters he felt little political pressure.

Texans have "a long tradition of closing ranks," said Joseph O'Neill, a Washington lobbyist who has been Bentsen's top Senate aide and was chief of staff for his vice presidential campaign.

But a vote against Tower would not have been particularly damaging either, said George Shipley, an

Austin political consultant.

"There is no wellspring of support here for Tower," Shipley said. "The silence is thundering."

Shipley noted that Tower himself had voted against several presidential nominations including that of a fellow Texan — Ray Marshall, who was President Carter's nominee for labor secretary in 1977.

But Lance Tarrance, a Houston Republican pollster, said Bentsen's move was shrewd in his home state, where conservatives who supported him the past were aggravated by his partnership with Dukakis and opposition to the Supreme Court nomination of Robert Bork.

Claibourne Darden, an Atlanta pollster and consultant to Senate Armed Services Chairman Sam Nunn, said he saw broader political implications in Bentsen's stance.

"There's something in that woodpile that ain't all wood," he said. "For the Democratic vice presidential nominee to bolt the party, it sounds to me like he wants to run for president," he said.



Conducting a science fair

Fifth grade teacher Bo Fryar, left, looks as Erica Lanspergy and Stephanie Barraza demonstrate the electrical conductivity of different solutions for their science project as part of the Elbow Elementary School science fair.

New tax appraisal delayed for 1989

By BRADLEY WORRELL
Staff Writer

County tax appraisal board members chose Wednesday to delay setting a reappraisal date for 1989.

Chief Appraiser Keith Toomire told board members his recommendation was that the appraisal district not attempt to reappraise values in 1989 because he didn't feel the district had the time or the resources to do a good job.

"Reappraisals, nowadays, does not always mean up," he reminded board members. "It's just not that way anymore."

Asked if the work the district had already done on appraisal values was sufficient, Toomire responded, "We've done everything except change the values. That in itself will qualify for an appraisal."

Continuing concern that state and area appraisals differed last year led members of the appraisal district to vote unanimously in favor of joining a coalition of appraisal districts.

"It doesn't make us Supermen, but it helps," board member D.D. Johnston said of the decision to join the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts. Board members Harold Pearce, Lee George and Johnston gave their approval to join the TAAD. Membership in the organization is \$600 a year.

Johnston said he's concerned the state may try to take all of the area appraisers power away. By joining together with other appraisal

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Panel OKs minimum wage hike

By PAUL PAGE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Legislation to add \$1.30 an hour to the \$3.35 minimum wage is on a "fast track" in Congress after a Senate panel passed the Democratic plan over a Bush administration alternative, a key backer says.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee voted 11-5 Wednesday to raise the standard to \$4.65 over three years.

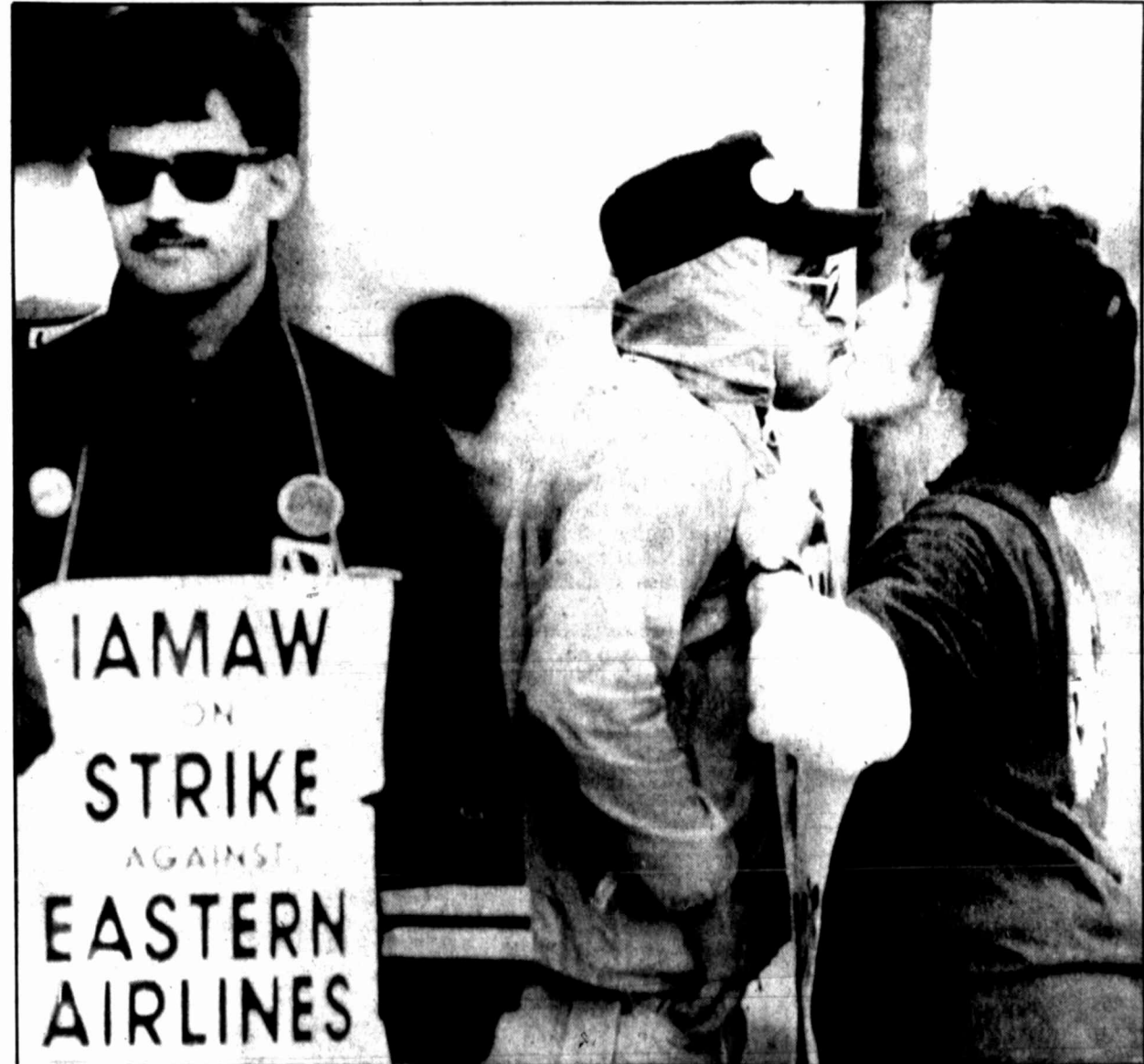
The administration plan called for a smaller increase coupled with a lower "training wage" for new hires.

"We're all set to go to the floor right away," said committee Chairman Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass. "I think we'll have strong support."

The House subcommittee on labor standards was scheduled to meet today to draft legislation on a minimum wage increase, using a bill almost identical to the Senate version. Rep. Augustus Hawkins, D-Calif., chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, has said he wants the full committee to consider the raise next week.

Hawkins backs raising the minimum to \$4.65 by 1991 and last week called the administration's more modest raise "totally unacceptable."

The minimum wage has stood at \$3.35 an hour since 1981.



MIAMI, Fla. — Eastern Airlines machinist Joe Casola puckers up as his girlfriend Sondra Smith gives him a kiss and buttons his coat on the picket line in Miami. A cold front with 50 degree

temperatures moved through the area but it didn't keep strikers like Alfredo Alvarez, left, from walking the line despite the recent announcement that the airlines has filed in bankruptcy court.

Eastern Airlines files in bankruptcy court

By MICHAEL HIRSH
Associated Press Writer

Eastern Airlines filed for protection from creditors in bankruptcy court today, the sixth day of a bitter strike by Machinists that virtually shut down the nation's seventh-largest carrier and cost it up to \$7 million a day.

The filing under Chapter 11 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in New York is designed to give tottering Eastern a reprieve from bills and debts while it tries to restructure and extricate itself from the worst crisis in the history of the 60-year-old airline.

"It is the company's intention to reorganize," Bruce Zirinsky, an attorney for Eastern, said at bankruptcy court.

Lorenzo, in an interview in The Washington Post today, said he would "resurrect as much of Eastern as possible" if the airline is forced into bankruptcy court.

"We will do everything we can to put Eastern into the air," he said. "I don't want to be one of the people in history who was involved in the loss of this great company."

Zirinsky said the court filing included a list of Eastern's 20 largest unsecured creditors and a rundown of assets and liabilities. "The summary reflects an equity well in excess of \$1 billion after all liabilities," Zirinsky said.

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Eastern, running just 4 percent of its flights with a skeleton crew of 1,500, had warned it could end up in bankruptcy court by week's end if pilots continue to honor picket lines. Analysts' estimates of the carrier's daily losses have ranged from \$2 million to \$7 million.

On Wednesday, the fifth day of

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State briefs

School gives diploma warranty

LEWISVILLE (AP) — If Lewisville's school board approves the proposal, high school seniors will receive a 10-year warranty with their diplomas.

"We've been hearing so much over the years about school districts graduating people who can't read and write, that we decided that it was time we put out some positive news about the quality of education — at least in our school district," said Steve Allen, a trustee of the Lewisville Independent School District.

The school board is expected to pass the plan in its Monday session.

School officials got the idea for the plan from the Goose Creek Independent School District, near Houston.

The University of North Texas offers a similar guarantee for students studying to become teachers.

"The Lewisville ISD Pledge" promises employers the graduates will meet minimum state requirements in reading, writing, spelling and math.

If a former district student is lacking in basic skills, the district promises to provide free remedial training.

Clements pals received contracts

HOUSTON (AP) — Several Republican lawyers and consultants with strong ties to Gov. Bill Clements' successful 1986 election campaign have received lucrative state contracts, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

In a copyright story, the Chronicle said the award of most of the contracts was done under the state bidding process, but coincided with Clements' takeover of several state boards and agencies through the appointments process.

Clements' press secretary, Reggie Bashur, said there was no favoritism or bias in the contracts in question and that the governor had no personal involvement.

The Houston accounting firm of Deloitte Haskins & Sells, which had no state business during Democratic Gov. Mark White's last fiscal year in office, has received \$686,201 in state business since Clements took office, according to records obtained from the Texas comptroller's office.

Of that, \$186,996 came directly from the governor's office or agencies under the control of Clements' appointees, the Chronicle said.

A senior partner in the accounting firm is Robert J. Cruikshank, who contributed \$43,605 to Clements' 1986 campaign and hosted a Houston fund-raiser that netted \$2.4 million toward retiring Clements' campaign debt.

Clements recently named Cruikshank to the University of Texas board of regents.

Tech interviews WSU president

LUBBOCK (AP) — Warren Armstrong, president of Wichita State University, was in town today to interview for the presidency of Texas Tech University.

Armstrong, one of three finalists for the position, was scheduled to speak to the faculty senate today and to meet with a group of student leaders.

Armstrong has been president of WSU since 1983.

More than 100 people have applied for the Texas Tech opening.

Louisiana starts crawfish battle

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner Bob Odom says no matter what his counterpart in Texas says, Louisiana is still the crawfish capital of the South.

Odom's comments Wednesday were in reference to remarks made by Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower on Tuesday in announcing a Houston supermarket chain's marketing campaign for Texas mudbugs.

"At long last we have a pure Texas crawfish that is going to save us Texans from the shame and humiliation that we have experienced over the last many, many generations of having to eat those smelly, mud-coated, itty-bitty, slow-witted crawfish from Louisiana," he said.

Odom said Louisiana crawfish leave their Texas counterparts in the mud.

"The one market we've gone head to head with Texas crawfish has been in the Swedish market," Odom said. "Louisiana beat the hell out of them in the Swedish market. Out of seven countries involved, Texas was last."

Hightower said the Texas crawfish are cleaner because packers put them through a brief fast to clean out intestinal impurities.

"And therein lies the superiority of the Texas crawfish over their Louisiana cousins," Hightower said. "Ours are smart enough to bathe themselves."

About nine million pounds of crawfish are now produced on about 18,000 acres in Texas. Louisiana has about 135,000 acres of crawfish ponds.

Texans lobby to limit abortions

AUSTIN (AP) — Even if the U.S. Supreme Court does not strike down the landmark decision legalizing abortions, the high court will chip away at the ruling, both anti-abortion and pro-choice representatives say.

"If the court overturns Roe vs. Wade we will be able to make abortion illegal in Texas. If it decides not to go that far... it will allow us to make abortions more difficult to obtain." — Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life

Bill Price, president of the 100,000-member Texans United for Life, gave even odds the Supreme Court would overturn Roe vs. Wade in its deliberations over a Missouri law that restricts abortions.

"If the court overturns Roe vs. Wade we will be able to make abortion illegal in Texas," Price said Wednesday.

But, he added, "If it decides not to go that far, but instead simply upholds the Missouri law, it will allow us to make abortions more difficult to obtain."

Phyllis Dunham, executive director of the Texas Abortion Rights Action League, agreed.

"Roe vs. Wade will probably be taken apart in piecemeal fashion," she said.

Price said 43 Texas legislators signed a brief asking the U.S.

Supreme Court to overturn Roe vs. Wade.

The landmark decision of 1973 struck down state laws prohibiting abortions, calling them an invasion of privacy.

U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh has asked the court to review Roe vs. Wade in considering the Missouri law.

Price said legislators who signed the friend-of-the-court brief believe the issue of abortion should be decided by state elected officials.

"They are unanimous in their belief that this issue is one that does not belong in the courts but belongs with the elected representatives of the people," he said.

Including Texas, about 250

she said, noting the laws may vary from state to state.

"It's a very difficult and divisive issue within state legislatures," she said.

Two lawmakers at the anti-abortion news conference, state Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, and Rep. L.B. Kubiak, D-Rockwall, said abortions should not be allowed under any circumstances.

Leedom said Ohio should determine life and death.

Asked how he would respond if one of his daughters were pregnant from a rape, Leedom said, "I really believe their (his daughters') genes would have some influence on the child and if it didn't, the environment afterward I'm sure would have."

"I have no difficulty with my daughter having a child that was not happily arranged for," Leedom said.

"That's an extreme view," said Ms. Dunham. "Most people realize that while we are not pro-abortion, we are pro-choice, and abortion is a choice."

Group helps lost, deaf boy with surgery

EL PASO (AP) — A non-profit group backed by entertainer Ray Charles is working to help a lost, deaf boy whose plight in Ciudad Juarez intrigued millions of people last summer regain his hearing through surgery.

The boy, whose real name is Jose de Jesus Garcia Aguilera, had wandered 1,000 miles from his Tampico, Mexico, home to Juarez, where the 8-year-old was found along a highway in November 1987.

The boy, who was nicknamed "Sabat," attracted worldwide attention after Mexican authorities asked for help from U.S. agencies in identifying the boy. Authorities believed he might have been from the United States.

Among the mysteries were his drawings of what appeared to depict a plane crash.

The boy is scheduled to return to Juarez for the surgery March 18.

"A doctor tested Sabat and he thinks he is a prime candidate for this type of surgery," Luis Torre, a caseworker for the Texas Department of Human Services, told the El Paso Times Wednesday.

The surgery is being paid for by Ear International, a Los Angeles organization whose benefactor is entertainer Charles, Torre said.

The boy was flown to Los Angeles about a month for tests before the surgery.



Biggest in Texas

HOUSTON — Texas' largest McDonald's, featuring a New York Stock Exchange on an electronic ticker, telephone service at the tables and a fax machine for to-go orders, opened Wednesday in the Galleria area here. The restaurant targets business clientele in the predominately professional area.

Committee calls for insurance board study

AUSTIN (AP) — A special investigator should be hired to study administration and operation of the State Board of Insurance, according to a Senate committee's draft report, the Austin American-Statesman reported today.

A more intensive investigation is needed because Insurance Board members "have failed to carry out their statutory duty" to regulate the insurance industry, the draft

report said.

The investigator should report back to lawmakers during the current legislative session, which ends May 29, the report said.

The state insurance agency in recent months has been at the center of controversy following the record bankruptcy of a Dallas insurance company.

Two investigations into the agency have found mismanagement

and poor communications in the handling of financially-troubled insurance companies. The management problems have allowed insurance fraud to thrive, according to the investigations.

House and Senate committees have held hearings on the allegations against the agency. Two members, including the chairman, of the three-member Insurance Board have announced their

resignations and a number of high-level employees have resigned under fire.

Board members concede there have been problems at the agency, but say those problems are being addressed.

Insurance board member David Thornberry disagreed with the report's conclusion that state law was not being upheld by board members.

Texas firm introducing no-hands car phone

DALLAS (AP) — A Fort Worth-based electronics marketer says it will introduce the first cellular telephone system in the nation allowing car callers to dial, speak and hang up without lifting a finger.

Uniden Corp. of America is buying technology from two Dallas companies for the system, which will recognize and respond to any human voice and provide hands-free operation. The Dallas Morning

News reported Wednesday.

Available this coming August, the device initially will cost \$499 and will sell as an add-on to Uniden's existing line of cellular phones, said Graham Loving, product manager of Uniden's cellular division.

Uniden will call the cellular phone accessory its Voice Recognition system. It is based on advanced speech recognition techniques developed by Voice Control

Systems Inc.

Dallas-based Voice Control Systems is a pioneer in voice-processing technologies capable of recognizing speech from a variety of different speakers.

At the heart of the 3-inch-square device will be two memory chips programmed to recognize a small vocabulary of digits and words. After the oral command, the phone will respond to the caller in English.

"You can activate, receive and end calls simply by speaking," Loving said. Used with a speakerphone, "your hands never have to leave the steering wheel," he said.

"This is a geometric advancement in the technology," said Herschel Shostek, an industry analyst who operates Herschel Shostek Associates in Silver Spring, Md.

Uniden will buy the devices from By-Word Technologies Inc., a

Dallas company founded in July 1988 to exploit electronic products that recognize spoken words.

By-Word president Bill Kennedy said his company will subcontract the manufacture of the device, possibly to Uniden. Uniden, which employs 320 people at its U.S. headquarters in Fort Worth, makes most of its cellular phones in the Far East. Some assembly is done in Tarrant County.

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Big Spring Mall 263-2479

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"BAREFOOT In the Park" extended performances, Thursday and Friday, March 9, 10, 8 p.m. Municipal Auditorium. Spring City Theatre.

NEED Help with bills, call Debbie for cash, 263-4962.

BENEFIT For Mrs. Billy Joe Kilpatrick. Dance, Friday, 8 p.m. to midnight. Bar-b-que, \$2

per plate. Cover charge \$2. Proceeds donated go toward medical bills. Cowboys Western Bar, East 1-20.

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Spring board

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 - Spring City T present "Barefoot i at 8 p.m. in the Auditorium.
 - Adult Chi Alcoholics and D Families meet at Ackerly, for more call 263-8827 or 353-4
 - There will be music show at the Older Adul Center a
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TODAY
• The Howard County Democratic Club will have a social meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the American Legion No. 355 on South 87 and Driver Road. Everyone is invited.
• The Coahoma Lions Club will sponsor a benefit pancake supper in the Coahoma Elementary Cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$3 per plate and pre-schoolers are admitted free.
• Spring City Theatre will present "Barefoot in the Park" at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium.
• Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families meet at 8 p.m. in Ackerly, for more information call 263-8827 or 353-4568.
• There will be a western music show at the Kentwood Older Adult Center at 7 p.m.
• Vietnam Veterans of America, Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 will meet at 7 p.m.
FRIDAY
• There will be a "Spring Flying" junior high dance from 8 p.m. to midnight in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus. Cost is \$3 per student and students in grades 6-8 are invited. The dance is sponsored by the Howard College Cheerleaders.
• Kentwood Elementary will be hosting "Dads and Donuts" from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. The children are to invite their fathers to have coffee and donuts in the Kentwood cafeteria.
• There will be a senior citizens dance at 8 p.m. in Building 487 in the Industrial Park.
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Tops on TV Romance

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• A Different World — Kim overloads on too many responsibilities, and the anxiety creates nightmarish results; domestic dispute moves Mr. Gaines on to Col. Taylor's coach. — 7:30 p.m. Ch. 13.
• 48 Hours — 7 p.m. Ch. 7.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported investigating the following incidents:
• Robbie Dee Fuqua, 50, 2604 Richmond Dale Ave., was released after serving 12 days on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

For the record

It was incorrectly reported in a Sunday story on KBST that Don Burns was the station's AM director. In fact, Charlie D is the AM program director and Burns will be the station's FM director.

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North trial: lawyer attacks fundraiser

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oliver North's lawyer today attacked the credibility of a fundraiser for the Contras, saying he gave inconsistent accounts of a conversation in which North allegedly said he didn't care whether he went to jail or lied to Congress.
North lawyer Brendan Sullivan said Carl "Spitz" Channell never even mentioned North's alleged comments in interviews with government investigators on Jan. 9, 1987, and March 12, 1987.
Channell first mentioned the alleged North remarks to Texas billionaire Nelson Bunker Hunt on April 25, 1987, three days before Channell entered a plea agreement with the government under which he is cooperating with the prosecution in exchange for admitting to a single felony charge.

was no mention of Congress, Sullivan told Channell in relating his April 25, 1987, interview with prosecutors.
But in the prosecution's redirect examination, lawyer Michael Bromwich brought out that Channell never had been asked about the "jail" and "lying" conversations in those interviews. Bromwich also showed through questioning that some of the earlier statements presented to Channell were summaries, not stenographic transcripts.
"Where you ever told in words or substance, 'Give us Ollie North,'" the prosecutor asked.
"No," said Channell.
"Where you ever told your sentence depended on whether North would be convicted or acquitted?" Bromwich asked.
"No, I've been told just the opposite..." said Channell.
Channell said also that he never

had control over the millions he raised but that North and Rich Miller did. In congressional testimony it was brought out that Miller's firm helped funnel money raised by Channell to secret Swiss bank accounts controlled by North and others.
Channell testified four times in June 1987, but said that it was Hunt who asked North two questions and North simply answered yes to each.
On Wednesday, Channell testified that on Sept. 11, 1985, after dinner at the Petroleum Club in Dallas, Hunt asked North if he was worried about "getting in trouble" for his activities on behalf of the Contras.
"I don't care if I have to go to jail for this, I don't care if I have to lie to Congress about this," North said, to which Hunt "just chortled," Channell related.
U.S. District Judge Gerhard A.

Gesell interrupted Sullivan's cross-examination to observe that Channell on the witness stand had given "three versions already" of the Hunt-North conversation.
Sullivan went on to say that in September 1987 testimony, Channell said "absolutely nothing" about North's supposed remarks on jail and lying to Congress.
"You didn't put them in Hunt's mouth and you didn't put them in North's mouth," Sullivan told North.
On Wednesday, Channell testified that President Reagan made a dramatic appearance at a White House meeting to thank 25 wealthy contributors who gave money to support the Contras.
Channell pleaded guilty in 1987 to conspiring to defraud the Treasury by using a tax-exempt foundation for a non-exempt purpose — raising money for Contra military activities. One of the counts against

North, who helped direct the Reagan administration's secret Contra assistance efforts, is that he participated in the tax conspiracy.
North also is accused of lying to Congress and the attorney general about the activities, which occurred during a period in which Congress had banned U.S. aid to the rebels.
More than \$10 million was raised for the Contras from private donors through Channell's tax-exempt National Endowment for the Preservation of Liberty.
Channell said that during the White House meeting with Reagan, one donor, C. Thomas Claggett, pointed to pictures of former Presidents Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt and said, "Mr. President, why don't you act like those people and do something?"
"Tom," Reagan replied, "I am doing the best I can. It's very tough," Channell recalled.

Workers

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devised by the House bill.
By changing the process for resolving disputed claims, "it won't be absolutely necessary that workers hire an attorney," Fraser said. "To the average worker that is important."
Fraser said currently attorneys receive an average of 25 percent of the money awarded to workers in cases settled at the district court level.
HB 1 would replace the three-member Industrial Accident Board with a six-member Texas Workers' Compensation Board.
The new board would be appointed by the governor to a six-year term. Three board members would be from business and three

from labor.
An amendment to the bill would allow the three labor representatives on the board to be staff members of a labor organization, Fraser said.
The bill also calls for an increase in the maximum weekly benefits paid to injured workers; the abolition of lump sum payments to injured workers, except for impairment benefits; the creation of a workers' health and safety division within the IAB; reduced fees for attorneys who represent injured workers; and a change in the injured workers benefit system so that payments are made for temporary disability, impairment and extended disability.

Bankruptcy

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the acrimonious Machinists walkout, Eastern strikers, united in hostility for boss Frank Lorenzo, asked his rival Carl Icahn to consider a buyout as the crippled carrier desperately tried to stay aloft by slashing fares and selling airport gates.
A Chapter 11 filing by Eastern would not prevent a takeover of the airline by Icahn. But an acquisition would require approval by the bankruptcy court as well as creditors, making such a transaction more cumbersome. Unions, which have pension interests in the airline, would also have a say in the deal.
The strike began Saturday with a walkout by 8,500 Machinists in a dispute over \$125 million in proposed wage cuts and escalated with the support of pilots and flight attendants.
Icahn, the corporate takeover specialist and chairman of Trans World Airlines, said Wednesday he would consider several requests made this week by the Machinists "concerning the acquisition by TWA of Eastern."

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However, the Air Lines Pilots Association said talks requested by the airline had been set today on that union's contract, which expired in June. There was no immediate word what effect the court filing would have on talks.
Also today, the U.S. House Public Works Committee was expected to approve a measure that would temporarily halt the strike. The bill has gloomy prospects in the Senate and at the White House.
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"I would be willing to speak to the unions only if Eastern permits me to, because I do not want to be accused by Eastern of interfering with the collective bargaining process," he said in a statement.
Under Chapter 11, a company obtains a federal court order that frees it from the threat of creditors' lawsuits until it can develop a plan to put its finances in order.
However, Lorenzo, chairman of Eastern parent Texas Air Corp., would have a tougher time imposing lower wages on the unions than he did when he reorganized Continental Airlines under federal

bankruptcy law in 1983. Congress amended federal laws in 1984 to require bankrupt companies to negotiate with unions and prove economic necessity before abrogating their contracts.
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Police beat
HERALD STAFF REPORT
The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents as of 11:25 a.m.:
• Thomas Gray, 43, HC 76 147J, was arrested on charges of felony driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended. He was released on \$2,600 bond.
• Wilburn Albert Spivey, 71, Colorado City, was charged with

disregarding a red light after the Ford LTD he was driving collided with a van driven by Arnold Odell Tonn, 58, Howard County, at the intersection of Birdwood and 1800 E. Third St.
Tonn, according to the police reports, possibly was injured as was Faye Spivey, 75, a passenger in the LTD.
Tonn was charged with driving without a seatbelt.

Oil/markets table with columns: Name, CURRENT QUOTE, CHANGE from close, and various commodity prices like Mesa Ltd. Pri. A, Mobil, New Atmos Energy, etc.



Carribbean queen
BARBADOS — An unidentified little girl leans over a police barricade to welcome England's Queen Elizabeth at Barbados airport Wednesday. Several hundred people were on hand to greet the Queen on the first day her four-day visit to the Caribbean island.

Appraisal

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districts the local district can "get more clout" with state lawmakers, he said.
In other business the board:
• Amended the 1989 budget. Toomire said no changes will be made in the budget figures but that money will be moved from different accounts into a contingency fund.
• Took action to amend the per-

sonnel manual. New guidelines more closely monitor employee sickleave, restrict the amount of overtime most district employees can earn and allows employees to receive pay while serving on juries.
• Appointed Toomire and two other appraisal district employees to a committee to search for a retirement program for employees. Noting several com-

panies had expressed an interest in becoming the district's policy carrier, Toomire said it would be May or June before any kind of decision would be reached.
• Delayed a decision on whether or not to have liability insurance for the board. Board members discussed whether it was worth the cost to the district to have a \$1 million policy or \$500,000 policy.

Deaths

Irma Blalack
Irma Blalack, 78, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 8, 1989, in Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clayton Hicks, associate pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
She was born July 11, 1910, in Grandbury. She came to Big Spring with her parents, Lon and Josie Gary, from Childress. She grew up in Big Spring and lived most of her life here. She married Pat Blalack Feb. 26, 1932, in Big Spring. He died in 1973. She was a member of the College Baptist Church and she was employed in the accounting department as payroll supervisor at Webb Air Force Base from 1950 to 1974.
Survivors include three sons: Bill, Big Spring, Gary, Iowa Park, and Fred, McKinney; one brother, John Gary, Big Spring; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Airport.
Survivors include one son, Mark, Chicago; and one daughter, Lisa Maiden, Chicago; his mother, Mrs. Ora Maiden, Midland.
Pallbearers will be Troy Scurlark, Roy L. Scurlark, Warren C. Scurlark, James E. Boysaw, Steve Scurlark, Michael Scurlark, Jessie Lee Scurlark and Artis Hall.

She was born Jan. 3, 1913, in El Dorado. She lived most of her life in Kerrville and Junction area prior to coming to Big Spring in 1950. She worked in food service at the Big Spring State Hospital and at several drive-in restaurants in Big Spring.

Bobbie Disotell

Bobbie Lane Disotell, 55, Sarepta, La., formerly of Big Spring, died March 6, 1989, in her home after a lengthy illness.
Services are pending at Smith Funeral Home in Taylor, Ark.
She was born March 28, 1933, in Idalou and married R.T. Disotell in 1953. She was raised in Big Spring and was a Baptist. After she married, she and her husband moved to Sarepta.
Survivors include her husband, R.T. Disotell, of the home; two daughters, Debra Coffman, Sarepta, La., and Beverly Tate, Jasper, Mo.; her mother, Gladene Lane, Big Spring; four sisters: Jan Horton, Greenville; Gaynelle Harper, Corpus Christi; Judy Holly, Tyler; and Sandra Payne, Big Spring; two brothers, Kenneth Lane, Big Spring, and Danny Lane, Tuscon, Ariz.; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by one son, Robert Roy Disotell; one brother, Don Carroll; and her father, R.D. Lane.

Linnie Eubank

LUBBOCK — Linnie Faye Eubank of Snyder, sister of a Big Spring resident, died Wednesday, March 8, 1989, at a Lubbock Hospital.
Services will be 2 p.m. Friday at First Baptist Church, Snyder, with the Rev. Ken Branam, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.
She was born Jan. 4, 1922, in Callahan County. She married Wayne Eubank May 22, 1937, in Canyon community.
She was a Snyder resident since 1935. She was a cosmetologist and a member of the First Baptist Church.
She is survived by her husband, Wayne, Snyder; two daughters, Melba Mankin, Lubbock; and Jo Nell Kesner, Breckenridge; one brother, Calvin K. Tate, Orlando, Fla.; four sisters, Evelyn Piker, Clyde; Maureen Barr, Big Spring; Charlie Roberson, Snyder, and Myrle Bell, Snyder; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Mary Mazur

Mary Mazur, 56, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 8, 1989, in an Abilene hospital.
Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

R.C. Maiden

R.C. Maiden, 66, Chicago, Ill., died Friday, March 3, 1989, in Chicago after a lengthy illness.
Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Midland with the Rev. Johnny A. Mitchell, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton, under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.
He was born June 22, 1922, in Houston County and had lived most of his life in Chicago. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the First Baptist Congregation Church in Chicago. He was employed as a custodian in Chicago O'Hare International

Alta Watkins

Alta Watkins, 76, Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 7, 1989, at Golden Plains Care Center.
Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Friday in Trinity Memorial Park with the Pastor Carroll Kohl, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating, under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Views of other Texas papers Jail tax tricks

Some idea those legislators in Austin came up with. Does Harris County have a problem because state prisoners are jamming our county jail cells? Well, we'll solve that for you, those legislators say. You just vote an extra sales tax on yourselves and take care of this state problem. That idea is as welcome as a springtime cold in the head. The overcrowding in the Texas Department of Corrections is a problem facing the state of Texas and the Texas Legislature. After all these years and all those court rulings, the Legislature is still trying to dodge its responsibility. Here, Harris County, you take care of it. As a carrot, this proposal suggests that any surplus sales tax money raised be used to cut property taxes. Is there still a taxpayer so naive as to believe his property taxes would be cut after sales taxes are raised? Legislators should not be allowed to duck this criminal justice system problem again. They should not be allowed to toss this hot potato to urban residents who already carry their full share of the state tax burden. This proposal is a trick, not a solution.

Houston Chronicle

Jet fleet needs attention

Recent events suggest that not only has our air carrier system gotten older, it is showing signs of becoming decrepit. What is the problem? Well, for starters, the average age of the U.S. commercial jet fleet is about 13 years, meaning the next plane you board may have been built about the time Jimmy Carter was campaigning for president. Where is the need to improve the system? Consider this: About 450 million passengers flew aboard commercial airlines this past year; aviation experts estimate that number may increase to as many as 750 million by the mid-1990s. With the increase in traffic, passengers and in so-called "flight cycles" (takeoffs and landings), U.S. carriers still are operating fleets that are older than their foreign competitors. U.S. carriers regularly buy out-of-service U.S.-built jetliners from overseas carriers, a practice that suggests that foreign carriers place greater quality standards on commercial aircraft than U.S. carriers do. The National Transportation Safety Board reports that aging aircraft have not yet had a major impact on American carriers' air safety records. The U.S. aviation industry, however, is playing with fire if it fails to respond to the spate of trouble plaguing it.

Beaumont Enterprise-Journal

Federal timber misuse

At a time when the federal government should be transfixed on balancing its budget, the U.S. Forest Service continues a practice of selling timber below market prices. At a time when growing concern is expressed about deforestation, the Forest Service continues a policy of harvesting trees faster than demand for timber would dictate. Forest Service policies have managed to enrage both conservatives and liberals. That's quite a feat. The agency deserves a close examination by the Bush administration. From 1982 to 1987 the Forest Service's timber-cutting losses totaled \$2.4 billion. Consider the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. Not only is the Forest Service plowing through environmentalist opposition to harvest timber in one of the earth's last untouched wilderness ecosystems, but one study found the federal government had lost 91 to 99 cents on the dollar from the timber sales due to a depressed market. Some say the subsidized production of timber is nothing more than a form of pork barreling for counties and communities with federal lands, which receive a portion of the profits. The Forest Service says its activities are aimed at sound forest management to provide habitat for flora and fauna. That may be true. However, there's no excuse for selling a federal asset for less than it's worth.

Waco Tribune-Herald

End early TEAMS test

The priority for first-grade teachers is to enable children to become aware of the printed page and to read. Because of a testing mandate by the state, too many first grade teachers in public schools are merely preparing children to take tests. The Texas Educational Assessment of Minimal Skills examination has come under fire for many reasons, but most find it an intolerable measure of a first grader's competency. Bills now in both houses of the Legislature would abolish the TEAMS test for first graders. More than 30 educational organizations, including teachers and school administrators, support the measure. We hope for a quick death of this misplaced mandate and urge lawmakers to ensure that first graders will no longer be forced to take an exam to prove their competency as students.

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A New Jersey proposal for grading the graders

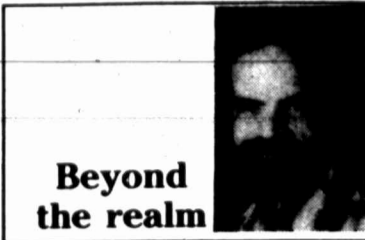
By CHRIS SATULLO

Back in college, did you ever take a course pass-fail? You did, you say? OK, did you diligently complete all the assignments? The night before the final exam, did you study into the wee hours, bleary-eyed, yellow highlight pen in hand, surrounded by mounds of books and Styrofoam coffee cups? You did, you say? Well, you're probably the type who, back in eighth-grade civic class, wore thick glasses with black rims and an American flag lapel pin, and always brought in newspaper clippings for extra credit. It's the rest of you I want to talk to. The ones who, no matter how good their intentions, couldn't help but cruise a little bit through a course where their work would be judged by the gentle P-F standard; who, on the eve of exam apocalypse, blithely bumbled "Don't worry, be happy." Folks like us know that, when you come down to it, the only thing that really screws your attention to the sticking place is the prospect of a real A-B-C-D-F grade. Perhaps you've noticed that the classroom performance of America's young hasn't exactly made the grade recently. Ever since that famous jeremiad about the sorry state of American education, "A Nation at Risk," we've been swamped by reports from blue-ribbon panels and august commissions, each zeroing in on a subject where our kids are flops. We've heard about eighth-graders who, asked to locate Chicago on a map, pointed to Upper Volta. We've heard about high school students who thought Socrates was an Apache Indian chief, or identified "hypotenuse" as the planet the Klingons nuked on an episode of "Star Trek." We've chuckled at these tales from the blackboard jungle, but only so we wouldn't wince in despair. So we wondered how things came to such a sorry pass and listened as experts of stern mien proposed how to turn them around. We've worried whether things really could be that bad at the school just down the block. And we've discovered that last riddle is perhaps the toughest of all. Those blue-ribbon panels paint in broad strokes; their canvas is

Guest column

the nation. It's hard to find anyone with the skill, the time or the honesty to sketch in the nitty-gritty details that would tell you what kind of a job your local schools are doing. Oh, school officials do release snippets of data from time to time — test scores and the like. But they all paint that information in the rosiest of hues. They can't help it; it's an involuntary function, like breathing. Now, into this gap strides the state of New Jersey which, under Gov. Thomas Kean, has pretty much led the nation in brave talk about improving schools and, in the process, has actually come up with a good idea or two. Like this one: Next year, each school around the state will be required to send parents a report card on its own performance. The report card will list how the school's students did on various standardized tests. It will give information on enrollment, on attendance and dropout rates, on the teacher-student ratio, cost-per-student and amount of teaching time each school day. State averages will be supplied as a basis for comparison. It will be a rich vein of useful information. Its columns of figures and type might be a little intimidating at first, but parents who study it will surely find it helpful, perhaps even galvanizing. In short, it's a heck of a good idea. So, of course, the state's educators don't like it. The idea is "acceptable," one New Jersey school superintendent near my hometown said, but questioned whether it would be "comprehensive enough." Several groused that the numbers would inevitably be used to compare schools which, they all harrumphed, is grossly unfair. One said he planned to send parents his own analysis of his district's performance, as a "buffer" to the report card. (See, they can't help themselves.)

This ponderous footnote would be funny if it were not also sad and infuriating. How can the graders maintain with a straight face that they should be exempt from being graded? Every objection raised to the report card on schools could be raised against the report cards teachers have been giving students since time immemorial. Of course grades are limited. They are reductive. That C you got in algebra tells people nothing about your pleasant personality; it doesn't even recognize how much of an accomplishment it was, given your Fear of Math, for you even to pass algebra. But your C says something quite clear and useful about your ability to handle abstract mathematical concepts. And the A the kid next to you got in calculus says something about his math skills. The comparison between his skills and yours is not only inevitable, it is legitimate. It may be unpleasant for you, but it IS fair. If it isn't fair to compare grades, why do schools rank students and name valedictorians? Why do colleges you seek to attend ask to see your grade point average? No one sensible pretends your GPA is the sum total of your worth as a person. But they know it provides a useful picture of how well you've done what you've been asked to do. That picture is valuable to those who have to rely on you and your skills; it can be even more valuable to you, helping you discover where you need to improve and providing a sharp goad to get the job done. The Kean report card would be just such an aid — to parents, students, taxpayers, teachers and yes, even superintendents. A million depressing reasons can be found why America's students can't find Chicago on a map or write an intelligent paragraph. Broken homes. Drugs. Television. Lack of respect for teachers. All, truly, are villains of the piece. But so is the special pass-fail system that school officials have set up to insulate themselves from judgment. It works like this: The kids fail; we pass the buck. We all know how inspiring pass-fail courses are. It's time to find ways to grade our schools with toughness and wisdom. New Jersey is taking a worthy first step.



Beyond the realm The shame of shopping

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

I wonder if there's life after shopping? The following statement may make me seem like some sort of chauvinist pig, but I do believe women are better disposed toward shopping than their male counterparts. At least, as far as this male counterpart is concerned. There is something about standing in line at the check-out register, fighting crowds and spending 30 minutes looking for a parking place at the mall that makes my spine crawl. I don't know when this hatred began, but I believe it's something that's ingrained in most of the male population. We are more than content to let our better halves handle the shopping, while we tend to more constructive things. Like sleeping, for example. I don't mean to paint all women with the same brush. There must be some females out there who think shopping is a drag, but, as of this writing, none come to mind. The latest example of why I hate shopping occurred recently when my girlfriend decided it was time to replenish my wardrobe. Although not crazy about the idea, I assented for the sake of harmony. I should've known better. The problems began in the parking area of a local discount store. It was bad enough that parking spaces were few and far between, but what really irked me was the little old ladies. You know who I mean — the dear, sweet women who take their time walking from the store to their cars, blocking traffic as they go about their merry way. If they had known the thoughts of vehicular-homicide crossing my mind, they would have run for their lives. After I finally secured a parking space, it was time to enter the store, and face the worst part of shopping — the changing room. My girlfriend was unsure exactly which clothing combination would look best on me, so she decided it would be best if I tried on all of them. Countless times I emerged from the changing booth. Countless times I was ushered back by the disapproving look on her face. My exasperation must have been evident, because after about the 15th trip, she looked at me and said, "Now, don't get mad, but..." "I'm not mad," I gruffly said. ("Of course I was, but I wasn't going to give her the satisfaction of knowing that.") Compounding the problem was her five-year-old son. In true male fashion (pardon the pun), he began scowling and acting extremely bored of the proceedings. To make matters worse, he began voicing his displeasure. Somehow, she avoided strangling her first-born, and I managed to complete my purchases with a few thin strands of sanity intact. And, I am forced to admit, the new clothes do look rather nice. I just hope they last a few years. Shopping is an experience that requires at least three years recuperation time.

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Senate to consider drug bounty

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The state senate is considering a bill that would fight drugs with a jackpot — a \$75,000 lottery involving those who turn in major pushers.

The bill, which passed the Senate Judiciary Committee, 7-0, Wednesday and now goes to the full Senate, calls for a sheriff and district attorney to certify the names of informants. The governor would draw a winner each year.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Mac Parsons, said money is the best way to get the average person involved in the war on drugs.

New Third World debt approach

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration may announce a new approach to the Third World debt problem by the end of the week, officials say.

The Treasury Department has completed its review of the debt topic, officials said, although the president has not yet approved the recommended changes.

Officials said Wednesday if that approval is gained, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady could outline the new administration's approach to the debt issue when he addresses a conference on

Third World debt at the State Department on Friday.

Officials would not comment on a published report that the Bush administration planned several initiatives to encourage banks to voluntarily forgive a portion of the debt.

Such an approach would mark a major change from the Baker plan, which has guided U.S. policy on debt issues since it was first unveiled by then-Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III in 1985.

Panel approves leave legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Large employers would be required to provide up to 10 weeks of unpaid leave for parents to care for newborn or seriously ill children, under a bill approved by a House committee.

The bill passed Wednesday, a major part of congressional Democrats' domestic agenda, also would require companies with 50 or more employees to grant similar leave to workers who need extended time off to take care of ailing parents.

And it would require them to give up to 15 weeks of unpaid

leave for the workers' own serious illness.

In each instance, the only direct cost to the employer would be to continue whatever company-paid health benefits that were in force at the time the worker requested leave.

However, many private and public employers, including the National League of Cities, oppose the measure on grounds it would be overly disruptive to their operations to hold jobs open for workers requesting such extended leaves even though the direct financial cost might be minimal.

PLO to attend U.S. conference

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has decided to allow three members of the Palestine Liberation Organization to enter the United States to attend a conference at Columbia University.

"None of the three has any record of personal involvement in terrorism," spokesman Charles E. Redman said Wednesday in announcing the Bush administration would waive a 1974 law that generally prohibits the issuance of visas to the PLO based on a judgment that it engages in terrorism.

The Israeli Embassy reacted swiftly and negatively. "We regret the decision by the U.S. government to grant visas to representatives of a terrorist organization and have expressed this position to the administration," spokesman Yossi Gal said.

The conference, scheduled Friday through Sunday in New York, is sponsored by "New Outlook," an Israeli magazine, and by the East Jerusalem Palestinian newspaper "Al Fajr." Several left-wing members of the Israeli Knesset, or parliament, also are to attend.

'Sam the Hammer' makes a quick name for himself

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Samuel Knox Skinner breezed into President Bush's Cabinet as one of its least-known members, Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., advised the new transportation secretary: "Don't let them shove you around."

"I'm not going to take a back seat," said Skinner.

Indeed he hasn't. The man known back in Chicago as "Sam the Hammer" has quickly made a name for himself on the White House varsity, even as some of its more familiar players are still reviewing their game plans.

In short, Skinner soared from obscurity when Eastern Airlines got stuck on the ground, a happenstance due in no small measure to his insistence that the carrier's brutal labor-management battle be allowed to take its natural course, and soon.

Lorenzo.

Skinner further piqued labor's anger when he served notice that the administration would battle secondary picketing and sympathy strikes elsewhere in the transportation sector, despite a 1967 Supreme Court decision which sanctioned such efforts. And, without taking formal action, he has criticized the "by-the-rules" slowdown of pilots for other airlines.

Actual work stoppages at non-Eastern sites, Skinner vows, will be met with an attempt to persuade Congress to enact a statutory prohibition "that's on my desk, ready to go up to the Hill in five minutes, if necessary."

Meanwhile, Skinner has spurned congressional appeals to rethink the option of a presidential emergency board. Instead, he has relayed veto threats over a House committee's bill to force Bush to appoint such a panel.

Union officials say Skinner is following precisely the tough-on-labor pattern established by one of his predecessors, Drew Lewis, early in Ronald Reagan's first term, when the administration fired thousands of air traffic controllers who went on strike.

William Wimpisinger, president of the International Association of Machinists, accused Skinner and Bush of attempting "to confine this dispute to a narrow arena where Lorenzo can bring all his resources to bear" against the striking employees.

"His statements read like they were written by Lorenzo," said IAM Vice President John Peterpaul. "If George Bush wants a kinder, gentler nation, he's getting the wrong advice from Sam Skinner."

To the dismay of Eastern's employees and all of big labor, Skinner and the president refused to intervene on the eve of the machinists' union strike last Saturday, despite a mediation board's recommendation that a presidential emergency panel be named to attempt to settle the longstanding dispute. Under the law, that would have precluded any work stoppage for an additional 60 days.

"This dispute has been going on for 17 months," Skinner declared. "It's time we get it resolved. There was no guarantee that in 60 days we're going to be any better off than we are now."

Some analysts believe that virtually guarantees the imminent collapse of Eastern and the loss of jobs and pension benefits for thousands of employees who had hoped for government help in their battle against the payroll-cutting tactics of Eastern's owner, Frank



KFI-AM talk radio host Tom Leykis, left, drives a steamroller over a stack of Cat Stevens records Wednesday to protest the former pop balladeer's support of the Islamic death bounty on novelist Salman Rushdie. Meanwhile, the FBI says it can't keep track of the 15,000 zealous Iranian students in this country who might carry out retribution over the novel "The Satanic Versus."

Domestic threats difficult to track

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI says it cannot keep track of the 15,000 "zealous" Iranian students in this country who might carry out retribution over the novel, "The Satanic Verses."

Blaming the problem in part on State Department visa policies, the FBI's Oliver "Buck" Revell told a Senate subcommittee on Wednesday, "We cannot control our borders, even for our own self-protection."

The panel was looking into the impact of threats issued by Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini against British author Salman Rushdie and the publishers and sellers of his book.

Revell, executive assistant investigations director, told the subcommittee that the FBI is keeping surveillance over 200 or more "hard core" Iranian nationals in the United States.

But "there are a large number (of students) here, both legally and illegally, who are zealous adherents to the Khomeini rhetoric ... and pursuit of violence," Revell said.

Underlining the impact of Khomeini's threats, representatives of the book's U.S. publisher, Viking-Penguin, and a major bookstore chain, Waldenbooks, declined to appear at the hearing after earlier saying they would attend.

A committee source said the publisher had cited security concerns in refusing the invitation. Neither company would answer queries as to why it had skipped the hearing.

Revell said roughly 30,000 Iranian citizens are in the United States on student visas, and at least that many more are in the country illegally. Some 10,000 to 15,000 are activists with sympathies for Khomeini's fundamentalist Shiite regime, he said, and many receive government money to help them stay in the United States or are affiliated with the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps.

World

China won't tolerate meddling

BEIJING (AP) — China today answered U.S. criticism of its use of force to quell dissent in Tibet, saying it has the right to maintain order within its boundaries and will not tolerate foreign meddling.

"Tibet is an inalienable part of China," Foreign Ministry spokesman Li Zhaoxing said. "Tibetan affairs are China's internal affairs which brook no interference by a foreign government, organization or individual."

Li characterized the violence in Tibet as "a serious riot deliberately engineered by a handful of separatists in an attempt to split China."

Students hurl firebombs at frigate

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Students hurled firebombs at a U.S. Navy frigate anchored in the southern port of Pusan but failed to hit their target, authorities said. Four people were arrested.

Police said four students in a rented car drove past security guards outside the port then hurled a tear gas grenade and three firebombs at the 3,877-ton Ouellet, which is taking part in joint military exercises between South Korea and the United States, police said.

The firebombs fell about 50 yards short of the ship, which arrived in Pusan on Monday.

Yonhap, the South Korean news agency, said the students were demanding an end to the joint exercises. Police seized two tear gas grenades, three firebombs, three iron pipes and four South Korean flags, it said.

U.S. military authorities have said about 200,000 U.S. and South Korean troops would be mobilized in the massive exercises, which begin next Tuesday and are to last 10 days.

Explosion kills two, wounds six

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Two British soldiers were killed and six wounded when their jeeps were shattered by a land mine near Londonderry in a blast that blew out windows a half mile away, police say.

No group claimed responsibility for the explosion shortly before midnight Wednesday but suspicion fell on the IRA, which is fighting British rule in Northern Ireland.

The blast could be heard up to 30 miles away, said Belfast police Sgt. John Brown. He said the soldiers were in two armored jeeps traveling north outside Lon-

donderry, about two miles from the Republic of Ireland.

The mine apparently was buried in an embankment beside the road and detonated by a wire. The second of the two jeeps caught the brunt of the explosion, he said.

Brown said the casualties were taken to Londonderry's Altnagelvin Hospital and two were dead on arrival. He said three of the injured were badly hurt and three were slightly wounded.

"I was driving along when there was this massive flash and an explosion

Meningitis kills more than 600

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — A meningitis epidemic has killed 696 people in central and southern Ethiopia, a Health Ministry official says.

Tadelle Tedla, head of the ministry's epidemiology department, said 9,005 cases were diagnosed by the end of last month and 3 million people had been vaccinated.

He said on Wednesday that the regions most affected were Shewa, with 3,000 cases and 54 deaths, and Sidamo and Gemmu Goffa with a combined 2,900 cases and 169 reported deaths.

At least 10 people died of the disease in Addis Ababa by the end of last month and 203 cases were diagnosed in the capital, he added.

"We have the health infrastructure and experience in combating the disease, but it will take some time to contain it effectively."

Tadelle acknowledged his statistics did not include figures from "remote and inaccessible" areas.

Meningitis is caused by a virus and leads to inflammation of the membrane surrounding the brain and the spinal cord.



MIAMI, Fla. — Rev. Jesse Jackson, center, dressed in a pilot's cap and a Machinists Union jacket, walks the picket line Wednesday evening with Eastern Airlines Machinists Union District 100 president Charles Bryan, right, and an unidentified pilot.

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Mom says son may sell drugs



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I think I know the answer to my problem, but I need your advice.

I have good reason to believe that my eldest son (I'll call him Paul) is dealing drugs. I have suspected his selling marijuana for years. Over the last few years he's become a chronic liar and braggart. I've ignored it until he showed me a wad of money he claimed was \$10,000. Since he hasn't held a legitimate job in 15 years, I've concluded that he's selling more than marijuana.

Shortly after showing me the money, he bought his wife a new car. He said he paid cash for it. He has also bragged about owning a gun.

Paul's wife is pleasant enough, but I feel that she does nothing to stop him from doing whatever he is into. In fact, I think she encourages him. I've noticed that she has become more materialistic over the past few years. She's buying a lot of clothes and jewelry, and they're living in a home they could not afford on her salary alone.

Abby, I know in my heart the best thing I could do for my son would be to notify the sheriff, but I worry about what will happen to my grandson if Paul is arrested. If it were anyone else, I'd contact the authorities. Please help me. — PERPLEXED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PERPLEXED: You're right, you do have the answer to your problem. I think you should warn Paul and give him the chance to quit this risky, illegal business before he ends up either in prison, or even dead. You need have no qualms of conscience about blowing the whistle. If your son goes to prison, at least he'll be alive, and will have a chance to go straight eventually.

DEAR ABBY: Recently I was invited to lunch at a friend's home. My hostess is a very nice woman with good manners, but all during lunch (there were just the two of us) she kept her TV soap opera on, and consequently we had no chance to visit. (She didn't turn down the volume; in fact, she turned it up.) Please comment in your column on people keeping their television sets on when they have guests. She didn't even ask me if I wanted to see that program. — NO NAME

DEAR NO NAME: Your hostess was rude. What happened to her "good manners"? I have dealt with this problem before. If company should drop in uninvited to find their friends watching a television program, it's perfectly all right for the surprised hosts to continue watching their favorite program, and the drop-ins should not feel hurt. But when one invites guests for lunch, the TV set should be turned off — unless, of course, the guest is just as eager to watch it as the host.

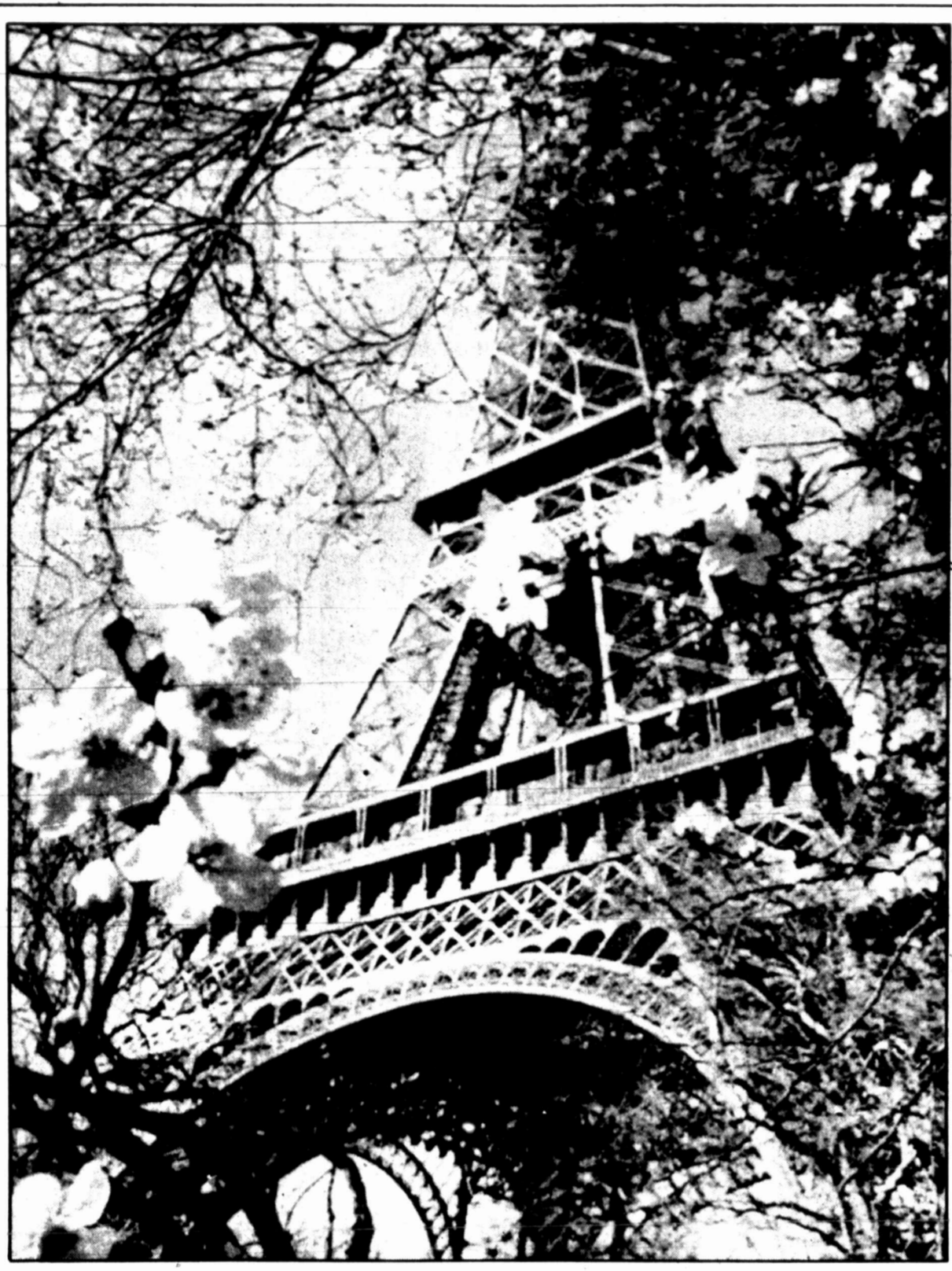
DEAR ABBY: To "Concerned N.J. Parent" you said: "Serving teen-agers beer or any other kind of alcoholic beverage in one's home because they would party somewhere else" is, in my view, both a feeble and unacceptable excuse.

Abby, isn't that the same kind of logic behind providing school children with sex education because they are going to do it anyway, so this way they'll be safer rather than sorry?

I love your column, but I'm curious about one thing. Why do you promote abstinence from teenage drinking, but not from illicit sex? — DAWN IN BLYTHEVILLE, ARK.

DEAR DAWN: I do not condone illicit sex, but I would not withhold sex education from ANYONE who asked for it. These days what teenagers don't know can not only "hurt" them — it can KILL them.

Wedding bills? Wedding bills! Who pays for what and everything else you need to know if you're planning a wedding can be found in Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send your name and address, plus check or money order for \$2.89 (\$3.39 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)



Blossoming tower

PARIS — The Eiffel Tower peeks through blossoming trees as temperatures reaching 62 degrees gave the French capital an early morning spring look.

Highsmith chillers reissued in U.S.

Patricia Highsmith, a 68-year expatriate American, has been called a latter-day Edgar Allan Poe — and now some of her most hypnotic chillers are being reissued in the United States.

Highsmith has turned out more than two dozen books over the past 40 years, according to an article in the current issue of Harper's Bazaar, and is best known for "Strangers On A Train," which Alfred Hitchcock turned into a spellbinding film.

Four of her best chillers have recently been reissued and "Tales of Natural and Unnatural Catastrophes," her latest collection of short stories that unsettle the soul and dampen the palms, is being published in February.

One reason Highsmith's dazzling portraits of twisted obsession, set in a bleak unsavory world, have not been more popular in the United States is because they are misfits in the marketplace.

They are not whodunits — the criminal is always known. They are not action thrillers — her plots move like a breeze in Calcutta. Hers are dramas of conscience peppered with a daunting dose of nihilism.

Highsmith — born in Fort Worth, Texas, raised in New York and liv-

ing abroad since 1963 — has been preoccupied with strange obsessions since around age 9. While other girls were reading Nancy Drew, she was devouring "The Human Mind" by Karl Menninger, detailing case histories of mental disturbances.

"It was a very constructive book about pyromaniacs, sadists, masochists, all kinds of things that stirred the imagination," Highsmith said in a matter-of-fact manner.

At 13 she saved up to buy two swords, one from the Civil War and the other from the Spanish-American War.

Her parents were divorced months before she was born, and six years later she and her mother moved to New York. She attended Barnard College, where she read Dostoyevsky, her main literary influence.

Having written since she was 16, she decided to make it her life's work. At 27, with help from Truman Capote, she was accepted into the Yaddo art colony, where she wrote "Strangers On A Train."

Highsmith moved to England when she was 42, then to France, then to a small village in Switzerland where she now lives a reclusive life, writing her taut,

photorealist pictures of life in which evil can erupt at any minute. "To me," she said, "Francis Bacon paints the ultimate picture of what's going on in the world — mankind throwing up in a toilet with his naked derriere showing."

"Everybody can be bought, like the politicians who sell themselves to get elected."

Her cool exterior hides an outraged writer with strong convictions about welfare mothers, Palestine, abortion, gun control, the environment and those in power.

She belongs to Amnesty International and Exit, the right-to-die society to which her friend, the late Arthur Koestler, belonged.

Her new book, "Tales of Natural and Unnatural Catastrophes," is flush with satire, mischief and menace in a world consumed by self-destruction, driven by stupidity, greed and self-interest.

"I don't know how they'll be received," Highsmith told Jill Pearlman in Harper's Bazaar. "I don't think in terms of a philosophy, but rather of an amusing story."

Dr. Spock on children who lie

Famed pediatrician Dr. Benjamin Spock says children who are otherwise moralistic may lie to their parents — but the problem often can be handled before it gets serious.

"In order for conscientious parents to understand how best to handle a child's lying," Spock wrote in the Parenting column in the current issue of Redbook, "we first need to look at the reasons why children, who in other respects are quite moralistic, feel the need to deceive."

There are several kinds of untruths told by children under age 6. Young children, for instance, can't yet distinguish clearly between reality and fantasy.

When a child of 3 or 4 tells his parents a lion lives in the vacant lot down the street, he is not trying to deceive them. He is exercising his

imagination and telling a story to entertain, much like the bedtime stories his parents read to him.

"If it's evident that the child is unclear about whether his story is true," Spock wrote, "the parent can help him to separate fact from fiction by saying, with a grin, 'That's a good story you made up.'"

Some young children invent imaginary playmates and while there's no reason to squelch this, parents should consider whether it is a sign that the child is lonely for real playmates.

Children under age 6 also are capable of telling real lies such as denying guilt.

"Asking a child whether she has done something wrong only invites a defensive lie and makes the situation more difficult for the parent to handle," Spock wrote.

He said that when parents are

sure of their ground, they should jump directly to dealing with misbehavior.

As children grow older, their lies have more to do with intentional deception. Two things school-aged children commonly lie about are their schoolwork and their behavior when they've done something they know is wrong.

In the school situation, they may fear punishment and humiliation from the school, a teacher or their parents.

"There are many possible causes of below-average schoolwork that are not in any sense the child's fault: limited aptitude, learning disabilities, emotional problems that distract his attention from schoolwork or poor instruction in earlier grades," Spock wrote.

Lifestyle

Area briefs

Blue Blazers conduct meeting

The Blue Blazers met recently at La Posada Restaurant. President Betty Schoenfield called the meeting to order.

Those attending were: Venita Blassingame, Sherrrie Bordofske, Ruth Budke, Betty Clere, Iris Correa, Gail Earls, Judith Gray, Mary Herrera, Denise Jackson, Mary Leatham, Shirley Lee, Tammy Lockhart, Jan Noyes, Pat Porter, Linda Roger, Roberta Shive, Celia Terry, Sandra Waggoner, Lea Whitehead, Eileen Zant and Marae Brooks. Guests were Toni Eagle, Pat

Dupre and Samantha Porter. It was announced that ribbon cuttings will be scheduled the first and third Thursdays at approximately 2 p.m.

Schoenfield discussed fund-raisers; and Blassingame announced that members have a networking group with Johnnie Lou Avery and Shirley Shroyer.

Porter was presented with the "Luv Ya Blue" award, and Blassingame was the winner of the "Pat on the Back" award.

Sandra Waggoner presented the program "Tax Tips."

Lions to host pancake supper

Coahoma Lions Club will host a benefit pancake supper Thursday in the elementary cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

Price is \$3 per plate; preschool children eat free.

Proceeds will go to the family of Carrie Carnahan to help pay

medical expenses. Carrie, 14, was diagnosed as having acute lymphatic leukemia in 1982, and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant.

Proceeds also will assist school children with eyeglasses; little league baseball and the Christmas in April fund.

Master Masons to be honored

Big Spring Chapter 67, O.E.S. will honor all Master Masons at a dinner Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the

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All-area hoop team will be announced

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The past few months featured some outstanding performances from area high school basketball players, and the best of the best will be featured when the *Herald* unveils its inaugural Crossroads Country Basketball Honor Roll Sunday.

The outstanding players from both area boys and girls teams will be honored. The Most Valuable Player, Coach of the Year and first-and-second team members will be featured.

Who will the honorees be? Check out the Sunday *Herald* for all the details.



Thursday notes

Registration for the Coahoma United Girls Softball Association league play will be March 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

The league is open to any girls between the ages of seven and 18 as of Sept. 1, according to league director Cathy Coates.

Registration fee is \$10, and registration forms can be obtained at Coahoma schools.

Registrations for Little League players ages 7-12, will be conducted from March 13-25.

Big Spring players can register at the American, National and International League fields. Coahoma players can register at the Coahoma Community Center. Registration times are from 5-7 p.m. on weekdays, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday. Players must bring their birth certificates and a parent.

Anyone wanting to sponsor a team can call Richard Wright at 263-8781 or Ed Lawson at 267-6435.

The World Class Wrestling event, scheduled for Saturday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, has been postponed until April 3 because of recent bad weather in the Dallas area.

People who have already purchased tickets can use them for the April 3 card. The same matches will be featured.

Part of the proceeds from the event will benefit the Rainbow Project.

For more information call Melinda Ellison at 263-7326.

Four young ladies from the YMCA Sidewinders gymnastics team, who had qualified for the USGF Northern Texas semifinals Class III Optionals meet, competed at Odessa College this past Saturday and Sunday.

In the 9-11-year-old division, Jennifer Perez placed 15th on her floor routine and Amanda Reep placed 16th on the floor and 17th on the bars.

Bobbie Jo Elliott and Becky Tedesco competed in the 12-14 age group.

Coaches for the teams are Linda Perez and Russ McEwen. This Saturday, members of the team will be competing in Midland while others will be competing in Garland.

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association, for players 7-19 years-old, will begin registration will be from March 13 through April 1. The season will start approximately May 1.

Young ladies may register at either Neal's Pharmacy or H&R Block. Parents must sign the registration form and submit a copy of their child's birth certificate. Entry fee is \$15 for the first daughter, \$10 for the second and \$5 for the third daughter.

For more information contact Debbie Conaway at 263-3962 (home) or 267-5226 (work).

The annual West Texas Relays 5000 Meter Classic, in conjunction with the West Texas Relays, will be Saturday morning at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

There will be a one mile fun run at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K begins at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$8 for early entries and \$12 on the day of the race. All entrants get T-shirts.

For more information call Joe Tighe at 362-5544.

The Young American Bowling Alliance will host a coaching clinic Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Highland Lanes. Trained coaches will help youth improve their bowling game.

For more information call 267-2548.

The Abilene Slowpitch Softball Association Annual Preseason Tournament for men and women will be March 17-19 at Nelson Park in Abilene.

Entry fee is \$95 per team and entry deadline is March 15. To enter call Roland Campbell at 695-4887 (home) or 672-4096 (work).

The West Texas Epilepsy Association is holding its Seventh Annual Four Man Scramble Golf Tournament April 21 at Mission Country Club.

Admission is \$60 per person. Limit is 60 teams.

To become a sponsor and/or player, contact the West Texas Epilepsy Association at 3610 W. Wall, Suite 136, Midland or call 697-7901.

Grady High School is looking to fill openings in its basketball schedule for the 1989-90 season.

Grady needs games for Nov. 17 and 21. Any Class A or AA opponents will be acceptable.

For more information call Randy Peel, Johnny Tubb or Richard Gibson at Grady I.S.D. at 459-2445 or 459-2449.

The Howard County Boxing Club did well in the Pecos boxing tournament two weeks ago.

Coach Ed Garza's seven boxers came away with five gold medals. Winning first place were Mundo Ojeda, David Juarez, Scott Buck, Juan Ojeda and Marcus Yanez.

Richardson Coach of Year

DALLAS (AP) — One win separated league champion Arkansas from second-place Texas, but the Longhorns have one player that kept the Razorbacks from sweeping top honors in The Associated Press' 1988-89 All-Southwest Conference basketball team.

Texas' high-scoring junior guard Travis Mays was picked on every ballot to head the select team as picked by the league's coaches.

Mays of Ocala, Fla., averaged 22 points per game as the Longhorns won 22 regular season games under new coach Tom Penders, who brought a wide open run-and-gun offense to the SWC.

Mays, who led Texas to a second-place finish, was selected as the SWC's Offensive Player of the Year.

Arkansas, which finished with a 13-3 SWC mark, and takes a 21-6 record into the post-season tournament beginning Friday, swept the other top honors with the Razorbacks' Nolan Richardson selected as the Coach of the Year by his peers; guard Keith Wilson taking Defensive Player of the Year honors; and freshman Lee Mayberry being selected as Newcomer of the Year.

It was Richardson's first SWC title in four seasons as Arkansas' head coach, and he did it with a youth-dominated lineup. Houston was the preseason favorite going into SWC play, but finished fourth during the regular season.

Wilson, who was the steady influence on the team, averaged 12.2 points, 4.2 assists and almost



Arkansas University Razorbacks coach Nolan Richardson, shown here in a file photo, was named Southwest Conference Coach of the Year.

three steals per game to earn first team honors. He made the clutch baskets for the Razorbacks and led their fullcourt press.

Others on the mythical first team included Southern Methodist's senior center Glenn Puddy, who averaged 14.8 points and almost 10 rebounds per game; Texas Tech senior guard Sean Gay who had 16.1 points and 4.6 assists per game; and Houston's Craig Upchurch who had 18.3 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Texas' other junior guard, Lance Blanks, led the second team with 20.2 points per game. Other second teamsters included Houston's Richard Hollis at 17.3 points and 8.4 rebounds per game, Texas' Alvin Hegggs at 17.2 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, Arkansas's freshman Mayberry at 12.9 points and 4.2 assists, and a tie between Texas A&M's Donald Thompson and Texas Christian's John Lewis, who each averaged 17 points per game.

FIRST TEAM
Travis Mays, Texas, Jr., Ocala, Fla., 22.1 points
Craig Upchurch, Houston, Soph., St. Louis, Mo., 18.3 points
Sean Gay, Texas Tech, Sr., Houston, 16.1 points
Keith Wilson, Arkansas, Sr., Ft. Smith, Ark., 12.2 points
Glenn Puddy, SMU, Sr., Houston, 14.8 points
SECOND TEAM
Lance Blanks, Texas, Jr., Houston, 20.2 points
Richard Hollis, Houston, Sr., Portland, OR, 17.3 points
Alvin Hegggs, Texas, Sr., Jacksonville, Fla., 17.2 points
Lee Mayberry, Arkansas, Fr., Tulsa, OK, 12.9 points
(Tie) Donald Thompson, Texas A&M, Sr., Chicago, Ill., 17.5 points, and John Lewis, TCU, Sr., Lubbock, 17 points

Prairie View gridders will play

PRAIRIE VIEW (AP) — Prairie View A&M football players, who have been on strike since Feb. 5, say they'll play next fall if the university goes through with its plan to improve academic procedures for players.

When the players went on strike they called for the firing of head football Coach Haney Catchings, but their request was denied Tuesday when the school president refused to fire Catchings after releasing the results of an internal investigation on the football program.

"Hopefully, when we get a new president he will see what's happened here, and if there is still a problem by then he'll make a move next August when Catchings' contract expires. We're still hoping he won't be here when the season starts." — Prairie View team spokesman Herman Moore.

"We have decided to play next fall for Prairie View, but not necessarily for coach Catchings," player spokesman Her-

man Moore said Wednesday.

Moore said although the player revolt failed to get Catchings fired, some good was accomplished.

"At this point, I consider this a small victory," he said. "Our academics have been boosted up a level because we will have a study table now and we'll have the time we need to use the resources, such as tutorials.

"Catchings' actions will be closely monitored and the athletic director, who was 50 percent of the problem, is gone."

President Percy Pierre, who has announced the resignation, named George Stafford as athletic director, replacing Brutus Jackson, who resigned after the players started their strike.

Moore said the team voted to continue the strike until players have documented proof that the school's promises will be fulfilled, which could come as early as Friday.

"We also want them to guarantee that no one will lose a scholarship because they did strike," he said. "If we don't get these things by next fall, then we won't play. But we have assurances from the vice president that there won't be any problem."

The players have accused Cat-

"They're (students) very disappointed because here's a group of students who did everything they could, who boycotted and called press conferences and did everything, and yet Catchings is still here, So what is that telling you? That they're not listening to the students" — Prairie View student Olivia Wilson.

chings of discontinuing their study hall, threatening to withhold textbooks as punishment to players and holding excessively long and unsafe workouts.

Players also claimed Catchings forced them to perform unsafe drills, such as two players running head on into one another from 30 yards apart. They also contended that the team's grades had dropped dramatically since the fall of 1988, Catchings' first full season as head coach.

But the school's investigation found no wrongdoing by Catchings, other than holding long workouts and a failure to communicate with his players.

Pierre said the entire school had a problem with textbook distribution but it was an budget problem and not the fault of the football coach.

The strike has generated widespread support among students at the predominantly black campus about 50 miles northwest of Houston, many of whom expressed frustration Wednesday that Catchings had not been fired.

"They're (students) very disappointed because here's a group of students who did everything they could, who boycotted and called press conferences and did everything, and yet Catchings is still here," said student Olivia Wilson.

"So what is that telling you? That they're not listening to the students," she said.

Some students and players also questioned the extent of the university's investigation and voiced concern about the effects of adverse publicity on the 5,500-student school.

Catchings led the Panthers to a 5-5 record last season, their first non-winning season since they finished 6-5 in 1976. He took over as head coach after an 0-4 start in 1987 under Conway Hayman and the Panthers finished with a 3-8 record.

Kingdom equals record

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) — Two-time gold medalist Roger Kingdom tied the world indoor mark in the 60-meter hurdles and wasn't particularly thrilled.

Kingdom got off to an explosive start, led the race all the way and was timed in 7.36 seconds Wednesday. He became the second man to go under 7.40 indoors and then claimed what he thinks is rightfully his.

"I believe in my heart that I have the world record," Kingdom said after taking two victory laps around this city's Peace and Friendship stadium.

The American hurdler was referring to the world mark set by Greg Foster in Los Angeles on Jan. 16, 1987, a time that still stirs debate in track circles.

Some officials and athletes, including Kingdom, contend that Foster got off to a false start in that race, but the record has been officially recognized.

Record page 2-B



PIRAEUS, Greece — Roger Kingdom of the United States (right) knocks down a hurdle in the 60 meter dash on his way to tying the world indoor

record of 7.36 seconds. American Arthur Blake (middle) finished second and teammate Jack Pierce came in third.

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Weather

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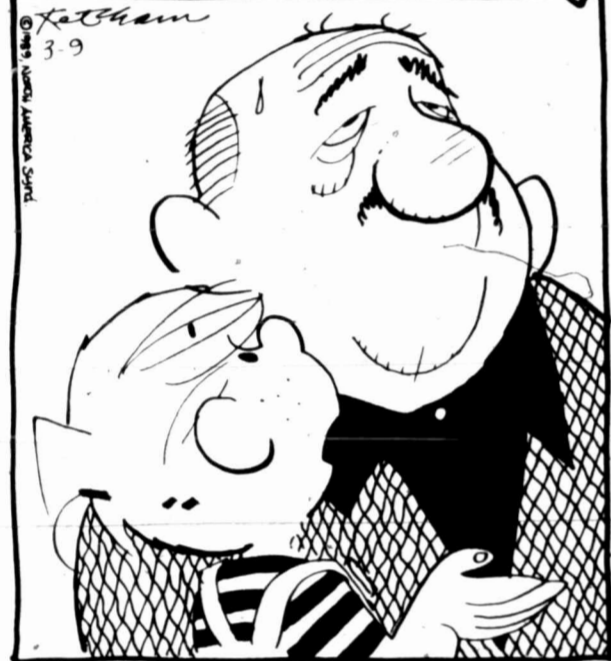
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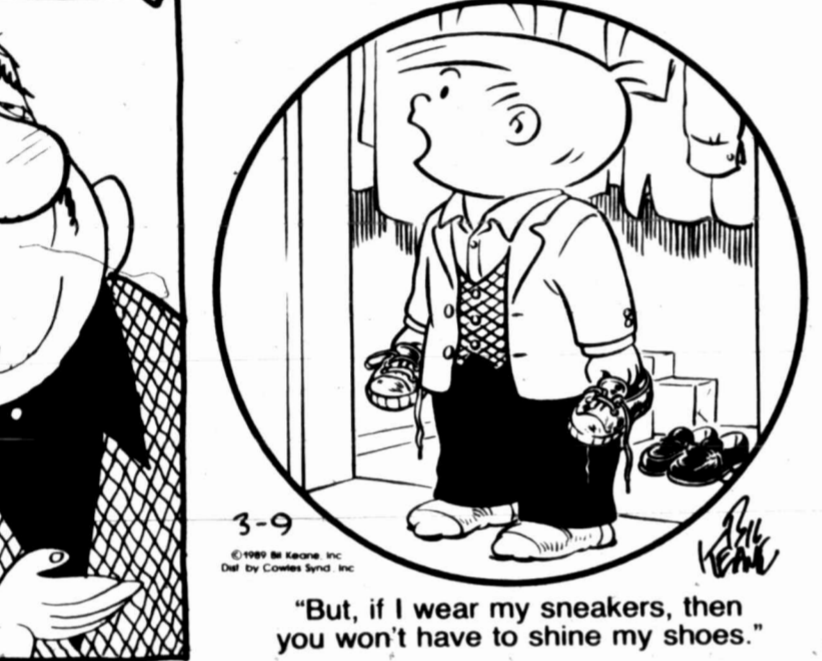
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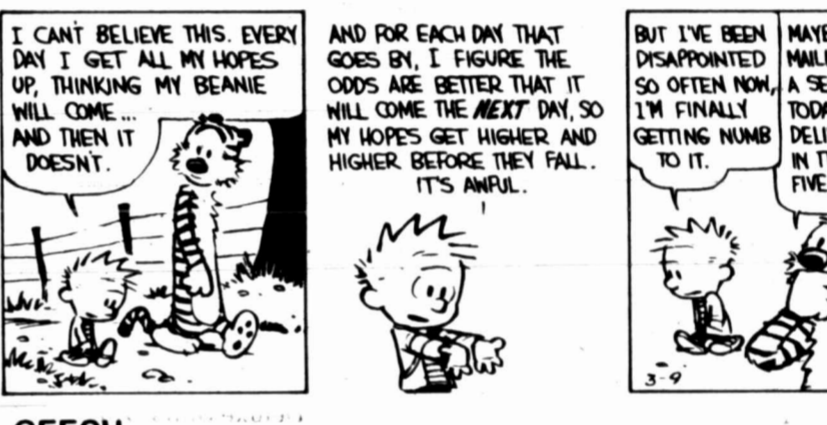
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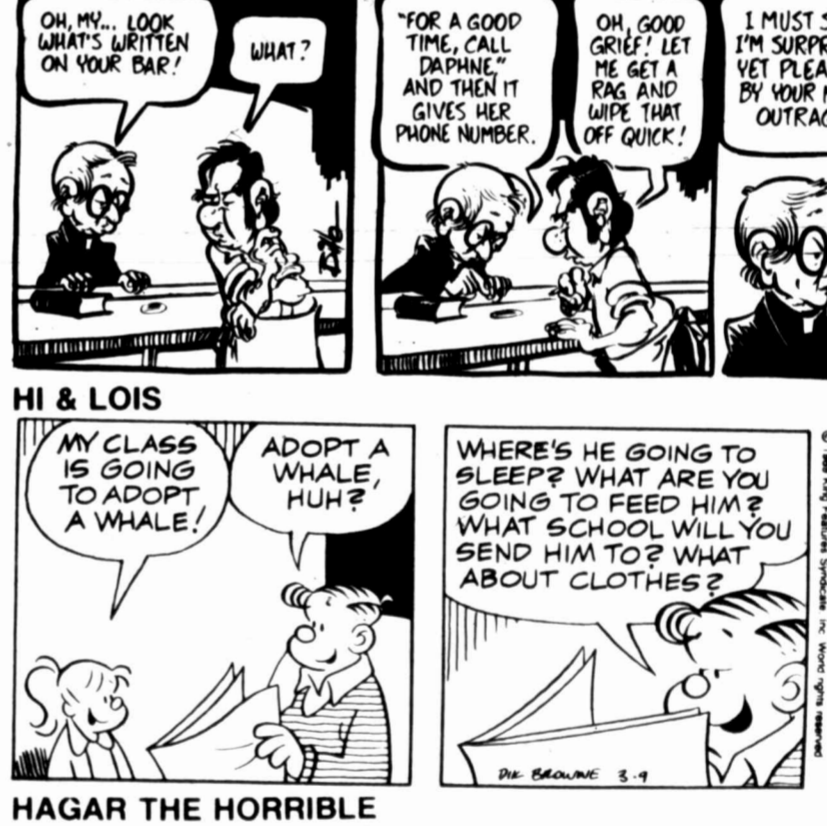
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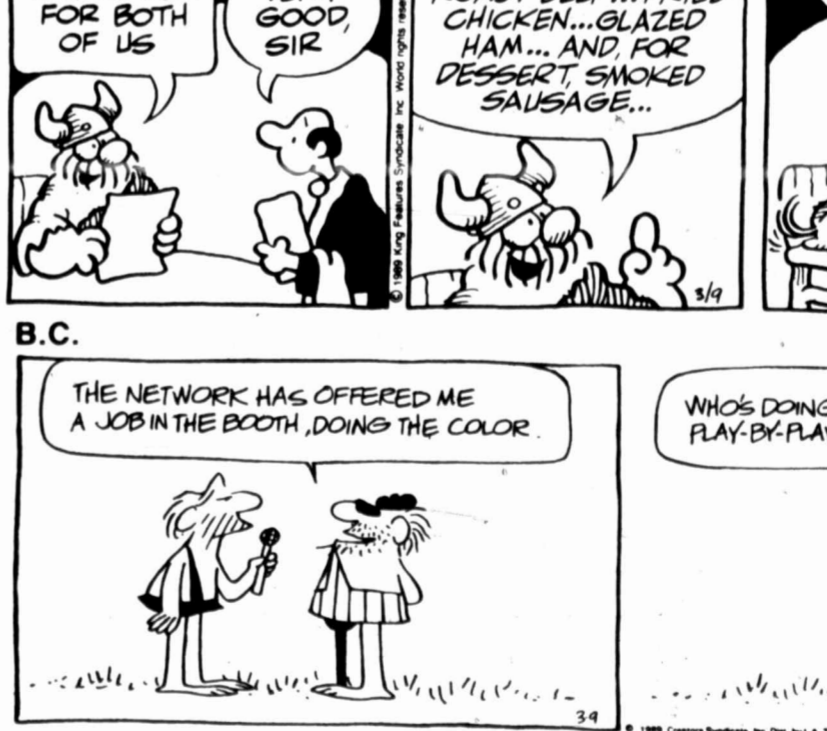
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Entertainment



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Britt's back!

LONDON — Actress Britt Ekland, in eye-catching style as she arrived at the Odeon, Leicester Square, recently for the premier of "Scandal". The movie tells the story of the 1963 scandal which forced War Minister John Profumo to resign over his affair with Christine Keeler. Ekland plays call-girl Mariella Novotny in the film.

Singing Partridge hits the airwaves

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP) — Danny Bonaduce used to have a rule: no autographs while he's eating. Times change, and so does the celebrity, the former "Partridge Family" star has learned.

In the 14 years since he stopped playing the smart-aleck Danny Partridge, autograph hounds have been few, and Bonaduce finds that he welcomes them: "Come up and you can have my dinner and I'll sign for you."

At 29, Bonaduce is back with his wisecracks and a deeper voice as a late-night disc jockey on WEGX-FM, the Philadelphia market's hottest rock station.

"I'm real visible in Philadelphia, and I like it," said Bonaduce, a media hit these days. "I love being here and getting all this attention. I'm totally into this."

So is the station. "The man has contributed in publicity more than any disc jockey on any radio station I've ever seen," said WEGX programming director Charlie Quinn, who put Bonaduce on the air Dec. 5 with no experience, but with another deejay around to help out.

Less than three months into his first radio job, Bonaduce is No. 2 in his 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. slot, which he opens each night with the "Partridge Family" theme song — under orders, he says.

He's not the pudgy little kid he once was, but the trademark red hair and familiar features make it easy to identify Bonaduce, who turned to TV and radio guest appearances and restaurant work after his "Partridge Family" days.

The "Partridge Family" ran on ABC-TV from 1970-74, and starred Shirley Jones as the head of a family that becomes a rock 'n' roll band. The show also featured Susan Dey and David Cassidy.

On the air, while still trying to master the technical equipment surrounding him, he lives off his wit.

"Often as not it ain't funny, but too bad. I don't want to have a fake show," he said.

Recently divorced, he called his ex-wife in Los Angeles his first night on the job — on the air.

"I called her up and demanded custody of the dog," he said. "She didn't find the humor."

Since then, he's held a Ted Bundy request hour the night the serial killer was executed in Florida — receiving such song ideas as "Hurts So Good" and "Shock the Monkey."

Yes, he's heard from the front office a couple times.

"I've had to tone it down by request," Bonaduce said. "I'm not anywhere near the hit that I'm un-fireable."



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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Danny Bonaduce, disc jockey in Philadelphia. Formerly of the Partridge Family, is now a radio

"He definitely jumps off the edge (on) some things," Quinn said. "The man obviously never knew who the FCC is."

Few begin a deejay career in a market this size, Quinn said, but Bonaduce offered the station publicity and is regarded as a serious member of the WEGX lineup.

"I think they hired me at first because I'd be interesting," Bonaduce said. "Now I've got a

semipopular show on my hands." Bonaduce actually had been looking for deejay work among the stations on which he did guest shots. There were no takers.

"They apparently thought I couldn't pull it off," he said.

The key, Quinn said, is that most stations thought about Bonaduce stepping into an all-comedy role.

"I took it a different direction," Quinn said. "I put him into a nighttime disc jockey role and actually

trained him to be a disc jockey first and a celebrity-comedian second. So far I think that he's coming along real nicely. He's gotten better and better by the day."

He's also not kissing off television. His five-year run as Danny Partridge ended at age 15. Rerun royalties ended seven years later.

"I'd love to do some good television but I don't think I'd give up radio to do it. I think I can combine the two."

Movies

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The following movies will be showing at local theatres this weekend:

"Her Alibi," rated PG, "The Fly II," rated R, "Rain Man," rated R, and "Three Fugitives," rated PG-13 will be playing at Movies 4.

"Her Alibi," starring Paulina Porizkova and Tom Selleck, is billed as a romantic comedy featuring a successful mystery writer (Selleck) who begins to live one of his own plots when he becomes involved with a beautiful woman (Porizkova) accused of murder.

"The Fly II" stars Eric Stoltz as Martin Brundle in this sequel to the 1986 remake that featured Jeff Goldblum as his ill-fated father. Suffering from an accelerated growth disorder, Martin faces a race against the clock as he tries to unravel the mystery behind his father's peculiar genetic code and the telepod apparatus that caused the mix-up.

"Rain Man" tells the story of an autistic savant (Dustin Hoffman). Tom Cruise stars as Hoffman's brother, a life-long loser chasing after the family inheritance, and a man willing to exploit his brother's gift for total recall.

"Three Fugitives" features Martin Short playing a down-on-his-luck single father who, in an act of desperation, holds up a bank.

"Bubs," rated PG, and "Police Academy 6," rated PG, will be showing at the Ritz.

"Bubs," starring Tom Hanks is a comedy set in the suburbs.

"Police Academy 6" features a series of acrobatic robberies and a "mysterious master criminal" and his three henchmen who unleash a Los Angeles crimewave that not only endangers innocent pedestrians, but even real estate values.

"Twins," rated PG, and "Tequila Sunrise," rated R, will be playing at the Cinema in College Park.

"Twins" is a comedy in which Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito play less than amicable siblings. Years earlier the twins were part of a failed genetic operation, which resulted in one brother getting the looks, strength and intelligence. The other, fed up with second place, decides to rid himself of the fraternal comparison.

"Tequila Sunrise," starring Mel Gibson, Michelle Pfeiffer and Kurt Russell, is a suspense thriller involving a love triangle between two former high school friends. The plot is further complicated because one is a cop and the other a drug peddler trying to get out.

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