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## ON THE SIDE:



### Local weather

**Forecast for the Big Spring area: Windy and partly cloudy through Wednesday. Cooler tonight and Wednesday. Lows tonight in the 30s. Highs Wednesday mid 60s.**

### District trials

**BIG SPRING** — Trial for a man charged with aggravated assault is expected to begin Thursday in 118th District Court and jurors began a second day of testimony today in a worker's compensation case.

Ramiro Lara, 35, 1002 N. Main St., faces charges of aggravated assault in district court Thursday. Lara, who was indicted on two counts of attempted murder on Aug. 30, 1989 is currently free on \$75,000 bond.

Trial for Gary Vern Isaaks, indicted Aug. 23, 1988 on a charge of murder in connection with the December 1988 death of a Big Spring woman, should be set soon, said William Dupree, assistant district attorney.

Isaaks, 41, 1012 W. Third St., is currently in the Howard County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond. Isaaks was arrested Feb. 2, 1990 on a charge of jumping bail, when he violated terms of his bail by leaving Big Spring for New Mexico.

Jurors began a second day of testimony today in the civil trial of Timothy Scott Sigmon, who filed suit against the director of Texas State Employment Worker's Compensation Division.

Sigmon was an employee with the Big Spring State Hospital on Jan. 21, 1988 when he allegedly suffered an injury while on the job. Sigmon is seeking a total of \$97,109.31 in lost wages and compensation for his alleged injury.

The defense has filed a motion denying Sigmon's claims. The trial is expected to continue through Wednesday. Jurors for both trials were selected Monday.



### March continues

**DALLAS COUNTY, Ala.** — About 200 demonstrators, many carrying signs, continue on the road to Montgomery in honor of the 1965 Selma to Montgomery civil rights march. The group plans to rally next Saturday at the Alabama Capitol.

### Absentee voting

**BIG SPRING** — Absentee voting continues until Friday, and a total of 632 votes have been cast so far, a county official said today.

A total of 424 votes have been cast in the Democratic Primary, with an additional 66 Democrat absentee ballots mailed out, said Margaret Ray, Howard County clerk. A total of 208 votes have been cast in the Republican Primary with 28 Republican absentee ballots mailed out, she said.

Absentee voting continues until Friday, with the primary scheduled for April 13.

## Kidnapping angers woman's family

By RUTH COCHRAN  
City Editor

**BIG SPRING** — Kidnap victim Lanette Lister still hasn't been found, and her family is angry at the justice system they feel allowed the abduction, as well as at the man who did it.

Lister, 27, was kidnapped at gunpoint Sunday night from a local church by her estranged husband, James Henry Lister, according to police reports. By press time today, neither Lister had been found by area law enforcement agencies. A warrant for aggravated kidnapping has been issued for James

**"They never should have let him out when they set that bond. It's like a dog — beware of dog. I think they shouldn't have let him out. He's done so much. He's put her through so much — he won't leave her alone. I'm tired of him bothering her."** — Sarah Pollard, victim's sister

Lister's arrest.

Records show it's not the first time James Lister, 33, has been charged with abducting his wife from the church, and Lanette Lister's family and friends can't understand how this could have happened a second time.

Lisa Brooks, director of the Rape Crisis/Victim's Services Center, said Lanette Lister came to the center for help after James Lister was charged with aggravated kidnapping the first time. In the Aug. 15 incident, Lister dragged his wife from the church, drove around

with her for several hours then beat her before releasing her, Brooks said.

Lanette Lister pressed charges, and in January James Lister was indicted, Brooks said. On Feb. 15, Lanette Lister filed for divorce from her husband — and just days

later he apparently came to see his wife, Brooks said.

The Midland man kicked in the door of the apartment where Lanette Lister was staying, and police records show he was arrested and charged with class A assault, burglary of a habitation, terroristic threats, resisting arrest and tampering with a witness.

Brooks said James Lister was held in jail until Feb. 21, when 118th District Judge James Gregg, who has since retired, released him on a \$5,000 bond for the burglary charge. Gregg set personal

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## Stamp price hike looms

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Postal Service is about to launch the complex process of adding a nickel to the price of mailing a letter.

With a record \$1.6 billion loss looming in this fiscal year, Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank says the increase is necessary.

He was proposing increases today in all classes of mail, with the charge for first class likely to go from a quarter to 30 cents next year. That would be somewhat more than the rate of inflation, says Frank, who promises to hold down postal service spending in coming years.

The proposal must go to the independent Postal Rate Commission, which has 10 months to consider the request, hold hearings and issue a report.

## County OKs new economic committee

By BRADLEY WORRELL  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Howard County Commissioners approved the concept of an economic development committee on Monday in the hopes of creating more local jobs and industry.

Commissioners unanimously approved a resolution to appoint an economic development committee for the purpose of creating an overall economic plan. Appointments for the committee have yet to be submitted.

The idea for an economic development committee came after commissioners discussed proposals for economic development with Tom Nance, an unofficial advisor to Howard County.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said previously that Nance is with a private company that works with the Economic Development Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Commerce in Austin, in attempts to obtain block grants from the government used in economic development.

Nance's role is to provide technical assistance for the county in obtaining the grants and revolving loan funds, Crooker has said.

In other business, commissioners approved a request by County Engineer Bill Mims for a one year leave of absence without pay for a county employee to attend a diesel mechanics school in Sweetwater.

Commissioners also took a renewed look Monday at a proposal to build a private prison facility in Howard County. Crooker said Monday the commissioners want to know where the inmates for such a facility would come from and what

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**BIG SPRING** — Toni Cordell's "Rollin' for Readin'" van, driven by her daughter Amarie Cordell, follows her as she rollerskates across the country promoting local literacy programs, including the one at Howard County Library.

## Rolling reader

Woman skates across U.S. to promote literacy

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Most people don't notice what a fine surface Highway 87 has from Forsan up past the state hospital. Then again, most people don't travel it on rollerskates either.

Toni Cordell does. In fact, she's rollerskated on state roads from San Gabriel, Calif., to here, about 700 miles, she estimates, since January. She intends to roll all the way to Jacksonville Beach, Fla., by late May.

She counts on the novelty of a 47-year-old woman on rollerskates pursued by a van decorated with reading dinosaurs ("avoid extinction: read," the logo says) to gain public and media attention for her cause: the national problem of illiteracy.

Cordell rolled into town Monday and is visiting schools, service clubs, shopping malls and the library to tell people her story: Until three years ago, Cordell was a low-level reader, barely literate.

"I could read individual words, but I couldn't comprehend them in sentences and paragraphs. I can't explain how learning to read phonetically helped with comprehension but now I understand for the first time," Cordell said.

She sought help from a literacy program in her hometown of Edmond, Okla., after seeing the television movie "Bluffing It." The illiterate character in the story burned with rage and frustration much as Cordell did, she realized.

"I vented my rage out of proportion with the thing that of

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TONI CORDELL

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

**BIG SPRING** — Toni Cordell learned how to read with the help of a tutor who used the Laubach method, which combines pictures and phonics — sounding out words, to teach her.

"The 'b' for example, has the shape of a bird with a long neck and a round body, so when you see it you think 'buh' like bird," Cordell said.

The reading method is named for the missionary who developed it. Laubach created a phonetic written language for a tribe of Philippino Indians who had no written language. He used the same techniques in other societies and brought it back to the United States.

Using the Laubach method, Cordell achieved a college-level reading ability and a tutoring certificate in less than 11 months.

Her "Rollin' for Readin'" campaign encourages non-readers and people interested in volunteering as reading tutors to contact their local library. Howard County Library has the only literacy program between Midland and Sweetwater, Cordell said, so she has referred interested people to it.

Rose von Hassell, the acquisitions librarian at Howard County Library and the organizer of the literacy program here, said the program teaches the Laubach method, as well as another phonics method and English as a second language. The program has six or seven tutor-reader pairs and two additional tutors waiting for students, von Hassell said.

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## Council to eye trash rates

By RUTH COCHRAN  
City Editor

**BIG SPRING** — Council members will have to reconsider a 40 percent increase in garbage rates vetoed by the mayor, as well as decide the date for a recall election aimed at removing the mayor.

The council will meet today, which is a week early, at 5 p.m. in terminal building 1106 of the Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

Last week, the council approved an ordinance on a 4-2 vote that increases garbage collection rates 40 percent. Mayor Max Green abstained from that vote, and three days later he vetoed the ordinance.

City officials presented the proposed increase to the council because the city must fund a state garbage tax, costs for proposed federal regulations for landfills, equipment and maintenance costs, and payments to the capitol revolving fund.

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## Principal to retire, successor announced

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

**FORSAN** — After 25 years as principal of Elbow Elementary School, Bill Cregar plans to retire at the end of the current school year.

Richard Light will step into his place.

"I'll miss the staff and the superintendent but the biggest void will be not having that day-to-day contact with the students," Cregar said.

"I have the children of children I've taught. It thrills me to see their parents come in and I love to see kids learn. I believe we can have a school without failure," he said.

Cregar is proud of his accomplishments at Elbow and of his peer election as elementary principal of the year for the region. In June, he will learn if he is the Texas elementary principal of the year, but he said the nomination alone is enough.

"Just knowing I'm in the top 20 out of 4,000 principals is good," Cregar said. He credits his wife Sharon, who teaches music at Elbow, as his inspiration.

During his tenure, Elbow has established computer programs in math, language arts, keyboarding technology and higher-level thinking skills. It has also developed an active group of parent volunteers and encourages community membership on academic commit-

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Inside Texas



Endorsements

AUSTIN — Republican candidate for governor Tom Luce holds a stack of newspapers as he talks about his endorsements in the papers. Luce held his news conference in front of the Austin-American Statesman Monday morning.

TV medicine

HOUSTON (AP) — High-definition television soon may be used in diagnosis by doctors in rural areas if a pilot program established at Texas Children's Hospital is fruitful.

Hospital officials said Monday they will begin a research and demonstration center to determine if such remote medical consultations are valuable or desirable.

Dr. Ralph Feigin, physician in charge at Texas Children's and chief of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, said the closed circuit, high-definition TV could be the link rural physicians need to specialty services.

High-definition TV transmits more than twice as many lines as do regular TV pictures, resulting in a much clearer image with more accurate color. The image resembles that of 35mm film.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. plans to transmit the high-definition images via the \$25 million 1,400-mile fiber optic network it has established from NASA to Richmond-Rosenberg, to Spring. The network is made up of bundles of hair-thin strands of glass through which information is pulsed by a laser-driven light source.

Bundles of these strands are now used to transmit local phone calls with better voice quality at higher efficiency with lower cost.

In a demonstration Monday, Dr. Stuart K. Cohan, a Houston pediatrician discussed his patient, Emily Masterman, 12, with a pediatric neurologist, Dr. Huda Y. Zoghbi, who was at Texas Children's six miles away.

The system is now limited to Southwestern Bell's fiber optic network.

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THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS a support group for people who have lost children, will meet Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m., March 6, in Room 113 of The Family Life Center, First Baptist Church. David A. Snyder, MD, from the Texas Oncology Group, Midland, will speak on "A Doctor's Perspective of Help for Parents and Grandparents Who Have Lost a Child". Mary Nell Hise, 263-2520; Darla Swindell, 267-2769.

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Racing official, family, found dead in home

AUSTIN (AP) — Law enforcement officials would not speculate on the circumstances of the weekend deaths of a Texas Racing Commission official and his family, whose bodies were found in the family's Austin-area home Monday.

David Joost, 41, director of administration for the Texas Racing Commission, was found dead in the family's home in Buda along with his 35-year-old wife, Susan, and their two children, Eric, 10, and Lauren, 5.

Hays County Sheriff Paul Hastings said it appeared all four died of gunshot wounds, but said a cause of death would not be released until after autopsies scheduled for today.

A revolver was found in the home, but Hastings would not speculate on whether it had been used in the shootings. There was no sign of forced entry at the home and Hastings would not say whether a suicide note had been found.

"I don't want to have any suggestion that this is a murder-suicide, because we don't know," he said. "All we have is a family who has apparently met death by violent means. We could have four murders."

Co-workers became alarmed when Joost, who handled administrative duties for the Racing Commission, failed to show up at a commission meeting Monday morning. A co-worker and a Hays County constable went to the home, about 10 miles south of Austin, just

before noon. The body of Mrs. Joost, an employee of the surface mining and reclamation division of the Texas Railroad Commission, was found in the master bedroom in bed with her daughter. The son's body was found in his own bedroom, and Joost was found in a hallway bathroom.

Hays County Sheriffs Department spokeswoman Laura Vasquez said investigators found Sunday and Monday morning newspapers in the driveway, "leading them to believe the family had been dead more than 24 hours."

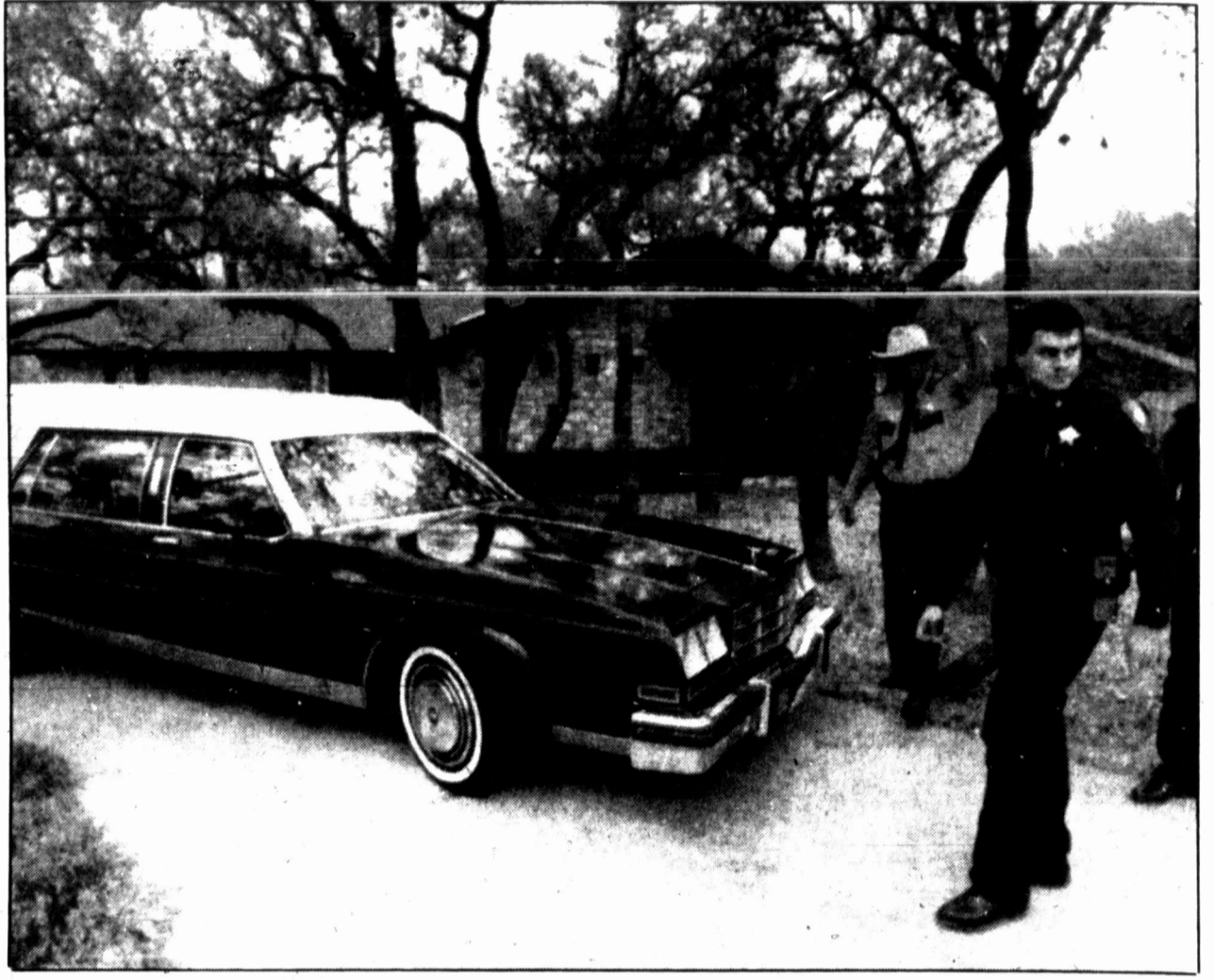
Hastings said officials from the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers had been called in to assist the Hays County Sheriff's office.

Racing commission spokeswoman Angie Roberts said the commission would not comment on Joost's death and referred all questions to law enforcement officials.

She did say Joost was not named in a \$1 billion lawsuit filed Feb. 23 by the Houston Turf Club against the Texas Racing Commission.

The club, which was spurned in its bid to win a license to build a horse racing track, alleges that the commission and other state officials and private individuals conspired to control the racing industry in Texas.

Joost worked at the State Property Tax Board for seven years before joining the Racing Commission late last year.



Associated Press photo

BUDA — Hays County law enforcement officials help a hearse back under a crime scene ribbon at the Buda home of Texas Racing Commission staff

David Joost. Joost, his wife, and their children were found shot to death in the home, according to authorities.

White surges ahead of Richards in poll

AUSTIN (AP) — Ann Richards just won't say no — or yes — to whether she's ever misused drugs, jeopardizing her run for governor.

Among the Democrats, Ms. Richards had been front-runner since entering the race in June, until White pulled ahead in a Feb. 25 poll, which showed him with 34 percent to Ms. Richards' 31 percent. Mattox was third at 17 percent.

With the Democratic primary election a week away, the state treasurer Monday blasted her opponents — former Gov. Mark White and Attorney General Jim Mattox — saying they have ducked questions about their personal finances.

But Ms. Richards wouldn't say whether she's ever used an illegal drug, a question raised at two debates, the first of them two

weeks ago. The question has dogged her ever since.

At a news conference, Ms. Richards, a recovering alcoholic, said she never knowingly committed a felony and repeated a statement she has made before: "I haven't had a mood-altering chemical for 10 years."

On the Republican side, three contenders are trying to keep multimillionaire oilman Clayton Williams from winning the nomination outright without a runoff.

After pumping more than \$4 million of his own into a slick TV campaign, the colorful Williams stood at 45 percent in a Dallas Morning News-Houston Chronicle poll published Feb. 25. If he wins 50 percent in the March 13 balloting, he avoids a runoff election for the GOP nomination to succeed retiring

Republican Gov. Bill Clements.

Richards, who captured national attention at the Democratic National Convention two years ago by describing George Bush as having been born with "a silver foot in his mouth," hasn't displayed a silver tongue on the drug issue, observers have said.

Her tack Monday was to attack her opponents. "I have been sober for 10 years," Ms. Richards said. "Have Jim Mattox and Mark White been honest for 10 years?"

White and Mattox have said they never used illegal drugs, and both on Monday denied any financial improprieties. They said her charges reflect Ms. Richards' fall in recent opinion polls after being the front-runner for months.

"I feel sorry for Ann. Sorry that

she is so desperate that she feels she has to lash out this way with such ridiculous and outrageous charges," White said.

"She's desperate. Her campaign's in a tailspin," said Kelly Fero, press secretary for Mattox's campaign.

On the drug issue, Ms. Richards said, "I feel very sincerely that the continuing dialogue is very destructive. It is destructive for me. It is destructive for other people out there who might seek treatment. The important thing in this time is to put principle above politics."

Ms. Richards, who has made public income tax returns for all years she has been treasurer, criticized White for releasing only his 1988 return and Mattox for keeping all of his confidential.

Collider land buys anticipated

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Energy Department is expected today to give Texas the OK to begin acquiring land for the superconducting super collider, according to published reports.

The department is ready to give the state the "footprint" for the project — the precise amount of land needed in Ellis County to build the 54-mile circumference, underground facility just south of Dallas, unnamed sources told the Dallas Times Herald.

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100-year-old surveyor still on job

FREDERICKSBURG (AP) — Felix Itz drives to work every day as Runnels County surveyor, takes field notes and searches courthouse records.

Nothing much special about that except that Itz turned 100 years old Monday. About 170 people gathered Sunday at the American Legion Hall for a birthday party.

"I'm just piddling around," says Itz, a man of few words.

And asked to explain his long life, Itz replies: "I haven't passed on yet."

Friends and family told the Houston Chronicle they believe Itz is the oldest elected official in Texas.

Itz plans to remain on the job until his current four-year term expires on Dec. 31.

"Grandma always complained that he worked too hard," Nancy Simpson, a granddaughter, says. Itz's wife of 67 years, Zelma, died in 1981.

His son, Milford, 73, already has retired. So has his 87-year-old baby sister, Cora Lehne.

Itz has been hospitalized just once — to have some gallstones removed in 1985. After two weeks, he was back on the job.

He's lived in Ballinger since 1949 although he was born in Fredericksburg, where much of his family still lives. He got his civil engineering degree from Texas A&M University in 1911, making his the school's oldest living alumnus.

He actually retired once — from the state highway department — in 1958 but became tired of that. He ran for the county surveyor's job at the age of 69 and has held it since, without opposition.

It could be that longevity is in his genes. His father lived to be 88; his mother to 92. Both his maternal grandparents made it into their 90s.

Friends are trying to land Itz an appearance on Johnny Carson.



Associated Press photo

FREDERICKSBURG — Runnels County Surveyor Felix Itz, who celebrated his 100th birthday Monday, plans to retire when his four-year term in office ends Dec. 31. Friends and family gathered in Fredericksburg to celebrate his birthday Sunday. They say he is Texas's oldest elected official and may be the oldest in the nation.

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Roads preempt buried bodies

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Workers replacing the city's dusty paths with paved roads will have to exhume about 900 bodies from burial sites overflowing from the unwall boundaries of the municipal cemetery.

The bodies are buried two and three deep just outside the cemetery's borders, workers said. Some of the graves date from as early as 1938.

"They are going to have to dig all of those bones up and bring them inside," said groundskeeper Arnulfo Mederano. He stood on a white painted line where workers are to build the first of the cemetery's new walls.

Outside the line, rows of wooden crosses and cement headstones sprawl toward cinder block houses.

The exhumed bodies can't be moved inside the cemetery because there is little space. The city is considering several options.

Under one plan, the city will put the bones from each grave in a box and put the boxes in a single monument somewhere in the middle of the cemetery.

Please Come Pancake Supper Friday, March 16, 1990 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Howard College Cafetorium. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Big Spring. Benefit: Community Youthwork

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# Nation

## Homeless seize vacant houses

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Homeless people seized and moved into federally-owned vacant houses in three cities, threatening to stay until the government does more to provide affordable housing for the poor.

Activists with the Philadelphia-based Union of the Homeless on Monday took over five houses in Philadelphia and one each in Alexandria, Va., and Detroit, leaders said. Police in New York City thwarted an attempt there to move into a house.

Ronald Darnaby of the

Philadelphia union said the coalition checked with HUD's inventory to identify houses for sale, then discussed the proposed seizures with community leaders.

"We are sick and tired of empty promises," union President Leona Smith said. "The government is more committed to bailing out mismanaged savings and loans banks than to saving and restoring the lives of people who are homeless, chronically unemployed and who are being pressed into a permanent underclass status."

## Court strikes down second flag law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opponents of a new federal law making it a crime to burn the American flag scored another victory when a second federal judge ruled that the statute runs afoul of the Constitution.

But Monday's ruling by U.S. District Judge June Green here also gives proponents of a constitutional amendment to ban flag burning more political ammunition for their cause.

law, saying he was unsure that the statute Congress passed instead would survive court challenges.

So far, Bush and other supporters of a constitutional amendment have been proven correct.

For the second time in three weeks, the law was held unconstitutional by a federal judge and flag-burning charges were dismissed against protesters.

The ruling Monday by Green and a similar one Feb. 21 by U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein in Seattle set the stage for another fight in the Supreme Court over the issue.

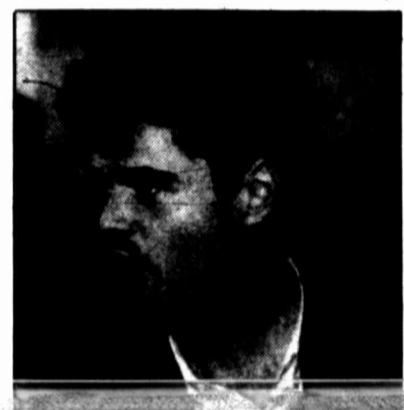
President Bush endorsed the amendment route to undo last year's Supreme Court ruling that struck down a Texas flag-burning

## Singer testifies for warning labels

PHOENIX (AP) — Donny Osmond flashed his perfect teeth, autographed pictures and even sang a little for an Arizona Senate committee. But the lawmakers weren't singing his song when they voted to require warning labels on risqué records.

The Judiciary Committee approved the measure 8-1 Monday.

The recording industry opposes the bill, and Osmond, who acknowledged his "goody-goody" image, was the industry's star witness.



Osmond, wearing a black leather jacket and cowboy boots, said he always had strict morals but had written lyrics that probably would qualify for the warning labels, especially if sung with a different intonation.

The bill's supporters countered with Steve Clifford, an insurance executive who said he had founded the heavy metal group Icon.

DONNY OSMOND

## Some delays reported for computer-filed tax forms

WASHINGTON (AP) — A human error has delayed tax refunds for 53,000 taxpayers who took advantage of the Internal Revenue Service's much-publicized electronic filing system, the IRS said today.

Electronic filers affected by the foul-up who elected to have refunds deposited directly into their bank accounts should receive those refunds by March 12, rather than Feb. 26, said IRS spokesman Frank Keith. Those choosing to take a paper check should have it in hand by March 16, rather than March 2.

"Obviously this is an inconvenience to taxpayers and we regret that," Keith said. He noted, however, that before this glitch, the IRS had been processing returns at a record pace and certifying refunds from paper returns in about five weeks.

Keith said the problem was caused by an employee who delayed

running one day's work at the Cincinnati center through the Martinsburg computer.

More than 2.5 million couples and individuals have filed their returns electronically this year in response to an IRS campaign promising refunds within as little as two weeks. Nationwide electronic filing is available this year for the first time, although it still can be used only by taxpayers who are due a refund.

Under this process, a taxpayer completes his or her own return or hires a professional to do it, and it then is transmitted via telephone directly into an IRS computer. This dramatically reduces the number of errors and saves the IRS time and money by eliminating clerical work.

The foul-up involving 53,000 electronic returns "points up once again the fact that our computer system is antiquated," Keith said.



BEIRUT, Lebanon — Masked gunmen of the Lebanese forces' main Christian militia patrol in a jeep in the Christian enclave of Beirut. At least 750 people have been killed since the intra-Christian war broke out Jan. 30.

## Paper again predicts hostages will be freed

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A Tehran newspaper close to Iran's president said today that 1990 will be the last year of captivity for the hostages in Lebanon, and that resumption of U.S.-Iranian ties is not a precondition for their release.

A recent spate of statements from Iranian newspapers saying the hostages should be released, combined with optimistic assessments by Syrian and other officials, have fueled reports that a hostage release is imminent.

It was the second editorial within two weeks in the English-language Tehran Times saying the 18 Westerners in Lebanon, believed held by pro-Iranian Shiite Moslem factions, should go free without preconditions.

But officials have said they do not expect any immediate release and there have been no statements from the kidnapers themselves.

In the past, the government-owned paper has reflected the thinking of President Hashemi Rafsanjani.

In Washington on Monday, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said there are no grounds for expecting an imminent release, but said many people outside the U.S. government are involved in talks to win their freedom.

The editorial, excerpted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency, denied reports that a trip by the president's brother to the Syrian capital of Damascus last week was related to the hostage question.

Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, who will mark his 5th anniversary in captivity on March 16. Anderson is one of the eight Americans in captivity along with four Britons, two West Germans, two Swiss, an Irishman and an Italian.

Syria is the main power broker in Lebanon, with 40,000 troops there.

Iranian officials have indicated that his thorny issue can be sorted out in the near future in a sincere spirit by sincere people," said the editorial, adding, "1990 can and will be the last year of the captivity of these hostages."

But the factions holding the hostages are said more loyal to radicals in the Tehran government who oppose Rafsanjani, viewing confrontation with the West as the wellspring of the Islamic revolution.

The editorial said an effort was under way to free the hostages because "Islam in no way allows or condones the idea that people should be taken or held hostage."

# World

## Afghan coup attempt fails

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The Afghan defense minister attempted to overthrow the Kremlin-backed government in Kabul today but failed, Kabul radio said. Pakistan-based guerrillas and Western diplomats said they had reports of widespread fighting in Kabul.

In Moscow, official Soviet sources said the palace of President Najib was bombed by unidentified planes, and that there was fighting around the Defense Ministry.

Official Kabul radio, monitored

in Islamabad, said Defense Minister Shah Nawaz Tanai led the attempted coup. Although the attempt was crushed, the radio said, Tanai escaped and security forces were searching for him and his backers.

Najib has been president of Afghanistan since 1986 and has made various offers to the guerrillas, known as mujahedeen or Islamic holy warriors, to try to end the civil war that started when his People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan seized power in a 1978 coup.

## Communists face discrimination

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Many of the 20,000 Communist Party employees who lost their jobs when the party was dissolved are having a hard time finding new work, some because of discrimination, an allied newspaper reported.

most of those people reported to labor offices in need of new jobs.

"The return to normal work is sometimes difficult," the newspaper said.

It implied that part of the problem was an "anti-Communism" bias fueled by local Solidarity leaders.

The provincial and local party secretaries, instructors, drivers, clerical workers, porters and others employed by the party were fired when the discredited Communist Party dissolved itself in January.

"A director of an enterprise, uncertain of his own future, is not that eager to hire former employees of the party apparatus," the Trybuna article said. "He is simply afraid that at some point somebody might accuse him of maintaining contacts with the former Communist Party."

Trybuna, the newspaper of the Social Democracy party that replaced the former ruling party,

## Troops try to stop rioting in Ciskei

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South African paratroopers attempted today to end massive rioting and looting in the Ciskei homeland that left at least 20 people dead and more than 550 injured in the wake of a military coup.



COUP LEADER OUPA GQUZOZO

Rioting erupted after the Ciskei army ousted the nominally independent homeland's authoritarian president in a bloodless coup.

Sunday's coup was widely acclaimed by those Ciskeians who opposed the old government because of its authoritarian rule and repression.

The coup leaders said they favor returning Ciskei to South Africa. Many blacks accuse South Africa's white minority government of creating such homelands to try to restrict blacks to the underdeveloped parts of the country.

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# Unreforming legal services

"I am not a reformer," pledged George Wittgraf, the Iowa attorney George Bush has tapped as the new chairman of the federal government's beleaguered Legal Services Corp. That's good news, because in the twisted jargon of the political far right, when it comes to giving legal aid to the poor the word "reform" has become synonymous with destruction.

Demolishing the agency Wittgraf now heads, which supports 325 legal aid programs across the country, is one of the great unfinished items on the Reagan administration's social agenda. Ronald Reagan himself had pursued that goal ever since he was governor. But Congress and the courts refused to go along, and Reagan was reduced to appointing to the agency's board of directors so-called reformers, who were committed to doing everything possible to obstruct its operations.

With Reagan gone, there was hope that George Bush might dismiss the wrecking crew and help get the program back on track. Bush's first nominee to head the board, former Virginia Rep. M. Caldwell Butler, however, ran into heavy opposition from Reagan loyalists last summer when he refused to toe their line and promise to deny legal assistance to poor women seeking abortions. Butler eventually withdrew, and Reagan's holdovers on the board and on the staff have been using their time and the public's money to lobby Congress and the president for their own conservative slate of nominees.

To his credit, Bush has resisted those appeals and recently replaced the entire board with panelists of his own choosing. His manner of doing so commands less respect, however, because the president used his emergency powers under the Constitution to make all of these appointments while Congress was in recess. That way Bush avoids having to ask the Senate to confirm any of them, at least for the time being.

That's unfortunate because, after all the abuse the corporation has suffered these past eight years, its future role merits the kind of careful, open review that Congress is supposed to provide. Instead, Bush raced these appointments under the wire, just 18 hours before Congress reconvened. Most observers at various points on the political spectrum describe the board as a mixed bag consisting mostly of political unknowns. But while it's true that even an undistinguished panel would be an improvement over Reagan's idealogues, this was a shabby way to begin rebuilding public confidence in an important program that deserves better treatment.

# Let's make a deal

By ART BUCHWALD

Ortega's defeat in Nicaragua was a brilliant win for the free enterprise system. I thought that there would be rejoicing at the Treasury Department, but all I saw were grim faces.

"Why the sadness?" I asked Hardin Beaver.

"The democratic forces overwhelmed the Communist left, and we now have to deal with another friendly nation in this hemisphere," he wept.

"So what's the problem?"

"Do you know how much it will cost us to get Nicaragua on its feet?"

"A lot. Where are you going to get the aid?"

"We have no choice. We'll take it from the money we promised El Salvador."

"Won't El Salvador be upset?"

"Why should they? The funds weren't theirs to start with. It was money we had originally set aside for Poland."

"Financial aid really moves around," I said.

"It's not our fault that everyone is declaring themselves free at the same time. There is just so much orange juice you can squeeze out of a kumquat."

"Yet it has always been the dream of the United States to have a world full of democratic countries."

Hardin told me, "Not all within a few months. Totalitarian regimes don't cost anything. Give people freedom and you get stuck with one helluva bill."

"At least when we gave money to the Contras, we didn't have to worry about financing an entire country," I remarked.

"We're very mad at the CIA," Hardin confided. "They should have let us know what was going to happen at the beginning of the fiscal year."



I tried to defend the agency. "The CIA can't know everything. All the spook agents were squirrelled away in the totalitarian governments. They didn't care what the opposition forces were doing because they were sure that they couldn't overthrow a village post office."

"The dilemma is that nobody expected so many countries to come over to our side in one bite. We're as much for democracy as anyone, but they all expect us to build them Disney World."

"The only reason that happened," I declared, "is because the Voice of America told its listeners that if they threw off their chains, we'd pick up the lunch check."

Hardin said, "Well, we're telling the State Department to cool it. We've established a quota on freedom-loving people. They going to be stuck with despots in Cuba until we can take care of Paraguay and Peru."

"That isn't going to make us look too good."

"It isn't a question of looking good or not. We don't have enough money for park benches in Panama. What do we do when the Bulgarians come to us with a tin cup?"

"Turn them over to the private sector," I suggested. "The government can't do everything."

"What about the loyal friends who have been democratic for a long time? Do we cut them off from foreign aid to take care of the nouveau free?" Hardin asked.

"If we don't — who will?"

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



# Voters apathetic about pay raises

By STEVEN KOMAROW  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House of Representatives' legislative agenda is so light you could hear a bill drop. But you don't hear second thoughts about the record pay raise the lawmakers gave themselves last fall.

The plan to boost House salaries by one-third by 1991 was so sensitive that only extraordinary cooperation by House Republicans and Democrats and President Bush made passage possible. The two parties even agreed to punish their own candidates if they raise the issue in this year's House elections.

Now, eight months before election day, the deal is holding. House salaries have quietly risen from \$89,500 to \$96,600. The foremost question in the Capitol is whether the Senate, which took a similar "cost of living" raise this year, will join the House's decision to take a hefty 25 percent pay installment next January.

If senators look toward the House to judge the political winds, they'll find comforting, balmy breezes.

Both Democratic and Republican leadership offices say constituent mail on the issue has slowed to a trickle.

So far, no one has introduced legislation to repeal the House raise.

Last fall, 174 members of the 435-member House voted against it. But even in that group, the pay plan may be settling in comfortably.

Roll Call, Capitol Hill's local newspaper, found 65 of those who voted against the pay raise now say



they'll keep the dough. Only 15 said they would give it all back to the Treasury. The bulk of the others either were undecided or didn't respond.

Rep. Dick Arme, R-Texas, voted against the pay raise. But having lost that battle, he has no intention of bringing the issue up in the House next year.

"He's obviously doing a better job than 99 percent of the guys up here," says his spokesman, Ed Gillespie. "He votes against a lot of federal programs as well, but once they are funded he wants to make sure his constituents get a fair share. It doesn't make sense to do a better job than your colleagues and get paid less, and his constituents would agree."

Some who voted against the raise decline to return the money to the Treasury but instead promise to turn the money over to charity. They can score political points both for turning down the raise and as philanthropists.

For example, Rep. Jim Jontz, D-Ind., is turning down this year's pay raise as he did the previous boost. He's putting the money into a scholarship fund he set up in his congressional district to provide stipends to deserving students.

The pay raise was such a big issue with the public in early 1989 that it helped topple former House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas. Is it

possible that voters have slipped into apathy?

Marshall Taylor of the National Taxpayers' Union says the public memory isn't as short as the politicians might like and his group doesn't consider next January's pay hike "a fait accompli."

"It's kind of seething below the surface with voters," he said. "This ticks a lot of people off," he said, and should be a campaign issue even if the two parties try to avoid it.

People who vote against the pay and then keep the money are another issue. It's "kind of hypocritical," Taylor said. "What went on record, but, hey, I'll take more?"

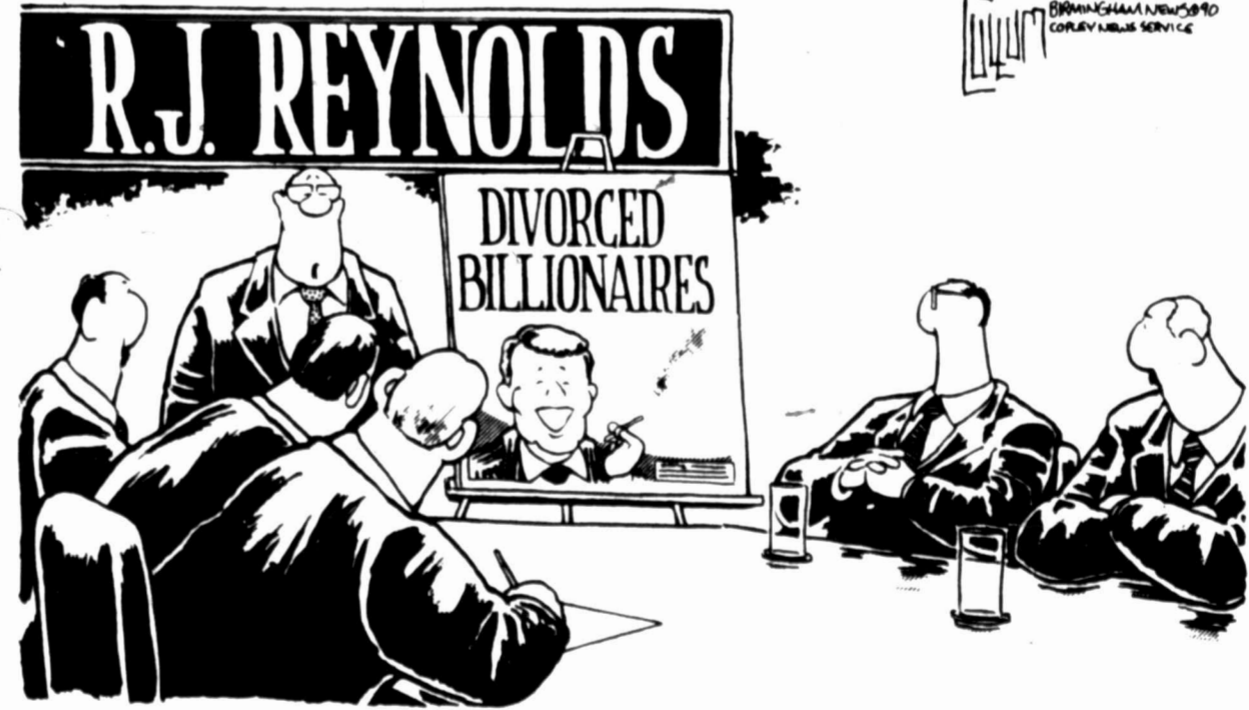
While slumbering now, the pay issue is almost certain to heat up as the year goes on.

The Senate, unless it takes action, faces the uncomfortable prospect of being paid less than the House. And several senators including Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Timothy Wirth, D-Colo., are pushing to ban senators from paid speechmaking, as the House will do next year. Such a ban on outside earnings would further increase pressure for a salary hike.

The Senate is so politically fearful but so loath to fall behind the House that there's already talk of a pay raise bill in a lame-duck session after the November election.

The permutations which arise with the pay raise issue can be baffling.

In Roll Call's House survey, several respondents said they would keep the 25 percent pay raise in 1991 only if they were re-elected. So if they lose, they'll give it back?



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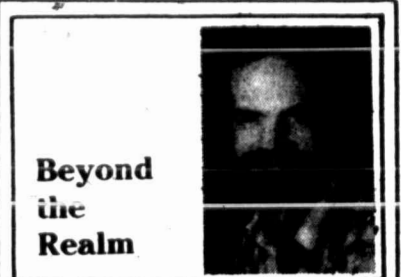
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done that was so wrong... His argument amounted to: 'Everyone cheats and as long as I do it well, I won't get caught and will succeed in society.' — Arthur Levine, chairman of Harvard University's Institute for Educational Management.

"It involves a great deal of self-abuse, bodies being flung around the room, excrement, assumed voices — it's pretty vile stuff." — the Rev. James T. Burtchell, theology professor at Notre Dame University, describing exorcism after Cardinal John J. O'Connor said two were performed in the New York Archdiocese last year.

"Anti-Japanese sentiment in the United States is rising fast... Japan has a choice. It can either follow the lead of the rest of the world and open its markets or it can keep its markets closed and have the rest of the world follow its lead." — Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., testifying at a congressional hearing on trade relations with Japan.

"One student who was caught couldn't understand what he'd



# Neither black nor white

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Random notes while wondering whatever happened to Pet Rocks:

While watching a basketball game between Happy and Channing recently, I spotted the following poster on the Channing side of the gym:

"Don't Worry, Beat Happy"

The slogan was accompanied by a huge happy face — complete with a bullet hole in the forehead.

And they say it's only a game.

Everytime I listen to Billy Joel's "I Go to Extremes," I become more convinced that my life has a soundtrack.

The line that holds particular meaning to me is the one that goes "I'm either wrong or perfectly right all the time." When I die, that might just make a fitting inscription on my tombstone.

When one works in such a highly visible job as a reporter, people tend to have wildly divergent views on your performance.

When I'm either an extremely gifted writer, or a shameless exploiter of sensationalism. Now, I don't know about the other yellow journalists in the newsroom, but I tend to believe I fall somewhere between the two examples.

But I guess I'm not the only one who can identify with Joel's song.

Judging by the deluge of letters we've received concerning the Max Green episode, one could conclude that Mayor Green is either a tireless watchdog for the community or an insensitive brute that abuses what authority he has.

The same could be said of the opinions expressed concerning Carrie Dunnam, one of the leaders in the recall drive that's seeking to oust Mayor Max from office.

Some people have depicted her as a courageous citizen bravely battling the "good of boy" network in an effort to bring effective government to our fair city.

Still others have stopped just short of calling her a foolish ninny who has no business getting involved in the whole mess.

The point I'm getting at is that this whole recall business has become rather nasty in nature.

I guess when one is considering removing an official from office, a certain amount of name calling and hurt feelings are to be expected, but some of the stuff is getting way out of hands, folks.

Neither Mayor Green or Ms. Dunnam, I suspect, qualify as either saint or sinner. They are both, to the best of my knowledge, decent individuals who are doing their respective jobs the best way they see fit.

What they — or anybody else, for that matter — doesn't need is for a bunch of short-fused yahoos to go around slinging mud at the opposition.

The possibility of removing the mayor from office is — or should be — a sobering thought, requiring us to give the matter the most serious consideration we can muster.

We should consider one thing, and one thing only: Has the mayor's job performance been unsatisfactory enough to warrant his removal from office.

Let's consider that issue, and leave the personality conflicts in the closet.

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# Names in the news

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Spike Lee says sex, not race, will generate a lot of heat in his new film, "Mo' Better Blues." "The audience may squirm," Lee said in the March 5 issue of People magazine. The \$10 million film starring Denzel Washington is about a trumpet player torn between his love of music and his desire for two women, a singer played by Cyndia Williams and a Harlem schoolteacher played by Lee's sister, Joie. Joie Lee said she had no problem working with her brother in scenes that called for nudity. "When he said, 'Okay, take off your top,' I just did it. It's not perverse," she said.



SPIKE LEE

SUZY CHAFFEE

Williams said the love scenes are tasteful, "but when I think of going to see the movie with my parents and grandparents, it freaks me out."

**RUTLAND, Vt. (AP)** — Former Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee has been touring the country speaking out against animal-rights activists who would ban the sale of fur coats.

For the past three years, Chaffee, 43, has helped design and promote a collection of fur-lined skiwear called Suzy Chaffee Sport Furs. She spoke in Aspen, Colo., before the recent defeat of a proposed ordinance that would have banned the sale of furs in the resort community, and has been appearing on talk shows. "My credibility is very important to me, and I feel I am really being responsible to the animals and to nature and to the environment because trapping them is better than letting them die the disease-and-starvation route," she said. Chaffee, better known to the public as "Suzy Chapstick" because of her television commercial for lip balm, skied in the 1968 Winter Olympics

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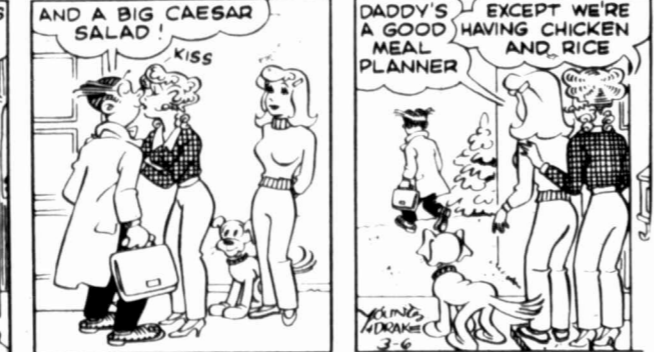
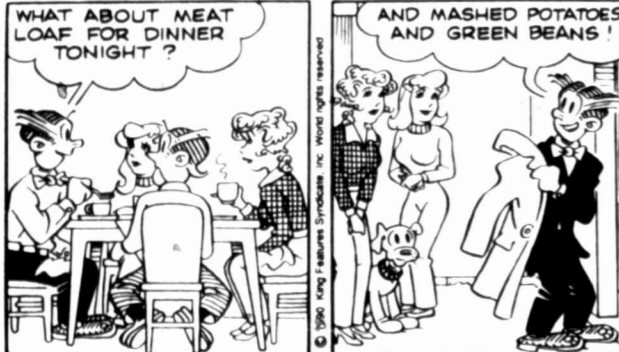
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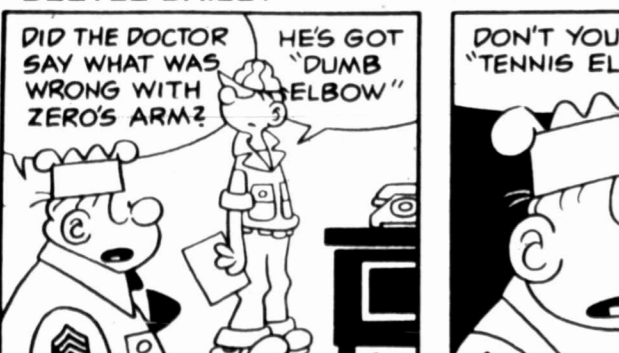
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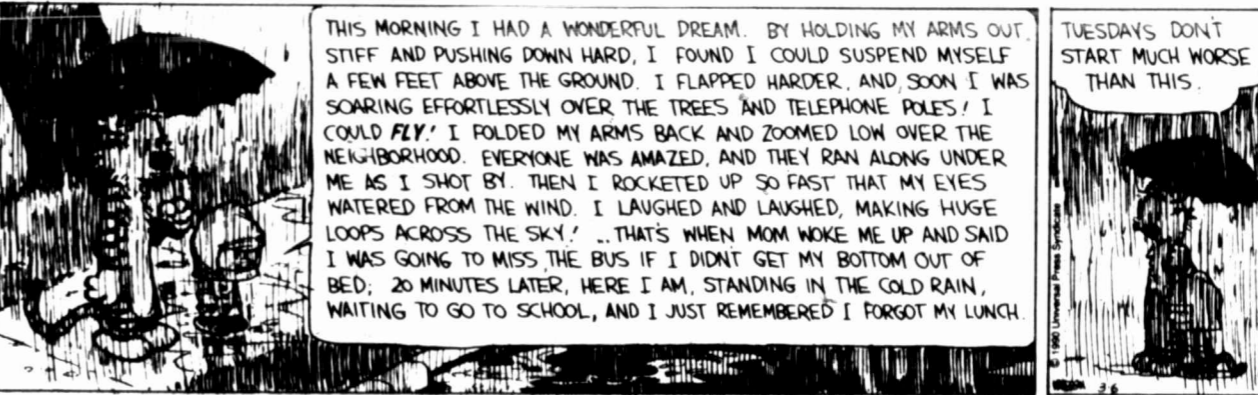
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Try not to be so demanding. You will lose your bounce unless you lighten your load. Cut down on night life and concentrate on work that can advance your career. Avoid overindulgence.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** During the next few days, you will tend to view life through rose-colored glasses. A stronger appreciation for art and music is part of the picture. Devote more time to self-improvement activities.

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## ON THE SIDE:

### Condition unchanged

ABILENE — Family members are awaiting the results of a CAT scan taken here this morning on Brandon McAnally, 15, who was wounded in the head in a Feb. 25 hunting accident near his grandparents' house in Stonewall County.

He remains in critical condition but is stable, said his father Billy McAnally, this morning. He has been sedated at Hendrick Memorial Trauma Center since the accident and has therefore not regained consciousness.

Barring complications, the .22-caliber bullet, which is lodged in the back of his head, will not be removed.

"Right now we're just waiting on the results," Billy said of the CAT scan which was taken at 8:30 a.m.

### Father of our debt?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — George Washington could not tell a lie, but he apparently could leave behind a whopping debt.

An ancestor of Jacob DeHaven, who lent Washington \$450,000 worth of gold and supplies in 1777, is looking for repayment of the loan.

With interest, the bill comes to \$105.3 billion.

"If I owed the government this money, I would be expected to pay the principal, interest and any penalties that might have been incurred," said Carolyn Cokerham of San Antonio.

Ms. Cokerham is one of nearly 2,000 living descendants of DeHaven, who made the loan to Washington to help defeat the British in the Revolutionary War.

After the war, the government offered to repay DeHaven's loan in continentals, the then-worthless currency of the fledgling country. But DeHaven refused and later died penniless.

Ms. Cokerham and his other descendants have tried unsuccessfully to get the money repaid throughout the years.

Jo Beth Kloecker, an attorney handling the case, said the U.S. Claims Court in Washington last month dismissed the lawsuit because the debt is more than 6 years old. She appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Ms. Cokerham claims her grandmother once had a contract signed by Washington promising repayment and 6 percent interest compounded annually. She said she'd like to receive some money, but she really wants her day in court.

"I want the government to admit that this was a debt of honor made by a patriotic man," she said. "I hope it will be addressed in my lifetime, but it has been 213 years."

### Sleeping Beauty sues

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — News flash: Walt Disney doesn't operate in Florida.

That's what Walt Disney Co. lawyers say in response to a lawsuit by Mary Costa, the voice of Sleeping Beauty. She wants a cut of the \$29 million she says the entertainment giant has earned on the 1986 videotape version of the tale.

"The Walt Disney Co. is not qualified to do business in Florida and does not do business in Florida," said Disney Vice President Doris Smith said in papers filed in state court.

But what about Walt Disney World near Orlando, which has been in operation since 1971 and draws millions of visitors every year?

"Of course (Walt Disney Co.) owns subsidiaries that are present and do business in Florida," Disney lawyer Luis Bustamante said in court papers. But he said, "To uphold this (state court) order would be to declare that (Walt Disney Co.) can be sued in any state where people can buy Disney videocassettes or Mickey Mouse sweatshirts." The company wants the case heard in California.

The argument didn't sway the Palm Beach County Circuit Court, which ruled in favor of Ms. Costa, a Palm Beach opera singer.

## Officials seek landfill permit

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

STANTON — City and county representatives will meet with state health officials in Austin Wednesday to ask them to grant a landfill permit ahead of schedule so county residents will not find themselves without a landfill next year.

Hauling trash to a landfill in another county would cost more than \$100,000 a year, a city official said.

The city and county applied for a permit for a new city-county landfill in January with the Texas Department of Health but right now it takes an average of more than two years for one to be granted, said T.A. Outlaw, the chief of permitting for the solid waste management division.

In 1989 it took 844 days on the average for the 19 permits that were issued, he said. There are 40 to 50 landfill permits in the state pending right now.

Local officials are faced with closing the present landfill in Stanton within 18 months of when new federal landfill regulations go into effect. The regulations will require stringent and costly closure procedures which may be expanded from five to 35 years. The Environmental Protection Agency regulations are expected to go into effect in May.



STANTON — The Stanton landfill is shown in this file photo.

Herald photo by Carla Welch

"We're afraid we're not going to have a permit to open a new one," Stanton Mayor Danny Fryar said of the conflicting deadlines. Their only other alternative would be to haul their trash to another landfill,

he said. At a charge of \$7 to \$11 dollars per ton of trash, it could cost the city alone around \$22,000 just to dump their trash at the Midland landfill for a year, said City Ad-

ministrator Paul Lively. Collection and transportation costs would be more than \$100,000 a year.

Besides the 2,500 people living in Stanton, there are another 2,100 liv-

## Stamp prices to rise

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service is about to launch the complex process of adding a nickel to the price of mailing a letter.

With a record \$1.6 billion loss looming in this fiscal year, Postmaster General Anthony M. Frank says the increase is necessary.

He was proposing increases today in all classes of mail, with the charge for first class likely to go from a quarter to 30 cents next year. That would be somewhat more than the rate of inflation, says Frank, who promises to hold down postal service spending in coming years.

Unlike a store manager, however, Frank can't simply slap a new price tag on the goods.

The proposal must go to the independent Postal Rate Commission, which has 10 months to

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## Kidnapping angers woman's relatives

By RUTH COCHRAN  
City Editor

BIG SPRING — Kidnap victim Lanette Lister still hasn't been found, and her family is angry at the justice system they feel allowed the abduction, as well as at the man who did it.

Lister, 27, was kidnapped at gunpoint Sunday night from a local church by her estranged husband, James Henry Lister, according to police reports. By press time today, neither Lister had been found by area law enforcement agencies. A warrant for aggravated kidnapping has been issued for James Lister's arrest.

Records show it's not the first time James Lister, 33, has been charged with abducting his wife from the church, and Lanette Lister's family and friends can't understand how this could have happened a second time.

Lisa Brooks, director of the Rape Crisis/Victim's Services Center, said Lanette Lister came to the center for help after James Lister was charged with aggravated kidnapping the first time. In the Aug. 15 incident, Lister dragged his wife from the church, drove around with her for several hours then beat her before releasing her, Brooks said.

Lanette Lister pressed charges, and in January James Lister was indicted, Brooks said. On Feb. 15, Lanette Lister filed for divorce from her husband — and just days later he apparently came to see his wife, Brooks said.

The Midland man kicked in the door of the apartment where Lanette Lister was staying, and police records show he was arrested and charged with class A assault, burglary of a habitation, terroristic threats, resisting arrest and tampering with a witness.

Brooks said James Lister was held in jail until Feb. 21, when 118th District Judge James Gregg, who has since retired, released him on a \$5,000 bond for the burglary charge. Gregg set personal recognizance bonds on the other charges — all misdemeanors, according to court records.

It was just weeks later that James Lister burst into the church, kidnapped his wife at gunpoint and drove away with her.

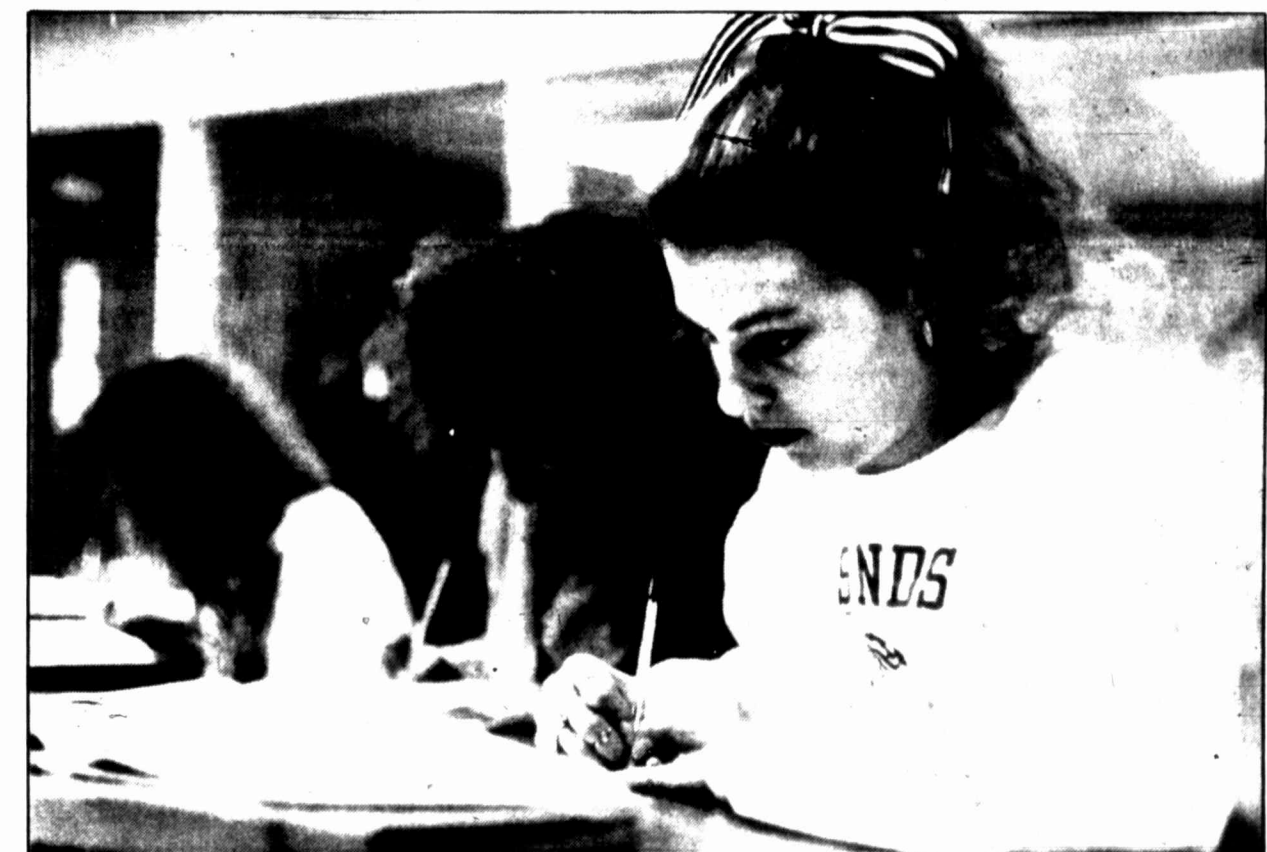
Sarah Pollard, Lanette's sister, said the Lister's 10-year marriage has followed a pattern of abuse. Pollard said she just hopes that James Lister has not harmed her sister.

"That's something we don't know," Pollard said of her sister's condition. "If he's as raging as he was (Sunday) night when he got her, then he's liable to do something to her."

"She's probably so scared she doesn't know what to do."

Pollard, who is keeping the Lister's three young children — a 9-year-old boy and 7- and 4-year-old girls — feels the kidnapping could have been avoided. Court authorities should have listened to Lanette Lister's pleas, Pollard

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ACKERLY — Heather Schuelke, a senior at Sands High, practices shorthand. She is one of 11 students in a shorthand course at the school. The course is being offered this school year for the first time in about 20 years.

Herald photo by John McMillan

## Shorthand-ing it at Sands

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — When Priscilla Franco hands a note to her friend Heather Schuelke between classes at Sands High, she doesn't have to worry about anyone else reading it.

Franco, a senior, writes her notes in shorthand, and that might as well be Greek to most students

at the school.

"I write to Heather a lot and we'll talk about what we did (over the) weekend," Franco said.

"Mostly we talk about our boyfriends," said Schuelke, also a senior.

Franco and Schuelke are among the 11 students in a shorthand course being taught this semester.

The two-semester course, which began last fall, is the first in about 20 years at Sands High that is devoted to shorthand, said Ricky Mantooth, principal of the school.

The course is taught by Kathy Barton, who is in her first year at Sands as a business education teacher. Mantooth said the school

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## Polish officials learn about Chicago-style government

By LINDSEY TANNER  
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CHICAGO (AP) — This city whose political scandals have made national headlines is teaching the tricks of the trade to Polish officials seeking an American model for restructuring their government.

What might sound like a joke to some is part of a program aimed at helping Poland implement democratic reforms in local government after nearly half a century of Communist rule.

"Of all the problems Chicago has had with its reputation — much of it deserved — as a place that has problems governmentally and politically, it also has a lot of pluses," said Paul Green, a political scientist at Governors State University in suburban University Park.

"And if you want to see where the game's really played for keeps,

why go to someplace where they eat quiche?"

Despite the Communist-led government's stunning defeat in last June's elections, "local government still remains in the hands of the Communist apparatus," said Robert Repel, an aide to Mayor Richard M. Daley.

Supporters of democracy hope to change that in elections set for May. So three Polish reformers have come to the United States to learn how democratic local governments operate.

Chicago, one of several cities on their U.S. tour, was chosen because it's Warsaw's sister city and has more Poles than any city outside of Warsaw, Repel said.

The reputation for crooked politics in the Windy City (so named because of long-winded politicians of old) was "not at all" among topics discussed, Repel said

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## Sign in, please

BIG SPRING — Former Stanton High School basketball star Kelli Glaspie, far right, who now plays for the Howard College Lady Hawks, signs a

team picture along with teammates Cindy Williams, left, and Kim Robinson during an autograph session for the team here Saturday.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

