

Big Spring Herald

Thursday

Area weather: Thunderstorms developing tonight and continuing Friday. A little warmer Friday. Low tonight in the lower 60s. High Friday in the mid 90s. The high yesterday was 93, the low was 57.

At the crossroads of West Texas

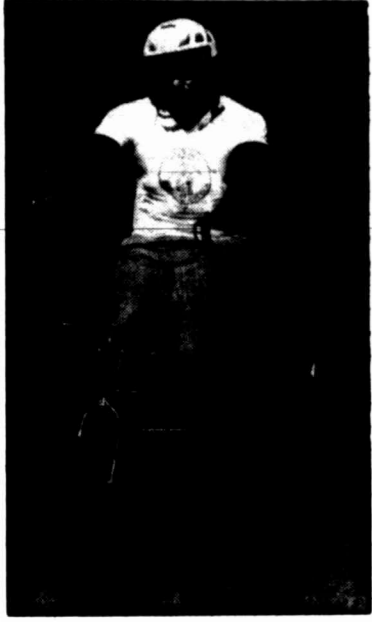
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Across the U.S.

ODESSA — Rob Bryant, a 35-year-old paraplegic, rows his row-cycle across a church parking lot where he stopped on his cross-country trip to talk to the parishioners. Bryant left Los Angeles on April 2 on his 3,360-mile journey to Washington, D.C., accompanied by his brother, who is riding a bicycle, and his sister-in-law, who is driving the companion vehicle. Bryant expects to arrive in the nation's capital around the end of July.

Grass fires keep firefighters busy

HOWARD COUNTY — Two grassfires out in the county kept the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department busy yesterday and this morning, Fire Chief C. Roy Wright said.

A grassfire behind the Hilltop Grocery Store on North Birdwell Lane burned a quarter-acre of land Wednesday and had to be fought by hand because of heavy tree growth, Wright said. The Jonesboro VFD was called out at 2:43 p.m. and had the fire under control by 3:15 p.m. Wright said the fire's cause was suspicious.

Coahoma and Sand Springs VFD units fought a grassfire on the Bud Rankin ranch that scorched 15 acres of land this morning. The units extinguished the blaze by 2:56 a.m., Wright said. He believes an electrical problem started the fire.

Planning underway for city festival

BIG SPRING — The Heart of the City Festival, slated for June 2, is in the planning stages.

Over 40 booths have been reserved, including food, art, work and gifts. Events such as bellydancing, gunfighting, and children's puppet shows, face painting and pizza eating contests are in the works.

For booth space or to plan an event, call 267-4801. Time is running out and booth space may be limited, so get on the schedule as soon as possible, organizers advised.

Escapee is still at large

BIG SPRING — The U.S. Marshall has no leads in the case of escaped Big Spring Federal Prison Camp inmate Robert L. Ross, 49, according to Ann Beasley, assistant warden of the camp.

Ross left the custody of a prison trusty at a Midland fast food restaurant after a doctor's appointment at about 11 a.m. April 4. He was serving 90 months for conspiracy to possess, import and distribute cocaine. His tentative release date was April 4, 1992, before he made his escape.

Ross is a white male, 6 feet tall and 200 pounds, with brown hair and hazel eyes. Anyone with information about his whereabouts is encouraged to call the U.S. Marshall at 1-800-336-0102.

Dorton: 911 meets legal requirements

By RUTH COCHRAN
City Editor

BIG SPRING — Although criticism of the 911 emergency telephone system has been leveled by Sheriff A.N. Standard, its director contends the service being delivered to all Howard County homes meets legal standards of identification — name and phone number.

Executive Director Carl Dorton explained that the Howard County 911 District, which became operational in March, provides the information to call-takers that is legally required: the name and the telephone number of the person on whose phone the emergency call is made. Beyond that level, he said, 15 percent of Howard County residents currently do not enjoy the

"You just can't find anybody by using their route and box number so you have to physically go out and renumber the county." — Carl Dorton, 911 director.

additional service of having their numbered address appear on the 911 monitor.

The board has directed completion of those remaining addresses within 12 months.

Standard has complained about the lack of complete addressing for rural residents. If information appearing on the 911 monitor shows only the person's name and number, he says, valuable time is wasted asking for their address.

Complicating matters, he says, is that addresses in the county are

haphazard or not available and they don't always indicate a caller's location. Although Dorton says none of the information included in the 911 computer system lists route and box numbers, Standard maintains that his dispatchers have received information giving routes and box numbers.

"I think addressing is what they should have agreed to do in the very beginning," Standard said. "When the call came up on the screen, they'd know exactly what road, what number, what house.

This is what they agreed to do in the beginning."

Dorton agrees that addressing is a problem. However, he said, the last of the addressing has proven difficult.

"We should have already done that, I know," Dorton said. "It's taking too long, but the peanut butter's spread too thin.

"I'm working by myself. With other things to do, it's hard to concentrate strictly on addressing. It takes a long time."

When 911 "sold" the system to

the citizens of Howard County, "we promised it would be an enhanced system," he said. That means a computer monitor provides a readout giving the name and telephone number of the person calling. The 911 board later decided to include the address of the person.

"We had no idea it would be so difficult," Dorton said.

He said the 911 board of directors has asked him to complete addressing within one year.

A grid system has been developed for the county to create mile-long blocks, similar to city blocks, Dorton said. The 911 system is using the railroad tracks and U.S. Highway 87 as starting points to make "county blocks."

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MCHRC employee replaced

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Efforts by local health officials since December to get permission to fill a frozen vacant manager position at the Martin County Health Resource Center have been successful.

As a result, two canceled programs, which include screening for chronic diseases in Stanton as well as some outreach clinics to Glasscock County, will probably be reinstated sometime this fall, said Mary Urquidez, the Midland district director who oversees four counties, including Martin County.

Marilyn Chapman of Greenwood, hired as head nurse in April, will begin working May 31. The position had previously remained unfilled due to a statewide Texas Department of Health hiring freeze in effect since January because of a \$12 million fund deficit.

Chapman's hiring followed a story in March in the Stanton Herald which ran in conjunction with a project by Urquidez to collect information on what services would suffer due to the unfilled position. The information was passed on to the TDH Region 3 director of nurses in El Paso.

TDH Region 3 Director Gordon Cox told the Herald at that time that they would give it their "best shot" to convince officials with the state office in Austin to make an exception for the position in Stanton.

"It took quite a bit of justification to the commissioners and associate commissioners and the board of health," Cox said Wednesday. "But it's just a matter of paper work and we did our thing."

He said the Stanton position was one of four in the 36-county district that they were able to get unfrozen.

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Herald photos by Tim Appel

Already at work

BIG SPRING — Only one day after an official groundbreaking ceremony for the Heritage Museum expansion project, bulldozers and dump trucks were on the scene scraping away

dirt and carrying it away. The \$450,000 project, which will triple the capacity of the current museum, should be completed by February 1991.

Congressional panel pushes for increased flood aid

By EVAN RAMSTAD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A congressional committee's increase of disaster aid in a spending bill may mean more money for Texas flood victims, officials say.

"Congressmen and senators who are working on the emergency bill have recognized that the floods which are ravaging Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana will require rapid response," Sen. Phil Gramm said after the action by a House-Senate conference committee Wednesday.

The committee raised aid above the levels of both the House and Senate versions of the supplemental appropriations bill. Other provisions of the bill must be ironed out before it returns to the full Congress.

Texans in Congress, trying to help the state recover from its worst flood in 80 years, pushed for the increase.

"We're making sure that there are no fund shortages," said Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Lufkin.

Since May 3, the government has sent more than \$400,000 to Texas flood victims, a spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management

Agency said Wednesday.

The money is the first of millions expected to reach the state from federal sources, officials said.

A large share of that money will be administered by FEMA, which is also acting as a clearinghouse for other federal aid sources. Its 100 operators answering a toll-free phone line begin the relief process for victims.

"Those people do an incredible job," said Rep. Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs.

The agency opened an emergency office in Stephenville May 3 and will open one in Beaumont next week, spokesman George Burgess said from Stephenville.

Last year, FEMA provided \$35.3 million to Texas victims of floods, including the one caused by Tropical Storm Allison. Other federal agencies boosted the total relief figure by millions, said Carl Suchocki of FEMA in Washington.

He said it was too early to know how much aid will be given in this flood.

On Wednesday, FEMA expanded the presidential disaster area by four counties to 33. More additions are likely. In addition, counties that

adjoin any covered by the presidential declaration are eligible for agricultural aid.

Among the federal agencies now offering help in Texas: Small Business Administration, Internal Revenue Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Gramm, R-Texas, will lead federal aid officials on a tour of flooded areas Friday.

Texans have received government help for hurricanes, tornadoes, drought and flood in recent years, but the current disaster is different, officials said.

"This thing comes over, covers us up," Chapman said. "We're drowning and the water won't go down. That's the tough thing about this one."

"This is much worse," said Wilson.

Asked if the government could do something beyond immediate, short-term aid, he said: "The only long-term solution I know is constant prayer and hoping that the water doesn't all come at once."

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Associated Press photo

CLEVELAND — Nancy Gilbert, an American Red Cross volunteer, does her best to relieve some of the pain of the Trinity River flood by handing out sandwiches and juices to Gayle and M.A. Bradley Wednesday near the Sam Houston Lake Estates.

Nation

Hatch: Margin forces Bush's hand

WASHINGTON (AP) — The overwhelming Senate vote for a nearly \$3 billion bill to help states and cities cope with AIDS expenses will encourage President Bush to find room for the spending in the federal budget, a key Republican backer says.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he believes White House officials will drop any reservations about the bill's cost when they hold budget deliberations with congressional leaders, in part because of the breadth of the Senate's 95-4 vote Wednesday.

"I think basically they wanted to see how the bill would ultimately

sift out. They now know, at least from the Senate standpoint," Hatch said.

"We're very hopeful... that the White House will see the merits of it and will help to include it in the summit agreement. And I have no doubt that they will," he said.

Hatch, a leading conservative, joined with liberal Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in sponsoring the AIDS bill.

The measure now goes to the House, where a similar but bigger version awaits floor action. Lobbyists for AIDS groups were optimistic about its chances there.

U.S. considers Contra feeding plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, worried that 14,000 Nicaraguan Contras may run out of food, has developed a contingency plan to feed the rebels for a month, U.S. officials say.

The administration hoped Congress would have approved by now a \$300 million Nicaragua aid proposal that includes food supplies for the Contras, and President Bush complained on Wednesday about "procedural gridlock" on Capitol Hill.

As a stopgap measure, the administration is expected to take between \$1 million and \$1.5 million from aid programs to other countries in order to help

feed the Contras, said the U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified.

Democrats indicated Wednesday that it was unlikely the aid requested by the administration would be passed before the end of next week when Congress is scheduled to begin its Memorial Day recess. But at a news conference, Bush urged lawmakers to stay through the holiday weekend to complete the bill.

The package also includes \$420 million for Panama's five-month-old government. Bush blasted Congress for piling on scores of domestic spending proposals "that have nothing to do with Panama and Nicaragua."

Arizona governor signs King bill

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona has a new Martin Luther King holiday on the books, but the 15-year struggle that cost the state millions in lost convention business isn't over yet.

Opponents of the holiday said their campaign to put the issue before the voters would begin today, one day after Gov. Rose Mofford signed a bill creating a paid holiday in King's honor for state employees.

The House passed the bill 35-25. The Senate passed it 16-14 on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mofford cut short a trip to Tucson to fly back to Phoenix and sign the bill hours after it won final passage in the House.

Controversy over it has dogged the state's politicians for years.



KING DAY SUPPORTERS



Swastika in churchyard

VILLARET, Switzerland — Eighteen gravestones in a small village's churchyard north of Yverdon were painted with swastikas and David stars, probably during the night from Tuesday to Wednesday. The churchyard lays aside Villaret, a hamlet of about 30 inhabitants.

Rights bill for the disabled considered

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation guaranteeing the civil rights of at least 43 million disabled Americans was up for House action today.

Hailed widely as the most significant civil rights legislation since the 1960s, the Americans With Disabilities Act was considered certain to pass.

The bill handily cleared all four House committees that have jurisdiction over it. The Senate passed the measure last September by a 76-8 vote.

More recently, President Bush urged its quick passage, although the administration objects to a key proposal — how to punish employers who violate the law. One section of the bill could make it possible for employers to be sued for damages.

"Disabled citizens have waited long enough for equality," Bush said earlier this month.

The bill that emerged from negotiations last year with the White House prohibits discrimination in employment and guarantees

access to business and professional services. It requires that buses, trains and other mass transit be made accessible to disabled people, including those in wheelchairs. Telephone services also would have to be made available to people who are deaf or have speech impairments.

To soften the economic impact, the bill includes a number of timetables and exemptions.

For example, businesses with fewer than 15 employees would be exempt from the job protection provisions. Those provisions take effect after two years for businesses with 25 or more employees, after four years for those with 15 to 24 workers.

Modifications to accommodate disabled employees could not cause an undue hardship.

Also, adjustments to existing buildings or offices to make them accessible to disabled patrons or clients would have to be easily accomplishable without "undue difficulty or expense."

World

Army charged with child cruelty

JERUSALEM (AP) — A human rights report today urged international protection of Arab children and said 159 were killed by bullets, beatings and tear gas and up to 63,000 injured during the first two years of the Palestinian uprising.

The study, sponsored by the Swedish Save the Children group, claimed that Israel's army practiced "calculated cruelty" in some cases.

The findings were rejected by the office of Brig. Gen. Nachman Shai, the army spokesman, and criticized by Israeli human rights activists as one-sided.

In another development, the World Health Organization's an-

nual assembly today adopted a resolution that cited worsening health conditions of the Arab population in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The vote in Geneva was 105-2, with only the United States and Israel voting against. Five countries abstained and another 55 nations were absent.

The resolution, co-sponsored by 36 nations, expresses concern at the "deterioration of health conditions" and at Israeli's refusal to permit WHO experts to investigate the health situation in the territories.

Israel said the health situation in the occupied territories had improved.

Aquino seeks aid for 'base debt'

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino today suggested the United States could provide medical and other supplies to defer the \$222 million that Manila claims Washington owes for use of its six military bases.

U.S. and Philippine negotiators agreed to extend their talks into tonight after a fourth day of meetings on whether to extend the bases when their lease expires in September 1991.

"We are trying to hammer out differences," said Philippine spokesman Rafael Alunan. "I believe that they are inching

toward some sort of agreement" on the debt issue.

The alleged debt has emerged as a major stumbling block in the talks.

Philippine delegates claim the United States had fallen behind by \$222.6 million in aid promised in return for use of the bases. U.S. officials say Washington fell only \$96 million short of its aid target.

"We have not conceded that there is a shortfall," Stanley Schragar, spokesman for the U.S. panel, said today. "We have lived up to our commitment, and we have made our best effort."

Eichmann deputy's return sought

PARIS (AP) — East Germany has asked Syria to extradite the man considered the most important Nazi criminal still at large — an aide to Adolf Eichmann convicted of sending more than 120,000 Jews to German death camps.

Alois Brunner, 78, has been living in Damascus since 1955. Syria has consistently denied his presence although he has been photographed and interviewed at his heavily guarded home in the Syrian capital.

The extradition request was presented Wednesday in Damascus by East German Ambassador Karl-Heinz Lugenheim, said Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld. An East German Foreign

Ministry spokesman, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed in East Berlin that Lugenheim had been instructed to request the extradition. The spokesman gave no further details.

Brunner was sentenced to death in absentia twice in 1954, in Paris and Marseille, for taking part in the deportation of more than 120,000 Jews from France to German death camps.

After 40 years of denial, East Germany recently admitted its responsibility in Nazi war crimes, formally apologizing to the world Jewish community and announcing it would pay reparations. East Germany joins France, Austria and West Germany in requesting Brunner's extradition.



Associated Press photo

From the rooftops

HOUSTON — Bob Farquharson, principal at Lane Long Middle School in Houston, Wednesday was paying off his students by sitting on the school roof for the day. Farquharson made the deal with his students over the Texas TEAMS, reading, writing

and arithmetic, tests scores: he'd sit on the roof if the TEAMS test score were over 50 percent. Last year they were at 57 percent and this year they went to 70 percent.



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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

Keep the Hatch Act

Just as the House had done last year, the Senate last week passed an assault on the Hatch Act, which for 50 years has effectively separated the permanent U.S. government bureaucracy from partisan politics. President Bush has threatened to veto the measure. . . We urge him to do just that, and we urge cooler heads in Congress to support his view. The revisions of the Hatch Act go too far in the name of providing federal employees with what supporters call basic rights of citizenship. (But) the Hatch Act . . . has not prevented them from voting, merely from becoming identified . . . with political fundraising and other partisan activities. Under the Senate bill, the 3 million federal workers covered by the Hatch Act, mostly civil service and postal employees, could hold office in political parties, campaign for candidates and solicit political action committee contributions from fellow employees. The House bill would go even further, allowing federal workers to run for office . . . and requiring that they be given leave to do so if they desire. At stake is public trust in the evenhandedness of the permanent government workers who provide continuity and stability to federal service. The potential for patronage and partisan abuse of the system would be intolerable.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

A shift in taxing methods

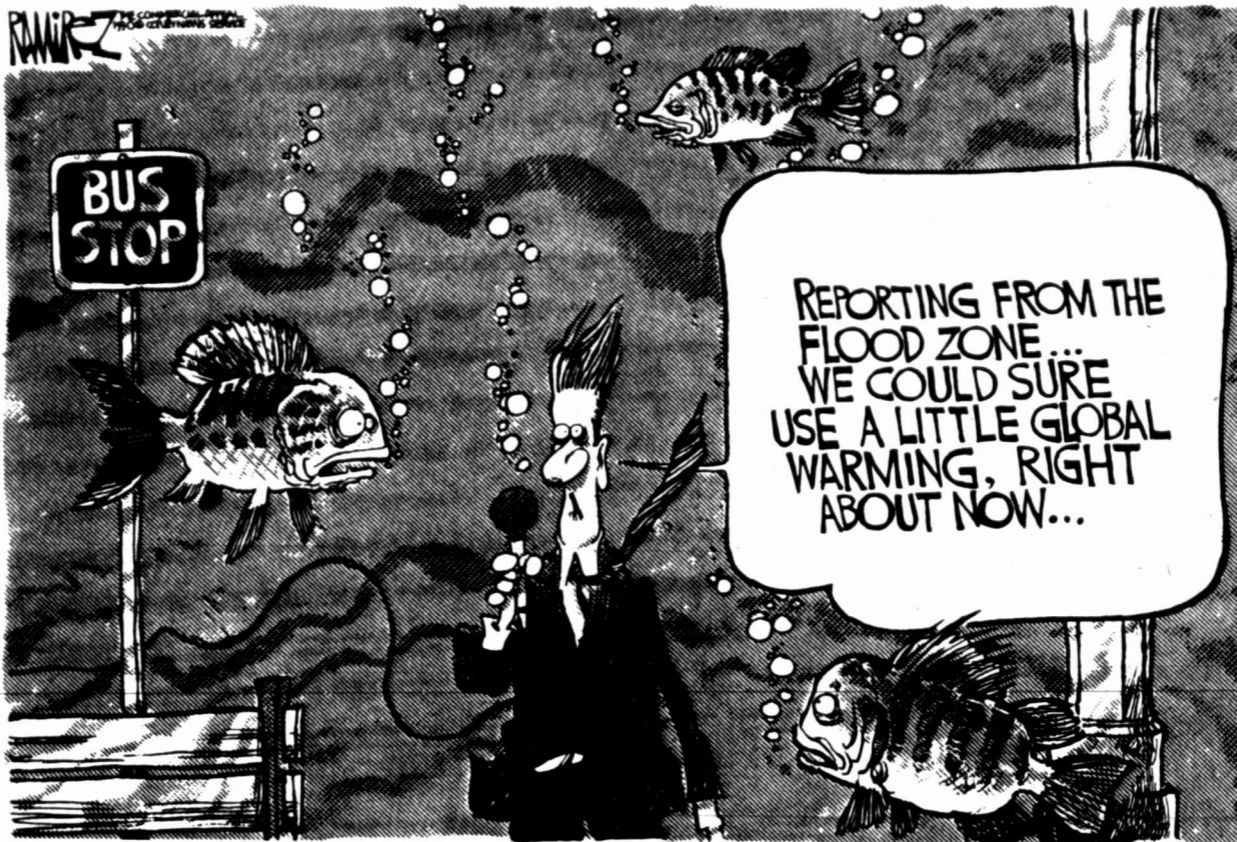
The latest exchange in Austin on the dreaded "I-word" went this way: Mike Toomey, a top adviser to Gov. Clements, said, "I wish you'd ask them (Democratic lawmakers) how they intend to fund their \$9 billion to \$10 billion (school financing) program. There's no way to do it but with an income tax. That's irresponsible." In rebuttal, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said: "An income tax is coming in the next few years regardless of the education bill, and I think that will be a great day for the state." There's a lot of semantic space between "irresponsible" and "a great day for Texas," but this serves to show where the political fault line lies in the current debate in Texas over ways and means and taxes. . . But there are two other points that tilt this debate to Hobby's side of the line: — The sales tax cannot be deducted from federal income taxes, which costs Texas millions of dollars in unnecessary federal taxes. — The existing tax structure is simply inadequate to provide the revenue Texas needs; it has been inadequate since the oil and gas share of tax revenues began its long decline. . . It might be easier to accept if the income tax replaced other unpopular taxes, like the school property tax, and sharply reduced the sales tax. . .

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

Judicial reform ruling

Judicial selection reform was dealt a setback in the Fifth U.S. District Court of Appeals in New Orleans. And that's good, because it conveyed a strong message of caution to the growing number of self-appointed social engineers wearing robes. At issue was the state of Texas' appeal of an order by federal Judge Lucius Bunton III of Midland that the state abandon its at-large system of electing judges in nine counties. At-large elections, Bunton ruled, illegally dilute the voting strength of minorities. Bunton wants those judges elected from single-member districts. The appeals court reversed Bunton, ruling at-large elections do not violate the federal Voting Rights Act. Judge Patrick Higginbotham pointed out that nine of the 36 state district judges in Harris County would run from minority areas under the single-member district plan. But, he noted, minorities would be able to vote only for those nine judges — and not for the other 27. "The chances are 9-to-1 that a black person will wind up before a person (judge) that they did not participate in electing," he said. "It might give you a few more black judges, but it takes away the right of blacks to elect 85 percent of judges." The point is well taken. Bunton's concern was that whites might be bloc voting for white judicial candidates and that they might be overwhelming the blacks or Hispanics who might be doing the same. But he had no real concrete evidence to suggest that either race was bloc voting. It's possible that 181 elected representatives of the people in Austin have more wisdom than one lifetime appointee to the federal bench from Midland.

Amarillo Sunday News-Globe

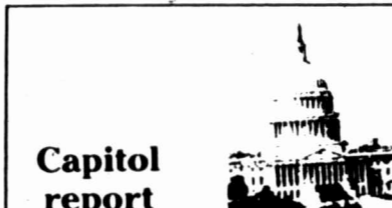


Who hears graduation speakers?

By ART BUCHWALD
One of the myths of higher education is that students care who their graduation speaker is going to be. We have recently witnessed the Barbara Bush brouhaha at Wellesley. Graduates and faculty members have ferociously debated the merits of having Mrs. Bush deliver a message of significance that will remain with the class of 1990 for the rest of their lives. It is a myth because, according to the recent census figures, 99 percent of all students graduating this year, will not recall what the speaker said. Twenty minutes after the ceremony is over they won't even remember who he or she was. I speak with some authority on this. Over the years I have addressed many graduating classes, and I found the only measure of a successful speech was to talk fast and leave out as much substance as I possibly could. This has been my experience: I have noticed that as soon as I start to speak, the students look at their watches. Although this is disconcerting, it is not disruptive. The disruption comes from those without watches who keep asking the others what time it is. In the midst of making some of my most significant points, foaming champagne bottles always appear and are passed up and down the rows. Swigging champagne from the bottle during a commencement speaker's talk has now become the most sacred of all graduation rituals. The way many students kill time during a speech is to pull the tassle on the cap of the person seated in front of them. If the person whose tassle is being pulled likes the person who is pulling, there is a great deal of giggling. But if he or she doesn't like the tassle-tugger, then loud, harsh words are exchanged. One of the reasons students don't pay too much attention to the speaker is because they are using the time to locate their parents and relatives sitting in the bleachers. If it's a large ceremony, this requires a tremendous amount of scouting. Sometimes the relatives are helpful because they start yelling at the graduate which, by the way, doesn't do one's speech any good at all. Another factor making it difficult to get your message across is that students are much more concerned about their appearance as they walk across the stage to receive their diplomas than they are with what the speaker is saying. The conferring of degrees takes place right after the commencement speech so everyone is adjusting his or her gown. Some students will decide to take their bows with their gowns zipped up. Others will leave them open as their first post-graduate act of defiance. There are even students who will sleep during your talk, but I have discovered that it's nothing personal. The reason that they can't stay awake is because they haven't had any sleep the night before. The mistake most speakers make is to keep staring at the student who is sleeping, and this can throw off a speaker's timing something awful. Of course, in every graduating class there will be a few who bring their daily newspapers with them, and then turn the pages while you're speaking. The only way I can deal with this is to say to myself, "Thank God they can read." As a speaker, the most important lesson I have learned is this: No matter how pertinent my message, it was not appreciated by the class of 1990, because the audience was unable to hear one word of it over the school's 1943 loudspeaker system. Copyright 1990, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Fireworks over flag burning

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent
WASHINGTON — The grand old flag issue is back, just in time for the political fireworks season. It will ignite some, no matter which way the Supreme Court rules on the law against flag burning. Overturn it and Congress will quickly consider, and almost certainly approve, a constitutional amendment to ban burning the American flag. Just as certainly the showoffs who helped generate the issue in the first place will show up again with flags and matches. There aren't many of them, and not many flags would be burned. Enough to fuel the Independence Day political oratory, though, and to help put the whole matter into the middle of the congressional and state election campaigns. With the law upheld and a jail term threatening, there would be fewer flag burnings or defacings, but the same handful of demonstrators would set about finding other ways to make themselves offensive. And they probably would succeed. But with a big difference. If the court upholds the statute, they will be a brief sideshow. Should the law be overturned, they will get a new round of national attention, while Congress begins the process of trying to write a ban on flag burning into the Constitution. The more effective way to get flag burning off the agenda would be to ignore the people who do it, since there aren't many of them, and they wouldn't bother if nobody paid attention. But that seems a political impossibility. The flag burning episode that caused the whole controversy dates from the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas. It went largely unnoticed for five years, until the court overturned the conviction of the demonstrator involved. That produced the issue overnight. With the issue came the demonstrators, who tend to vanish if ignored, then the new law. The Flag Protection Act of 1989 makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in prison to burn, mutilate, deface or trample a flag. It was passed in an effort to overturn by statute the Supreme Court's reversal of a Texas law against flag burning. The court held that law violated the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech. President Bush wanted a constitutional amendment adopted then, on grounds that an act of Congress couldn't reverse the court ruling and protect the flag from burning. But Democrats pushed the law instead of an amendment, and Bush let it take effect without his signature. The overturned Texas law banned the burning or defacing of the flag as an act of contempt that would seriously offend others. The new federal law doesn't mention motives, it simply bans the desecration of the flag. As soon as it was enacted it was challenged by demonstrators who burned flags on the steps of the Capitol and outside a federal court in Seattle. Federal judges in both cities held the law unconstitutional. The Supreme Court then took it up on a fast track, heard arguments on Monday, and will issue its decision before recessing for the summer. Speaker of the House Thomas S. Foley has promised he will put a constitutional amendment on flag burning up to a vote within 30 days if the court overturns the statute. He also said he would vote no because there should be no tinkering with the Bill of Rights. Such an amendment would be the first change in the First Amendment since it was adopted 199 years ago. It would take a two-thirds vote in each house of Congress to approve an amendment and send it to the states for ratification. Three-quarters of them, or 38, would be needed in order to make it part of the Constitution. The amendment Bush was pushing came to a vote in the Senate last year. It got 51 votes, 16 short of an absolute two-thirds margin. But some senators who voted against it said they would support an amendment should the statute be overturned. And majorities in both parties probably would line up that way. Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York warned of the political risks in a brief submitted to the court, saying that reversal "would almost certainly trigger a divisive battle in Congress and in the states" over amending the Constitution. The safe vote would be for patriotism and the flag, especially in an election year. The ratification process would take a lot longer, and every time a state legislature dealt with it, the tiny fraternity of flag burners could emerge to inflame the issue.



Capitol report

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Officials critical of state's four private prison facilities

AUSTIN (AP) — The use of private prisons as a way to alleviate the overcrowded state prison system is in jeopardy, officials said after receiving a report that outlined serious problems in Texas' four for-profit facilities.

"The future of private units very much depends on how these particular problems are addressed and solved," F.L. Stephens of San Angelo, a member of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said Tuesday.

Board members strongly criticized the operators of the private prisons, saying they found

severe problems in the facilities. An audit by the state prison system found the private prisons lack major education, work and medical service programs for the inmates.

The audit also showed the companies had not filled many important positions in the prisons and that several instances of excessive force by guards on inmates had been dismissed as the result of inexperience.

"I am frustrated and angry," said board chairman Charles Terrell of Dallas.

Terrell said the operators Corrections Corporation of America

and Wackenhut Corrections Corp. had yet to live up to promises they made when awarded contracts with the state to build the facilities to hold state prisoners.

Each company operates two 500-bed pre-release centers, where inmates stay for a short period of time before their release. CCA's prisons are in Venus and Cleveland and Wackenhut's facilities are in Kyle and Bridgeport. All the prisons have been in operation for less than one year.

Terrell appointed a subcommittee to oversee correcting the deficiencies outlined in the state prison

audit and also asked the state prison staff to update the board on how it would cancel the prison contracts if the problems aren't resolved.

A representative of CCA said they were aware of some of the problems and were taking action, but Wackenhut representatives said they were disappointed state prison officials made the report public without giving them a chance to analyze it first.

"I'm a little bit astonished. It almost sounds like we gotcha," said Wackenhut regional vice president Ron Champion.

But board member Allan Polun-

sky of San Antonio shot back, saying, "I resent your remarks. I don't think anybody is trying to set you up."

Representatives of Wackenhut, based in Coral Gables, Fla., said they had no knowledge of the audit, but James Collins, deputy director of the state prison system, said state monitors who work at all the private prisons informed them of the problems.

Steve Martin, an attorney representing CCA, based in Nashville, Tenn., said many of the education programs that have yet to start "should have been on line."

They aren't, they will be or you'll take action."

Terrell said CCA had represented itself as the "Cadillac" company in private prisons, but "months later that is not the case."

The audit found many of the inmates were not enrolled in an education or a work program, or were only working or going to school part-time.

The audit also found that there were "significant delays" in providing medical care and that the private prison officials refused to cooperate with the state in providing information.



Sparks fly in Pigeon Forge

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. — Blacksmith Charlie Fuller still practices his 18th century trade at the site of Pigeon Forge's original forge. The city of Pigeon Forge attracts more than 2 million families a year to enjoy the native craftsmen, family attractions and the nearby Smoky

Mountains National Park. The town is located 33 miles southeast of Knoxville, Tenn., at the northern entrance to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Cranky goose takes on IRS

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A cantankerous Canada goose has taken on the Internal Revenue Service with a vengeance some taxpayers may only dream about.

For two months, the goose has settled in on a parking island at the Ogden IRS Center, chasing employees and otherwise taxing the taxpayers.

"She gets a little bent out of shape," said Dennis Howland, assistant public affairs officer.

"She tries to keep people from getting into their cars."

Howland said one woman was trapped inside her car for 20 minutes while the goose sat outside the vehicle. She was finally rescued when she put in her windshield a cardboard sun visor saying "Send Emergency Help."

Despite the cranky nature of the loose goose, employees like having her around, and center officials have no plans to move her.

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University reps ask for change in ROTC policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four groups representing most of the nation's colleges and universities have urged Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to change the Pentagon's policy barring homosexuals from military service.

In a letter hand-delivered Tuesday and made available Wednesday to The Associated Press, the four higher education associations said the Pentagon policy dated back to the days of official discrimination against blacks and other minority groups.

The letter focused on the policy's impact on Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets. Several cadets in recent months have been denied commissions after telling superiors they were gay. In most of those cases, the military has sought repayment from the cadets of scholarships and other money.

"The arguments for change in current ROTC practices are several, and seem to many of us compelling," the four association presidents wrote.

The groups represented were the American Council on Education, the Association of American Universities, the American Association of State Colleges and Universities and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Together, they represent virtually all of the colleges in the country.

The association heads asked for a meeting with Cheney. Maj. Doug Hart, a Defense Department spokesman, said Wednesday that Cheney's office had received the letter but "he has not actually looked at it himself."

The association heads wrote: "Sexual orientation appears to be the only basis on which discrimina-

tion is condoned within ROTC or similar programs.

"Denial of equal opportunity on the grounds of race, gender, religion, nationality or political affiliation, among other possible criteria, has long since been barred," they said. "Discrimination based on sexual orientation thus remains a curious anomaly."

The Pentagon policy often runs counter to explicit prohibitions set by the schools against anti-gay discrimination. In the case of the University of Wisconsin, the policy runs counter to state law, the association heads noted.

The leaders warned that by continuing the policy, the Defense Department would not only deprive itself of many qualified recruits who happen to be gay, but would also drive away "many who hold conventional sexual views but find discrimination unacceptable in any form."

Old graduates get new degrees

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — At Saturday's commencement at the Rhode Island School of Design, 98-year-old Howard A. Treun, Class of 1915, led the line of about 270 degree recipients.

All had been awarded diplomas upon graduating, some as long as

82 years ago, but none had been granted a certified college degree. That's because until 1944, the school wasn't fully accredited. Now it offers the required liberal arts curriculum to make it a full-fledged four-year college.

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Records being eased out by cassettes, discs

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Anyone who's tried to forage for vinyl in a music store knows the frustrating truth. Records are dying.

But the speed with which they are disappearing has led some music fans — not just vinyl romantics — to wonder whether it's a natural death or if records are being killed off prematurely.

The bad news has been piling up this year:

— Warner-Elektra-Atlantic announces it will cut out more than 40 percent of its vinyl catalog. That means 1,205 album titles owned by the conglomerate will no longer be available on records.

— The Tower Records chain says it won't sell 7-inch singles anymore — that's after several major labels, including CBS and A&M, say they won't accept returns on unsold records.

— Two major labels, PolyGram and Chrysalis, announce that, with a few rare exceptions, all their new releases will be only on cassette tape and compact disc.

"It's really kicked in with a vengeance for the last six months," said Robert Cohen, manager of the Vinyl Vinyl record store in New York City. "Things that people took for granted — things that they used to see in the record bins for the last 20 years — are now gone."

The day will come, sooner than most people expect, when it will be rare to find a new album released on vinyl, predicted Michael Stotter, Chrysalis' vice president for marketing.

"By Christmas 1990, when the next burst of CD hardware buying takes place, vinyl will be virtually nonexistent," he said.

The facts show record buyers are part of a minority group growing smaller every day. Manufacturers shipped out 34 million records in 1989, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. That's less than half what they shipped the year before, and a fraction of the 341 million during the pre-CD era year of 1978.

By contrast, manufacturers ship-

ped out 207 million CDs and 446 million cassettes during 1989.

The reasons are simple. "Boom boxes" and small, portable cassette players are the favorites of kids these days, and wealthier music lovers have been seduced by the sound of CDs.

"We've seen this happen in the industry before," said Trish Heimers, RIAA spokeswoman. "From the 78s to the compact disc, the industry has always been changing. As the technology changed, people moved on."

The music business has powerful reasons for helping people move on as fast as possible. It doesn't pay to keep pressing plants humming when they're turning out a trickle of records.

Merchants, in turn, would like to ditch records so they'll have more room to store cassettes and the more expensive compact discs. Only 2 percent of sales in the 82-store Record World chain are in records, so vinyl is being phased out, said Mitch Imber, purchasing director.

"Something had to give," he said.

That's all ammunition for conspiracy theorists who think records are being killed off too fast.

"The industry itself has tried to make records obsolete, instead of the marketplace making them obsolete," said Johnny Konrad, who owns Johnny's record store in Darien, Conn. "It's the tail wagging the dog. The industry wants to make it harder to get records, to establish the CDs."

Merchants still interested in stocking records say return policies and reordering difficulties are putting pressure on them to relent.

Many record companies charge a penalty for return of an unsold record. For instance, Konrad said, he'll get only \$4.50 to return a record for which he paid \$6, even if it's defective. But there's no penalty for cassette and CD returns.



Associated Press photo

Ernest is back

LOS ANGELES — Actor Jim Varney's know-it-all character Ernest P. Worrell is back in the nation's theatres with his third movie, "Ernest Goes to Jail." Varney says that since creating the character eight years ago for a commercial, Ernest's popularity has snowballed to the point where it is virtually impossible to travel unrecognized.

Area artists to be featured

An exhibit for area artists opens June 2nd at Kendall Art Gallery, 119 West First Street, in San Angelo. This C. Russell Myers Memorial Art Exhibit is sponsored by The San Angelo Art Club, Inc.

Cash awards totaling \$4,000 are available. Entries will be accepted Saturday, May 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry information is available by calling Pat Horwath at 915-944-1851 or Hope Russell at 915-949-1148.

A reception and awards ceremony will be from 1 to 4 p.m. June 3rd. This exhibit will continue through June 30th.

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — A glitch in the legal system has forced Joan "Joey" Carson's efforts to get more money from her former husband, Johnny Carson, to be delayed.

Mrs. Carson, who married the comic in 1959 and was divorced from him in 1963, is trying to obtain \$120,000 a year from Carson in court Tuesday. She said she cannot live on the money he provides her under a 1970 agreement.

But Justice Phyllis Garrel-Jacob noted that Mrs. Carson, mother of Carson's three sons, was married to an executive Donald Buckley for about six years after she divorced the "Tonight" show host.

Mrs. Carson married Buckley 15 days after leaving the 1970 agree-



JOHNNY CARSON MIKE WALLACE

ment that gives her \$13,500 a year until 1999 whether she remarried or not.

The judge asked Mrs. Carson's lawyer whether support "should survive remarriage."

She was remarrying three weeks later. It's a little glitch in the case," the judge said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Wallace says he was treated for depression and thought about suicide during the Westmoreland libel trial five years ago.

In an interview that aired Tuesday on WNYW-TV, the CBS correspondent said he kept the treatment a secret from his colleagues.

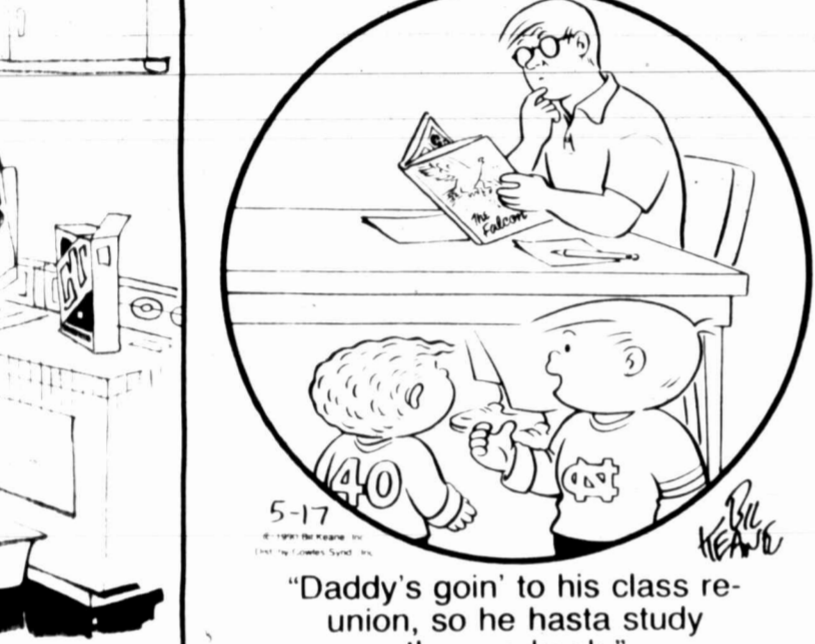
"Depression is something you do not want to talk about," the 71-year-old Wallace said. "The reason I'm talking about it now is so people who are looking in will be aware of the kind of thing that can happen. It is a sickness."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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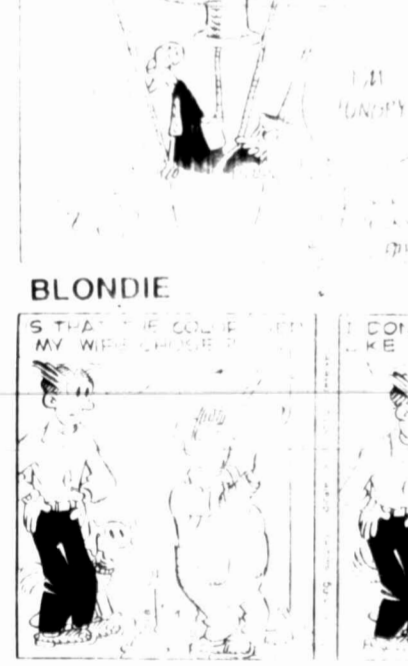


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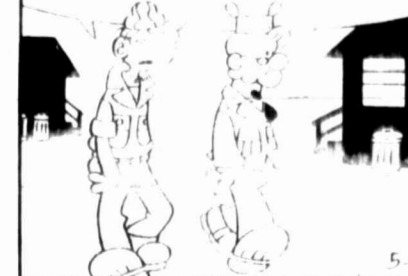


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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE! You would be wise to talk less and listen more! A surprise windfall gets a July vacation off to a happy start. With increased self-discipline, you will make considerable progress in your career. A new partner helps you improve the bottom line in business. Choose a mate who shares your intellectual curiosity and appreciation for art. A relative may be your benefactor in December. Considerable diplomacy will be needed to heal a family rift.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An old problem resurfaces, demanding prompt attention. You need to show more self-control when it comes to certain pleasurable activities. Be on your best behavior. Romance blossoms.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A conference or appointment will turn out better than you expected. Understanding someone's motives could be a real challenge. I can't play the

waiting game. You will get your answer in due time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The emphasis now is on planning and self-discipline. You long to switch jobs or romantic partners. Curbing your spending could be crucial to bringing about a desired change in lifestyle.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Play it safe with both your cash and your affections today. Your circle of friends can be enlarged through club affiliations. True peace of mind comes from knowing you have done everything possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Games of chance seldom pay off. Save your money for a better purpose. Now is the time to advance that bold, new idea regarding work procedures. Higher-ups reward you for showing initiative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect some long or monotonous work sessions. Rewards are certain in the near future, so keep at it! Get started on a project that could boost profits. Romance will have to wait.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A new project requires all your skill and energy. Your self-esteem is on the upswing. Higher-ups express appreciation for your efforts. Practice thrift and loved ones will follow your lead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Employment affairs require greater self-discipline. Do your best to cope with tricky financial matters. Seek the advice and active support of your mate or partner. An old debt may have to be repaid.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A creative enterprise will prove satisfactory. Get those new ideas down on paper! Do not impose limitations on your imagination. Answer the questions of a child who needs reassurance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your efforts to advance a pet project should meet with success this morning. Showing more affection will help you resolve your differences with family members. You can rely on your mate to be tactful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take advantage of a friend's financial proposition. An unusual situation involving a younger person could require your personal intervention. Be willing to make concessions. Know where you stand.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Try not to get bogged down by trivial details. Money earned on the side will come in handy. Offer your services to friends and neighbors. Affairs of the heart can be somewhat tricky.



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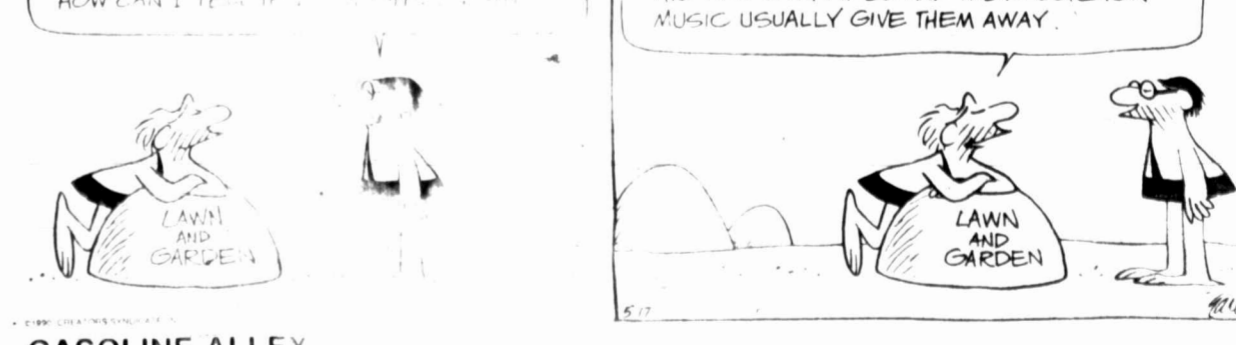
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Area Weather: Thunderstorms developing tonight and continuing Friday. A little warmer Friday. Low tonight in the low 60s. High Friday in the mid 90s. The high yesterday was 93, the low was 57.

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Care Center plans observance

STANTON — In collaboration with National Nursing Home Week, the Stanton Care Center is planning a week long celebration from May 11-19.

The activities were kicked off with a bake sale that lived up to its billing, with several baked goods sold. Also, the raffle of three T-shirt dresses was held on the 13th with Sabrina Tracy, Sally Armandez and Salvador Reyna coming away with the prizes.

Two main events are still slated for this week with a barbecue from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at the center for staff, residents and their families, along with a carnival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the 19th to conclude the activities. Some of the games featured will be balloon darts, ring toss, duck pond and a whole lot more fun booths to keep one entertained.

The center is asking for donations and for volunteers for the remaining events and would appreciate help and support. The care center would like to thank Bills' Grocery for allowing the use of their store for the bake sale.

For more information and details please contact Mary Rodriguez, activity director at 756-3387.

Freeway fever hits motorists

HOUSTON (AP) — Motorists in the state's big cities are afflicted with freeway fever, logging more freeway miles each day than many of their counterparts in other major cities around the country, a study shows.

The Texas Transportation report, which compared traffic congestion in 39 cities from 1982 to 1987, estimated that in Texas' largest cities, each person traveled on the average 9.91 miles each day on the freeways. That compared to a 7.45-mile average for all of the cities included in the study.

Texas A&M University transportation experts attributed the travel habits to the state's extensive urban freeway system and the long distances Houston and Dallas residents commute each day.

"This information tells us that Houston and other Texas cities are way out on the edge when it comes to reliance on the freeway network," said Timothy Lomax, co-author of the report.

Dallas topped the freeway list with residents traveling 11.57 miles a day, followed by Austin with 10.73 miles; Fort Worth, 9.73; Houston, 9.15; San Antonio, 8.38; El Paso, 6.4; and Corpus Christi, 5.45.

Student gets 45 years for burglary

DALLAS (AP) — A 17-year-old high school student has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for his part in a string of burglaries in Dallas suburbs.

Krisshannon Denon Hampton, a varsity football player at Mesquite's Potet High School, pleaded guilty Wednesday to three burglaries, an attempted burglary and a robbery.

Police said Hampton belonged to a band of youths who burglarized at least 30 homes in Mesquite and Garland between September and Dec. 8. The teens wanted money and drugs, police said.

The youth was released on a no-cash bond after his December arrest on burglary charges, but was picked up again in March and charged with snatching a purse and using stolen credit cards.

During Wednesday's sentencing, Hampton, his friends and family pleaded with District Judge Michael Keasler for another chance.

Hampton admitted to having a drug problem and said he is willing to seek treatment. He asked to be sent to military boot camp, then put on probation.

Chapman new MCHRC head

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Efforts by local health officials since December to get permission to fill a vacant manager position at the Martin County Health Resource Center have been successful.

As a result, two canceled programs, which include screening for chronic diseases in Stanton as well as some outreach clinics to Glasscock County, will probably be reinstated sometime this fall, said Mary Urquidez, the Midland district director who oversees four counties, including Martin County.

Marilyn Chapman of Greenwood, hired as head nurse in April, will begin working May 31.

Her hiring followed a story in March in the Stanton Herald which ran in conjunction with a project by Urquidez to collect information on what services would suffer due to the unfilled position. The informa-

tion was passed on to Texas Department of Health Region 3 director of nurses in El Paso.

TDH Region 3 Director Gordon Cox told the Herald at that time that they would give it their "best shot" to convince officials with the state office in Austin to make an exception for the position in Stanton. The statewide hiring freeze, in effect since January, was because of a \$12 million fund deficit.

"It took quite a bit of justification to the commissioners and associate commissioners and the board of health," Cox said Wednesday. "But it's just a matter of paper work and we did our thing."

He said the Stanton position was one of four in the 36-county district that they were able to get unfrozen. One was for, ironically, a personnel director for the El Paso office. The others were for needed clerk positions.

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Learning child care

STANTON — Stanton High School Student Edelmira Zamora, right, watches as David Baker plays with a toy called The Tornado.

Zamora is a student in Caron Rawling's child development class, which will be featured in today's Herald.

McDonald: An ag teacher all the way

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

ACKERLY — Lon McDonald, 59, may never be able to leave the world of agri-science — not that he would want to — even after he retires at the end of the month.

He has been the agri-science teacher at Sands High School for 21 years and the elementary school principal for three years. Both of



his children, daughter Cindy and son Jackie, have attended school there and have gone through the stock show circuits. Now his son teaches the same subject at Dawson High School.

McDonald is anticipating that his three grandchildren will soon be ready to begin showing off their own prize animals.

"I've got grandkids that'll be old enough to start in two years," he said. "I'm living for that day now. When you've got a son that's teaching the same thing you are and he's got two kids, you can bet we're going to be involved!"

Meanwhile, he feels he is leaving behind a successful program and Sands High School. Cindy and another student, Scott Robinson, who is now the vocational-agricultural teacher at Grady High School, have shown grand champion steers at the San Antonio stock show. Jackie and Robinson have also shown grand champion steers at the Lubbock stock show.

After thinking for a while,



ACKERLY — Lon McDonald, who describes himself as "an ag teacher all the way," will be

retiring this month after 21 years as the agri-science teacher at Sands High School.

McDonald remembered that Danny Gillespie had shown several champion lambs at the Howard County stock show and Justin Hambrick had a champion lamb at the Dawson County show.

"We've had so many of them that have placed up high, it's hard to remember them," he said. "I'll miss working with the kids, taking them to the stock shows, contest and conventions."

"I want to think I've had an impact of helping some of these people that have come along," he said. "Some of these kids are grown and

have their own family. I could name you kids all over this community."

McDonald, who obtained his bachelor's degree in 1953 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock and his master's in 1982 from Sul Ross State University in Alpine, has also taught at high schools in Lamesa, Girard, Winters and Pojoaque, N.M. He taught in Winters for five years, in Pojoaque for one year and for two years each at Lamesa and Girard.

He always taught agriculture. "I'm an ag teacher all the way," he

proclaimed. "That's all I ever taught."

Following his retirement, he and his wife, Vada, will move back to Merkel, his hometown. He retires on May 31, the same day of their anniversary. "That'd be a nice anniversary present," he said.

Reflecting on the 21 years he has been at Sands High School, he said, "It's been a wonderful 21 years with a great group of people. There's no way to express the love and appreciation that I have for them."

Cap Rock, SISD hold course

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

STANTON — Administrators of the Stanton Independent School District are so happy about a \$1.5 million bond that voters passed in 1987 that they still want to show their appreciation.

One way to show their thanks has been to let people use some of the facilities, such as those constructed with bond money, like the new computer lab.

So, since November, there has been somewhat of a mass exodus in this community of under 3,000 to attend an adult computer literacy course sponsored by the district and Cap Rock Electric Cooperative.

Eighty people have taken the four six-week courses offered so far, said district Director of Curriculum Morris Williamson. Students meet twice a week in the 24-hour course. The fourth course offered ends next week.

"I've got a little over 30 people that say they want to take it next year," Williamson said. "We will hope to start another class in September if we can talk Cap Rock into it." The classes are open to Martin County residents, he said.

He estimated that Cap Rock has paid about \$1,000 to hire the instructor and the computer programs which include Word Star, a word processing program.

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Waco's TP&L singing group to perform at First Baptist

STANTON — First Baptist Church will present Thee Power & Light in concert on May 20, at 6 p.m.

TP&L is a select group of young musicians sponsored by the college music ministry of the First Baptist Church, Waco. Formed in 1969, TP&L is concluding its 21st consecutive year of ministry with a program entitled No Price Too High.

The program includes a wide variety of musical styles ranging from contemporary to traditional and featuring songs from current Christian artists, hymn arrangements, and gospel songs — hopefully something for everyone.

The group is comprised of 17 young people from various parts of the United States who are all college students in Waco (Baylor University and McLennan Community College) and who are all members of First Baptist.

Membership in TP&L is by audition only, with equal emphasis placed on musical talent, leadership ability, and a sincere desire to minister to one's fellowman.

First Baptist Church is located just two blocks from the Baylor University campus and just minutes from McLennan Com-

munity College. Because of this unique location, First Baptist has a significant college membership from which TP&L draws its members.

The group sings regularly in the worship services at its home church as well as in churches around the Central and East Texas area. Each spring, TP&L concludes the school year with an extensive concert tour, which this year will be an all-Texas tour.

Jim Broadus is the present director of TP&L, having assumed that position in 1983. Jim is a native of Caldwell, Texas, a graduate of the Baylor School of Music, and a member and deacon of First Baptist, Waco.

After more than 10 years in the music division of Word, Incorporated, the largest Christian recording company in the country, Broadus returned to Baylor in 1989 as director of residence life.

His musical background also includes the Baylor Religious Hour Choir, Baylor Chamber Singers, Continental Singers, a semi-professional recording/touring group called Spirit of Love, and a variety of studio recording experience. His wife, Anne, is also deeply involved with TP&L.



STANTON — Thee Power & Light, a Waco-based group of young musicians, will perform in concert at the First Baptist Church Sunday at 6 p.m. The

stop here is part of the group's all-Texas tour, its first in several years.

