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Thursday

Area weather: Fair tonight and Friday. Low tonight in the low 70s. High Friday around 100. The high yesterday was 103, the low was 75.

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On the side



Oil traces

HIGH ISLAND — Volunteer Larry Ballard walks past traces of oil that have washed ashore at Sea Rim State Park here Tuesday. Officials have not confirmed if the oil is from the Mega Borg oil spill.

DPS projects

15 deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — As many as 15 Texans will be killed in traffic accidents over the July 4 holiday, the Department of Public Safety projects. DPS Col. Joe Milner said Thursday that death toll is feared even though the holiday falls in midweek this year. "All available troopers will be on duty, closely watching for the most life-threatening violations — DWI and speeding over the limit," Milner said.

Man accused of smuggling aliens

EL PASO (AP) — Authorities said two men used a travel agency in Peru to smuggle people from South America through Mexico and into the United States. U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested 14 Peruvians, three Colombians and the two men at a motel Tuesday morning. Carlos Hurtado, 32, of Peru and Miguel Ortiz, 48, of Mexico were arrested and are being held at the El Paso County Detention Center because they are undocumented. They are expected to face a federal magistrate Thursday morning on alien smuggling charges.

Infant taken from hospital

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma City police searched today for a 2-day-old infant who was taken from a hospital nursery by a woman posing as a nurse. A woman dressed in hospital scrubs entered the nursery at Deaconess Hospital about 11 p.m. Wednesday, telling nurses she was checking out Whitney Ryan Morse for her parents, said police Maj. Bob Taylor. "She dressed like a nurse, acted like a nurse and talked like a nurse, and asked for the baby by name — that's the procedure," said Capt. Charles Owen. Some scrubs later were found abandoned in a first-floor restroom, he said. Hospital officials called police about 1:30 a.m. after discovering the baby was missing, Owen said. "The parents had no knowledge until notified by police," he said. "We're going to entertain all ideas — from extortion to a distraught woman who stole a child," Owen said. He said no extortion demands had been made to the hospital, the parents or police. Police planned an afternoon news conference to discuss the case. The baby is the daughter of Teresa Kay Morse, police said.

City Council reaffirms prison proposal

By Robert Wernsman
Publisher

With broad but qualified City Council support Wednesday, Howard County took an apparent final step in the process to reaffirm its state prison proposal. The county, among the 26 finalists in last November's prison derby, was invited to resubmit its bid if willing to maintain all aspects of its proposal to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. No changes are allowed when the bid is resubmitted, county officials

reported. The deadline is 3:30 p.m. Friday. The Council, in special session Wednesday evening for the purpose of prison bid discussion, took no formal vote on the matter, although six members expressed their continued support. Mayor Max Green refused to take a position, other than agreeing to sign the letter reaffirming the city's support of the proposal. County Judge John Coffee and Commissioner Bill Crooker appeared before the Council, as well

as State Rep. Troy Fraser, R-Big Spring, to discuss the proposal. Both Crooker and Coffee reported their findings from a Monday trip to Snyder, where a 1,000-bed facility has been in operation for the past 10 months. They told the council that Scurry County officials have not found the prison to be an economic boon, but say that the economy of the county — plagued by diminishing oil industry activity — would be further weakened without the 328 jobs attributed to the the prison. Roughly

half of those are estimated to be held by residents living within the county. Although the six council members expressed their support, at least two also expressed reservations about the method to be used to finance the anticipated \$2.8 million costs for sewer and water line construction to the proposed prison site east of the Fina refinery. Newest Council member Corky Harris questioned the propriety of city residents funding the entire

line construction, expressing the belief that Howard County residents outside the city limits will benefit from the anticipated 300 jobs connected with a 1,000-bed prison facility. Officials, although continuing a bid for either a 2,250-bed or a 1,000-bed prison facility, consider the smaller of the two facilities more likely for Big Spring. The larger facility would create 800 jobs, it has been reported. At issue is the manner of financing. **PRISON page 8-A**

City's work force cited as strength

By RUTH COCHRAN
City Editor

A development specialist advised the city to target specific industries and strengthen its skilled work force to improve economic development opportunities. During an informational meeting this morning about the city's planned economic development corporation, TU Electric's John Prickette told the audience the city should try to attract business and industry suited to the area. The meeting, which will be repeated from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, focused on what industries Big Spring is suited for and what segments of the community want the corporation to accomplish. Prickette, director of economic development for TU, said attempts to attract industry that has no interest in West Texas will only result in frustration. "Zero in on certain types of industry that will best fit in the West Texas area," he said. "Be patient, have that staying power, know

your limitations and sell off your strengths." Prickette said a study by the Texas Department of Commerce showed West Texas is best suited to industries such as plastic packaging products and food products. Big Spring should target those types of industries, then attempt to "sell" the city by focusing on its strengths, which include a strong work ethic. Five other speakers at the meeting, which was sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, helped identify the city's strengths and weaknesses. The panelists, who also noted what segments of the community need from the corporation, determined that one of the city's biggest strengths — and weaknesses — is its work force. Most of the audience felt Big Spring has a large available work force, but much of it is unskilled. However, speaker J.D. Fortenberry, who represented the **PLANNING page 8-A**

Gray escapes from Snyder state prison

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Convicted murderer Travis Dale Gray is at large after escaping from the state prison in Snyder Wednesday afternoon. Gray, confined to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility since April 20, escaped about 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, a warden said. Warden L.W. Woods said Gray, who lived in Big Spring before his conviction, had been working in the prison's furniture factory when he apparently climbed into the back of a delivery truck and hid. Gray took



TRAVIS GRAY

tools with him and was able to cut his way out of the truck's roof when it stopped in Abilene, Woods said. Authorities said clothing believed to be worn by Gray was found in the Abilene area and the search was centered in that city. The driver of the truck was an employee of the prison and is not considered to be involved in the escape, he said. The search for Gray has been turned over to local law enforcement officials. Area law enforcement officials confirmed today they had been notified of the escape Wednesday evening and were looking for Gray. "We do not believe he is armed," Woods said. "Anybody that is an escaped prisoner would be considered dangerous." Gray was convicted in March of **SNYDER page 8-A**



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Training

More than 200 girls, representing 34 cheerleading squads from 24 area high schools, have been attending the Howard College Cheerleading Camp in the Coliseum this week. At left, Sands varsity cheerleader Jade Johnson touches her feet after being tossed into the air by her fellow cheerleaders. The Grady High School squad practices their pyramid formation, above, and cheerleading instructor Andy Lucero talks with Coahoma junior varsity members Brenda Grant, Tess Anderson and Lee Ann Reid in the photo below about the timing of their yells.



A Mississippi kite flies away from its nest in one of the trees near the Comanche Park Golf Course. The bird, a small hawk which migrates north in the summer to lay its eggs, takes up residence in high, dense elm or mulberry trees, and tends to swoop down on unsuspecting passers-by in an effort to protect its newly-hatched young. The nuisance should last for four or five weeks, says a local bird expert. The Mississippi kite is protected by federal and state law.

Duck, don't shoot, when kites attack

By MARC SCHWARZ
Staff Writer

Big Spring residents should be prepared to dive for cover for the next four or five weeks. The reason, says licensed bird rehabilitator Bebe McCasland, is the annual influx of Mississippi kites, a small hawk that builds its nests in high, dense elm or mulberry trees. The kites' eggs hatch around this time of the year, she said, and until the young birds are old enough to leave the nest — in about 34 days — the parents will dive-bomb anything that moves too close to the nest. That includes people, McCasland said. "It's a defensive maneuver," she said. "It's going to happen when they have young in the nest." The kites can actually attack the intruder, and McCasland cited numerous incidents in which a person's forehead was cut by the birds' sharp talons. Generally, though, a little bit of prevention and quick reflexes can warn the bird off, she said.

"We recommend that you duck, or use a broom — don't hit the bird with it, but just put it over your head," McCasland said. "You can also wear hard hats or straw hats, which will divert the bird's attention, or use an umbrella." McCasland and other wildlife officials are worried that irritated citizens may shoot at the birds with pellet guns or real rifles. To do so is a violation of both state and federal laws, she said. "There's a \$5,000 federal fine and a \$500 state fine," she said. "This bird is already close to being classified as 'threatened.'" And despite the inconvenience caused by the bird's protectiveness, it performs a valuable environmental service, McCasland said. "They eat grasshoppers, cicadas, crickets, lizards, small snakes and even frogs," she said. "Cicadas love elm trees, and that's why the Mississippi kite nests there." The kite, which has a wingspan **WILDLIFE page 8-A**

Nation

Ohio community mourns together

SHADYSIDE, Ohio (AP) — After six days of cleaning up from flash floods, about 900 residents gathered beneath menacing skies to mourn 22 people killed in the flooding, which also left 11 people missing.

Townpeople sang hymns, said prayers and held each other close Wednesday during a 45-minute memorial service at their high school football field. Children cried aloud; adults wept quietly.

"Friends and neighbors, please don't hush your babies. Let them cry, let them sing, let them play," Gov. Richard Celeste said.

Twenty-one uniformed members of the Shadyside Volunteer Fire Department, who have been searching for victims and clearing wreckage, received a standing ovation as they walked onto the field single file.

The Army Corps of Engineers today was to begin removing about 15 acres of flood debris from the Hannibal locks and dam, about 25 miles downstream from Shadyside.

The list of missing had dwindled to 11 — four local residents who coroner's investigator Chuck Vogt said were likely dead and seven out-of-towners who would be harder to account for.

Feds OK release of Noriega funds

MIAMI (AP) — Prosecutors have offered to release up to \$6 million from Manuel Noriega's frozen accounts to let him pay for his defense. Panama's new government immediately warned it will lay claim to the former dictator's assets.

The deal Wednesday with Noriega's lawyers could end weeks of wrangling over \$20 million frozen in accounts around the world after the U.S. invasion of Panama — money the defense in the drug trafficking case said it needs to proceed.

The move also would avoid a showdown over potentially embarrassing details of payments by the CIA and other U.S. intelligence agencies to the former Panamanian leader.

"This avoids distracting litigation and premature presentation of evidence that would only sidetrack us from the real issues," said U.S. Attorney Dexter Lehtinen.

Noriega's chief attorney, Frank Rubino, who had threatened to make the CIA payments public after the collapse of a previous compromise under which the government was to pay Noriega's lawyers, said he was happy with the new deal.

Lumber mill protesters arrested

SAMOA, Calif. (AP) — Forty-four Redwood Summer demonstrators were arrested at a lumber mill in a protest against logging practices they say endanger California's old forests.

About 350 took part in the protest at Louisiana Pacific on Wednesday, the first day of a summer-long series of demonstrations by environmentalists who have come to California from around the country.

The demonstrations are modeled on the Freedom Summer of 1964, during which civil rights activists converged on Mississippi.

Many of those arrested Wednesday marched onto com-



Photographing protester
SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco Police officers detain and photograph a protester who attempted to go over a barricade to attend the first day of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS Wednesday afternoon. About 90 protesters were arrested during the day.

Court rules against political patronage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court dealt a devastating blow to political patronage today, ruling that government employers generally may not base hiring, transfer and promotion decisions on someone's party affiliation.

By a 5-4 vote, the justices said refusing to hire, transfer or promote people for politically partisan reasons in most cases violates their constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and association.

The court said partisanship may play a role in such employment decisions only when political affiliation is an appropriate requirement for carrying out a job, such as a high-level policy adviser.

"Unless these patronage practices are narrowly tailored to further vital government interests, we must conclude that they impermissibly encroach on First Amendment freedoms," Justice William J. Brennan wrote for the court.

The decision reinstates a lawsuit by three Illinois residents against Gov. James Thompson and Republican leaders in the state. Its sweeping prohibitions apply as well to federal and local government employers.

In a landmark 1976 ruling and a 1980 sequel, the high court significantly weakened the political patronage system,

World

East Germany approves treaty

BONN, West Germany (AP) — East Germany today overwhelmingly approved a treaty merging its economy with West Germany's, marking the biggest and most difficult step toward unification and the end of 40 years of socialism.

The vote in the East German Parliament for the historic treaty was 302-82, with one abstention.

Earlier in the day, East German lawmakers declared a united Germany would not seek to reclaim former lands ceded to Poland after World War II.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl urged lawmakers in his country to also pass the economic treaty and to promise that Poland's borders were secure.

The actions came as the parliaments of the two German states met simultaneously in their respective capitals to take final action on the treaty merging the economies of the Germanys by July 2.

The treaty comes after months of work at break-neck speed following the collapse late last year of East Germany's Communist government and the fall of the Berlin Wall. East Germany elected a non-Communist government in March headed by Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere.

On July 2, the powerful West German mark becomes the official tender for both countries, and East Germany moves toward a free-market economy.

Midway docks at home base

YOKOSUKA, Japan (AP) — The U.S. aircraft carrier Midway docked at its home base today after two shipboard explosions killed two crew members and seriously injured 16 others, nine seriously, officials said.

"Midway is safe and seaworthy in all respects," Rear Adm. Lyle Bull, commander of the Battle Force 7th Fleet, told about 100 reporters aboard the 67,000-ton ship a day after the blasts.

"The safety of the ship was never in jeopardy," Bull said shortly after the ship moored at the U.S. naval base in Yokosuka, 30 miles southwest of Tokyo.

The commander stressed there was no danger to the ship's weapons area from the explosions in a 12-by-12-foot storeroom for firefighting and other emergency equipment on the fourth deck, about six decks below the flight deck.

Aside from the nine seriously injured, who were flown to hospitals ashore, seven injured crewmen were treated on the ship, the Navy said.

Outside the base's gate, about 50 anti-nuclear demonstrators chanted "Don't let the Midway land here," and "Don't let in nuclear weapons."

Major earthquake shakes Iran

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A major earthquake devastated cities and villages and triggered landslides in northwestern Iran early today. State media said at least 1,000 people were killed and more than 3,000 injured.

Many hundreds more were reported missing in the rubble of collapsed buildings and the death toll was expected to rise considerably.

The Geophysics Center at Tehran University said the quake measured 7.3 on the Richter Scale. The U.S. Geological Survey measured it at 7.7.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported "massive destruction." It said



homes crumbled and landslides loosed by the shock were blocking main roads, hampering rescue efforts.

Rescue workers struggled to pull victims from wrecked structures.



Last days
WEST BERLIN — An electrician dismantles the wires from the roof of the control house of Checkpoint Charlie Wednesday. Allied officials said the famous checkpoint will be taken down on Friday.

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Entertainment

On the side

Festival celebrates ethnicity, culture

Ethnic and traditional dances and food, music and crafts will be part of the ninth annual Folklife Festival in San Antonio, set for Aug. 2 through 5.

The event celebrates the state's history and many-culture heritage, sponsored by the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures.

Music planned so far for this year includes bluegrass, jazz, mariachi and blues. Folk dances of Poland, Ireland, Mexico and Norway will be performed, among others.

Strawberry shortcake, pizzas, shish kabob, sausages and a variety of international cuisines will be available. A rocking chair and front porch will be set up for storytelling, crafts and skills to be on display.

Tickets at \$6 for adults, \$2 for children six to twelve (other kids free) are available at the gate, but can be ordered in advance by calling (512)226-7651.

Sequel silly, critters cute

AP Arts Editor
A successful sequel usually requires strong and interesting characters or unique and compelling situations. Or, the sequel simply has to be better than the original.

With "Gremlins 2: The New Batch," the most exciting characters aren't human, and the situation would be compelling and scary if it weren't so silly.

This time around, the mutant Mogwai trash a computerized office building in New York, gulp down vials of experimental genetic drugs and leave a trail of green slime, garbage and confusion.

Gizmo has been living peacefully with his keeper, Mr. Wing (Keye Luke), the wise and mysterious man who first introduced the little critter in "Gremlins." Daniel Clamp, a send-up of Donald Trump, is a greedy developer who wants Wing's little curiosity shop in Chinatown so he can build yet another sprawling steel and cement monstrosity. But Wing, who is ill, won't sell.

Billy Peltzer (Zach Galligan) also works for Clamp. He's the naive, trusting lad whose father gave him Gizmo as a cute present. Billy's true love, Kate (Phoebe Cates), is a tour guide in the building.

Gizmo, of course, doesn't stay put. He gets splashed by water which triggers the birth of mutations who take things a step further and become those obnoxious and evil little uglies who just about did in Billy's hometown. This time, they take over Clamp Center and threaten to take Manhattan.

Clamp's empire is shredded — from his "Microwave Marge" TV show to the genetics lab. The microwave is a campy allusion to the original movie in which Billy's mom nuked a bad gremlin.

There are other campy nuggets as well — Gizmo as Rambo, Clamp and Marla (the name of Trump's alleged girlfriend), vampire bats and Christopher Lee, one of cinema's most famous Count Draculas.

"Gremlins 2" is big on frenzy and mess. It's also good for a sincere laugh or two. But the uniqueness of the creatures is gone. Even Gizmo is no longer precious, but simply ordinary.

The "Snow White" scene in the original was priceless. So was the constant "yum-yum." The sequel has none of those quirky inventions.

The creature crew is to be commended for the special effects and for the Mogwai manipulation. And the support cast adds a much-needed luster, especially Lee, Dick Miller and Jackie Joseph as Mr. and Mrs. Futterman and Robert Prosky as Grandpa Fred, a TV personality who hosts a late-night horror movie show.

Directed by Joe Dante, "Gremlins 2" was produced by Michael Finnell, with Steven Spielberg, Kathleen Kennedy and Frank Marshall as executive producers. It is rated PG-13. Kids will love it.

In the works

Movies currently in production



WOLFDAL, PA. (AP) — Extras from the filming of the remake of the 1969 horror classic "Night of the Living Dead" do their zombie routine during a break. The film, currently in production, features hundreds of the ghouls.



NEW YORK (AP) — Stars Bruce Willis, left, and Tom Hanks share a laugh during filming of the movie version of "The Bonfire of the Vanities," the best-selling book by Tom Wolfe. Filming, say reports, was chaos in the Bronx borough of New York.



PARK RIDGE, ILL. (AP) — It's moviesomething for Ken Olin, star of "Thirtysomething" on TV. He and Annabella Price are filming a made-for-television movie about the Boston murder of Carol Stuart and the subsequent suicide of her husband. The real-life controversy created racial strife in Boston when the husband attempted to pin the murder on a black gunman.

Clint Black to sing at South Plains fair

Clint Black, the Houston native who's fast becoming the biggest country and western heart-throb around, will perform in this year's South Plains Fair in Lubbock, Wednesday Sept. 26.

Black burst onto the scene with his No. 1 hit "Better Man." The fair shows, scheduled for 7 and 9 p.m., will be his Lubbock debut, said fair manager Steve Lewis.

Ticket orders are taken now through the mail. Sent requests to: Show Tickets, P.O. Box 208, Lubbock, Texas 79408. Your tickets will be returned to you in early August. You must send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$10 for each ticket in a check or money order.

Vampire finds love, adventure

By C.A. Appel
Special to the Herald
"Lifeblood" — book two in "The Vampire Files" series finds our hero Jack Fleming, former journalist and now full-time, friendly vampire, doing a little private detective work with his good friend, Charles Escott.

The ability to disappear and pass through solid objects certainly gives Jack an edge over his adversaries, although not being able to see his reflection in a mirror does make personal grooming a bit difficult.

The novel's main action involves Jack's search for the whereabouts of his long-lost vampire lover, Maureen, the woman who changed him into his present supernatural state.

Jack has all but given up on Maureen. His personal ads placed in several big-city papers have gone unanswered for five years. It's time to get on with his life and with his relationship with his current love interest, a torch singer

named Bobbi.

After he withdraws the ads he receives an unexpected response: it seems someone else has been looking for Maureen, too. But can the elderly woman, Gaylen Dumont, who claims to be Maureen's younger sister, be trusted?

A couple of vampire hunters, in the manner of Laurel and Hardy, are also in search of Jack and Maureen. Could they be the reason for Maureen's disappearance? After a bungled attempt to dispatch him with a shiny cross and silver bullets at a social gathering, Jack knows they aren't a real threat.

It is Gaylen's demands that Jack help her to become supernatural like himself and Maureen that he correctly interprets to be the true danger — to himself and possibly mankind.

Author P.N. Elrod creates a credible sense of reality in a realm of apparent impossibilities. Gangsters and vampires alike dwell in Depression-era Chicago

without any incongruities.

The story starts out slowly and builds to a frenzied climax leaving the reader almost gasping for breath. Be prepared to read the last half of the book in one sitting as one cannot help but turn the next page to see how Jack will survive his "death-threatening" ordeal on the wrong end of a sharply pointed wooden stake.

Also available in paperback from Ace Books is the first in the series, "Bloodlist."

While "Lifeblood" stands alone as a story, the opening novel sheds more light on Jack's conversion to a Nosferatu and how he meets up with the characters in book two.

Book three in the series will be out in October: "Bloodcircle" will expand on Jack's elusive vampire-lover's origins.

A blend of the detective novel and the vampire tale, "Lifeblood" should satisfy even the most demanding adventure-lover's appetite for breathless, non-stop action and excitement.

New faces join the familiar on 'Today'

NEW YORK (AP) — During last week's NBC affiliates convention, Deborah Norville faced station officials and said of the "Today" cast: "This is a family. I'm sorry the print press doesn't see it that way."

NBC hopes a more important audience — viewers — will see it that way as it re-launches "Today" with Joe Garagiola, Faith Daniels and Katie Couric joining Norville, Bryant Gumbel, Willard Scott and Gene Shalit on the troubled show.

The network's We Are Family plan puts a lot of hope on the addition of the gregarious Garagiola, 64, a popular "Today" co-host from 1969 to 1973. He'll join Gumbel and

Norville as co-host on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Daniels, late of CBS, will be the news anchor, while Couric, who has a lively wit, will be the show's national correspondent based in Washington, where one can find far more harrumph than humor.

As all but the dead know, co-host Jane Pauley left the show in December after 13 years.

Since Pauley's exit, the previously top-rated "Today" has been riding the crest of a slump.

It has trailed ABC's "Good Morning America" for 22 weeks, its year-to-date ratings are 17 percent below those of 1989, and they're down 17 percent in what some con-

sider a key demographic group — women aged 18 to 49.



LA Love
NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Tucker and Jill Eikenberry, who star together in "LA Law" as a married couple and in "Love Letters" at a New York theatre, are, in fact, a married couple. In this photo taken at a post-performance party at the theatre, the two demonstrate that they don't exactly dance cheek to cheek.

Base to hold open house this weekend

Dyess Air Force Base will hold its annual open house during "Big Country Appreciation Day" Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

Flight demonstrations will include parachuting, rapelling, and flybys. A weapons loading demonstration, live music and several displays are part of the event as well.

The main gate opens at 10 a.m., although the handicapped and senior citizens can enter on the base north side at 8 a.m. If you would like more information, call (915) 696-2861.

O'Keefe exhibit to close, others open

Only a few days remain for the Georgia O'Keefe exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland. "The Artist's Landscape" continues until June 24 along with photographer Eliot Porter's work.

Next up is "Daughters of the Desert" which chronicles the experience of women anthropologists uncovering the Native American Southwest from 1880-1980. It ends July 29.

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One Custom Belt Buckle will be given away at the July 4th performance and one at the July 6th performance. At Thursday's performance 200 Coca-Cola proudeos caps will be given free to the first 200 kids (under age 13) to enter gate.

RODEO WEEK ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

WESTERN RODEO PARADE - Wed. July 4th
10:30 am Downtown Pecos.

NIGHT IN OLD PECOS - Tues. evening July 3rd
"Street Dance", street vendors, and continuous entertainment. Live stage performances on July 1, 2 & 3 in downtown Pecos. No Admission Fee.

WESTERN ART SHOW & SALE - Sat. July 7th
Reeves County Civic Center - featuring leading Western Artists of the Southwest. No Admission Fee.

NIGHTLY RODEO DANCES - Featuring "Clay Mac."
Rodeo-sponsored dances each night during the Rodeo at the Pecos Civic Center - 9 pm - 1 am.

China gears up for world's largest census

BEIJING (AP) — How does a country count more than 1 billion people — especially if many don't want to be counted? China has started by drafting nearly 7 million census workers, more than the entire population of Finland.

Hundreds of thousands of training centers have been set up to teach the workers how to conduct the world's biggest head-count, which begins July 1 and will take about 10 days.

In addition, millions more Chinese have been mobilized to hang red banners in the streets, beat drums, sing songs and hand out publicity materials to popularize the slogan, "The population census — everyone is responsible."

Most Chinese have responded with the passive acquiescence they give all government campaigns, such as those calling for killing flies or studying socialist labor models.

But the census, last held in 1982, strikes fear in the hearts of a substantial minority.

They are the millions of people who have moved to cities without permission, and millions of others who have violated family-planning regulations by having more than one child.

Fearful of being fined thousands of dollars, parents often fail to register additional children and try to keep them deep secrets — hence their nickname "black children."

"It's very possible that there's a black child in each (apartment)

building," said census worker Zhang Yuesi, who was taking part one recent afternoon in a pre-census trial in northeast Beijing's Zuo Family Village neighborhood.

She and five other workers visited three households and filled out questionnaires as a practice run.

"We must deeply arouse the

census checks of household registrations — little booklets that list household members. One copy is kept at home, and one in the local police station.

Since spring, officials already have made door-to-door checks to confirm registrations are up to date, and have quizzed neighbors about suspect households. If there

people. Zhang Sai said an exact figure is needed for the smooth running of China's planned economy. That's why census-takers are going door-to-door this year, instead of asking residents to visit census stations as in the other three counts made during four decades of Communist rule.

Computers are playing a bigger role, too, replacing the abacus. First results will be released in October, and a detailed tabulation in 1992.

"Our standard is to be off by no more than one-thousandth," said Zhang Yuesi, who is not related to Zhang Sai.

Peculiarities of China's housing allocation system have created pitfalls that will test even the best-prepared counter.

Take the case of Liu Yugu, a retired union official in Zuo Family Village's East No. 10-Building. His household registration book shows five people living in a two-room apartment.

In reality, his son, daughter and grandson have found unofficial housing elsewhere. But they often visit and spend the night, Liu said. Where should they be counted?

There are other special cases. Families swap assigned apartments, trying to move closer to work. Grown children marry outside Beijing but stay registered with their parents, hoping one day to return to the capital. Double-counting seems as much a risk as missing heads.

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masses and do propaganda work among them" in order to get a correct count, said Mrs. Zhang, a brisk woman who usually works in the municipal Statistics Bureau. Like other census workers, she was temporarily drafted in March to help make the count.

Census officials insist they won't punish anyone for having more than one child or living illegally in a city.

At a recent news conference, Zhang Sai, deputy director of the central government's census "leading group," or committee, promised that data on individual families won't be shared with police or family planning officials.

But it is not the census questionnaire per se that worries some families.

It is the prolonged glare of official attention, including pre-

were any "black children" in Zuo Family Village, they likely were uncovered during this stage, when there was no confidentiality.

Zhang Yuesi, the census worker, didn't want to release figures for her own turf. But she disclosed that in Fengtai, a rural area of Beijing, more than 300 unregistered children were found "in just one census district."

Li Honggui, deputy director of the national census office, said some have speculated the nationwide total of "black children" will reach several tens of millions.

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India is No. 2 with 880 million



Associated Press photo

He made it!

SURREY, England — Ten-year-old Craig Shergold of Surrey, England, holds a certificate awarded to him by the Guinness Book of Records when he became the first person to receive more than one million get-well cards. A letter to the *Herald* from Julie Miller, Scenic Mountain Medical Center marketing director, was published June 13, requesting cards be sent to Craig. The youth, who has a rare form of brain cancer, is still receiving hundreds of get-well cards every day.

Water conflicts complicate Turkey's relations with Arab neighbors

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Arguments about water are complicating relations with Arab neighbors that Turkey spent a quarter-century building.

A conflict over the waters of the Euphrates River has soured relations with Syria and Iraq. Reports that Turkey planned to sell water to Israel have angered the Arab world generally.

Libya refuses to pay \$250 million it owes Turkish construction companies, citing increased friendliness between Turkey and Israel, a diplomatic source said privately.

Economists and scientists say rapidly growing populations in the Middle East could cause a

disastrous water shortage. Turkey has plenty of water, much of it running unharnessed into the surrounding seas.

It averted one dispute over the precious resource by backing off a proposed project with Medusa Inc. of Canada for moving water from the Manavgat River in southern Turkey to other countries, government and company official said.

Medusa has developed a technology for transporting water in huge, balloon-like plastic containers pulled by ships.

Italy showed interest in using the method to transport water to the islands of Sicily and Sardinia, and Israel also was looking into it, the officials said.

Turkish officials described the project, requiring an investment of about \$200 million, as a private venture with no political dimension. They said private firms would buy and ship the water for other countries.

Arab nations apparently did not accept that explanation, which ignored the fact that the Turkish government would be selling the water, and Turkey did not go through with the deal. Medusa, worried about possible terrorist action, also was said to be having second thoughts.

Foreign Minister Ali Bozer said in a recent statement that "there is no project to sell water to Israel." He also said Turkey had not

received a positive reply to a proposal to provide "friendly Arab countries" with water.

His reference was to the "peace pipeline" proposal put forth several years ago by Turgut Ozal, then premier.

Under it, a 1,500-mile pipeline would carry water from the Seyhan and Ceyhan rivers in the south to the Arabian peninsula. The project would require an investment of \$21 billion.

Shelving the water transport project may have averted a political crisis, but no simple solution is possible in a dispute over Euphrates water.

Turkey blocked most of the river's flow in January to raise the

water level in the reservoir of the Ataturk Dam, being built as the centerpiece of a huge irrigation and power project in southeastern Turkey.

Syria and Iraq protested the action, which demonstrated Turkey's stranglehold on the vital waters.

The Euphrates originates in the mountains of eastern Turkey and flows 1,460 miles through Syria and Iraq to a confluence with the Tigris River that empties into the Persian Gulf. The two rivers have been the lifelines of one of the cradles of world civilization.

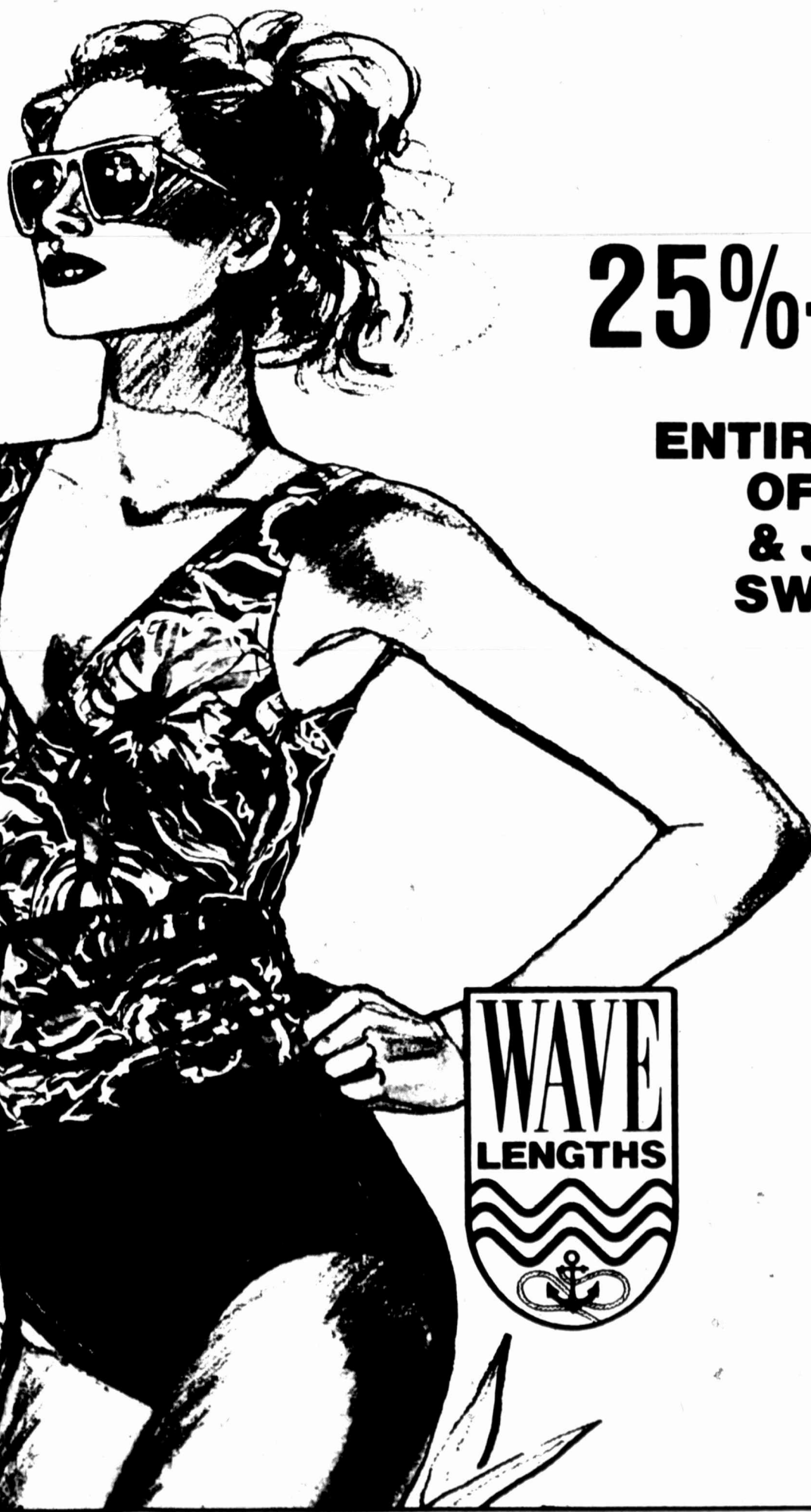
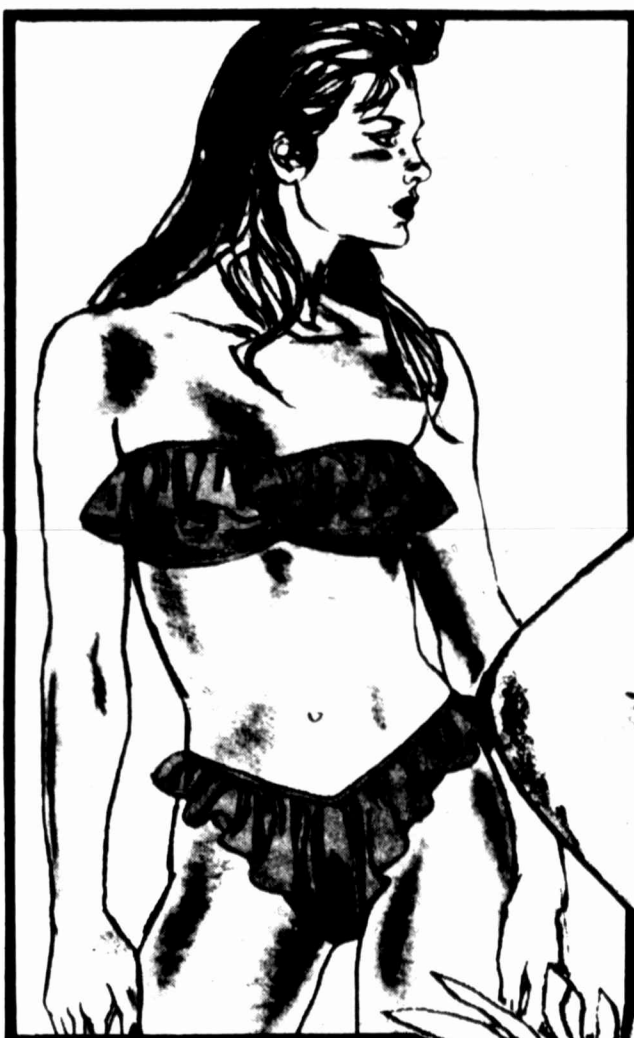
Water disputes have threatened to undo a generation of Turkish efforts to improve relations with the Arabs. Turkey has supported Arab

causes in international forums, joined the Islamic Conference Organization and demoted relations with Israel from the ambassadorial to minister-counselor level.

Syria and Iraq now demand talks with Turkey on an agreement to specify the exact amount of water each will receive from the Euphrates. Turkey has suggested a ministerial meeting in Ankara, but Turkish officials say privately they have no intention of accepting a quota system.

There are no international rules to force Turkey into a sharing agreement, government officials say.

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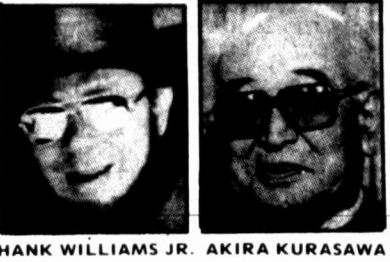
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Names in the news

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Despite a setback from the U.S. Supreme Court, country music star Hank Williams Jr. plans to continue his fight against a woman who claims to be his father's daughter.



HANK WILLIAMS JR. AKIRA KURASAWA

NEW YORK (AP) — Akira Kurosawa, Japan's most influential director and a winner of four Oscars, has received the 1990 Japan Society Award.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 1990
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: author Anne Morrow Lindbergh, fashion designer Bill Blass, actress Meryl Streep, newsman Ed Bradley.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Answering a challenge lets you protect your financial resources.

financial tips passed along by friends. Greater tact is required to restore domestic tranquility.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be aware of your potential. If you are a writer, reporter or involved in book publishing, you may be on the brink of real success.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Work progress looks excellent. But an overconfident attitude could get you into trouble!

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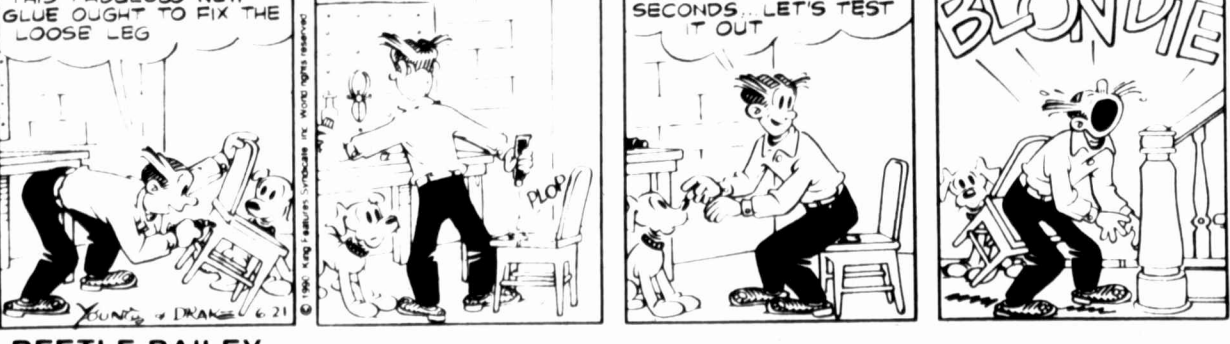
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Area weather: Fair tonight and Friday. Low tonight in the low 70s. High Friday around 100. The high yesterday was 103, the low was 75.

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On the side



Oil traces

HIGH ISLAND — Volunteer Larry Ballard walks past traces of oil that have washed ashore at Sea Rim State Park here Tuesday. Officials have not confirmed if the oil is from the Mega Borg oil spill.

4-H to host fashion show

The Martin County 4-H Club will host its annual County Fashion Show tonight at 8 p.m. at the Old Texas Theater, now the James McGilvray home. The fashion show will take place around the pool deck.

FOM meets; reunion discussed

The July 14 Old Settlers Reunion was the main topic of discussion at the recent meeting of the Friends of the Museum. The J.P. Stroud family will be at the museum from 2-4 p.m. on the 14th as the honoree family of the Reunion. An antique car show also will be featured at this year's reunion. During the month of May, the old jail received more than 140 visitors. Stanton ISD students went to the historical jail for a field trip before school was dismissed. The committee compiled 106 hours of volunteer community service for the month of May. Officers of the Friends of the Museum are as follows: James Biggs — President; Joni Hazelwood — Vice Chairman; Don Avery — Secretary/Treasurer. The Friends of the Museum was organized in 1985 with the purpose of providing volunteer support for the museum.

DPS projects 15 deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — As many as 15 Texans will be killed in traffic accidents over the July 4 holiday, the Department of Public Safety projects. DPS Col. Joe Milner said Thursday that death toll is feared even though the holiday falls in midweek this year. "All available troopers will be on duty, closely watching for the most life-threatening violations — DWI and speeding over the limit," Milner said.

Man accused of smuggling aliens

EL PASO (AP) — Authorities said two men used a travel agency in Peru to smuggle people from South America through Mexico and into the United States. U.S. Border Patrol agents arrested 14 Peruvians, three Colombians and the two men at a motel Tuesday morning. Carlos Hurtado, 32, of Peru and Miguel Ortiz, 48, of Mexico were arrested and are being held at the El Paso County Detention Center because they are undocumented. They are expected to face a federal magistrate Thursday morning on alien smuggling charges.

Supporters glum about chances

By BOB MITCHELL
Herald Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Supporters of a constitutional amendment to prohibit flag desecration glumly signaled Wednesday they are short of the two-thirds majority needed to win passage of the measure.

"I don't think we're going to get two-thirds," said Rep. Tom Ridge, R-Pa., a supporter of the constitutional amendment and a Vietnam veteran.

"It's going to be tight. The opponents say they've got enough. But we think we're at least within shouting distance," said Kyle Steward, legislative director for

"I have spent a year struggling with this issue and I am convinced that the Supreme Court made the right decision. I believe I was wrong." — Rep. Glenn Poshard, D-Ill.

Rep. G.V. Sonny Montgomery, D-Miss., co-author of the constitutional amendment.

With a vote expected today, leading House Republicans declined to offer predictions on the outcome, except to say it will be close. But several hinted that they are fearful of defeat.

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., a supporter of the amendment, said "it could be true" that proponents

of the measure don't have the votes to win passage. "There are some out there who have not made up their minds," he added during a meeting of the House Rules Committee.

Earlier in the day, Solomon was less measured, accusing House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., of "kowtowing to the likes of the Communist Youth Brigade," a group that has burned flags, and ignoring

the wishes of veterans' groups in pushing for the vote today. Solomon's remarks were ruled out of order.

The Supreme Court triggered the national debate on flag desecration last June when it ruled that a Texas law prohibiting the practice is unconstitutional. Congress responded by passing a law against the practice, but the court ruled last month that the measure was also un-

constitutional — setting the stage for the House vote on the amendment.

Rep. David Skaggs, D-Colo., a deputy Democratic whip counting votes for opponents of an amendment, said foes have the 145 votes needed to block the measure, but added some of those votes were "soft." A constitutional amendment needs two-thirds majorities in the House and Senate and approval by 38 state legislatures to take effect.

"I've been surprised at some of the people who've come up to me and said they just can't support the amendment. People seem to be ge-

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Schools decry finance package

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Poor school districts call Texas' new public education reform package unconstitutional, but they disagree on whether the law should be used anyway for a year to avoid disrupting school budgets.

State District Judge Scott McCown has indicated he would allow the school finance plan to take effect at least for the 1990-91 school year, some attorneys involved in the case said.

McCown is overseeing school finance reform in the wake of last year's unanimous Texas Supreme Court order for change. The judge is expected to hear the challenge to the new law at a trial starting July 9, the lawyers said.

The new plan was agreed to by Republican Gov. Bill Clements and leaders in the Democrat-controlled Legislature after three months of special sessions this year.

It is meant to even out funding disparities between rich and poor school districts, in response to the Supreme Court's order.

The package increases state public education spending by \$528 million this school year, and makes other changes, such as allowing the governor to appoint the state education commissioner.

But poor school districts say the plan makes no meaningful improvements in the \$13.5 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money.

"Senate Bill 1 continues a system with vast disparities between poor districts and rich districts," attorneys said in a motion filed on behalf of 13 poor school districts that initiated the lawsuit against the state.

"The bill allows the wealthiest districts to raise and spend



Associated Press photo

Temporary home

GALVESTON — Loggerhead turtle nicknamed "Barnacle Bill" by members of the National Marine Fisheries Service, is wrestled through the door of the service's Galveston laboratory after the turtle was rescued in the wake of the Mega Borg oil spill. A related story appears on page 2-A.

Man uses music in anti-drug crusade

By LAURA LUDEWELL-DENNIS
The Odessa American

ANDREWS — Larry Simpson likes to think of his crusade against drugs as being one of the "thousand points of light" that President Bush talks about.

"He (Bush) talks about volunteerism. That's really what this is. I'm not in it for the money," Simpson said.

What Simpson is referring to is a song he has written about alcohol

and drug abuse. "Just Say No," is a country ballad with a catchy tune and words inspired by true events in the lives of Simpson and people he knows.

The song tells of a 14-year-old girl who turns to prostitution to finance a drug problem.

"I am trying to put a negative image on drugs and alcohol, but not condemn anyone for having problems. The girl in the song is a real

person I knew in Oklahoma. She had a problem."

The song also tells of a high school senior who drinks for the first time on prom night. "That is true. He got drunk and crossed the center line on the highway and killed a whole family."

The young man was sentenced to the Oklahoma state prison and served 10 years.

Simpson, 43, says he is no stranger to substance abuse and

problems with the law.

"I had a problem. It landed me in the state pen in Oklahoma. So I know what I am talking about. I wrote hot checks to pay for my drug and alcohol problem. It all caught up to me."

While watching television one day Simpson happened to hear then first lady Nancy Reagan talk about her "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign.

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Herald photo by Marcelino Chavez

Men at work

STANTON Mayor Danny Fryar, right, uses a backhoe to begin leveling the ground at the county Community Center here Tuesday. Fryar and others are working at exten-

ding the center's dance area by six feet in preparation for this year's Old Settlers Reunion, as well as other future activities.

