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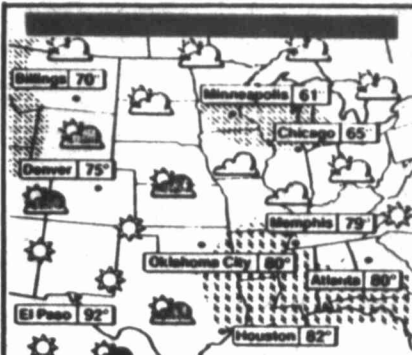
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Scattered showers and some possibly severe thunderstorms through Wednesday morning, followed by a clearing and a sunny Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight in the 50s; high Wednesday in the 80s.

Monday's high temperature	80
Monday's low temperature	51
Average high	85
Average low	56
Record high	103 in 1947
Record low	31 in 1917
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.02
Normal for Month	2.91
Year to date	02.63
Normal for year	04.18

Army jazz band to perform tonight

The Jazz Ambassadors, a touring jazz ensemble, will be performing in the Municipal Auditorium tonight.

The jazz band is a part of the United States Army Field Band. They have three tours a year, presenting free performances across the nation.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Those wishing to see the show are asked to please be seated by 7:20.

United States Army Field Band Commander George Meade writes, "The superior standard of musicianship attained by the Jazz Ambassadors, coupled with their individuality, keeps their sound fresh and exciting. From the melodic Big Band tunes of the forties to the driving rhythms of modern-day rock, the Jazz Ambassadors put it all together in a musical package appealing to all age groups."

Free tickets are available at the Big Spring Herald and The Chamber of Commerce, 215 West Third St.

Parks board denies carnival request

A local church was denied a request that would allow operation of a carnival in a residential area at a special meeting of the Big Spring Planning and Zoning Commission Monday.

Paul Brown, representing Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 1009 Hearn, had asked the commission to approve a special designation allowing a commercial carnival to operate during the church's festival this fall. Commissioners denied the request after it was determined that changing the zoning ordinances to allow such a permit would not be cost-effective for the city.

Assistant City Manager Tom Decell said because of the way zoning laws are structured, the proposal would require mailing letters to every property owner in the city limits asking for input on the request. Board members had apparently not received enough interest in the plan from other church and charitable organizations to make it seem worthwhile, he said.

Brown said the church would look for an alternate location for the carnival.

Incumbents retain hospital board seats

COLORADO CITY — All four incumbents on the Mitchell County Hospital District board retained their seats in an election Saturday. The only challenger finished in last place.

Marion Bassham got 314 votes, J. Craddock got 309, Sybil Stevens got 304, W.E. Smith got 298 and challenger Dee Roach got 142.

U.S. troops withdraw from Iraq

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Nine months to the day after U.S. troops began heading for the Persian Gulf, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is observing the pullout of American combat forces from war-torn southern Iraq.

Cheney was scheduled to meet with Kuwaiti and U.S. officials in Kuwait City today and then travel across the border into the Iraqi portion of the demilitarized zone to witness the withdrawal of 2,400 members of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division.

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Cheney is touring six gulf nations to talk with government leaders about the future U.S. military role in the area. He predicted he would win approval for an expanded U.S.

presence as a hedge against future threats to gulf security.

While in Kuwait today, the defense secretary was to receive a military briefing on the U.S. Army's role in helping to reconstruct war-ravaged Kuwait.

Cheney on Monday said the Bush administration had no interest in keeping U.S. ground forces in the

area permanently. But he stressed that regular U.S. ground and air exercises, combined with expanded U.S. training of gulf Arab forces, would help deter the kind of crisis triggered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August.

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White hearing closed to public

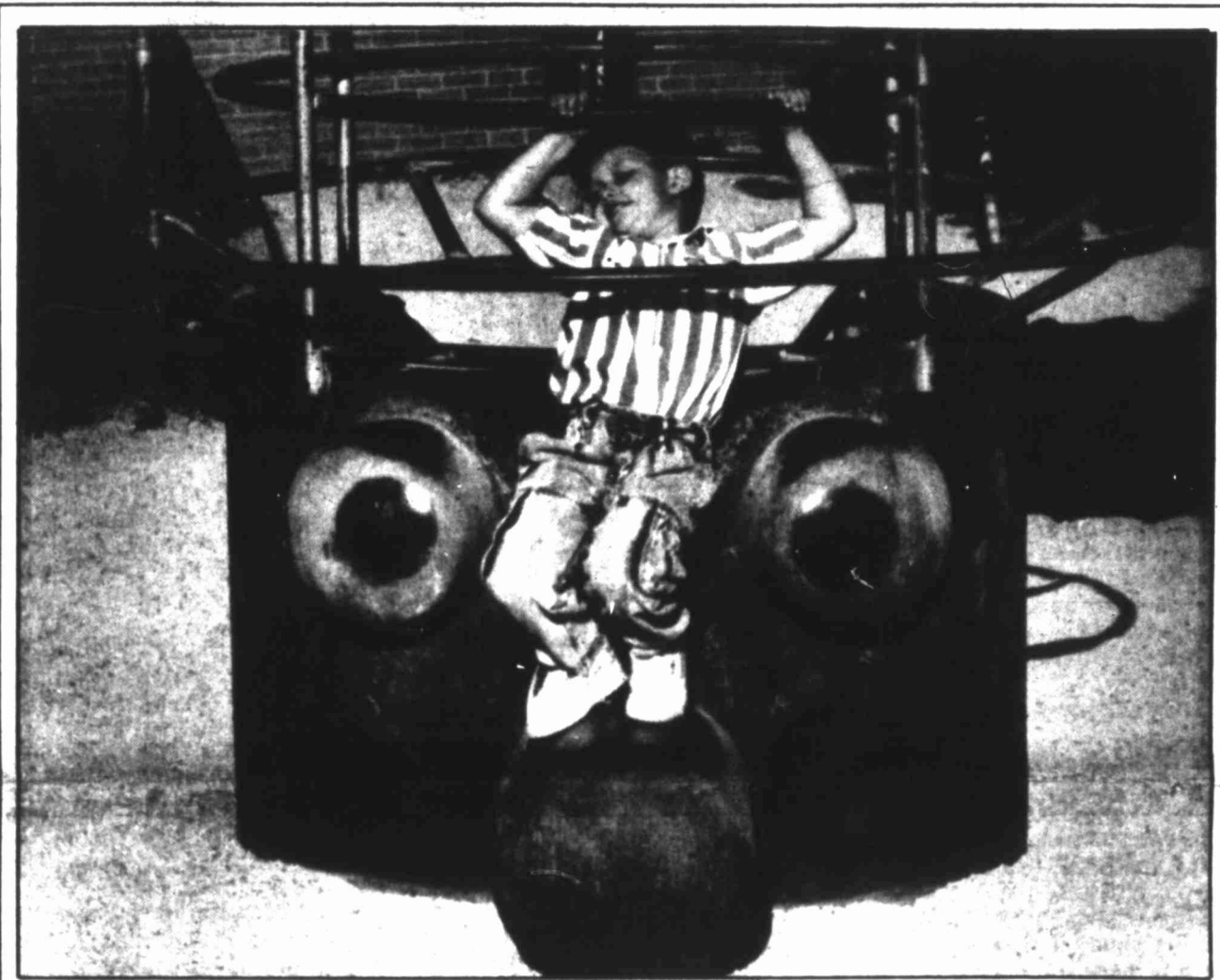
By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A district judge has announced that the juvenile disposition hearing of Kevin John White, who was found to have recklessly caused the June death of Richard Lauderdale, will be closed.

White, 17, was tried two weeks ago as a juvenile certified to stand trial for a murder charge under determinate sentencing, which allows for a sentence of up to 30 years incarceration. The trial was open to the public, as stipulated by law.

But since a jury found him guilty of a lesser charge not covered by determinate sentencing, the case now reverts back to a normal juvenile case, said 118th Judicial District Judge Bob Moore.

"It's going to be closed to the public and the file's going to be sealed," said Moore, who scheduled the disposition hearing for 8



'Nose scratching'
Zachary Woolen, 5, son of Rick and Susan Watkins, stands on the nose of one of the playground "residents" as he climbs off the bars earlier today.

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Moore board staffs standing committees

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

Twenty-one local citizens will join the economic development efforts of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

The corporation has staffed standing committees to consider issues of budgeting, business retention and new business recruitment. The issues were named as priorities at a Town Hall meeting about the corporation early this year.

Moore Executive Director Ted St. Clair said the committee members, all of whom serve volun-

tarily, have shown dedication to improving the local community.

"These people have shown a continuing interest in Big Spring and a willingness to give their time and talents to help it grow," he said. St. Clair said the committee staff was chosen by agreement of all five members of the Moore board of directors.

Board member Jim Purcell will head a committee to discuss budgeting, audit and other financial issues. Other members are Mark Morgan, Don Reynolds, Mary Lou Salazar, Cheri Sparks

and Jim Weaver.

Purcell said the budget committee will deal with estimates and projections of revenues and expenses for the corporation, which is funded by a local sales tax. The committee will examine a "breakdown" of the corporation's expenses so it can prioritize the use of tax revenues, he said.

"That's the short range," Purcell said. "In the long range, we're going to consider what how to best utilize the funds available to us." The committee will make financial recommendations to the

board.

A committee for area business retention and expansion will be chaired by board member Jeff Morris. Other members are Richard Atkins, John Currie, Larson Lloyd, Scott McLaughlin, Cheryl Harris, Eddie Vela, Curt Mullins and Bob Riley.

Morris said the business retention committee will attempt to set up a program of items available to local businesses, such as the revolving loan program already in place.

Promoters hint at local TV show

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

Owners of a Big Spring entertainment promotion company said Monday they are considering producing a nationally-broadcast Hispanic television program in Big Spring.

Taylor and Patt Rudd of Texas Productions, along with Tejano musician and actor Carlos Guzman, unveiled their plan at a press conference attended by local Hispanic citizens, chamber officials and members of the media. Rudd said the idea hinges mainly on one factor — city support.

Rudd, who had previously reserved the Comanche Trail Amphitheatre for a series of Tejano, or Hispanic, music concerts, said those plans have been stymied by lack of community support.

"I don't know why they're trying to block this (concert venture)," Rudd said. He said if local support is evident, he, Mrs. Rudd and Guzman would expand the concert series to produce a Spanish-language television show filmed in Big Spring.

"All I'm asking for... from the city is two things," Rudd said. "We want alcohol allowed in... and we want them to block off the street in front (of the amphitheatre)." He said the City Council has been



TAYLOR RUDD
"dragging its feet" on the decisions.

Rudd had appeared before the City Council at its last meeting, but his issues were not included on the agenda as action items. At a recent Parks and Recreation board meeting, the advisory group declined to make recommendations related to the Rudds' plan because the concerts were a for-profit venture.

Texas Productions' concerts are \$5 per ticket and children under 12 are free. Rudd said he was not making a large profit, and has told the city council he lost money at

the first concert.

"Sure it's commercial," Rudd said. "But what I'm going to give the city is going to be a lot more than \$150 (the cost of the alcohol permit application)."

He said he had experienced difficulty reserving the amphitheatre. Rudd had scheduled use of the facility each Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 16, but some of those dates were later requested by another group. The city policy says a renter must pay in advance to ensure each day's reservation.

Rudd said advance reservation was necessary because "That's... the way this business works." The Rudds, whose business includes entertainment tour bus rental and production as well as promotion, said they have worked with Diana Ross, George Strait, B.J. Thomas and Charlie Daniels among others.

Guzman, whose resume lists many appearances on television shows as well as movies and a music career, said the amphitheatre was a "perfect location" for an Hispanic television show.

"I want to do a show that is trying to expose people to the culture and history," said Guzman, who would be host of the show. "I want



Scouts as hosts
Big Spring Webelos Scout State Broyles passed out refreshments to Helen LeBarre and others when Webelos Scouts packs 176 and 179 acted as hosts to a gathering for residents of Canterbury North. Handmade gifts were also passed out. The purpose of the event was to let the scouts get acquainted with older adults in their community, said coordinator Juanita Leonard.

Condition of injured skydiver upgraded

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

The condition of a Midland skydiver has been upgraded from "critical" to "serious," said a Midland Memorial Hospital spokesperson.

Brent Berry, 39, underwent extensive surgery to repair injuries received in a parachuting accident late Sunday. Also involved in the accident was Price Womack, 40. Womack was pronounced dead at Martin County Hospital late Sunday, said Stanton Police Chief Michael Adams.

Womack, president and CEO of Womack Kleypas Advertising Network in Odessa, was filming a commercial for an Odessa retailer about one mile south of the Stanton Airport when the accident occurred, said John Smith of Womack Kleypas.

Jennifer Christon, a Stanton skydiver, was the subject of the commercial. Berry and Womack were filming Christon from above when her parachute failed, said Adams.

Christon cut the tangled parachute away and deployed her emergency parachute and landed safely.

The accident occurred when Womack turned sharply to avoid the cut away parachute and collided with Berry, tangling their parachutes, said Adams.

"Their parachutes were catching a little air, but not much," said Adams. The two men impacted in a plowed field. Womack died from the resulting injuries and Berry was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition, he said.

Womack's Advertising firm was founded in the 1950s by Womacks

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Nation

Police say Smith should be charged

NEW YORK (AP) — Police in Palm Beach, Fla., will recommend William Kennedy Smith be charged with second-degree sexual battery — tantamount to rape in other states — in the alleged attack at the family estate, a newspaper said today.

New York *Newsday*, citing sources it identified only as top police officials, also reported that police will recommend the prosecutor charge Smith directly rather than send the case to a grand jury for consideration.

In Florida, sexual battery is the same charge as rape in other states, the newspaper said. The offense carries up to 15 years in prison, but Smith could receive probation if convicted because he

has no criminal record, *Newsday* said.

A 29-year-old woman has accused Smith, a nephew of Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, of raping her at the Kennedy estate March 30 after they met at a bar.

Smith, a 30-year-old student at Georgetown University Medical School in Washington, has denied any wrongdoing.

Police said they will meet with Palm Beach County prosecutors this week to make their recommendation after a six-week investigation, *Newsday* said.

Police Chief Joseph Terlizze said no meeting had been arranged yet with State Attorney David Bludworth and his staff.

EPA announces new lead standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency announces long-awaited new standards for lead in drinking water today that could require many cities to replace old pipes.

The action "will reduce lead exposure in approximately 130 million Americans," EPA Administrator William Reilly was quoted as saying in an announcement prepared for a news conference to release details.

Lead is a poison that can produce high blood pressure in adults. Its chief danger is to children, because small amounts can interfere with development of the brain.

The agency estimates that its

regulations, years in preparation, would reduce blood lead concentrations in 600,000 children below the "level of concern" set by the Centers for Disease Control.

Officials described the regulations as their most important against lead since they began proceedings to reduce lead in gasoline in 1976.

The Bush administration has proposed to Congress a \$1 billion program to reduce lead exposure.

EPA's new program will require water systems to monitor tap water in "high-risk" households — those with lead service pipes leading in from the main, or recent lead solder on copper pipes.

Bush's schedule back to normal



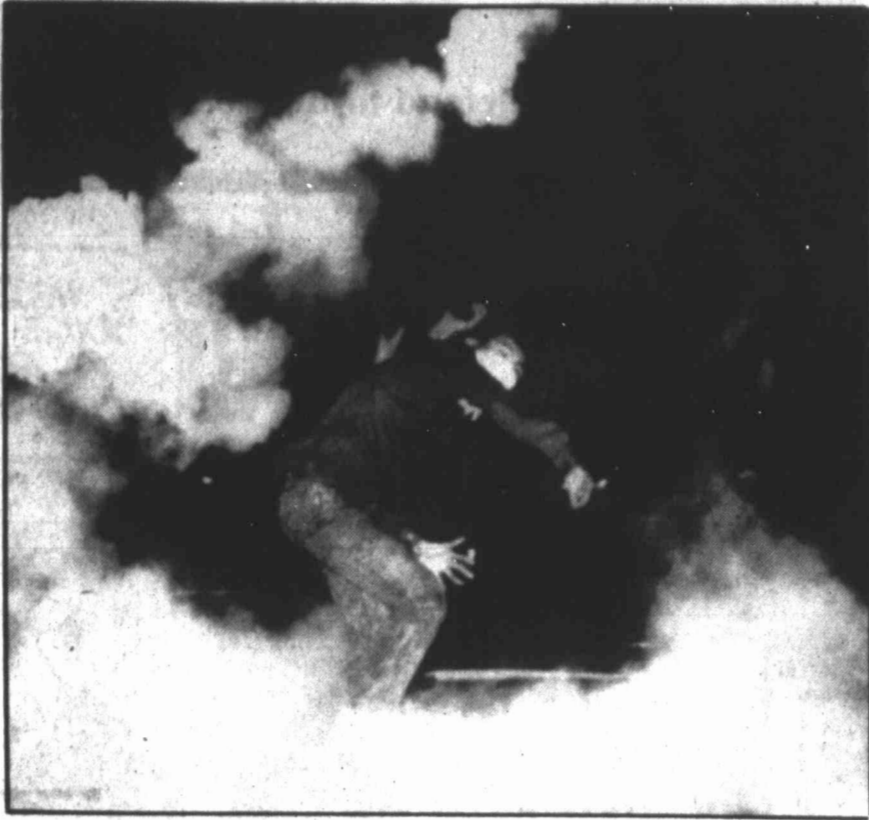
HOME AGAIN

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush "slept like a log" through the night and began a full work schedule today with no recurrence of the irregular heartbeat that put him in the hospital over the weekend, the White House said today.

Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said that Bush's heart rate was monitored throughout the night. "It was perfectly normal all night long and this morning," Fitzwater said.

In addition, Bush had a complete electrocardiogram test this morning immediately after getting up. The EKG test showed no irregularities, Fitzwater said.

The president, who went to bed at 8:40 p.m. Monday night, was up at 5:20 a.m. today and arrived at the Oval Office for a full day's work at 7:23 a.m., Fitzwater said. "He looks good," the spokesman said.



Associated Press photo

WASHINGTON — A youth throws objects as fear gas rises during the second consecutive night of violence in a Hispanic neighborhood of Washington Monday. Washington Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon imposed a curfew in the area after rock-throwing youths attacked police and burned and looted property.

Mayor determined to end street violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 50 people were arrested and 13 police officers injured during a second straight night of rock-throwing, car burning and looting in parts of the nation's capital. "Enough is enough," said Mayor Sharon Pratt Dixon.

At daybreak, police reported the area was quiet and the overnight curfew was lifted. But officials promised it would be quickly reimposed at the first sign of trouble.

Police cars equipped with bullhorns ordered residents off the streets of a largely Hispanic neighborhood and Dixon ordered the overnight curfew after disturbances began to spread Monday night.

Thirteen police officers were injured and 13 police cars damaged in the melee, authorities said. Fire Chief Ray Alfred Jr. was injured when a brick crashed through the window of his car and hit him in the head. He was not seriously hurt.

Police said about 44 people were arrested for curfew violations, with another seven charged with disorderly conduct. No statistics were immediately available for arrests before midnight, officials said.

At least two stores were burned, and one security guard was rescued from the basement of a

"We need to put an end to it and we're going to put an end to it tonight," Dixon said late Monday as bands of youths fought hit-and-run skirmishes with police. Stinging tear gas lingered over a 12-block area of the nation's capital just two miles from the White House.

Rampaging youths, some masking their faces with bandanas, smashed shop windows, wrecked a fried chicken restaurant and a city commuter bus and overturned cars, then set them ablaze. Burning trash and smoldering tear gas canisters lay in the streets of the city's Mount Pleasant area.

Flames erupted from one storefront while owners sat in some shops with their families in hope of discouraging looters. Others boarded their windows.

Hundreds of police flooded into the neighborhood and drove back rock throwers by firing dozens of tear gas canisters. But the bands of youths merely ran off and struck again elsewhere.

Dixon and police officials initially refrained from arrests, wary lest a wholesale crackdown make the situation worse. "I think their concerns are legitimate," the mayor said. "We do need to be more responsive."

World

Police fight for protester's body

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — About 1,000 riot police battled for nine hours today to gain control of a morgue where protesters guarded the body of a dissident who died in prison.

The clash was part of escalating nationwide unrest over last month's fatal beating of a student by police. Opponents of the government called for further mass protests on Thursday.

Dissidents claimed police wanted to seize Park Chang-soo's body in order to destroy evidence that might indicate he was killed. The government says he committed suicide.

Park, a 30-year-old union leader, was arrested in February after promoting solidarity strikes

and was on a hunger strike to protest labor oppression and the student's death when he died.

His body was found Monday on the grounds of the prison hospital, where he'd been taken after allegedly being injured in a prison game. There was no suicide note, investigators said.

Riot police armed with clubs and bamboo spears today stormed the Anyang Hospital's basement morgue south of Seoul, where several dozen protesters guarded the body and hundreds of others outside kept a vigil.

After police took control of the morgue, prosecutors began an autopsy on Park's body, saying Park's family and supporters sanctioned the operation.

Talks stall over meeting location

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Talks on returning self-government to Northern Ireland stalled today on the issue of where the province's parties will meet the Irish government.

The four parties involved in the talks had been expected to begin joint meetings today, but they were postponed because of the dispute.

Leaders of the two unionist parties have objected to meeting in the Irish government in Dublin, fearing that would symbolize acceptance of the Irish constitution's

claim to the whole island.

"Unionists will not compromise themselves over the territorial claim that presently exists. We won't stymie our own negotiating position by going to Dublin at this stage," Ken Maginnis, a deputy leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, told reporters today.

One of the unionist goals in the talks is the repeal of the territorial claim in the constitution.

Peter Brooke, the top British official in Northern Ireland, met separately with party leaders to seek a solution.

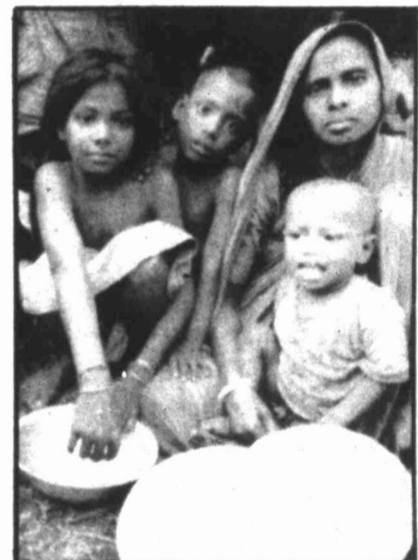
Relief workers reach remote areas

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) — Prime Minister Khaleda Zia said today that relief workers have reached isolated areas devastated by last week's cyclone, but she appealed for international aid to help the millions caught in "this colossal natural calamity."

Mrs. Zia, in her first news conference since the storm, said helicopters or boats had gotten to lowland areas where survivors face disease and starvation a week after one of the worst cyclones to hit Bangladesh this century.

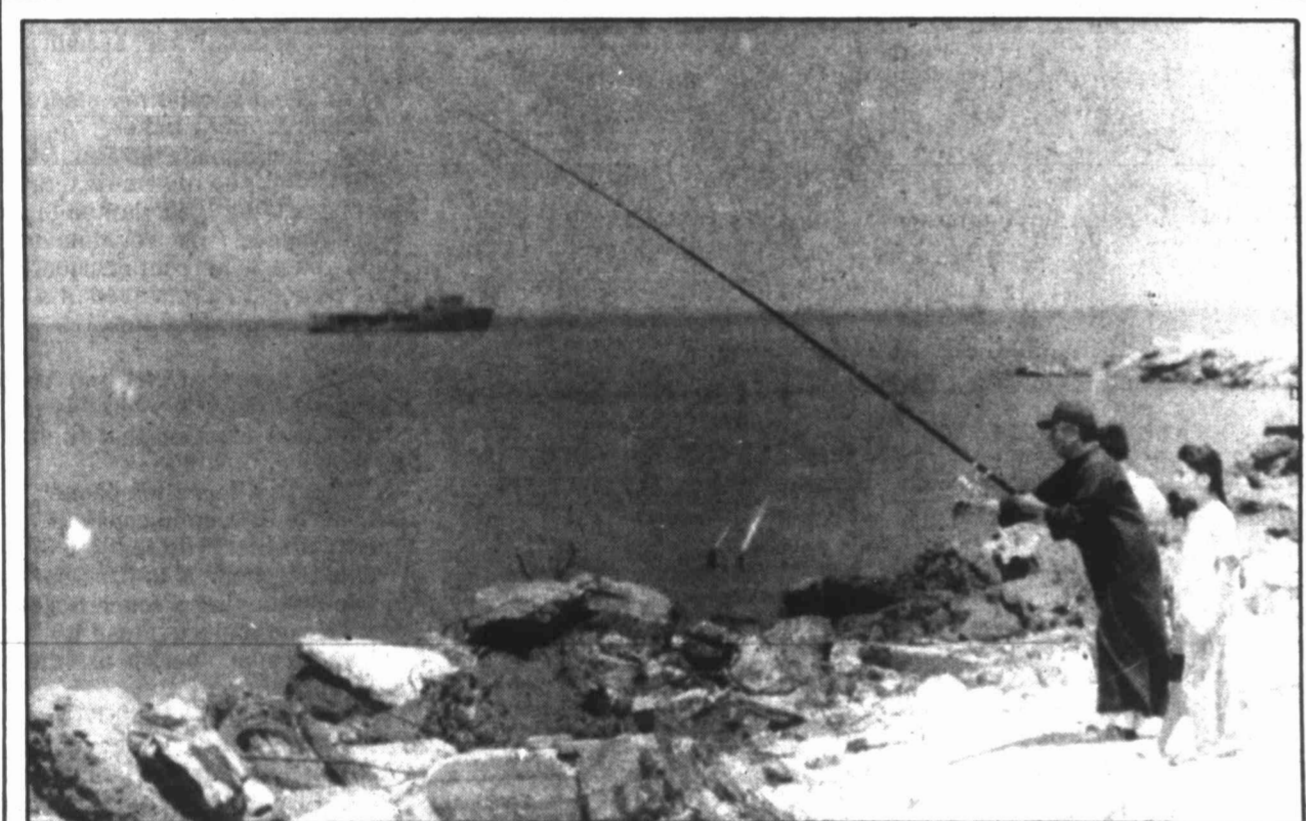
"Certainly, it is not an easy task for a country like Bangladesh, characterized as we are by endemic poverty, underdevelopment and paucity of resources," she said before leaving on a tour of cyclone-damaged areas.

Relief missions have been hampered by foul weather, lack of adequate transportation and flooded roads. Relief workers and



HUNGRY SURVIVORS

reporters said many people were without food or medicines in most parts of the southern coast hit by the April 30 cyclone. By official count, 128,730 people were killed and an estimated 10 million left homeless.



Associated Press photo

Slowly back to normal

KUWAIT CITY — Residents of Kuwait City return to the beaches of the Gulf to do a little recreational fishing Monday as a military ship

cruises the coast. People and services are slowly returning to the war-torn city.

New food products to top 15,000 this year

CHICAGO (AP) — Ever stand in a grocery store aisle, unable to choose a single box of cereal from the hundreds lining the shelves?

Last year more than 13,000 new products were introduced in American supermarkets. This year, expect 15,000 more.

"We don't need 16 flavors of health bars," said Joseph Palmer, owner of Palmer's Supermarkets in Stamford, Conn. "The redundancy is out of control."

Palmer and thousands of other grocery store operators are literally getting a taste this week of what's new as more than 1,000 companies offer samples of their latest products at the Food Marketing Institute's annual trade show, the largest of its kind in the world.

Iced coffee in a can is a big item this year. Scores of new "light" and "low-fat" versions of time-honored favorites will be on your shelves. Food for people on the run, like microwaveable sausage on a stick wrapped in a pancake, are hitting the market along with a plethora of other microwaveable goodies.

There will be added varieties of

packaged food that can be thrown into a briefcase or school lunch box and heated by microwave. So-called "microwave helpers" that offer special seasonings or containers for cooking will be on the shelves.

Single-serving microwaveable lunch suggestions for everyone from baby to old folks are being emphasized.

The number of new products in some ways reflects the changing American lifestyle — families with separate eating times, lots of single people cooking for themselves and kids who fix their own snacks.

If you count the new flavors of existing products, items released only to test markets, gourmet and health foods as well as those products going to supermarkets nationwide, the number of new products in 1990 reached 13,244, a 9.8 percent increase over 1989's level of 12,065.

This year's total is expected to top 15,000.

But because of regional or specialized marketing, an individual grocery store sees about 3,000 new products a year, said

Palmer.

So what products already in the stores will have to go to make room for all this?

"One of the most difficult problems we have is keeping up with new products," said Charles Carson, owner of three Piggly Wiggly supermarkets in Corinth, Miss.

Carson and Palmer said grocers try to stock whatever their customers see advertised.

"We're the battleground for manufacturers," said Palmer.

The battle for space has gotten so furious that grocers no longer will take risks on products they doubt will move. Some now negotiate "slotting fees," paid by the manufacturer.

Manly Molpus, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America Inc., rejects the notion that there may be too many products.

"It's what makes America great," he said. "Everyone wants something different today."

"New products are the lifeblood of the industry," said Campbell King, owner of Kings Family Supermarkets in Australia.

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Elbow grade-schoolers author books on fellow students

By KATHRYN HOLLINGSHEAD

Elbow fifth graders are busy writing books, to be typed and bound, and placed in the Elbow Library. Each fifth grade student has interviewed an Elbow first grader, using facts about their subject for the first chapter of the books. Then a fantasy story, using the first grader as the main character, was composed by the fifth grade authors. Parent volunteers typed and bound the booklets, which will be placed in the library. These books have been very popular and are checked out often.

Forsan High School elected cheerleaders last week for the upcoming 91-92 school year. Chosen for cheerleaders were sophomores Kim Roman, as head cheerleader; Mickie McAdams, Claudette Coats, and eighth graders Laurie Light and Gwen Cooper.

Forsan Jr. Hi. elected class favorites last week. Eighth grade favorites are Katie Gordon and

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Chad Kemper. Seventh grade favorites are Stephanie Lewis and Jason Lentz, and sixth grade favorites are Heather Cooper and Robert Hilliger.

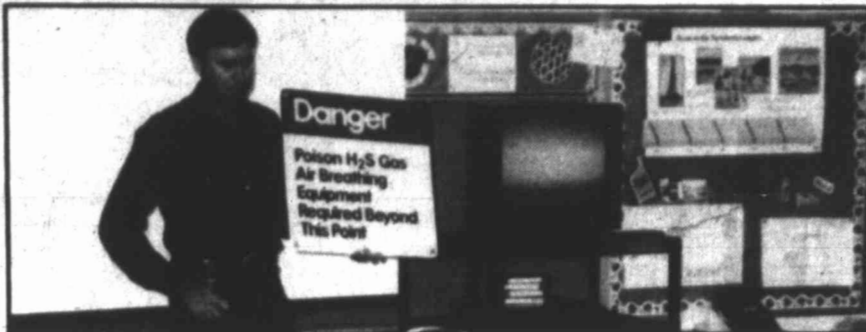
Jason Lentz earned the honor of highest grade point average for the fifth six weeks at Forsan Jr. Hi. Misty Biddle was named as having the most improved grade point average this past six weeks.

Jr. Hi. Principal Doug Parker announced Students of the Week at the Jr. Hi. for the month of April. Andy Burton was named for the weeks 8-12, Stephanie Kennedy for April 15-19, Chris Lewis

for 22-26 and Joey Demeny for April 26-May 3.

Forsan Jr. High students placing in recent UIL competition are eighth graders Shane Sims, with a first in Impromptu Speaking; Bryan Alexander and Lark Ray with third places in Earth and Life Science and Spelling; Gwen Cooper, Laurie Light, and Shane Sims with fourth places in Spelling, Oral Reading and Modern Oratory; Gwen Cooper and Chris Lewis with fifth places in Oral Reading and Spelling; and Bryan Alexander and Susan Lepard (2), with sixth places in Number Sense, Oral Reading and Impromptu Speaking.

Seventh graders placing in UIL events are Clay Thomas, with a first in Earth and Life Science, Stephanie Barraza, with a third in Spelling, and Stephanie Bedwell with a fourth in Calculator Applications and Oral Reading; Jason Lentz with a fourth in Number Sense; Ryndi Hamby, Jason Lentz, Deborah Light and



Paul Gibbs, of Mobil Oil, talked to fourth graders at Elbow School recently. Gibbs explained many aspects of the oil industry to the children.

Mandy Storie with fifth places in Spelling, Earth and Life Science, Ready Writing and Oral Reading; and Stephanie Barraza and Deborah Light with sixth places in Oral Reading and Number Sense.

Shannon Lepard placed first for the sixth graders in Ready Writing, with Heather Cooper placed second in Calculator Application and Ready Writing; Dan Riley placing third in Listening Skills; Heather also placing fourth in Oral Reading; and Ryan

Toomire fifth in Ready Writing, and Shannon also placing sixth in Oral Reading.

Paul Gibbs, with Mobil Oil Corp. spoke to the three Elbow fourth grade classes about the many aspects of the oil industry. The talk complemented a Social Studies unit about the past and present oil industry.

Mr. Gibbs showed the students slides and a video about the many kinds of oil wells and pumping units, explaining how geologists

know where and how to drill, the equipment used, and the cost factor of drilling an oil well. Gibbs also stressed the importance of safety.

Elbow's Cub Scout Pack 29 raced pinewood Derbys Thursday night in the Elbow gym. The Cubs each made their Derbys from kits, carefully designing and painting their cars. Pack leaders declared, "One of these boys might turn out to be a car designer in the future."

The Cub Scouts earned an award of a merit ribbon for the Lone Star District Scout-a-Rama, held Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Six Cubs and several leaders manned a display of challenges which included tying a knot without turning loose of the ends of the rope, carrying a balloon on a spoon, and paper puzzle. Eight Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops participated in this annual event. Warren Wallace, district executive, presented awards, assisted by Mike Coskey and Clem Jones.

Child abuse Kids need prayer to break the cycle

DEAR ABBY: As staff of the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern Minnesota Inc., we would like people to know that America's national disgrace and most chilling crime is turning into an epidemic! A total of 2.4 million reports of child abuse and neglect were recorded by the nation's child welfare system last year. Child abuse continues to get worse, and our response as a nation has not always been the most effective. According to recent estimates, up to 5,000 children die each year as a direct result of abuse by a parent or guardian. More than 50 percent of the victims are less than a year old!

Abby, please publish this prayer to show that child abuse is everyone's problem, and that we need to work together to break the cycle.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN

"We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak Popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes.

"And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who can't bound in the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world.

"We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury the goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key, who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup.

"And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who

watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, whose monsters are real.

"We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church and scream in the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at, and whose smiles can make us cry.

"We pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, and who live and move, but have no being.

"We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those we never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother ... and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it." —Ina J. Hughes

Abby, please help us erase this national tragedy of child abuse by urging your readers to get involved in their local child abuse prevention effort. Help us to help others to see that a child is too great a gift to abuse. — PATRICIA KNIEFEL, DIRECTOR

Dear Abby



Child molestation tears apart southern town

By DEBORAH HASTINGS

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Edenton, N.C., is an upscale, self-contained Southern community where people say futha instead of further; where old men gather at McDonald's for their morning coffee; where your neighbor may be someone who sat next to you in sixth grade.

True to the blessing and curse of small-town life, everyone knows everyone else's business in Edenton.

Almost everyone knows "Mr. Bob" and "Miss Betsy." Nearly everyone has an opinion about

what went on at the Little Rascals day-care center.

To believe most of the town, unspeakable acts took place there, acts involving Mr. Bob and Miss Betsy and sodomy and scissors and wooden hammers and children between the ages of two and five.

Tonight on PBS' "Frontline" series, Edenton is laid bare in a two-hour documentary titled "Innocence Lost."

The truth is that no one really knows what happened at the Little Rascals pre-school. The case, which has received limited national attention, does not go to

trial until next month.

But that has not stopped the town's 5,800 residents from taking sides and ostracizing lifelong friends with the immature cruelty of feuding children.

In "Innocence Lost," the children who attended Little Rascals are not the story. The documentary by noted filmmaker Ofra Bikel is instead about the adults and the town and how a 2-year-old case has destroyed life as everyone knew it.

Bikel spent three months in the community located on Albemarle Sound. She talked to the accused. She interviewed parents who are adamantly convinced that their children were sexually abused by Bob and Betsy Kelly, four day-care staff members and a local businessman.

Twenty-nine children were named in a series of indictments handed up since 1989. Authorities say as many as 90 children, almost the entire enrollment of the now-closed pre-school, were involved.

The seven defendants face more than 400 charges, ranging from conspiracy to taking indecent liberties with a minor. Bob Kelly is charged with 249 of those counts. His wife, Betsy, is charged with 49.

Both have been jailed for nearly two years. Their relatives cannot afford to post Betsy's \$1 million bond or Bob's bail of \$1.5 million.

"We had nothing left to sell," said Betsy's sister, Nancy Smith.

Bikel's work is a moving set of interviews that convey the hostility and hysteria gripping Edenton.

The documentary is not without flaws, most of them the result of a confusing, complicated case in which the justice system in North Carolina appears to be running under its own rules.

The prosecution has refused to supply defense lawyers with crucial evidence, according to Bikel's film, including the specific allegations that led to initial charges being filed.

It is unclear what medical and

physical evidence of abuse exists. Initially, most of the children denied they were abused.

But after 10 months of therapy suggested by local authorities, the children began to tell of incidents involving sex acts being performed in front of them, of anal and vaginal rape, of being raped with objects including scissors and a wooden hammer, and of being forced to swallow snakes.

Bikel uses Betsy's sister, Nancy, and Betsy's former best friend, Jane, to capsize a story that first involved one child, then three, then 10 and now dozens.

Both Jane and Nancy point to one incident as the catalyst.

Nearly two and a half years ago, someone slapped Jane's son at Little Rascals.

Who slapped the boy and why are not explained. Jane was indignant and pulled her son out of the community's most prestigious pre-school. Betsy refused to apologize for the incident.

Betsy's sister says that Jane then began a systematic effort to close the day-care center. Jane says she quietly advised friends that their children were not safe at Little Rascals.

Soon after, rumors of abuse circulated. Friends who had known Bob and Betsy for years sent flowers, food and letters of support.

Then the Department of Social Services stepped in. An investigation was started. Bob and Betsy were shunned. The school was closed.

McMARTIN SIMILARITIES — Tonight's "Frontline" presentation will be followed by a 30-minute discussion featuring Los Angeles Superior Court Judge William Ponder, who presided over the McMARTIN Pre-School molestation trial, and FBI special agent Kenneth Lanning, an expert on the sexual victimization of children.



Faced with life

Robin Byrum, shown with her son Anthony, is one of seven defendants, five of whom are women, in child sexual abuse allegations at a day-care center in Edenton, N.C. If convicted, Byrum faces up to eight consecutive life sentences. PBS' Frontline examines the case in the episode "Lost Innocence," to be aired tonight.

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Tuesday's Games Minnesota at Boston, 7:35 p.m.; Kansas City at Detroit, 7:35 p.m.; Texas at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.

Wednesday's Games Kansas City (Appier 1-4) at Detroit (Tanana 1-2), 1:35 p.m.; Baltimore (Robinson 1-3) at Oakland (Stewart 2-2), 3:15 p.m.

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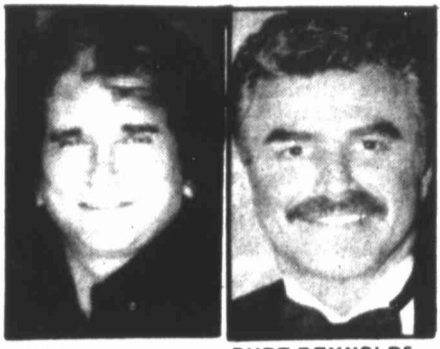
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Landon's cancer spreads

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — "Highway to Heaven" star Michael Landon, diagnosed a month ago with inoperable liver and pancreas cancer, has learned the disease has spread to his colon, his spokesman says.

But spokesman Harry Flynn said Monday the actor has been comforted by fans, who have sent him about 40,000 cards and many gifts, including bottles of holy water and cancer-cure cassette tapes.

The actor learned he had an often deadly form of cancer on April 5. Doctors who prescribed chemotherapy are also considering interferon treatment for Landon.



MICHAEL LANDON BURT REYNOLDS

whose at-home regimen includes health food and coffee enemas, Flynn said.

Interferon is a class of proteins that stimulate the immune system. Coffee enemas are not considered conventional therapy.

On Thursday, Landon will be a guest on "The Tonight Show."

"He wanted to go somewhere where he could show people he isn't all that sick. He wants people to know he is hanging in there," Flynn said.

Reynolds takes it on the road

FLAT ROCK, N.C. (AP) — Burt Reynolds has launched a one-man show — about Burt Reynolds.

"In Person: An Evening with Burt Reynolds, the Laughs, the Loves, the Lies, the Legends, the Lies (Not Necessarily in That Order)" opened quietly over the weekend at the 506-seat Flat Rock Playhouse.

The 1,518 tickets to three performances sold out in three hours. Reynolds plans to take the show to 17 more cities, including New Orleans, Nashville, Detroit, and Minneapolis.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

Short-term investments could prove more rewarding than long-term ones. Trust your own judgment when making career decisions in August. A change of lifestyle in late fall will boost your self-esteem. Opportunities for romance abound in December. Choose wisely! The ability to speak a foreign language is a big plus in early 1992.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Forge ahead before you lose momentum. Big projects are worth the risk. A partner realizes what a tremendous asset you are. Problems in a relationship will fade when you take the initiative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The results of a recent miscalculation are best kept under wraps. Next time, look before you leap! Steer clear of someone who gossips or has a chip on the shoulder. Be discreet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Arrange lunch with a special chum.

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Although funding is available for a partnership, there could be many strings attached. Carry out your plans to make joint projects more profitable.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything should go according to plan now. Keep your aims modest. A long-awaited home development turns into a reality when funding suddenly becomes available. A special relationship requires tact.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic partner may be playing for keeps. Be honest if not yet ready to settle down. A delicate situation requires lots of diplomacy. Do more yourself rather than asking others to help out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put a secret plan into operation now. A change of lifestyle will please both you and your loved ones. Be available for discussions with a special person. Do less talking and more listening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A teenager will do you proud. Indulge an urge to coddle your loved ones. A party could have interesting repercussions. Be wise enough to keep your emotions in check. Curb extravagant gestures.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think about ways to save money. You can stick to a budget. New ideas begin to surge through your mind; jot them down. Put yourself in a loved one's position before passing judgment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Engage in lively discussions, but sidestep arguments with your co-workers. Complete unfinished business before beginning a new project. Domestic affairs continue to demand your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Grumbling is counterproductive. Settle down at work and do a good job. You will need roller skates to do everything you want to accomplish today! Sidestep any arguments with your romantic partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make economic security a top priority. Your abilities receive long-overdue recognition. A financial question needs an immediate answer. The extension of credit can be a bargaining chip.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Employment opportunities abound. Your experience will help you make it to the top. Concentrate on making money for yourself for a change. New investments look very promising. Forge ahead.

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Scattered showers and some possibly severe thunderstorms through Wednesday morning, followed by clearing and a sunny Wednesday afternoon. Low tonight in the 50s; high Wednesday in the 80s.

Monday's high temperature	80
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Average high	85
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Record low	31 in 1917
Rainfall Monday	0.00
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Stanton High sports banquet scheduled

The Stanton High School All-Sports Banquet has been scheduled for next Monday at Bonnie's Restaurant, according to former student and president of the booster club Steve Stallings.

The guest speaker for the occasion will be Superintendent Jerry Larned of Monahans Independent School District. The cost will be \$7 per person.

Landscape program offered at luncheon

The Martin County Extension Homemakers Lunch 'N' Learn Club will sponsor a landscaping program Wednesday at noon at Bonnie's Restaurant.

Debbie Bengé, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will be presenting the program.

The program will center around planning a low-maintenance landscape with native plants. The concept is known as xeriscape.

Bengé is a horticulturist for Midland and Ector counties.

County, city officials to meet

The Martin County Commissioners and Stanton City Council called for a special session today at 7 p.m. in the commissioners courtroom to discuss the city-county landfill, according to county officials.

Commissioners and city council members will consider bids for excavation at the landfill pit and follow up on a well probe at the site and any other action on the landfill situation, according to City Manager Danny Fryar.

According to Fryar, the city council will meet shortly before the joint session at the courthouse with county commissioners. "We will meet at 5:30 p.m. to canvass election votes at city hall," Fryar said.

Old Settlers to meet at museum tonight

The Martin County Old Settlers Reunion Committee will meet at the Martin County Historical Museum today at 7 p.m. to prepare for this year's annual celebration, according to committee member Leza Smith.

"Anyone with ideas, or suggestions is encouraged to attend and give the committee their input," Smith said.

The Old Settlers Reunion is set for July 13, with this year's theme "Veterans Remembered."

Condition upgraded to serious

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

The condition of a Midland sky diver has been upgraded from "critical" to "serious," said a Midland Memorial Hospital spokesperson. Brent Berry, 39, underwent extensive surgery to repair injuries received in a parachuting accident late Sunday. Also involved in the accident was Price Womack, 40. Womack was pronounced dead at Martin County Hospital late Sunday, said Stanton Police Chief Michael Adams.

Womack, president and CEO of Womack Kleypas Advertising Network in Odessa, was filming a commercial for an Odessa retailer about one mile south of the Stanton Airport when the accident occurred, said John Smith of Womack Kleypas.

Jennifer Christon, a Stanton sky diver, was the subject of the commercial. Berry and Womack were filming Christon from above when her parachute failed, said Adams.

Christon cut the tangled parachute away and deployed her emergency parachute and landed safely. The accident occurred when Womack turned sharply to avoid the cut away parachute and collided with Berry, tangling their parachutes, said Adams.

"Their parachutes were catching a little air, but not much," said Adams. The two men impacted in a plowed field. Womack died from the resulting injuries and Berry was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital in critical condition, he said.

Womack's Advertising firm was founded in the 1950s by Womack's father, said Smith. Womack became president in the early 80s and expanded the company into an advertising network with offices in Odessa, San Angelo and San Antonio, he said.

Born in Lubbock, Womack moved to Odessa at an early age and graduated from high school there. Womack is the father of two children ages six and 10, said Smith.

Adams and staff at Womack Kleypas said that the sky divers were experienced and competent.

Adams said, during an Associated Press interview, that he had been sky diving with Berry about three years ago, adding that Berry "has been jumping for a long time. He's got plenty of experience."

Berry remains in the intensive care unit of Midland Memorial Hospital. Although he is in serious condition, he was said to have "had a good night last night."

"This is just a tragic, tragic accident. I have never seen anything like it and don't care to encounter anything like it again," said Adams.

Adams is awaiting the return of the developed film made during the jump. He will be reviewing the film for additional facts about the ill-fated dive, he said.

Cheney to witness final U.S. pullout from south Iraq

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Nine months to the day after U.S. troops began heading for the Persian Gulf, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney is observing the pullout of American combat forces from war-torn southern Iraq.

Cheney was scheduled to meet with Kuwaiti and U.S. officials in Kuwait City today and then travel across the border into the Iraqi portion of the demilitarized zone to witness the withdrawal of 2,400 members of the 3rd U.S. Armored Division.

A 1,400-member United Nations peacekeeping force in the buffer zone was declared fully operational on Monday, clearing the way for the German-based 3rd Armored Division to pull back to its temporary headquarters in northern Kuwait.

On Monday the U.S. troops completed an airlift of 8,211 Iraqi refugees from a refugee camp near Safwan in southern Iraq. On Tuesday the Americans planned to make "one final sweep of the area" for refugees, said a senior Pentagon official traveling with Cheney. The official asked that he not be identified.

Cheney is touring six gulf nations to talk with government leaders about the future U.S. military role in the area. He predicted he would win approval for an expanded U.S. presence as a hedge against future

threats to gulf security.

While in Kuwait today, the defense secretary was to receive a military briefing on the U.S. Army's role in helping to reconstruct war-ravaged Kuwait.

Cheney on Monday said the Bush administration had no interest in keeping U.S. ground forces in the area permanently. But he stressed that regular U.S. ground and air exercises, combined with expanded U.S. training of gulf Arab forces, would help deter the kind of crisis triggered by Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August.

He said the Bush administration also wanted to put a small "forward headquarters" unit in the region, hold occasional large-scale amphibious landing exercises by U.S. Marines and store military equipment and supplies in the area. He also said he favored increased arms sales to some gulf countries.

In remarks to reporters aboard his Air Force plane en route to the Saudi capital, Cheney cited the strategic importance of the gulf's enormous oil resources.

"The value of the resources in the gulf will only increase in the years ahead, and the temptations for others to acquire (control) over those resources by illicit means will increase, and the United States has an interest in working with our friends in the region to try to



NORTHERN IRAQ — U.S. Army Col. Dick Naab, right, walks with an Iraqi general recently during discussions on the Allied presence in Northern Iraq. A former Notre Dame fullback in the early 1960s, Naab now serves as chief negotiator for the allies working out details of refugee resettlement and the role of U.S. troops in Iraq.

enhance security and stability," he said.

Cheney opened his gulf tour in Riyadh by meeting with the Saudi defense minister, Prince Sultan bin Abdul al-Aziz al Saud.

A Cheney aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the defense secretary made a detailed presentation on a broadened U.S. military role in the kingdom and in the region. The aide declined to be specific but said no agreements were reached in the 75-minute meeting.

"There was neither agreement nor disagreement; there was an understanding that we would come back and discuss it further with

King Fahd on Thursday," the official said.

Earlier, Cheney said he was optimistic about the chances for firm agreements.

"I would hope to finish our discussions with a number of these countries with agreements in principle, with the details to be finalized and worked out in subsequent negotiations," among lower-level officials, Cheney said before the Riyadh meeting.

"We are not interested in permanent stationing of U.S. forces in the gulf," Cheney said, but added that in the future: "Clearly there would be more forces of the United States in the region than has been true in the past."

Stanton board certifies new members

Stanton Independent School District Board of Trustees met in a special session Monday night to certify new members and canvass votes from Saturday's election.

Superintendent Wayne Mitchell told the trustees the school district must hire an elementary principal and a teacher at the next meeting Monday, scheduled for 5:30 p.m. before the all-sports banquet at 7 p.m. They must also revise the school calendar, which the state added five more days to. "They added five more days of inservice for our faculty and to the that cuts the students' time in school," Mitchell said.

SHS principal Johnny McGregor reminded the board of the Honor's

Banquet to be held at Bonnie's Restaurant at 7:30 p.m.

New members elected to the board were Terry Shanks and Todd Smith, and incumbent Robert Adkins was re-elected to his seat.

Shanks defeated incumbent Mike Hall in Precinct 3. He collected 283 votes to Hall's 223.

"I would like to thank the community for their support and their confidence in me to be elected on the board. I'm here to learn and listen to the members and go from there. I ran against two capable candidates and the people had their choice," Shanks said.

In Precinct 4, Smith edged out Larry Adams 231-214 to take the vacated seat of Terry Franklin,

who resigned in August.

"We had a good turnout. Now, that I have won, I will need to learn as much and as quick as possible. The community will also have a voice in our school matters. That's the reason I was elected. We need to go in the right direction and work from there. We need to listen to our teachers and administrators and make decisions based on good judgment," Smith said.

"I'm extremely happy that many people showed interest in my services. I ran against two tough opponents and either of them could have been a good board member. I am looking forward to serving with our school officials and making a difference in our kids education."

Adkins kept his seat with a good showing of strength winning by the widest margin of the school board votes.

"I won because there were good friends on my staff. They worked hard and they deserve all the credit for retaining my seat. We sent out a letter around the district and apparently the community responded to my experience. I would like to thank everyone associated with my campaign."

"Another thing is that I would like to thank my two opponents. They ran a good clean race. There were no negative words exchange and we all ran like a good election should be," Adkins said.

Buffalo band takes top honors for fourth year Stanton's 'Best Band Herd' qualifies for Texas 2-A Honor Band

CRANE — The Stanton High School Buffalo Band competed recently here and took home top honors for the fourth consecutive year, according to Band Director Kirke McKenzie.

The "Best Band Herd" received a one rating in marching, a one in sight-reading and another one in concert. With the outstanding marks, the Buffalo Band qualified for the Texas 2-A Honor Band scheduled at Dallas at the Six Flags Band Festival.

"When we receive this type of honor, the Six Flags officials invite a band. We will be making a tape to enter in the festival," McKenzie said.

"I'm so proud of these kids, especially the seniors. They have won sweepstakes throughout their four-year career in high school. We earned every award we received. These kids worked hard."

According to McKenzie, a band is measured by a grade one to five. The lower the grade is, the better the score is. For instance, a five is the worst a band can have. A one is a top score.

"All of the judges complimented our efforts. They graded us very high among the bands we were up against. There were compliments from 'beautiful sounds' to 'our technique ability to play a piece of music.' They were very impressed with our sight-reading music ability," McKenzie said.

"In sight-reading, the judges give the band a piece of music and I must explain the sheet music to the band within seven minutes, rehearse and study and be able to play the piece. We were com-



Stanton High School Buffalo Band won sweepstakes honors recently in Crane to increase its consecutive wins at UIL competition. The seniors have won sweepstakes all four years at high school. They are, front row, left to right:

Keith Patillo, Heather Newman, Mitzi Koonce and Melissa Franklin; back row, left to right: Joe Cazares, Rene Frausto, Chris Barnhill, Issac Marquez, Romeo Flores and Scott Young.

plimented on our ability to pick up music that quickly."

The nine seniors participating throughout their high school years were: Melissa Franklin, Tommy Flores, Rene Frausto, Joe Cazares, Mitzi Koonce, Issac Marquez, Keith Patillo, Chris Barnhill and Scott Young. They won their first sweepstakes as freshmen and will finish out their high school career

as sweepstakes winners. "This may be something that has never been accomplished before, at least in Stanton High," McKenzie said.

"We really worked hard for sweepstakes and we really wanted it... It's an honor to win once, we could not imagine four years straight as freshmen, but we feel we did the best we could," Patillo

said. "We deserve it because we worked hard," Young said.

"This is one of the times that one has to face as a band director. We have to lose these fine students and find more to take their place. It won't be easy, but we have the talent here in Stanton," McKenzie said.

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Couple missing after boat capsizes

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — The Coast Guard ended its search for a couple missing in a boating accident in the Laguna Madre off South Padre Island. A Coast Guard spokesman said Ramon Medina and Michaela Medina are presumed drowned. The body of their 3-year-old son, Ramon Medina III, was recovered from the water shortly after an 18-foot motor boat capsized about 6:45 p.m. Sunday in choppy waters. Six people, all from Brownsville, were on the boat and were tossed overboard when the boat caught a wave after making a sharp turn, Coast Guard Petty Officer Joe Lachacz said Monday. The Coast Guard rescued Jesus Ayala, 22; Mario Parra, 15; and Elined Cavazos, 18. Parts of the boat were found Monday morning, Lachacz said.

Dalhart man, 51, dies in plane crash

HARTLEY (AP) — A 51-year-old man died Monday after the single-engine plane he was piloting crashed in a field north of Hartley. The wreckage of the Beechcraft Bonanza, which Dalhart pilot Tommy Edwin Buckner was flying, was found about 9 a.m., said Wayne Beighle, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety. Buckner left the Dalhart airport en route to Seminole about 4:30 a.m., Beighle said. He was traveling alone. Witnesses reported seeing the aircraft nose-dive into the ground at a 30-degree angle between 4:30 a.m. and 5 a.m., he said. The cause of the crash is under investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration.

New school hearing set to begin June 3

AUSTIN (AP) — State District Judge F. Scott McCown has set a June 3 hearing in a challenge to Texas' new school finance law by two wealthy Dallas-area school districts, his clerk said. The Carrollton-Farmers Branch and Coppell school districts filed their objections to the law last week in state district court. They contend that the measure, which takes effect next school year, is unconstitutional. The school districts' action centers on a provision that will shift hundreds of millions of dollars in local property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts within new education taxing districts drawn largely along county lines.

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Protest blocks El Paso bridge

EL PASO (AP) — Mexicans furious with a new law requiring them to put up \$500 to bring their cars from the United States into Mexico showed their displeasure by blocking the road on the Mexican side of a major bridge linking El Paso with Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. "A group of them came over and talked briefly to our people and let us know what they were protesting," Rudy Cole, director of inspection and control for the U.S. Customs at the Bridge of the Americas, said Monday. "They said they are prepared to do it indefinitely — a week, a month, whatever," Cole said. The protest began about 2:30 p.m. MDT and stretched late into the night. The bridge, popular because no toll are charged to cross it, remained closed this morning. The protesters were irate over a Mexican law that took effect Monday requiring Mexican citizens living in the United States to post a \$1,000 bond and a \$400 cash deposit when driving their cars past the 12-mile border zone checkpoint. The \$400 cash deposit is refundable, but the \$100 fee to obtain a \$1,000 bond is not. "A group of people blocked traffic by parking their cars on the other side of the bridge in a manner that prevents cars from driving off the bridge into Mexico," Cole said. The Bridge of the Americas was the only international bridge bet-

ween El Paso and Juarez affected by the protest, Cole said. Permits to take vehicles into Mexico are obtained at that one bridge. Except for trucks, no traffic was allowed across the bridge either way after traffic began backing up, officials said. They used north-bound lanes on the Mexican end of the bridge to weave traffic from the clogged-up south-bound lanes. El Paso police diverted traffic to the other bridges. Mexican officials said the controversial law was enacted to reduce the problem of American cars being imported illegally into Mexico. Until now, Mexicans who live abroad have been able to drive their cars into Mexico with temporary import permits, which are issued at all Mexican ports of entry. All foreign vehicles going into Mexico need a temporary import permit. But officials said thousands of cars each year remain after the permits expire. The regulations will not affect American citizens, who will continue getting their car permits along with visas at any Mexican port of entry. At Matamoros, Mexico, sister city to Brownsville, Texas, dozens of angry agricultural workers waited outside the Mexican Customs office Monday and said they would not pay \$500 to drive into Mexico even if they had it.

Scientist charged in attempted nasal spray death freed

CONROE (AP) — A University of Texas scientist charged with attempting to murder his colleague with tainted nose spray remains free on bond today after he posted bond and agreed to certain conditions. State District Judge James Keeshan set a \$25,000 bond for John Gunnar Linner Monday after the scientist had been held at the Montgomery County Jail for nearly a week without bond. Keeshan, who turned down prosecutors' request for a \$100,000 bond, imposed four stipulations on the bond: that Linner report weekly to a county pretrial supervisor; that he not initiate contact with Van Winkle and two other state witnesses; that he turn his gun collection over to the district attorney; and that he submit to a psychological evaluation. Linner, 47, is accused of putting a potentially lethal dose of a cancer-causing solvent into nasal spray used by fellow scientist Wallace Berry Van Winkle on

April 8. Both men worked at the Cryobiology Research Center in The Woodlands, which is affiliated with the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. Linner reportedly had been told his contract at Cryobiology Research Center would not be renewed after Aug. 31, but Van Winkle would be transferred to the Houston center's pathology laboratory. Van Winkle, 46, who reported feeling an immediate burning sensation, had the spray analyzed and took the results to authorities. The spray was laced with Beta-Priolactone, a chemical used as a sterilizing agent and in plastics manufacturing. Authorities found Linner, a cell biologist, had purchased some of the chemical shortly before the incident.

Pentagon: Shuttle brought home wealth of data

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery's astronauts came home from an eight-day Stars Wars research mission with what the Pentagon said was a wealth of data that could help scientists design a missile defense system. "We're elated," Air Force Col. John Armstrong, deputy mission director, said of the flight that ended Monday with a rare landing in Florida. High winds at the shuttle's usual landing site in California's Mojave Desert forced Discovery to travel across the continent and land where the mission began, at Cape Canaveral, Fla. A tire shredded during the landing. Technical glitches had dogged the mission, during which the seven-member crew still managed to conduct a rich variety of tests. "It seemed like they kept throwing us curve balls and we kept hitting them out of the ballpark," commander Michael Coats said Monday night upon the crew's return to Houston. The crew released a \$94 million satellite to study exhaust from the shuttle as Discovery executed unprecedented twists and turns. The satellite also gathered data on chemical and gas releases before it was retrieved by the crew. The astronauts also captured brilliant images of atmospheric light, or aurora, and collected other scientific information that could help the Pentagon develop a system for recognizing and destroying enemy missiles. Armstrong said the research "promises to be a giant step forward" for the Strategic Defense Initiative, or Star Wars program. Before blastoff, NASA said the flight was the most complex mission ever because of its ambitious schedule and the tricky shuttle maneuvers.

"Some people told us we would only get 50 percent of what we had planned. We've done much better than that," Armstrong said. On Sunday he said that the Pentagon accomplished about 99 percent of what it set out to achieve. The flight was the first unclassified Pentagon shuttle mission. The news blackout imposed on seven previous military missions was lifted primarily to save the multimillion-dollar cost of spy-proof procedures. During the flight, two recorders that store data for three scientific instruments failed shortly after liftoff April 28, but a repair job by the astronauts Saturday enabled the instruments to send information directly to the ground. One of the instruments — an X-ray detector — suddenly turned off Saturday. In addition, an exhaust test was delayed when the satellite got stuck in the wrong position, and the satellite's release was postponed a day so the crew could finish making observations with an instrument that was using up coolant too fast. Discovery landed Monday afternoon on the concrete runway at Kennedy Space Center. It was the seventh shuttle landing in Florida. NASA decided to use the 2.8-mile runway at Kennedy because of high winds predicted at the concrete landing strip at Edwards. Although NASA prefers to land shuttles on the wide-open desert's hard-packed earth runways, the shuttle needed to touch down on concrete to assure a smoother landing and protect the heavy scientific equipment aboard. A tire shredded on landing. The crew had applied extra pressure to the spaceship's new brakes as part of a test. Kennedy director Forrest McCartney said the tires and brakes



AUSTIN — City of Austin workers begin the task of cutting the dead limbs off the Treaty Oak. The dead parts of the poisoned oak were trimmed Monday, and the larger branches are expected to be removed today.

Historic Treaty Oak's limbs cut

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of limbs have been cut off Monday and gently lowered to the ground, where they were sealed with liquid paraffin, measured, marked, inventoried and stacked. Workers made unprecedented efforts to treat the tree and eliminate or counteract the powerful herbicide Velpar before deciding to cut the dead limbs away in hopes that the remainder of the tree will survive. An Austin area man is now serving a nine-year prison term after

he was convicted of poisoning the tree in what was believed to be some sort of occult ritual. "Well, we've done the best we could," said Tom Perry, a North Carolina State University tree expert who was called in by Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot to try to save Treaty Oak. Historians say that Texas pioneer leader Stephen F. Austin once negotiated a treaty with Indians under the tree. "We hauled the poisoned soil away, we tried to water it with sprinklers ... people have tried all their different kinds of folk medicine, including crystals," Perry said. "And, we've been partly successful. The tree undoubtedly would be dead if we'd done nothing.

But, we had one awful dose of poison in a small area that was sufficient for hundreds of trees." "What we've had is the poisoning of the soil in a sacred place. We've had to go out and rob another ecosystem to replace that soil," Perry said. Thousands of people have visited or written to the tree since the poisoning became worldwide news in 1989. "It's a very interesting commentary on humanity in the 1990s, the things that have gone on here," Perry said. Authorities believe that Paul Stedman Cullen poisoned the tree in an effort to rid himself of love for a woman.

Gramm backing rancher for CFTC

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Phil Gramm is once again campaigning for Joe Dial, this time as the Victoria rancher seeks a seat on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Gramm backed Dial last year in his unsuccessful bid to win the 14th congressional district from then-freshman Democratic Rep. Greg Laughlin of West Columbia. Now Gramm, R-Texas, is supporting Dial's nomination to a seat on the regulatory board headed by Gramm's wife, CFTC Chairman Wendy Lee Gramm. Asked Monday if he suggested President Bush nominate Dial to the CFTC, Gramm answered: "I support his nomination. I was not the source of his initial consideration." Bush last month nominated Dial to a four-year term on the regulatory board. The nomination will be considered by the Senate Agriculture Committee, which has jurisdiction over the CFTC, and must be confirmed by the Senate. Questions of possible conflicts of interest have been raised recently

about Gramm's role in a turf battle involving the CFTC and the rival Securities and Exchange Commission, and Gramm's possible ascension in a Senate committee that oversees the SEC. But Gramm has dismissed those concerns, blaming "sore losers" for raising the questions. An aide on the Senate Agriculture Committee said Monday that it's too early to tell whether there may be a problem with Dial's nomination, which Gramm is backing. "I try to get Texans into positions of power and influence when I believe they're qualified and I believe Joe Dial is eminently qualified," Gramm said Monday. Gramm supported Dial both financially and with personal appearances in his campaign against Laughlin. Laughlin said he would not oppose Dial's nomination, but added, "I don't intend to go out and campaign for him for that position." Laughlin said constituents tell him Dial is qualified for a seat on the board, which regulates trading

in agricultural commodities, and that he knows of no reason why Dial should be rejected. Gramm said Dial was appointed by both President Reagan and President Bush to the Agriculture Technical Advisory Board, which advises the U.S. trade representative and agriculture secretary on export matters. "Joe Dial is a distinguished rancher who has marketed cattle in some 25 foreign countries," Gramm said. "He's also a licensed securities dealer and I think his nomination by the president is an excellent nomination."

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KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — Astronauts, left to right, commander Michael Coats, mission specialist Guy Bluford and pilot L. Blaine Hammond Jr. check damaged tires on the orbiter Discovery after making a landing Monday at the Kennedy Space Center.

would be examined. "I don't think you should read into or out of anything on the tires at this point in the game," he said. The next shuttle scheduled to fly is Columbia, which lifts off with a crew of seven later this month on a scientific research mission. Shortly after Discovery landed, a modified 747 carrying the new shuttle Endeavour left Houston for Kennedy.

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Elbow grade-schoolers author books on fellow students

By KATHRYN HOLLINGSHEAD

Elbow fifth graders are busy writing books, to be typed and bound, and placed in the Elbow Library. Each fifth grade student has interviewed an Elbow first grader, using facts about their subject for the first chapter of the books. Then a fantasy story, using the first grader as the main character, was composed by the fifth grade authors. Parent volunteers typed and bound the booklets, which will be placed in the library. These books have been very popular and are checked out often.

Forsan High School elected cheerleaders last week for the upcoming 91-92 school year. Chosen for cheerleaders were sophomores Kim Roman, as head cheerleader; Mickie McAdams, Claudette Coats, and eighth graders Laurie Light and Gwen Cooper.

Forsan Jr. Hi. elected class favorites last week. Eighth grade favorites are Katie Gordon and

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Chad Kemper. Seventh grade favorites are Stephanie Lewis and Jason Lentz, and sixth grade favorites are Heather Cooper and Robert Hillger.

Jason Lentz earned the honor of highest grade point average for the fifth six weeks at Forsan Jr. Hi. Misty Biddle was named as having the most improved grade point average this past six weeks.

Jr. Hi. Principal Doug Parker announced Students of the Week at the Jr. Hi. for the month of April. Andy Burton was named for the weeks 8-12, Stephanie Kennedy for April 15-19, Chris Lewis

for 22-26 and Joey Demeny for April 26-May 3.

Forsan Jr. High students placing in recent UIL competition are eighth graders Shane Sims, with a first in Impromptu Speaking; Bryan Alexander and Lark Ray with third places in Earth and Life Science and Spelling; Gwen Cooper, Laurie Light, and Shane Sims with fourth places in Spelling, Oral Reading and Modern Oratory; Gwen Cooper and Chris Lewis with fifth places in Oral Reading and Spelling; and Bryan Alexander and Susan Leppard (2), with sixth places in Number Sense, Oral Reading and Impromptu Speaking.

Seventh graders placing in UIL events are Clay Thomas, with a first in Earth and Life Science, Stephanie Barraza, with a third in Spelling, and Stephanie Bedwell with a fourth in Calculator Applications and Oral Reading; Jason Lentz with a fourth in Number Sense; Ryndi Hamby, Jason Lentz, Deborah Light and



Paul Gibbs, of Mobil Oil, talked to fourth graders at Elbow School recently. Gibbs explained many aspects of the oil industry to the children.

Mandy Storie with fifth places in Spelling, Earth and Life Science, Ready Writing and Oral Reading; and Stephanie Barraza and Deborah Light with sixth places in Oral Reading and Number Sense.

Shannon Leppard placed first for the sixth graders in Ready Writing, with Heather Cooper placed second in Calculator Application and Ready Writing; Dan Riley placing third in Listening Skills; Heather also placing fourth in Oral Reading; and Ryan

Toomire fifth in Ready Writing, and Shannon also placing sixth in Oral Reading.

Paul Gibbs, with Mobil Oil Corp. spoke to the three Elbow fourth grade classes about the many aspects of the oil industry. The talk complemented a Social Studies unit about the past and present oil industry.

Mr. Gibbs showed the students slides and a video about the many kinds of oil wells and pumping units, explaining how geologists

know where and how to drill, the equipment used, and the cost factor of drilling an oil well. Gibbs also stressed the importance of safety.

Elbow's Cub Scout Pack 29 raced pinewood Derbys Thursday night in the Elbow gym. The Cubs each made their Derbys from kits, carefully designing and painting their cars. Pack leaders declared, "One of these boys might turn out to be a car designer in the future."

The Cub Scouts earned an award of a merit ribbon for the Lone Star District Scout-a-Rama, held Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. Six Cubs and several leaders manned a display of challenges which included tying a knot without turning loose of the ends of the rope, carrying a balloon on a spoon, and paper puzzle. Eight Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops participated in this annual event. Warren Wallace, district executive, presented awards, assisted by Mike Coskey and Clem Jones.

Child abuse Kids need prayer to break the cycle

DEAR ABBY: As staff of the Exchange Club Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Southern Minnesota Inc., we would like people to know that America's national disgrace and most chilling crime is turning into an epidemic! A total of 2.4 million reports of child abuse and neglect were recorded by the nation's child welfare system last year. Child abuse continues to get worse, and our response as a nation has not always been the most effective. According to recent estimates, up to 5,000 children die each year as a direct result of abuse by a parent or guardian. More than 50 percent of the victims are less than a year old!

Abby, please publish this prayer to show that child abuse is everyone's problem, and that we need to work together to break the cycle.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN
"We pray for children who put chocolate fingers everywhere, who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants, who sneak Popsicles before supper, who erase holes in math workbooks, who can never find their shoes.

"And we pray for those who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire, who can't bound in the street in a new pair of sneakers, who never go to the circus, who live in an X-rated world.

"We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions, who sleep with the dog and bury the goldfish, who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money, who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key; who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup.

"And we pray for those who never get dessert, who have no safe blanket to drag behind them, who

watch their parents watch them die, who can't find any bread to steal, who don't have any rooms to clean up, whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser, whose monsters are real.

"We pray for children who spend all their allowance before Tuesday, who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food, who like ghost stories, who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse the tub, who get visits from the tooth fairy, who don't like to be kissed in front of the carpool, who squirm in church and scream in the phone, whose tears we sometimes laugh at, and whose smiles can make us cry.

"We pray for those whose nightmares come in the daytime, who will eat anything, who aren't spoiled by anybody, who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep, and who live and move, but have no being.

"We pray for children who want to be carried and for those who must, for those who never give up on and for those who don't get a second chance. For those we smother ... and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer it." —Ina J. Hughes

Abby, please help us erase this national tragedy of child abuse by urging your readers to get involved in their local child abuse prevention effort. Help us to help others to see that a child is too great a gift to abuse. —PATRICIA KNIEFEL, DIRECTOR

Dear Abby



Child molestation tears apart southern town

By DEBORAH HASTINGS
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Edenton, N.C., is an upscale, self-contained Southern community where people say futha instead of further; where old men gather at McDonald's for their morning coffee; where your neighbor may be someone who sat next to you in sixth grade.

True to the blessing and curse of small-town life, everyone knows everyone else's business in Edenton.

Almost everyone knows "Mr. Bob" and "Miss Betsy." Nearly everyone has an opinion about

what went on at the Little Rascals day-care center.

To believe most of the town, unspeakable acts took place there, acts involving Mr. Bob and Miss Betsy and sodomy and scissors and wooden hammers and children between the ages of two and five.

Tonight on PBS' "Frontline" series, Edenton is laid bare in a two-hour documentary titled "Innocence Lost."

The truth is that no one really knows what happened at the Little Rascals pre-school. The case, which has received limited national attention, does not go to

trial until next month.

But that has not stopped the town's 5,800 residents from taking sides and ostracizing lifelong friends with the immature cruelty of feuding children.

In "Innocence Lost," the children who attended Little Rascals are not the story. The documentary by noted filmmaker Ofra Bikel is instead about the adults and the town and how a 2-year-old case has destroyed life as everyone knew it.

Bikel spent three months in the community located on Albemarle Sound. She talked to the accused. She interviewed parents who are adamantly convinced that their children were sexually abused by Bob and Betsy Kelly, four day-care staff members and a local businessman.

Twenty-nine children were named in a series of indictments handed up since 1989. Authorities say as many as 90 children, almost the entire enrollment of the now-closed pre-school, were involved.

The seven defendants face more than 400 charges, ranging from conspiracy to taking indecent liberties with a minor. Bob Kelly is charged with 249 of those counts. His wife, Betsy, is charged with 49.

Both have been jailed for nearly two years. Their relatives cannot afford to post Betsy's \$1 million bond or Bob's bail of \$1.5 million.

"We had nothing left to sell," said Betsy's sister, Nancy Smith. Bikel's work is a moving set of interviews that convey the hostility and hysteria gripping Edenton.

The documentary is not without flaws, most of them the result of a confusing, complicated case in which the justice system in North Carolina appears to be running under its own rules.

The prosecution has refused to supply defense lawyers with crucial evidence, according to Bikel's film, including the specific allegations that led to initial charges being filed.

It is unclear what medical and

physical evidence of abuse exists. Initially, most of the children denied they were abused.

But after 10 months of therapy suggested by local authorities, the children began to tell of incidents involving sex acts being performed in front of them, of anal and vaginal rape, of being raped with objects including scissors and a wooden hammer, and of being forced to swallow snakes.

Bikel uses Betsy's sister, Nancy, and Betsy's former best friend, Jane, to capsulize a story that first involved one child, then three, then 10 and now dozens.

Both Jane and Nancy point to one incident as the catalyst.

Nearly two and a half years ago, someone slapped Jane's son at Little Rascals.

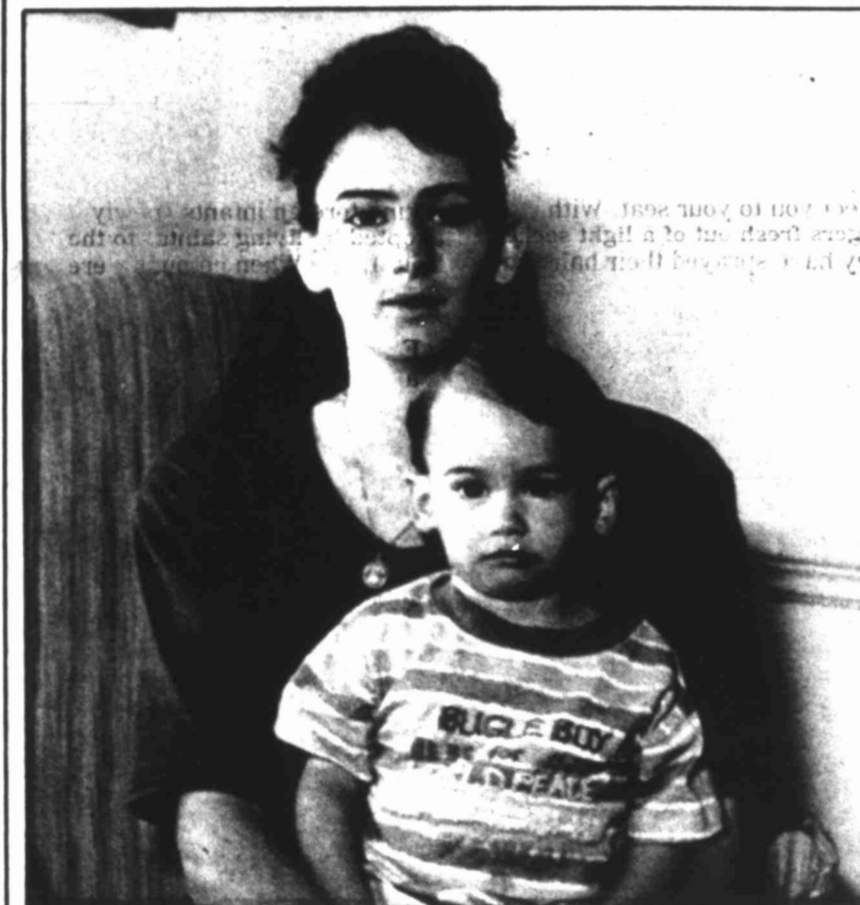
Who slapped the boy and why are not explained. Jane was indignant and pulled her son out of the community's most prestigious pre-school. Betsy refused to apologize for the incident.

Betsy's sister says that Jane then began a systematic effort to close the day-care center. Jane says she quietly advised friends that their children were not safe at Little Rascals.

Soon after, rumors of abuse circulated. Friends who had known Bob and Betsy for years sent flowers, food and letters of support.

Then the Department of Social Services stepped in. An investigation was started. Bob and Betsy were shunned. The school was closed.

McMARTIN SIMILARITIES — Tonight's "Frontline" presentation will be followed by a 30-minute discussion featuring Los Angeles Superior Court Judge William Ponder, who presided over the McMARTIN Pre-School molestation trial, and FBI special agent Kenneth Lanning, an expert on the sexual victimization of children.



Faced with life

Robin Byrum, shown with her son Anthony, is one of seven defendants, five of whom are women, in child sexual abuse allegations at a day-care center in Edenton, N.C. If convicted, Byrum faces up to eight consecutive life sentences. PBS' Frontline examines the case in the episode "Lost Innocence," to be aired tonight.

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Q. Can a person with a felony conviction on his/his record vote?
 A. District Attorney Rick Hamby says that a person with a felony conviction is supposed to lose the right to vote, however, it does not always happen. Inevitably, it would depend on the type of conviction and terms of probation.

Calendar

Meeting

- TODAY**
- AA and Alanon meeting at 8 p.m. at the Old Hotel.
 - Stanton Honors Banquet at 7 p.m. at Bonnie's Restaurant.
 - Grady FHA Banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Grady Vo-Ag Award dinner at 8 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.
- THURSDAY**
- There will be a square dance and hoedown at 1 p.m. at Stanton Elementary on the school grounds.
 - Eastern Star No. 406 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 509 N. Highway 137.
 - There will be a benefit dance for Trace Gipson from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Rankin rodeo grounds. Jody Nix will perform. \$5/person.
- FRIDAY**
- Stanton school will be closed.

Tops on TV

- Sometimes They Come Back CBS Tuesday Movie. Tim Matheson, Brooke Adams. A high-school teacher deals with the childhood trauma of the death of his brother by brutal teenagers.
- The Karate Kid, Part II: 7 p.m. Channel 3. thirtysomething, 9 p.m. Channel 2.

Capitol Briefs

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Chamber of Commerce has initiated a statewide campaign to discourage what it calls lawsuit abuse.

Under the program, begun Tuesday, the chamber will solicit funds for a statewide media campaign.

Chamber President Larry Milner said the effort was aimed at excessive damage awards and frivolous lawsuits.

The program is based on a \$20,000-per-month regional advertising effort carried out early this year by the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber officials said the current liability law system in Texas has resulted in increased insurance premiums and lost jobs, causing some businesses to close and discouraged others from moving here.

The Texas Chamber of Commerce also supports bills under consideration by the Legislature that would limit business liability for damages suffered by customers and consumers.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards has named seven Texans to the Education Commission of the States, a national research and policy development organization for public education.

Former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby will serve as Richards' official representative on the commission.

The other appointees are Carolyn Crawford, chair of the State Board of Education; Lionel "Skip" Meno, state education commissioner; Kenneth Ashworth, commissioner of higher education; state Rep. Wilhelmina Delco, D-Austin; Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur; and Manuel Justiz, dean of the College of Education at the University of Texas at Austin.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards announced that she is appointing Arthur Navarro of Austin to the Texas Housing Agency board of directors.

Richards named Navarro as chairman earlier this year. His six-year appointment is subject to Senate confirmation.

Navarro, 43, is administrator of the Travis Central Appraisal District.

Mims takes top 4-H honors

By GREG JONES
 Martin County Extension Agent

The 1991 District 6 4-H livestock judging contest was held in Big Spring last Saturday at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Ten Martin County 4-H'ers were among those in competition. In the Junior Division (less than 14 years old), Martin County 4-H'ers were: Brad Cox, Marti Kay Mims, Brady Peugh, Cody Peugh, Angela Tubb, Brian Tubb and Katie Jo Yates.

In the Senior Division, those representing the county were: Misty Cox, Rawley Mims, and Kenny Stewart. Volunteer adult leaders who helped the youth with judging include: Jody and DeAnn Yates, Richie and Jill Tubb, Johnny Peugh and Brenda Mims.

Some of the livestock for the contest was furnished by local producers. Tee Knox furnished Hereford bulls; Richie Tubb, medium wool ewes; and Bobby Price, simmental heifers.

The following are the results of the contest:

Junior Division — second high individual, swine: Angela Tubb; third high individual, sheep: Angela Tubb; seventh high individual, cattle: Brad Cox; seventh high individual, reasons: Angela Tubb; sixth high individual, overall: Angela Tubb.

Senior Division — first high individual, swine: Rawley Mims; fifth high individual, swine: Misty Cox; second team, swine: Misty Cox, Rawley Mims and Kenny Stewart; ninth high individual, cattle: Misty Cox; seventh high individual, reasons: Rawley Mims; fourth high individual, overall: Rawley Mims; ninth high individual, overall: Misty Cox.

In support of vocational agriculture programs, IMC Fertilizer Inc. has donated \$150 to the Martin County 4-H.

The funding was a cooperative effort between IMC Fertilizer and

Hughes Fertilizer, a Stanton-based agriculture service company. For every soil testing sample received from area farm operators, IMC Fertilizer donated \$1 toward the local vocational agriculture program for samples taken during the fall of 1990.

Richard J. Hedberg, IMC Fertilizer senior vice president and chief administrative officer, said the program was developed to draw attention to the growing needs of vocational programs and agricultural studies from local communities.

This effort also focuses on the importance of soil testing as a crop production tool. It is recognized as an agronomically, economically and environmentally sound management practice.

"The future of agriculture depends on our youth. Therefore, it has to be a concerted effort from all to encourage our young people to stay in agriculture," Hedberg said.

"At the industry level, there will be a growing need for young professionals with agricultural degrees, and at the farm level the demand for qualified managers is even greater."

IMC Fertilizer, headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., is the world's leading private enterprise producer of phosphate rock and potash, two basic fertilizer materials and a manufacturer of phosphate chemicals and nitrogen crop nutrients.

With warmer, humid spring weather at hand, livestock producers and owners of household pets should check their animals frequently for wounds and possible worm infestations.

Fly populations normally increase during this season. Blowflies and other species become more active. They deposit their eggs that form young larvae along such damp areas as animal wounds.

Although the United States and Mexico have both been declared free of the screwworm — a costly insect pest that feeds on warm-blooded animals including humans — constant vigilance must be practiced to remain free of the problem.

"This became very apparent in December 1989, when a U.S. soldier who was injured in Panama and infested with screwworms there returned to a San Antonio hospital with larvae still in the wound," said Cliff Hoelscher, Extension Service entomologist.

The soldier was treated and dismissed from the hospital.

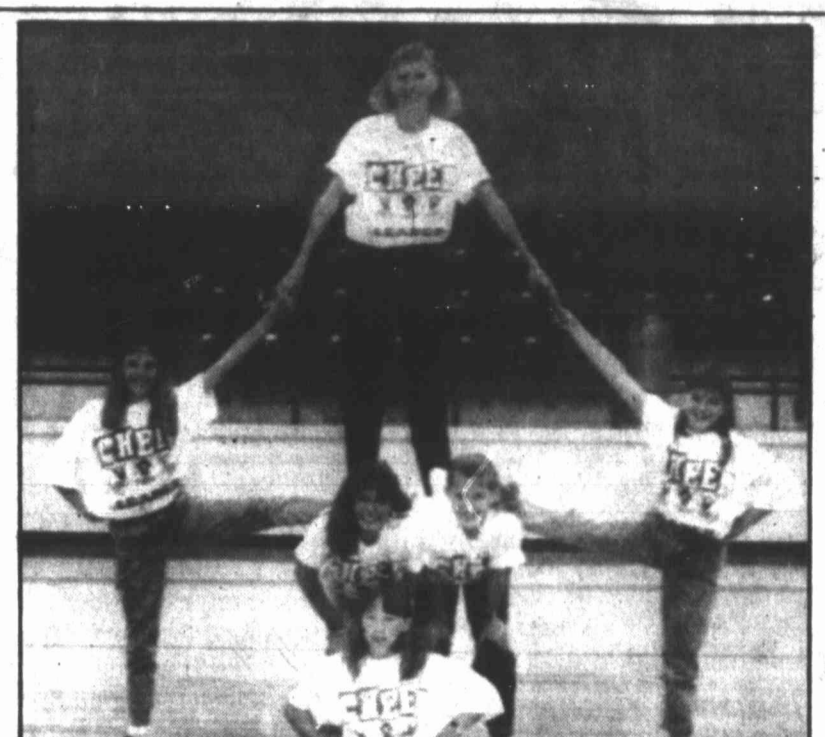
"The problem was that some of the larvae — not sent for official identification to an accredited laboratory — was discarded with other hospital medical trash, later compacted and dumped at an area landfill," Hoelscher said.

To head off a possible outbreak of screwworms around San Antonio, the Joint U.S.-Mexico Screwworm Eradication Commission sent a number of planeloads of sterile screwworm flies to treat the entire South Texas area, the entomologist explained.

Although there is no known threat of re-infestation at present, owners of livestock and pets should check their animals frequently for infested wounds.

If worms are found in wounds, representative samples of about 10 worms each should be collected and sent in a container of alcohol or formaldehyde to an accredited laboratory, such as the federal identification lab at Mission, for positive identification. Mailing kits are available from county extension service offices or the Mission lab.

The address for the Screwworm Identification Lab is: USDA-APHIS Veterinary Service, Attn: Dr. Obie Oliver, Screwworm Identification Lab, Box 969, Mission, Texas 78752.



Yelling for Stanton

The new 1991-92 Stanton Junior High School cheerleaders set up for a yell at the Buffalo gym. The new members are: on the floor, seventh-grader Casey Ireton; middle row, left to right: seventh-grader Keri Brantley, eighth-grader Emily Jones, eighth-grader Kristen Wyckoff and seventh-grader Laurie Adams; back row: eighth-grader Kelly Harrell.

Honor roll

- Sands Independent School District released its list of honor roll students for the fifth six-week term.
- Sands Elementary "A" honor roll:
 - First grade — Cruz Duenez, J.D. Grigg, Blythe Long, Chance Nichols, Jeremy Roemisch and Jaci Ybarra.
 - Second grade — Valerie Wootan.
 - Third grade — Kami Hambrick, Trisha Nichols and Cal Zant.
 - Fourth grade — Katy Gooch.
 - Fifth grade — Keele Barnes, Jerrod Beall, Brent Burns, Mendi Floyd, Katie Gaskins, Kara Hughes, Marla Reed and Hollie Zant.
 - Elementary "A and B" honor roll:
 - First grade — April Kennemer, Steven Nichols, Brandi Woods and Vance Smith.
 - Second grade — Adolio Alaniz, Shelli Blagrove, Lisa Hill, Junior Martinez, Lyndsey Newell, Miranda Roemisch, Jessica Ybarra and Gonzalo Burton.
 - Third grade — Stuart Beall, Jerry Covarrubias, Coby Floyd, Brain Holland and Audrey Ramirez.
 - Fourth grade — Roy Girby, Anna Hall and Margarita Nava.
 - Fifth grade — Kaci Blagrove, Jacob Calvio, Jason Froman, Andrea Gillespie, Josh Long, Dana Lovell, Amanda Riddle, Casey Townsend, Peggy Truman, and Andrew Wootan.
 - Junior High "A" honor roll:
 - Sixth grade — Barbara Hammett, Toby Henderson, Jody Howard, Matt Roemisch and Melissa Snell.
 - Seventh grade — Clayton Fryar, Dallas Hopper, Stacy Newell and Delynn Reed.
 - Eighth grade — Keri Bilbo, Dustin Gaskins, Perry Gillespie, Jason Henderson and Mandy Hodnett.
 - Junior High "A and B" honor roll:
 - Sixth grade — Jordy Hall, Justin Hambrick, Virgil Kays, Jennifer Pitts, Joshua Richter and Chris Terry.
 - Seventh grade — Bradley Burns, Brad Froman, Kristy Rodriguez and Nathan Zarate.
 - Eighth grade — Neil Allen, Kelly Barraza, Billy Brown, Jeanie Carr, Cory Maxwell and Amy Nichols.
 - Sands High School "A" honor roll:
 - Freshman — Grant Gooch, Tommy Morton and Diana Reneteria.
 - Sophomores — Matt Snell.
 - Juniors — Raemi Fryar, Trey Lancaster, Patrick Nichols and Robin Wootan.
 - Seniors — Misty Morton.
 - High School "A and B" honor roll:
 - Freshman — Becky Barnes, Courtney Fryar, Alisa Kays and Torbin Lancaster.
 - Sophomores — Linda Barnes, Patty Covarrubias, Tabitha Grigg, Michelle Howard and David Ybarra.
 - Juniors — D'nae Brown, David Covarrubias, Rosalinda DeLeon, Jill Goolsby, Eric Herm, Jason Hodnett, Jade Johnson, Jana Long, Dee Lott, Laeann Maxwell, Charles Rhodes and Luci Schuelke.
 - Seniors — Marcus Carr, Priscilla Franco and Kris Nichols.



Banquet honors

Grady Seniors take time out for a photo during the recent seniors' banquet at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton. The seniors are: bottom row, kneeling: Danny Valle; left to right: Terry Valle, Juan Hinojosa, Gilbert Cortez, Stephen Briseno, Brent Rivas, George Villagrana and Michael Quilimaco.

U.I.L. honors

Here are the results of the Elementary UIL competition:

Second grade: storytelling — Angela Johnson, fifth place; Second grade total score — six points.

Third grade: storytelling — Rikki Simer, first place; Brandy Allred, third place and Leslie Stewart, fourth place; spelling — Blaine Smith, third place, and Brett Swihart, sixth place; third

grade total score — 47 points

Fourth grade: spelling — Bobby Haislip, second place, and Dixie Brown, fifth place; ready writing — Ryan Coggin, second place, and Dixie Brown, fifth place; oral reading — Ashley Rine, sixth place; picture memory — Stanton, second place; fourth grade total score — 57 points.

Fifth grade: spelling — Kory Williams, first place; Cory Flanagan, second place, and Stacy Salgado, fifth place; ready writing

— Dana Fryar, fifth place; oral reading — Justin Burch, fourth place; Carrie Bradshaw, fifth place; picture memory — Stanton, fourth place; number sense — Belinda Martinez, fourth place; music memory — Stanton, first place; dictionary skills — Laci Chandler, second place; Randi Simer, fourth place, and Nick Sanchez, sixth place; listening — Justin Burch, fourth place, and Jason Flores, fifth place; fifth grade total score — 132 points.

Army considering closing Corps offices

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Army is considering closing its Corps of Engineers district office in Tulsa, Okla., and closing or merging offices in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and 16 other cities, according to a published report.

An Army report suggests closing or merging division offices in Omaha, Neb., Chicago, Dallas and the Boston area. The Kansas City Star said in today's editions.

Besides Tulsa, cities that would have their district offices closed are Memphis, Tenn.; Norfolk, Va.; Philadelphia; Detroit; Rock Island, Ill.; St. Paul, Minn.; Seattle; Nashville, Tenn.; Pittsburgh; Savannah, Ga.; and San Francisco.

The proposal would save \$850 million over five years and \$1.7 billion annually after that, the report said.

Corps spokesmen said no final recommendations had been made. "It's still a working document," said a spokesman Scott Saunders in Washington. "The corps reorganization report is still in the hands of the Department of the Army and the Pentagon."

Army spokesman Maj. Joe Padilla said the Pentagon would

make its recommendations public this year, but he did not know when.

The report was not released publicly, but is in wide circulation at corps offices, the newspaper said.

The Corps of Engineers regulates domestic river navigation and constructs dams and other waterway projects. It also manages property and construction for Army installations.

The Tulsa district is responsible for Oklahoma, parts of southern Kansas and the Texas Panhandle, Engelke said. About half of its 1,100 employees are located in Tulsa and the rest among more than three dozen lake and navigation projects.

The Army recommended the Corps of Engineers reorganization and several Army post closings in the document called "Report to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission." It was dated April 1.

Other service branches submitted similar reports in time for U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney to announce dozens of recommended cuts April 12. A special commission will review the recommendations and make its own to President

Bush and Congress.

Cheney's proposal did not address the Corps of Engineers. He plans to introduce separate legislation on the corps because it handles civilian water projects. The corps also is overseen by non-defense congressional committees.

Saunders said only about 1,000 of the corps' 42,000 employees are in the Army.

In all, the Army proposed closing four of the corps' 10 division headquarters and 14 of the 36 district headquarters. District offices are overseen by the division offices.

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Environmentalists urge House passage

AUSTIN (AP) — Several environmental and consumer groups say Texas can't wait nearly two years for an environmental "super agency," as legislation passed by the state Senate would require.

The groups on Monday urged the House to pass a bill that would create the Department of Natural Resources, only with changes they said would make the agency even more powerful.

The legislation passed the Senate on a 27-3 vote last month. It would open the department Jan. 1, 1993.

"That is far too long to wait for major restructuring and major revamping of the state's environmental protection programs," said Ken Kramer of the

Sierra Club.

Kramer and others urged House members to move up the agency's start date, saying it needs to be involved in implementing the Federal Clean Air Act and new hazardous waste laws during the next few months.

"The interest of the public, who have lost confidence to a great extent in the state's environmental regulatory agencies, needs to be bolstered by giving this agency an earlier starting date," he said.

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 BIG SPRING

Novella (Nannie Kay) Kirkpatrick, 97, died Monday. Graveside services will be 3:00 P.M. Wednesday at Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

Dorothy Clayton Stall, 73, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

William Floyd Biddle, 88, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Snyder.

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 BIG SPRING

Bernice Velasquez, 22, died Sunday. Services were 10:00 A.M. today at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Lubbock. Interment followed in the Peaceful Gardens Cemetery in Lubbock.

Oda Steppens Tate, 92, died Saturday. Graveside services were 2:00 P.M. today at Trinity Memorial Park.

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