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NEWS DIGEST



Lady Steers honored with sports banquet

Big Spring High School girls track coach Jay Kennedy, left, presents the Coaches Award to Hope Martinez, center, and Casey Cook during the BSHS Lady Steers Banquet at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

Come and get them

Copies of the Howard County Pictorial History are now available at the Herald's offices. Those who pre-ordered may pick up books, as well as those who want to buy one now. The books sell for \$34.95 each.

Carnival scheduled

The Corral plans a carnival for kids Saturday at 611 E. 3rd, with games, food and other activities. Just Say No drawing contest winners are slated to be announced during the event.



Proportion, not pounds

It's not pounds and inches but proportion and clothing that counts, says Jan Larkey, an internationally known author and image consultant. See page 1B.

World

•Government thinking conspiracy: Bosnian government officials say a new Croat offensive against Muslims is part of a wider Serb-Croat conspiracy to scuttle Western peace-making efforts. See page 6A.

Nation

•Clinton frustrated: Increasingly frustrated by America's partners, President Clinton says he may send U.S. troops to Macedonia. See page 3A.

Texas

•School finance plan: Almost all of Texas' public school students would be in an equitably funded system under a plan to shift taxable value of \$40 billion in business property among districts and avoid consolidation, its sponsor says. See page 2A.

Sports

•Steers district champions: For the second year in a row, the Big Spring Steers finished District 3-4A play with a loss to Sweetwater and woke the next morning with something to celebrate. See page 3B.

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•Fair tonight, low in 50s: Tonight, fair. Low in the lower 50s. Northeast wind less than 10 mph. See extended forecast, page 8A.

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Horton enjoys council debut



Stephanie Horton takes oath of office from City Secretary Tom Ferguson at Big Spring City Council meeting Tuesday. Horton, District 1 councilwoman, beat two-term Councilwoman Pat DeAnda 118-117 on May 1.

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Stephanie Horton's first meeting as a member of the Big Spring City Council "was OK," she said Tuesday.

"It was OK," the District 1 councilwoman said with a smile. "I thought I was going to be nervous, but I wasn't. It went smooth."

Horton, the first black and fourth woman elected to the council, was quiet during most council deliberations Tuesday, attentively listening and speaking a couple times — once to question the public works director about the need for a new street sweeper. She indicated she may speak out more in future business.

"It's going to take a while. I've got to learn," said Horton, who beat two-term Councilwoman Pat DeAnda by a 118-117 margin during the May 1 council election.

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Stephanie Horton
Councilwoman

Horton joined the council in several unanimous votes, including purchasing the street sweeper. She cast one no vote, opposing changes in health and safety codes. The changes, approved 6-1, will only require large landowners to mow grass 50 to 200 feet from streets and property lines.

"We get away with enough not cleaning," said Horton, who during the campaign proclaimed cleaning the city was a top goal.

DeAnda, who plans to file suit in 118th District Court to contest the election because of reports of irregularities, was presented a plaque in honor of her service by Mayor Tim Blackshear.

"I enjoyed representing the city of Big Spring," she told the council and about 50 in the audience after accepting the plaque. "I learned one thing, progress is slow. It does come around, but it's slow." She went on to offer continued service to the city. "I look forward to working for you on boards or associations or anyway I can."

DeAnda last week retained a lawyer following reports one woman had two ballots cast in her behalf and another report that one woman voted that's not in the district. A recount last week showed identical results. Questions of voting irregularities or fraud is not the jurisdiction of city governments.

Meanwhile, early voting began Monday and continues through May 21 at city hall for the District 3 runoff between Vicki Cole and Charles "Chuck" Cawthon. Election day is May 25.

Early votes may be cast at city hall at Nolan and Fourth streets from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day.

Council cutting landowners some weed chopping slack

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Cutting weeds regularly is a big chore for city residents who own acres of pastureland, so the Big Spring City Council Tuesday agreed to change health and safety ordinances.

By a 6-1 vote, the first of two readings of an amendment was approved to only require that land be mowed within 200 feet of other property lines and 50 to 200 feet of streets, the actual required distance depending on which streets are involved. The proposal will undergo additional study before a second reading.

Noncompliance charges against two large landowners were dropped in municipal court this year after the December announcement that codes would be enforced following 10-day written warnings. One landowner said his 40 acres is just "pastureland."

"His argument was, 'Why should I

have to mow pasture land,'" City Manager Lanny Lambert told the council. "It's a good point."

"Some of the land that we're enforcing the ordinance on is pasture land," confirmed City Attorney Mike Thomas, who advised changing the codes. "Once you're out of the occupied areas, it's silly."

A third of land inside city limits is undeveloped, Lambert pointed out. Enforcing the code could put the city in a difficult situation, he warned, because the penalty for not paying fines up to \$1,000 is having a lien slapped on the property, which means property would then be in care of the city.

"It's proved to be very difficult to enforce," he said. "We'd hate to mow hundreds and hundreds of acres and waste our time."

Voting no was newly sworn City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, who proclaimed cleaning up the city a top goal

during her campaign. She said Tuesday she doesn't want to see exceptions to the codes. It was her first no vote as a council member.

"I think we get away with enough not cleaning" said Horton, who last year helped organize a cleanup of the Banks Addition on the city's Northwest Side. "That's one of my Ps and Qs," she said. "We don't need to have all those forests, no matter how far they are from a structure."

Some council members supporting the changes say current codes appear unenforceable.

"I favor this if it's indeed enforceable," said Councilman Charles Bell.

"We can enforce this better than the current one," said Mayor Tim Blackshear.

The 200-foot clear zone applies along the following streets: U.S. 87, Interstate 20, Snyder Highway, FM 700, Birdwell Lane, Goliad Street, Andrews Highway and Wason Road.

Gifted students develop local history curriculum

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Known as the gifted and talented students, a group of Big Spring fourth and fifth graders have developed a curriculum to teach the history of Howard County.

The students meet at Bauer Magnet School, but the group is comprised from students attending all of Big Spring's elementary schools.

Working together, these students developed a curriculum to teach Big Spring's history using the area's historical landmarks as focal points for instructive exercises. "It was developed to be used by all of the elementary schools in Big Spring," said Beverly Jeffcoat, who teaches the gifted and talented students.

Called the BSISD Big Spring Historical Landmark Curriculum Document, the teaching tool was devised and written by the gifted and talented students and will be used in Big Spring Independent School District classrooms during the 1993-94 school year, Jeffcoat said.

The book contains numerous education activities, dealing with the Heritage Museum, the Big Spring State Park at Scenic Mountain, Comanche Trail Park, the Howard County Library, the Potton House and the Railroad Plaza.

"With all of them brainstorming, idea sharing, they came up with some extremely creative projects," she said.

The students spent a great deal of time in small groups, voicing ideas and building on each other's ideas.

Big Spring students who participated in the project include Julie Adams, Johnathon Bagwell, Cory Baker, Patrick Chetty, Phallon Crawford, Scott Crowell, Monica Gonzales, Gregg Grawunder, Jearlyn Holland, Lee Marshall, Alicia Phifer, Ashley Rains, Monica Sandford, Melissa Sheedy, Cynthia Shipman, Kristi Simpson, Sarah Smith, Jason Choate, Amy Darling, Ryan Guinn, Heather Harris, Lindsay Kirk, Lakshmi Mudambi, Justin, Nichols, Britania Perez, Shruthi Mandyam, Annette Richardson, Desiree Richardson, John Rigdon, Cody Rubio, Aaron



Gifted and talented students from Big Spring elementary schools watch as the final totem is placed in a learning exercise teaching Howard County history. The

students have developed a teaching curriculum that will be taught in Big Spring schools in the 1993-94 school year.

Schooler, Irene Trevino, Trey Tubbs and Kevin Walker. The curriculum includes a brief synopsis of the history behind a particular land mark, such as the Heritage Museum, and then includes a list of education activities teachers can use. For the Heritage Museum, the curricu-

lum suggests designing post cards, featuring a specific museum attraction; writing a play about how the museum began; and completing a "thingamajig" worksheet, writing in the name of strange objects found in the museum.

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President Clinton shakes hands with members of the audience after addressing students at Fenton High School in Bensenville, Ill., Tuesday. Clinton spoke about his proposal to overhaul the student loan system, then answered questions from the students.

Briefs

Automakers worry about acceptance of electrics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Big Three automakers say they are determined to sell thousands of electric vehicles by 1998, but wonder how much trouble they'll have finding takers.

"For the electric vehicle venture to be successful, we must prepare customers to adopt this new technology," Ken Baker, vice president for research and development at General Motors Corp., told a House Science and Technology subcommittee on Tuesday.

But Baker as well as representatives from Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp., said they are developing electric-powered vehicles — primarily vans and small commuter cars — to meet California's requirement that 2 percent of all new cars sold in the state by 1998 be electric.

The automakers said the key to mass production and sale of an electric automobile is in developing a battery that allows longer driving range and shorter recharging time.

Survey shows world population booming

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new survey shows world population is growing faster than ever, almost all of it in the Third World.

The Population Reference Bureau predicted world population will reach 5.5 billion by mid-1993, 40 percent of it in China and India. The bureau said population is growing each year by 90 million, roughly the population of Mexico.

Carl Haub, a demographer who worked on the study released Tuesday, said world population will grow to 8.5 billion by the year 2025, "only if birth rates continue to come down as expected. If they don't, growth will be even faster."

The survey showed the United States with a growth rate of 0.8 percent a year, much of it from immi-

gration. Europe's population is virtually stagnant with a growth rate of 0.2 percent a year. Several former communist countries, including Hungary and Bulgaria, already show negative growth rates.

States of the former Soviet Union have been growing at 0.6 percent. The world's fastest growing area is the poorest: sub-Saharan Africa with a population growth rate of 3 percent a year meaning that population will double in 20 years. Latin America is growing at 1.9 percent.

Asia is growing at a rate of 1.7 percent. But without China, whose strict and controversial birth control program is responsible for a sharp drop in growth to 1.2 percent, Asia's rate is 2.1 percent. The lowest growth rate in Asia is Japan's 0.3 percent.

NTSB probe blames Burlington for crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — National Transportation Safety Board investigators blame the Burlington Northern Railroad for a derailment that sent a toxic cloud over Lake Superior last year.

The staffers told the board Tuesday that the railroad should have replaced a damaged section of rail before the accident or at least restricted train speeds until it was repaired.

There was "very severe" cracking in the track that "needed to be attended to," said Bernie Loeb, director of NTSB's office of research and engineering.

Thousands of people were evacuated from their homes in Superior, Wis., and Duluth, Minn., after the track broke June 30 and a tank car filled with benzene tumbled from a trestle and ruptured in the Nemadji River.

The NTSB put off making a decision after the investigators produced conflicting information about whether there are federal rail standards for railroads to follow.

Burlington Northern spokesman Roger Campbell said the railroad would not comment on the investigation until the board issues its final report.

U.N. partners frustrate Clinton

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sounding increasingly frustrated by the reluctance of America's partners to take tougher action in Bosnia, President Clinton says he may send U.S. troops to the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia to halt the spread of the war in the Balkans.

Turning up the heat on U.S. allies, Clinton said Tuesday the war in Bosnia "is in Europe's back yard" and that European nations must agree quickly on steps to stop the fighting.

Members of Congress backed the president. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., led the charge by saying the allies' refusal to stop the slaughter of Bosnian Muslims was "moral rape."

Clinton, meanwhile, said he was considering sending troops to Macedonia, the southernmost former Yugoslav republic, as part of a U.N.-peacekeeping force already there. He said no final decision had been made.

"We want to try to confine that conflict so it doesn't spread into other countries like Albania, Greece and Turkey," Clinton said during a visit to Bensenville, Ill. Asked if sanctions would be enough to stop the war, he said, "They're working but not quickly enough."

The president also is interested in a proposal to put U.N. monitors on the Serbian-Bosnian border to see if the Belgrade government carries out its promised cutoff of supplies to Bosnia's Serbs. Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said Clinton would pursue the idea with the Europeans.

Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said that despite the allies' hesitation, "I don't think the president is backing off" from seeking support for bombing attacks on Serb artillery in Bosnia and the arming of Bosnian Muslims.

However, opposition to Clinton's strategy has forced the president to pull back and await the outcome of the Bosnian Serb weekend referendum on whether to accept a U.N.-

backed peace agreement. The United States views the vote as a sham but reluctantly agreed to calls from Russia and European allies to wait.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher was heading to New York today to discuss Bosnia and other trouble spots with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and other officials.

Clinton also was to be in New York for a speech on the economy and an evening reception. Clinton, returning from the Midwest visit, sounded frustrated at the indecisiveness of the Europeans.

"The question is the United States never pretended it could or should act alone," Clinton said. "We can't do it legally and we shouldn't do it as a matter of policy. This is a problem that, after all, is in Europe's back yard."

A group of senators that met with Clinton late Tuesday angrily dismissed European suggestions that the United States lacks a realistic

view of the war because it doesn't have any forces on the ground.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Lord Owen, the U.N. mediator, "appeared to be taunting us by suggesting that we send a few troops in on the ground in order to get the flavor of the situation." Lugar said "The United States is up front, we're the leaders, and our president, we think, is headed in the right direction."

And Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said the war in Bosnia was "perhaps the toughest foreign policy issue that's faced any president of the United States in this century. ... It's easy to get in but it's tough to get out."

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President resolute on civil rights

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton says critics won't derail his drive to appoint women and minorities, even though he is being portrayed as "some radical left winger."

Clinton, speaking Tuesday at a dinner of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, drew warm applause as he scoffed at the notion he has been overzealous in efforts to bring diversity to his administration.

"You know, I don't wake up in the morning thinking I need to find some female Latino who is totally unqualified to put in a job," Clinton told the conference, an umbrella organization that includes every major U.S. civil rights group.

He said that to make progress on the civil rights front and on other issues it is necessary to "move beyond the incredible gridlock in the mind of this town."

"I have been roundly attacked by people on the extreme right, trying to make me look like some radical left winger because I had this crazy notion that I ought to have an administration that would have some diversity and give women as well as men and people of color as well as people who look like me a chance to serve if they could meet high standards of excellence," he said.

While Clinton has been battling a drop in the polls and congressional skepticism about his programs, he basked in the approval of civil rights supporters.

The president praised the armed forces for taking the lead in bringing opportunity to minority groups.

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Edmund Burke, English political writer, 1756

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Problem solving eased by working together

Working together is the only way to solve problems facing cities and counties.
Big Spring City Council and American Limestone Co. proved working together can be beneficial to everyone, not just the parties involved.
When the city rented half a building to the limestone company, it wasn't realized that county revenues derived from a Department of Public Safety truck inspection would be lost.
After listening to the concerns of Howard County Commissioners' Court, the city worked out a deal with American Limestone which resulted in the company moving into a larger building. This move could result in the creation of more jobs for the citizens of Big Spring.
The move also allows county officials the opportunity to bring back the region-wide truck inspections, which brings an estimated \$8,000 into county coffers each year in fines.
Working together, problems are solved to the benefit of all.

Keep these letters to the editor coming

Letters to the editor are what keeps the public informed as to how their fellow citizens think about the issues of the day. No editorial page is complete without letters from citizens.
Please use this page to express your feelings about any issue you deem important. That is what this page is for.
Thank you for writing.

Cruelty seems to be the name of the game

There are some things in this world that are just too hard to understand - the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia, murdering youngsters or the wanton killing of animals in the presumed safety of their yards.
A recent letter to the editor, written by a reader broken up after witnessing someone swerve onto a driveway and kill someone's pet, described the act as unusually cruel.
It was and is and should always be. But, it seems in our day and time, cruel and unusual things happen all the time. And, even worse, we are not even that shocked anymore.
I was driving around with a friend of mine recently when this dumb dog thought he would take off my fender. I braked because the thought of hurting that silly animal was not something I wanted to deal with.
So I stopped, the dog wandered over into the next lane where there were no cars coming. Safe, until he could reach the sidewalk or so I thought.
But, the truck behind me swerved, scaring the dog and for no reason. The dog wasn't even in the same lane as my car or that truck. It is not a pretty sight watching cruelty, whether it is accomplished or not!
I have to wonder what was going through those people's heads, could pleasure really be found in ending the life of another being? It doesn't matter whether it is a cat, dog or human, each has the right to live its life out.
Also, it caused someone else, someone this person didn't know, extreme pain at the loss of something they cared for. You see it everyday almost in the faces of people who have had sons, daughters, wives, husbands, mothers, fathers killed at the hands of a stranger or a friend.
Maybe that's what is so sad about this - that someone could touch another's in a killing way without any thought to how that person might feel, think or react. The reader wrote "what comes around goes around." Or, basically, what we put into this world - love, hurt, caring, indifference - is what we will get in return.



DD Turner

Editor's Note: While Lewis Grizzard is recovering from heart surgery previously run columns will be used.
One of the most difficult tasks men face is purchasing lingerie to give to a woman.
Even as we speak, there are likely millions of men out there nervously contemplating how they are going to get in and out of a lingerie shop this Christmas with the correct gift without being spotted.
It's trouble enough to pick out appropriate undergarments for women, but, worse, if someone you know happens to see you making such an effort. You are convinced the headlines in the paper the next day will scream: "BRUNO KILDENFUSS SEEN BUYING PANTIES!"
There is a lady named Lila Williams, who sensed this male dilemma a few years back and set forth to do something about it.
Lila is 33 and, for the record, single. She used to sell cosmetics. What she does now is run a company, headquartered in Brooklyn, called Panty-of-the-Month.



Lewis Grizzard
Here's how it works:
You contact Panty-of-the-Month and say you would like to subscribe to the service for whatever number of months you desire.
You then tell them the name and address of the woman you would like to be the recipient of the panties.
Each month, your lucky lady will receive a new pair of panties. The company picks each month's selection: black satini for Halloween; a mint-colored pair with matching top (dubbed appropriately, Happy St. Panties and Erin Go Bra) for March 17; and panties with brilliant red satin and matching lace for this Christmas.
"Women love slinky undergarments," Lila Williams explained to

me during our telephone conversation, "but they seldom will treat themselves to such costly lingerie. However a woman is ecstatic if it comes to her as a gift."
Lila Williams is a Chicago native. After leaving the cosmetic company, she borrowed a few bucks on her credit card and started Panty-of-the-Month.
In order to get customers, she dressed in a pink polyester pussycat outfit and handed out flyers on the streets of New York City.
That didn't work. New Yorkers have seen it all, even pink polyester pussycats.
Later, however, a few well-placed ads and a rented mailing list set Panty-of-the-Month to growing, and Lila Williams says she now has 1,000 customers.
"Women always need panties," Ms. Williams continued. "We can do without just about everything else, but not panties."
(I didn't comment then and I won't comment now. Ms. Williams, please continue.)
"Don't get the idea we sell kinky panties—like those things that are crotchless or edible."
"We carry top-of-the-line designer undergarments, and they arrive each month beautifully gift-wrapped and delicately perfumed with a gorgeous card for the occasion with the recipient's name embossed on the card."
"We make both sides, the men and the women, happy. She gets the perfect excuse to wear expensive undergarments. He can stay out of lingerie shops and also get credit for having excellent taste."
So here's a free ad for Lila, the panty lady.
The phone number is 718-745-0227. The service will cost you \$25.00 per month.
Incidentally, if you are a guy and you order panties for yourself, Lila Williams has promised to tell me your name so I can write a column about you with the headline that says: "BRUNO KILDENFUSS WEARS MAIL-ORDER PANTIES!"
So sue me.
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Paul Craig Roberts

Covering the courts Making hate a crime in U. S.

WASHINGTON — "There goes a white boy," cried Todd Mitchell. "Go get him!"
The incident occurred in October 1989 in Kenosha, Wis. About 10 black youngsters gathered at an apartment complex after going to the movie "Mississippi Burning." They were upset by a scene in which a white man beats a black boy who is praying.
Mitchell was then 19. He put a question to the boys: "Do you feel all hyped up to move on some white people?" At that moment, 14-year-old Gregory Riddick, a white youth, approached the complex on the other side of the street. Mitchell said: "You all want to f--- somebody up? There goes a white boy. Go get him!"
The black boys raced across the street, beat the 14-year-old into a coma, stole his "British Knights" tennis shoes, and fled. Young Riddick's brain damage may be permanent.
The record does not show what punishment, if any, the juveniles received. As instigator of the assault, Mitchell was convicted of aggravated battery and given the maximum two-year sentence.
Then Circuit Judge Jerold W. Breitenbach did something else. He imposed an additional two years under Wisconsin's "hate crime" law. Mitchell challenged the additional sentence as an unconstitutional abridgment of his right of free speech. The Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed. On April 21 the U.S. Supreme Court heard argument in the case.
It is an important case for several reasons. Hate-related crimes are a serious national problem. Nearly 1,700 anti-Semitic incidents were reported to the Anti-Defamation League in 1990. The National Gay



James J. Kilpatrick

case involved Socialist Eugene Debs, another involved Socialist Charles Schenck, the third involved a pro-German Missouri publisher named Jacob Frohwerk. All three were charged separately with inciting young men to resist the draft.
In a series of opinions by Justice Holmes, the court unanimously affirmed the convictions. It was in the Schenck case that Holmes laid down the famous dictum that "the most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theater, and causing a panic."
In Frohwerk, Holmes observed that the First Amendment "cannot have been intended to give immunity for every possible use of language." No competent person, said Holmes, "ever supposed that to make criminal the counseling of murder would be an unconstitutional interference with free speech." The circulation of Frohwerk's newspaper came in circumstances "where a little breath would be enough to kindle a flame."
The Wisconsin court saw things differently. The hate-crime law serves to criminalize "subjective bigoted thought." The "selection" of young Riddick was not an act; it was a mental process. Discriminatory acts, such as the assault, may be prohibited, but bigoted thought must be protected.
Wisconsin's Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan said for his colleagues that "it is with great regret that we hold the hate crimes statute unconstitutional."
As one observer, I regret it too. Considering the case of Todd Mitchell, I would vote with the reasoning of Oliver Wendell Holmes 74 years ago.
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he automatically drew 30 years without parole.
Judge Greene found this mandatory minimum sentence "grossly out of proportion" to the crime; the prior, non-violent offenses also involved small amounts of narcotics. Insisting that he must have discretion to take this fact into account, Greene gave the offender 10 years — and ruled the congressionally imposed minimum sentence unconstitutional.
The Supreme Court has previously upheld even more draconian state mandatory sentences, so Greene's revolt probably will not withstand appeal. Nevertheless, Congress should take heed.
Many, if not most, judges oppose statutorily required, automatic minimum sentences — and so does the Sentencing Commission, created in the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984. The commission was charged with developing guidelines intended to reduce unwarranted disparities in the sentences handed down by different courts for the same crime. But unlike mandatory minimums, the guidelines leave room for judges to weigh a wide range of mitigating and aggravating factors.
Now we know what Bill Clinton was doing in Moscow in the 1960s. He was studying economics.
As the inappropriateness of his economic policy becomes apparent, the confidence of the public is rapidly declining. The Wall Street Journal reports that last fall's post-election consumer euphoria is gone, and, as shoppers again turn wary about the economy's prospects, retailers are reducing their expectations.
The latest Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll reports that for the first time since the election, a plurality of Americans believe that the country is on the wrong track. Moreover, only a third of those polled believe the economy will get better over the next year, and economists are scaling down their forecasts of economic growth.
Little wonder. During its first 100 days the Clinton administration has done little except talk about raising existing taxes and piling on a passel of personal and corporate income, and he wants to cut Social Security payments by subjecting a larger percentage of benefits to the richer off to taxation. He also wants more sin taxes on alcohol and tobacco.
The new taxes that are under consideration appear to be endless. He wants a new tax on all forms of energy, which will reduce disposable income while raising the prices of goods and services. He wants a value added tax, which will further reduce disposable income and raise the prices of goods and services. He wants to tax employee executive health benefits.
All of these taxes on health are somehow supposed to make it cost less.
The polls show that far more voters prefer lower taxes and less government to higher taxes and more government. The Clinton administration apparently doesn't care what the voters think, but Democrats in Congress are alarmed by the constant flow of new tax proposals being debated.
On April 18 Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine used his appearance on "Meet the Press" to warn Clinton off a value added tax, even one used to pay for more health care.
"The problem with the American health care system," said Senator Mitchell, "is not that we need to spend more money. The problem is we're spending too much money in wasteful and inefficient ways. I think the emphasis has got to be on the cost-containment part, reducing spending."
The first victim of Clinton's tax proposals was his economic stimulus program, which fell to a Republican filibuster. What's the point of raising taxes in the name of deficit reduction and turning around and handing a portion of the money over to big city mayors? The senselessness of it all made it impossible to pass.
Clinton received another comeuppance when a federal judge ruled that Hillary Clinton was violating the 21-year-old Federal Advisory Committee Act by holding her health tax force meetings in secret. The rash appeal of the judge's ruling brought another comeuppance. Acting on House Speaker Tom Foley's instructions, House lawyers are entering the appeals court with a detailed brief against the secret meetings.
The Waco, Texas, fiasco, leading to the deaths of scores of children and adults, is another blow to the credibility of the Clinton administration. A second 100 days like the first and it is all over for Bill and Hillary.

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Jesse Coffey Jr. tosses out wet clothes from his home in Kingfisher, Okla., Tuesday. The residents of Kingfisher are cleaning up after record flooding, the likes of which may strike residents along the Red and Arkansas rivers in the next couple of days.

Pentagon misses third deadline

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Word that the Pentagon soon may resolve its stalemate over consolidation of military accounting operations nationwide is being cautiously received by cities that could gain thousands of jobs from the decision.

Twenty cities being considered for one of several planned Defense Finance Accounting Service centers have been in limbo since Defense Secretary Les Aspin's announcement in March that he was putting the

consolidation on hold.

Pentagon spokesman Glenn Flood said Tuesday that Aspin is expected within the next several days to make an announcement regarding the DFAS process — though it remains uncertain whether winning cities will be named.

"Whatever happens happens, I guess," said Ed Bee, director of economic development for the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, which submitted two bids.

"We've got a lot of good opportunities. That wasn't the only fish we had to fry," Bee said Tuesday.

While Flood said a decision by Aspin was imminent, skeptics noted that the Pentagon has ignored earlier deadlines.

The Defense Department missed a March 15 deadline to select several sites after Aspin halted the process, citing doubts about the propriety of communities putting up the money for centers that the Pentagon should be bankrolling.

The next unmet deadline was the April 9 date set by the independent Base Closure and Realignment Commission to explain why the DFAS process was halted and how site

selection was conducted.

The commission, which is supervising base closings and consolidations, acquiesced to a Pentagon request for a delay — pushing the deadline back to April 26.

Nary a word had been heard from the Pentagon in the 15 days following the latest deadline, commission spokeswoman Chris Cimko said Tuesday.

"We are anxiously awaiting receipt of the information we've requested," she said. "That's about as nicely as I can put it."

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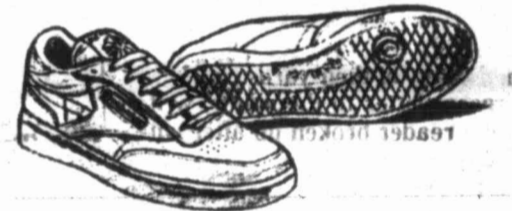
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Oklahoma, Arkansas residents preparing for flooding of rivers

The Associated Press

Memories of disastrous flooding in 1990 haunted residents along the Arkansas River in central Arkansas and the Red River in the state's southwest as they braced again for high water along the two rivers.

But the Army Engineers and National Weather Service were optimistic Tuesday that flooding and damage over the next few days should be well under the levels of three years ago.

"This is not as big as 1990, by far," said Ernest Ethridge, meteorologist with the weather service's office at Shreveport, La., downstream on the Red from Arkansas. "This crest is much lower and will only last for a duration of a few hours."

Laurie Driver, a spokeswoman for the Army Engineers' Little Rock District office, also said flooding along the Arkansas River at Pine Bluff wasn't expected to compare with what occurred in 1990, when hundreds of residents were forced from their homes.

The Arkansas is expected to crest at Pine Bluff on Saturday at or near the 42-foot flood stage. That's well below the 47-foot-plus crest recorded in 1990. Early Tuesday, the river had reached the 38-foot level.

Roads leading to the Island Harbor subdivision, the Riverside addition and Pine Bluff Regional Park could begin to flood later this week. Already, most low-lying agricultural

land along the Arkansas River is flooded, according to P.J. Spaul, a spokesman for the Engineers' Little Rock office.

Whether Island Harbor floods "is going to be borderline," Spaul said. The likelihood of Riverside and Regional Park flooding is even less, he said.

Island Harbor residents were warned Tuesday of approaching floodwaters and the Jefferson County Road Department was dumping sand for bags.

"It's too early to think we'll need (sandbags) on this deal, but we're ready," Tom Ashcraft, Jefferson County Office of Emergency Services coordinator, said.

The Engineers' Tulsa District continued Tuesday to release water into the Arkansas River in eastern Oklahoma, spokesman Ross Adkins said. On Tuesday afternoon, the Engineers increased the flow from 110,000 cubic feet to 125,000 cubic feet of water each second from Keystone Lake west of Tulsa and Caw Lake and Lake Eufaula in eastern Oklahoma.

"We're still within the banks, which is the important part, but (the flooding) is giving us a lot of concern. We're trying to make sure the releases don't go above what the channel can hold, but runoff water is filling faster than what can be let out of the (Keystone) dam," Adkins said. "It's a real juggling act to follow."

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Bosnian leaders distrust Croats, Serbs

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian government officials say a new Croat offensive against Muslims is part of a wider Serb-Croat conspiracy to scuttle Western peacemaking efforts.

The Muslim-led government tried to prod the West into action on Tuesday by formally requesting that the 9,000 U.N. peacekeepers and workers in Bosnia withdraw.

France and Britain, fearful that Serbs would retaliate against peacekeepers, have resisted Clinton administration calls to bomb Serb artillery positions and exempt the outgunned Muslims from a U.N. arms embargo.

The government says concern for peacekeepers' safety "now constitutes a significant obstacle" to Bosnia's defense. But it is unlikely the Security Council will pull them out.

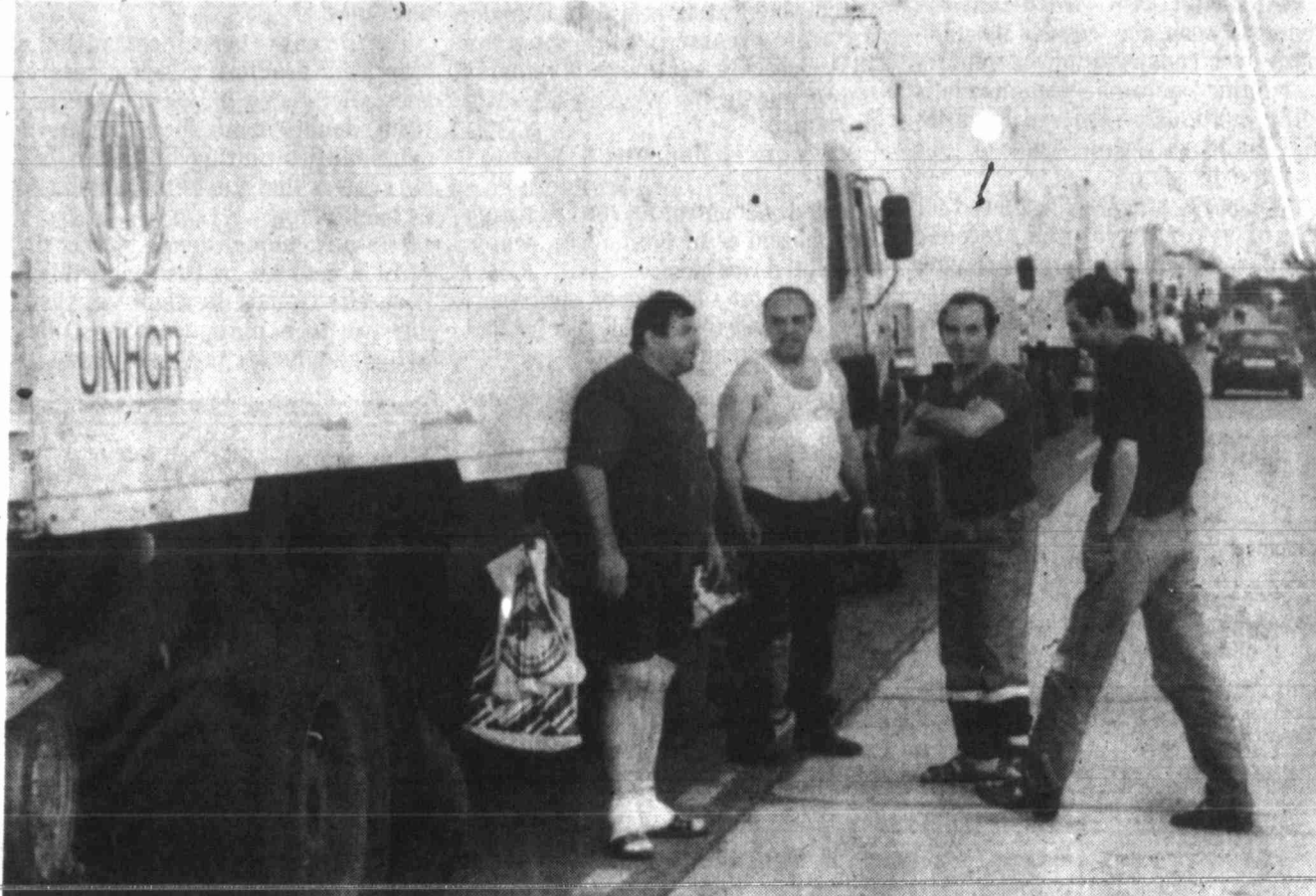
Russian Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov, the council president this month, said the question of withdrawing peacekeepers and exempting the Muslims from the arms embargo would be discussed today.

But the request was "foolish and absurd," he said in New York on Tuesday.

Croats continued to battle the Muslim-led army for the western half of Mostar on Tuesday. Croat forces attacked the southwestern Bosnian town Sunday and then began herding Muslim civilians out or areas they seized.

Sarajevo radio reported late Tuesday that there were scores of dead and wounded in the streets after Croat forces fired nearly 4,000 shells.

Associated Press reporter John Daniszewski said explosions of artillery shells and heavy machine-gun and sniper fire echoed through



Drivers hired to take United Nations aid trucks to former Yugoslavia wait at the Austrian-Hungarian border Tuesday where they are being held up by Hungarian officials who say that letting them pass without special U.N. waivers would violate the new tougher trade sanctions against Yugoslavia. Fuel is running out for U.N. convoys in the former Yugoslavian republics because the scores of trucks are being held at the border.

Mostar all day Tuesday despite a cease-fire forged Monday between Bosnia's Muslim president Alija Izetbegovic and Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban.

The Bosnian government's deputy military commander, as well as Izetbegovic's top aide contend the fighting was the direct result of talks between Boban and Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic.

"The idea of dividing Bosnia is still alive and this is obvious," Kemal Mufic said.

"The solution of the problem by the West seemed too close. On the ground they have not yet reached their goals, they need more time. If the Vance-Owen plan is implemented, it destroys the idea of a Croatian or Serbian republic. Then it's over," said Mufic.

International mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance devised the plan to partition Bosnia into 10 autonomous provinces mainly along ethnic lines. Each of the ethnic groups would be represented on a central govern-

ment. Boban and Izetbegovic signed the plan. Bosnian Serb leaders rejected the plan for a third time in a meeting last week, and said they would submit it to a referendum by Bosnian Serbs this weekend.

Mufic believes Karadzic and Boban are gambling that Croat attacks in western Bosnia and the forced expulsion of Muslims from the area could buy time by delaying or scuttling the Vance-Owen plan.

Thais suspect arson in fire that killed 240

The Associated Press

NAKHON PATHOM, Thailand — Police raised the possibility today that the doll factory fire that killed at least 240 people might have been the work of an arsonist. But a senior officer said carelessness might also have been to blame.

The toll from Monday's blaze west of Bangkok is believed to be the highest for a factory fire since flames engulfed the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York City in 1911 and killed 146 people.

Factory guards, initially unaware of the seriousness of the fire, prevented some panic-stricken workers from leaving, newspapers quoted Assistant Police Director-General Chalerm Rojanapradit as saying. "The security guards had a standing order not to let workers leave the factory without a body search for fear they would steal materials and other valuables," Chalerm was quoted today as saying.

He said the factory, which employed about 4,000 people 15 miles west of Bangkok, did not have a fire alarm system or proper fire escapes and had never had a fire drill.

Police Lt. Gen. Prasarn Vongyai said initial investigations indicated

the fire did not start from an electrical fault, as was first suspected. He told a television interviewer that some witnesses said the fire began in a packing area of the plant.

Prasarn suggested two possible causes for the blaze: Arson for insurance on the part of the owners, or carelessness.

The owners ignored warnings to improve safety at the plant, Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai said. Executives of the factory's owners, Kader Industrial (Thailand) Co. Ltd., told television interviewers they had complied with government regulations.

Hundreds of soldiers and volunteers, aided by earth-moving equipment, today searched the debris of the plant, which was a joint Thai-Taiwanese-Hong Kong venture. Working in 99-degree temperatures, searchers removed charred debris that included hundreds of dolls — teddy bears, santas, blue whales that were scattered in the buildings.

One searcher spotted the familiar face of an Ernie doll, a character from television's Sesame Street, amid the debris.

The factory produced dolls and stuffed animals for export, some to the United States.

Briefs

African governments target social services
ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — African governments, pressed by international lenders to cut spending, have targeted social services rather than bloated bureaucracies or armies, the African Development Bank said today.

Confronted by economic recession, huge debts and slumping prices for their commodities, most African governments bowed to pressures from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank and imposed punishing reforms in the 1980s.

But they did it grudgingly. "Key social sector services, especially to the poor, often proved to be the softest targets for cuts," said bank vice president Ferhat Lounes of Algeria.

Tanzania cut education spending from 17.3 percent of the budget in 1972 to 7.2 percent in 1985, the report said. Similar steps, which the ADB warned would hurt long-term development, occurred across the continent.

In many countries, people revolted against the hardship. Their protests grew into demands for democracy that have ousted a few governments but brought prolonged unrest and instability where military dictators refuse to surrender power.

Costs prompt Russians to kill Cyprus effort

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia, citing escalating peacekeeping costs, killed a Security Council resolution that would have required Moscow to pay a fraction of the U.N. operation in Cyprus.

Tuesday's veto was Moscow's first since 1984. The vote on the 15-member council was 14-1, but the Russians, as a permanent member, were able to block adoption.

Russia would have had to pay only \$1.9 million — after a \$25 million infusion by Greeks and Cypriots to meet the Russian objections. But

Russia insisted that voluntary, not mandatory, contributions continue.

U.N. peacekeepers, now mostly Austrians, Canadians and Brits, have monitored the border between Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities for almost 30 years.

Some nations are withdrawing troops from what they see as an insignificant operation. The total force will drop from 1,500 to around 950 in June.

Russia attractive as money laundry

MOSCOW (AP) — Economic chaos is making Russia an attractive place to launder illegal drug money, a top

law enforcement official says.

Russia is also becoming a drug producing nation and a transit point for Asian and Latin American drugs headed for Western Europe, the official says.

"Russia is a place where drug barons can launder their money easily. That's a fact. We have information that even foreign drug dealers are trying to launder money in Russia," Maj. Gen. Alexander N. Sergeyev, head of the Interior Ministry's anti-drug division, said at a news conference Tuesday.

Sergeyev said illegal drug profits are laundered through the myriad of commercial ventures that have sprung up in the post-Soviet era.

African Development Bank proposes AIDS battle plan

The Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — African nations should spend less on their armies and more on fighting AIDS, the African Development Bank says in a grim assessment of the disease.

"With noticeable exceptions there is still a lack of understanding of the gravity of the potential

consequences," said the bank, which organized a conference Tuesday to promote political strategies to combat acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

More than 7.5 million Africans are estimated to be infected with the virus that causes AIDS — out of as many as 13 million infections worldwide, according to papers presented at the symposium.

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Rescue workers cover up a body Wednesday following one of the worst factory fires in history that took place at a toy factory in Nakhon Pathom, Thailand, Monday. The Interior Ministry placed the official death toll at 212 with more bodies expected to be found.

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

FOR THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1993
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Humor and commitment might be what saves your day as the significant others in your world - partner, boss, friends - appear to be going berserk. Be ready for quick changes. You might need to tell another how you feel. Tonight: Turn in early.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be more creative in how you handle a situation. Be your happy-go-lucky self. Manage your high energy and be more playful. Creativity is high, allowing you to see another in a different light. Be more specific in dealing with a child. Tonight: Work late.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Capitalize on the day's intense mood by reaching out for another. Let someone else express an opinion of what is going on, because your gut feeling might be off. View changes more positively. Be more upbeat about what is happening. Tonight: Have a hard-core talk.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Be more open about a financial partnership. You might need to let a situation fall apart to put it together again. (You'll be able to rebuild on a stronger foundation.) Refuse to be cornered by a partner's instabilities. Tonight: Don't shy away...have that long-overdue talk.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You feel the whole world is out of sorts, and you are not far from wrong. Take needed risks and stand up to a boss, loved one or whoever is bothering you. Understand the pressure a partner is under. Tonight: Be sympathetic.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect to have fried nerves, and do your best to handle what is going on. Communications are difficult, with a change in plans toppling the list. Focus on work, although distractions might tempt you. Be willing to talk through feelings. Tonight: Get a good, sound sleep.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You could be pushing another too hard. Understand your limitations financially. Manage a change in status and security carefully. You need to take greater responsibility with a loved one. Tonight: Be loving with an old friend.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be more direct with a family member who may not be getting a point. Your frustration level is high and you might need to voice your feelings. A serious talk about a domestic situation is long overdue. Tonight: Be wild and loose.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be ready to put your two cents in. Another understands exactly where you are coming from. Lighten up about the inevitable and be more upbeat about a work-related matter. You have what it takes to make it all work. Tonight: Curl up into a good book.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Vanish while you still can and handle a matter by yourself. Insecurity marks the day. Gather more information to substantiate your point of view. Tonight: Balance your check-book.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your best forward. Manage a situation with care and note what you are really asking from another. Creativity and caring are high. Be willing to put yourself on the line. Tonight: Do what suits you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a deep breath and give yourself some time. Everything that is happening might have you upset, so focus on being more positive about what you can change. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
IF MAY 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is a year to dig in and stay aware of what you need to jettison. In other words, get a better sense of what is right for you, what will make you happy. Understanding is critical, and you might need to ask more questions when you do not understand others' actions. Responsibilities call, especially at work or within your community. Look to a wild social season this winter. AQUARIUS admires you.
THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Dear Abby - Letters...

Another reader joins the name game

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter from Mrs. Dow who was amazed at the number of people who mispronounced and misspelled her name, I had to smile.
I sympathize with her. Then I read the letter from Mr. and Mrs. Solomon, who tried to explain that their name should be easy to remember because of King Solomon; then they started to get mail addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. King."
Well, my name is Andrea Guastadisegni, which is not easy to spell or pronounce. I once ordered something over the telephone and requested that it be sent to my home. I asked the salesperson if she was writing it, or putting it in a computer. She said she was writing it, so I said, "Please write small because my name is long." Then I spelled it for her.
Sure enough, a few days later, I received the merchandise addressed to "Mrs. Long." - ANDREA GUASTADISEGNI
DEAR ABBY: I have a son-in-law who has never worked steadily; consequently he has never provided for my daughter (Anne) and their children. Due to Anne's religious convictions (we are Catholic), she has supported this lazy, irresponsible deadbeat for many years. The situation makes me angry.
My problem, however, is how to respond to the people in this small town when they ask, "What is Sam (not his real name) doing now?"
I don't want to give a rude answer, but the question is very embarrassing. How should I respond? - GRANNY
DEAR GRANNY: Simply say, "Sam is between jobs at the moment."

DEAR ABBY: Concerning engagement rings: An engagement ring is considered a gift to a woman, conditioned on her marrying the giver. Once the condition is fulfilled (she marries the man), the ring becomes the property of the woman - no strings attached.
If the woman breaks the engagement, she must return the ring. If the man breaks the engagement, the woman gets to keep the ring. This is not just a generous gesture; it is the law in most states - including Illinois. - DAVID N. SHAFFER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, CHICAGO
DEAR READERS: I'm getting a lot of flak from readers objecting to my advice to "Brokenhearted Wife" - married 5 1/2 years to a man she dearly loved. Hubby is a big basketball fan, she is not, and since he had season tickets (for two), he asked his wife if she objected to his taking a female co-worker to a game. Although the wife was hurt, she said it was OK.
When the next basketball game came up, hubby said he'd like to take the same female co-worker, so I advised "Brokenhearted Wife" to have a long talk with her husband, tell him how she felt about his taking this lady to another game, and I suggested that they see a marriage counselor, or it could be the beginning of the end of their marriage.
Well... did I get letters telling me it was perfectly OK for married men to have female friends, and there was no reason for me to assume that this could be damaging to their marriage. OK, perhaps my reply was a bit old-fashioned and distrustful; so for those who think a "mea culpa" is in order, will this do?



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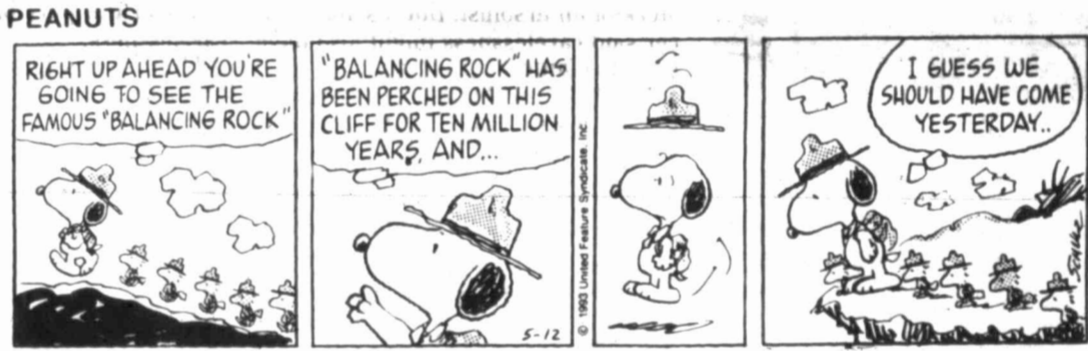
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Local personalities dance and sing in benefit spoof

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

"A Slice of Texas Toast," promises fun for audiences and performers as regular people take the stage for the strangest of song and dance acts, benefiting the Permian Basin Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"In A Slice of Texas Toast, ordinary people behave in extraordinary ways. Local oilmen form a kick line, school teachers strut and sing and TV anchors display hidden talents," according to Pamela Davis of the

PBCADA. Proceeds from the musical satire will go to the PBCADA, which has a new office in Big Spring. The event will be in the Midland Holiday Inn, May 14-15 at 8 p.m.

Local personalities from across the Permian Basin will be featured in the comedy spoof on West Texas life, according to Marjorie Risner, PBCADA information specialist.

Several Big Spring personalities will be featured in the show, raising money for the new office.

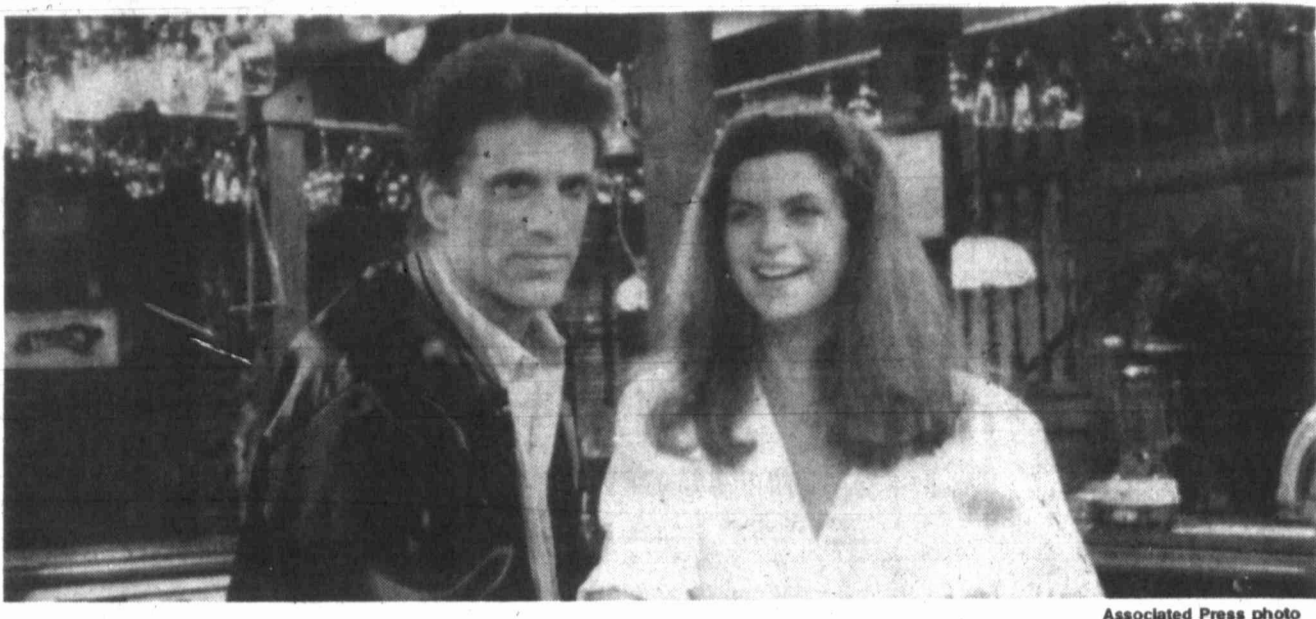
Big Spring song and dance performers include China Long, Rick Hamby, Viola Barraza, Ted Ward,

Gwen Hoggard and Kim Coyle. Johnnie Lou Avery will perform a solo called, "The Horny Toad."

General admission tickets to the event are \$10. Tickets for reserved seating and admission to the cast party following the show are \$25.

For \$50, a supporting guest will get reserved seating and admission to the cast party and will have his or her name featured in the program as a supporter of the PBCADA.

Tickets can be obtained at the Big Spring PBCADA office at 905 N. Benton, or call 263-8920 and a courier will deliver the tickets.



This photo shows Ted Danson and Kirstie Alley of NBC's "Cheers" during taping of the sixth season in 1987. A respected polling organization has settled a barroom bet over whether most Americans would rather have seen Danson's character, Sam Malone, marry Kirstie Alley's character, Rebecca Howe or Shelley Long's character, Diane Chambers. The answer: Neither — 48 percent said Sam should have stayed single.

'Little Texas' makes big splash in country music

By WAYNE BLEDSOE
Scripps Howard News Service

Duane Propes of the country band Little Texas says he has just figured out one of the reasons his band seems so different from other country bands.

"We're the only country band without hair on our face," he says. "People say, 'What's the deal with the long hair?' but other groups have long hair. The only difference

between us and them is we don't have beards" too.

There are, of course, other differences.

The band is younger than most successful groups; all members are in their 20s. And, their debut album, "First Time for Everything," has produced four hit singles — an unusual feat.

The group is nominated for Top Vocal Group of the Year and Top

New Vocal Group of the Year in the 1993 Academy of Country Music Awards. With hits like "Some Guys Have All the Love," "First Time for Everything," and (the current) "I'd Rather Miss You," Little Texas has been building a big name for themselves.

Propes says that while success seems to have happened fast, it's taken a lot of work. The band's first single "Some Guys Have All the

Love," took more than five months to climb to No. 6 on the Billboard Country Singles chart.

"It took a long time to just get it on the charts," says Propes. "We call it 'The Little Song That Could.'"

The band formed in 1988 and began playing nightclubs around Nashville, Tenn., and other cities. Warner Bros. artists and repertoire man Doug Grau heard the group in a Birmingham, Ala., club and offered them a recording contract.

But recording didn't come immediately. The band rehearsed in Nashville at Grau's house on Little Texas Lane (from which they took their name), but Warner executives decided the band wasn't ready to release an album. What followed was three years on the road.

"We knew we had something," says Propes. "We'd book at a bar for a week and we'd get a few people (at first, but) by Thursday, Friday and Saturday we'd be setting attendance records."

During their time on the road, the band began to write their own songs. It was those songs that convinced Warner to release an album by the band.

Propes says the group's new disc, "Big Time," is even better than the band's debut.

"I'm more proud of this new album than anything I've done in my life," says Propes. "This time we got exactly what we wanted."

—Scripps Howard News Service



Willie's birthday
AUSTIN — Singer/songwriter Willie Nelson rehearses in Austin, before the taping of an upcoming television special. Nelson will be honored by an all-star group of performers on the show "The Big Six-O: An All-Star Birthday Celebration" scheduled to air Saturday, May 22 on CBS.

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- May 14-16 — Post Art Guild Spring Art Show at the Algeria Art Center in Post. Call (806) 495-4000.
- May 8-9 — Rumpelstiltskin, play at the Permian Playhouse of Odessa. Call 362-2329.
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THE FAR SIDE By GARY LARSON



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THE Daily Crossword by Neeva Archer

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