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Exercise in caution warranted at elementary

■ Fox spotted hanging around Moss Elementary in afternoon

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

An ounce of prevention was definitely worth more than a pound of cure Thursday afternoon at Moss Elementary when a fox was spotted on the campus.

Principal Ron Moss said a parent called from across the street and alerted school officials that a fox was on the grounds.

"It was towards the end of the afternoon and we did have kids

and we didn't let any kids walk home. We called all of the parents of the kids who walked home," Moss said.

According to Moss, the kids never saw the fox Thursday afternoon, but the PE teacher said children reported seeing a cat run in and out of the bushes. Moss said this may or may not have been the fox the children saw.

"We got a lot of feedback from the parents Thursday afternoon," Moss said. "They appreciated us not letting the kids walk home under the circumstances."

Animal Control Supervisor Lt. Terry Chamness said the fox was reported to be running loose at about 1:30 p.m., but wasn't bothering anyone.

Thursday's incident was an exercise in caution, but Moss said it's not the only measure the school has taken since the recent rabies outbreak.

"We've had the animal control people out here to do an assembly on rabies and strange animals, so the kids are informed," Moss said. "We hope they listen to what they've heard and we hope we never have any serious incidents."

The most recent case of rabies was also confirmed Thursday afternoon in a fox which was found in the 700 block of W. 4th St.

This brings the total number of rabid animals reported in Howard County to 12 including 10 foxes, one skunk, and one

coyote.

The caution taken at Moss Elementary Thursday may have to be exercised more often in the near future if the fears of animal control officials are confirmed.

Chamness said, based on past experience, officials expect to see rabies spread to domestic animals sometime around the first of March. This includes everything from dogs and cats to pigs and goats.

Chamness said the outbreak in Howard County is unique. In 10 years, Howard County has not seen a single case of rabies, but in the last five weeks, according to Chamness, "we all of a sudden have 12 cases."

He added people may think Animal Control is just now sending heads to Austin for testing, but actually the department has been sending them off for about a year and a half.

According to Chamness a protein test, used to determine the particular strain of rabies in an animal, is being run on a couple of animals. Those results usually take a few weeks to come back.

So far only two strains have been found in Howard County.

Chamness said foxes, especially, carry a very aggressive strain of the disease.

Labs are able to identify four strains of rabies. The strain

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Clinton: Budget amendment could hurt economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton raised the specter of the Great Depression on Saturday in labeling a proposed balanced budget amendment to the Constitution as "extreme fiscal policy" that could hurt the economy.

Republicans countered that Clinton should "call off the dogs" and work with them to win final congressional approval of the amendment in the Senate this week.

With a showdown vote set for Tuesday, supporters claim they have commitments for 64 votes, three shy of the 67 that would send the measure to the states for ratification.

Clinton used his weekly radio address to escalate his attacks on the proposal and then telephoned a handful of key senators, including some fence-sitters, to argue against it.

In his radio address, Clinton said the amendment would require Congress to draft "a drastic combination of cuts and tax hikes, and to cram them in by a date certain, no matter what the economic impacts might be" unless 60 percent of legislators voted to continue deficit spending.

Clinton argued that the amendment would be particularly dangerous in an economic downturn, because it would force tax increases or stiff cuts just when people need government help the most.

"That kind of extreme fiscal policy makes a small recession worse," Clinton said. "In its most exaggerated form, it's what helped turn the economic slowdown of the 1920s into the Great Depression of the 1930s."

Likewise, Labor Secretary Robert Reich, appearing on CNN's "Evans & Novak," warned that a balanced budget amendment could curtail the government's ability to cushion workers and families against the hardships of economic recession.

"The goal is long-term balance, not only of the budget but also of the economy as a whole."



Howard College dental student Tonya Dulaney gets more paint for the brush while an apprehensive-looking Adriana Robertson checks out the partially-done cat face in a mirror during Saturday's Howard College Dental Fair. The event at the college's Dental Clinic was designed to educate children regarding proper dental hygiene.

Clinic takes aim at pearly whites

By BARBARA MORRISON
Staff Writer

Teeth, teeth and more teeth. Or at least that was the idea behind the Howard College Dental Fair on Saturday morning.

The event, staged at the Howard College Dental Clinic, was designed as an effort to educate children of all ages regarding proper eating and tooth care. In addition, the program familiarizes dental hygiene students with

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Terri Farmer

the community.

"It's an opportunity for the community and students to relate to each other," stated student educator and

coordinator Terri Farmer. "And it gives the community a chance to learn more about the clinic."

Approximately 125 children were expected to attend the event, but poor weather might have minimized that number, said a college spokesperson.

Several displays aimed at the educating children regarding snacks and proper tooth care. Children bringing their old toothbrushes in, could exchange the brush for a new one provided by the clinic sponsor.

Change needed in handling of juvenile crimes

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The number of juveniles arrested in Big Spring last year was up compared to 1993. Legislators are currently working on overhauling the juvenile justice system for the first time in 20 years.

Law enforcement officials from across the state are currently testifying before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee on the rise of juvenile crime.

"We don't have 14-year-olds stealing gum anymore. These

young 14-year-old boys are sticking guns to our heads. They look up to those gangs much like we did to the football team or basketball team," testified Houston Police officer Robin Kirk.

Under the current system, authorities have a hard time keeping offenders locked up unless they have committed an aggravated crime. In 1994, the police department arrested 365 juveniles compared to 317 in 1993.

Out of those 365, 281 were released to their parents, 33 were referred to the juvenile probation office, four to the Department of Human Resources and 47 referred to other law enforcement agencies.

Most of the juvenile cases in Howard County are those involving thefts and burglaries. Two weeks ago, however, County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson sent a 16-year-old boy to TYC for aggravated sexual assault. Because the offender is a juvenile, Wilkerson could not discuss the case any further.

"I'm not satisfied with the current juvenile system. I don't have a lot of options. They receive probation or get sent to Texas Youth Commission. I can also send them to the detention facility in Fort Stockton for up to six months or look at alternative family placements like placing the juvenile in a family member's home outside of the community," said Wilkerson.

Wilkerson handles all juvenile cases, whether misdemeanors or felonies, for Howard County. A juvenile board made up of the district judge and the county judges from Howard, Glasscock and Martin decide which court will have primary jurisdiction of juvenile cases. The board decided the county courts would have that jurisdiction thus making each county attorney the prosecutor.

Wilkerson says creating more offender programs and bed space would really help out the system. The TYC allows so many beds for the

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Texas Trivia

In what year did women first serve as jurors in the judicial system?

1984

In what year were license plates first issued in Texas?

1917

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: A 15-year-old boy found out this one-cow town, Harvard, Ill., was serious about fighting gangs when police arrested him for wearing what they considered a gang symbol: a small Star of David dangling from a necklace. See page 7A.

World: Gunmen burst into two Shiite Muslim mosques and fired on worshippers today, killing at least 20 men in the latest outburst of sectarian violence in chaotic Karachi, Pakistan. See page 8A.

STATE

Times changed

Houston police officer Robin Kirk recalls doing a few naughty things when he was growing up. Maybe he stole a pack of gum every once in a while. See page 5A.

No sketch released

Wing commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base changed his mind Friday about releasing a composite sketch of a man believed to have abducted Army Pvt. Tracie McBride. See page 6A.

Demonstrating

Minority leaders and others who don't want Texas to deny human services to illegal immigrants demonstrated Saturday. See page 6A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **75** ▲ Highs **45** ▼ Lows

Partly cloudy

Today, chance of morning showers becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon, high mid 70s, southwest winds 15 to 25 mph, lake caution advised; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.

Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, southwest winds; partly cloudy night, low mid 40s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high mid 70s; partly cloudy night, mid 40s.

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Crime

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county to send juveniles. "The rehabilitation programs also have only so many slots and they get filled up by the bigger counties. There needs to be more space made available for the smaller towns."

State Sen. John Montford is proposing creating a program for first-time offenders in which they would participate in community service, educational and vocational training or counseling.

"We need to make probation more meaningful. We can't have a hands-off approach with juveniles like we do with adults. Juveniles need more supervision they are not getting at home. The one thing most of the offenders that come through my office have in common is they come from a broken home. Providing ways to rehabilitate them is a good idea," Wilkerson continued.

Another proposal legislators will consider is lowering the age a juvenile can be certified as an adult, from 15 to 14. "I think that is a good idea. The juveniles seem to be mature and are violating the law at younger ages. They can't be treated as a child because what they have done is not acting like a child in any respect."

In the six years Wilkerson has been county attorney, he has handled three murder cases committed by juveniles.

A 17-year-old boy was tried as a juvenile in the stabbing death of Richard Lauderdale, 52, in 1990. In the determinate sentencing phase, the juvenile was sentenced to TYC until he was 18 then could be moved to an adult prison for up to 30 years.

Justin Forrest Curry, 16, was tried as an adult in the shooting death of his grandfather, Bill Kuykendall, 65, in October 1992. Curry was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

A 14-year-old juvenile was sentenced to TYC after being found guilty of involuntarily manslaughter. The boy killed a two-year-old baby he was caring for in June 1993.

PROPOSALS

Here is a list of proposals before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to reform the state's juvenile justice code:

- Lowers the age from 15 to 14 at which a juvenile may be tried as an adult.

- Adds a number of offenses for which youths can be sentenced to jail: sexual assault, aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, manslaughter and certain drug offenses.

- Creates a progressive sanctions program providing for an increase in the type and severity of sanctions for repeat offenders.

- Adds a number of instances juveniles would be ineligible for deferred adjudication: if there is probable cause to believe the child has engaged in a felony or if the child has committed a crime three times previously.

- Requires youths placed on probation participate in community service projects.

- Creates a computerized juvenile justice information system allowing authorities to gather information for each child taken into custody including: name, birth date, description, fingerprints and photographs. This information could be shared among law enforcement agencies.

- Establishes central state depository for juvenile files and records to be accessed by law enforcement agencies.

- Creates parole for juvenile offenders.

- Creates program for first-time offenders in which they would participate in community service, educational and vocational training or counseling.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions."

Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. senator, 1954

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THADEUS & WEEZ

by Charles Pugsley Fincher



No pass, no play rule shouldn't be tampered with

No pass, no play. We all remember that rule that came about during education reforms in 1984.

Of all the reforms that took place that year, no pass, no play was probably the most talked about next to the TECAT test teachers had to take to keep their certification.

No pass, no play, simply put, said if a student didn't pass all their courses in a six-week period then they didn't participate in any extracurricular activity for the next six-week period.

Now, as our Texas Legislature gets set to consider ways to stop juvenile crime, the no pass, no play rule is coming to the front again.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said he might support revision of the rule if law enforcement officials can show it fosters juvenile crime.

This came up when a Houston law officer told lawmakers he believes the rule has caused more children to join gangs.

Let's consider something. If someone is going to be in a gang, no amount of school is going to stop them. It hasn't before no pass, no play.

If a child is going to skip school to be cool, they will do it whether they are playing sports or not.

Sports, though, can give a child a sense of discipline. It promotes working together with others, playing by the rules and a certain amount of discipline to continue to learn and play the game, be there on time for practice.

All that is good. It was good until too many parents and coaches put athletics before education. Texas was becoming known for its ability to graduate functional illiterates, not educated athletes.

That is not acceptable in a time of great technological advancement where every ounce of reasoning ability is needed.

Yes, when no pass, no play was first instituted, teams were decimated, some to the point where seasons were canceled.

We don't see that anymore. We see teams make it each six-weeks, fewer athletes being forced to sit down for a six-week period.

Why? Because it brought about a change in attitude in just about everyone. Tutoring sessions were provided to keep players' grades up, parents and coaches became more aware of the student's grades and worked to help the children keep their grades up.

The emphasis switched to where it really needed to be all the time - educating the students.

Can we afford to go backwards in our thinking?

No. We are facing a tough time in our country, where too many businesses and industries believe the school systems cannot provide a literate workforce.

A workforce, capable of doing the job, is what will keep our country strong.

No pass, no play shouldn't be tampered with if for no other reason than we can't afford to backslide to the time when playing a game was more important than preparing for life.

New plans for going to Croatia

WASHINGTON — Pentagon draws up fresh plans to send U.S. troops into Croatia.

Their mission would be to pull out 12,000 United Nations peacekeepers no longer wanted. The U.N. mandate expires March 31 and Croatia's government has given allies until end of June to be gone.

The 11 countries that compose the force — ranging from Canada to Kenya — can't pull off an airlift for a quick withdrawal and lack the firepower to protect themselves.

Clinton administration wants the U.N. forces to stay, fearing pull out will rekindle war between Krajina Serbs and Croats that could spread into wider war throughout former Yugoslavia.

Clinton has not given the order to move into Croatia, but allies expect U.S. to be major player in withdrawal. U.S. has 250 medical personnel in Croatia, plus another 700 in the region.

Airline industry foresees a mini-boom in traffic between the United States and Canada thanks to an agreement President Clinton signed in Ottawa on Friday.

Within three years, any U.S. airline can fly to any Canadian city it wants, and Canadian airlines can do likewise in the United States. Until now, air travel between the two countries had been restricted to specified pairs of cities.

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DOT cites estimates that deregulating air travel between the two countries will generate \$15 billion in new business here. Cities likely to benefit immediately are Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco and Washington.

Membership in the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association has dropped by about 40 percent since the Republican takeover of Congress.

Look for a continuing battle in Congress over the \$20 billion in loans and guarantees the Clinton administration has pledged to prop up the Mexican economy.

Senate Banking Committee chairman Al D'Amato will hold hearings in March on Clinton's use of loan money from a fund normally used to support the dollar. D'Amato cautions that he has been advised "by Wall Street economists that Mexico faces an economic meltdown."

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan is a believer in the Mexican package. "My own view is it will work," says Greenspan.

Senate Republican Whip Trent Lott of Mississippi predicts the balanced budget amendment will pass the Senate Tuesday with more than 67 votes needed.

Republicans are counting on Kentucky Democrat Wendell Ford to give them the clinching vote on the constitutional amendment.

After that, all bets are off regarding how the Senate will deal with the House Republicans' Contract With America. "With our Senate rules, what they're doing (in the House) in 100 days may take us 200 days and we may not get around to all of them," says Lott.

Overheard in the hallway of the Capitol after a House committee voted to block grant federal child nutrition programs: "There is no such thing as a free school lunch."

State Department counterterrorism experts believe putting pictures of wanted suspects on matchbook covers helped snare the mastermind of the plot to bomb the World Trade Center in New York.

The feds had Ramzi Ahmed Yousef's picture, along with information on the \$2 million reward for information leading to his capture, on 37,000 matchbooks distributed through American consulates to hotels, bars, restaurants and other public meeting places in the Mideast.

They're hoping to snare two other suspects — one in the World Trade case and another in the shooting of CIA officials in Virginia two years ago — the same way.

Some 600 cattle tick-pickers in Puerto Rico who depend on a \$12 million federal grant to rid the island's cows of ticks may get a reprieve from Clinton administration efforts to scratch the program.

Those budget-cutting Republicans apparently see some benefit to keeping funds flowing and one GOP congressman — Joe Skeen of New Mexico, who has been a great protector of a tick program at a state university there — has planned an April junket, er, fact-finding trip to the Caribbean island to check things out.

New Congress, same government.

Security conscious Republicans are issuing new, high-tech IDs to congressional staffers. The cards are supposed to have magnetic strips like credit cards with computerized security information encoded on them.

Now comes word the new cards will cost an estimated half million dollars, production is behind schedule, and even when they get here, the scanners needed to read the data are not available.

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Letters to the Editor

Claim not all cracked up to be

Editor:

Recently, a company called Destec Energy Inc. has been advertising a claim that it has cheap electricity to sell Texas — if only the state Legislature would require the state's utilities to "wheel" it to utility customers.

The truth is, this play for so-called "competition" would actually raise electricity rates for the vast majority of Texans.

Some history helps explain Destec's motives. In the 1980s Destec built cogeneration units and acquired contracts to sell electricity to TU Electric and Houston Lighting & Power. Those contracts are expiring and are not being renewed.

Why? Because Destec's price is too high. TU Electric can produce electricity for about 38 percent less. By not renewing its contract with Destec, TU Electric is saving its customers \$30 million a year.

In a desperate attempt to find

buyers for its uneconomical electricity, Destec is campaigning to change Texas law to allow independent power producers to sell directly to retail customers, a process called "retail wheeling."

However, Destec and other independent producers only want to serve large industrial customers. If they succeed, rates paid by residential and commercial customers would have to increase since they would have to pay a larger share of the utilities' fixed infrastructure and operating costs.

The actual benefits to even industrial customers would be dubious as best. Destec is only offering bulk generation, and that's only part of the electric service story. It's similar to a farmer selling a bale of cotton and calling it a shirt; it's not the finished product. Once other costs necessary to complete electric service — transmission, distribution, emergency backup, voltage control, etc. — are included, industrial customers are unlikely to save money.

In Texas, consumer and environmental groups, unions and

farming/ranching organizations have come out in opposition to retail wheeling because they know it will harm the people they represent.

Utilities in Texas support competition at the wholesale level, which means utilities will be able to shop for new electricity sources from among all potential suppliers — independents such as Destec and other utilities. This will create real pricing competition and bring new electricity suppliers to the marketplace.

Wholesale competition will be fair because it ensures that any benefits of lower-priced generation are shared by all customers rather than being confined to a select few.

The electrical power system in Texas supports the state's economy and lifestyle of its citizens. Our rates compare very favorably nationally and contribute to growth and development in the state. Great care should be taken with changes, because the result could be lower reliability and higher rates.

John Toone
Manager-TU Electric

Sew and you shall reap

A chapter in American labor history closed this week. It was altogether a successful one.

The 95-year-old International Ladies Garment Workers Union and the 78-year-old Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union will merge into a new organization called UNITE.

What these unions achieved is something this country is being called on to do again. Through self-help and determination, a derided, and often despised, immigrant population joined the American mainstream and in doing so redefined that mainstream.

The members of these unions, mostly Jews driven by poverty and pogroms from Eastern Europe, moved from the fringe to the center of American political, economic and social life of the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

Their longtime presidents, David Dubinsky of the ILG and Sidney Hillman of the ACW, had influence within the Democratic Party almost unimaginable today.

In battles that seem almost quaint now, the two leaders fought off Communist-backed attempts to take over the U.S. union movement. The advances these unions made in the wages, hours and working conditions of their members are taken for granted in today's workplace.

What no one else would do for their members, these unions did for themselves, building a network of education centers, health clinics, insurance plans, holiday camps and banks.

It is no small tribute that the children and grandchildren of these clothing workers are now scattered prosperously across America, far from the sweatshops of the Lower East Side.

Once the unions' combined membership neared the million mark; now they muster less than half that. A changing industry and the crushing onslaught of foreign competition made merger inevitable.

May they be as successful in the next chapter as they were in the last.

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Officer look up gang n

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Time has changed the game called juvenile crime

Officer: Kids look up to gang members

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston police officer Robin Kirk recalls doing a few naughty things when he was growing up. Maybe he stole a pack of gum every once in a while.

How times have changed. "We don't have 14-year-olds stealing gum anymore. These young 14-year-old boys are sticking guns to our heads," Kirk told legislators last Tuesday as they began work on sweeping reforms to the state's juvenile justice system.

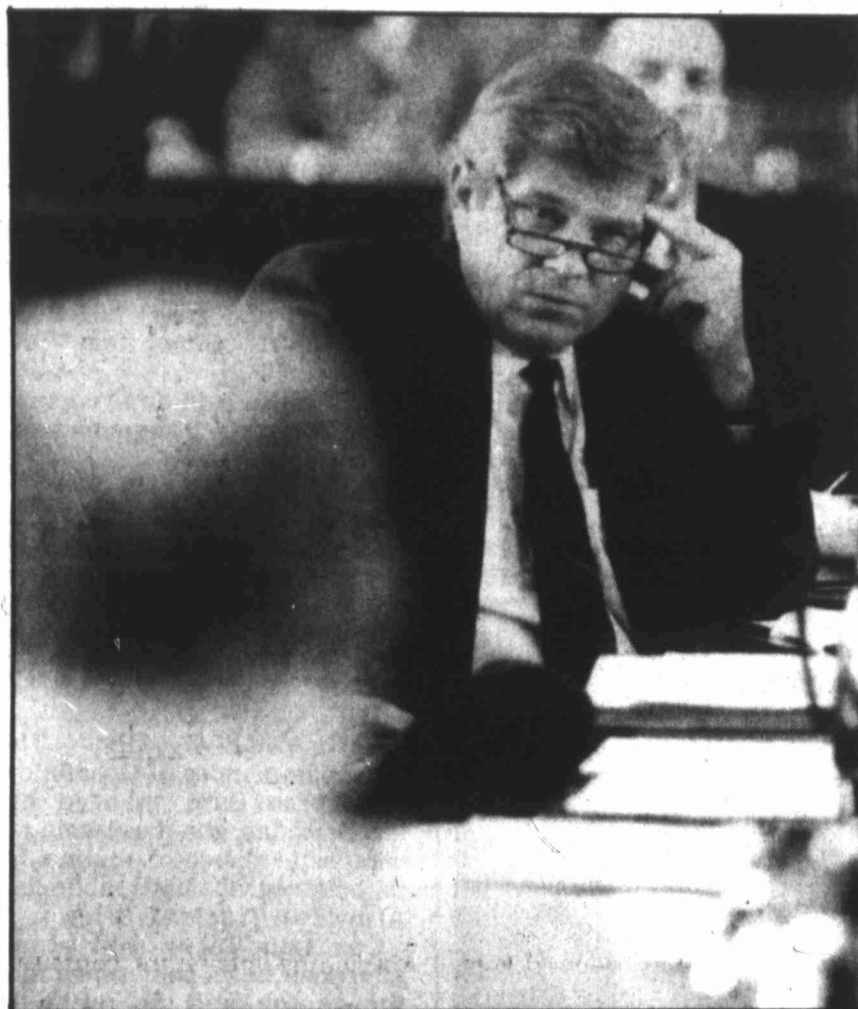
"They look up to those gangs much like we did to ... the football team or basketball team," said Kirk, a police officer for 16 years.

Kirk showed members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee a videotape of a gang initiation that took place in a Houston schoolyard. A teen-age boy who wanted to join was beaten and kicked by gang members as others cheered on in a rite known as being "jumped in."

He said the rite is common among gangs, along with another custom for those who want out. "In order to get out of a gang, you have to be shot out of a gang."

Under the current juvenile justice system, authorities have a hard time keeping offenders locked up unless they have committed an aggravated crime, Kirk said. He told the committee about one 16-year-old boy who was arrested for auto theft 21 times but was released repeatedly to his parents.

"If he or she gets caught,



Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, listens as Houston Police Department officer Robin Kirk talks about working with juveniles last Tuesday at the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

what's going to happen? Absolutely nothing," he said. "We've got to wake them up the first few times they mess up so maybe it won't progress. I'm pleading with you as a citizen of this state ... give us some leeway to deal with these juveniles."

Juvenile crime has been made a top priority in the legislative session by lawmakers and Gov. George W. Bush.

The Senate committee is considering bills that propose stiffer sentences, lowering the age a youth can be tried as an adult from 15 to 14, creating a depository for juvenile records and allowing cities and counties to adopt curfews.

"We've got to radically change the juvenile justice system," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the committee.

The primary focus of the reforms must be to eliminate the impression among teens that if they break the law, nothing will happen to them, Whitmire said.

"The big problem is ... what we're going to do with the little juvenile delinquents, the violent ones, after we apprehend them. Because right now, they're turning them loose," Whitmire said. "They have to turn out the bad guys for worse guys, and that's what's got to stop."

THE BILLS

AUSTIN (AP) — Proposals before the Senate Criminal Justice Committee to reform the state's juvenile justice code:

Senate Bill 6, by Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington:

— Lowers from 15 to 14 the age at which a juvenile may be tried as an adult.

— Adds a number of offenses for which youths can be sentenced to jail, including: sexual assault, aggravated robbery, aggravated assault, manslaughter and certain drug offenses.

— Creates a progressive sanctions program providing for an increase in the type and severity of sanctions for repeat offenders.

— Creates a computerized juvenile justice information system that would allow authorities to gather information for each child taken into custody, including: name, birth date, description, fingerprints and photographs.

SB 575, by Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock:

— Establishes a central state depository for juvenile files and records that may be accessed by law enforcement agencies.

— Increases the number of years certain offenders can be sentenced for incarceration from up to 40 years to:

not more than 60 years or less than 10 years for a capital felony;

not more than 40 years or less than three years for a first-degree felony;

not more than 20 years or less than two years for a second-degree felony;

not more than 10 years or less than one year for a third-degree felony.

SB 593, by Montford:

— Creates a program for first-time juvenile offenders in which they would participate in community service, educational and vocational training or counseling.

No pass, no play rule believed a contributing factor in Houston gangs

By PAULINE ARRILLAGA
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock says he might support revision of the state's no pass, no play rule if law enforcement officials can show that it fosters juvenile crime.

The issue was raised Tuesday after a Houston police officer told lawmakers that he believes the rule has caused more schoolchildren to join gangs.

"I've always thought that's the one thing I thought was worthwhile," Bullock said of the rule. "But I'm amenable if they can show us ... that there's a valid reason for it (revision)."

Officer Robin Kirk, testifying to the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said youths may be joining gangs because they can't participate in school activities if they fail a class.

"When did the gangs get out of control in Texas? When did

We're giving them the death penalty.

Officer Robin Kirk

no pass, no play come in? There is a correlation there," he said.

Under the 1984 law, students who fail any class during a six-week grading period are prohibited from participating in sports and other extracurricular activities during the next grading

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Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock

Of 1,100 students at one Houston middle school, Kirk said about 800 had flunked at least one subject and 500 had failed just one subject.

"We're giving them the death penalty," he said.

No pass, no play is expected to be one of the issues considered as lawmakers try to reform the state's education code.

Sen. John Whitmire, chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee, said he agreed that the rule could affect how youths choose to spend their time outside of school.

"I think there's no question that you can document any school district ... where you're losing a lot of your youth because of the failure of one or two courses," said Whitmire, D-Houston. "The coach, the drill team instructor, that is ... a positive influence that the kids are being excluded from."

Whitmire said he would be open to adjusting the rule so that a child who fails just one course could still participate in organized activities.

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Rally protests spread of Proposition 187

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Minority leaders and others who don't want Texas to deny human services to illegal immigrants demonstrated Saturday against the spread of a California proposal, Proposition 187.

About 200 people, including two dozen native Americans in traditional costumes, met in the parking lot of the Federal Building downtown for a morning march.

Jaime Martinez, the rally

organizer, said the clear message was that "we don't want Hitlerism, Nazism or Proposition 187-ism in Texas."

Marchers branded as "racist" the California proposal and other ideas under discussion in Washington, including a proposal to require all citizens to carry identification cards as a way of curbing illegal immigration.

Labor union members and representatives of veterans' and

church groups attended the rally, with several activist organizations carrying signs in English and Spanish opposing Proposition 187, which would deny government benefits to illegals.

Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, former presidential candidate for the Revolutionary Democratic Party in Mexico, was in the Alamo City for the march and other events to oppose the proposition and other anti-

immigrant measures.

"The whole United States because of Proposition 187 has, more than ever, put us in a state of alarm," said Rosa Rosales, state director for the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"History repeats itself," Ms. Rosales told about 100 people Friday at a symposium on immigration issues at San Antonio College's McAllister Auditorium.

The symposium was sponsored by the Texas Committee Organized to Defeat Proposition 187.

The committee is headed by Martinez, a labor and civil rights leader who is secretary-treasurer of the International Union of Electronic Workers District 11 and Texas AFL-CIO Maquiladora Committee co-chair.

Ms. Rosales said observers of the California phenomenon

noted that opponents to Proposition 187 were late to organize.

"We don't want that to happen in Texas," she said. Cardenas, speaking against anti-immigrant laws like Proposition 187, said denying human services to undocumented working immigrants and their families "constitutes a double exploitation of the labor force."

Cardenas focused other remarks on economic policies of Mexico.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Seminary dean selected as Baylor's president

WACO (AP) — After 18 months of searching, Baylor University regents found their next president at the top of their year-old seminary.

Robert B. Sloan, dean of the George W. Truett Theological Seminary, was chosen Friday to become the school's 12th president on June 1.

Regents picked him to succeed Herbert H. Reynolds, 64, who is stepping aside after 14 years as president. He will become Baylor's chancellor, a largely advisory and ceremonial position.

Sloan said he will continue Reynolds' efforts to broaden Baylor's impact locally and around the world.

Looking ahead, Gramm is missing the present

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm has been so busy planning his 1996 run for the White House that he's neglected some of his duties in Washington.

Gramm, who made his presidential bid official Friday after months of posturing for the announcement, has missed 18 of the 79 votes taken in the Senate since the beginning of this year.

Only three other senators have missed more votes than Gramm over the same period and Gramm's likely top Republican rival — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. — has been absent for only one vote.

Gramm knew what he'd be missing and planned accordingly, said his spokesman Larry Neal. Neal said Gramm makes sure that if he has to miss a vote, it won't be on anything close or crucial votes.

Ex-NASA engineer given 5 month sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — A former NASA engineer has been sentenced to five months in prison for accepting bribes to influence a space agency contract.

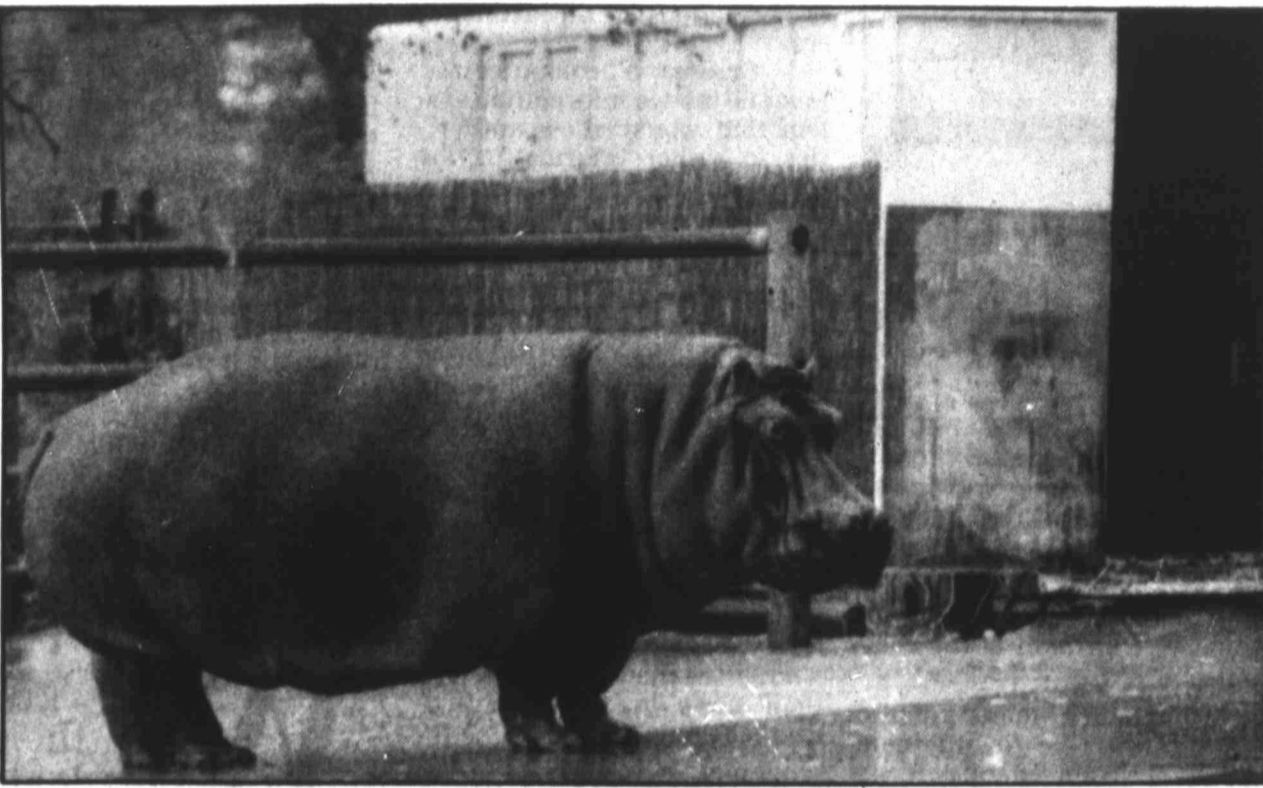
David Proctor was punished Friday in a case arising from a federal sting operation called Operation Lightning Strike, in which he allegedly bribed an undercover FBI agent posing as a corrupt businessman.

Proctor, 34, had been accused of soliciting and accepting bribes from the undercover agent through James Verlander Jr., a research scientist formerly employed by Krug International Corp.

Settlement approved in class-action suit

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge has approved a settlement by Texas-based J.C. Penney Co. Inc. to pay up to \$80 million in a class action lawsuit that contended the retailer's former method for determining pensions violated federal law.

NOPE, STILL DON'T WANNA GO!



Labor Day, an 11-year-old hippopotamus, stands outside a 30-by-8 foot trailer Friday at the Houston Zoo that was scheduled to take her and her companion Liberty to the Kansas City Zoo. Liberty boarded the trailer but Labor Day refused to get in. Zoo officials decided to send Liberty to Kansas City alone and will try to coax Labor Day aboard the trailer in a few weeks.

Associated Press photo

Former representative to testify in KFC murders

DALLAS (AP) — Former state Rep. James Earl Mankins and his son have been subpoenaed to testify before the Rusk County grand jury investigating the 1983 slayings of five people abducted from a Kentucky Fried Chicken stand in Kilgore.

Neither Mankins, owner of a Kilgore transportation company, nor his son, James Mankins Jr., could be reached for comment Friday. But the former legislator's wife, Virginia, told The Dallas Morning News for its Saturday editions that the two are expected to appear before the panel March 7.

There have been longstanding rumors that authorities suspect her son of involvement in the killings, but she said she is con-

vinced her son had nothing to do with the slaughter.

"Absolutely not," she said. "We have never thought he had anything to do with it."

On the night of Sept. 23, 1983, five people, including four KFC employees, were abducted from the Kilgore restaurant at closing time. Their bodies were found the next morning in a remote field in neighboring Rusk County. All had been shot in the head.

Those killed were Mary Tyler, 37; Ople Hughes, 39; Joey Johnson, 20; David Maxwell, 20; and Monte Landers, 19.

The gangland-style killings have baffled investigators for years. They developed at least four suspects almost immediately, but prosecutors said there was insufficient evidence to bring charges against anyone.

A little more than a year ago, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales took over the case at the request of newly elected Rusk County District Attorney Kyle Freeman.

The elder Mankins, 69, who served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1975 to 1981 and again from 1982 to 1984, was said to be traveling Friday and unavailable for comment.

Mankins has told the Longview News-Journal that he does not know why the grand jurors want to hear from him.

"I have no idea. It shocked me," he said.

Sketch of possible assailant withheld

SAN ANGELO (AP) — The wing commander of Goodfellow Air Force Base changed his mind Friday about releasing a composite sketch of a man who is believed to have abducted Army Pvt. Tracie McBride.

Col. Ron Tabor said at an afternoon news conference that the sketch will be withheld while investigators pursue unspecified "leads and evidence."

"The investigators would like to exhaust all avenues before releasing a sketch to the public," Tabor said, adding that the sketch would be released to the public "at a certain point."

The sketch was to be based upon a brief glimpse that an Army private and a Marine got of a man who was seen struggling with Ms. McBride just before she disappeared.

McBride was last reported seen at the base around 9 p.m. last Saturday.

Tabor confirmed at the news conference that, at his request,

Tom Green County Sheriff U.E. "Pete" Skains and 17 other law enforcement officers conducted a daylong horseback search Friday of the O.C. Fisher Reservoir area.

The search was not based on a tip, but was just part of the "normal course of an investigative process," Tabor said. He said investigators had no information that McBride might be found in the area.

"The Army is going out there tomorrow (Saturday) for their monthly field exercises and we didn't want them to stumble onto anything out there and possibly disturb a crime scene," Tabor said.

Skains said the search turned up nothing related to McBride's disappearance.

Tabor said Friday that four or five people were in a television room adjacent to the hallway where McBride reportedly was abducted as she talked to a friend in Minnesota on a pay phone.

Undercover agent suing because made scapegoat

DALLAS (AP) — An undercover agent who infiltrated the Branch Davidian sect is contending that he became a scapegoat for a failed 1993 raid by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Robert Rodriguez, in a lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Waco, accuses bureau officials of wrongly blaming him for the botched raid in order to hide their own mistakes.

It is the first lawsuit against the government by an agent involved in the raid and standoff with the Branch Davidians.

The 18-page complaint alleges

that bureau officials, from front-line commanders to former ATF Director Stephen Higgins, violated Rodriguez's privacy and civil rights, defamed him and conspired to blame him.

An ATF spokesman in Washington declined comment on the lawsuit on behalf of defendants still working for the agency.

Higgins and two other ATF officials who left the agency after the Branch Davidian raid declined to comment or could not be reached.

Rodriguez infiltrated the Branch Davidian compound as part of an investigation of alleged firearms violations.

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NEWS IN
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Small town serious about having no gangs

Nominee still defending his medical background

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeon general nominee Dr. Henry Foster is again defending details of his medical background, contending he learned only after the fact about a federal study that left black men with syphilis untreated.

Foster and the White House released statements Friday seeking to explain the nominee's connection with the experiment in which the U.S. Public Health Service had told the poor Alabama sharecroppers it would treat their disease, but gave them placebos instead.

The new questions were raised by the Family Research Council, a conservative group that opposes Foster's nomination to succeed Dr. Joycelyn Elders. President Clinton fired her following a furor over her comment that schoolchildren should be taught about masturbation.

Political connections play part in closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's base closure plan indicates that in the 1990s, the best defense for a military installation may not be its armament but rather its political connections.

A draft version of the base closure list to be issued Tuesday by the Pentagon spares Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's home-state Army post and protects facilities in the all-important presidential election states of New Hampshire and California.

In all, the Clinton administration plan, encompassing only a handful of major base closures along with some 80 reductions or realignments, proposes far less drastic cuts than were expected a year ago.

Witness dodges jail term, stays to testify

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The witness who O.J. Simpson hopes will give him an alibi dodged a jail term of her own and tearfully agreed to testify next week — in the middle of the prosecution's case — rather than flee to her native El Salvador.

Lopez, a maid who worked next door to Simpson's estate, is expected to testify Monday that Simpson's Bronco was parked outside his house about the time that prosecutors claim he murdered his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

Even though Lopez is a defense witness, it will allow her to take the stand five weeks into the prosecution's case because he's afraid she'll carry out her threat to flee to her homeland to escape harassment by reporters.

HARVARD, Ill. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy found out this one-cow town was serious about fighting gangs when police arrested him for wearing what they considered a gang symbol: a small Star of David dangling from a necklace.

Harvard, a former farm town 90 miles northwest of Chicago that's inching toward suburbanization, doesn't have a gang problem, doesn't want a gang

problem, and has a two-year-old city ordinance to make sure it never gets a gang problem.

But some attorneys say the sweeping statute, which among other things says it is illegal "to wear known gang colors, emblems, or other gang insignia," is unlawful.

"We applaud the city for taking a stance," says attorney Charles Weech, who has challenged the measure on behalf of

the teen-ager. "But it must be within the bounds of the Constitution."

It is hard to assess the actual threat that gangs pose to Harvard, population 6,000.

Police say about 35 town youngsters are gang members, and that Harvard's county, McHenry, has seen a jump in gang activity over the past decade.

Youngsters in town acknowl-

edge there are drugs — mostly marijuana — at the high school and shrug when asked about gang problems.

Schools lecture them about the misdemeanor ordinance, which carries a maximum fine of up to \$500, and, for the most part, they don't seem to mind complying.

But Mayor William LeFev says 14 arrests were made last year for violating the ordinance.

And he says it has proven effective.

The 15-year-old boy, who wasn't identified because he's a juvenile, was arrested last year as he walked home from school. One of the town's 13 officers spotted the Star of David, symbol of Judaism crime experts say can be a gang insignia.

The police officer questioned the boy, then took him to the station where he was charged.

Ranger class graduates, remembering comrades

FORT BENNING, Ga. (AP) — Without tears on a day of celebration, a new class of U.S. Army Rangers received the patches earned at the end of 68 grueling days of training, and remembered four comrades who died along the way.

"It's a celebratory mood right now, but we all feel a loss," said 2nd Lt. Jon Terhune of Lexington, Ky.

"We'll never forget the guys," said 2nd Lt. Aaron Loudon of London, Ohio. "They're our Ranger buddies."

About 500 military officials and relatives watched on a brilliantly clear day Friday as the 98 remaining soldiers, dressed in camouflage and shiny black boots, stormed from a pine grove onto the parade field at Fort Benning, the Rangers'

base. Smoke bombs and simulated hand grenades punctuated their howls.

Four of their comrades died of exposure Feb. 15 in the swamps of Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., after spending up to eight hours in chest-deep 52-degree water. It was the worst tragedy in the 44-year history of the Ranger training program.

Relatives of the dead soldiers did not attend the ceremony. Col. Ralph Puckett, a retired Ranger, pinned their patches onto the uniforms of four friends chosen from the class.

"We are saddened by our loss. ... I am often asked why the good ones die first. The good ones go first because they are the best. They are the volunteers."

Ford, Mazda recall vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. recalled 273,700 Taurus, Probe and Mercury Sables on Friday because Environmental Protection Agency tests found some of the cars did not meet federal pollution standards.

Ford will replace the 1990 model cars' exhaust system cat-

alysts to ensure that their 3-liter engines meet emissions requirements.

Meanwhile, Mazda North America Inc. said it expected to follow Mazda of Japan in recalling some Protege models to fix an engine part that might cause the engine to stop running.

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Ralph Vincent, 14, a close friend of Jenifer Powell, one of two 14-year-old girls who committed suicide Tuesday, sits at a shrine created by school friends in Victorville, Calif., near the site where the girls' bodies were found. Victorville is about 65-miles northeast of Los Angeles. So far, no reason has been given for the girls' suicide pact.

Late applications for crop insurance are being accepted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Growers will be able to make late applications for coverage under the new crop insurance program, the Agriculture Department said Friday.

The late applications will be permitted because of the delay by Congress in enacting crop insurance reform last year and the additional delay in writing regulations.

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NEWS IN
BRIEFLooking for balance
in the digital age

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The world's seven richest nations are looking to balance the rewards of an information society with the potential for conflict that the digital age brings.

Vice President Al Gore was to arrive this morning for the weekend conference, ready to back U.S. industry in its push for more open markets, while some other nations are seeking safeguards against rampant global commercialism.

The Group of Seven members — the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Britain, Italy and Japan — were to open today's session with a round-table discussion with 45 business leaders.

Doesn't like Dole,
so bans the banana

IZMIR, Turkey (AP) — A Turkish mayor who doesn't like Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole banned the sale of Dole bananas in his town, claiming Friday the senator owns the fruit company.

Turks accuse Sen. Dole, R-Kan., of being anti-Turkish and blame him for an attempt in Congress to deny American aid to Turkey for refusing to allow relief supplies for Armenian refugees to pass through the country.

Mayor Burhanettin Ozfatura of this Aegean coast town claimed that Dole is the owner of the banana company, the private television channel Kanal D reported. His order covers several town-owned grocery stores, and it wasn't clear whether it would affect private stores.

Dole Food Co., based in Westlake Village, Calif., has no connection to the Senate majority leader, said company spokesman Tom Pernice.

20 killed
at worship
in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen burst into two Shiite Muslim mosques and fired on worshippers today, killing at least 20 men in the latest outburst of sectarian violence in chaotic Karachi.

The massacres appeared to be part of a bitter feud between Sunni and Shiite Muslim extremists, one of several running battles that have killed more than 1,000 people in the past year in Karachi, Pakistan's business capital.

The killings brought the overnight death toll in the southern port city to 27. Seven people were gunned down Friday night, including two men shot at a Sunni mosque. Today's attacks may have been in retaliation for the deaths at the Batiul Mukaram mosque.

Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government has been powerless to stop the rampant violence. Many of Karachi's 10 million residents feel the port city is sliding into anarchy.

In the first attack at dawn Saturday, six men were killed and several injured when four assailants opened fire with automatic weapons at the Abu-al-Abbas mosque.

Less than an hour later, 14 people were killed and several were injured when gunmen fired on worshippers who had been herded into the corner of one room at the Mehfil Murtaza mosque, two miles away, witnesses said.

If agreement on crackdown not reached, sanctions against China go into effect

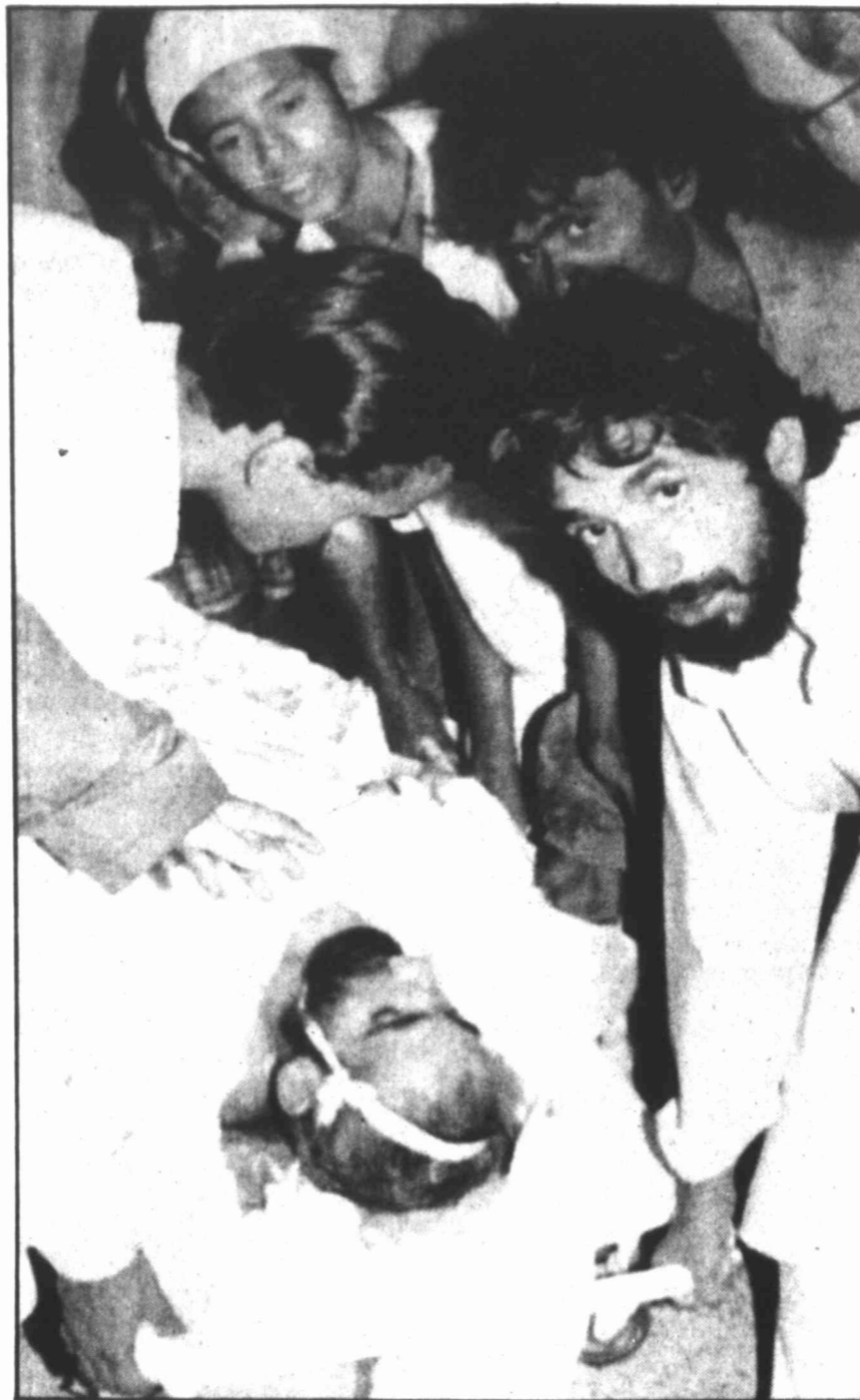
BEIJING (AP) — In their last talks before an American deadline to impose sanctions that could ignite a trade war, U.S. negotiators will try Sunday to convince China to crack down on illegal copying of movies, music and computer software.

Without an agreement by noon Sunday, the Clinton administration says it will impose punitive tariffs on \$1 billion in Chinese imports. China says it will retaliate with sanctions of its own on American products and companies.

American businesses say they lose \$1 billion a year because of Chinese piracy of patents and copyrights. Other countries also have complained about illicit copying of their products but haven't confronted China, for fear of jeopardizing trade with

this huge, rapidly growing market. Along with enforcing existing regulations, the United States also wants China to enact more stringent laws on copyrights and other intellectual property. U.S.-Chinese trade last year

totalled \$45 billion. Most of that was Chinese exports to the United States, worth \$37 billion. On Saturday evening, Chinese officials announced the talks would resume Sunday, indicating they had not reached a settlement.



Relatives check the body of a man who was killed at a mosque by gunmen in Karachi, Pakistan, Saturday. Gunmen opened fire inside the two Shiite mosques early Saturday, killing at least 20 men and wounding many more. The massacres appeared to be part of an escalating feud between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, one of several running battles in the Karachi.

Second arrest in
Colosio assassination
raises more questions

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The arrest of a presumed second gunman in Mexico's most staggering political assassination in a half-century has confirmed some suspicions but has raised many more.

Yes, it seems another gunman was involved when Luis Donaldo Colosio, a reform-minded candidate for the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, was shot to death while campaigning in Tijuana on March 23, 1994.

Yes, it appears evidence was tampered with at the scene, indicating what many Mexicans have thought all along — the assassination was a conspiracy, not the work of an independent killer.

But by whom? To achieve what? And if there was a conspiracy in this shooting, what about the September murder of the No. 2 man in the ruling party, Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu?

In a country where cover-up, impunity and protection of the powerful are a way of life, people tend to suspect the worst and often are not disappointed. Most Mexicans believe high-ranking party officials ordered the murder.

"It can't end like this, there are other people involved, there must be, politicians, of course, at the highest level," said Guillermo Ferial, 55, interviewed at the Zocalo, Mexico City's main plaza.

Some speculation has put the gull for both killings in the laps of PRI leaders opposed to reforming the party.

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Guillermo Ferial

More than a dozen people were arrested in the Ruiz Massieu case, but the PRI congressman suspected of masterminding his killing has vanished, and police say he may be dead. Ruiz Massieu too was a party reformer.

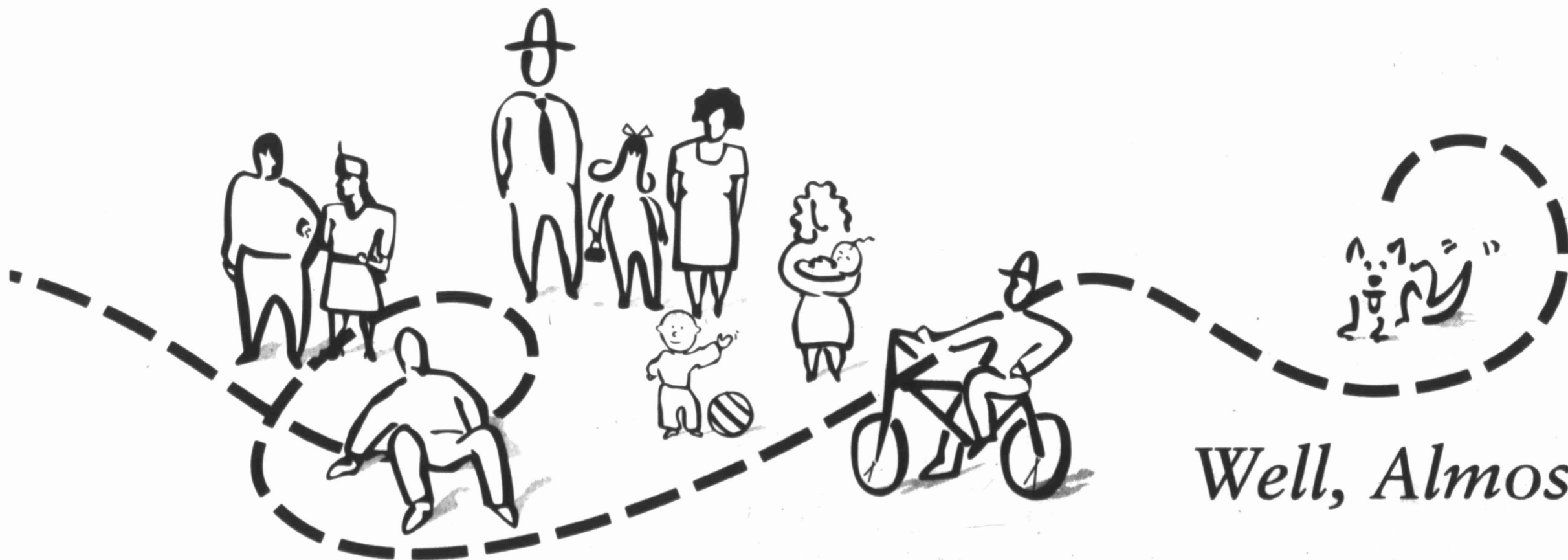
Federal District Attorney Antonio Lozano Gracia announced Friday night that Othon Cortes Vazquez was the alleged second gunman in the Colosio case and that the 38-year-old native of the southern state of Oaxaca was in custody.

"The investigation is not finished, only the first stage," Lozano said.

Press reports listed Cortes as either an employee of the Tijuana International Airport or with the information department of the Tijuana branch of the district attorney's office.

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Associated Press photo
Driver Chad Little gives the thumbs-up as he leaves his car after winning the Busch Grand National Goodwrench 200 Saturday. This is his second straight win after taking the Goody's 300 in Daytona last week.

Lady Hawks' third trip to nationals isn't a given

Give your cars a quick going-over, find your favorite music for the tape player and settle in for the long drive to Denison. Why would anyone want to go to Denison? Well, the Howard College women's basketball team starts play in the Region V Tournament Tuesday at Denison's Grayson College. Howard, ranked No. 7 in the national junior college polls, has a tough chore ahead. Last season, the Region V tournament was in Big Spring, and many Lady Hawk fans made their hotel reservations for Tyler and the national tournament before the 1993-94 season started.

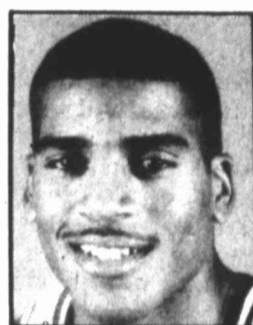


Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

It all worked out, of course. The Lady Hawks motored through the Region V Tournament at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. If you recall, the Lady Hawks ran into only one speed bump. Grayson College. Grayson gave Howard all it could handle before falling to the Lady Hawks 79-71 in the championship game. Last season's Lady Hawks had it all - momentum, tournament-tested players and the home-court advantage. This season, a team holds that magic trio of assets once again. Grayson College. Howard has tournament-tested players, but it's lacking in the other two categories. The Lady Hawks' last three performances have looked more like stick-people drawings than Rembrandts. They lost two of their last three regular-season games. You'd be silly to bet against the two-time defending Region V champions, but if you're car-

rying that feeling of invincibility to Denison that you carted to Garrett last season, you might be in for a major shock. Grayson is ranked No. 5, and winning on its home court - assuming Howard and Grayson reach the championship game - will be a challenge, and that's putting it mildly. Grayson's home-court advantage is intensified by its gymnasium, which reports say resembles Steer Gym more than it does Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Western Junior College Athletic Conference has two gymnasiums possessing that small, high-school feel - the gyms at Frank Phillips College and New Mexico Junior College. In both places, the Lady Hawks played terribly. They beat NMJC 53-50 despite playing one of their worst games in the past three seasons. Of course, great teams play their best in adverse conditions and pressure situations. That chance is Howard's this week.

Injury places Jackson's year in jeopardy



JACKSON

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The biggest worry on the Dallas Mavericks now is how long is Jim Jackson going to be sidelined. And right now, no one is saying. Jackson, the NBA's fifth-leading scorer and a major reason for the Dallas Mavericks' turnaround this season, displaced a bone in his left ankle Friday night in a game against the New Jersey Nets. Mavericks spokesman Tony Fay said Jackson also sustained a third-degree sprain of the ankle after stepping on the foot of Nets center Jayson Williams on a drive to the basket with 4:45 left in the first quarter. The bone Jackson displaced was his sub-talar joint, part of the domed bone on the top of the ankle, said Dr. John Sonzogni, one of the Nets' ortho-

pedic surgeons. Jackson, who has started every game since signing late in the 1992-93 season, was taken to Hackensack Medical Center after the Mavericks' 114-104 loss for further tests and a CAT scan. Doctors hoped to pop the joint back into place after giving Jackson some medicine to make him more comfortable. "It's not broken," said Sonzogni, who would not speculate how long Jackson will be sidelined. A third-degree sprain is defined by the National Basketball Trainers Association as a complete tear of a ligament that might require surgery and could sideline an athlete from three weeks to 12 months. Jackson averages 26 points per game.

Texas minor-leaguers walk out of camp

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Ten minor league players walked off the Texas Rangers practice field Saturday in protest of plans to use them in exhibition games during the protracted major league strike. "I let them know I wasn't coming down here to be a replacement player. It can be a bad influence on your career and the rest of your life," catcher Craig Colbert said. Joining Colbert in the walk-out were outfielder Donald Harris; pitchers Dave Geeve, Steve Sadecki and Lance Schuermann; infielders Marty Brown, Mike Edwards, Erik Johnson, Rich Schu and Duff Brumley. Infielder Trey McCoy walked out, but returned to talk to Rangers' management and said he would let the club know of his decision on Sunday. Pitcher John Barfield also walked out, but indicated he might return. He and Harris were the only players in camp who have major league experience with the Rangers. The players association has said minor league players who participate in exhibition games

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Craig Colbert

would be considered strike-breakers. "I have two years in the big leagues and I respect what the union did for me," Colbert said. Rangers spokesman John Blake said the players would return when minor league camp begins in mid-March. Geeve, a minor leaguer who has never played above Double A ball, said: "I consider myself a prospect. I don't feel I deserve to be in this situation. It's not best for my future. I don't know whether they understand my point of view." Edwards, in the same situation as Geeve, called it "the hardest decision I've ever had to make in my life." First use of replacements in the strike that threatened to stretch into the second regular season is scheduled for Wednesday, when the exhibi-

tion schedule opens with a game between the California Angels and Arizona State at Tempe, Ariz. The owners' operations committee issued a statement Friday urging minor leaguers to play but left it up to individual clubs to penalize those who refuse. The Rangers had split their players into two groups for spring training — one comprised of those expected to play and another of those considered to have little prospect of playing. Saturday morning, Rangers general manager Doug Melvin called some of the older players aside from new prospects and invited anyone unwilling to play in a stadium where major leaguers would normally be playing to depart. More than a dozen indicated

misgivings about remaining on. The Rangers then began meeting with each of the players individually. "There's a group of players who say they're not crossing the line no matter what," Melvin said earlier. "They're very adamant on it. Another group is not sure about what to do. Then there's others we just won't ask." Melvin added: "We didn't ask anybody to be replacement players. We just asked them if they would be available to play in games if they are asked. Don't get me wrong. It's tough on these kids." Manager Johnny Oates said "Nothing's changed. I have no feelings one way or another. I didn't click my heels for the guys that were here, and I didn't click my heels for the guys that left." Pitcher Jackie Davidson, a former major leaguer whom the Rangers signed on as a replacement player, criticized those who walked out of the spring training complex. "These guys turned their back on the organization."

Chang reaches finals



PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Defending champion Michael Chang barely worked up a sweat against Paul Haarhuis in a 51-minute 6-2, 6-0 rout Saturday to reach the final of the U.S. Indoor championships. Chang, who beat Haarhuis for the title here last year, could become the first repeat winner since Tim Mayotte in 1987-88. He will face the winner of Saturday night's match between second-seeded Andre Agassi and Thomas Enqvist of Sweden. Trailing 2-1, Chang won 20 of the next 26 points and broke Haarhuis twice to win the open-

ing set. Haarhuis did fight off two set points with return winners, but back-handed Chang's deep volley into the base of the net on the third set point. Chang had the lean Dutchman flying all over the court in the second set in lengthy baseline exchanges, losing only 10 points. Match point was a 107-mph service winner. Haarhuis said Chang was unstoppable. "I hit a lot of what would have been winners against other guys, but against Michael, it just comes right back," Haarhuis said.

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Little League & Girls Softball
At the Big Spring Mall Next to Jazzercise

Date	Time
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Mon.-Fri., Feb. 27th-March 3rd.....	5:30 pm-7:30 pm
Saturday, March 4th.....	10 am-5 pm

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International Little League, National Little League
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BSHS Tennis

Here are the results from the fifth annual Big Spring Tennis Boosters Tournament Friday at Figure 7 Tennis Center...

Girls doubles: First round Robison/Hodges (Odessa) vs. Gilmore/Pennington (Sweetwater) 6-1, 6-1...

Boys singles: First round Davis/Lanchart (LJD) 6-4, 6-2 vs. Stenback/Roberts (Lubbock Jr Development) 7-1, 1-6, 6-2...

Boys doubles: First round McIvan/Sheffield (M) d. Sengupta/Herrera (C) 6-4, 6-0 vs. Castro/Howard (S) d. Hausen/Warren (OP) 6-2, 6-3...

Girls singles: First round Edwards (OP) d. Boans (C) 6-1, 6-0 vs. Wilkerson (S) d. Gutierrez (BS) 4-

7-6, 6-4 Kerr (M) d. Steinback (LJD) Woodard (B) d. Julie Conrad (O) 6-2, 6-1...

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Boys doubles: First round DeLaGarza, 2nd 52-1 vs. Wilbert, 1st 1-51-1 vs. 1600 relay: Bumbulis, Cline, Castias and Hall, 3rd 4-27-7...

Boys: Triple jump: Owsu, 1st 46-11 vs. Long jump: Owsu, 2nd 22-1 vs. Sprint relay: Ochoa, Water, Burchett and Farr, 3rd 44-0...

DOUBLE TROUBLE RESULTS: Team Six over the Pow Wow's, 6-2; BSPA over NALCO, 6-2...

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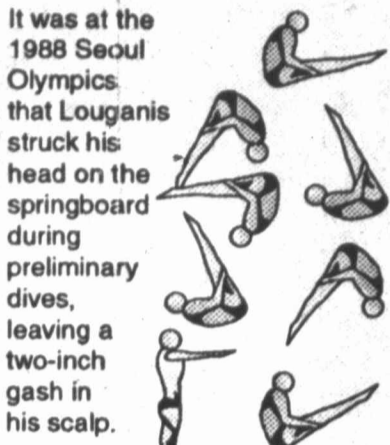
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GUYS & DOLLS RESULTS: Rocky's over Hester's Mechanical, 8-0; Arrow Refrigeration over Photo-Magic Studio, 8-0...

STANDINGS - Arrow Refrigeration, 1409-68; Rockys, 134-74; Jim's Place, 116-92; Cline Construction, 106-102...

Louganis' ultimate challenge: AIDS

Greg Louganis, the only man ever to sweep the diving gold medals in two consecutive Olympics, disclosed he has AIDS. He was HIV positive when he won two gold medals for diving at the 1988 Olympics.



It was at the 1988 Seoul Olympics that Louganis struck his head on the springboard during preliminary dives, leaving a two-inch gash in his scalp.

His knees bent as he approached the water. This is how the dive should have finished.

Other prominent athletes with the AIDS virus:

- Arthur Ashe, tennis champion. Died 1993. Glenn Burke, former major league baseball player. John Curry, 1976 Olympic figure-skating gold medalist. Died 1994. Esteban DeJesus, former WBC lightweight champion. Died 1989. Bill Goldsworthy, former NHL player. Magic Johnson, former NBA great. Chad Kinch, former NBA player. Died 1994. Tim Richmond, stock-car racing driver. Died 1989. Jerry Smith, former NFL All-Pro tight end. Died 1986. Thomas Waddell, member of the 1968 Olympic U.S. decathlon team. Died 1987. Alan Wiggins, former major league baseball player. Died 1991.

Table with 2 columns: Olympic medals (1976-silver, 1984-(2) gold, 1988-(2) gold) and Championships (World 5, Pan Am 4, national 47)

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

NHL Standings table with columns: Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Northeast Division, Western Conference, Central Division.

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BASKETBALL

College Scores

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ABC Tiger Relays

Here are the top finishers for Big Spring at the Freshop ABC Tiger Relays. Big Spring's girls won the event, while the boys were second.

Girls: 400 relay: Smith, Lott, Wilbert and DeLaGarza, 2nd 52-1 vs. Wilbert, 1st 1-51-1 vs. 1600 relay: Bumbulis, Cline, Castias and Hall, 3rd 4-27-7...

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Local Leagues

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U.S. 400-meter runner nearly betters record

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — World-record holder Michael Johnson fought of a cold Saturday and came within a half-second of bettering the mark he set just 15 days ago as he captured the 400 meters at the Mobil Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Johnson pulled away in the final turn to keep alive his streak of 13 races without a loss indoors at that distance. Johnson's performance highlighted a day in which 12 meet records fell and two other performers — Henry Neal and Gwen Torrence — kept alive perfect streaks in the men's and women's 60-meter dashes.

Orlando Magic defend their suspended star

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic, upset with the one-game suspension imposed on Shaquille O'Neal by the NBA on Saturday, said it wasn't all their man's fault. O'Neal was suspended by the NBA for an altercation with Boston Celtic rookie Eric Montross during Friday's 129-103 Magic victory.

"We felt it was a shove and some people feel it was a punch," Magic vice-president of operations John Gabriel said. O'Neal was suspended without pay, costing him about \$58,500. He was fined \$5,000 by the league will miss today's game with Chicago.



O'NEAL

CIRCUS GATTI advertisement for Howard Co. Sheriff's Posse Saturday, March 4th. Includes image of a circus elephant and text: PRESENTED BY HOWARD CO. SHERIFF'S POSSE SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH BIG SPRING Dorothy Garrett Coliseum • Howard College Shows: 2:00 & 7:00 pm

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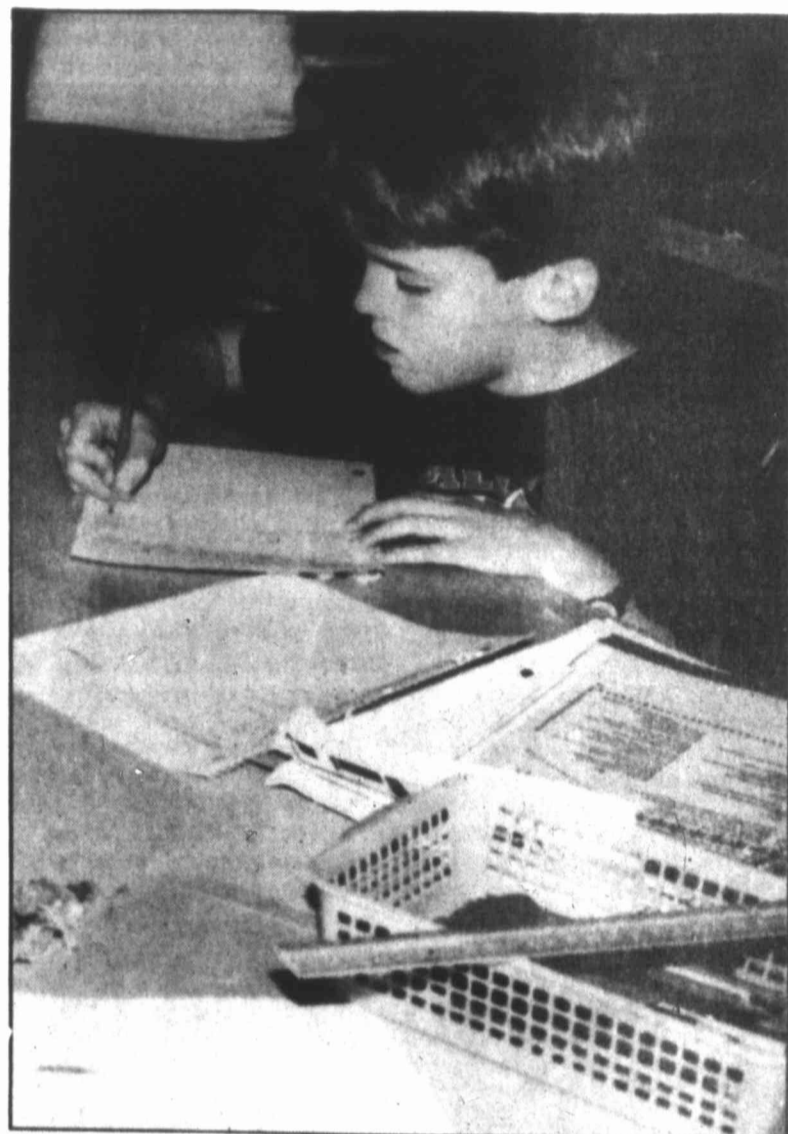


Beverly Jeffcoat, who teaches the fourth- and fifth-grade SIGNAL classes at Bauer Elementary School, uses a student's work to illustrate a point. Teachers of gifted and talented classes require special training as well as regular classroom experience.

SIGNAL for SUCCESS

What's it like to be a gifted and talented child in the SIGNAL program? Students share their views on a challenging classroom experience

Story and photos by Janet Ausbury



Jeremy Knight, a 10-year-old who usually attends Washington Elementary School, begins a writing assignment. Fourth- and fifth-grade SIGNAL students who do not already attend Bauer are bused in twice a week for the gifted and talented language arts program.

"It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well."

Rene Descartes
So opens the Big Spring Independent School District's handbook for the elementary SIGNAL program. SIGNAL stands for "Students Involved for Generous Nurturing of Academic Learning," and also represents Signal Mountain, a symbol of Comanche Indians' communication by smoke signals. Communication is SIGNAL's focus, as it provides an enriched language arts program for gifted and talented students.

Helen Gladden, director of

curriculum for SIGNAL, explained the program's origins. Studies were done to determine what needs could better be served for students with advanced skills.

In 1981, the program began with a focus on grades four through eight. "Those grades were chosen because senior high students already had opportunities through honors classes," Gladden said.

Now gifted students in kindergarten through third grade have an opportunity to participate in a program called "Creative/Productive Thinking." All students can participate, said Gladden; a higher level of abstract think-

ing is expected from those children already identified as gifted.

"This gives teachers the opportunity to keep assessing children," she added. Children who do not immediately seem to fall into the gifted and talented category may prove to be in need of greater challenges one or two years later.

In high school, students can take gifted and talented English courses or the honors English courses that have traditionally been offered.

Fourth- and fifth-grade students are a major focus for the SIGNAL program. For two and a half days a week,

students in these grades leave their regular classes to attend SIGNAL class at Bauer, taught by Beverly Jeffcoat.

And indeed, no time is wasted. They have projects to work on that involve writing and artistic abilities. On this particular morning, students pull out papers on which they have written poems about their favorite colors, and begin to decorate the borders.

"I like SIGNAL," said Kelly Gartman, a 10-year-old who attends Moss Elementary when not in SIGNAL class. "It's more exciting." The other three girls at her table - 9-

year-olds Tanya Jones and Haley Haynes, who attend Moss and Marcy, and 10-year-old Jennifer Lopez from Marcy - agree.

"I like writing," said Haley. "I especially liked the crane stories we did." Kelly, Tanya and Jennifer agree they are treated somewhat differently because they are in SIGNAL not by students but by their regular classroom teachers.

"They grade us a lot stricter," said Tanya. That sentiment was echoed by several of her classmates. "The kids don't treat you different, but the teachers do. They work you harder. If you don't know something, they make

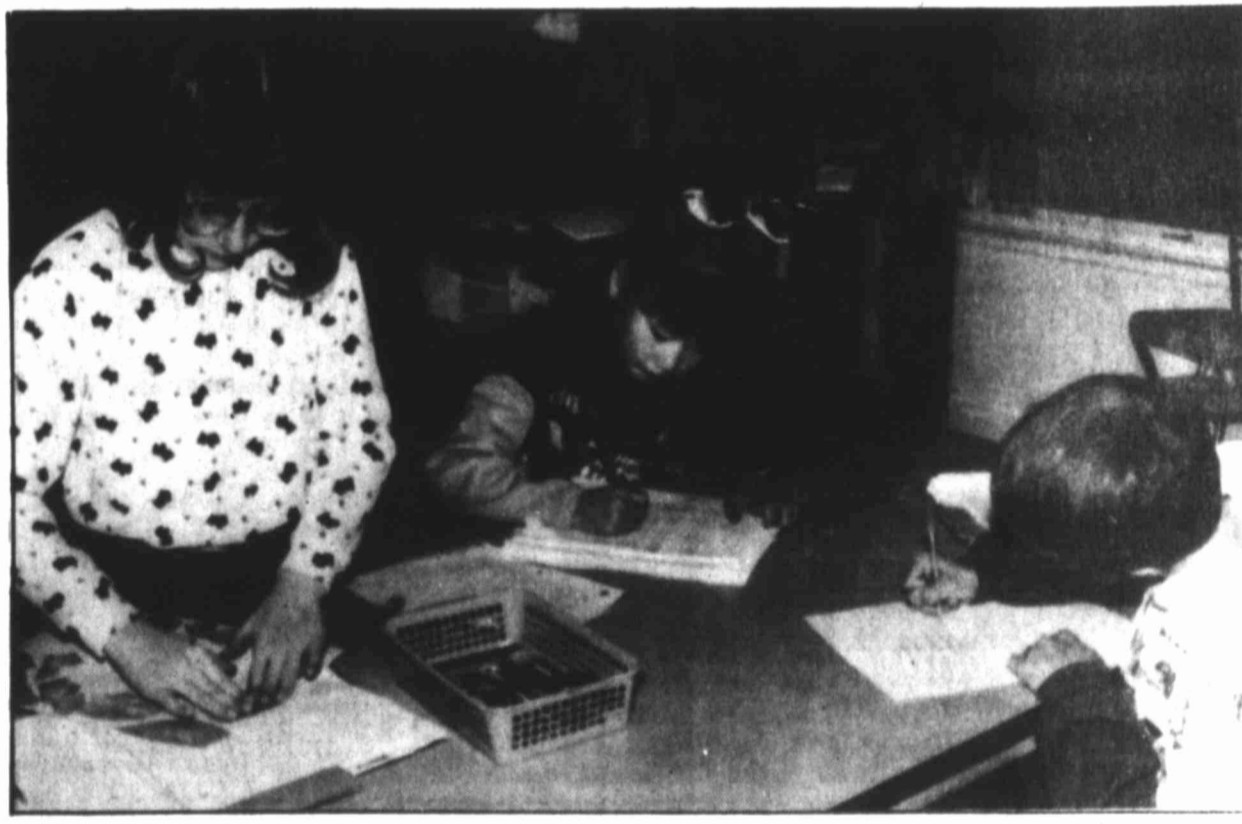
you feel bad," said 10-year-old Bauer student Cassie Coates. She enjoys SIGNAL, however. "It's fun because you get to skip class," she joked. "You make new friends."

"You get to skip P.E.," chimed in 10-year-old Lyndsie Cohorn, a fellow Bauer student. "And you have to think. You have to really think. But Mrs. Jeffcoat encourages you." Sometimes the students miss being in their regular classes. "They get to do things we don't even get to be a part of, like a puppet show they did," explained Lyndsie.

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Cassie Coates, Katie Strain and Lyndsie Cohorn work on projects with Jeffcoat's help. The three 10-year-olds, who all attend Bauer, enjoy SIGNAL and believe it will help them with future schooling and work.



Sterling Burchett, 9; Breck Simmons, 9 and David Lee, 10, all Bauer students, finish their assigned work during Thursday morning class. They would like to see the SIGNAL program eventually include subjects such as art and computers.

Foster children may leave the home, but never the heart

My family size doubled one day. I remember it clearly. The phone rang and I hurried to answer it. I recall being irritated it always seemed to ring at the one time of day I tried to sneak in a nap. Watching six children in addition to my own that day had left me more than a little tired. I remember thinking, "Now who wants to ruin my day?"



Barbara Morrison
Staff Writer

"Barbara?" the woman's voice at the other end queried. She introduced herself as the woman from the department of Human Services.

"We have a semi-crisis right now. Do you think it would be possible for you to take two boys who've just been abandoned? They have some problems, but you should be able to deal with them."

Being a foster parent, this experience was not all that unusual. In the months since completing my training, these boys were to be the seventh and eighth children to come through our home.

During the phone call, I learned that James, age eight, and brother Patrick, age 10, had been deserted by their mother for who knows what reason.

Their stay with us was to be temporary, but indefinite.

I made arrangements for them to arrive in the next few hours. I hurriedly hung up the phone only to pick it up again and begin making frantic phone calls.

I called my husband at work and explained the dinner table would be quite full that evening.

I called every secondhand store and friend I knew that might have some spare clothing, sheets, bunk beds - anything I felt they might need. (Foster children don't come with many belongings.)

I held a very impromptu family meeting with my kids. I explained to the boys they would soon be sharing their room with two others. I pre-

pared my daughter for the onset of two more of those dreaded things called "brothers" that she had already determined were put on this earth with the sole purpose of tormenting her.

I reminded them that these were unknown personalities entering our home, bringing unknown memories, thoughts and attitudes.

As a semi-seasoned foster parent, I had quickly discovered that the pain and trauma which brought these children to us, often manifested in ways that were not always, or sometimes ever, understood.

The bed arrived with the unrequested, yet much needed, dresser. Church members arrived with clothing. Everything fell into place. I've

often wondered if it were pre-planned and we had been given notice, if the situation could have gone any smoother.

Now, the waiting began. The doorbell rang at exactly 4:16 p.m. Opening the door revealed two of the most frightened, yet courageous, young men I ever met.

James stood behind his older brother. I remember thinking how young James looked for his age and how old Patrick seemed.

Patrick's brevity was betrayed by the tremble of his lower lip. He blurted out words and phrases, anything he thought we wanted to hear. He was a seasoned system veteran. Manipulation had become his defense in life.

I'll never forget these two

young men. They lived with us for a very long and very trying year of their life and ours. To detail that year out, would diminish its value. The contributions and growth they provided to enrich our lives can never be put into words.

I do not know where they are now. I was told a relative in New York wanted to adopt them, but was only willing to do so if the state would provide financial assistance. I can only pray they are happy.

I keep a place in my heart reserved only for them. I think of them at odd moments in the day.

In this way, I hope they will some day realize that they can never again be truly deserted.

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ANNIVERSARIES

McIntosh

Bill (Mac) and Donna McIntosh will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary today from 3 to 5 p.m. in their home with all of their relatives and close friends. Their children will host the event.

Mr. McIntosh was born in Big Spring, and she was born as Donna Huston in Hobbs, N.M. The couple was married Feb. 27, 1965, in their home by Brother Perry, former pastor of Coahoma Baptist Church.

They raised four children, Wesley McIntosh, Big Spring; Pam Hardin, Coahoma; Betty Barnett and Susan Saunders, both of Sand Springs. The couple also has 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The McIntoshes have lived in Sand Springs for the past 30 years. Mr. McIntosh retired from Fina after 35 years of service, and Mrs. McIntosh is the manager of 7-11 on 11th Place, where she has worked for the past 16 years.



THE MCINTOSHES

They enjoy fishing, hunting, cooking, gardening, and most of all, their grandchildren. Their comment on 30 years of marriage was, "Happy."

Perfect steer takes more than just looks

This time of year always reminds me of the Oklahoma Land Run. For these thoughts to register, you must fulfill two qualifications. First, you must be from Oklahoma (an Okie) and two, you must be interested in purchasing a steer calf for showing a junior livestock show project.

I seem to see that everyone is in a mad dash to find that perfect steer to win that special show. Many miles are put on trucks and trailers, auctioneers can be heard in your sleep and lots of dollars change hands. Why all the hustle and bustle?

As Don and I travel the country looking for livestock projects for Howard County 4-H members, we have the opportunity to see a lot of cattle. All shapes, kinds, sizes, colors and breeds are seen at virtually every stop.

We see fat ones, thin ones, old and young ones, horned ones, polled ones and of course, nice and not-so-nice ones. We are in that constant search for the perfect show steer.

Now hold on just one minute. What identifies a calf as being the perfect show steer? Is it his possible opportunity at being the next Howard County Junior Livestock Show Grand Champion? It has to be the one that will go undefeated as prospect steer.

Now the steer that fits all these criteria would be extremely thick, but still very smooth and clean-fronted; lots of style and eye appeal with a correct set of feet and legs. An easy-feeding steer that is smooth and correct in his finish and hit an optimum weight of approximately 1,250 pounds. This would be the perfect steer.

Not exactly! I have been involved in this program since the age of nine. Ever year it never fails that I see a perfect show steer that never receives a blue ribbon. Perfect steers that are never sold in a premium auction.

They are never pulled from the first line-up of their class. They seldom receive any comments from the judge and those that are said are usually negative.

You see, the perfect show steer is not identified from the trophies and ribbons that he wins. The perfect show steer is one that allows a father and son to spend an entire Saturday afternoon working together on training his hair and talking about life instead of lifeless in front of a TV. It is a steer named Coco that is always there to listen to the problems and troubles of a 13-year-old girl and never yell in response.

The perfect steer stands proudly in the show ring as little brother, barely old enough to walk and having to stand on the top bleacher to see, cheers for big sister. Three boys and four girls of all different ages and no relation work together in assembly-line style to wash and dry a string of 10 perfect steers.

The perfect steer is seen 20 years later on videotape by the kids of the kids as they question whether daddy really ever had that much hair.

This program shouldn't be centered around the winner's circle. It was not meant for the name of an adult instead of a child to be heard when questioning who won the show. This program is for families. The steers are the tools to train the children, instead of the children the 'tools' to win the steer show.

Don and I will continue to search for those perfect steers. We can only receive the gratification of having a small role in bringing families and friends closer together. But if you think about it, that is worth more than any amount of money you could receive.

Michael Kelsey Extension Agent

WEDDINGS

Moore-Worthy

Julie Ann Moore, Arlington, and Roy B. Worthy, Plano, exchanged wedding vows Feb. 25, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Mansfield with Dr. James Moore, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Moore, Mansfield.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Worthy, Big Spring.

Pianist was Jeanette Mitchell, organist was Steve Lewis and vocalist was Jonathan Gardner.

The couple stood before a candelabra with white lilies.

Given in marriage by her mother and father, the bride wore a white silk gown with a Sabrina neckline, pearls and sequins. It had an alencon lace bodice, long tapered sleeves, Basque waist, gathered skirt, a scalloped open back and a semi-cathedral train. She also wore a white fingertip-length, pearl hand veil.

She carried a bouquet of fire and ice roses and lilies.

The matron of honor was Sheri Keplinger, Mansfield.

Bridesmaids were Sally Roan, Houston; Julie Turney, Irving; and Carol Murray, Carrollton.

Flower girl was Ashley Keplinger, and ringbearer was B.J. Keplinger.

Chris Murray, Carrollton, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Greg Streeter, Flower Mound; Jeff Miller, Carrollton; and Keith Walker, Dallas.

Glen Sage, Azle; Matt McFarland, Plano; and Kenny Price, Houston, served as ushers and candlelighters.



MRS. ROY WORTHY

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the First Baptist Church. The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake surrounded with streamers and topped with the bride's bouquet.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake.

The bride is a graduate of Mansfield High School and UT Arlington with a BBA. She is employed by Inchscape Testing Service, Richardson.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School, Whiteman School of Steamboat Springs, Colo. and Southwest Texas State University, San Marcus, with a BA. He is employed by Environmental Instruments, Carrollton.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Plano.

Dawn Sharece Sampley and Lance Alan Jonas exchanged wedding vows Dec. 17, 1994, at the Cooper United Methodist Church in Woodrow with David Savage officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dottie Sampley, Edmond, Okla., and Ed Sampley, Lubbock. The groom is the son of Joy Howard and Elroy Jonas, Fischer.

The couple stood before a brass candle arch decorated with greenery and a red and white bow. Melva Flournoy played the organ, and Chris Harrison played the piano. Vocalists were Ann Adam and Stan Copeland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a mermaid-style gown of white satin with a pearl-and-sequins bodice and low scooped back with a satin bow. The train was cathedral length with pearls and sequins.

She carried a bouquet of white poinsettias and white holly with red velvet rose buds and baby's breath.

The maid of honor was Yvonne Tallman, Lubbock.

Bridesmaids were Tabitha Green, Wendy DeVault, Kim Davis, Lisa Sampley, Julie Ammons, Kelly Falleroni and Sandy Wood. Flower girls were Brooke and Emily Sampley, nieces of the bride.

The best man was Justin Jonas, brother of the groom, Fischer.

Groomsmen were Ryan Richter, Ryan Engel, Diron Wunderlich, Shawn Sampley, Brian Symkin, Carl Hoffman and Bobby Fridel.

Zachary Lancaster, cousin of the groom, served as ringbearer. Ushers were Clay Mathis, Kovan Krusler, Jay Davis and Mike Myers.

Candlelighters were Lance Sampley, brother of the bride, and Grant Taylor, cousin of the



MRS. LANCE JONAS

bride.

Following the ceremony, the couple was taken in a carriage pulled by Clydesdales to the reception at San Ramon Catholic Fellowship Hall, Woodrow.

The bride's table was decorated with poinsettias and holly garland around a three-tiered cake, each on a separate pedestal. Each cake was decorated with soft white icing, a large ruffle around the edges and a large poinsettia on each.

The groom's cake was a German chocolate with the Texas A&M insignia, along with the couple's name and wedding date on top. Beside the cake was an "Aggie" bear.

The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Texas Tech. The groom is a graduate of New Braunfels Canyon High School and Texas A&M University.

The bride and groom are both employed by Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District.

Following a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Lubbock.

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ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger steak; potatoes; green beans; fruited gelatin; milk/rolls and brownies.
TUESDAY - Chicken spaghetti; broccoli; vegetable salad; rolls; milk and fruit.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken fried steak; potatoes; green beans; fruited Jell-O; milk/rolls and brownies.
THURSDAY - Hamburger; beans; lettuce/tomatoes/onions; fruit salad; milk/bun and pudding.
FRIDAY - Beef stew; cauliflower; waldorf salad; cornbread; milk and peaches.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS BREAKFAST (Elementary)
MONDAY - Pancake; sausage patties; grape juice; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Cereal choice; sausage patty; mixed fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast bagel; apple juice; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Cereal choice; sugar & spice donut; pear halves; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal choice; fruit bar; orange juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger steak; green beans; glazed carrots; hot roll; mixed fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Ham/cheese stromboli; potato rounds; catsup; pinto beans; lemon pie; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spicy baked chicken; creamed new potatoes; English peas; hot roll; apple; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Nacho grande; salsa; corn; pear halves; Jell-O; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Homestyle sausage pizza; French fries; catsup; peaches; whole/low-fat milk.

BREAKFAST (Secondary)
MONDAY - Pancake; sausage patty; grape juice; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Scrambled eggs; toast; pineapple tidbits; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Breakfast bagel; apple juice; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast burrito; pear halves; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon roll; cereal choice; orange juice; whole/low-fat milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger steak or Italian spaghetti; green beans; glazed carrots; hot roll; mixed fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Rib sandwich; or ham/cheese stromboli; potato rounds; catsup; pinto beans; lemon pie; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spicy baked chicken; creamed new potatoes; English peas; hot roll; apple or chef salad; crackers; apple; whole/low-fat milk.

THURSDAY - Nacho grande; salsa; or baked turkey with gravy; sweet potatoes; corn; pear halves; hot roll; Jell-O; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Homestyle sausage pizza; or barbecue on bun; French fries; catsup; peaches; whole/low-fat milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Buttered toast; jelly; ham; fruit and milk.
TUESDAY - Cereal with toast; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - Toast with jelly; sausage; juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Pancakes on stick; syrup; fruit and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken nuggets with gravy; creamed potatoes; spinach; rolls and milk.
TUESDAY - Stew with baked cheese sandwiches; corn; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; fruit; crackers and milk.
THURSDAY - Chicken & dumplings; green beans; peaches; bread and milk.
FRIDAY - Chopped barbecue on bun; fries; fruit and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Pancakes/syrup or ass't. cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Bagel; peanut butter or ass't. cereal; applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Biscuit/sausage and gravy or assorted cereal; buttered toast fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Oatmeal/toast; little smokies or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; applesauce and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger; French fries; hamburger salad; fruit and milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak or turkey pot pie; mashed potato/gravy; buttered spinach; hot roll and apple cobbler.
WEDNESDAY - Cheese enchilada or fiesta salad; refried beans; lettuce/tomato salad; pineapple cup; bread sticks and milk.
THURSDAY - Baked chicken or beef tips; steamed rice; mixed vegetables; peaches; hot roll and milk.
FRIDAY - Grill cheese or riblet/bun; French fries; carrot/celery; fruit; milk and brownies.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS LUNCH
MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY - Winter break.
THURSDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy; mashed potatoes; corn; peas; hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY - Tuna; pimento cheese; peanut butter sandwiches; pork and beans; chips; fresh fruit and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Hash browns; biscuits; jelly and butter; catsup; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Ham and eggs on a bun; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Texas toast; jelly and peanut butter; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage and pancake on a stick; juice; syrup and milk.

FRIDAY - Cereal; cheese toast; juice and milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Burritos; buttered potatoes; salad; chocolate cake; applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY - Fajitas; cheese; Ranch style beans; Spanish rice; salad; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburgers; onion rings; salad; pickles and onions; fruit; vanilla wafers and milk.
THURSDAY - Pizza; corn on the cob; salad; cookies and fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Ham and gravy; whipped potatoes; green beans; hot rolls and butter; Jell-O with fruit cocktail and milk.

SAND SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY & TUESDAY - Bad weather days.
WEDNESDAY - French toast; bacon; jelly; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage & egg burritos; milk and juice.
FRIDAY - Hot cakes; sausage; juice and milk.

LUNCH
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; pinto beans; corn bread; fruit.
THURSDAY - Chicken nuggets with gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; fruit and milk.
FRIDAY - Pizza salad; butter corn; cookies; fruit and milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Pancake pups; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Oatmeal; toast; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cheese toast; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Biscuits; bacon; juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; corn; tossed salad; peaches; peanut butter & crackers and milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti with meat sauce; black-eyed peas; peas & carrots; rolled wheat biscuits; pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oven fried chicken; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; syrup; honey and milk.
THURSDAY - Fajitas; tortillas; lettuce; tomatoes; refried beans; cheese; fruit bar and milk.
FRIDAY - Barbecue on bun; lettuce; tomato; onion; pickles; French fries; fruit bomb and milk.

ELBOW SCHOOLS BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; graham crackers; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Donuts; sausage; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Eggs; toast; juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter; juice and milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Spaghetti/meat sauce; salad; fruit; garlic bread; milk.
TUESDAY - Tacos/cheese; salad; pinto beans; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Meat loaf; scalloped potatoes; carrots; peaches; hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY - Hamburgers; fries; salad; pickle and milk.
FRIDAY - Chicken; corn; mashed potatoes; fruit; hot rolls and milk.

Signal

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The girls expressed interest in doing more art projects. "I wish we could draw pictures all day," said Sterling.
Stephen Pocsik, a 9-year-old from Kentwood, and fellow Kentwood 9-year-old Megan Roffers, enjoy the program as it is. "I like to write," Stephen explains. "If I have a writing career, it can help in a lot of ways," said Megan.
Shawn Shugrue, a Bauer 10-year-old, finds the SIGNAL program "more interesting, more challenging" than regular classes. "I would like to study history in here," he added. Megan would like to see a science program added.
It would be easy to forget these ambitious, intelligent youngsters are still kids at heart. "Sometimes the gifted child is viewed as a perfect child," said Jeffcoat.
They may see so many sides of something, they have trouble zeroing in on one

idea. Short blocks of time may mean nothing to them. Everyone needs to remember they are children, with the same emotions."

To teach gifted and talented courses, a teacher must have had regular classroom experience plus receive ongoing training for gifted and talented programs.
"The biggest challenge is to motivate kids to realize their full potential," she said. "It needs to be very individual. You can't compare gifted and talented students to each other; they're very, very unique."
Many times the SIGNAL program may be the student's first real challenge, she added. "They learn to deal with frustrations, how to organize, how to start a project. They learn that if they feel frustrated, it's OK, it's not a bad feeling, but rather than back away from it, figure out how to jump over that hurdle."
Jeffcoat shares the hope

many of her students have to see SIGNAL encompass additional subjects. "This would be my fondest dream, to expand the program into math and science."

Gladden said that although there are no immediate plans to expand SIGNAL, extra opportunities for talented students are being provided through such classes as algebra offered to eighth-graders.
Funding for the program is primarily local, although SIGNAL receives some state funds. "We follow state guidelines in the selection of students and the program," she explained. "We have very strict guidelines for the entry and exit process, approved by the school board."

She credits the school board and the students' classroom teachers and principals for working together to support the SIGNAL program.

Training is ongoing to help teachers in kindergarten through third grade identify gifted and talented students.

WHO'S WHO

SNYDER - Jayland White, a Western Texas College licensed vocational nursing student from Big Spring, was pinned in a 7 p.m. Ceremony, Feb. 16. The ceremony took place at Trinity Methodist Church in



WHITE Snyder.

LEVELLAND - Pete Dehlinger, 18-year-old law enforcement major from Big Spring, was a second runner-up in the Feb. 13 Homecoming King contest sponsored by South Plains College.
The son of Elaine and Art Dehlinger, he represented the SPC Law Enforcement Club.



DEHLINGER

KOHLIS - Agricultural development major from Garden City, daughter of Kathy and Norman Kohls. She represented the Student Government Association.



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Last February, the Valentine's fund-raiser was a dream and something we thought could not be done.
One year later, it was a huge success, and bigger than we ever anticipated. Money is still coming in, and praise for deeds of the volunteers is high. Who could not appreciate a team consisting of Dr. Charles Rainwater, Terry McDaniel, Gary Groves, Joyce Bradley, JoAnn Forrest, and Delores Currie singing and entertaining.
Susan Lewis routed the



Kathy Higgins State Hospital

singing telegrams and the group traveled all over Big Spring, spreading happiness, lots of laughter, and even a few tears to everyone.
Back at the office, Beverly McMahon appeared and magically organized flower deliveries for A.J. Statser, Emma Jean Johnson, Kate Irons, Jill Civello and Tamara Schretlen, project chairman. Erma Steward and Lou Vincent collected 350 bud vases this year for carnation arrangements, and Penny Hill made that many bows.
Zelda Gibbs, Gertrude Lowe, and Dorothy Blackwell headed up the baking team with home-made pies, cakes, cookies, and jalapeno cornbread that was just too good. If it sounds like the whole town was involved, that is about true.
Don't tell this bunch it cannot be done. Those are fighting words, and when they undertake a project, they do make it happen. They are already planning new surprises for next year. If you did not get to surprise your Valentine this year, remember it next time.
Profits will buy lots of can-

teen books and jogging suits for BSSH patients. It is difficult to mention every name that works to make something like this happen, but we want to say a big thank you to everyone that was involved.

As if that project was not enough for one week, by the end of the week, Susan Lewis, Tamara Schretlen, Hazel Duggan, Betty Lee and Melinda Hunter made quick work of getting the letters in the mall for the upcoming reception and dance, April 7.

If you have not received a letter inviting you to attend the reception, which Don and Kent Newsom will host, please call 268-7535 or 268-7536. Deadline for the invitation list in March 3.
BSSH Volunteer Services Council will host the Regional Volunteer meeting March 10. All volunteers are invited to attend this meeting at the hospital. Please RSVP by March 8. The meeting will be 9:30 to 2:30 p.m., with lunch served, at the hospital.
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Local couple experiences Indonesian life

Doris Junek's neighbors and friends honored her with a farewell party Feb. 18 at the Luther Bethel Baptist Church. She is moving to Jean, near Graham, to be near Dolores Osborn, Graham, one of her two daughters.

Twenty-five well wishers attended, presenting her a money tree and many cards. Lois Rhoton gave her a hand-painted oil farm scene with red barn, country home and out-buildings, stream and trees in a pasture.

Lois Rhoton, June Kennemer, Dorothy Coleman and Faye Hollis hosted the event assisted by granddaughters Savana Hambrick, nine of Coahoma.

Mrs. Louise Stanley was honored Saturday with a reception to celebrate her 80th birthday. The reception was hosted by her children, Laura Boubek, Big Spring; Marcus Stanley, Midland; and Lynn Stanley, Austin. Stanley's granddaughters served the refreshments.

She was born on Feb. 28. Mrs. Stanley has lived in the Big Spring area since 1940. She is retired from the Big Spring State Hospital and spends her time now in her favorite pastime - playing dominoes.

Current and former Knott residents and members of First Baptist Church at Knott reunited Feb. 14. Attendees included Velma Roman, Joyce Walker, Bobby and Merle Roman, John and Raye McGregor, Ima Robinson, Nadine Hodnett, Evelyn Kendrick, Marjorie Smith Grissom, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Ruth Grantham, Lola Myers, Eulene Jones, Myrtle Jackson, Patty Schuelke, Kandace and Julia Schuelke, Alfred Herren, Bob and Peggy Manning, Sue and Lloyd Robinson, Tammy, Kaitlyn and Meagan Blocker, Bertie and Larry Shaw and Joann Peugh.

Don and Barbara Miller had never considered visiting Indonesia, but all that changed when daughter Cathy and her husband Karl Wolfe moved there.

Last May Mobil offered Karl, a mechanical engineer, an opportunity to work in Sumatra. He almost turned it down because Cathy was pregnant with their second child.

However, with the encouragement of their families, the couple reconsidered. At Don's urging, Barbara took a 6-week leave of absence from her position as secretary at Bauer Magnet School to accompany them on the trip. Don arranged to take three weeks' vacation from his job as reliability specialist at Fina to join them the last three weeks of her stay.

Little Brittany was born Aug. 8, and Sept. 26 the family began their journey. It was a long trip with stops in Dallas, Los Angeles, Taiwan and Singapore. Finally they arrived in Medan on the island of Sumatra; there they boarded the Mobil plane for an hour's flight to Lhokseumawe.

The West Texans found themselves in a setting reminiscent of "South Pacific." With the luxuriant foliage of the tropics, Sumatra is a beautiful land. Lawns and flower beds are manicured to perfection, but monkeys from the jungle regularly raid fruit trees.

The Wolfes were assigned a company house, completely furnished. The houses, a clinic, a school and a small commissary



Visitors gather around a baby elephant in Sumatra. Don and Barbara Miller, a local couple, took several weeks off from their jobs at Fina and Bauer Elementary School to visit their daughter and son-in-law in the Indonesian country.

Courtesy photo

The first thing Karl and Cathy learned is that they must never drive their car. If someone who is not a citizen of Indonesia should have an accident and injure a native, he would be financially responsible for that person and his entire family for life.

make up the project.

Karl is employed by PT Arun NGL Company, which operates the largest natural gas plant in the world, liquefying gas to export to Japan and Korea. Mobil owns 35 percent of the

company; the balance is owned by the Indonesian government.

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dent and injure a native, he would be financially responsible for that person and his entire family for life.

Hence, Mobil hires a driver for each family. Mobil also pays the salary of a gardener.

Plants grow so fast that keeping up with a lawn and flowers is a time-consuming job.

Because of the language barrier and the complexities of the native markets, Cathy was advised to hire a cook. Sue speaks English well and helps in communicating with Yetti, a maid they also employ.

Currency in Indonesia is the rupiah. According to Don, it takes a stack of bills to purchase even a small item. The rate of exchange is favorable to Americans. Laborers work for \$1.30 a day; the highest paid native employee of the gas plant earns \$7 a day.

With the support of other Mobil families, the Americans learned to adjust quickly to local customs. Drinking water must be boiled. Cattle are sacred, since Islam is the principal religion. Karl and Cathy are taking lessons in Bahasa, the official language of Indonesia.

Don and Barbara enjoyed excursions in the countryside with Hasbi, the family driver. They visited a pottery factory, a shop where beautiful purses were designed on old Singer treadle sewing machines, and antique stores.

Don purchased a couple of guns originally owned by a Dutch settler. They found Indonesia a land of contrasts - backward in many ways, but so modern in others.

They, along with Karl's parents, Spencer and Janet Wolfe, are looking forward to May when Karl, Cathy, and their daughters will be returning for six weeks of home leave. Karl's parents are also planning a visit to Indonesia sometime during their son's 3-year assignment in Sumatra.

Nothing's nicer than small towns

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Writer

I love small towns. I grew up in one, have lived in a few, and think Big Spring, a smaller city, is great.

Before Hemphill's closed, I was looking at some earrings. I noticed that the saleslady was showing me only hoop types. I asked her why, and she said, "Mary, that's the only kind you wear!"

A small town is going into your favorite restaurant and the waiter asks if you will have your usual. Friends who wave because they recognize your car and assume you're in it.

Many years ago I used to go to the laundromat in the evening after work. When I came out the car wouldn't start. There I was, nine o'clock at night, no phone, no car, and too far to walk.

A car stopped, and asked if I needed help. I explained my situation, and they said they would push me home. They did, their car full of people singing and having so much fun. They waved to me as they drove away.

Small towns are what made this country great. We hear it every day. According to politicians and the media, if we could suddenly make the big cities into small towns all our social and economic problems would be over.

Still, during the year I lived in Dallas, I never once felt safe. At 3 a.m. people, who seemed

to be drunk, tried to break into the apartment. I pretended I was several people, trying to decide if we should fire a shotgun through the door.

When I went to the grocery store it seemed a young person would always come up with a food package and ask me how to cook it. I soon realized that most of these young people were from small towns and just wanted to talk to someone who didn't look threatening.

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Small towns are what made this country great. We hear it every day. According to politicians and the media, if we could suddenly make the big cities into small towns all our social and economic problems would be over.

Dallas office how great Big Spring was, and how glad I would be to get back "home."

I told "West Texas" stories, the kind we all take for granted, but the listeners never ceased to be impressed by what happened out here. I must not have exaggerated, because years later when they came out, they never seemed disappointed.

Back to small towns - It's dealing with the same people over a period of years and feeling secure because you do.

It's driving home for lunch, wondering if that beautiful

flowering peach is blooming yet, and going out of your way, for a minute or two, and being rewarded with the tree in full bloom.

There are elements of our town we have lost, some of which made it special. For all those who have helped Washington Place become beautiful again, thank you, and we will try to improve our own block.

The dark side of course is crime and drugs; the police can certainly testify to this. But in a small town, each crime to touch all of us, let's help each other to improve this part of our small town society.

I like going to the grocery and talking to people I don't know, about important things. The illness of a relative one of us might remember, are you changing your diet to be healthier? What do they mean by charging that much for yellow squash just because they are wrapped in tissue paper?

In fact, some of the best conversations I have ever had were with people I didn't know, but who were sympathetic and kind and caring.

Perhaps that's what people are talking about when they speak with such affection about small towns in general.

These are the people who help you when you are in great trouble, sit with your family, perhaps pray for you in time of need, but most of all they are there to laugh when you are happy and cry when you are sad.

Long live small towns!

LEARNING TO LINE DANCE



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Senior citizens follow the music as they were learning to line dance as part of a line dance class at the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center. The class, which begins every Wednesday after lunch, is available for anyone 55 and over.

Strange shrimp thrive in desert

By BILL BIRRELL
Prime Writer

After a spring rain in Lubbock in 1955, our son explored a pond that was created by the rain in a low area next to his school.

He captured a creature swimming with many legs. He brought it home and put it in the fish bowl. I called Texas

Tech and talked to a professor who said it was a desert shrimp.

About the same year the National Geographic had an article about desert shrimp in California - how they hatch from the sand following a spring rain, go through a live cycle and wait for another rain to hatch the eggs.

The article stated that the

eggs can survive as long as 100 years.

Recently the television show "America Coast to Coast" showed pictures of tad poles and desert shrimp that came to live in desert below the Grand Canyon following spring rains in the mountains that filled low areas nearly thus bringing to life the eggs that were left in the sand by previous life.

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Elderly blacks less likely than whites to get flu shots

ATLANTA (AP) — Elderly blacks, particularly men, are far less likely than whites to get free flu shots to protect them against a major killer of senior citizens, federal health officials say.

Starting in 1993, Medicare offered its 36 million beneficiaries free flu shots. More than a quarter — 9.8 million people — got the shots, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, although about 37 percent of elderly whites eligible for Medicare got the free vaccination that year, only 17 percent of elderly blacks did.

Only 15 percent of black men age 65 and older were immunized during the first year of the \$50 million Medicare flu program.

White women were most likely to get the shot, and 37 percent did. The Jan. 19 report didn't examine the program's success among other minorities.

Although the CDC issued the report midway through a generally slow 1994-95 flu season, it's not too late for Medicare recipients to be vaccinated, according to Dr. Ray Strikas of

the CDC's National Immunization Program.

Dan Babish, a research analyst with the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, said the agency is trying to make sure that Medicare physicians know about the flu program.

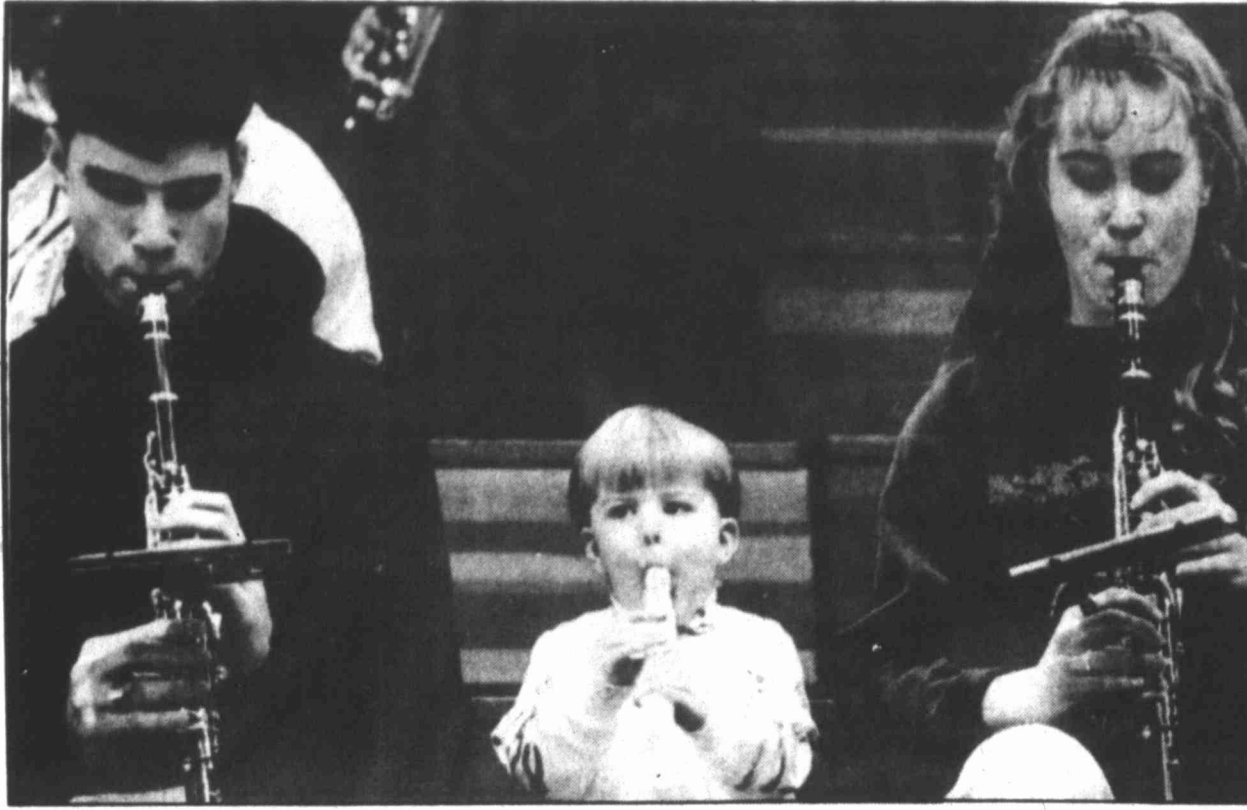
Health officials aren't sure why the racial disparity exists. People who don't get vaccinated often believe they're not at risk for the flu or wrongly believe the vaccine is ineffective or causes side effects.

Cost usually isn't a major problem, because the shots are available for \$10 or \$15 at many hospitals, clinics, and health fairs, supermarkets and other places that offer mass vaccinations.

It may be a problem for elderly blacks, who often are less able to get to a doctor's office or clinic that they can afford. The CDC is now studying why blacks aren't taking advantage of the Medicare flu program, Strikas said.

The elderly pay nothing for the flu shot if the doctor accepts Medicare fees as full payment. About two-thirds of doctors do.

PLAYING ALONG



Bobby Blom, 2, keeps his eyes on the band leader as he toots along with Nekoosa High School pep band members Erick Kovars and Andrea Grygo before a girls' basketball game in Nekoosa, Wis. Bobby is the son of Randy Blom, the girls' basketball coach.

Know differences between bonds

Back in the "good ole days" you always started out with a blank sheet of paper in the typewriter. Then you asked yourself, "What do you want to write about today?" Today you look at a blank monitor. My, how times have changed.

You, the dedicated readers of this column, probably have some short subjects you would like for me to write about. If so, send your letter to Janet Ausbury, *Life!* editor, at the Herald. She will forward the information to my office. Thanks.

Bonds are quite simple, until someone comes along and starts muddying up the waters. You have bonds, and then you have bond funds. There is a big difference between the two investments.

When you own a bond, it is your responsibility to collect

the interest and the principle when due. If you have an interest in a "bond fund" you are paying a management organization to perform these duties for you.

The bond instrument sets out the term of the bonds. Generally, it will give the dates that the interest is due and the date that principle is due. Normally, the principle will be due five, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years from the date of issue.

In the case of municipal bonds, there may be groups of bonds that are due periodically for the life of the issue. I think these are called refunding bonds.

Federal government indentures are different. You have three different types of debt instruments. Treasury bills are due for any period of up to 1 year.

Treasury notes generally are for a period from 2 to 10 years. Then, you have the treasury bonds which will run from 10 to 30 years.

Treasury bills are sold at a discount. For instance, you buy a \$10,000 treasury bill for \$9,750 for six months. At the end of the 6-month period the government will pay you \$10,000.

You have made \$244 on your investment. The annual yield would be five percent.

Treasury notes and bonds work differently. The interest is generally paid every 6 months. The annual interest is based upon the face amount of the bond.

That is, \$10,000 at 5 percent per annum will pay you \$250 every six months totaling \$500 for the full year.

The principle is paid to you at the maturity date of the bond. You are always given the maturity date at the time you purchase the bond. There is a secondary market on these instruments. But you are not assured face value.

The market price will depend on today's interest rates. Consequently you may be able to sell at a premium or a discount. If you hold the bond until maturity, you will always be paid face value.

When you get into the world of funds, the story will change. This is where the game gets a little complicated. Maybe we will expound on this next month.

Prime POEMS

THE MEXICAN BRACERO

The mexican camp fire shines bright in the night you can see the flames flicker there in the moonlight. And the mexican bracero out under the stars you could hear them a singing sitting there by their fire. Their guitars a ringing, away in the night. they came to pick cotton when the cotton turned white. Just like a flicker in my memories I remember their campfires and their ole melodies. They camped in the sand hills

by the old cotton patch. They helped us pick cotton, and then they'd go back. Back to the border, They knew they must go, across the wide river, to old Mexico. The mexican bracero, in the night he has gone, you can no longer hear, those ole mexican songs. They'll pick no more cotton They'll sing no more songs The mexican bracero, With the wind he has gone... -Bernice Reed Jones

LOVE IS

Love to me is something that stands on truth alone, on all its own, so grand design, never faltering, for a reason, to find how to be real, true and kind.

Love will lift the spirit high, but then still be close by my side, if ever I, should slip and slide, to let me know, who I must confide.

Love can take a broken heart and put the pieces back, just right in every part, give another chance for your own sake, and also make, a brand new start.

Love to me is something that can't be, just bought by man, or measured like good's, on an acre of land. So walk with me, but follow Him, where blessed assurance is and can. -Mozella Osborne

Learn a little about gems, minerals

Gems, minerals and rocks play a very important part in all our lives. This seems a time that it may be of interest to the reader to examine, briefly, a few of all three.



Myrtle Griffith
Prime Columnist

It is again time for the annual Gem and Mineral show to be presented to Big Spring and surrounding areas March 4 and 5. We who are

"rockhounds" are always excited about this show and those in neighboring cities. Hopefully, the following will stir your curiosity and enthusiasm.

We will start with minerals. So many of these are vital to our lives and health. Potassium is high on the list. It has a lot to do with regulating the heart and had direct bearing on blood pressure also, as well as many other bodily functions.

Everyone knows that calcium is a must for teeth and bones and it too has a lot to do with blood pressure. There are hundreds more, but this isn't a technical article.

How about rocks? Are they

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just plain old rocks? No! Not really, and some come in many forms. Look at quartz, for instance. It can be classed as rock, gem, or mineral, depending on which variety one examines.

Quartz is one of Earth's most plentiful materials. There's the common white and milky that one sees everywhere, then there are the gem varieties which include precious opal, citrine, amethyst, smoky, rose, rutiled crystal, agate, carnelian, sard, chrysoprase, and moonstone.

Common quartz is used in everything from rock gardens to glass-making, cement, paints and abrasives; while the crystals are used in radios, TVs, telescopes, watches, radar, sonar, computers, and all sorts of office and industrial machines.

Space would not permit the long list of uses, including paints, cement and glass.

The more common rocks, e.g., marble, limestone, granite, travertine, slate and sandstone are used in building for walls, floors, decorative, and structural purposes.

Did you know that some of the finest building limestone in the U.S. is quarried about 18 miles south of town? It is processed and shipped from Big Spring all over the country and some foreign places.

Last but certainly not least are the gems. They aren't absolutely essential to life, but are loved by humans and pleasing to behold. Wars have been fought because of them.

Diamond is likely the most cherished of all precious stones for their beauty and brilliance. They, too, have many industrial uses due to hardness and cutting ability.

Humans have an inborn instinct to adorn their bodies with beautiful things, so gems have been popular as far back as history goes.

There is quite a lot about them in the Bible. Rocks hold the world together underneath us, gems make us happy and minerals are essential to life. So, where would we be without them?

If, by now, you are curious, you can learn more at the gem and mineral show, because there is no admission charge this year.

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By CARLTON J. Staff Writer

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Retail wheeling: Does it mean cheaper electricity?

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

Representatives from California/Houston-based Destec Energy Inc. and TU Electric are currently in Austin because Destec is campaigning to change Texas law in order to introduce a process called "retail wheeling" to Texas consumers.

According to TU Electric General Manager John Toone,

Destec has recently kicked off an advertising campaign claiming it has cheaper electricity to sell to Texans.

Toone said this plan for competition would actually raise electricity rates for a good majority of Texas consumers.

He added one reason for Destec lobbying the legislature is because its prices are too high and TU Electric can produce electricity for about 38 percent less, and by not renewing

its contract to buy electricity from Destec, TU Electric can save its customers about \$30 million a year.

Houston Lighting and Power is also not renewing its contract either.

Toone said TU Electric is not afraid of competition, but Destec's advertisements are misleading because they offer an unfinished product, which does not include the processing and transportation costs of getting

the electricity they sell to the consumer.

According to Toone, retail wheeling would allow independent power producers to sell directly to retail customers.

Retail wheeling is characterized as the transmission of electricity from a non-utility generator to an end-user through the transmission system of a utility. This transaction cannot physically occur because electrons cannot be forced to flow to a

particular customer.

What really flows in a retail wheeling transaction, according to TU Electric, is money.

The retail wheeling customer would pay a special price arranged with a non-utility generator and not the average price of electricity on the system of the utility certificated to serve the customer.

Moving electricity is not the same as moving a telephone call over long distance lines. In

order to wheel or move electricity at the transmission level, the selling utility increases generation and the wheeling utility reduces generation so power will flow into its service territory from the seller.

According to TU Electric that power cannot be specifically directed to the ultimate buyer because the buyer has no generation to increase or decrease.

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Of lack of cold and peach crops

At the time this is being written, only a fool would predict the consequences of this past winter's warmer than average temperatures. But, I will try to outline some of the possible consequences to peach and apple growers.



Don Richardson
County Agent

First of all, peach trees need a certain number of hours below 45 degrees Fahrenheit before they bloom in a normal fashion. For the major peach growing areas, this is usually from 750 to 850 hours. This winter to date we are running about 200 hours below normal for Feb. 1, so we do expect to see at least mild effects in some areas.

Since the cold hours experienced in Texas range from a low of around 150 in the Rio Grande Valley to well over 1,000 in the Panhandle, having varieties in the proper area is critical.

Since people always try to put varieties out of place, there are many high chilling varieties being grown in the medium chill area. This is OK in most years, but in a year like this one potential is, these plants are in trouble.

The first symptoms we see is a delayed bloom and lack of fruit set. On those trees that do set a crop, we often see more pointed, misshapen fruit that is of lower quality than normal.

Also, the bloom on these trees is more susceptible to freezing weather because they are weaker than normal. In 1989, the last year we experienced lack of chill to this extent, a very poor crop was produced on a statewide basis. The weather that year was warmer than normal for most of the winter. Then a very mild freeze seemed to kill

most of the fruit that had set. Texas peach growers were very fortunate this year in that an emergency label was granted by the EPA and Texas Department of Agriculture for the use of Dormex to overcome any ill affects of low chilling, so we hope not to see a problem in our commercial orchards.

Garden Checklist for March:

1. Prepare beds for planting flowers and vegetables. You may want to consider renting or buying a garden tiller to speed up the process; however, a strong back and a garden fork will still do an excellent job.

2. For every 100 square-feet of bed area, work in a several-inch layer of either compost, pine bark or sphagnum peat moss, plus 5 pounds of balanced fertilizer.

3. Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March. Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs as soon as they finish blooming.

4. Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperature reaches 70 F.

5. In West Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past.

6. Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.

7. Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another dimension in landscape color.

8. Plant dahlia tubers in fertile, well-drained soil.

9. Dig and divide summer and fall flowering perennials just before they initiate their spring growth.

Halliburton strikes deal with Chinese

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Energy Services signed an exclusive joint venture agreement Friday with the Liaohai Petroleum Exploration Bureau for the manufacture and sale of oil field flow measure equipment.

The agreement was signed in Beijing, China, as part of a presidential business development mission led by U.S. Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary.

Halliburton owns 51 percent of the venture, which will pro-

duce and sell high technology turbine flow meters and flow measurement products.

The 10-year project is projected to generate \$40 million in revenues.

Dallas-based Halliburton is the largest oil field service company based in the U.S. It was founded in 1919 and is one of the world's largest diversified energy services, engineering, maintenance and construction companies

GRAND OPENING



Judge Ben Lockhart, along with Bluebonnet Savings officer Howard Neff, cut the ribbon in front of the new savings building along Gregg Street Wednesday afternoon. The savings recently moved from Main Street, with the old building becoming the new Howard County Library.

Roger Walker returns to chamber

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

It took three months to fill, but Linda Roger Walker is the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's choice to fill the chamber's vacant executive vice president slot.



ROGER WALKER

In an emergency meeting Feb. 13, the chamber's board of directors voted to accept the search committee's recommendation that Walker be hired to fill the position.

According to the chamber, Walker's background and experience, including being in the position previously as well as being a former director of the chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau, were among the qualifications that made her the number one choice.

She is a native of Big Spring and said she is excited to be back in Big Spring because it is evident that Howard County has found pride and a sense of community.

"It is evident the business climate is improving and that citizens are focusing on a vision of needs and goals," Walker said.

According to Walker, the last 18 months has given her the opportunity to set priorities and goals because life is too short to live and work in an area of necessity, rather than choice.

In thanking the chamber board for her selection, she said, "I am proud to have the opportunity to return to Big Spring and hope you will be proud you supported this choice. It is my greatest desire to be an asset to everyone in this community and I hope to make many new friends and create lasting relationships."

Walker has had the opportunity to drive around Big Spring and look at the city from a business as well as a chamber executive's point of view.

She said, "We plan to take care of the existing retail businesses here and we're looking to add to the community."

During her absence from Big Spring Walker said she was able to keep up with what was happening in Big Spring and is aware of what the chamber's goals are concerning tourism.

She said, "Tourism will be a big part of our plans. Task forces have been set up to look

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Britton new president of Big Spring Board of Realtors

By **KELLIE JONES**
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Board of Realtors recently installed new officers and hosted awards presentations at its annual banquet at the Big Spring Country Club.

Don Harvey, director of Independent Brokers Association, installed Janelle Britton as president of the board for 1995. Britton works at Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors.

Other officers include Marjorie Dodson, vice president, South Mountain Agency; Lou Knight, secretary, Century 21 McDonald Real Estate; and Becky Knight, treasurer, Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors.

Katie Grimes, Coldwell Banker Sun Country Realtors; Loyce Phillips, ERA Reeder Realtors; Joe Hughes, Home Real Estate; and Karen Fowler, South Mountain Agency, were named Sales Agents of the Year for 1994.

Salesperson of the Year awards were presented by individual offices from Big Spring. The selection is based on production, involvement in the board and attendance at local, regional and state meetings as well as training sessions.

Outgoing board president Kay Moore was named Realtor of the Year 1994. Moore is the owner/broker of Home Real Estate.

The board has 52 members, 40 of whom are also members of the Multiple Listing Service of Big Spring.



The Big Spring Board of Realtors recently installed its new officers. From left are Becky Knight, treasurer; Marjorie Dodson, vice president, Janelle Britton, president and Lou Knight, secretary.

FAST TRACK

Local man completes writing correspondence course

Thomas R. Woolverson of Big Spring has just successfully completed the Writing to Sell Fiction Course with Writer's Digest School, a national correspondence school for freelance writers.

The school, a division of Writer's Digest, the leading national magazine for freelance writers, has been offering courses in writing through home study since 1980. Each student works, on a one-to-one basis, with one of the 100 published professional writers who make up the school's faculty.

Courses offered by the school cover both fiction and nonfiction, and are designed to provide the guidance required to write for publication in national magazines and other types of periodicals.

LOCAL

CRMWD off to average start

Colorado River Municipal Water District was off to an average start in January with revenue shortages offset by reduced operating expenses. Income of \$1,490,458, including \$1,248,479 in water sales, was down 2.35 percent. Recreation revenues of \$25,740 dipped 21.80 percent, mostly due to weather.

For the first time, a budgeted item for contract-cities operation contributions appeared for \$211,354.

Operating expenses amounted to \$817,210, including \$447,793 for operations and maintenance, \$13,327 under budget despite \$334,130 or, a 12.89 percent increase in electric power. Recreation expenditures of \$28,587 were off 5.90 percent and administration and general expenses of \$118,000, 4.71 under budget.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Caution advised

NEW YORK (AP) — Amid all the excitement over the Dow Jones industrial average's run to 4,000, many Wall Street analysts caution against reading too much economic or financial significance into the event. The breaking of the 4,000 barrier by the Dow, the oldest and best known of the stock market indicators, represents a big psychological plus for investors — especially since it took more than a year to accomplish after the first time.

Business investment to slow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Business investment in factories and equipment, a major source of economic strength for the last two years, will slow in 1995 to a more moderate pace, according to a government survey.

RIG COUNT

HOUSTON (AP) — The number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide dropped 28 this week to 696, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

A year ago, the number of rigs running was 747. Of the rigs running this week, 355 were exploring for natural gas, 326 for oil and 15 were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. Texas lost nine rigs last week, the most among major oil- and gas-producing states. Louisiana lost seven, New Mexico four, Colorado three, Kansas two, and Oklahoma one.

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Wheeling

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In effect, that customer will continue to receive power that has been generated or purchased by the local franchised utility.

Under federal law, there are two legally defined categories of independent supplier of electricity. The Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 established 'Qualifying Facilities,' also known as QFs or cogenerators. QFs can sell electricity to utilities and steam to other industries.

The Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 created Exempt Wholesale Generators (EWGs). Under current Texas law, QFs and EWGs can sell wholesale power to utilities, but cannot sell directly to retail customers unless they submit to Public Utility Commission regulation and obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to serve customers.

Toone said retail wheeling would be unfair because it would benefit only a select few customers, primarily large industrial, at the expense of other customers.

If large industrials leave their

local utility systems in pursuit of real or perceived savings, prices paid by residential and business customers will increase since the utility must recover its fixed costs from a smaller volume of sales. The fixed costs associated with serving the lost customers are commonly referred to as stranded investment.

According to TU Electric, companies that are trying to change Texas' laws to remove the long-standing prohibition on retail wheeling are only seeking certain types of customers - those offering the greatest profit potential.

Toone said Destec has advertised a cost of four cents per kilowatt hour, but that only represents the price of generation and does not include other services necessary for reliability such as delivery, reserve and backup power, voltage and frequency controls and power factor correction.

He added once the cost of the following services are included, the independent's final price will be higher than TU Electric's.

•Wheeling costs to deliver the

power to the facility where it is to be used.

•Backup generation costs for power plant capacity to be available when the primary source of energy is down for maintenance or repairs.

•Load following costs associated with equipment needed to provide the capacity and control of generating units that can change load to meet energy usage patterns.

•Transformation costs for transformers and other equipment needed to provide electricity at the desired voltage level.

•Operating costs for people and equipment to operate and maintain the transmission and distribution systems.

•People and equipment costs associated with the emergency restoration of service on a 24-hour basis.

•Engineering and design costs to continuously modify and expand the transmission and distribution systems to meet the ever-changing needs of the customer.

Destec was contacted in Houston prior to press time, but no one was available for comment.

Return

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at a possible Visitors Center at Comanche Trail Park. We feel it is a very viable project."

Another area of importance to Walker is the local motel industry.

Walker said, "I see a real need to strengthen our communication with existing motels in the area."

One area of importance in Big Spring is the physical image of the city, which is a priority project with the chamber and the city of Big Spring.

The inmate work program currently in Big Spring as well

as local committees and groups are assisting the city with various cleaning projects.

Walker said, "I think it's wonderful. You can't paint your town until you clean it up. If we maintain and strengthen what we have, other things will come to us. By cleaning up the town, we are telling people we want them to come to Big Spring."

She has been on the job less than a week and said she already has a pile of work on her desk.

"My policy from the beginning has been the Big Spring chamber will help you, as a member,

in any way possible. The chamber will do everything possible to either solve your problems, answer your questions, or see that you get in touch with someone who can," Walker said.

She is already at work, but her more immediate plans are to roll up her sleeves and promote Big Spring as a tourist attraction. She also plans to meet and begin working with the new board of the Industrial Foundation, the City Council, County Commissioners, and the director and board of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.

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- Justice of the Peace
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Bad Checks/Warrants issued:
The addresses listed are the last known addresses. If any problems, please contact China Long's office at 264-2226.
Daine, John, 3905 William
Damas, Irving.
Eaton, Wesley, 4221 Hamilton,
Big Spring.
Montley, Kathy Dugan, 101
Jefferson, Big Spring.
Burnem, Janet Sue, 906
Alyesford, Big Spring.
Cahoon, Chuck, 1615 State,
Big Spring.
Chavarria, Frank Salas, Jr.,
510 Abrams, Big Spring.
Corley, James Sanders, 4221
Hamilton, Big Spring.
Dawford, Susan K. Tubbs,
2420 28th, Lubbock.
Grez III, Felipe, 607 W. 9th,
Big Spring.
Cummings, Lilo, 1408
Princeton, Big Spring.
Franklin, Amy K., 538
Westover, Apt. 120, Big Spring.
Gammel, Teresa, P.O. Box 2395,
Big Spring.
Garcia, Bonnie, 902 Rannels,
Big Spring.
Gutierrez, Alex, 430
Thompson Lane, Austin.
Harper, Julie, 2330 N. Hwy
208 Apt. 1, Colorado City.
Harper, Nancy, 306 41st,

- Snyder.
Hesson, Russ, 3304 W. Hwy 80,
#9, Big Spring.
Hysell, Sarah M., 2610 Ent,
Big Spring.
Lownes, David Brian,
Court yard Apts. Apt. L, Big
Spring.
Merket, Melissa, 538
Westover, #128, Big Spring.
Mills, Donny, HC 69, Box 182,
Forsan.
Noggler, Dennis, Rt 1 Box
567C, Big Spring.
Pierce, Kelly, 538 Westover
#136, Big Spring.
Ramos, Patricia, PO 1247,
Stanton.
Reed, Deidrea, 5421 22nd St.,
Lubbock.
Roberts, Doris P., 2626
Hunter, Big Spring.
Robinson, Shirley, P.O. Box
553, Colorado City.
Rodriguez, Edward, 1212 N.
7th, Lamesa.
Rositas, Tina, 1112 Sycamore,
Big Spring.
Sanchez, Emillo, 2Q1, E.
Dakota, Midland.
Sanchez, Joe L., 633 Settles,
Big Spring.
Trent, Lena Marie, 1302
Winston, Big Spring.
Ugstad, Brad, PO Box 20,
Coahoma.
Ugstad, Patty, PO Box 20,
Coahoma.
Willis, Debra, 1402 Ave. Y,
Hondo.
Wilson, Tommie G., 1902
Settles, Big Spring.
Marriage Licenses:
Andrew Jackson Pirkle, Jr.
48, and Debi Wall Somers, 40.
Wallace Leon Stockton, 51,
and Maxine Roberts Conlan, 52.
Juan Pineda Rodriguez, 29,
and Eutilla Rodriguez, 25.
Keith Allen Whiteside, 50, and
Deborah Brumit Teague, 40.
Gilbert Hernandez, 33, and
Karen Trawick Ward, 38.
County Court Records:
Probated judgment DWI:
Ernest J. Taggart \$500 fine and
180 days in jail, David Coleman
Hines \$450 fine and 180 days in
jail and Malinda Ann Lorez \$450
fine and 180 days in jail.
Probated judgment DWI 2nd
offense: Dick Charles Nichols
\$600 fine and 2 yrs. in jail and
Domingo Guerra, Jr. \$600 fine
and 2 yrs. in jail.
Order of dismissal: Larry
Thomas Barber, Shani Floyd,
Jimmy Churchwell, Michael
Heath Anderson, Sabrina
Brito, Daroll Jay Casey, Elvira
Brito, Michael Mendoza, Jerry
Jimenez Gomez, Jr., Daril E.
Pineda, Kenneth McVea and
Tommy Christian (2).
Probated judgment theft over
\$20/under \$200: Michael Heath
Anderson \$235 court cost and 30
days in jail, LaPaul Scaggs \$100
fine and 180 days in jail, Joe
Alfredo Gomez \$100 fine, \$200
court cost and 10 days in jail,
Terry Noble \$200 fine, \$235
court cost and 60 days in jail
and Larry Thomas Barber \$235
court cost and 10 days in jail.
Probated judgment deferred
adjudication: Jimmy Hector,
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White, Sabrina Kay Young and
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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, March 28, 1995, for the purchase of a Municipal Solid Waste Baler.

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NO. 11,987
ESTATE OF NATHANIAL ERICSSON ROLL, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of NATHANIAL ERICSSON ROLL, deceased, were issued on the 22nd day of February, 1995, under Docket No. 11,987, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to EDITH R. WILLIAMS.

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STATE OF TEXAS
HOWARD COUNTY
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1995, and issued pursuant to judgment decreed in the District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on February 3, 1995, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in March, 1995, the same being the 7th day of said month, at the North Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Big Spring, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 1:30 P.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

- SUIT NO. #90-06-03800
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. William Musser
Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Meadowbrook Subdivision, as described in Volume 488, Page 669, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (Acct. #R4380-0008-00 and #R4380-0009-00).
SUIT NO. #90-06-03801
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Linda Poebel
1/6 Interest in 39 acres in Section 41, Block 31, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas. (Acct. #51041-0017-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - Item 2
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. L.F. and Patricia Bloodworth
.290 Acres, Section 45, Block 31, T-1N, Howard County, Texas. (Acct. #51045-0225-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - Item 3
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. W.E. Shandy, et al
Lot 8, Block 26, Vincent Addition, as described in Volume 29, Page 536, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (Acct. #R5940-0019-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - Item 4
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Fred Holmes, et al
210 Feet by 105 Feet, out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 45, Block 31, Township 1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, being more particularly described in Volume 390, Page 211, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Acct. #51045-0145-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - Item 5
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Fred Holmes, et al
Lot 4, Block 1, Williams Addition, Town of Coahoma, as described in Volume 18, Page 323, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (Acct. #R4860-0174-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - ITEM 6
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Fred Holmes, et al
Lot 6, Block 8, Original Townsite of Coahoma, as described in Volume 18, Page 323, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (Acct. #R4860-0174-00)
SUIT NO. #93-12-04172 - ITEM 7
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Fred Holmes, et al
.85 Acres, out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 45, Block 31, Township 1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, being more particularly described as the First Tract in Volume 516, Page 133, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas (Acct. #51045-0036-00)
SUIT NO. #4174
STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
Cochoma Independent School District vs. Ru'e Hosenbalk, et al
Lots 15-20, Block 5, Original Townsite of Coahoma, as described in Volume 13, Page 202, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; and as described in Volume 19, Page 236, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; and as described in Volume 34, Page 129, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; and as described in Volume 40, Page 247, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Acct. #0100-005-0150) (any volume and page references, unless otherwise indicated, being to the Deed Records, Howard County, Texas, to which instruments reference may be made for a more complete description of each respective tract.)

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