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Attorney denies civil rights violations

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The attorney representing the City of Big Spring, a police officer, a former judge and police chief denies his clients violated the civil rights of three local residents.

In a response filed last month

in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas Abilene Division, attorney Terry Rhoads denies all the allegations claimed by Marcellino Rangel, Ramon Lopez and Ida M. Rosas.

The three plaintiffs filed a \$250,000 lawsuit in January stating the city, former municipal

Judge Arnold Marshall, former police chief Joe Cook and Det. John Stowers violated their rights when a drug raid was conducted in February 1993.

The plaintiffs also claim officers searched the two men and the Hilltop Barber Shop without displaying a search warrant. When Rangel asked to see one,

an officer reportedly left the scene and returned with a warrant signed by Marshall at 10:43 a.m. The plaintiffs said the search began at 10 a.m.

However, the response filed by Rhoads denies the claim. "Rangel was furnished a copy of the search warrant at the search site. Defendants deny that a

search warrant was initiated around 10 a.m. but will show that the search began after the issuance of the search warrant on Feb. 2, 1993.

"For a relatively brief period of time, ingress and egress was restricted. Defendant Stowers conducted this search of the barber shop in a professional

and reasonable manner. Stowers further asserts that at all relevant times he was acting within the scope of his discretionary authority and his conduct was objectively reasonable under the circumstances," the response states.

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Moss student wins county spelling bee on word 'intense'

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Intense was the name of the game at the Howard County Spelling Bee Wednesday night. Christopher Correa, a fifth grader at Moss Elementary, was the winner when he correctly spelled the word "intense."

"I was very nervous before the bee started but now I'm relieved it's over. I always get nervous before things like this. I can't believe I won."

"I thought I would go out in the first round. My parents and I studied as long as we could before the bee and we studied before I got here. Now, I'll study real hard for the Lubbock bee and just hope I make it," Correa said after being announced the winner.

Correa advances to the regional competition in Lubbock April 1 and the winner will compete in the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

The fifth grader received a dinner at Alberto's, a plaque donated by the Big Spring Herald, a \$50 savings bond, a dictionary donated by Bluebonnet

Savings, a coupon from Little Caesars Pizza, a coupon from Pizza Hut and a bowling ticket book from Bowl-a-Rama.

Kentwood Elementary student April Ward was the runner-up and received a ribbon, \$50 savings bond, the pizza coupons and bowling ticket book.

The third place winner was Adam Montgomery from St. Mary's Episcopal School. He received a ribbon, \$50 savings bond and coupon from Little Caesars.

All participants received a ribbon and free pass to Skate-land.

Cory Baker, Gollad Middle School; Shana Self, Forsan Junior High and Cody Burson, Bauer Elementary went out in the sixth round. Melissa Beaty, College Heights; Nadia Torres, Marcy Elementary and Rachel Ray, Runnels Junior High went out in the third round and Jarrod Simmons, Washington Elementary, went out in the second round.

As explained prior to the start of the bee, the winner was to be determined by option A of the rule book. Option A is used in the National Spelling Bee finals.



Chris Correa from Moss Elementary looks to make sure he got his word right for the victory as April Ward from Kentwood Elementary looks to the crowd at the end of the Howard County Spelling Bee Wednesday.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Children's education key reason for McAteer's candidacy

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Gregg McAteer is running for an at-large position on the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees. He has lived here since 1990 and graduated from Texas A & M in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering.

He has worked for Nalco-Exxon Energy Chemicals for eight years. He and his wife, Katy, have three sons with the oldest one attending Anderson Kindergarten Center.

Why did McAteer decide to run? "I wanted to get involved with my children's education because it is important to me. My parents grew up in West Texas. Many of my relatives still live in the area and I've seen how their attitude toward education is different from mine."

"I want to be involved as much as possible. This is my first time to run and even if I don't win, I will still be involved. I want to help more than just my kids and have an impact as much as possible to benefit them."



GREGG McATEER

He adds an important issue he sees in public education is raising the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test scores. McAteer emphasizes the important of parents and the district working together for the betterment of the students.

"The students also need to learn how to study. I didn't really learn how until I was in college. I would like to see more

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Crooker: Bond meeting beneficial

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several people left Tuesday's special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court with answers to their questions about the upcoming bond election and some may have left with new ones, but Commissioner Bill Crooker said the meeting was beneficial.

When the question was raised as to what commissioners were doing to raise money before hitting citizens with a tax hike, Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "We're having to continually tighten our belts. I don't see where we can cut too much unless we get rid of big things like our library and even look at our law enforcement."

He added, "If the courthouse proposition fails, we will raise taxes to renovate it because this is county property."

One question raised concerned the size of the proposed new jail and what is to be included in it.

Commissioners said the size of the jail is determined based on information submitted by Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard.

According to Crooker, the general rule of thumb is to have three jail beds for every 1,000 people in a community. With Howard County having an estimated population of 32,000, Crooker said a 96-bed jail just happens to work out right.

Commissioners also agree that the jail space would be well utilized because of the backlog of warrants on file.

If both propositions are approved by voters, construction on the jail could begin as early as June and be completed within 10 to 12 months.

When commissioners began meeting in February and looking over the report presented by Aguirre Associates architects, the estimated cost for a new 96-bed jail, courthouse remodeling and renovations, and renovating and remodeling the current library building was \$7.5 mil-

lion. Commissioners went over the report issued by Aguirre Associates and put the red ink to the proposed courthouse renovation plans and whittled the \$7.5 million figure down to \$4.88 million, which is less than the \$5.5 million cap commissioners set several meetings ago.

Commissioner Bill Crooker was pleased with the \$4.88 million figure because it's about \$620,000 less than what commissioners has anticipated.

Commissioners also voted 4 to 1 in favor of presenting the jail and courthouse projects as separate propositions to voters in the April 8 bond election.

The \$4.88 million figure includes \$3.22 million plus contingencies for the proposed Howard County Detention Center and \$1.66 million plus contingencies for renovating and remodeling the Howard County Courthouse.

Left out of the final figures were remodeling and renova-

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NONE INJURED



Police and emergency crews work an accident at the intersection of Seventh and Main Wednesday. Eldred Earl Gray, 63, was cited for failure to yield right-of-way. No injuries were reported.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Texas Trivia
Country singer George Jones was born in what Texas town?
Saraboga
When was the first license plate issued in Texas?
1917

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WORLD/NATION

World: In the strongest sign so far that a religious sect is the prime suspect in the Tokyo nerve-gas attack, police reportedly want to question its missing leader in connection with the poisoning. See page 6A.

STATE

Multiple murder?
Police hope that the 20-gauge shotgun used to kill a woman 17 years ago was among the more than 40 weapons seized at her former husband's home in Arlington. See page 3A.

Bill wins OK
A comprehensive overhaul of the state's juvenile justice system that aims to crack down on violent teens has won preliminary approval by the House. See page 3A.

Cheerleader Mom
The woman dubbed Cheerleader Mom in an alleged murder-for-hire plot may soon be headed back to court for a new trial. See page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
89 ▲ Highs
55 ▼ Lows

Mostly clear
Tonight, mostly clear. Low in the mid 50s. South wind 5-15 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Friday: Mostly sunny and breezy. High in the upper 80s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty.
Saturday: Mostly sunny and breezy. High in the mid 80s. South to southwest wind 10-20 mph and gusty.

Thursday

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Civil

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The plaintiffs allege the officers were at the wrong address, searching the wrong people, customers were not allowed to leave or enter the building and Rosas was forced to stand outside in the cold weather for 35 minutes while her apartment was being searched. The defendants deny all of these claims.

The warrant stated officers received a tip Anselmo Hilario was in possession of marijuana at property he owned at 1706 and 1708 W. Third. However, the plaintiffs state Rangel owns the barber shop at 1706 West Third and Hilario lived at 1708. Rosas was leasing an apartment at 1706 1/2 W. Third from Rangel.

"During the initial stage of the search there was a very brief period of time in which people were denied access to and from the barber shop. After the initial threat of harm was extinguished and control established, business resumed.

Meeting

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tions to the current library building because commissioners decided moving several offices from the courthouse to the library building, once the library is relocated to the old Sunbelt Savings building, is something that will have to wait.

Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "We have to take care of our mechanical portion of the courthouse because if we don't we're going to damage the physical structure of the building and it will end up looking like the Permian Building."

"I'd like to do the rest of the renovations to the courthouse, but we have to do the mechanical first or we're not taking care of the county's property, which is what we were hired to do."

Choate added, "We need to let the public know that we're doing what we have to do to maintain county property. We're trying to do what is necessary and what is right."

OBITUARIES

Billy Thomas

Billy Paul (Bill) Thomas, 57, died Tuesday, March 21, 1995, in San Antonio. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, March 24, at Sunset Funeral Chapel. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park with Masonic Graveside Rites and under the direction of Sunset Memorial Park and Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas was born March 25, 1937, in Big Spring. He was a very loving and devoted family man, he always wanted his children and grandchildren with him. He was a great lover of the outdoors and enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mr. Thomas was also an avid fast pitch softball player and played all over the state of Texas. He was a member of the A.G.C. (Association of General Contractors), the Masonic Lodge, and the Blue Bonnet Lodge #1219, A.F. & A.M.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch
Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
267-6331

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FUNERAL HOME
& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288
Myrtle Nelson, 87, died Thursday. Services are pending.

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"Cook will show that at the time in question, he was not a participant in the search and seizure, but only an observer of a part of the search. Cook would show that it was not the policy of the police department of the City of Big Spring to violate citizens' rights and further denies that those rights were violated in this particular instance," the response continues.

Rhoads also states Marshall asserts absolute immunity in this case and wants the court to dismiss him from the lawsuit. It does say Marshall was acting in his capacity as municipal judge but he did not participate in the search or seizure and was only involved in his judicial capacity to review and issue the warrant.

The City of Big Spring states the plaintiffs failed to sufficiently show a custom, policy or practice which would render the city responsible for any of the conduct alleged by the plaintiffs.

A trial date has not been set yet in this case.

We're trying to do what is necessary and what is right.

Sonny Choate

What commissioners cut from the courthouse proposal included \$683,000 in cosmetic costs.

Commissioners were in agreement on the jail proposal from the start, but the important issue according to Choate and Crocker was deciding where to cut costs within the courthouse project.

What commissioners decided was to take care of the mechanical needs of the courthouse and the bring the building into local code compliance and into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•RAUL G. MARTINEZ, 38 no address given, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.

•MICHAEL ALLEN RUSH, 23 of 1510 South Bell, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

•SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS in the 400 block of West Fourth, 600 N.W. Ninth, 1500 block of Marijo, 4200 block of West Highway 80, N.E. Second and Austin, 4300 block of Wasson, 1000 block of North Main, 800 block of Gregg, 900 block of Aylford, 600 block of West 15th, 200 block of N.W. Second, 1200 block of West Third, 500 block of North Lamesa and 3300 block of East Interstate 20.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 100 block of East 11th.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 900 block of West Fourth and in the 1400 block of Scurry.

•ASSAULTS in the 100 block of N.W. Ninth and 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

•THEFTS in the 1500 block of Wood and 1100 block of N.W. Seventh.

•THEFT OF GAS in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•LOUD PARTY in the 800 block of Larilla.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 1200 block of Gregg. A citation for failure to control speed was issued.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE in the 1200 block of Nolan.

•HINDERING A SECURED CREDITOR in the 700 block of North Lancaster.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 600 block of State.

SPRINGBOARD

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TODAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Tape Study, 615 Settles.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Country/western music and singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

•Humane Society meeting, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY

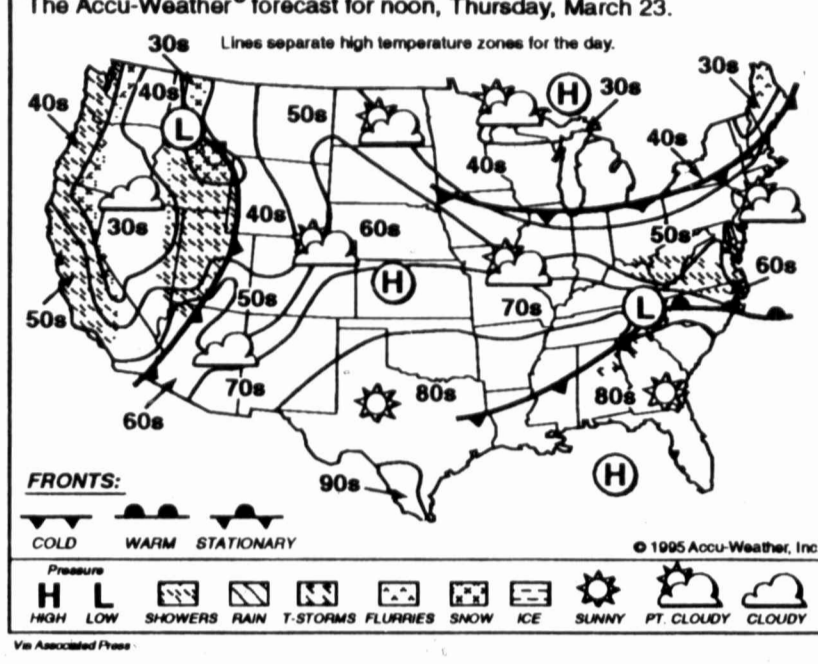
•Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Sober Living Skills educational group, 12 noon to 1 p.m.,

NATIONAL Weather



NATIONAL SUMMARY:
Unsettled and unusually chilly weather will persist along the West Coast today. Temperatures will not rise above the 50s away from the coast in Southern California. Any thunderstorm in this region may produce hail, with snow falling as low as 2,000 feet in the southern half of the state. Very warm air will linger across the midsection of the nation.

Did You Win? LOTTO: 7, 9, 19, 22, 24, 39
PICK 3: 0, 6, 9

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

•JUAN IGNACIO OCHOA, 24 of 1205 West Sixth, surrendered himself to the sheriff's office for revocation of probation. He is being held without bond.

•CHARLES TOMAS INGRAM JR., 17 of 604 Goliad, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for assault. He was released after posting a \$2,500 bond.

•DEBORAH FRANCIS DEAX, 40 no address given, was transferred to Mitchell County to be housed after being charged

with revocation of probation.

•EMILIO CIRO SANCHEZ, 26 of 1517 South Baird, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Midland. He was released after posting a \$2,000 bond.

•BRENDA KAY ROBERTSON, 46 of Route 1 Box 378, was released from the Mitchell County jail for time served for revoking her probation.

•VICTOR TYRONE PRUITT, 27 of 1307 14th Street, was transferred from the city jail on a charge of assault/family violence. He was released after posting a \$240 bond.

•TERRY CURTIS PERKINS, 38 of 1402 Austin, was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to serve

McAteer

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communication between the parents and teachers so the parents know what their child is learning. The parents need to know how to teach their child how to study as well," McAteer continued.

The candidate says he wants to emphasize to students the important of thinking globally and about their future beyond high school. "Learning Spanish is important especially with the North American Free Trade Agreement. This will give people a chance to have a career on the international level."

"I believe education helps to develop the tools so one can be flexible in their career choices. They must have a good command of the English language and scoring high on math and science tests all the time. I want to spend my time making public schools a great place for someone to get an education," McAteer concluded.

McAteer is one of five candidates vying for three positions on the school board in the May 6 election.

RECORDS

Wednesday's temp. 86
Wednesday's low 46
Average high 72
Average low 42
Record high 91 in 1934
Record low 18 in 1952
Rainfall Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.38
Month's normal 0.49

seven years for revoking his probation. He had been on probation for possession of a controlled substance.

•BENJAMIN TORRES BRIONES, 46 of Lamesa, was transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to serve two four-year terms on felony charges of driving while intoxicated.

•GARY DEAN COLEMAN JR., no address given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ATTEMPTED BURGLARY at a business on East Interstate 20 east of Big Spring.

•RING STUCK ON FINGER of a female. She came into the sheriff's department for assistance in removing a ring. She was taken to the emergency room.

•VEHICLE DRIVING TOO FAST in Sand Springs where children were playing.

•FOX IN YARD at a residence on Ratliff Road.

IN BRIEF

DOT to hold 87 upgrade meeting

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct two public meetings to provide information and solicit input concerning the upgrading of U.S. Highway 87 from a two-lane to a four-lane divided highway between SH 163 in Sterling County and the Howard County line in Glasscock County.

The first meeting will be March 27 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Sterling County Courthouse, 607 Fourth Street, Sterling City.

The second meeting will be April 18 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Curry, Garden City.

Anyone interested is invited to attend and participate in these meetings. Anyone having special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact TxDOT at (915) 947-9205 or 944-1501 no later than two days prior to the meeting. TxDOT says it will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 104.55 cents a pound, down 75 points; May crude oil 18.83 down 13 points; cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 39 cents even; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 70 cents even; April live hog futures 39.85, down 52 points; April live cattle futures 68.62, down 25 points; according to Delta Commodities.

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Man suspected of killing current, former wife

COPPERAS COVE (AP) — Police hope that the 20-gauge shotgun used to kill a woman 17 years ago was among the more than 40 weapons seized at her former husband's home in Arlington.

Police also say they found evidence that the man's present wife, who has been missing for five months, did not disappear on her own.

"We are confident we found some more evidence that will assist the case in Copperas Cove and some evidence that appears to indicate further that her disappearance was not voluntary," Arlington police spokesman Dee Anderson said Wednesday night.

As Jack Reeves, 54, was being held Wednesday in Coryell County Jail on \$500,000 bond on a charge of murder, Arlington and Copperas Cove police were searching his home for evidence linking him to the 1978 slaying.

His lawyer, Wes Bail of Arlington, could not be reached for comment Wednesday night. His home telephone number is unlisted.

Meanwhile, Arlington police continued to search for his current wife, Emilita Reeves, who hasn't been seen since Oct. 12.

Although police have not analyzed the weapons, Anderson said it was possible that a shotgun used in the 1978 death of Reeves' second wife, 34-year-old Sharon Reeves, was among the weapons found at his home.

She initially was believed to have shot herself in the chest while at home in Copperas Cove, a town of about 24,000 people located about 60 miles north of Austin.

Police became suspicious and began investigating Reeves when he never reported that his wife had disappeared. Friends filed a missing person report after they found her car abandoned in the parking lot of an Arlington grocery store.

Emilita Reeves, 26, is a native of the Philippines. Reeves reportedly met her after seeing a picture provided by a matchmaking service. The couple have a 3-year-old son.

Reeves' third wife, Myong Reeves, drowned in Lake Whitney in 1986. Her death was ruled accidental and no autopsy was performed. Hill County authorities declined to say Wednesday night if that

Police became suspicious and began investigating Reeves when he never reported that his wife had disappeared. Friends filed a missing person report after they found her car abandoned in the parking lot of an Arlington grocery store.

use was discontinued. His first marriage was annulled.

Coryell County District Attorney Gately said there is a strong case against Reeves, although an attorney is circulating a bill to present the case to a grand jury March 27.

It was a little surprising to find the case 17 years after the slaying.

Anderson said how the link between the death of Sharon Reeves' body was examined. An autopsy performed by a local examiner who was not an autopsy surgeon was reviewed.

Anderson said a review of the autopsy was held from a 17-year-old copy of the 1978 report. The report was written by a pathologist for Reeves, who was arrested Tuesday.

By the time the bodies of the woman were found at the scene, investigators say they can tell the cause of the wounds was a gunshot. The result was a fatal injury.

Anderson said such a review is not a spat. He said the review is scheduled for next week.

Anderson said in 1978 never met her. Gately said, "Copperas Cove Police Chief Stephen Gately said there were no other leads with the initial investigation."

"Our officers were able to find out whether what they were told happened," he said. "We are much better equipped than we were in 1978."

CONCENTRATE!



After looking at her spelling book, April Ward from Kentwood Elementary School closes her eyes as she silently recites the word to herself before the start of the Howard County Spelling Bee Wednesday. The extra work paid off, as Ward came in second.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Juvenile crime bill wins OK

AUSTIN (AP) — A comprehensive overhaul of the state's juvenile justice system that aims to crack down on violent teens has won preliminary approval by the House.

The bill by Rep. Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, would lower from 15 to 14 the age at which a juvenile could be tried as an adult, toughen sentences and expand the list of offenses for which youths could be incarcerated for a fixed period of time.

The House tentatively approved the bill Wednesday with a voice vote following 4 hours of debate. The measure faces another House vote before it can be sent to the Senate for consideration.

Goodman said the measure would send a message to youths that "if they commit a violent crime in Texas ... they're going to do serious time in the Youth Commission or in the adult system."

"For the last decade in Texas, we have had an explosion of juvenile offenses, both petty offenses and serious offenses," Goodman said, citing statistics showing violent crime arrests among youths have risen 282 percent over the last decade.

"We need to treat violent juvenile offenders like the predators they are, and we need to save the ones that we can save," he said.

But Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said the proposals were too severe and would not help rehabilitate violent teens.

"The irony is when all is said and done, two years from now when we come back the problem will still be there, if not greater," Turner said. "There are more good kids out there than there are bad ones, and this bill puts a stigma on them all. I think we have done the kids a disservice."

Turner proposed retaining 15 as the age at which juveniles could be tried as adults, saying lowering the age would do nothing to help curb crime.

"There is no reason to lower the age from 15 to 14 ... except for political purposes," he said. "At some point in time we must send some positive message from this House, and lowering the age when there is no reason to do it continues to send negative vibrations to our children."

Turner also criticized a provision that would lower from 18 to 16 the age at which juveniles would be eligible for transfer to the adult prison system.

"We are opening the doors to start sending kids to the adult criminal corrections system at the age of 16 when TYC is set up specifically for purposes of dealing with these kinds of children," Turner said.

Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, said the provision was necessary to show teens there is "some price at some point that's out there."

"We're not getting the message to kids that in fact if you continue with violent behavior that something is going to happen to you and there is a price to be paid for that type of behavior, whether you're an adult or whether you're a juvenile," Place said.

Witnesses testify in cruelty to animal trial of officers

GALVESTON (AP) — Two witnesses have testified that they saw the bullet-riddled carcass of a small dog on a remote road last year after two Bayou Vista police officers laughingly told of using the Lhasa apso for target practice.

The testimony came in the trial of Greg Trantham, 27, and John Overstreet, 32, who are accused of cruelty to an animal in the April 29 shooting of a dog described by one witness as looking like "Benji," the canine who has appeared in several movies.

If convicted, the two face up to one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

Defense lawyer Stacey Moor-

ing said the prosecution's witnesses made up the story as part of a conspiracy against his clients. He claims the officers did pick up the dog to take it to an animal shelter, but it ran away from them.

Testimony came as representatives from 12 news organizations, including CNN and NBC News watched.

Former Bayou Vista Police Chief Tony Reid and an unidentified undercover narcotics officer testified Wednesday that the two accused officers told them about shooting the dog.

Tiki Island Deputy Marshal Joe Moore testified Tuesday that Overstreet and Trantham were laughing when they told

him about killing the animal.

Reid said Wednesday he went to see for himself whether the dog was really dead after talking to Trantham at a convenience store. He said he found the dead dog on the side of the road.

"You know that movie they made about a dog named Benji? It looked like Benji," Reid said. "It had a bullet hole on the top of its head, two shots on top of its back and one on the side."

Reid said the sight of the dog turned his stomach.

Henry Ruelas of Hitchcock, a friend of Reid's, testified he went to see the dead dog the following day, April 30.

Cheerleader Mom may receive new trial

HOUSTON (AP) — The woman dubbed Cheerleader Mom in an alleged murder-for-hire plot may soon be headed back to court for a new trial.

The Court of Criminal Appeals on Wednesday declined to look at the request of Wanda Holloway's attorneys, who asked that the case against their client be thrown out for lack of evidence.

Prosecutors maintain that Ms.

Holloway wanted to boost the chances of her daughter making a Channelview cheerleading squad by killing Verna Heath, the mother of her daughter's chief rival. They said Ms. Holloway believed Amber Heath would be so grief-stricken that she would drop out of the competition.

Already, Ms. Holloway's 1991 murder-for-hire conviction, which resulted in a 15-year sen-

tence, has been thrown out. That came after the judge learned a juror was under indictment when he heard the case.

State law bans convicted felons or people who are under indictment or a felony accusation from serving as jurors.

The state appealed the decision, but lost when the higher court upheld the trial court judge's decision.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"We have this fantasy that if we just have enough information, we can control events."

Barbara Blessecker, genetic counselor, 1994

Bill could give satisfaction

Texas Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown has submitted a bill to allow murder victims' families to witness the execution of their loved one's killer. The Senate Criminal Justice committee has approved the bill, which is now before the Senate for consideration.

The bill would allow up to five members of the victim's family to witness an execution.

Right now, prison officials, two doctors, prison chaplains, media representatives, a spiritual adviser and five relatives or friends of the condemned convict are allowed to witness an execution.

It seems the family that has suffered the most, first from the loss, then through the trial, then waiting for justice in the form of an execution, should have the right to see justice's final end.

Sen. Mike Moncrief has questioned whether the bill would detract from the

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dignity the condemned deserve.

It might. However, should the victim's family wish to be there, they should have that right.

In all probability, Brown is right when he says the measure wouldn't be widely used because most of the families would have gotten on with their lives, coming to grips with the loss before an execution even comes close to happening.

Justice is more tangible when it deals with anything but the loss of life. The dead cannot be brought back, no matter whether the convicted gets a term in jail or the death sentence.

But, for some families, witnessing the execution is final proof that justice has been carried out.

Letters to the Editor

It's good living in a caring community

Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their concern during my recent encounter with the rabid fox. The calls, cards and expression of love shown by so many have been truly heart warming. I believe the Lord takes difficult situations and turn them into good.

I want to express my appreciation for all the media coverage, not only the accuracy of the reporting but the genuine concern shown. I believe it helped to alert others to the possible danger of these rabid animals. I would also like to thank the emergency room personnel of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Midland Memorial for their efficient care.

My thanks also to Lt. Chamness and his wardens for their help. It is good to live in a caring community.

Sincerely,

Dean Fisher
Big Spring

Bill would end unfunded mandates

Editor:
For several years unfunded mandates from federal and state governments have cost taxpayers millions of dollars. The city of Big Spring has spent in excess of \$7 million or the last 10 years to update and rebuild city facilities that were not broke. If proposed rules are enacted, we could spend another \$10,000,000 chasing the same bureaucratic rainbow. Laws were passed to allow bureaucrats to create new rules and regulations without any consideration of the cost or the need.

Two organizations that the City of Big Spring participates with, have led the fight for reform. The Texas Municipal League and the National League of Cities have pushed for legislation that will be delivered to the President this week that will greatly reduce if not stop unfunded mandates. The President has promised to sign the new bill.

I am proud to say the city of Big Spring has been a part of this process through these two organizations. We can take pride in the fact that we have had a voice in the way federal government looks at and treats cities across this country.

Tim Blackshear,
Mayor, Big Spring

We need to save public TV

Editor:
Let us all do what we can to save our public television. Where else would we be seeing opera, Broadway musicals, symphonies, plays, for those of us who would never get to New York and other worldly places

like Paris and London. But it does not end there.

There is music and excitement for the children. Every child should be able to sing along with children's music, play act and dance. Where else do our creative people come from.

Thanks to people like Walt Disney, Jim Henson and His Muppets, Shari Lewis and Lamb Chop and many more. We could go on.

Most have a TV and we can all walk down the street to Sesame Street where good friends meet.

I grew up with music in the home. I was a young teenager during the Depression but we had a piano. My dad saw to it that he loved to sing and he played the harmonica. His greatest joy was to have us all around the piano and singing. Like my favorite "Up With People" tune, a lonely man approaches a farm house and he hears singing. He is searching for something he does not have, a family, togetherness. "They may have been out of tune, but they were singing."

Public television is not just for the "elite" as some has said. I would have missed my ride on the Orient Express. The present day Miss America is proof we can be all we dream we can and should be an inspiration to all young Americans to at least try to have a goal and work toward it. Things may not always be as they seem, I know, but listen for the music and the beat. Good music!

Let us save our public TV and prove them wrong.

Letha M. Lewis
Big Spring

Cap Rock helps emu eggs survive

Editor:
On the night of March 1, we experienced a power outage at our residence. It is very unusual for Cap Rock for the power to be off more than 15 minutes, and never more than an hour. After three hours without power, we became concerned as we had over 100 emu eggs in the incubators and hatcher. As I was about to call Cap Rock, Lester Baker from Cap Rock telephoned us to inquire regarding the status of our Emus. After learning of our situation, Mr. Baker advised he would bring the necessary equipment to prevent damage to our eggs. Within the hour, Mr. Baker and Steve Hodges had our hatchery connected to power. With the severity of the weather, and the cause of the power outage, these gentlemen's actions were truly beyond the expected. It is reassuring to know that the employees of Cap Rock are looking out for their customers.

Debra Wallace
Big Spring

How will the city make it work?

Denise Wilkinson
Big Spring

Running from the law

Foster mom, ordered to surrender girl, disappears with children

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Sidney Reiter tried to fight off a wave of grief as he ran across the signs of happier days.

Tiny ballet shoes lay where they had been tossed by his curly-haired 2 1/2-year-old foster daughter. Weeds grew again in the tomato garden that his adopted 7-year-old son had rushed home from school to tend each day. A big circle marked March 27 on the calendar — a pot-luck dinner by Cub Scout mothers.

Reiter hasn't seen his children or his wife, Kathryn, since March 9. That's when they fled rather than obey a court order to surrender the couple's foster daughter to cousins of the girl's mother, a crack cocaine user.

"What can I say? She's our little girl," Reiter said Wednesday, tears rolling down his cheeks. "We were told right from the beginning that we would be allowed to adopt her. We sold our little condo to buy this three-bedroom house so each of the children could have their own room."

Reiter choked with emotion and paused for perhaps two minutes, taking deep breaths until he could continue.

"Kathryn is the only mother she has ever known," he said. "Can you imagine how our

baby will feel when they take her away in the car? Oh my God, I just can't bear to think about it."

The Reiters have raised their foster daughter, known in court documents as Baby J, since she was 6 months old. They wanted to adopt her — as they had their son Tommy four years ago — and claim the natural mother's cousins refused to take the baby two years ago.

The Reiters also say the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services told them they could adopt the child if they would first give her a foster home.

But the caseworker who allegedly told them that is no longer with HRS and can't be located.

Look at my children and think what I would do if someone threatened to take them away, and I say to her, 'Run, Kathryn. Run. And never stop.'

Pam Justiniano

And although HRS officials admit they made mistakes — such as leaving the child too long with the Reiters and not looking hard enough for her relatives — they claim the Reiters were told from the beginning that the placement was temporary and could be contested by a relative.

The couple even signed a document agreeing to give up the child on demand.

"We were told it was just paperwork, that no one in the family wanted the baby," Reiter said.

HRS district administrator

Anita Bock said relatives of Baby J were not aware of her existence until months after she was born. The agency generally strives for family reunification.

Two weeks ago, a judge awarded custody to the cousins, who have two teen-age children. Mrs. Reiter, 37, went home from court, packed, grabbed a few of the children's favorite toys and stuffed animals, and disappeared.

Reiter, 74, said his wife didn't tell him she was going on the run, probably so he could not be arrested as an accessory. Those who know Mrs. Reiter predict she'll never be caught.

"You're dealing with a Dr. Richard Kimble here," said her lawyer, George Metcalfe, referring to the main character in the television series "The Fugitive." He said he wanted Mrs. Reiter to return to fight for adoption of the child in court.

The cousins, who have not been identified, were devastated to find out Mrs. Reiter had fled, said their attorney, Anthony Carbone. He said Mrs. Reiter knew all along that relatives wanted to adopt the child, and said she is wrongly being portrayed as a heroine.

"It is absurd," he said. "This lady has been able to manipulate the press while she violates the law."

Pam Justiniano, a mother of two boys who knows Mrs. Reiter, said she could understand why her friend went on the run.

"On the one hand, I know what she has done is wrong," she said. "But I look at my children and think what I would do if someone threatened to take them away, and I say to her, 'Run, Kathryn. Run. And never stop.'"

THIS LITTLE PIGGY



This little hog didn't want to go to market. Or so it appeared on Lower Valley Road, south of Kalispell, Mont., when one of Bob Danford's 32 hogs leaped over a 5-foot-high sidewall in the back of his truck. Danford, who is in pursuit, was hauling the load of hogs to market when this one escaped. It took five men about 20 minutes to capture the hog, which was then taken to market.

Most of money seized will return to PD

Editor's note: Due to an error, part of this story was left out of Wednesday's paper. The story is being rerun in its entirety.

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police Chief Jerry Edwards told City Council members Tuesday night that the BSPD should get about \$25,500 of the almost \$34,000 seized in a recent drug bust.

Last Wednesday night the BSPD's Drug Intervention Unit made the bust during a routine traffic stop when Officer Cpl. Jimmy Mayes pulled Phillip Dale Ferguson over near mile marker 176 for not wearing a seatbelt.

Edwards briefed council members at Tuesday's meeting saying Ferguson voluntarily sur-

rendered one ounce of marijuana and the large amount of cash when he discovered he had been pulled over by a K-9 unit.

He said, "Ferguson said 'Don't bring the dog (Lotta) up here.'"

Edwards said Ferguson was arrested at the time and the vehicle was impounded and searched. No additional money or drugs were located in the vehicle, but another \$3,400 was located on Ferguson's person during booking.

According to Edwards, all money and contraband was seized by narcotics officers and Ferguson gave a statement that all the money was to be used for purchasing drugs.

As part of his agreement with the BSPD, Ferguson's 1983 Ford Mustang convertible was released to him.

The BSPD should receive the \$25,500 in a couple of weeks and

the District Attorney's office will receive the remainder of the cash.

Edwards told council members that drug seizure money cannot be used for salaries, but it can be used for things like more equipment, training, and school programs.

As he briefed the council, Edwards said the rabies problem Howard County is experiencing has reached home with the BSPD as well.

Lotta, the police K-9, was bitten by a fox that got into the area she was in at about 4 p.m. Tuesday.

He said Lotta had just about killed the fox when police got to it, but officials did kill the fox and the head was sent to Austin.

Lotta was taken to the veterinarian where she was reported to be OK.

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Survey shows hospitals
need more translators

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than one patient in 10 at large urban hospitals cannot understand English, but hospitals often don't have enough trained translators to help them, even in emergencies, according to a survey.

Nearly half the hospitals responding to the survey by the private National Public Health and Hospital Institute, said they rarely, if ever, test the language skills of interpreters.

The report said volunteer interpreters may be members of a hospital's staff or a patient's family, secondary school pupils, people in the hospital waiting room.

Sometimes volunteers are drawn from ethnic restaurants in the neighborhood for interpreting duty, the report said. Doctors have even had to use children.

Newspaper revenue
rose in 1994

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Newspaper Association of America says U.S. newspaper advertising revenue rose 7.25 percent in 1994 to nearly \$34.2 billion, the highest in eight years.

The association, based in nearby Reston, Va., represents more than 1,500 newspapers in the United States and Canada. It reported Wednesday that newspaper advertising expenditures totaled \$10 billion in the last quarter of the year, an 8.1 percent increase over the same quarter of 1993.

Classified advertising led the fourth quarter increase with an 11.9 percent gain over the previous year, to \$12.5 billion; national expenditures were up 7.9 percent, to \$4.1 billion; and retail advertising was up 4 percent, to \$17.5 billion.

Dead son's eyes
donated to mother

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP) — In death, 15-year-old Christopher Collin can keep a promise to be his blind mother's eyes.

Christopher died Monday of injuries suffered when he was struck by a car Sunday night. When arrangements were made for donation of his organs, hospital officials decided his corneas should be transplanted to his mother to give her a chance to see again.

"It absolutely blew me away. I didn't know what to think ... because I never expected any thing like this to happen," Sally Collin, who has been blind since 1982, said Wednesday.

"He kept his word," Ms. Collin said. "He promised, 'Momma, I'll never leave you, and I'll always be your eyes.'"

Kaelin turns serious
at Simpson trial

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Suddenly, murder wasn't so funny anymore.

Brian "Kato" Kaelin shifted from limelight-loving jokester to reluctant prosecution witness in the O.J. Simpson trial after he was asked about the children whose mother had just been slain and whose father was the prime suspect.

The morning after the killings, 6-year-old Justin was playing a video game in his father's house, Kaelin told jurors Wednesday. Sydney, 9, was spread out on a couch, trying to sleep.

Kaelin, on the stand for a second day, also told jurors about a previously undisclosed quarrel that Simpson had with his ex-wife at their daughter's dance recital just hours before the killings.

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Home heating program may be preserved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Republicans seem ready to preserve a home heating-aid program for the poor and in the process do battle with a GOP-led House that has already voted to kill the assistance.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the subcommittee that oversees the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program and a presidential hopeful, said Wednesday he would shield the \$1.3 billion in aid from budget cutters.

"To cut out the entire funding for the program would be very disastrous for many American families," Specter told reporters.

The assistance program, which helps 5.6 million households, was among the most controversial cuts the House made when it voted last week to cancel \$17 billion in already-enacted spending.

Republicans touted the package as their first step in trimming the deficit, but Democrats have said it shows the scant regard the GOP has for the poor, elderly and children. Because of its cuts in social programs, the Clinton administration has threatened to veto the package.

The chairmen of the 13 subcommittees of the Senate Appropriations Committee were completing work on their own version of the spending-cuts package. The bill, expected to fall a bit short of the House's total, probably will be approved by the panel on Friday and move to the Senate floor next week.

On another front, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has

begun detailing a preliminary \$1.2 trillion deficit-reduction plan to his GOP colleagues that would balance the budget by 2002, said a Senate Republican who spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least for now, the outline lacks tax cuts that House Republicans and some GOP senators want and leaves defense spending mostly level. As he readies the plan for presentation to his committee later this spring, Domenici plans to invite senators who want tax reductions, defense increases or other changes to suggest ways to pay for them, the source said.

The \$1.2 trillion, seven-year outline would cut scores of programs by \$1 trillion and generate an additional \$175 billion in savings from resulting lower interest payments.

It would include about \$770 billion in savings by cutting and slowing the growth of benefit programs such as Medicare. Social Security would not be cut. There would be \$230 billion in additional savings from the part of the budget that encompasses other domestic programs, foreign aid and defense.

Domenici would provide no details of his plans, saying, "We're looking at options."

The heating-aid program Specter wants to protect dispenses average annual fuel assistance of \$200 per family, government figures show. More than one-third of the recipients are elderly.

Specter chairs the Appropriations panel with jurisdiction over health, education and labor programs.

Type of heart care may vary by state

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — An elderly heart patient in North Dakota is almost four times more likely than one in Wyoming to get a coronary bypass operation.

In Missouri, the chance of undergoing an angioplasty procedure for the same problem is nearly four times higher than in New York.

"Where you live influences the kind of cardiovascular procedures you will get," said Dr. Norman S. Kato of UCLA Medical Center. Kato released his analysis of nationwide Medicare statistics Wednesday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

He documented starkly different rates for common treatments across the United States, yet there is no evidence that people are any better off in the states where the procedures are used most often.

Previous studies have found similar differences between regions, states and even hospitals for other procedures. Together, they raise questions about whether many of the expensive and potentially risky medical procedures that people take for granted are really necessary.

About 800,000 Americans undergo bypass or angioplasty each year, mostly to relieve chest pain caused by clogged heart arteries.

In angioplasty, doctors insert a tiny balloon into the clogged arteries and inflate it briefly to force them open. During bypass surgery, they sew in small pieces of blood vessel to reroute blood around the blockages.

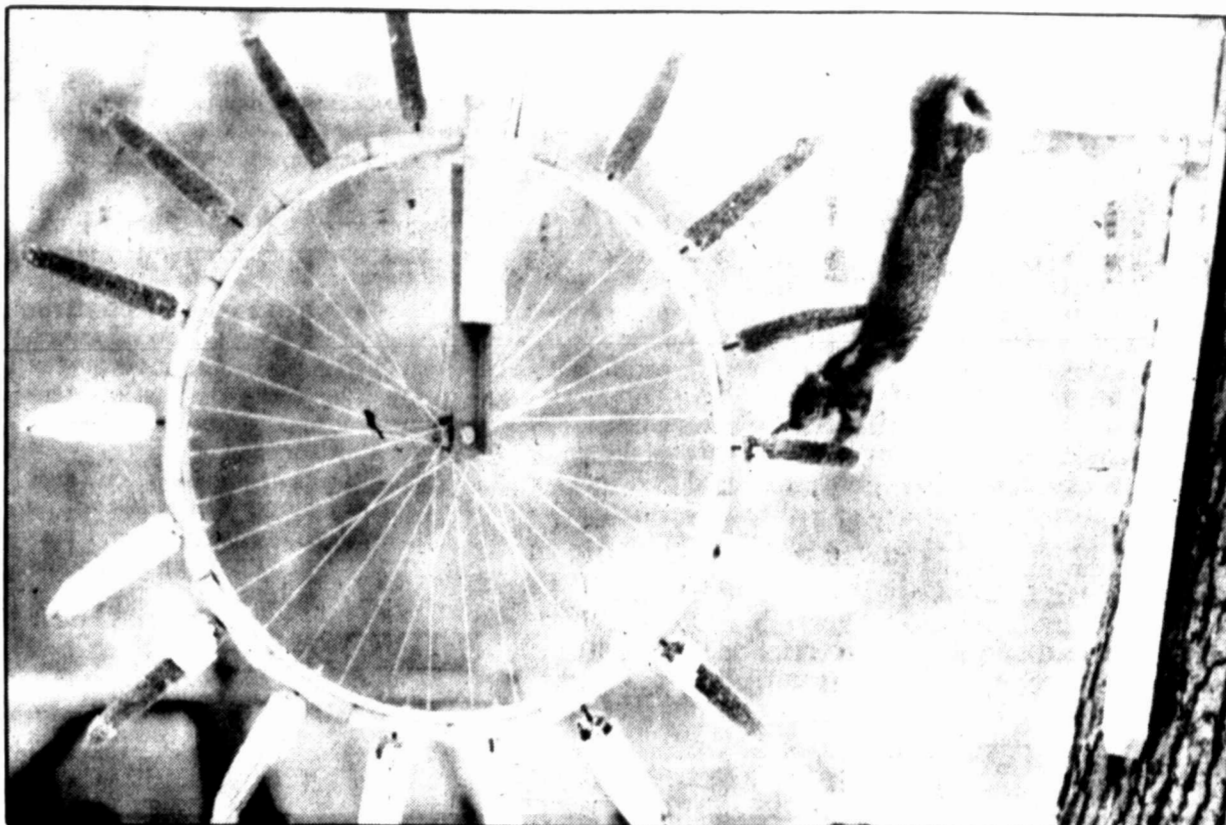
Many patients with chest pain can be treated successfully with heart pills alone. It's up to the physician when to give up on medical therapy and recommend angioplasty or bypass.

"Bypass surgery and angioplasty have become growth industries," said Kato, a surgeon. Their use expanded explosively during the 1980s. Now they are increasing especially fast among people over age 80.

Using 1991 data, he found doctors in North Dakota perform more bypass operations on elderly patients than in any other state: 872 of these procedures for every 100,000 people over age 65.

Other states with high surgery rates included Alaska, Arkansas, Missouri, Nevada and Tennessee.

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Welfare cuts spark fights in House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bitter partisan fights, full of screaming and shouting, are fast drowning out substantive debate as the House tackles the sweeping Republican welfare overhaul.

Democrats charge that a harsh bill is being shoved down their throats, while the GOP forges steadfastly ahead. Republicans fumed at Democratic attacks Wednesday, calling Democrats protectors of a welfare system everyone knows has failed.

The Republican bill — called the Personal Responsibility Act — would dismantle 45 social programs developed over six decades and send money and the responsibility of dealing with the programs directly to the states. More than 2 million

legal immigrants could be barred from key programs.

Republicans say their approach will be more efficient as states find innovative reforms, saving more than \$66 billion over five years. Democrats say the states are getting money with few strings attached, while poor people are losing the guarantee that they will be taken care of when in need.

Debate on amendments to the welfare overhaul were continuing today. But the Republican leaders' determination to meet their promise to vote on the provisions of their "Contract With America" within the first 100 days of this Congress already had its price Wednesday, when they squelched a break in their own

rank. Anti-abortion Republicans and infuriated Democrats nearly blocked the welfare bill, as a vote to begin debate squeaked by, 217-211.

But some Democrats said Republicans were only speeding through debate to keep Americans from hearing too many of the facts.

"You cannot save money in the short term and be humane," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass.

After the fireworks, the House approved a series of amendments that would allow the savings from reform to be used to finance tax cuts, and prohibit federal welfare funds from being spent on abortions for poor women.

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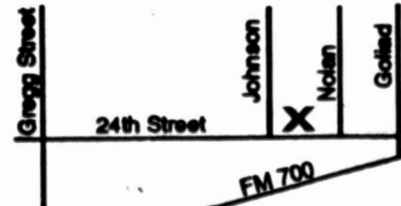
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Police seek sect leader in Tokyo nerve-gas attack

TOKYO (AP) — In the strongest sign so far that a secretive religious sect is the prime suspect in the Tokyo nerve-gas attack, police reportedly want to question its missing leader in connection with the poisoning.

As the crackdown intensified, military poison-gas specialists moved in to investigate and neutralize chemicals found in a car owned by the cult, whose driver was arrested in western Japan today after a police chase.

Police also carried out a second round of searches of buildings belonging to the Aum Shinri Kyo sect. They seized more chemicals experts say are needed to make nerve gas like that

used in the subway attack.

In raids on Wednesday, police had already seized nerve-gas solvent, 22 pounds of gold and \$7.9 million in cash. Also during those raids, several sect members were arrested in an unrelated kidnapping case.

The reports that police wanted to question cult leader Shoko Asahara, who dropped out of sight after the attack, marked a turning point in the case.

Although suspicion had fallen almost immediately on the apocalyptic Buddhist sect, authorities until now have dealt cautiously with the group. The sect has vehemently denied involvement, and has a history of lashing out with lawsuits at those

who mention its links to the manufacture of noxious chemicals.

Police refused to confirm reports by Kyodo News Service and the Mainichi newspaper that they want to question Asahara on suspicion of plotting mass murder.

In the latest raids on cult properties, more than 500 police in full protective gear and carrying caged canaries as gas detectors took soil samples today at a compound near Mount Fuji where they had found nerve-gas solvent the previous day.

They also began removing a two-ton cache of chemicals in vats and drums.



Associated Press photo
An Aum Shinri Kyo sect member is carried by medics and riot police on a stretcher following a morning raid on the sect's rural compound near Mt. Fuji Wednesday morning.

Perry gains agreement on positioning weapons

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Defense Secretary William Perry wrapped up a six-day visit to Persian Gulf states today after gaining agreement for the positioning of enough weapons and other equipment to support a U.S. armored division.

Perry, after a morning of meetings at the Al-Rayyan Palace, said in a statement that he was pleased with the results of his talks in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

"The countries I visited are willing to work with the United States as we follow a policy ... to prevent aggression by Iraq and Iran," said Perry.

"The personal relationships I have established with area leaders will lead to extended access to bases and ports and more effective crises response."

A senior Pentagon official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Perry's meetings with Qatar's emir, Shiek Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, resulted in an agreement to speed up plans to store enough supplies to support about 5,000 troops in battle.

"They agreed to that totally," the senior Pentagon official said. In fact, the Qatar leaders were so sympathetic to the U.S. request that they volunteered the possibility of accepting placement of supplies for a second brigade.

One brigade's supplies is already stationed in Kuwait and the United States wants to put a total of three brigades in the Gulf region in order to field an entire armored division of about 15,000 to 17,000 soldiers should a new land war erupt.

The official said Perry would like to see part of the equipment brought to Qatar as soon as possible and that he expected the entire amount of supplies to be in place by the end of Sept. 30, 1995.

The official explained that construction of some warehouses will be necessary to store the tanks, artillery, armored personnel carriers and ammunition troops could use once they fly in from the United States or bases in Europe.

The storage of supplies does not include the deployment of ground troops to the countries involved.

Cease-fire? What cease fire? Fighting rages on in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Fighting has raged on relentlessly in northeast Bosnia, the fragile cease-fire becoming just a memory.

Radovan Karadzic, the leader of the rebel Serbs, warned Wednesday that he would rule out any negotiations toward a peaceful solution if he could verify reports that the United States has armed the Muslim-led Bosnian government.

As the government army pressed its offensive in the Majevica hills northeast of Tuzla, the U.N. Security Council issued an informal statement calling on the warring sides "to abide strictly by the cease-fire agreement" that took effect on Jan. 1.

In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Christine Shelly said the United States would try "to keep the pressure on all the parties ... to bring them back to the negotiating table."

Those calls were certain to be ignored in Bosnia.

Capt. Sultan Babar, a U.N. spokesman in Tuzla, said artillery exchanges between Bosnian Serb and Muslim-led government armies continued Wednesday southeast of the Majevica heights, where over

500 detonations were recorded.

Wednesday's fighting was centered east of a Serb communications tower and north of the government-held town of Sapsna, 50 miles northwest of Sarajevo, Babar said.

The Belgrade-based Beta news agency also reported that government troops resumed attacks Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Three western hilltops in the Majevica region taken by government forces on Monday were recaptured by Bosnian Serbs late Tuesday, and Bosnian Serbs were bringing in reinforcements.

A senior Serb military officer told Beta the government aimed to capture Majevica and the 30-mile stretch of road from Tuzla to Brcko on the Croatian border to prepare for a large-scale attack on a Serb supply corridor in the extreme northeast.

If the so-called Posavina corridor were cut, Serbs in western Bosnia and in Serb-held parts of Croatia would be severely weakened.

"By this offensive the Muslim army unilaterally has broken the cease-fire agreement," said Lt. Col. Milovan Milutinovic, spokesman for the rebel Serbs' supreme command.

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Swedish charities defy government; continues to house Bosnian refugees

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Swedish charities have defied a government order to deport 5,000 refugees from the Bosnian war, hiding hundreds in homes and churches and inflaming the nation's debate over immigration policy.

The Swedish government, under pressure to stem a flood of asylum-seekers, claims the refugees will be safe back in Croatia. But many Swedes feel a moral obligation to protect the people who fled the fighting last year.

For refugees like Marinko Dragicevic, deportation could mean separation from his wife and two children, prosecution for running to Sweden and possibly death if he is sent to the front.

The family is now on the run

somewhere around Stockholm, hiding from police.

"It's a terrible feeling. We spend our days sitting in a room staring at the walls, constantly thinking about our situation," the 32-year-old former Croatian militia officer said in an interview Wednesday.

Last month, Sweden decided to deport all Bosnians who arrived with Croatian passports, insisting they would be safe in Croatia. The first group of 24 was kicked out last week.

But Swedish charity and refugee organizations, joined by the state Lutheran church, say the refugees almost certainly will be sent back to Bosnia. So last week the groups hid 300-400 people in homes and churches across Sweden and asked volunteers to help hide 2,000 others.

They seem to have support. Local police reportedly have refused to bust into basements or churches to drag out refugees.

Newspapers have detailed the refugees' plight, and TV newscasts have traced their journeys from and back to Croatia.

Sweden has taken in tens of thousands of refugees from Bosnia in recent years, as well as many asylum-seekers from other parts of the world, and the government has been under pressure to control the rising cost of supporting them.

But while some Swedes support the recent tightening of refugee policies, many say the government immigration minister, Leif Blomberg, has gone too far in ordering the deportations.

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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.

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Coahoma's Krista Jeffcoat, right, collides with Big Spring's Kerri Hall during a doubleheader earlier this season. Coahoma, forced to forfeit seven games because of using two ineligible players, still has a strong chance to reach the playoffs.

JUST TWO WINS? HOW?

T-shirt caper forces Coahoma to forfeit seven games

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

Which of the following sentences doesn't fit?
The Coahoma High School girls' softball team made the playoffs in 1994, its first year of existence.

Coahoma is right on course for another playoff berth in '95. Coahoma starting pitcher Audra Bingham has struck out 30 batters in the last three games.

Coahoma has won two games, lost nine.

Pretty easy, eh? That's right - with a bizarre twist the Bulldogettes dropped from a sparkling 9-2 record to a dismal 2-9 mark. How did it happen?

Let's just say the NCAA isn't the only organization policing interscholastic athletics. The NCAA is famous for governing collegiate sports nationwide, but in Texas the UIL can do the same thing to high schools - jump on you when you least expect it.

The Bulldogettes were playing in a tournament at Andrews

The individuals that were subsequently involved, that did not know, they were shook, they felt like they had done an unjust thing toward the team, and it really wasn't their fault.

Danny Randolph

last week, and a parent of one of the players overheard a spectator saying Coahoma was using ineligible girls. That parent brought the matter to coach Danny Randolph's attention, and Randolph called the UIL Monday morning.

What he got was bad news. Two Coahoma players were ruled ineligible because they accepted T-shirts as prizes in a softball tournament last summer. Fortunately for Coahoma, all the girls had to do to restore their eligibility was return the shirts, and they have done so. The problem is, all of the games those girls played in before returning the shirts have been ruled forfeits.

Thus, the 2-9 record. Randolph declined to name the two girls

involved, saying they weren't at fault.

"The day that we found out, and we found out all of the repercussions that were going to come from it, we just sat down and talked to them," Randolph said. "The individuals that were subsequently involved, that did not know, they were shook, they felt like they had done an unjust thing toward the team, and it really wasn't their fault."

Randolph blamed two parties - the high school and the sponsors of the tournament that put two Bulldogettes in trouble. He said he isn't mad at the UIL.

"In all actuality, that's something we as school personnel should have known about," Randolph said. "Our girls need

to be aware of the rules, and we're definitely going to make sure of that in the future."

As far as the players are concerned, the T-shirt caper is ancient history. Coahoma, 1-1 in district after forfeiting a game to Hermleigh, will still make the playoffs if it wins the rest of its district games - a distinct possibility considering Coahoma has a more advanced softball program than district foes Hermleigh and Westbrook.

"It's in the past - we can't do anything about it now," said Coahoma sophomore starter Tori Elmore. "We've just got to look forward to the rest of the games and go out and win those. That's all we can do."

"The girls feel like something they earned was taken away from them, and they want to get it back," Randolph said. "We were getting to the point where we might have been nipping a little bit at each other's heels, and being a little content with where we were at. Now we've got this setback, and if we approach it the way I think we will, it may launch us."

Jordan shakes off rust

'His Airness' leads Bulls to 124-107 win in Boston

BOSTON (AP) - Now, that was more like the Michael Jordan people remember.

His shots were falling, he was in the flow from the start and he had a role in a Chicago Bulls victory for the first time since June 20, 1993, the day they won their third straight NBA title. As in the old days, it was his team's biggest role.

Jordan missed his first five

shots in his return to the NBA on Sunday after a 21-month absence after that championship game. But he sank his first six shots on smooth jumpers Wednesday night and scored 27 points as the Bulls beat Boston 124-107.

Jordan also made all eight of his foul shots and had three rebounds, three assists and two steals in 26 minutes.

At half-time, the Celtics presented a flattering portrait of the Reggie Lewis that their fans would like to remember.

His No. 35 was retired during

a 26-minute ceremony after two weeks of newspaper reports indicating he used cocaine. But the emphasis Wednesday was on his on-court and off-court accomplishments in six years with the team.

His widow, Donna Harris-Lewis, read the capacity crowd her own poem, which said, "Character is one thing that never dies. Let's not believe these harmful lies."

The Bulls went ahead for good, 24-22, on Toni Kukoc's layup with 4:29 left in the first quarter. That began a 10-1 run that made the score 32-23. It was capped by Scottie Pippen's driving layup.

Pippen added 18 points and Kukoc 16 for Chicago. Boston was led by Sherman Douglas with 23 points, Dominique Wilkins with 20 points and Derek Strong with 16 rebounds.



JORDAN

Former teammate says Lewis came from tainted NCAA program

BOSTON (AP) - Members of the Northeastern University basketball squad used marijuana and cocaine, but Reggie Lewis never joined in, according to a former teammate who now lives in California.

Ken Giavara is one of several friends of Lewis who have stepped forward to denounce reports that the late Boston Celtics star did drugs. Meanwhile, an unnamed medical source said Lewis regularly used cocaine to improve his game.

"The team was an extremely hard-partying team," Giavara, who played backup point guard at Northeastern in 1986-87 and now runs a dry cleaning company in San Diego, told The

Associated Press. "I've been in a room with four or five people doing cocaine or four or five people smoking marijuana and never once did Reggie Lewis take part in any of it."

The story jibed with comments from other members of the team, who have admitted doing drugs themselves, but not with Lewis.

Giavara said: "We were tested before the NCAA (tournament) and tested positive. Nothing happened.

Doctor said, 'Don't worry about it. Just clean it up in time for the tournament.'"

Lewis, who went on to play for the Celtics, collapsed during a playoff game with the Charlotte Hornets on April 29, 1993. He later collapsed and died on July 27, 1993, while shooting baskets with friends at Brandeis University.

The Boston Herald on Wednesday quoted an unnamed medical source as saying Lewis admitted to a doctor he used cocaine before every home game as a "performance enhancer." The source said Lewis would not or could not stop, even after he was warned that the continued use of cocaine might kill him.



LEWIS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Big Spring JV baseball loses third straight

Despite strong pitching from Luis Lopez and Blake Hull, the Big Spring JV baseball team lost 4-1 at Andrews Tuesday.

Big Spring (0-3) had just one hit - Clayton Pate's RBI double. Lopez (0-1) and Hull combined for eight strikeouts, and they allowed just five hits.

Big Spring JV will play in the C-City Tournament, which starts Thursday.

Local ladies place in Ranchland Hills playday

Patsy Sharpnack and Betty Auckland placed at the Permian Basin Ladies Golf Association playday March 16 at Midland's

Ranchland Hills Country Club. Sharpnack was second in low putts at 28 - Paula Butler, representing Mission Dorado, won with 27.

Auckland tied for fifth in low putts at 30. Both Sharpnack and Auckland represented Comanch Trail Golf Course.

Coahoma sets softball signups

COAHOMA - Registration for the Coahoma UGSA girls' softball league has begun.

Signups will be: today, 5-8 p.m. at the softball field; Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the softball field. Tryouts will follow registration on Saturday.

Registration fee is \$20, and players need to provide a copy of their birth certificates. For more information, call 394-4748.

SnakeFest softball tournament returns

SnakeFest V, a softball tour-

namment, will be played Friday and Saturday in Big Spring.

Entry fees are \$110 per team, and there is a three-game guarantee. Team trophies will be given to first-through sixth-place teams, and first through fourth will receive individual trophies.

For more information, call Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Stanton hosts softball tournament

A men's softball tournament will be played in Stanton Friday and Saturday. There is a \$100 entry fee per team.

For more information, call Freddy Hernandez at 756-2326.

Midland site for softball tourney

MIDLAND - The E.D. Walton Construction men's round-robin softball tournament is scheduled for March 31-April 2 in Midland.

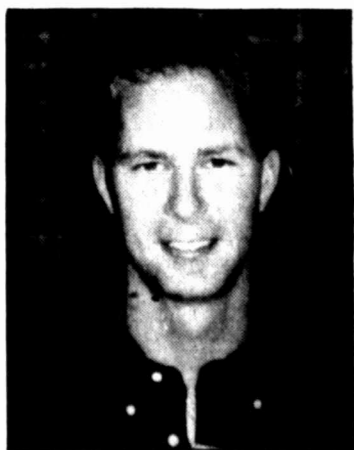
SUPER SWIMMER



Julie Gunn shows her form Wednesday at the Big Spring YMCA, where athletes participated in the Y's Swim-A-Thon. A second Swim-A-Thon session will start tonight at 6.

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SHOT OF THE DAY



Here comes the Honor Roll
Who's this guy? He's Sands girls' basketball coach Leland Bearden, one of many who will be featured in Sunday's Herald as part of the Crossroads Country Honor Roll.

TEXAS SPORTS

Dallas, Edmonton skate to a tie

DALLAS (AP) - Edmonton Oilers rookie David Oliver has bagged prettier goals, but few more important than the completion of his first career NHL hat trick.

The former University of Michigan star scored three times in the third period, including the tying goal with 12.6 seconds to play in regulation, as the Oilers rallied from a 4-1 third-period deficit for a 4-4 tie with the Dallas Stars Wednesday night.

Mavericks handle T-wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - The Dallas Mavericks grabbed 29 offensive rebounds in their 99-96 victory over Minnesota Wednesday. Jamal Mashburn finished with 25 points.

NATION/WORLD

Oregon coach turns down UNLV

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) - Jerry Green turned down the coaching job at UNLV and accepted a new four-year contract at Oregon. Green, 51, led the Ducks to a 19-10 record this season and their first NCAA tournament berth in 34 years.

Agassi wins at Lipton toumey

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) - Second-seeded Andre Agassi beat No. 8 Wayne Ferreira 6-2, 6-4 and No. 12 Magnus Larsson defeated Jaime Yzaga 6-0, 6-3 to advance to a semifinal match in the Lipton Championships.

The top seed in the tournament is top-ranked player Pete Sampras.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

NCAA
Women's NCAA Tournament, 5, 7, 9:30 & 11:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29)
(TEXAS TECH is 7 p.m. game)
Men's NCAA Tournament, 6:30 p.m., CBS (ch. 7)
NBA
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11)

Golf

PGA
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HOCKEY

NHL Standings

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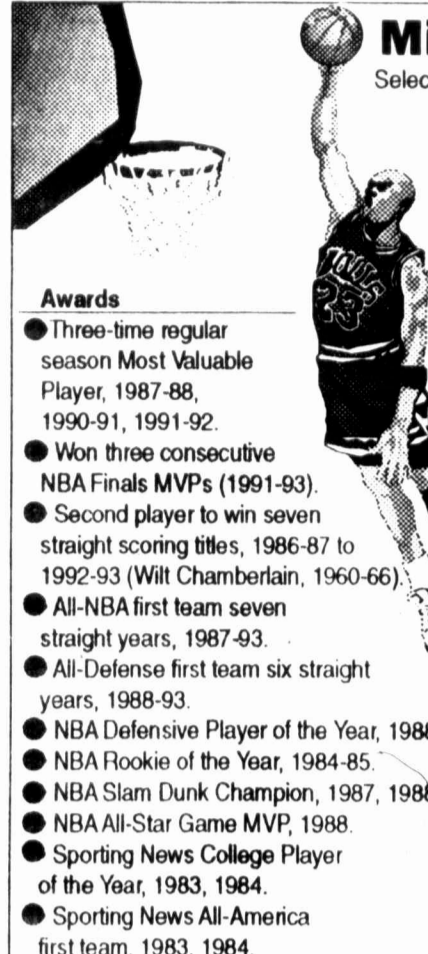
BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

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Table with NIT Tournament columns: NIT Tournament, All Times EST, Quarterfinals, Semifinal winners.



Michael Jordan
Selected highlights from Michael Jordan's career.

- Records
● Bulls' all-time leading scorer and 15th all-time leading scorer in NBA with 21,541 points.
● Scored a playoff-record 63 points in a 1986 first-round game against Boston.
● Set NBA record with 23 consecutive points against Atlanta in 1987.
● 3,041 points in 1986-87 were the third-highest total in NBA history.
● Holds career record for highest-points per game average in regular season, 32.3.
● Shares single-game record for most free throws made in one quarter, 14, 1989 against Utah.
● Career record for scoring average in straight years, 1987-93.
● All-Defense first team six straight years, 1988-93.
● NBA Defensive Player of the Year, 1988.
● NBA Rookie of the Year, 1984-85.
● NBA Slam Dunk Champion, 1987, 1988.
● NBA All-Star Game MVP, 1988.
● Sporting News College Player of the Year, 1983, 1984.
● Sporting News All-America first team, 1983, 1984.

FISHING

Fishing Report

WEST ARROWHEAD: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair to good on minnows, white and chartreuse spinner baits and jigs, crappie are fair to good on minnows, catfish are good on shrimp, nightcrawlers, cut and cheese bait.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear, normal level; black bass are fair on worms; hybrid strippers are slow; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 5 feet of water to the shore; catfish are fair.
FRYER: Water clear; 3 feet low; black bass are slow; crappie to 2 pounds are fair on minnows fished in 2 feet of water; catfish are fair with channels to 2 pounds caught on liver and minnows fished on the bottom.
GRANBURY: Water clear; lake full; 60 degrees; black bass up to 10 1/2 pounds are good on chrome Fat-L-Traps; striped bass are fair by trolling shad like lures deep by the dam; white bass are fair on silver spoons fished up the river; crappie are good on minnow and white Rockerbaits fished in 3 to 14 feet of water; catfish are good on cheese bait fished in 14 to 24 feet of water over baited holes.
GREENBELT: Water clear, normal level; black bass up to 10 pounds are good on Fat-L-Traps, smallmouth are fair; catfish are fair to good on the bait; walleye to 7 pounds are good on artificials.
KEMP: Water clear, normal level; black bass are slow; striped bass are fair; yellow catfish are good on live bait; overall fishing is slow due to low angler pressure.
O.H.VIE: Water clear on main body, murky in upper end and tributaries; 57 degrees; black bass are poor to fair in 0 to 30 feet of water on worms, slabs and spinner baits, smallmouth are poor on slabs fished in 10 to 30 feet of water over rocky areas on the main lake; white bass are fair to good on spoons and slabs fished under gulle on the Concho and Colorado Rivers; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished in 10 to 20 feet of water in Elm and Grape Creeks at night; catfish are fair to good with blues and channels caught on minnows and yellow caught on trotlines baited with live goldfish; walleye are poor with no catches reported.

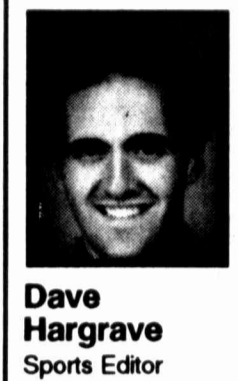
BASEBALL

Spring Training

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As Opening Day nears, scab baseball looks better and better

You know, this scab baseball thing is starting to creep into the blood. For months, I've been warning never to attend, watch or listen to Major League Baseball mockery-replacement-player games. Why throw good money into the major-league team owner's pockets when you can see better baseball in Midland, Oklahoma City or any other minor-league town?



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

Machine dominated baseball in the 1970s. He's witnessed some of the greatest players of all time - Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan, Tony Perez - and he's followed baseball for nearly 30 years. Larry's all for scab baseball. He's thinking about getting season tickets. Why? He's fed up with the players - the REAL players. "There's no way anyone should be paid \$3 million a year to play baseball," Larry said last weekend. "You've got CEO's of Fortune 500 companies with a heck of a lot more responsibilities than a baseball player, and they don't get paid that much. It's ridiculous." Larry's not alone - the majority of sports fans would agree. Larry's right, and when you hear what he says often enough, you start wondering. Maybe the owners should go through with this - break the players' union into smithereens. We've all said, "Heck, I'd play for a tenth of the money those guys make." Now some men are doing just that, and some fans have the nerve to question them. Namely me. Larry started me to thinking.

and you know, you can't begrudge some players for crossing the picket line. Pedro Borbon? Yeah, maybe him, but most of the guys need the money and realize they wouldn't be major leaguers under any other circumstances. Better to have lost love than to never have loved at all? Well, maybe then it's better to play in Major League Lite than to never reach the big leagues. Players making little more than teachers suddenly get the chance to play for six-figure salaries. Who can blame them? Larry - and other baseball fans I've whined to - have given me respect for the replacement players. Larry gave me a quick listen to a Reds radio broadcast - a replacement game - and the sound of baseball on the radio gave me chills. Scabs they were, but the crack of the bat and the play-by-play sounded the same, and it was comforting to hear some names I knew - players I saw grow up in the minor leagues, players that have chosen a tainted dream over potential regret. It's funny. I used to want to be a major league baseball player.

Schults wins Bass Club's March points tournament

Big Spring Bass Club member Mike Schults cashed in on the big fish and big money at the March 3 club tournament at Oak Creek Lake. Schults nabbed three fish totalling 11.87 pounds, the biggest one weighing 6.3 pounds. That haul earned him first place overall and second place in biggest bass. Jerry Dudley took second place overall and first place in biggest bass with a large 8.57-pound black bass and total stringer of 11.76 pounds. Gary Burt finished in third with a two-fish total of 5.07 pounds. Todd Tubbs finished fourth (2.22 pounds), while Marty Whetsel finished fifth

(2.07 pounds). Thirty fishermen competed, with only five people weighing in fish. Almost everyone caught fish, but not of the quality people were expecting. The club's next tournament is April 1 at Fort Phantom Hill Lake. This is a great lake and promises to be an excellent tournament. For more information about this event, or the upcoming Couples Tournament, call Gary Burt at 263-2338 or Donnie Lindsey at 263-7868 after 5 p.m. or weekends.



Mike Schults shows off his catch at the Big Spring Bass Club's tournament March 3.

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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 112.

Silliness abounds in Python computer CD

By TIM APPEL
Staff Photographer

If your spouse is anything like mine, you have heard on more than one occasion that any activity you do on the computer is a complete waste of time.

So why fight the title?

For all fans of Monty Python, there is a new computer CD, "Monty Python's Complete Waste of Time," by 7th Level. This program will not make you more productive, it will not turn your PC into a money-maker. It will, however, bring out howls of laughter from anyone within listening distance.

First off, you must have at least a 386SX with a minimum of four megabytes of RAM. You must have Windows 3.1 to operate, a CD-ROM player (I strongly suggest a double speed drive) and most important of all, a Super VGA monitor (as I have found out the hard way). A sound card and amplified speakers are highly recommended ("highly" is boldly capitalized in the press guide, and I concur).

Installation is done through Windows, and is a breeze, though you do not have to install to run the CD. Once in, you are treated to various sound clips from the Monty Python's Flying Circus television program.

From there, you can go to the "brain" menu, where you can go to various sections for multimedia highlights from the episodes, playing various games. Spot the Loony, the Exploding TV Room... where to end...

Probably one of my favorite things is the 3-D Church Pinball, a novel spin on playing computer pinball.

There is also what is called a Desktop Pythonizer, which can add that Monty Python flavor to your Windows program via

STAT BOX

System requirements: 486 25 MHz or greater IBM compatible PC, 4 meg RAM, MPC compatible CD-ROM drive and sound card, 256-color display or better, amplified speakers, Microsoft compatible mouse, Windows 3.1 or higher, DOS 3.3 or higher.

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sound clips, animated screen savers, moving or still wallpaper, and OLE-compatible animation for other Windows applications.

However, what really makes the CD so unique and gives it the character of the Monty Python troupe is the unpredictability of it all. Of anything. You name it, you don't know what will happen next.

Click on a seemingly innocent portion of the screen. Hey, I didn't expect the Spanish Inquisition!

Click over here. You may get some dialog from the program. Keep clicking on the same spot over and over and over. You could get a whole conversation on the likes and dislikes of the game.

Supposedly, the F1 button is the help key. Ha! Don't expect much help from this command, but it is worth several laughs.

Oh, and of course, there is

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SEARCH AND RESCUE



Sarah, a 5-year-old German shepherd, finds the clue she's looking for during an exercise of the New Mexico Search and Rescue Task Force in Albuquerque. Sarah successfully spotted the injured woman's foot during the simulated accident.

Student Council attends conference

Special to the Herald

Forty-three Big Spring High School Student Council representatives attended the District 8 Spring Conference in Odessa March 1.

They were among the 590 student leaders representing 31 schools throughout the district. The students participated in leadership learning skills presented by Norm Hull, a national speaker from Moreno Valley, Calif. The Big Spring Council served as host for this conference.

During the conference the council was acknowledged as award winners in the following categories: Outstanding Student Council, Outstanding Safety School, Outstanding S.M.I.L.E. (Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program) School, Outstanding Pride and Patriotism School, and Outstanding Energy School.

The Safety and Energy reports will be forwarded to state to be judged on the state and national levels. Big Spring also displayed a scrapbook of the 1994-95 year at the conference.

The newly elected officers for District 8 for 1995-96 are: president, Forsan High School; vice president, Fort Stockton High School; secretary/treasurer, Andrews High School; and parliamentarian, Pecos High School.

Officers attending the District 8 Spring Conference were

Drexell Owusu, president; Sarah Bristow, first vice president; Carlos Garza, second vice president; Molly Smith, recording secretary; Anna Castaneda, corresponding secretary; Trey

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Texas teen becomes graves' caretaker

By RALPH WININGHAM
San Antonio Express-News

COMFORT, Texas — At a time when many youngsters his age would be thinking about video games and parties, 14-year-old Jonathan Gunnink is pursuing a self-appointed task of honoring the long-forgotten dead.

The shy ninth-grader works in quiet solitude among graves dating back to the 1800s, cutting brush and weeds over the final resting sites of strangers who died as long as a hundred years before he was born.

Wooden crosses, broken headstones worn smooth by time, and rusted fences once placed in loving tribute by residents of a community known as Brownsboro have become Gunnink's afternoon and weekend companions.

"I like hard work," said the soft-spoken Gunnink, taking a break from slashing the overgrown brush with a machete. "It's kind of relaxing being out here."

His mother, Brenda Gunnink, said the teen-ager started his project at the six-acre cemetery next to their home on Memorial Day last year.

"When he started, the broken-down fence and the small sign were the only way to tell this was a cemetery," she said.

Since her son started the project, Mrs. Gunnink, who works at a flower shop in Comfort, has been placing fresh ribbons on the "Cemetery" sign hanging on a fence damaged during the heavy flooding of 1978.

She also supervises her son's efforts from a lawn chair in the



Fourteen-year-old Jonathan Gunnink uses a machete to clear brush and weeds from a 150-year-old cemetery near Comfort, Texas. His mother, Brenda Gunnink, said the teen-ager started his project at the 6-acre cemetery next to their home on Memorial Day last year.

shade of one of the cemetery's large oak trees.

"His reward each day is a glass of tea and the chance to sit in my chair after he is finished," said Mrs. Gunnink, laughing.

"We are from Minnesota, where the cemeteries are well maintained. He just couldn't understand how someone could let a cemetery get into this kind of shape."

The cemetery, about three miles east of Comfort, has not been used since the 1940s. It is officially known as the Methodist Episcopal South Church Cemetery.

Comfort historian Ester

Wiedenfeld said the church was built about 1870, although the Brownsboro community was founded about 1848.

"Some of the local people still have relatives out there. Jonathan had to get permission from them before he could start cleaning it," Wiedenfeld said. "The brush was so thick you could have hidden an elephant out there."

One of the markers found by Gunnink was not much more than a pile of corroded metal letters. He cleaned and polished them before putting them on a new wooden cross.

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Shopping boosts school success

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Residents of Howard County are encouraged to help local schools acquire free educational tools through the Don's IGA "Points for Progress" program.

It is an extension of the store's Vision Value Club frequent shopper program. Anyone who joins the club earns bonus points based on the amount of nationally recognized products they purchase. The points are then used to obtain gifts through a catalog.

With Points for Progress, a shopper can donate those points to a school of their choice. The school can then pick out computers, overhead projects or other equipment

free of charge for their use.

"Because the Vision Value Club has been such a success at the consumer level, it was only natural for the program to extend its 'vision' to the educational level. Thus enabling members an opportunity to participate in the program.

"Members can become supporters by donating all or a portion of their points at the checkout at the Don's IGA in College Park. Members simply tell the cashier they want to make a donation of 500, 1,000, 2,500 or 5,000 points. The cashier then deducts the allocated points from the member's account and a voucher automatically prints out," explained Angela Reeves, the club's school coordinator.

From there, the member

takes the voucher and fills in the name of the school beneficiary and drops it off at either the store or at their school of choice.

Once the school has enough points to acquire a particular item, they contact Reeves, who will order the product which will be shipped to the school free of charge.

Reeves adds, "Anyone can participate in this program. They do not have to have a child in school but neighbors or grandparents can donate their points. School budgets are tight and the campuses can use all the help they can get."

The Points for Progress program has been established at Anderson Kindergarten Center and the elementary schools in Big Spring.

Start search for scholarships

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Students wanting to help defray the cost of college tuition can apply for numerous scholarships, and many go unclaimed each year because people are unaware of them.

There are over 375,000 funding sources available and over 80 percent of the funds do not depend on family need or high grades.

Many are based on factors such as the student's interest, hobbies, academic focus, age, ethnic background or parent's work or military service.

According to a report by the National Commission on Student Financial Aid, over \$6.6 billion of this funding goes uncollected each year.

A publication is available to help students through the process and to outline their options and identify sources for assistance.

For information, send a No.

10 self-addressed, double stamped envelope plus \$2 to cover handling to: National Academic Funding Administration; 815 Middle Street, Suite 1300; Portsmouth, N.H.; 03801.

One of the scholarships students may not know about is one sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America.

PROJECT: Learn MS '95 is a national essay competition with over \$16,000 in scholarship funds available to any sophomore, junior or senior high school student in the country.

Designed to encourage education about multiple sclerosis and highlight a nationwide "May is MS Awareness Month" campaign, participants are required to write a 300 to 500 word essay on MS and its effects on the family.

By acquiring sponsors, students raise funds to provide services to MS patients across the country. Separate prizes will be awarded for various lev-

els of fundraising. A panel of experts will judge the essays on content, grammar and style.

In addition to describing MS, 50 percent of the essay should focus on suggestions for society to impact and improve the quality of life for the physically disabled. Multiple sclerosis is a crippling disease of the central nervous system with no known cause, cure or prevention.

The funds raised through this project and other programs help support patient care programs such as peer counseling, a toll-free nationwide hotline, free loan or therapeutic equipment, barrier-free housing, educational and referral services and symptom relief programs.

All essays must be post-marked by May 22 and the winners will be announced in the summer.

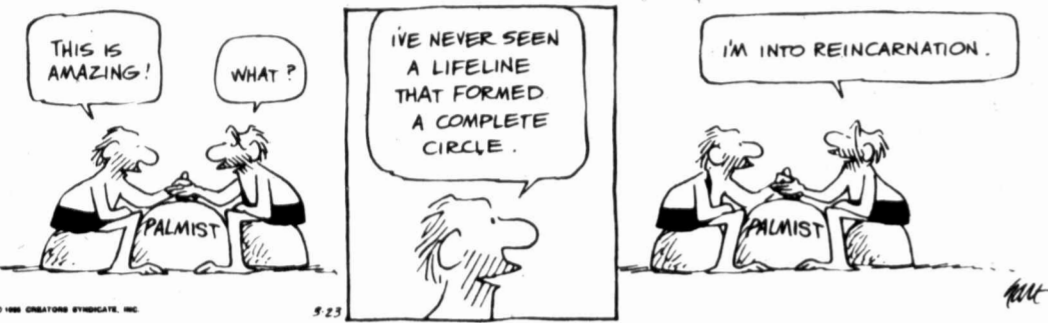
Information on the competition is available through local high school guidance offices or by calling the MS Association at 1-800-833-6572.

THURSDAY

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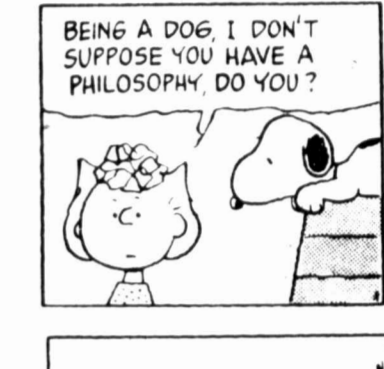
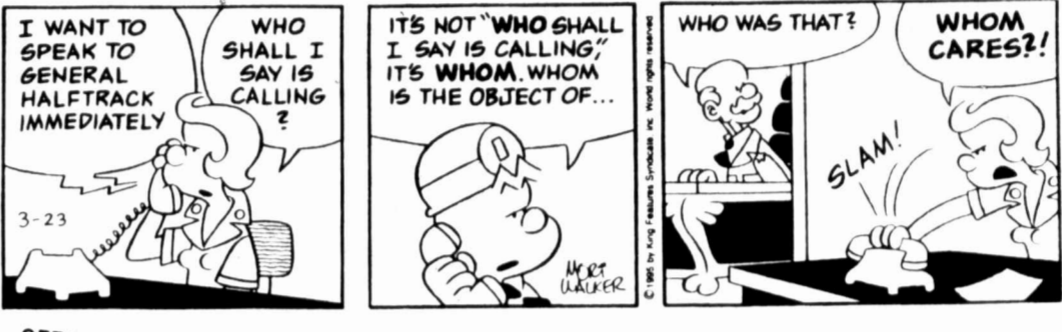
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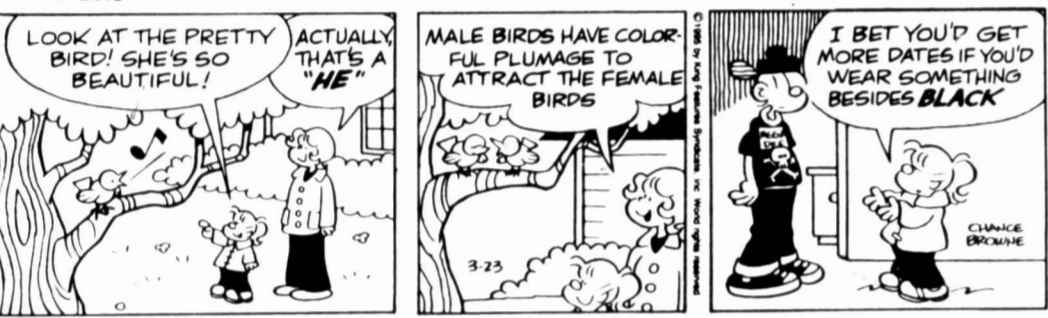
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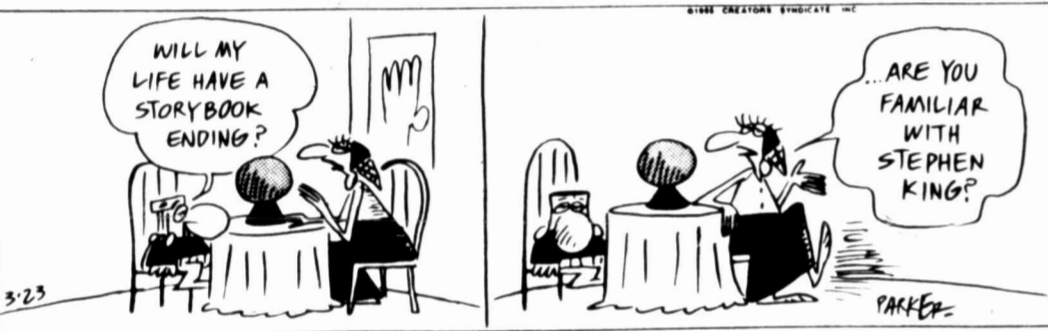
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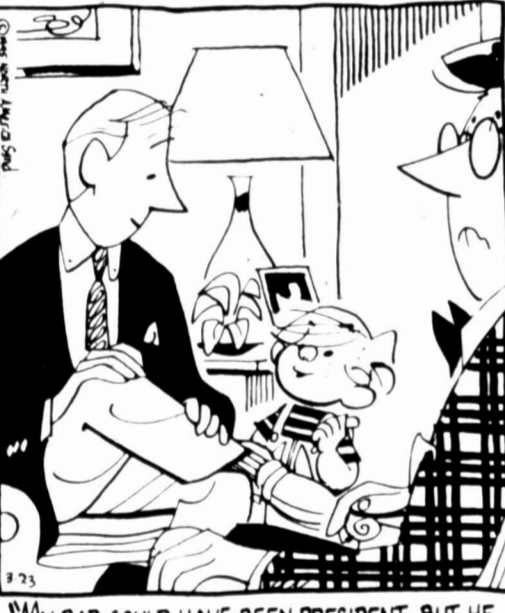
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THE Daily Crossword by Don Johnson

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- Knocks
- Bandy words about in argument
- Slip
- Throw off
- Johnnycake kin
- Advocating copied principles
- Flintstone pet
- Tiny bit
- Celebrate
- Supplement with great effort
- Le Duc - of Vietnam
- Grecian theatres
- Portals
- Cask measure of a kind
- Singer McEntire
- Sizes
- Guided
- Flavor
- Native of suff.
- Carnivore
- Nonsense
- Next to
- Test
- Religious retreat
- Park, Co.
- Vipers
- Heavy weight
- Branch
- Flag colors
- Desert dweller
- Bring up
- Posts
- Mineral silicate
- Orient
- English queens
- Equal
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- Arizona town
- Infect, as vengeance
- Musical Shaw
- Lunchtime
- Cave
- Certain fish
- French friend
- Bean
- Arose
- Column or cord
- Inferior
- Part of A.M.
- Study
- Commandment
- United Kingdom inhabitants
- Barrier
- "If You Knew" (old song)
- Author Haley
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- Songbirds
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- Realms
- 007's school
- Restaurant
- The two counter
- Mirrored show performer
- T-bone
- Skirt style
- Govermed
- Unity
- Incline
- Ashtabula's lake
- Minnow kin
- Free from worry
- Poison



This date in history

Today is Thursday, March 23, the 82nd day of 1995. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 23, 1775, in a speech to the Virginia Provincial Convention, Patrick Henry made his famous plea for American independence for American liberty, or give me death!

On this date: In A.D. 752, Pope Stephen II was elected to succeed Pope Zacharias; however, Stephen died only two days later. In 1743, George Frideric

Handel's oratorio "Messiah" had its London premiere. In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major, also known as the "Surprise Symphony" because of its crashing chord in the second movement, was performed publicly for the first time, in London. In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east. In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy. In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers. In 1942, the U.S. government began moving Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.

In 1956, Pakistan became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth. In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini III blasted off from Cape Kennedy with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard. In 1983, President Reagan first proposed development of technology to intercept enemy missiles - a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars." In 1983, Dr. Barney Clark,

recipient of a permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device. Ten years ago, Patricia Roberts Harris, who served in two Cabinet posts in the Carter administration, died in Washington at age 60. Today's Birthdays: Movie director Akira Kurosawa is 85. Comedian Marty Allen is 73. Actress Amanda Plummer is 38.

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