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Court approves hiring joint grant writer

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

County Commissioner Sonny Choate has been working with City Councilman Tom Guess for several weeks on a proposal to hire a grant writer to work for both the city and Howard County.

The position came one step closer to reality at Monday's meeting as Howard County

Commissioners approved a proposal by Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., which will house and train this person on behalf of the city and county.

In early March, Choate presented the proposal to the court saying, "We propose to hire a person to pursue obtaining public and private grants for city and county projects."

Moore Board executive director Carole Taylor, who is

trained in grant writing, has agreed to supervise the person hired as grant writer.

Taylor was in attendance at both meetings and said, "We do need a centralized grant writer for both entities. I have experience in private and public grant writing, but as executive director of the Moore Board I don't have the time to do anything other than supervise, train, and evaluate such a person."

Under this proposal, Moore Board funds would not be used, but the city and county would share expenses.

The proposal calls for a salary of \$25,000 a year and with training, literature, equipment, travel, and other benefits, the total cost to the city and county, which would be split equally, would be about \$40,000 a year.

Taylor said this type of position would require a lot of work

and planning and the person in the position would need to have proposal writing abilities and accounting skills.

Choate said, "Specifically, the person would provide both governments with a trained source for seeking grant funds. Sources for grants are numerous and available for local governments. However, without a determined, concerted effort, these monies will never be available to us."

Also, Choate said, a centralized grant writer would use the services of the Big Country Resource and Conservation District, the Community Grant Block Program, the Farm Home Administration, and the National Federal Register of Public Grants.

In presenting the original proposal to the council several

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County decides to appeal Wallace's federal jury award

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Howard County officials have decided to appeal the decision to award a former deputy nearly \$190,000 after a federal jury found Sheriff A.N. Standard violated Jimmy Wallace's civil rights.

County commissioners met in executive session for almost an hour Monday morning with their attorney from Abilene before making the announcement.

They have retained the law firm of Allison and Associates from Austin to handle the appeal. It will be filed in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. County Judge

Ben Lockhart will serve as the liaison between the law firm and the commissioners.

Earlier this month, a jury in Abilene awarded Wallace \$100,433 in back pay and \$80,000 for past mental anguish. Standard had placed Wallace on unpaid administrative leave when the deputy filed to run against the sheriff in the 1992 Democrat primary.

Standard had stipulated there was unwritten policy a deputy must take vacation time or a leave of absence when running for office although the sheriff himself did not.

The jury found Standard had violated Wallace's First Amendment rights to free speech. Standard then terminated Wallace in June 1992.

Michael Flores sworn in as newest college board member

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Michael Flores was officially sworn in as the newest member of the Howard County Junior College District Board of

Trustees Monday afternoon. Flores was appointed to replace Charlie Gonzales who died in October 1994 and represents district one.

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Linda Perez seeking seat on BSISD board

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Linda Perez has thrown her hat into the ring and is running for an at-large position on the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees.

Perez has been the program director at the YMCA since 1988. She moved to Big Spring in 1977 after graduating from Sands High School in Ackerly. She graduated with an associate's degree in business management from Howard College.

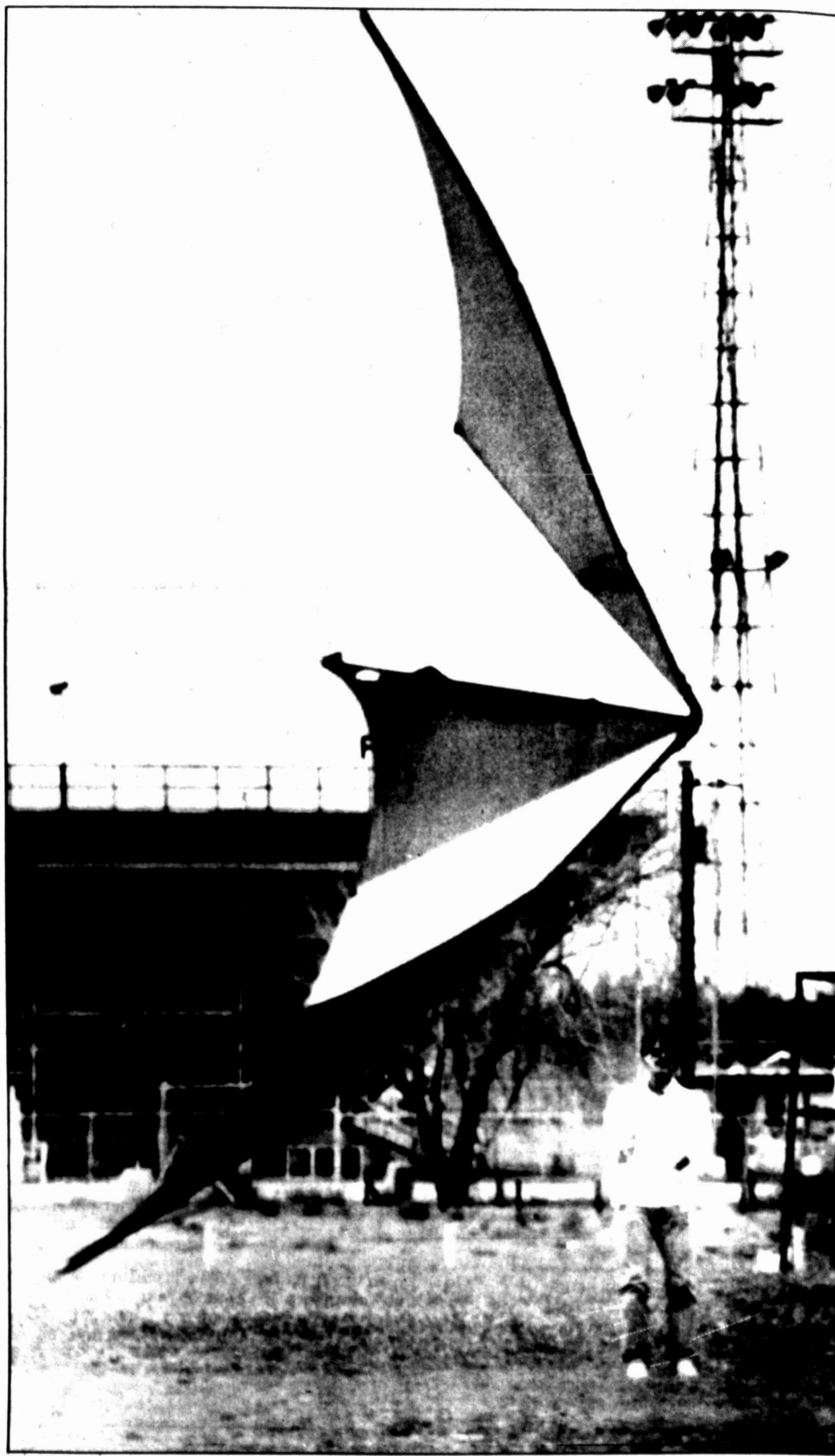
Perez is actively involved in Hispanic Women for Progress, Kiwanis Club and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Com-



PEREZ

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Ronnie Jones makes his kite do a low-level pass to the ground as he was flying it on a windy Wednesday afternoon east of Memorial Stadium. It's not quite kite flying time anymore as the weather takes a turn for the colder.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Local officials take case for communities to Washington

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear and City Council members Charles Beil and John Paul Anderson were among the nearly 3,000 local government leaders who recently attended a meeting of the National League of Cities in Washington, D.C.

Local leaders from around the country gathered in Washington to talk to their respective senators and representatives to bring their message about the importance of hometown issues in the debate over shaping and acting on federal policies affecting local communities.

Big Spring leaders visited with Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm and with 17th District Congressman Charles Stenholm.

With the new Republican Congress concentrating its efforts on revising several federal policies and programs as outlined in their pre-election "Contract With America," municipal governments have also been hard at work assessing the impacts of a number of far-reaching legislative proposals.



Sen. KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON and TIM BLACKSHEAR, Big Spring mayor.

NLC President Carolyn Long banks, councilwoman-at-large from Atlanta, Ga., said, "The citizens of our communities and their local government leaders broadly support the need for significant federal policy changes to realign government, to make it more effective and accountable, and to reduce deficits. Doing that must also be a constructive process that recog-

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Texas Trivia
In 1891 where was the first hospital for blacks built?
Galveston
What town has the National Mule Memorial?
Muleshoe

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: "Forrest Gump" has done what no other recent blockbuster has done: come out on top at the Oscars. See page 4.

World: A top Iraqi official called two Americans who border across the border "spies" Monday and suggested they were intent on sabotage. Still, he indicated there was some hope for leniency in their case. See page 5A.

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School bill passed
The no-pass, no-play rule would be eased, state control of schools would be loosened and parents would have more choices of where to educate their children under a bill that has won state Senate approval. See page 3.

Showing no remorse
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Debt finally paid up
Legislation touted as a way to help reach out to children before they enter the juvenile justice system has been tentatively approved. See page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **65** ▲ Highs **45**
Lows ▼

Cloudy
Tonight, cloudy, chance of fog. 50 percent chance of rain, low mid 40s, east winds 10 to 20 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, high lower 60s; cloudy night, low mid 40s.
Thursday: Cloudy, chance of rain, high mid 60s; cloudy night, low mid 40s.
Friday: Cloudy, high mid 60s.

Education bill passes Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — The no-pass, no-play rule would be eased, state control of schools would be loosened and parents would have more choices of where to educate their children under a bill that has won state Senate approval.

The comprehensive education law rewrite, which passed 28-2 shortly before midnight Monday, now goes to the House for consideration.

Voting against the measure were Democratic Sens. Gregory Luna of San Antonio and Carlos Truan of Corpus Christi.

They objected to a pilot program in the bill that would allow thousands of students to get state and local tax money to attend private schools, including religious schools.

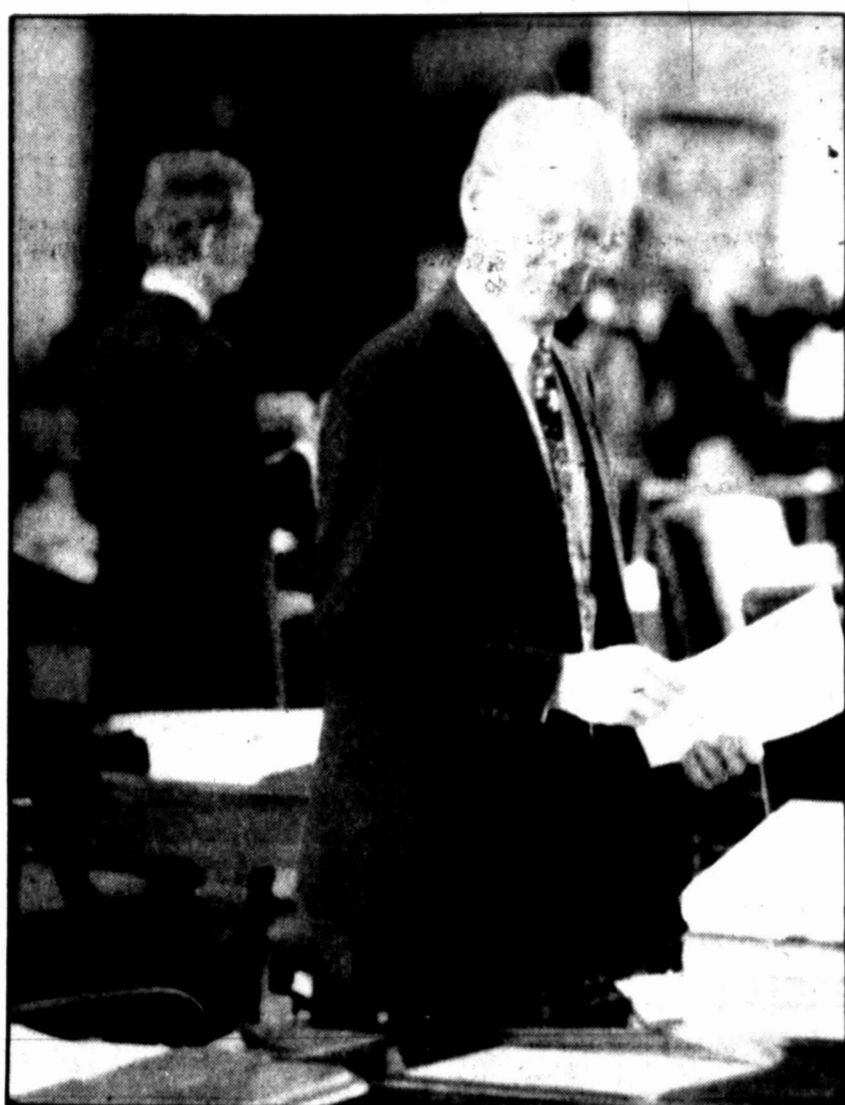
School board, administrator and teacher groups immediately promised to continue the fight against that provision in the House.

"This sets up the potential for the wide-scale application of unsound, untested educational policies and the potential for fraud and student abuse," said Charlotte Travis, president of the Texas PTA and spokeswoman for the coalition opposing the so-called vouchers. No other state offers vouchers to religious schools, she said.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, the bill's sponsor, said the provision applies to at-risk students and gives top priority to those in districts with the worst academic ratings.

"I can't understand why anybody would want to deprive these children of the opportunity to at least try something different," he said.

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, maintained that theme through-



Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, looks at the stack of documents that is his rewrite of Texas education laws before introducing the bill Monday in Austin.

out the 11-hour debate: "We must do something different. We must make a difference. The public, our educators and school children are depending on us to make a difference."

The Senate bill includes a curtailment of the no-pass, no-play rule for the first time since it was approved as part of sweeping education reforms in 1984. The rule suspends failing students from extracurricular activities for a six-week grading period.

Those who want to ease it say it's too harsh and may drive students away from school activities and toward gangs. But backers of the rule say it has helped put schools' focus on academics.

Ratliff's bill would allow a school district by board policy to cut a student's extracurricular suspension to three weeks the first time a student fails a class.

Students could get one shortened suspension from extracurricular activities during junior high school and one during high school. They could practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension.

To further ease state control, Ratliff had proposed doing away with State Board of Education approval of school textbooks and allowing districts to buy any books they choose with state money.

House tentatively approves its version of the budget

AUSTIN (AP) — The House has endorsed a \$77.6 billion state budget for 1996-97 that increases spending on public schools and prisons but falls short of maintaining current services for higher education and social programs.

The House tentatively approved the bill 118-18 on Monday following a five-hour debate. It faces a final vote of the House before heading to the Senate, which is writing its own spending plan.

"The good news is there's no tax bill built into this. The bad news is everybody is treated equally unfairly throughout the system," said Appropriations Committee Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

"One of the things that you have is a limited pie, and yet the purses contained within that pie continue to grow," Junell said. "What happens then is that pie gets diluted."

The proposed budget is an increase of \$2.8 billion, or 3.7 percent, over current spending. It requires no new taxes or tax increases.

Of the total, \$44 billion would come from the state's general revenue fund, which includes sales and corporate franchise taxes. The federal government would provide \$23 billion, and the remainder would come from other sources.

Under the plan, the largest chunk of state spending would go toward education.

The bill would boost spending on public education by \$1.8 billion, including \$170 million to help school districts build new facilities, and fully fund the public school system as required by the state finance law.

"Once again, we followed your priorities in this bill by allocating major increases to public education," Junell told House members.

But House Public Education Committee Chairman Paul Sadler, who voted against the bill, said the spending plan does not go far enough.

"The appropriations bill in the area of education does nothing for alternative education ... what all of you ran on, what the governor ran on, what we all talked about," said Sadler, D-Henderson.

Sadler said the bill doesn't provide enough money for school construction or teacher benefits.

"When you and I make up our mind that we're going to do right by the teachers of this state and the children of this state, we will. It just simply takes a vote," he told House members. "I'll vote my conscience, you vote yours."

Bill touted as way to reach out to children

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation touted as a way to help reach out to children before they enter the juvenile justice system has been tentatively approved by the Texas House.

The House endorsed the bill by Rep. Nancy McDonald, D-El Paso, with an 87-56 vote on Monday. It faces a final vote of the House before it can go to the Senate for consideration.

Under the measure, the state would develop three statewide health care plans for children and families.

The Health and Human Services Commission would certify local child and family commissions that could contract to provide the health services. The commissions could apply for state grants that would have to be matched with local funds.

The measure has been touted as a companion to juvenile crime reforms approved by the House last week.

Rep. Allen Place, D-Gatesville, said the bill addresses the problem of juvenile crime from the outset.

"We can't fix this problem from the top down, but it's got to start being fixed from the bottom up," Place said. "This bill says the folks back home are the best ones to address the juvenile justice problem."

Under the bill, the state would develop three health plans:

Little remorse shown for girl's murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A 33-year-old man has shown little remorse for sexually assaulting and strangling a 7-year-old girl last week, authorities say.

Eric Charles Nenko is charged with capital murder in the death of Nicole Benton, who lived about a block from his house in rural Houston, about 35 miles from Houston.

Detectives began questioning Nenko on Saturday on a suggestion from suspicious area residents who were part of a mas-

sive search for the girl. Nicole disappeared Thursday night while playing with friends in the Ranch Country subdivision.

Harris County sheriff's Lt. Bert Diaz said Monday that authorities attempted to question Nenko late Thursday night, but no one answered the door at his house.

"Obviously, we could not force our way in because of the law, so we just kept coming back until finally we did get a response," Diaz said.

When officers questioned him on Saturday, Nenko almost immediately began talking about his desires for young girls, especially those ages 8 to 15. But Nenko didn't confess to Nicole's death until after five or six hours of interrogation and two lie-detector tests, Diaz said.

"There is a little remorse, but not much," the detective said. "He was talking more about his fantasies and how he dreamed about doing this type of offense."

EDUCATION BILL HIGHLIGHTS

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TEXAS EDUCATION CODE REWRITE APPROVED BY THE STATE SENATE:

COST
Estimated at about \$524 million over the next two-year budget period. That includes \$286 million in funding to school districts for school construction and the rest for such items as a higher minimum teacher pay scale and paying for alternative education programs for disruptive students.

NO-PASS, NO-PLAY
A school district by board policy could cut the suspension of a student from extracurricular activities to three weeks, down from the current six, the first time a student fails a class. Students could get one shortened suspension from extracurricular activities during junior high school and one during high school. They could practice or rehearse during the three-week suspension.

SCHOOL YEAR
The school instructional year would be reduced from 180 days to 175 days to allow for more teacher training and development.

STATE VS LOCAL CONTROL
The state would continue to publish a list of approved textbooks that school districts could

buy with state money. School districts could get waivers to buy alternative textbooks, with the state picking up 80 percent of the alternative books' cost.

School districts with voter approval could choose to become "home-rule," escaping many state rules. They still would have to abide by federal special education and bilingual requirements; compulsory attendance; state curriculum, graduation and accountability requirements; the no-pass, no-play rule; teacher certification; and funding requirements.

Pilot projects would be created to give parents more choice in where to send their children. They include creation of up to 20 open-enrollment charter public schools, which would be exempt from many state requirements and would draw students from all over. In addition, some disadvantaged students could get tax money to pay tuition at private schools that agree to abide by certain state requirements, such as giving those students academic skills tests.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Rather than being required to pass an exit-level reading, writing and mathematics academic skills test to get a diploma, students would have to pass

an end-of-course, test in each "core" subject required for graduation. Those would be reading, writing, math, science and social studies.

The State Board of Education would prescribe courses that are required for graduation in addition to the core classes. They would include career and technology education, fine arts, health and physical education.

DISCIPLINE
A disruptive student could be removed from class and prevented from returning by a teacher.

School districts would provide alternative settings for students removed from class.

TEACHERS
The minimum pay scale would be increased and tied to growth in per-pupil spending.

SCHOOL FACILITIES
School districts would get money specifically to help build classrooms.

OTHER PROVISIONS:
School district residents could recall and remove a local trustee.

State transportation funding to school districts would be changed to shift more money to school districts with students who are geographically spread out. Urban school districts with students in a compact area would get less money.

CITY WIDE YOUTH REVIVAL


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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"There are none more critical of their profession than journalists."

Dave Lindorff, editor, 1994

City-county needs more of working together

As tax money grows tighter and mineral values continue to decline, the city of Big Spring and Howard County officials are showing initiative in working together to hire a grant writer.

The Howard County Commissioners approved hiring a grant writer at their Monday meeting and the Big Spring City Council is expected to approve it on second reading at Tuesday's council meeting.

The purpose of a grant writer is to seek out public and private grants for the benefit of both the city and county. The salary will be shared equally between the city and county.

Carole Taylor, executive director of Moore Board, will oversee the project, which will be housed at the Moore Board offices, and will provide the training. She will present a monthly report to representatives from the city and county as to what is happening with the program.

The program will be evaluated after two years, when it will be decided whether to keep the program.

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

Charles C. Williams DD Turner
Publisher Managing Editor

The best part of all this is the cooperation shown by the city and county. This type of cooperation will be needed as the years go by, tax money continues to get tighter and citizens demand more services.

It is a trend that we, here in Big Spring and Howard County, need to see more of, not only between city and county officials but between all offices.

Residents of Big Spring also pay county taxes, and joint agreements such as this is wise usage of taxpayer money, both those who live in the city and those who live in the county.

Everybody will benefit, no matter what part of Howard County they live in.

In this time of cost cutting, sharing of expenses that are common to both entities is a good move that is for the overall health of the county.



Kato's look is disorder in the court

A ripple of excitement swept through the nation's hairstyling salons Tuesday. Kato was on the witness stand.

As I've mentioned in the past, the O.J. Simpson trial will be remembered for having the most spectacular hair in the history of criminal law.

And of all the well-coiffed witnesses, lawyers and cops, it is the shaggy noggin of Kato, the faithful house guest, that fascinates the stylists the most.

Michael Schultz of Chicago's Blair Gordon Salon is an avid Kato watcher. He says: "God only knows what's going on in that hair. Or in that head, for that matter. It looks like to me he's got a lot of old mousse in his hair. You're probably talkin' 3-day-old mousse hanging around in there."

"But that's the cool L.A. look. Everybody's doing it. Here too. It's grungy, it's shaggy, it's dirty, it's sexy. It's all the rage. I'll tell you, I sell more hair-care products to make your hair (ital) look dirty (end ital) than ones to make your hair (ital) look clean. (end ital)"

"And makeup? Kato, definitely. I'd say some serious bronzing powder, just to make him look smooth and perk up the real. They're all tan, you know."

Another Kato watcher is Marcus Rincon, a stylist at Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Salon. "It's no accident it looks



Mike Royko
Columnist

greasy and dirty. That guy has enough money to afford a haircut, so it's not like he just hasn't washed his hair in a while. It's the look he's going for. The grungy hair reflects his lifestyle."

You mean he's an unwashed bum?

"No, he's carefree. He's, well, what is he? He is Kato. He's that kind of guy."

"It's something we've been doing for a while. It's a shaggy, layered cut, uneven in the shape. And the layers are so long. It's that round layering within the shape that gives him the looseness, the movement he's got. I like it. Don't you?"

I don't know. Unless he washed, he wouldn't win a ribbon at a dog show.

Mary O'Connell, a stylist in Chicago's swank Lincoln Park neighborhood, is a serious and hard-boiled Kato watcher.

"First, let's talk color. Kato is definitely not as blond as he was last summer. He's gone darker. Big-time roots."

"Second, the dirt. It looks dirty, greasy, filthy. But it's supposed to. He's working seriously hard on that. It's carefully smeared with a hair cream, a finishing cream meant to make your hair look greasy, dull, dirty and messy. I think he's trying to portray a rock-star image. That's his goal. Definitely."

"Kato's kind of like doing a bi-level shag. You see a lot of those hunks on soap operas going for that. It's like they want to have long hair, but they don't want it all one length, so they can't decide."

"He's trying desperately to avoid the clean, straight, blow-dried look."

"But I think he's gone way overboard. It's what you might call an overkill. He's desperate

to look rugged and wild. Instead, he just looks like he isn't clean and needs a shower bad."

"Then we'd have to talk to him about that makeup he's got on. What is that all about? You know he's got some kind of California tan underneath it all because they all do. But he's trying to make it look more even or something, so he's got some kind of flat matte pancake thing going on. It's real heavy, like a wet powder or something. He's probably got his little theater makeup bag and he's doing it himself."

"Who can blame him, though? He's an actor. He can't be shiny!"

Matthew Williams of Art and Science said: "He's going for the bad-boy image. If you look at fashion magazines, you'll find two popular looks for men: very short and aggressive or long and lived-in looking. He's going for the lived-in look. Very lived in, I'd say."

"It conveys a very anti-establishment look. But if you ask me, he's confused. He needs to decide which way he's going. Is he going to be a guy in a sport coat like he wore today in court. Or is he the guy with the chaotic, greasy hair."

"If he keeps the hair in chaos, he should wear tank tops. If he wants to wear a sport coat, he needs to cut it and clean it. Otherwise, when you mix it, it confuses the eye."

"Then I'd do some immediate low lights to fix those roots. Please!"

I just hope that F. Lee Bailey has the job of cross-examining Kato. He'll probably say something like:

"House guest Kato, during the past 10 years, have you ever, even once, during those 10 years, taken a hot bath?"

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OSCAR NIGHT



Tom Hanks, best actor for "Forrest Gump," and Jessica Lange, best actress winner for "Blue Sky," pose with their Oscars at the 67th annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles Monday.

'Forrest Gump' comes out on top at the Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Forrest Gump" has done what no other recent blockbuster has done: come out on top at the Oscars.

With six Academy Awards on Monday night, including best picture, "Forrest Gump" became the highest-grossing release to win the top award. Not even "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" or "Star Wars" won the coveted picture prize.

Said director Robert Zemeckis backstage: "Miracles happen every day."

Indeed, "Gump's" journey has been almost as serendipitous as its title character's triumphant march through history. It's now No. 4 on the all-time box office list, with more than \$317 million in North American ticket sales.

"I don't know if it was destiny or if it was chance that brought together the talented cast and extraordinary crew of 'Forrest Gump,'" co-producer Steve Starkey said in accepting for best picture. "But maybe, as Forrest said, 'Maybe it was both, maybe both were happening at the same time.'"

"Gump's" Oscar night was

largely anticlimactic: It was favored to win picture, actor, director and adapted screenplay — and it did. Yet before the film was made, few expected it to connect so well with moviegoers.

One studio passed on the project, and it was more than nine years coming to the screen.

"I would like to thank motion picture audiences all around the world," Zemeckis said. "In historic numbers you have embraced a film that at its heart offers a human, life-affirming hopeful story."

The night was not a total success for "Gump." With a leading 13 nominations, it lost in seven categories. "Pulp Fiction," "Bullets Over Broadway" and "The Shawshank Redemption" each received seven nominations, but won just two Oscars among them.

There was little controversy in the show, which dragged on for more than three hours. A handful of participants voiced support for the National Endowment for the Arts, but even politically outspoken presenters Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon held their tongues.

Late night at the Academy Awards

Oscar eats Letterman's lunch

By SCOTT WILLIAMS
AP Television Writer

AP REVIEW

Tough room, eh, Dave?

With more than one billion viewers in his TV audience, David Letterman had his hands full getting laughs from the Hollywood crowd that packed the Shrine Auditorium for the 3-hour Academy Awards ceremony.

The talk show host brought his entire repertoire from CBS' "Late Night" to ABC's live telecast. There was a Top 10 List, "Stupid Pet Tricks" and other small-screen schtick.

The irony was that his irony was lost on Hollywood.

When it comes to irony vs. the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Oscar will eat Dave's lunch every time. That jittery New York edge of his is just a Zippo-flick against the glare of Hollywood's self-absorption.

Letterman never really hit his stride. "Thank you very much," he said on taking the stage at 9:10 p.m. EST. "Now we're five minutes late."

That was a time joke, of course.

"When you hear your name, please come up to the stage an orderly single file and pick up your Oscar," Letterman said minutes later. "We should be through in a half-hour."

That was a joke, too, until 9:27, when best supporting actress Dianne Wiest finally received the night's first major award. At least a half-billion of

us realized then that we were in for a long night.

When costume designer Lizzie Gardiner took the stage in a gown fashioned largely from American Express Gold Cards, Letterman ventured, "I'm tellin' ya, American Express can't buy publicity like that."

He returned to the gag after a commercial: "Bad news, ladies and gentlemen: While we were away, Lizzie Gardiner's dress expired."

Both jokes got polite laughter. American Express, after all, was one of the show's sponsors.

Letterman flopped big-time with his introduction of presenters Tim Robbins and Susan Sarandon, a couple known for their outspoken political activism.

"Ladies and gentlemen, pay attention. I'm sure they're pissed off about something," Letterman japed. When the camera cut to them, Robbins and Sarandon were not smiling.

So what's there to complain about? "The night the stars salute themselves" is always overlong, overblown and under-rehearsed. That happens every year.

Well, so do the technical glitches, which seem to crop up in the Oscar telecast more often than in other live telecasts. This year, veteran Oscars director Jeff Margolis and his producers bobbled the show like first-

THE WINNERS

List of winners at Monday night's 67th annual Academy Awards:

Picture: "Forrest Gump."
ACTOR: Tom Hanks, "Forrest Gump."
ACTRESS: Jessica Lange, "Blue Sky."
DIRECTOR: Robert Zemeckis, "Forrest Gump."
SUPPORTING ACTOR: Martin Landau, "Ed Wood."
SUPPORTING ACTRESS: Dianne Wiest, "Bullets Over Broadway."
ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY: Quentin Tarantino and Roger Avary, "Pulp Fiction."
ADAPTED SCREENPLAY: Eric Roth, "Forrest Gump."
FOREIGN FILM: Russia, "Burnt by the Sun."
ART DIRECTION: Ken Adam and Carolyn Scott, "The Madness of King George."
CINEMATOGRAPHY: John Toll, "Legends of the Fall."
COSTUME DESIGN: Lizzy Gardiner and Tim Chappel, "The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert."
DOCUMENTARY FEATURE: Freida Lee Mock and Terry Sanders, "Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision."
DOCUMENTARY SHORT SUBJECT: Charles Guggenheim, "A Time for Justice."
FILM EDITING: Arthur Schmidt, "Forrest Gump."
MAKEUP: Rick Baker, Ve Neill and Yolanda Toussieng, "Ed Wood."
MUSIC ORIGINAL SCORE: Hans Zimmer, "The Lion King."
MUSIC ORIGINAL SONG: Elton John and Tim Rice, "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," from "The Lion King."
ANIMATED SHORT FILM: Alison Snowden and David Fine, "Bob's Birthday."
LIVE ACTION SHORT FILM (Tie): Peter Capaldi and Ruth Kenley-Letts, "Franz Kafka's It's a Wonderful Life," and Peggy Rajski and Randy Stone, "Trevor."
SOUND: Gregg Landaker, Steve Maslow, Bob Beemer and David R.B. MacMillan, "Speed."
SOUND EFFECTS EDITING: Stephen Hühner Flick, "Speed."
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U.S. seeking help to release Americans in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is seeking help from France, Russia and Turkey in its efforts to win freedom for two Americans imprisoned in Iraq for illegally entering the country, U.S. officials say.

All three countries sided with the international coalition that defeated Iraq four years ago but all now have some influence with authorities in Baghdad.

France, Russia and Turkey are eager for an end to U.N. sanctions so they can resume normal business dealings with Iraq. Turkey claims the sanctions against Iraq, its neighbor, have cost the Turkish economy \$20 billion.

The U.S. officials, asking not

to be identified, said the administration also is seeking assistance from some Arab countries, which they refused to identify.

Also aiding the U.S. effort, the officials said, is Poland, whose diplomats in Baghdad represent U.S. interests in Iraq.

Presidential press secretary Mike McCurry said Monday the United States hopes quiet diplomacy will lead to the release of the two Americans, who were sentenced to eight years imprisonment on Saturday.

The administration insists the two accidentally strayed into Iraqi territory, but Iraq's parliament speaker Saadi Mehdi Saleh suggested the Americans may have been "spies or sabo-

teurs." Officials dismissed that claim as preposterous.

Meanwhile, NBC reported that a third American was stopped upon crossing the border from Kuwait six days after David Daliberti, 41, and William Barloon, 39, were captured. The American, who was identified only as working for the United Nations, was detained briefly and released, NBC said.

At the State Department, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States will be seeking a "prompt and peaceful solution" to the issue with the help of friends and allies that have offered support.

As for the possibility of the use of force, McCurry said Monday that option had not been

ruled out, and he dismissed calls by prominent Republicans for a more bellicose stand as partisan rhetoric. Later, however, McCurry himself showed a more assertive side.

"I think based on recent history there's probably no doubt in the minds of the government of Iraq that the United States has military options at its disposal," he said.

That was a pointed reminder of the U.S.-led coalition force that in 1991 drove Iraq from Kuwait and destroyed much of Iraq's formidable military establishment in the process.

David Daliberti and William Barloon were sentenced 12 days after their capture.

Some hope for leniency held out

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A top Iraqi official called two Americans who strayed across the border "spies" Monday and suggested they were intent on sabotage. Still, he indicated there was some hope for leniency in their case.

Saadi Mehdi Saleh, Iraq's parliament speaker, talked to The Associated Press two days after the Americans were tried in an Iraqi court and sentenced to eight years in prison for illegally entering the country.

The men — David Daliberti, 41, of Jacksonville, Fla., and William Barloon, 39, from New Hampton, Iowa — are both employees of U.S. defense contractors in Kuwait. They crossed the Iraq-Kuwait frontier March 13.

Saleh was the first Iraqi official to comment on their convictions.

"Those two detainees were entering our border secretly and by illegal manner, maybe for political or technical reasons. And we have detained them to know these reasons."



A Bosnian Government Army soldier opens fire with a 122mm howitzer at an artillery position near Travnik 50 miles northwest of Sarajevo Monday. The Bosnian Government Army is fighting against the Bosnian Serb forces for strategic points in the Vlasic mountains in central Bosnia.

NATO threatens to bomb Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Unable to stop the intensifying war in Bosnia, U.N. peacekeepers warned Monday that NATO may need to bomb Serb forces to prevent them from shooting at civilians.

The threat came as Serbs reported the fiercest fighting yet on a northeastern battlefield where troops of the Muslim-led government have been gaining ground. The Serbs also said they launched a major counter-attack on government troops in central Bosnia. And Croatian Serbs threatened to cross the border to help their ethnic kin in Bosnia.

"Events are spinning out of control," said Colum Murphy, a spokesman for the U.N. peace-

keeping force. "Our worst fears could become reality in the not-too-distant future."

Murphy warned the Serbs that the new commander of the peacekeeping force, Lt. Gen. Rupert Smith, would call for NATO air strikes if they deliberately shell civilians.

"There are no hollow threats," he said. "Attacks that deliberately target civilians will meet a determined response, including use of air power."

In Washington Monday, Secretary of State Warren Christopher told reporters that "we have long been in favor of more robust use of NATO airpower," and he said he welcomed the U.N. peacekeepers' warning.

A week of intense fighting has all but shattered an already tenuous three-month truce. Each warring side has blamed the other for spurning a political settlement in favor of more combat.

The increasingly confident Bosnian government army has seized 35 square miles of Serb-held territory as well as a vital communications tower in central Bosnia. A second tower in the northeast was virtually surrounded.

In apparent retaliation, Serbs shelled the government-held towns of Gorazde and Mostar over the weekend, killing a child and wounding about 20 civilians.

Debate on term limits touchy; bill short on votes

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans headed into a touchy debate over their own careers still short dozens of votes in their drive for a constitutional amendment limiting terms in Congress.

Despite and perhaps because of deep divisions within the GOP leadership, House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Monday there would be no arm-twisting in advance of this week's historic vote. Debate is scheduled to begin today.

Supporters of limiting House tenure "are not going to try to muscle" their GOP colleagues, Gingrich said after an appearance in Georgia.

"On constitutional amendments, people have to be allowed to vote their conscience," he said.

The abstinence pledge, however, does not extend to the grassroots. Radio talk shows are filled this week with guests from several term-limits lobbying groups. They are dispensing advice on how to best pressure members of Congress who are resisting the term-limits tide.

Seven in 10 Americans support the idea of capping congressional tenure. Most of them support a three-term, six-year limit for House members, according to a poll released Monday by the National Taxpayers Union.

The House is scheduled to vote this week, possibly as early

as Wednesday, on a variety of options ranging from 12 years each in the House and Senate, to six years in the House and 12 years in the Senate.

The most popular proposal will then be subject to a final vote requiring a two-thirds majority — 290 votes — to move on to the Senate and to state legislatures for ratification.

Gingrich said Monday he expected four-fifths of House Republicans, or 184 of them, to support the amendment. By some estimates, only about 25 Democrats were solidly in favor — leaving much ground to make up.

"None of these are expected to pass," said Paul Jacob, executive director of U.S. Term Limits. Furthermore, he said, the three-term limit supported by most Americans "is likely to get the least support in Congress. We want people to know this is a shell game."

Term limits was a cornerstone of the House GOP "Contract With America," the campaign platform that Republicans are racing to pass in their first 100 days running the House.

Even so, a number of House leaders oppose term limits — including four committee chairmen and House GOP Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

DeLay, normally in charge of nose-counting for the majority, is the highest ranking Republican to break ranks.

Transit strike slows Philly

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Transit workers chanted and cheered as they went on strike early this morning, forcing 350,000 daily passengers to find alternatives to the city's buses, subways and trolleys.

The strike began just after midnight, about 2 1/2 hours after last-ditch negotiations broke down. Picket lines went up at Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority depots as buses started returning from their routes.

At a downtown depot, workers counted down the last 10 seconds before midnight, then picked up their picket signs and started chanting "No contract, no work."

"SEPTA has refused to offer one dime of new money," said Harry Lombardo, president of Transport Workers Union Local 234.

The main stumbling block was the 5,200-member union's demand for a 3 percent wage increase in each of the next three years, similar to a proposal offered to Pittsburgh transit workers. About six hours before the strike, Lombardo rejected a contract that offered raises of 2, 2 and 3 percent over three years.

SEPTA General Manager Louis Gambaccini has said the transit authority doesn't have the estimated \$30 million the union's demands.

Lethal bacteria found at cult's compound

TOKYO (AP) — Raising the specter that a doomsday cult may have been preparing for germ warfare, police were reported today to have found lethal bacteria at one of the cult's compounds.

Meanwhile, details emerged of how sect followers were forced to hand over money to cult leaders for bizarre products and rituals. Prices reportedly ranged from \$200 for a tiny bottle of the leader's used bath water to \$10,000 a month for a headset that supposedly synchronizes brain waves.

Police have been searching the properties of Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth, after the March 20 nerve-gas attack on Tokyo's subways, which killed 10 people and sickened around 5,000. The cult, the prime suspect, has denied involvement and no arrests have been made.

Police would not comment on

the report in the Mainichi newspaper that the group was preparing for germ-warfare, but said they found a large amount of peptone, a protein used to grow bacteria cultures.

The newspaper said authorities seized quantities of Clostridium botulinum, the bacteria that cause botulism, a potentially fatal poisoning sometimes contracted from improperly canned foods.

Some medical companies store the bacteria for research and development. The cult owns medical facilities including a Tokyo hospital.

In earlier searches, police found large quantities of chemicals, some of which reportedly

can be used to produce the deadly sarin gas used in the subway attack.

The cult, which has been suspected of producing sarin in the past, prophesies a catastrophic world war in the next few years involving chemical weapons, germ warfare and nuclear weapons.

While espousing materialism-renouncing beliefs drawn from Hinduism and Buddhism, the cult apparently has been enriching itself by having believers turn over their assets and by charging members and visitors exorbitant prices for religious items and rituals.

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NIT Scores

NIT Tournament All Times EST Monday, March 27 At New York Semifinals Virginia Tech 71, Canisius 59 Marquette 87, Penn State 79 Wednesday, March 29 At New York Championship Virginia Tech (24-10) vs. Marquette (21-11), 8:30 p.m. Third Place Canisius (21-13) vs. Penn State (20-11), 6:30 p.m.

NCAA Women

NCAA Women's Tournament All Times EST FINAL FOUR At The Target Center Minneapolis National Semifinals Saturday, April 1 Tennessee (33-2) vs. Georgia (28-4), 12:15 p.m. Connecticut (33-0) vs. Stanford (30-2), 30 minutes after first game National Championship Sunday, April 2 Semifinal winners, 3:45 p.m.

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Men's Final Four matchup

UCLA Bruins vs Oklahoma St. (27-9) 1994-95 season statistics: UCLA (29-2) Avg. Points 87.9, Opp. Avg. Points 74.2, Field Goal Pct. 51.5, Opp. Field Goal Pct. 40.7, 3-PT. FGM-FGA 114-332, Opp. 3-PT. FGM-FGA 204-651, Free Throw Pct. 70.3, Opp. Free Throw Pct. 65.5, Rebound Avg. 40.6, Opp. Off. Rebound Avg. 36.3, Assist Avg. 20.1, Opp. Assist Avg. 14.8. Arkansas (31-6) vs North Carolina (28-5) 1994-95 season statistics: Arkansas Avg. Points 88.2, Opp. Avg. Points 79.9, Field Goal Pct. 46.8, Opp. Field Goal Pct. 43.7, 3-PT. FGM-FGA 339-855, Opp. 3-PT. FGM-FGA 300-825, Free Throw Pct. 67.6, Opp. Free Throw Pct. 67.1, Rebound Avg. 39.3, Opp. Off. Rebound Avg. 40.2, Assist Avg. 18.5, Opp. Assist Avg. 16.1.



Dallas Stars defender Craig Ludwig (3) goes to his knees as he is pressured by St. Louis Blues player Todd Elik during the first period Monday in Dallas. St. Louis won 3-2.

St. Louis gives Dallas the Blues

DALLAS (AP) — For two periods, the St. Louis Blues peppered shots at Dallas Stars goaltender Andy Moog without denting the scoreboard. But the Blues kept firing and Moog, the 35-year-old veteran, finally cracked as St. Louis rallied for three goals in the third period for a 3-2 decision over the Stars Monday night. "We spent a lot of time inside our blue line and the result was three goals in the third period," Stars coach Bob Gainey said. "Tonight our goaltending allowed us to stay in the game. I thought we were outplayed by a wider margin than one goal." Brendan Shanahan's rebound goal with 6:10 remaining broke a 2-2 tie as the Blues handed the Stars their first home defeat in more than a month, capping a rare come-from-behind victory for St. Louis. The Blues entered the game 0-9-2 when trailing after two periods. "The goals we scored were the result of persistence," Blues coach Mike Keenan said.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Goliad wins track meet

SWEETWATER — The Goliad seventh-grade boys' track team finished first in its division at Friday's junior-high track meet in Sweetwater. The Mavericks received first-place performances from Tim Arvriw in the shot put and discus, Jimmy Hawkins in the high jump and 100-meter dash, Arthur Gonzales in the triple jump and long jump, Rolando Ledesma in the 800 run and Orlando Ledesma in the 1,600 run. In addition, the 1,600 relay team of Rolando Ledesma, Robert Evans, Gonzales and Chris Jackson finished first.

Runnels boys third at meet

SWEETWATER — Runnels' eighth-grade boys' track team finished third in their division at last weekend's junior high meet in Sweetwater. Top finishers for the Yearlings included Mitchell setting a school record of 54.69 seconds in winning the 400 run. The team's other first place finisher was Chauncy Ford, who won the high jump with a leap of 5-8.

Runnels girls finish second

SWEETWATER — The Runnels eighth-grade girls' track team finished second behind Lamesa at last weekend's junior high meet in Sweetwater. Among the top individual performances for Runnels were: Jaclyn Owusu, first in the long jump (15-4 1/2) and 100 dash (12.85); Naomi Arguello, first in the 800 run (2:50.65); and Zelma Evans, first in the 300 hurdles (54.58).

Forsan hosts junior high tourney

FORSAN — Several county players fared well at last weekend's Forsan Junior High Tennis Tournament. In the eighth-grade division, Forsan's Cade Park took first place in boys singles, while Cassie Tindol of Coahoma defeated Forsan's Theresa Chappell for girls' singles honors. The Forsan duo of Jerrod Fishback and J.P. Sherman won the boys' doubles title over Blackie Nichols and Vincent Garcia of Coahoma. Tonya Tabor and Candice Edwards of Forsan finished second in girls' doubles. In the seventh-grade division, Forsan finished one-two in girls singles, with Ashley Alexander edging Leslie Patterson for top honors. Mario Garcia of Coahoma was second in boys singles, while Forsan's Logan Stanley was third. Forsan and Coahoma split top honors in doubles. Forsan's Jay Kuykendall and David Stone won the boys' double title, while Cassie Jackson and Jaci Roberts of Coahoma won in girls' doubles.

Did Baylor knowingly rig academic records?

WACO (AP) — Former Baylor men's basketball coach Darrel Johnson and three assistants engaged in a "partnership in crime" to qualify top players academically, a prosecutor told jurors Monday. "Basically, this case is about fraud," Assistant U.S. Attorney John Phinizy told jurors in opening statements. "These people took it upon themselves to do certain things to ensure that student athletes were eligible at Baylor so that Baylor University would have a winning basketball team." The comments came in U.S. District Court in Waco on opening day in the trial of Johnson and five other defendants arising from a correspondence-course, score-rigging scandal. Johnson, former assistant coaches Gary Thomas, Troy Drummond and Kevin Gray, and two officials from Alabama's Shelton State Community College, Humphrey Lee and Jeanetta Hargrow, are charged with federal wire and mail fraud counts. Johnson and his former assistants also are charged with conspiracy. If convicted, Johnson faces from five to 35 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines. Johnson, 39, was indicted in November after Baylor fired him.

TRANSACCIONS HOKEY National Hockey League DALLAS STARS—Assigned Mike Torchia, goaltender, and Gord Donnelly, defenseman, to Kalamazoo of the International Hockey League. Called up Manny Fernandez, goaltender, from Kalamazoo. EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled Peter White, center, and Ralph Intranuovo, right wing, from Cape Breton of the American Hockey League. BASEBALL CLEVELAND INDIANS—Released Greg Toles, catcher, and Mickey Pina, outfielder. Sent Rob Augustine and Charles York, pitchers, to Houston, catcher, and Ben Castillo, Frank Valdez and Derek Hacopian, outfielders, to their minor league camp for reassignment. NEW YORK YANKEES—Added Mark Carper, Al Drumheller, John Sutherland, and Tom Carter, pitchers, and Lew Hill, Bubba Carpenter, Shane Spencer, and Richard Barwell, outfielders, to the roster. NATIONAL LEAGUE FLORIDA MARLINS—Released Larry Hrynyk and Jorge Robles, infielders. Sent Steve Stowell and Steve Jones, pitchers, to their minor league camp for reassignment. Added Jimmy Krumers, catcher, Scott Southard, infielder, and Doug Pett and Kip Vaughn, pitchers.

College Baseball TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll, with records through March 26, point totals and previous ranking (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors). Record Pts Pvs 1. Clemson 25-1 498 2. Cal St Fullerton 26-4 497 3. Miami 25-4 491 4. Oklahoma State 25-3 488 5. Louisiana State 20-4 487 6. Auburn 21-3 484 7. Florida State 23-7 483 8. Arizona State 24-7 479 9. Tennessee 19-5 475 10. Texas Tech 28-4 472

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Player apologizes for 'beer league' remarks

Dibble says scabs will be labeled as 'child molesters' SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Suspended White Sox reliever Rob Dibble has apologized for criticizing replacement players and was free to rejoin Chicago's minor leaguers today, he and his agent said. "I've always been known for having a big mouth," Dibble said. "Guess I have to put a lid on it." His agent, Dennis Gilbert, said the relationship between White Sox general manager Ron Schueler and Dibble was fine and the pitcher would return to camp today. Dibble was suspended indefinitely Sunday "for conduct unbecoming to a White Sox player," Schueler said, adding that Dibble "criticized our major league players." Dibble was quoted in Saturday's Chicago Tribune as saying replacement players were "going to be labeled like child molesters for the rest of their lives. You're never going to get rid of that label." Dibble also referred to replacement baseball as a "beer league" and said Chicago's minor-leaguers could beat the replacement players. "It was a rule I had with him," Schueler said. "It was an understanding we had. When we signed him, he had said some things, a little name-calling on ESPN before he got here. I brought him in and said, 'If you have any problem with any of this, you shouldn't be in this camp.'"

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Who needs the 'good old days'?

Some time ago my great-grandson, age 10, had a school assignment to interview someone. He chose me, and his first question was, "What was it like during the Depression?"



Myrtle Griffith
Prime Columnist

The simplest answer to his question would have been, "It was rough!" But that wouldn't have helped his assignment.

These years literally brought the U.S. to its knees. Prosperous business folded, banks failed, stock market plunged down, mortgages were foreclosed, hundreds of thousands of people were out of work, many well-to-do people went bankrupt. Desperate workers searched for non-existent jobs. Cities set up soup kitchens to feed the desperate and hungry, and the soup lines were long.

Those living on family-sized farms fared somewhat better. They usually had cows, hogs, chickens and sometimes turkeys, sheep and goats. Vegetables could be raised and canned for the winter months. They did not have to actually go hungry as many did, but cash for the bare necessities was practically nonexistent. Jobs? If you were lucky enough to find one, your wages would likely be a dollar a day.

Since I can only write about my own experiences, let's go to 1924. That is the year we came to Texas to live. We arrived in September in time for my younger brother and I to enter school. My mother had died in 1924, so Dad, brother and I stayed that first year with an uncle, aunt and family, plus grandparents in the same house on a West Texas dryland farm.

Ten persons in a four-room house makes for crowded conditions. To make matters worse, Uncle's cotton crop was completely demolished by hail early in September. The small amount of cash we had when reaching Texas was soon depleted. How would 10 people survive?

Banks were in no notion to back farming operations, especially if one wasn't already quite far in the red with them. Well, Uncle had about 10 dairy cows, so butter was molded and sold, along with extra eggs, but this wasn't nearly enough to feed, and clothed 10 people and send four kids to school. Dad hunted work but was unsuccessful.

In desperation Uncle decided to create a brewery in his cellar and make home-brewed beer for sale. Yes, it was illegal, and poor Grandpa, who was a devout Methodist preacher, had to go into another room and close the door when a batch of brew was ready to bottle in the kitchen. All hands helped and it was done at night by a kerosene lamp.

Perhaps it was wrong, but it enabled us to eat and Uncle kept four kids in school. There was no electricity, but butter was kept in an old-fashioned icebox. The iceman had a truck, somewhat insulated, and delivered ice once a week. Those farms farther away from town did not have even this service. We used a kerosene stove for cooking and a wood-burning heater for a meager amount of warmth.

Later on in the Depression the government established programs to help. The CCC was for those too young for armed service but old enough to need work. They were furnished food, lodging and a small wage. WPA was for older workers, mostly was pick, shovel, and wheelbarrow work on highways and roads.

Wages were \$2.45 per day and a percentage of that had to be taken in surplus government commodities, e.g., rice, flour, cheese, cured pork, canned beef, cornmeal or whatever the surplus happened to be at the time.

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Leon Flake, left, and Jack Hogue, of San Antonio, embrace each other at the Kickapoo Downtown Airpark in Wichita Falls. Hogue and Flake's meeting caps a 45-year search for the "tall Texan" who fought beside him and was wounded Sept. 2, 1950, in the battle of Hill 99 during the Korean War. Hogue's lingering guilt over an incident during the war led him to search for his Army buddy and finally a tearful reunion.

Successful search for war buddy closes chapter on old trauma

By LOIS LUECKE
Wichita Falls Times Record News

WICHITA FALLS — Jack Hogue had searched almost 45 years for his friend, Leon Flake, hoping to heal a shattering trauma from their youth.

The two Army veterans of the Korean War met in an emotional reunion last week.

The San Antonio attorney finally found the chance to say, "I'm sorry," to Flake for failing to rescue him during a bloody battle in which Flake was wounded and crying for help. It happened at Pohang, South Korea, on Sept. 2, 1950.

"It will always haunt me ... I know I would have been killed trying to get you, but I should have tried. It was the only time in my life I thought I was a coward," Hogue told Flake when he arrived March 22.

As the two men sat down for a late lunch at the Wichita Club, Hogue expressed his pent-up feelings, tears streaming down his face.

Flake responded with assurances. "I wouldn't worry about that," he told Hogue. "I haven't worried about it so you don't have any worry coming."

And, in a teasing mood, "Well, you probably would have messed around and got us both killed and we wouldn't be here to celebrate."

The two men, both corporals in Company K, 3rd Platoon, 21st Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, participated in the assault against the North

Koreans on what was known as the battle for Hill 99.

Hogue recalled that he and two other men, a sergeant and a scout, made it almost to the top of the hill. There they heard Flake's cries for help from the foot of the hill where he lay, both legs broken and torn by enemy machine gun fire.

"He called for help for a long time," Hogue said. "Then finally when he started calling me, calling my name, and I said, 'I can't take this any more, I've got to go back.'"

"And my sergeant said, 'The hell you are. Don't you move.' It was an indelible memory, one that has plagued him on and off all these years, said Hogue, who served 25 years in the Army, including duty in Vietnam.

Flack remembered that a soldier named Pulinsky was able to reach him and apply tourniquets on his legs, saving his life, and that Pulinsky was shot in the chest by enemy fire but survived. Later South Koreans came with stretchers to take Flake to an aid station.

Flake and Hogue were two of the 34 survivors in the one-day battle. Company K started out with 249 men.

The poignant story of Hogue's apparent search for forgiveness began unfolding about 10 days ago when Flake received a telephone call from Hogue's daughter, Mei-Yu Bates, in San Antonio.

Flake describes the conversation:

"I was sitting at home watching television when the phone rang. I thought she was selling books or something."

"Mr. Flake?" she said, "Mr. Leon Flake?"

Flake identified himself. "Were you in Korea in 1950? Were you wounded on Sept. 2, 1950?" she asked.

"Yes," he said. "What is this all about?"

The woman identified herself. "My dad has been looking for you for 45 years!" she said.

Hogue said his daughter finally located Leon Flake by calling all the Flakes listed on the state's birth certificates in 1931.

Flake said he has talked to Mrs. Bates several times on the telephone since then and exchanged letters with Hogue. Her husband, Bill Bates, flew Hogue to Wichita Falls in a private, four-seater aircraft.

The visit, said Flake, was "a once-in-a-lifetime deal."

"Can you believe something like that happens 45 years ago, and then someone comes up that was there with you in Korea? I imagine we will be friends forever," he said.

Hogue was a "highly decorated" veteran of the Vietnam war, Flake said, who later went to law school and is now practicing in San Antonio.

After Korea, Flake would undergo many operations to restore the normal use of his legs. He is chief executive officer of Flake Industrial Services Inc.

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Combat restless leg syndrome

By WANDA DENSON
Prime Columnist

Shortly after going to bed, you feel a crawling sensation in your legs. They may feel numb or tingly - you might call it a pins and needles feeling. Your legs jerk or twitch involuntarily whether you are asleep or awake. Either way, your sleep is disturbed.

Although symptoms usually occur at night, they can occur anytime you are in bed or sitting. To obtain relief, victims feel they have to walk. Hence the name night walkers, chosen by a national support group whose official name is the RLS (Restless Syndrome Leg) Foundation.

This foundation's advisory board is made up of eleven physicians in the field of sleep disorders and is chaired by a neurologist. The board determines the accuracy of information provided by the foundation.

About 5 percent of the middle-aged-and-over population suffers from RLS, according to the foundation. Yet it isn't taught in medical schools and in the past has been virtually unrecognized by general physicians, says Doctor Joseph F. Lipinski, Jr., foundation board member. He adds that in the past, the condition was often diagnosed as anxiety.

Although the exact cause is

still unknown, doctors who study RLS say it can be triggered by a number of conditions including anemia, diabetes and circulatory disorders. Researchers say RLS tends to run in families, suggesting the cause could be genetic.

There are now some 258 sleep-disorder centers in the United States accredited by the American Sleep Disorder Association. And researchers continue to discover more

about RLS and search for more effective methods of treatment.

In the meantime, different doctors prescribe different treatments such as exercise, massage, increasing calcium intake, cold or hot packs and medications.

For more information about RLS, send a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to RLS Foundation, P.O. Box 314, 514 Daniels St., Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

Keeping up your interest in rates

Keeping Up Your Interest From time to time you will pick up the news that the Federal Reserve Bank has raised its interest rates. What happens? Who is affected? When the Fed (Federal Reserve Bank) sneezes, the financial markets sets up and pays attention.



Max Green
Prime Columnist

I have not maintained any statistics regarding the movement of interest, but if my memory serves me right, the Fed raised the discount rate more than once in 1994. This did have an impact on all interest rates. How does this happen?

The Federal Reserve Bank is the bankers' bank. When a commercial bank gets low on reserves, they can borrow money from the Federal Reserve Bank. They pay the Fed the discount rate for these funds. This rate is currently 5.25 percent per annum.

A business person must make a profit in order to stay in business. This profit is the owners salary. This is the way the business person pays for his living expenses, that is, food, clothing, shelter and transportation. Plus, he invests a part of his profits in expanding his business. Provided, the markets are good.

A commercial bank is just like any other business. It must make a profit in order to pay salaries, loan money and be an asset to the community.

A bank in effects, buys its money by paying interest on its money market accounts, certificates of deposits and borrowing money overnight from other

banks and discounts to the Federal Reserve Bank.

It then loans this money to its borrowing customers at a greater rate of interest than it is paying for its money market accounts, etc. This is the banks gross profit margin. Its net profit occurs when it is able to keep its operating expenses and income taxes below its gross profit margin.

It is rather easy to determine the general gross profit margin for banks by comparing the discount rate with the prime rate. As noted above, the current discount rate is 5.25 percent, the prime rate is 9 percent. The general gross profit margin being 3.75 percent (9 percent - 5.25 percent).

Prime rate is the interest rate the banks charge their most credit worthy customers. This is just a general guideline. This rate will in fact vary from bank to bank, depending upon loan demand.

So, bottom line, the Federal Reserve system does have a direct bearing on your cost of living. As interest rates go, so goes the cost of doing business. The general overhead of the business relates back to the prices that you, the consumer, pay for your food, clothing, shelter, medical, transportation and luxuries.

When the Fed raises the discount rate, cost goes up, when it lowers the rate, cost does down. Sooner or later it will affect prices.

This is the reason some economist question the advisability of raising the discount rates. Yet, the Fed claims the increase is necessary to curb inflation. Only time will tell.

This is just a very short discussion on a big subject. There are numerous books and publications that you can buy that will give you a really in-depth view of our entire financial system.

PUTTIN' ON THE DOG



Ted the Golden Labrador wears a set of made-to-measure leather boots outside a shoe shop in Minehead, southwest England, 200 miles from London. Ted suffers from sore paws so his owner decided a good set of boots was the only answer. The Minehead Shoe Company has also provided boots for other animals.

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Griffith

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Most farms had no electric lines, no running water, and no indoor plumbing. Many had no water source and were forced to haul all water in wagon tanks or 55-gallon barrels. Some had windmills if underground water was available. From most farms it was quite a distance over dirt roads to a paved highway.

For the younger housewife there was an additional worry: birth control was very unreliable. So unexpected babies arrived to be fed and clothed. There may have been disposable diapers, but who could afford that luxury? Cloth diapers were washed in a tub with the aid of a brass rub-board and arm power. Water was usually heated in iron kettles out of doors. One just hoped there would be no sandstorm on wash day.

Since there was no central heat, quilts had to be made for night time warmth. Most clothing was made at home, so all scraps were saved for quilts. Even the best parts of worn-out jeans were used to make quilts.

Sometimes it took several quilts per bed as there was no night time heat in farmhouses and most were very poorly insulated. There were no televisions, few radios, no telephones or the hundreds of other electrical appliances we enjoy these days.

Lye soap was made from the residue from rendering hog lard. Lard and butter were the cooking fats. Hams and bacon were sugar-cured and sometimes smoked, and sausage was hand-ground in a grinder much like a food chopper and was stuffed into muslin sacks or well-cleaned intestines.

Usually these were used in making soap, but if the hog meat was somewhat scarce, they were used for sausage. Butchering was done in cold weather. Before you say "Ugh!" just remember that the fancy grades of sausage you have eaten were likely stuffed intestines.

Let's skip to 1935. By this time I had a family of my own, but we, too, lived on a West Texas farm quite isolated, so there were still no electric lines, telephones etc. The Depression was still around but times had eased somewhat.

A promising cotton crop was in the field. We had a cream separator, hand cranked; skim milk poured from one spout and thick cream from the other when warm, fresh milk was poured into the storage bowl above the working parts. A little bell gave a warning "ding" if the one on the crank began turning too slowly. Cream was sold at the nearest town.

My makeshift refrigerator was called a window cooler and was a square boxlike frame of wood made to fit exactly into the outside sill of a window. It had a solid floor and top with screen wire around three sides.

The fourth fit into the window and was the same size as the sash which could be raised from the inside, thus forming a door. Next a metal box was made to fit inside the screened frame. This was usually of galvanized material and three to five inches deep.

Finally the pan was placed and partially filled with water. Covered milk and butter containers were placed inside the pan along with any other item that needed cooling. Last, heavy absorbent cloths were saturated in the water and spread over all. Breezes from any of the screened directions did the rest. It really was an effective evaporative cooling system.

When you hear people sigh for "the good old days," take it with a grain of salt! It isn't likely that any of them would trade their way of life and go back! I, for one, would never willingly do so. It wasn't all bad, but who needs the good old days?

Help! Sunday Deadlines
Weddings, engagements, anniversaries - Wednesday at noon. Complete Herald form available at the office, 710 Scurry. Out-of-towners call 915-263-7331 for mailed form.
Military, Stork Club, This-N-That, Who's Who - Wednesday at noon. Call Janet Ausbury, 263-7331, ext. 112, for information.

A little recognition means quite a lot

Three years ago this month, the Big Spring Herald began publishing "The Prime of Your Life." I enjoy writing for it, and I certainly appreciate the encouragement of readers.



Jean Warren
Prime Columnist

Ever since I discovered the printed word, I have wanted to be a writer. At first, I tried writing fiction and soon accumulated enough rejection slips to paper a wall.

Finally, I sold a short story to the magazine section of the Omaha World-Herald. It was then I learned that writers of fiction are not given credit for much imagination. A professor wanted to know if I really cooked all the foods mentioned in the story.

My three younger brothers had great fun speculating upon the identity of the hero that the young heroine (by inference, me) was pining for, and they came up with the names of some unlikely matrimonial prospects.

It put a damper on my career as a writer of fiction. Of course, in reality, much fiction is based upon fact. John Steinbeck was in local disfavor after the publication of Cannery Row. At one time, Nobel Prize Winner William Faulkner was not the most popular person in his hometown of Oxford, Mississippi.

There is the story that a woman visiting in Oxford commented to a taxi driver about Mr. Faulkner's "wonderful imagination." The cabbie is supposed to have responded, "Lady, he never made up a damn thing. He just wrote it all down."

I next tried writing articles. The flow of rejection slips

diminished somewhat, and I made a few sales, but my dream of becoming a professional writer remained, for the most part, just that - a dream. However, as an English teacher, I always enjoyed the creative writing of my students.

But recently a small success came my way. Writing has always been therapy for me. One sleepless night after my husband's tragic death from emphysema brought on by smoking, I wrote about the painful consequences of cigarette addiction.

Looking at the manuscript the next morning, I wondered if it might be helpful to someone trying to quit smoking, or if it could be of use to the wonderful life science teachers at Goliad Middle School who work so hard to teach students the dangers of smoking.

I submitted the article to the Dallas Morning News. "A Hard Lesson in Smoking's Danger" was published in November of 1992.

A few months later, Harper-Collins Publishers called me. This is the same Harper-Collins that is publishing Newt Gingrich's book.

The editor explained that they wanted to buy reprint rights to the article in order to use it in a college textbook on writing. That I was pleased, is an understatement!

Recently I received a copy of the book, The Advancing Writer. There, beginning on page 315, is the article complete with vocabulary study and follow-up questions.

There is a biographical sketch of each author whose work is included in the book. Some are pretty impressive, like those of Garrison Keillor and Ellen Goodman.

Mine says simply: "Jean Warren is a retired English teacher and a regular contributor to the Big Spring (Texas) Herald."

That has a nice ring to it.

The good and bad of ads

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

Do you like commercials? Some make me laugh, others I wish would just go away, then there are some so bad I would never buy the product.

Perhaps you may remember some of your favorites and you will probably be surprised at how long some commercials remain in your memory.

Have you seen the group of bears who are inspecting a station wagon, with the appropriate bear grunts, kicking the tires, checking the visors, etc. It always reminds me of our trip to Yellowstone, and beating tin pans with spoons to keep the bears away from our food, (and station wagon).

We are familiar with the "coffee" commercial, the man and woman who are neighbors and become? Then her son appears, and we are all confused.

That is the newest trend in advertising, a continuing story. I suppose it is the soap opera influence. I wonder if we will have to tape commercials so we won't miss the next installment?

Have you noticed how many animals are featured? Not just in pet food commercials, but ones for all kinds of products. There is a reason, research shows that people will watch a commercial with a cute child or an animal.

On our local television, merchants testify to the selling power of television commercials. One gentleman said it had increased his business \$1,000 a day. Now we understand why advertising has such influence.

Who are the biggest advertisers? The car makers, airlines, beer and soap companies, and the makers of personal products including antiperspirants, and other things close to us.

A few years ago a series of commercials appeared on TV with subliminal messages appearing on the bottom of the screen, flashing by so quickly watchers didn't realize what they had seen. But the messages were so powerful they

were outlawed. Partly because of this power, there are no tobacco ads on television; nor do you see people drinking liquor or wine, or beer either for that matter.

A great many food ads appear during the times we usually eat our meals. When we are so hungry, there is that pizza with the gooey cheese, or the hamburger that never looks like that when you get one.

I watched a showing the "Hall of Fame" commercials, and it did bring back some memories. Do you remember the little lady asking "Where's the beef?"

She was in her 80s when she made the Wendy's commercial, and was so much in demand she acted in some movies, and was just as funny.

Of course there was Mr. Whipple imploring us "not to squeeze the Charmin." I always believed that Mother used Charmin because of his commercial.

The most famous commercial was shown only once. It showed an Apple computer, with overtones of George Orwell's "1984"; a society where Big Brother controlled what we do and think, and the Apple computer was going to change our ideas of 1984. This was not a favorite of mine.

One commercial on now that breaks me up is a whiny female voice imploring God to buy her a Mercedes Benz. Her friends won't help her; they all drive Porsches. You see only the Mercedes and hear her voice.

The voice is the late Janis Joplin, who wrote the song "Mercedes Benz." She drove a Porsche. So much for truth in advertising.

The top commercial, and my personal favorite, is the famous "Mean" Joe Green commercial where the little boy offers Joe his Coke, and Joe gives the boy a torn jersey. The child's eyes get very big, and we know that he is happy and Joe isn't thirsty anymore.

Pepsi did a takeoff of this commercial; it wasn't as good. After all, "Coke" is the real thing!

World's oldest woman turns 120



Jeanne Calment, right, the oldest person in the world according to the Guinness Book of Records, receives wishes for long life from Arlesian beauty queen Catherine Sautecouer at her nursing home in France. Calment turned 120 on Feb. 21.

PARIS (AP) — Jeanne Calment has outlived the rest of her family, but the woman said to be the world's oldest person had plenty of company and attention as she turned 120 Feb. 21.

More than 5,000 birthday cards from around the world arrived at her nursing home in southern France, including messages from France's president and prime minister.

Journalists from as far away as Japan flocked to see her. At least five books about her or about centenarians in general have been published in conjunction with the birthday.

Calment and her 60 neighbors at the nursing home in the southern city of Arles shared a chocolate cake, and she wore a new dress for the occasion.

Her father died at 94 and her mother at 86.

Robine, who visits Calment regularly, remarked on her "extraordinary resistance to sickness, stress and depression."

"There's nothing exceptional about her lifestyle," he said. "She's not athletic, not a health fanatic — she says she's interested in everything but not really passionate

about anything."

Hard of hearing and nearly blind, Calment has been living since 1985 at a nursing home that has been renamed after her. She has used a wheelchair since fracturing her leg and elbow in a fall in 1990.

The Guinness Book of Records lists Calment as the oldest person in the world, whose age can be authenticated. Calment has been the oldest person since 1991, when American Carry White died at 116.

"I've had a beautiful life," Calment said in an interview published last week in the newspaper Le Figaro. "With

good health, one is happy."

Calment was born in Arles in 1875. She has outlived her husband, brother, daughter and grandson, so she has no direct descendants.

But she has memories — traveling to Paris when the Eiffel Tower was still under construction, selling colored pencils to Van Gogh when he was living in Arles.

Calment has been forced to give up her two cigarettes a day and her single glass of port before meals, but she still nibbles on chocolate.

Demographers said centenarians' life expectancy is two years. More than 80 percent of them are women.

Retirees active in NOMADS program

By ANDREA G. SCHER
Thomson News Service

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — A plumber, a school administrator and a secretary work side by side building, sewing and painting.

Not only are they all "officially" retired, but none get paid for their efforts. They are the NOMADS and they travel the South in their recreational vehicles, sharing their time and skills with United Methodist mission projects.

NOMADS — or "Nomads on a

Mission Active in Divine Service" — is a mission outreach ministry administered by Intersharing, an arm of the United Methodist Church.

Fifteen NOMADS volunteers arrived in Thomasville three weeks ago to provide general repair and maintenance to the Vashti Center, a social service agency that provides treatment for severely emotionally disturbed children and youths.

The NOMADS provide help to social agencies, such as Vashti, along with camps, Indian missions, rural missions, disaster

relief areas and Habitat for Humanity.

"We're just crazy people doing crazy things," joked Hawley Fabrick, who, along with his wife, founded NOMADS in 1988.

With a group of two on the first few missions, Fabrick, 73, said he is pleased NOMADS have increased to more than 120 people working on 11 projects simultaneously throughout the country.

"I've worked at this all my life," said Fabrick, of Loves Park, Ill.

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Diagnostics Division

TUESDAY

Table with 33 columns representing different TV channels (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows listing various programs and their start times.

Comic strip 'COUNTDOWN' by Billingsley. Panel 1: A character looks at a 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY'. Panel 2: A character looks at a 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY' with the caption 'AUDITOR AT THE DUCK FACTORY'.

Comic strip 'GASOLINE ALLEY' by Scanzler. Panel 1: A character asks 'How's the new job, sweetie?'. Panel 2: A character replies 'Fine! I bet you look cute in your uniform!'. Panel 3: A character says 'Giggle! Hey, you! No fraternizing with the help! See?'. Panel 4: A character says 'It's OK! He's my Dad!'.

Comic strip 'HI AND LOIS' by Chance Browne. Panel 1: A character says 'SEE? YOU GUYS CAN HAVE FUN WITHOUT TV'. Panel 2: A character says 'OH NO! NOT AGAIN!'. Panel 3: A character says 'WE BETTER START ACTING MISERABLE OR SHE'LL NEVER TURN IT BACK ON!'. Panel 4: A sign says 'NO TV THIS WEEK'.

Comic strip 'WIZARD OF ID' by Pincus. Panel 1: A character says 'THIS ANTI-FUR ZEALOT THREW PAINT ALL OVER ME AND I WASN'T WEARING ANY FUR!'. Panel 2: A character says 'WELL, ZEALOT?'. Panel 3: A character says 'HE HAD A FEATHER IN HIS CAP'.

Comic strip 'DENNIS THE MENACE' by Gammert. Panel 1: A character says 'I'LL GIVE YOU A NICKEL TO GIVE ME A SPEEDING TICKET.'. Panel 2: A character says 'Look, Mom! Jeffy's wagon has a bucket seat!'.

Comic strip 'BLONDIE' by DeKoven. Panel 1: A character says 'DAGWOOD! WAIT! YOU FORGOT YOUR BRIEFCASE!'. Panel 2: A character says 'THROW IT DOWN! IT'LL SAVE TIME!'. Panel 3: A character says 'OH NO! MY PAPERS!!'. Panel 4: A character says 'THROW IT DOWN! HE SAYS, IT'LL SAVE TIME'.

Comic strip 'BEETLE BAILEY' by DeKoven. Panel 1: A character asks 'BEETLE, SHALL I TELL YOU WHAT YOUR TROUBLE IS?'. Panel 2: A character says 'NO'. Panel 3: A character says 'YOUR PROBLEM IS...'. Panel 4: A character says 'I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT! I'M NOT LISTENING!!'. Panel 5: A character says 'THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF HIS PROBLEMS'.

Comic strip 'GEECH' by DeKoven. Panel 1: A character says 'OK, YOU FINISH UP HERE WHILE I GET STARTED ON THE BUCK.'. Panel 2: A character says 'FINISH UP...?'. Panel 3: A character says 'WELL, AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN.'. Panel 4: A character says 'THEN I GUESS I'M FINISHED'.

Comic strip 'CALVIN AND HOBBS' by Watt. Panel 1: A character says 'THIS EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE GET RID OF SLIMY GIRLS CLUB WILL COME TO ORDER. DICTATOR FOR LIFE CALVIN PRESIDING'. Panel 2: A character says 'OYEZ! OYEZ!'. Panel 3: A character says 'AS WE'RE ALL AWARE, THE ENEMY HAS INFILTRATED OUR TERRITORY AND IS SPREADING DISINFORMATION TO THE EFFECT THAT HOMEWORK OUGHT TO BE DONE RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL'. Panel 4: A character says 'AS MY MOM MAY HAVE COVERED GIRL SYMPATHIES, WE MUST ERADICATE THE HOSTILE FORCES! ANY QUESTIONS?'. Panel 5: A character says 'YES, COULD WE PIKE SOME AIR HOLES IN HERE?'. Panel 6: A character says 'TOO RISKY! THE BOX OF SECRETS MUST REMAIN SECURE'.

Comic strip 'HAGAR THE HORRIBLE' by DeKoven. Panel 1: A character says 'THERE'S A DRAFT IN HERE! WILL WHOEVER JUST CAME IN PLEASE CLOSE THE DOOR?'. Panel 2: A character says 'I'M TRYING! I'M TRYING!!'.

Comic strip 'SNUFFY SMITH' by DeKoven. Panel 1: A character says 'DING A LING'. Panel 2: A character says 'HOW COME MY SUPPER AIN'T READY?'. Panel 3: A character says 'I GOT SIDETRACKED BY SOME DING-A-LING!!'.

Comic strip 'PEANUTS' by Schulz. Panel 1: A character says 'YOU KNOW WHAT I'D DO IF I WERE YOU?'. Panel 2: A character says 'WELL, I'LL TELL YOU... BUT FIRST, TELL ME WHAT YOU WERE GOING TO DO BEFORE I ASKED YOU IF YOU KNEW WHAT I'D DO IF I WERE YOU..'

Comic strip 'PEANUTS' by Schulz. Panel 1: A character says 'WHY ARE YOU SO HARD TO TALK TO?'. Panel 2: A character says 'WHY ARE YOU SO HARD TO TALK TO?'.

RITZ advertisement. Shows showtimes for 'The Brady Bunch', 'Higher Learning R', and 'Major Payne PG-13'.

Advertisement for 'OUTBREAK R', 'HEAVYWEIGHTS', and 'CANDYMAN II R'.

THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

Crossword puzzle grid with clues. Clues include: 1 Waterway, 6 Commotion, 10 Monarch of Iran, 14 Sun-dried brick, 15 Flexible tube, 16 Drink to excess, 17 Sofa, 18 Serv. branch, 19 Freshly, 20 Assigns to a post, 22 Commingle, 24 Spitchcock, 25 On the summit of, 26 Mason's creator, 30 Storm, 34 In the past, 35 Feel, 37 Fanee's garment, 38 Moves with great speed, 40 Insect, 41 Soil, 42 Pick out, 44 Dugout seat, 47 Mongrel, 48 Merit, 50 Part of Dixie, 52 Look searchingly, 53 In the manner of, 54 Papal headress, 56 'The Lion --', 61 Shelter for birds, 62 Head of France, 64 Flora and fauna, 65 Finished, 66 Director Kazan, 67 Illegal lending, 68 Muffins, 69 Shaded walk in old Roman villas, 70 'Sisters' (Chekhov).

Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid of words including MARI, LOPE, CASE, IRON, CAROM, ODIN, FEATHER, CHRISTMAS, ELEEE, RARER, MOTHERTERESA, OGHAMS, LASH, MAE, WRIT, AIM, CULL, SEN, WANT, SNAIL, SISTERCARRIE, CLASP, OENO, BROTHER, JONATHAN, LORE, COUNT, EASY, ANNE, TUBES, NIPS, BEAN, STAY, ERSE.

This date in history

Today is Tuesday, March 28, the 87th day of 1995. There are 278 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit Two reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa. On this date: In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine. In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia. In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara. In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco. In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England. In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire. In 1943, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif. In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif. In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78. In 1982, voters in El Salvador went to the polls for a constituent assembly election that resulted in victory for the Christian Democrats, led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte. Ten years ago: The U.S. Senate approved a resolution urging President Reagan to take retaliatory trade measures against Japan unless the Japanese opened new markets to U.S. goods. The same day, Japan announced it would increase automobile exports to the U.S. by 25 percent.

One year ago: More than 50 people were killed in violence that erupted in Johannesburg, South Africa, during a march by Zulu nationalists. Absurdist playwright Eugene Ionesco died in Paris at age 81. Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie is 81. Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski is 67. Senator Frank Murkowski (R-Alaska) is 62. ABC News correspondent Bill Greenwood is 53. Actor Ken Howard is 51. Actress Dianne Wiest is 47. Country singer Reba McEntire is 40. The Associated Press

THE QUIGMANS by Buddy Hickerson

Comic strip 'THE QUIGMANS' by Buddy Hickerson. Panel 1: A character says 'CLUMSY ATTEMPT TO AROUSE HER AMOROUS NATURE.'. Panel 2: A character says 'HUMILIATING REJOINER OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY THREATS OF VIOLENCE.'.

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