

Browning conviction upheld

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Court of Appeals in Eastland has upheld a jury's decision to sentence Randall Mark Browning to life in prison for sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl.

Browning's attorney, Don Richard, filed the appeal in August 1994, and the appeals judges considered his motion last week. The decision was announced earlier this week.

"I was disappointed. I have been doing some independent research about this case and I was not surprised by the decision, just disappointed," said Richard.

He plans to file a motion for rehearing with the Eastland court so the judges will look at the case once again. "No matter what problems there was with the evidence, it is hard to overcome the victim pointing out the defendant in a composite and lineup," said Richard.

"The law states one witness is sufficient for conviction. Even though they did not bother to send off the rape kit or do any DNA testing, it is legally sufficient for them to use just one witness (the victim)," he continued.

District Attorney Rick Hamby commented, "We're extremely gratified and not surprised by the court's decision because we felt like Mr. Browning got a fair trial and the judge made sure of that."

"If it's appealed any further, we feel the appeals court will again uphold the trial court's and jury's findings."

Unemployment declined slightly in Big Spring

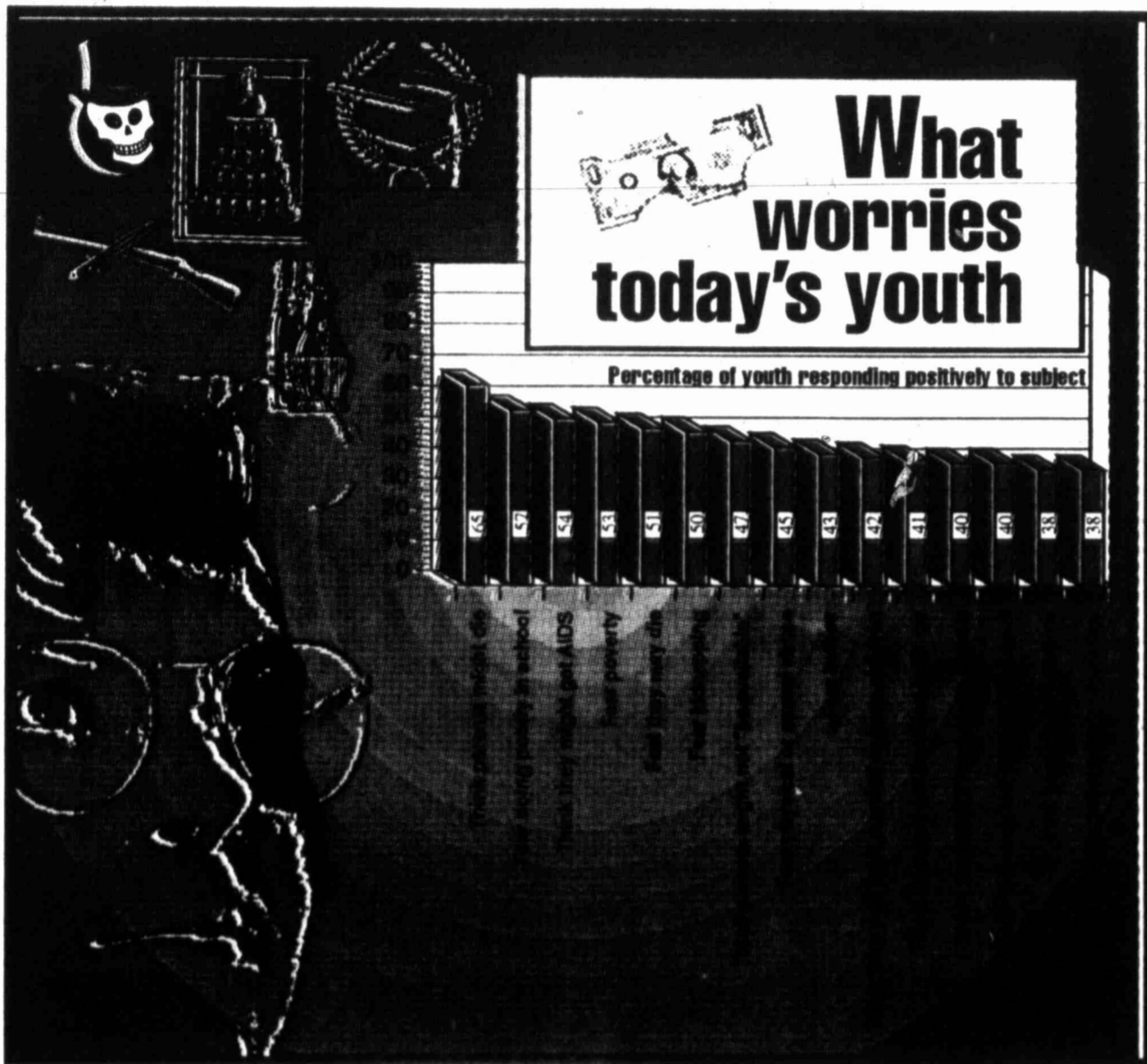
By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Current unemployment figures from the Texas Employment Commission shows Howard County and the city of Big Spring saw slight declines in the number of people out of work during the month of April.

For the month of April, Howard County has a civilian labor force of 14,103 with 13,518 of those employed leaving 585 unemployed for an unemploy-

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PANIC BUTTON



Kids scared of future but look to parents

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many kids ages 10-13 are frightened about their lives and their futures, according to an advocacy group that says children view their parents as loving but inept when it comes to solving problems.

"I'm scared of being killed," says 10-year-old Janelle. "I don't want to get raped, but that happens to everyone," says 11-year-old Barbara. Then there's David: "If I get kidnapped, I probably won't see my parents again."

Children ages 10 through 13 think they're more likely to die or be abused than to start smoking or drinking, according to a study released Wednesday.

The survey by KidsPeace, an advocacy group for children and families in crisis, found that youngsters still look to parents for advice, but the study suggests that most parents are ill-equipped to deal with problems confronting children.

"Most parents want to be good parents, but they don't know where to turn when there's a

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Local kids not as fearful as their nation counterparts

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

A recent survey reveals many children ages 10-13 are scared about their lives and futures. KidsPeace, an advocacy group, says children view their parents as loving but inept when it comes to solving problems.

The national survey indicates the children believe they are more likely to die or be abused than to start smoking or drinking.

A survey done in Big Spring of children ages 9-19 show they are not as scared as those who participated in the national survey.

The Big Spring students ages 9 and 10 are worried about something happening to their parents and home.

"I worry about something tragic happening to my parents like they die in a car wreck and I would be alone. I

worry every day about what the next day will bring. I also worry that something will come down on me and hurt me," said Mark, nine years old.

"I worry about losing my home and everything I own and end up being on the street. I have already lost one parent and I worry about losing the one I do have. That makes me kinda sad when I think about it. I also worry my asthma will come back and I'll have an attack," remarked Louis, nine years old.

Ten-year-old Rudy says he's worried his parents will get divorced. "If they separate from each other, I'll lose all my stuff I have like my house and I'll end up in a foster home. I also worry my brother will have a seizure and die."

Fourth grader Holli worries about "being kidnapped or being robbed at my house. I worry we will get poor. My

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Ladies golfers teed off about course condition

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Comanche Trail Golf Course became a battleground at Tuesday's City Council meeting when the issue of maintenance was raised.

Connie Fowler, president of the CMTGC Ladies Golf Association, asked: "Why don't we have a better facility for the fees we pay?" which sparked heated debate in council chambers.

Fowler's list of problems at the course included:

- Only 20 percent to 30 percent of the people who play at the course pay greens fees.
- Memberships aren't verified.
- Greens fees are too expensive.

- The clubhouse and pro shop was built in 1968 and the building is dilapidated.
- Storage is limited and takes up bathroom space.
- The pro shop has taken on a "beer joint" atmosphere.
- Ladies' tee boxes are bald (she added ladies' golf association members are feeling discriminated against).
- Restrooms on the course are little more than field outhouses.
- The water system at the golf course is shot.
- There are open holes in the fairways from previous repairs.
- The cart shed is barely standing.
- The course parking lot is full of potholes.

Fowler told the council the association would like to see the rules enforced on all who play at the course and not just a few.

She added some possible solutions to the many problems at the course would be to eliminate free play at the course, establish a golf committee to oversee enforcement of the rules, ask the city and county, in a joint effort, to finance the course, and supply the course with good equipment.

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Why don't we have a better facility for the fees we pay?

Connie Fowler

"This course has fantastic potential," Fowler said, "and could be a big boost to the economy and to Big Spring."

The debate intensified when Fowler told the council the 70 percent to 80 percent of the people who don't pay fees are primarily city employees and their families who play free at the course.

Mayor Tim Blackshear added, "Free play for city employees is considered a benefit and a part of city employees' salaries. We know we have some problems at the course and we're trying to address them."

Mayor Pro-Tem Chuck Cawthon told Fowler a survey of city employees was conducted last year, and the result of that survey showed only about 15 percent of the eligible city employees play golf at the course.

Cawthon said, "If only 15 percent of city employees play golf at the course, then we do have a serious problem if that many

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City approved for waterline project

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Despite being in the middle of what Mayor Tim Blackshear calls a major transition period, City Manager Gary Fuqua has hit the ground running.

Fuqua told the Big Spring City Council the city has received a letter of approval for a \$300,000 grant for the College Heights waterline project.

During his report to the council Tuesday night, Fuqua tentatively set June 3 as the date for a council retreat. He said his three main goals at that retreat would be to establish a mission

statement for the city, to study the current budget situation in depth, and for city officials to update themselves on the status of current city projects.

During council input, most council members expressed their appreciation for the work that went into the joint meeting between city and county officials last week and for the new look of the lobby at the Big Spring Police Department, which was unveiled last week as part of Law Enforcement Memorial Week.

Councilman Tom Guess added he would like to see a plan in

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Four nabbed for shoplifting at Wal-Mart; five others charged with possession

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Four women have been charged with theft in two separate shoplifting incidents at the Wal-Mart Supercenter, and five people are facing drug charges.

Reports say on Tuesday, two suspects stole a beach bag and

stuffed it with food, a swimsuit and suntan lotion, then attempted to leave the store without paying for the items.

Officers arrested Monica Kay Boner, 17, of 710 E. 18th, and Bonnie Lynn Fikes, 41, of 710 E. 18th, and charged them with theft.

Meanwhile, Sandye Dean

White, 17, of 1317 Mesquite, and Chrystal Leigh Conway, 17, also of 1317 Mesquite, were arrested Monday afternoon after allegedly shoplifting at the store.

Officers say the women attempted to steal two pairs of leather shoes, a pair of silk boxer shorts and a pair of cotton shorts worth \$70. They were

transferred to the county jail on Tuesday and released on \$1,000 bonds each.

Five people have been released on bond after being arrested Monday at an apartment complex for reportedly possessing marijuana.

Officers with the Big Spring Police Department were called

to the 3300 block of West Highway 80 in reference to people possessing a green leafy substance that looked like marijuana.

Fidencio Phillip Deleon, 25, of 300 Tulane #3; Janie Annette Dutchover, 24, of 3304 West Highway 80 #35; Angela Louise White, 22, of 800 Marcy #12;

Michael Eric Bristow, 22, of Monahans, and Juan Paul Garza, 30, of 1708 Johnson, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces.

All five suspects were transferred to the county jail and released after posting \$1,000 bonds each.

Texas Trivia

What unique Dallas businesswoman built the first iron bridge across the Trinity River?
Sarah Cookrell

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: The Secret Service conducted a feverish investigation today after shooting a mysterious late-night intruder who scaled a White House fence and raced with a pistol toward the presidential mansion. See page 3A.

STATE

Stowed away
Authorities plucked a 32-year-old Houston man Tuesday off a Russian freighter in which he apparently had fallen asleep after the ship had set sail for its next port of call. See page 7A.

Discrimination charges leveled
For the second time in as many days, a female officer has come forth publicly with allegations of sexual discrimination against the Texas Rangers. See page 7A.

Teen dies from meningitis
An Episcopal High School senior has died of meningococcal meningitis one day after going through commencement ceremony. See page 7A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **88** ▲ Highs **60**
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Mostly cloudy
Tonight, mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain, low lower 60s, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

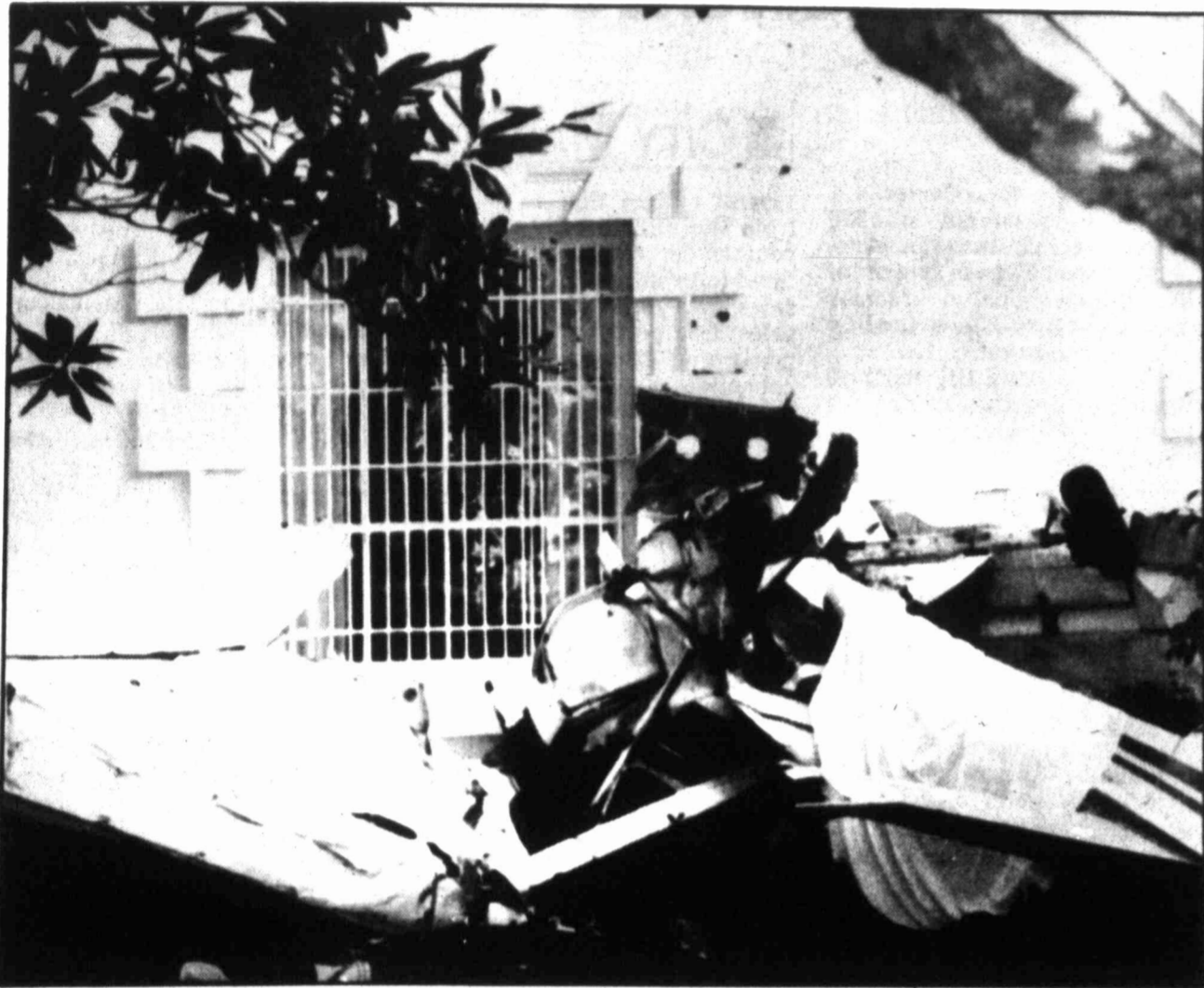
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Thursday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of afternoon showers, high mid 80s, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph and gusty; partly cloudy night, chance of rain, low lower 60s.
Friday: Partly cloudy, high mid 80s.

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Two shot as intruder scales White House fence



The wreckage of a light plane lies next to the White House in September 1994. The plane pierced the restricted zone around the White House, crashing near the mansion, killing the pilot. This was the first assault on the White House.



Secret Service agents are shown in this October 1994 file photo as they wrestle with Francisco Martin Duran in front of the White House. Duran, who was convicted of attempting to assassinate the president, pulled a semiautomatic, assault-style rifle from under his trench coat and fired 29 rounds at the White House before he was tackled by bystanders in the second assault on the White House.

Incident third assault on White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service conducted a feverish investigation today after shooting a mysterious late-night intruder who scaled a White House fence and raced with a pistol toward the presidential mansion.

Leland William Modjeski, 37, was subdued not far from where President Clinton had stepped from his limousine just a half hour earlier. An agent was wounded as he scuffled with Modjeski, apparently by the same shot that brought down the gunman.

Jokingly calling it "just another day at the White House," Clinton shrugged off the incident, according to his press secretary, Mike McCurry.

"We were never in any danger," Clinton told McCurry. "The service did a great job."

Officials said they had no immediate indication of motivation but McCurry raised the possibility that all the recent attention to White House security might prompt people to attempt "foolish things." Secret Service spokesman Dave Adams said Modjeski's revolver was not loaded. One official said Modjeski had recently lost his job at a Pizza Hut.

Secret Service officer Scott Giambattista was wounded while subduing the suspect, who scaled a 10-foot fence.

Modjeski, of suburban Falls Church, Va., was to face charges today that could include trespassing at the White House, assaulting an officer and carrying a firearm, said Secret Service officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Clinton and his family were "never in any danger" and were in the living quarters of the White House at the time of the incident, officials said.

Clinton went for a morning jog at a nearby military base. His limousine left the White House through the north gate rather than from the south grounds, where the shooting occurred.

Giambattista, 35, apparently

was wounded by the same Secret Service bullet that struck Modjeski, Treasury Undersecretary Ron Noble said.

Both were hit in the arm and taken to nearby George Washington Hospital just after 11 p.m. The two men underwent surgery and each was resting in stable condition in a regular hospital room this morning.

The episode occurred despite a succession of increasingly stringent security measures, culminating in the closing of Pennsylvania Avenue to cars and trucks in front of the White House just four days ago.

The closing of the avenue, and of a smaller road behind the White House complex, were intended to protect the White House from car or truck bombs.

The intrusion occurred on the other side of the White House from Pennsylvania Avenue. Modjeski's car was parked nearby.

Other tightened security measures had been put in place after a gunman with an assault rifle sprayed the front of the White House last October.

Officials said Modjeski went over a section of the wrought-iron fence along the southeast corner of the grounds, then raced across the lawn to near the East Wing of the White House.

Secret Service spokesman Carl Meyer said Modjeski was not among the list of people considered a risk to the president. Local police had no records on Modjeski.

Meyer said the suspect climbed the fence about 10:45

p.m. and tripped the elaborate alarm systems. At least two agents confronted Modjeski and a struggle broke out, officials said.

Giambattista was first to spot the suspect and yelled at him to stop. "When he didn't stop, Giambattista went after him. A struggle ensued," Meyer said.

Giambattista spotted or felt the handgun, a .38 caliber revolver, yelled "weapon" and asked for help, officials said. They said a second officer, who was not identified, fired.

The only way to keep all intruders off the grounds would be to have "elbow-to-elbow Secret Service agents around the complex," Noble told The Associated Press early today. "The system worked tonight."

Officials said they did not know whether Modjeski was in the area 30 minutes earlier, when Clinton's motorcade entered the Southeast Gate and drove up to the mansion.

The suspect was apprehended just south of a Secret Service post near the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden, Meyer said.

Neighbors said Modjeski and his wife, Rose Mary, had lived in a brick townhouse in Falls Church for many years. She was escorted from the home by officers at dawn, her destination unknown.

"I was very surprised," said Meredith Kimbro, a government employee who lives next door. "There was certainly nothing to indicate any political motivation. I wouldn't know whether they voted Democrat or Republican. I know very little about them."

AFTER YEARS OF WAITING TABLES,
IT WAS LAVERNE HICKS' TURN TO
SAY, "CHECK, PLEASE."

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day
"First learn, then form opinions."
The Talmud

Decision good to say goodbye to Wright Fibers

It has been a long time in coming but Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. may finally be free of a drain on its time and resources - Wright Fibers.

Moore Board is starting foreclosure procedures on Herb Wright after letters requesting payment of interest owed went unanswered.

It would have been wonderful had Wright Fibers succeeded. It would have been good for the Big Spring industrial community.

After 16 months of negotiations, Wright Fibers and Moore Board reached an agreement that would see 100 jobs in 90 days back in 1993.

It began in December 1991 when Moore Board agreed to facilitate a loan for Wright Fibers and loaned Herb Wright \$220,000. Wright tried to seek \$1.98 million from the Texas Department of Agriculture and planned to use \$1 million of his own money.

The TDA's Agricultural Finance Committee voted down Wright's request for the \$1.98 million in April 1992, inviting the group to apply for a lesser amount. By this time, Wright had purchased 27 knitting machines for \$750,000.

In April 1992, Moore Board votes to provide loan guarantees up to \$800,000 and in May, the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority approved a loan of \$1.4 million to Wright Fibers.

In January 1993, Moore Board and Wright Fibers finalized the agreement, with officials thinking as many as 100 jobs will be created within the next 90 days.

Unforeseen problems didn't help the

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Charles C. Williams DD Turner
Publisher Managing Editor

venture including a fiberglass coating in the building purchased to house Wright Fibers Inc. Cash flow problems also created problems for Wright who asked for a postponement of his first principal payment in June 1993. He continued to pay the interest on the loan totalling about \$12,000 a month.

In June 1993, Wright announced the plant would be in production by August but when August rolled around, the opening was delayed again.

On March 10, 1994, Moore Board gives notice to Herb Wright his note is being called. At that time, Wright said he needed six more months to be in a cash-flow position again and was seeking investors in the project.

Unfortunately, things didn't work out for Herb Wright.

However, after many long delays, missed deadlines and good money after bad, it is time to cut our losses.

It is not an easy decision which Moore Board is making. It basically means the end of hope that we will see this textile mill, as envisioned by Herb Wright, functioning in Big Spring, providing work.

The board needs to do whatever is necessary to get out from under Wright Fibers to be able to use the money for a potentially better investment.

There comes a time when it is better to say goodbye than to keep fighting a current taking you nowhere.

Letters to the Editor

Government doesn't have the answers

Editor:
On May 4, 1995, an article appeared titled, "Poll: Security more valuable than liberty." In this article it stated that, "Fifty-four percent put public security ahead of people's civil liberties."

For decades we have been calling on government to solve our problems. We have called on government to heal our racial tension and strife for quite a while, yet we still have racial tension and strife. Nothing demonstrates this better than the Rodney King, Reginald Denney affair. We have called on our government to take away poverty, yet the welfare system needs revision and the number of homeless is growing everyday.

We have called on our government for equal rights for

women, yet we still have rape, pornography, and sexual harassment of women.

We have called on our government to rid us of crime and violence, yet we still have crime and violence and its growing worse everyday.

We called on our government to improve our education system, yet we're graduating illiterate people. We called on our government to provide for us in our old age, yet Social Security may be trouble today.

Why do we trust in them to solve this current problem? Why do we trust to them to be the caretakers of our security?

In the beginning of our country, our forefathers desired that our country would be "One nation under God." Our currency even has "In God we trust" written on it. And despite God's promises to be a "shelter," "fortress," and to deliver from all our fears, we still depend on government to be

our answer. Government doesn't have the answers, but God does.

Sincerely,
T. Christopherson
Big Spring

Heartfelt thanks to FD, prisoner crew

Editor:
This is just a little bit late, but we would like to thank Mr. Terry Hall of the City Parks & Recreation and the state prisoners for their cleanup effort in the two blocks of Pine Street. Also would like to thank the fine Fire Department for staying late making sure that all fires were completely out. Again a very nice thank you and may God bless each and everyone of you for your act of kindness.

Rev., Mrs. W.J. Peterson
and Milton Perkins
Big Spring

Let's give choice a chance

A New Democrat and a conservative Republican have teamed up in the U.S. Senate to promote the barely tested idea of school choice. Better yet, Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and Dan Coats, R-Ind., are pushing for the real thing — that is, the chance for low-income students to pick from the same range of public, private and religious schools as average middle-class children.

At present, parents often look for good public schools in deciding where to live and raise their families. Another 10 percent or so of U.S. kids go to private schools. Most of the latter are modest parochial schools, though some are non-sectarian and a few are lavish and costly.

The only American children who enjoy next to no choice in schooling are those whose parents must live where housing is cheapest. These kids almost always go to the nearest public school.

Some public schools in poor neighborhoods succeed hero-

ically against the odds. But it is no secret that the worst schools in America are in slums. Many low-income children are trapped in classrooms where they have no hope of receiving a serious education.

Coats and Lieberman want to find out whether tax dollars giving these children options might be money well spent. Their bill would fund 10 to 20 demonstration projects. Each would offer low-income families "educational certificates" worth no more than the average per pupil expenditure at local public schools. The certificates would pay for education at whatever school the parents chose.

Conservatives have touted this idea for years, but public school educators have bitterly fought it. Just one city has tried something similar, with interesting results.

For the past four years, low-income children in Milwaukee have had the option of requesting vouchers to pay for private

education. The vouchers are worth a little over \$3,000, less than half the public schools' expenditure per child. The vouchers cannot be used at religious institutions, and parents may not pay supplemental tuition.

Last year, 1,450 children participated. Their academic performance was comparable to that of their counterparts in public schools (or better, according to professor Paul Peterson of Harvard University, who criticizes the methodology of the official program evaluation). Parental satisfaction was much higher than in public schools, and the cost to the taxpayers was less than half.

As long as there are children trapped in schools where they are not learning, alternatives must be assiduously sought. Coats and Lieberman are right: The choice idea is promising enough to deserve a serious trial.

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LOCAL

City's finances healthy

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

CITY MASTER PLAN

According to Carter & Burgess' assessment of Big Spring's overall financial state, included in the Phase I report of the Comprehensive Master Plan, the city's has a healthy financial condition.

In summarizing Big Spring's financial health, Carter & Burgess made several determinations including the following:

- Forty-one percent of Big Spring's \$29 million budget for 1994-95 is derived directly from sources related to the citizen body.
- Big Spring's tax rate has not fluctuated much and has remained stable for the past five years.
- About 28 percent of the city's ad valorem taxes collected are allocated to retire the city's bonded indebtedness.
- Property values have remained level in the last two years.
- The city's general obligation debt (\$5.6 million) and revenue debt (\$16.5 million) will mature at different times between 1996 and 2014.
- Sales tax revenues are not expected to see much increase in the near future.

Of the 41 percent of the city's

1994-95 budget that is derived from the citizen body 6.68 percent is derived from property taxes (ad valorem); 9.09 percent, sales tax; 15.29 percent, water sales; 9.94 percent, sewage disposal; and 4.36 percent, refuse collection.

According to the city's comprehensive plan the remaining 59 percent of the budget is generated from franchise taxes, permits, licenses, fines, fees, and other miscellaneous areas.

The city's current tax rate remains at 65.54 cents per \$100 valuation.

During budgetary discussions last summer, the Big Spring City Council decided to leave the tax rate the same for 1994-95 as it was for 1993-94.

Going into the 1994-95 budget year, the Big Spring City Council was careful not to indulge in capital expenditures, a recommendation made to the council at that time by former City Manager Lanny Lambert, who continuously restated his opposition to any capital expenditures for the next fiscal year.

\$1.4 million in the city's general fund and a surplus of \$1.2 million in the utility fund, which was good news for the city because Mayor Tim Blackshear wanted to maintain at least a three-month surplus in those funds in the event the city encounter any type of emergency requiring immediate attention.

Blackshear and the council were pleased with the financial condition of Big Spring during budget talks last summer because the present tax rate (65.54 cents per \$100 valuation) could have been lowered a bit (64.04 cents per \$100 valuation) to raise the same level of revenue the city operated on in fiscal year 1993-94.

New City Manager Gary Fuqua said, during last week's reception for city and county officials, that one of his first priorities is to get a handle on the city budget so he knows what's available and what needs to be done.

Fuqua and Blackshear feel like the city's finances can be better as the city begins to streamline its activities.

TEXAS

Man who spearheaded push to get women into Rangers defends agency

AUSTIN (AP) — A man who helped spearhead the drive to enlist the first female members of the Texas Rangers is defending the elite crime-fighting agency against complaints of sexual harassment.

Ronald Krist served as chairman of the three-member Public Safety Commission when Cheryl Steadman made history in 1993 as one of the first two women inducted into the Rangers.

The commission oversees the Department of Public Safety and its unique Texas Ranger force, which numbers 103.

Ms. Steadman told The Associated Press Monday that she has filed a complaint against the Rangers with the Texas Commission on Human Rights, alleging sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation.

"We have tried very hard to recruit qualified females who would feel comfortable in the Ranger service," said Krist, a Houston attorney who continues to serve as a public safety commissioner.

"It pains me enormously that it didn't work out with Cheryl," Ms. Steadman's charges stem largely from events surrounding a March 1994 meeting that she said included "23 drunk Rangers" at a two-bedroom cabin in Southeast Texas.

She said she was told to peel potatoes, make a salad and perform other "womanly" chores while her male colleagues were gambling, drinking and traipsing in and out of the two bathrooms without closing the doors.

Some officers told crude stories, she said, and one read a poem about the "sexual prowess" of a recently retired Ranger.

After a year at the Ranger office in Houston, Ms. Steadman asked for and received a transfer into the DPS motor vehicle theft division, where she is still assigned.

Gov. George W. Bush said his office was looking into the matter.

"Every Texan deserves respect. Disrespectful treatment toward any Texan, in this case a female Texas Ranger, that is not acceptable behavior," Bush said.

DPS spokesman Mike Cox said an internal probe into the allegations is ongoing.

Krist said he investigated the retreat and "found nothing improper about what went on



ing Tuesday and couldn't be reached for comment, according to an assistant at the law firm.

"The last thing we wanted was to have her fail. We were ridiculed by former Rangers who didn't want women in," Krist said.

"I would like to have proved the critics wrong to the extent that I would like to show that females can compatibly work and make an enormous contribution to service in the Rangers."

Two women Rangers, Marrie Garcia, who was inducted with Ms. Steadman, and Christine Nix, who was promoted into the Rangers in 1994, say they are happy with their jobs and have experienced no hostility.

"We feel that we have two others who have adapted quite well," Krist said. "We will continue and hope to progress. We are not going to be discouraged by one bad experience."

Ms. Steadman told the AP Tuesday that Lisa Sheppard, who rejected a position with the Rangers last year, was more qualified when the Ranger promotional board picked her over Ms. Sheppard in 1993.

"I think they picked me because they thought I'd be so grateful to have that job I'd do anything they wanted. ... I would just sit there and take it," she said. "And that's insulting."

Your letters are welcomed

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Most East German spies cleared by high court

BONN, Germany (AP) — Most of the East German spies whose tentacles reached into the heart of West Germany can't be prosecuted by the state that absorbed them after their defeat, Germany's high court ruled Tuesday.

The Federal Constitutional Court ruling should help to clarify the legal framework for Germany's reckoning with its bitter Cold War legacy.

Conservatives and victims of communist repression denounced the ruling, saying it gave credibility to a corrupt and criminal regime. Representatives of some 6,000 former East German spies rejoiced.

Tuesday's ruling was an "encouraging signal" that would end years of "uncertainty, defamation and prosecution," said Markus Wolf, the legendary East German spy chief.

Wolf's 1993 treason conviction and six-year sentence — as well as dozens of other trials — were

likely to be overturned by the court's ruling, which said spying for East Germany in itself wasn't a crime.

"Wolf and the others did what every other country in the world does," said Heribert Hellenbroich, who lost his job as West Germany's intelligence chief in 1985 when a top aide

defected to Wolf's services.

"It's painful to respect the constitution some times, but you can't get around it," Hellenbroich said.

East Germans who spied from inside East Germany can't be prosecuted, the court ruled, but those who spied on the soil of West Germany or other western

countries could be.

The court's logic was that East German spies in unfriendly countries had been subject to arrest at the time. But even they should be handled leniently, the court said, because they deserve the protection of the state that adopted them when their dis-

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Emergency workers survey the wreckage of a crash-damaged coach after it was righted on beside the M4 motorway near Bristol, England. The bus carrying pensioners on a day's outing overturned and crashed, killing at least 10 people.

Former British PM Wilson dies

LONDON (AP) — Harold Wilson, the Labor Party prime minister who led Britain through one crisis after another in the 1960s and 70s and was the last Labor leader to win an election, died in his sleep today. He was 79.

Lady Wilson announced that her husband, who had been ill for some time, entered St. Thomas's Hospital in London on Sunday. She did not elaborate on his illness.

Comparing himself to his U.S. contemporaries, Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, Wilson once told colleagues: "I'm not a Kennedy, I'm a Johnson. I fly by the seat of my pants."

He preached a new-style socialism forged in the "white heat" of technological revolution, but his governments in the 1960s were troubled by white rebellion in Rhodesia and the forced devaluation of the pound. He also outraged many Britons by recommending The Beatles for royal honors in 1965.

Wilson refused President Johnson's request to send troops to Vietnam, and his party was riven with feuds.

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Mass grave home to Ebola's many victims

KIKWIT, Zaire (AP) — Dressed in heavy rubber boots, gloves, masks and goggles, Red Cross workers dumped bodies wrapped in white plastic bags into a mass grave. A bulldozer pushed dirt over Ebola's latest victims.

An international relief effort was too late to save them, but the ghastly funeral procession Tuesday represented a small victory for attempts to stop bodies of the dead from spreading the lethal virus to the living.

Hundreds of onlookers watched as an orange truck collected bodies left outside mud huts, winding along a narrow dirt road to the old, overgrown

graveyard of this stricken city on the savanna.

It was a sign that an education campaign had convinced Zairians to accept mass burials for Ebola victims, abandoning traditions of washing and preparing loved ones for burial — a practice that can spread the virus.

In another promising sign, doctors said that instead of trying to care for the sick at home, Kikwit residents were calling the Red Cross to pick them up.

Another Italian nun who cared for Ebola victims at Kikwit General Hospital died Tuesday, raising the death toll to 102.

Grim picture painted of cult's intentions

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's doomsday cult was planning not only to survive an apocalypse predicted by its leader but to cause it — by killing millions of people in Tokyo with chemical weapons, news reports said today.

Police, who suspect the cult of releasing the deadly nerve gas sarin in Tokyo's subways on March 20, rarely comment openly on the progress of the criminal investigation.

But numerous leaks to Japanese media, citing unidentified investigative sources, are painting a grim picture of plans of all-out mass murder by Shoko Asahara's Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth cult.

Israeli soldier shoots up Catholic church; order to under psychiatric testing

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An Israeli soldier who sprayed a Roman Catholic church with automatic weapons fire told a court today he did it because Jews must "destroy symbols of

idol worship."

A Tel Aviv magistrate's judge ordered Cpl. Haniel Koren, 21, to undergo psychiatric tests.

On Monday, Koren opened fire in St. Anthony's Church in

the ancient port of Jaffa, now part of Tel Aviv. No one was hurt, but the shooting set off two days of street protests by Arab residents of the mixed Arab-Jewish neighborhood.

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West Virginia man first convicted under federal domestic violence law

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP) — When Christopher Bailey carried his battered, bloody wife into an emergency room, she had been locked in the trunk of his car for days while he drove around two states.

Investigators found a pool of blood and urine in the wheel well of the trunk. The lid of the trunk was dented from the inside and scratch marks were

found around the lock. Sonya Bailey is in a coma today. Her husband is in jail without bond, the first person convicted under the new federal domestic violence law.

"This sends a message that federal authorities are willing to step in and prosecute domestic violence where we can," said U.S. Attorney Rebecca Betts. The Violence Against Women

Act, passed in August as part of the 1994 crime bill, makes crossing a state line to assault a spouse or domestic partner a federal offense.

Bailey did not respond to reporters' questions as he was led away in shackles shortly after the verdict Tuesday. He could get up to 20 years in prison under the new law and life behind bars for kidnapping

at his sentencing Aug. 21. Had Bailey been prosecuted under West Virginia laws, he would have faced a malicious wounding charge that carries up to 10 years in prison, state police Sgt. J.J. Dean said.

Bailey beat his 33-year-old wife unconscious Nov. 26, put her in the trunk and drove back and forth between West Virginia and Kentucky until Dec. 1,

when he carried her into a Corbin, Ky., emergency room, prosecutors said.

Bailey's lawyers insisted he was innocent because he was in an alcoholic blackout and never intended to harm his wife.

The nursing home handyman testified he could only remember arguing with his wife in a bar in their hometown of St. Albans and waking up two days

later in a place he didn't recognize to find her severely injured in the back seat. He said he was seated behind the wheel of the car.

He testified he drove around a few days before taking her to a hospital, because "I thought I could get her better by myself." He said he went to a Kmart and bought bandages, hydrogen peroxide and antibiotic ointment.

Flood-weary workers leery of more rain

STE. GENEVIEVE, Mo. (AP) — Flood-weary relief workers won't get a break for days from heavy rainstorms that are pushing the Missouri and Mississippi rivers out of their banks and across waterlogged land.

It was raining this morning around Columbia and Jefferson City, both on the Missouri River around central the part of the state, and Hannibal, located along the Mississippi in north-eastern Missouri.

A flash flood watch was in effect today for all but south-eastern Missouri. One to 3 inches of rain, and up to 5 inches in some places, was possible from Kansas City to Kirksville.

With rain in the forecast through Saturday, the Missouri River could begin to rise again after falling for four days, said Dave Metzger, meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

"We think it's going to bring the Missouri River back up, but we can't say how high until we see how much rain we get," he said. "Of course the Missouri feeds into the Mississippi River, so it might also be affected later."



Associated Press photo
With a few of their possessions, David and Debbie Willis leave their Miller City, Ill., home as the flooding Mississippi closes in Tuesday.

By late Tuesday, the Missouri had dropped 3 feet at St. Charles from its crest of 36.7 feet, which was 11.7 feet over flood stage. The Weather Service had projected that the river would fall

within its banks by Sunday, but did not take into account the forecasted rainfall.

In southern Illinois, the Mississippi was expected to crest today in Thebes at 46 feet.

NRA goes on the offensive again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking the offensive again, the National Rifle Association is warning its members of an impending "police state" and urging them to attend town meetings with lawmakers to denounce President Clinton's policies.

The 3.5 million-member NRA, one of Washington's most powerful lobbies, is using postcards to lawmakers in its drive to repeal the ban on assault-style firearms enacted last year.

In response Tuesday, a gun-control advocate called the organization's leaders "fear mongers" and "extremists."

The letter to members, which also urges them to give money, comes as the NRA is embroiled in controversy over an earlier fund-raising letter that called federal law enforcement officers "jack-booted government thugs."

Child says he imitated video when raping girl

ISLE OF WIGHT, Va. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy charged with raping and sodomizing a 6-year-old girl said he was imitating what he saw in a video at home, police said.

The boy told police and the girl's grandmother what he had done, and was being held in a detention home, Sheriff's Investigator Larry Price said Tuesday.

The girl was treated at a hospital emergency room after the May 5 attack, Price said.

The children, whose names were not released, were playing outside the girl's home. At one point, the girl's grandmother called out for her but got no answer.

Eventually, she answered from behind a disabled car near the house, Price said. With coaxing, she told her grandmother what had happened.

Motorcyclist kills self after running over child

ELIZABETH, Pa. (AP) — It started as such a perfect evening — clear skies, just a hint of a breeze. Neighbors gathered for a cookout.

Tiari Stevenson was riding her pink bicycle, but the 6-year-old child, who was playing in the yard, ran into the path of the motorcycle. The neighbors rushed to the road. As Scheiber looked into Tiari's dying eyes, witnesses said, he cried, "Forgive me! Forgive me!" Then he lay down in the grass at the side of the road, pulled a pistol from his

Stevenson, screaming her daughter's name.

Tiari was struck by Jason Scheiber's motorcycle as it barreled down the steep road into the flats by the Youghiogheny River. The 1985 Kawasaki dragged her small body 75 feet.

The neighbors rushed to the road. As Scheiber looked into Tiari's dying eyes, witnesses said, he cried, "Forgive me! Forgive me!" Then he lay down in the grass at the side of the road, pulled a pistol from his

pocket and shot himself in the head. He died a few feet from Tiari's body.

Hines had told Scheiber to sit in the grass until medical help arrived. "He was over there crying, saying he didn't mean to do it, stuff like that," Hines said Tuesday. "Then he just shot himself."

Scheiber, who lived in nearby Forward Township, had a permit to carry the gun and had no criminal history, said Lt. David Graham.

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Houston man wakes to find Russian ship leaving port - with him

GALVESTON (AP) — Authorities plucked a 32-year-old Houston man Tuesday off a Russian freighter in which he apparently had fallen asleep after the ship had set sail for its

next port of call. Timothy M. Harrison had been partying with several crew members from the ship, according to the Coast Guard, and returned to the vessel with

the hands. Officials said he told them he fell asleep and awoke to find the freighter en route to Tampa, Fla.

Crew members stopped him from attempting to swim

ashore. The Coast Guard and Galveston County Sheriff's deputies removed him from the motor vessel Kebon about 8 a.m. after the ship's agent reported an American citizen

was aboard and requested his removal.

The man was transported from the ship, which had anchored in the Galveston Inner Anchorage, and returned

to shore on a Coast Guard utility boat.

He was taken into custody and later released without charges.

Second wave of charges hit Rangers

AUSTIN (AP) — For the second time in as many days, a female officer has come forth publicly with allegations of sexual discrimination against the Texas Rangers.

Lisa Sheppard, 34, an intelligence officer for the Department of Public Safety in Corpus Christi, says she rejected a Ranger commission last year because the job offer was unacceptable.

Rangers reaction - 4A

Unlike male Rangers, she said in a human rights complaint, she would have been required to serve in a headquarters job.

"This act of sexual discrimination," she said, "undermined my credentials and accomplishments as a respected criminal investigator and was a personal and professional embarrassment to me."

In interviews with The Associated Press, she added:

"I want to emphasize that the problem I experienced with the Rangers was exclusively with the leadership at the highest level and not a reflection on the Rangers as a whole."

A day earlier, Cheryl Steadman, one of the first two female Rangers in the group's 170-year history, said she left the agency in 1994 after enduring a year of harassment.

Ms. Steadman said her career plummeted after she was required to attend an overnight retreat at a two-bedroom cabin with male Rangers who were drinking, gambling and using vulgar language. She refused to spend the night and drove to the home of a female trooper.

Both she and Ms. Sheppard have lodged complaints with the Texas Commission on Human Rights.

Bill Hale, executive director, said the commission could neither confirm nor deny that a complaint was filed. The women went public with the charges this week.

Ms. Sheppard, a 12-year department veteran, was notified of her selection last year as only the third woman to serve in the Rangers.

But she says the Rangers denied her an existing vacancy at Beeville, near Corpus Christi, because of a requirement that women must serve exclusively in one of six headquarters company.

As such, they receive on-site supervision. Most male Rangers are scattered across Texas in solo investigative outposts.

Ms. Sheppard said she did want to be a "female" Ranger.

"I'm an investigator," she added.

Marrie Garcia and Christine Nix are the only two current women Rangers, and both are assigned to headquarters companies — Ms. Garcia in San Antonio and Ms. Nix in Waco.

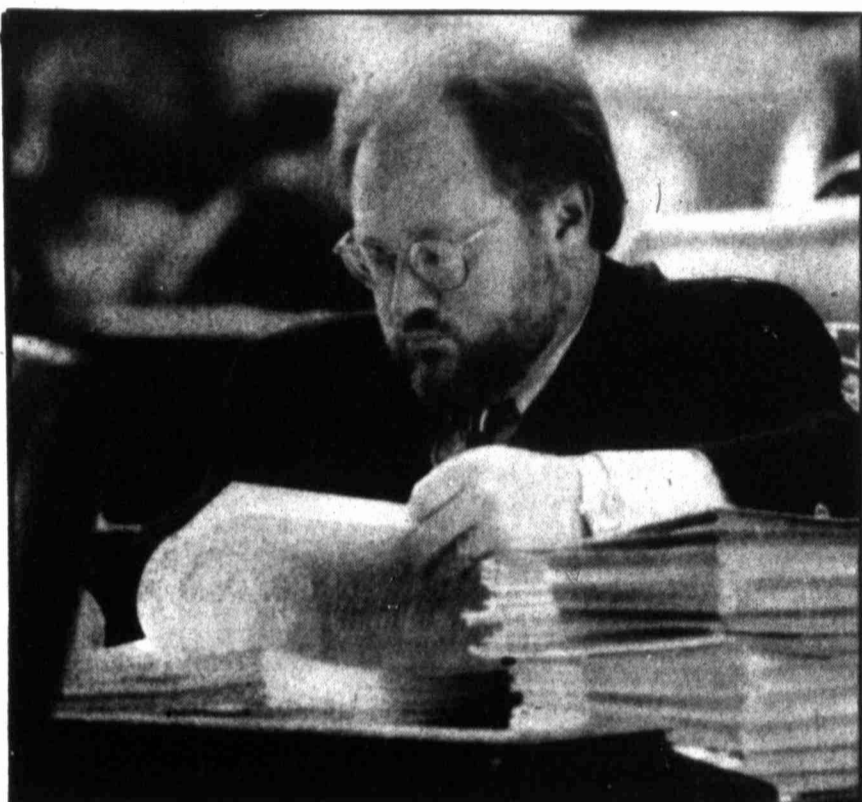
Ms. Sheppard's complaint accuses senior Ranger Capt. Maurice Cook of a "calculated effort ... to force me to either work in a demeaning and diminished capacity or decline the position, which I eventually did."

Cook and his boss, DPS director James Wilson, declined to discuss the allegations.

In her complaint, Ms. Sheppard demands a written apology from Cook and appeals for a change in Ranger policies.

Ms. Steadman said she left the organization last year in frustration and humiliation. At her request, she transferred into the DPS motor vehicle theft division in Houston.

The Rangers, whose history dates back to 1823, were attached to the DPS in 1935. Some veteran male Rangers complained bitterly when the first women joined the agency in 1993.



Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, sits at his desk and studies papers on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives Tuesday in Austin. Allen and Rep. Robert Talton say lobbyists used offers of work and promises of \$60,000 campaign contributions to get a lawmaker to drop his opposition to a West Texas nuclear waste dump bill.

Waste dump bill embroiled in bribery allegations

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill that would clear the way for mixed nuclear and hazardous waste to be stored in a West Texas county was derailed in the Texas House Tuesday, one day after becoming embroiled in allegations of bribery.

The measure by Rep. Gary Walker, R-Plains, would allow Pasadena-based Waste Control Specialists Inc. to house waste in a facility in Andrews County, which is located north of Midland-Odessa and has a population of roughly 14,000.

County leaders said the facility would be an economic boon. But consumer groups have opposed the bill, saying too many private radioactive waste sites have encountered environmental problems with taxpayers forced to pay for the cleanup.

Debate was interrupted, and the measure was returned to a

committee on a tactical move by opponents. The setback may end up killing the bill with the session ending May 29.

On Monday, Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, said lobbyists used offers of work and promises of a \$60,000 campaign contribution to get him to drop his opposition to the bill.

Allegations of bribery weren't discussed during debate. Talton voted against the bill as a member of a House Environmental Regulation Committee and has been trying to rally House opposition.

Rep. Ray Allen, R-Grand Prairie, said lobbyists for Waste Control improperly tried to get Talton to drop his opposition.

The lobbyists contend Talton is trying to kill the bill because of a long-running personal feud with Waste Control President Kenneth Bigham Sr.

Food stamp sting nets 36 violators

ODESSA (AP) — A three-month undercover operation targeting food stamp trafficking has ended with 64 criminal charges being filed against 36 Ector and Midland county residents.

The state Department of Human Services filed the charges Tuesday after the suspects were rounded up by sheriff's deputies rounded in both counties.

Most of the suspects will face felony charges for illegal transfer of food stamps and eight suspects will be charged with misdemeanors, said Don McWhorter, a regional supervisor with the department.

Suspects convicted of felony charges could face two to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Although state law says food stamps are to be used only for groceries, undercover agents found the tickets could be used as currency to buy furniture, liquor, jewelry, motel occupancy, a camcorder, televisions and videocassette recorders.

Bush signs environmental bill into law

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill touted by some lawmakers as environmental protection and criticized by others as immunity for corporate polluters has been signed into law by Gov. George W. Bush.

The measure, signed by Bush Tuesday, allows facilities regulated by the state to receive limited immunity from criminal and civil sanctions if environmental violations are reported voluntarily in self-conducted health and safety audits.

House sponsor of the bill, Rep. Warren Chisum, D-Pampa, said companies ranging from chemical plants to coin laundries will be encouraged to perform the audits and make adjustments to safeguard the environment.

Teen succumbs to meningitis after graduating

HOUSTON (AP) — An Episcopal High School senior has died of meningococcal meningitis one day after going through his commencement ceremony, prompting school officials to send out warnings and offer preventative care.

Andrew Kaufman, 18, died Tuesday, just hours after becoming ill at home and being hospitalized, said Larry

Neuhaus, Episcopal's executive chairman. Kaufman graduated from the 500-student private school Monday night.

To make sure the bacterial disease wouldn't spread, Neuhaus said prescriptions for antibiotics were given Tuesday to about 100 teachers, students and parents.

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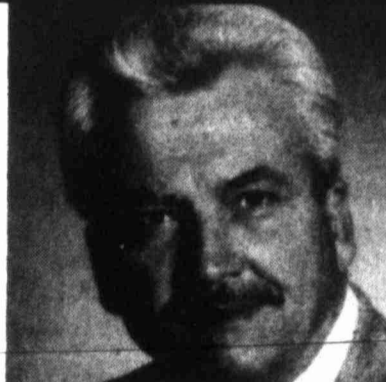
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lady Hawks sign four

Howard College women's basketball coach Terry Gray announced the recent signing of four recruits.

Nesha Gamble is a 6-foot-1 post player from Desoto. She averaged 12 points, 10 rebounds and five blocked shots per game last season.

Babata Mink is a point guard from Austin LBJ High School. She averaged 14 points a game this season and was named MVP for District 27-5A.

Kim Davis is a 6-0 post player from Shreveport, La. She averaged 16 points and 12 rebounds a game.

Latonya Kindle is a guard from San Bernadino, Calif. She averaged 18.2 points and 5.3 assists per game last season.

Athletes honored at banquet

STANTON - Eric Martel, Laura Herm, Lupe Chapa and Sande Bundas were the big award winners at the Stanton High School Sports Banquet May 16.

Most improved female - Traci Moore. 110 percent female award - Shauna Butler. Fighting heart award - J.J. Ortiz. 110 percent male award - Jerele Lee.

Most improved male - Jason Hopper. Newcomer of the year - Leo McCalister.

BSHS tennis camp starts June 5

Big Spring municipal tennis professional Bill Willis has announced the dates and times for the Big Spring High School Tennis Camp.

The camp will be June 5-9, 9 a.m. - noon each day, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. Fee for the camp is \$125, which includes the camp T-shirt.

Boys and girls ages 5-18 are welcome to the camp, where they'll learn not only the fundamentals but also the rules and strategies of tennis.

Big Spring High School sent three players to the UIL state finals earlier this month.

For more information, and for an entry form, call Willis at 267-5206.

Lady Hawks camp on tap

The Howard College Lady Hawk girls' basketball camp will be June 5-8 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Campers will be separated according to level of expertise and age.

For more information, contact Howard assistant coach Matt Corkery or head coach Terry Gray at 264-5047 or 264-5043.

Adult tennis leagues starting in Big Spring

Municipal tennis professional Bill Willis is inviting men and women to play in adult tennis leagues at Figure 7 Tennis Center.

For more information, call Willis at 267-5206.

Seniors tourney set for June 10-11

A seniors-only (50 and over) four-person scramble will be

June 10-11 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. There will be four flights, and prizes will include various golfing equipment.

For more information, contact Al Patterson at Comanche Trail at 264-2366.

Coahoma Super Hoops coming in June

The Coahoma Super Hoops basketball camp will be June 19-23 at the Coahoma junior high and elementary gymnasiums.

Boys and girls ages 9-14 are welcome. Cost is \$45.

For more information, call Coahoma boys' basketball coach Kim Nichols at 394-4755 or 394-4535.

Rodeo hits town June 21

The 1995 Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will be June 21-24 at the Rodeo Bowl. A new event this year will be the Boot Scramble, which is open to youngsters 8 and under.

Tech baseball camp scheduled

LUBBOCK - The Texas Tech baseball camp will be held in three parts this summer. The first part of the camp, for day campers in the 6-8 and 9-12 age groups, will be held June 5-7.

The resident and commuter camp, for players 9-17 years of age, will be held June 18-21 and July 16-19.

The camp is directed by Texas Tech assistant coach Frank Anderson, a former assistant at Howard College.

For more information, contact Anderson at the university athletic department.

Sweetwater site of softball tourney

SWEETWATER The first Pacesetters Slow Pitch Men's Softball Classic will be held June 9 and 10 at Jones Park in Sweetwater.

For more information, contact Rod Amos at 235-5119, or Dennis Thompson at 236-6568.

Cincy bombs Kile, Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) - Houston Astros manager Terry Collins doesn't have an explanation for it. Neither, really, does Darryl Kile.

There are times when Kile can put his pitches exactly where he wants them.

Tuesday night was one of those ugly times that Kile knows all too well.

Kile gave up seven walks, hit two batters and threw two wild pitches to help the Cincinnati Reds pull away for a 10-5 victory over the Houston Astros.

Things piled up fast on Kile, who appeared to be getting beyond his control problems at the start of the season.

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**LITTLE LEAGUE/
GIRLS SOFTBALL**

The Herald encourages all youth baseball and softball leagues to bring game reports and league standings to the sports department.

If you have any questions, call the Herald sports department at 263-7331.

**Panthers 16
Dodgers 12**

The National League Panthers defeated the Coahoma Dodgers Saturday in a minor league city tournament game.

The Panthers got a nine-strikeout performance from Adam Cobos. Leading the Panthers' eight-hit attack was Zack Bristow, who smacked a three-run inside-the-park homer.

Cobos hit a triple and a single and had four RBIs. Daniel Castillo had two RBIs to go with two singles. Paul Landin, Issac Rodriguez and Jonathan Lusk added singles.

For the Dodgers, Tom Guzman pitched and struck out three Panthers. Monty Rowden hit a two-run double.

Brandon Gross, C.J. Lowery and Daniel Hinojos played well defensively for the Panthers.

**Panthers 12
Mets 11**

In an earlier game, the Panthers beat the Mets despite trailing 6-0 and 11-6.

Daniel Castillo struck out eight of the 12 batters he faced to help the Panthers win. Castillo also singled and scored in the first inning to help tie the game at 6. The big hits came in the third: Issac Rodriguez's two-run double and Adam Cobos' inside-the-park home run. Michael Beckman scored the winning run when he stole home.

For the Mets, J. Rich/Sparks struck out four and allowed three hits. Jeremy Furniss hit a triple, and Mark Lozano hit an inside-the-park grand slam.

Ben Breyman and Brandon Pant played well defensively for the Mets.

**Aces of Bases 16
Jazz 0**

Tara Shuttlesworth was the pitching star as Aces of Bases shut out the Jazz in United Girls Softball Association Division II play.

Tara struck out eight and allowed just one Jazz hit. Krystal Shuttlesworth had two hits for the Aces, as did Ashley Reed. Reed, the Shuttlesworths, Megan Earhart and Jennifer Lopez played fine defense for the winners.

Amber Alvarez, Ashley Davis and Courtney Davis pitched for the Jazz.

**Da Gurlz 17
Hot Steppers 7**

In UGSA Division III play, Da Gurlz picked up another win behind the strong play of Melissa Martinez.

Martinez blasted two home runs and pitched a one-hitter. Jessica Cobos added two singles for the winners, while Kaci Acri tripled and Farrah Schooler doubled.

On defense, Somer Luebner, Monique Ramirez, Cobos, Acri and Martinez were all stars for Da Gurlz.

Monica Rubio and Alma Gonzales pitched for the Hot Steppers and combined to strike out five. Gonzales singled, and Stefany Nix and Amanda Harvell also played strong games.

**Da Gurlz 14
Mombas 4**

Jessica Cobos, Kaci Acri and Melissa Martinez pitched a combined three-hitter as Da Gurlz beat the Mombas.

Martinez had four hits - three triples and a single. Cobos added a triple and a double, and Melanie Liedekerke also tripled. Esthela Ornelas, Farrah Schooler and Acri hit singles for the winners.

Christi Wendland led Da Gurlz' strong defensive effort. For the Mombas, Lindsey Marino, Heather Gibbs and Michelle Steward each hit a single. Brooke Reed and Amy Jackson played well defensively.

Spurs' Robinson voted most valuable in NBA

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - The Admiral is the MVP, and David Robinson's teammates say the award was a foregone conclusion.

"If he wouldn't have won it, that would have been a big surprise," Sean Elliott said. "The NBA would have had the legitimacy of Don King Productions."

In a league where centers again have emerged as the

dominant players, the 7-foot, 1-inch Robinson was the most consistent as he led the Spurs to a league-best 62-20 record.

Robinson, who averaged 27.6 points, 10.8 rebounds and 3.2 blocks per game, beat runner-up Shaquille O'Neal of Orlando by a wide margin. Robinson received 73 first-place votes and 901 points, while O'Neal got 12 firsts and 605 points from a nationwide panel of sports writ-

ers and broadcasters.

Utah's Karl Malone was third, followed by New York's Patrick Ewing, Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon and Charles Barkley of Phoenix.

Robinson expects centers to continue to dominate the award, especially with the likes of O'Neal and Charlotte's Alonzo Mourning around.

Robinson said learning to deal with high expectations has

helped him get to the top.

"Carrying the team is a whole lot different than coming out and just being good every night," Robinson said. "Being able to withstand that kind of pressure night in and night out, and not only withstand it, but excel under it, I think that's where I've been able to grow."

Robinson ranked third in the NBA in scoring, fourth in

blocks and seventh in rebounding. He was 15th in steals (1.65 per game) and field goal percentage (.530).

Robinson gained his nickname "The Admiral" from his days at the Naval Academy, but he said he didn't know how tough it would be to lead a team in the NBA when he joined the Spurs after his tour of duty with the Navy ended in 1989.

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Summer youth program planned

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Summer of Success (SOS), a program for at-risk local youth introduced last year, will be repeated this summer from June 19-July 27.

Tish Long, children's services coordinator at the Howard County Mental Health Center, developed the SOS program for children and teenagers identified by teachers, parents or Long and her staff as needing an extra boost.

"It's targeted toward sixth through 10th graders," explained Long. "A lot of them are dealing with peer pressure, substance abuse and conflict in life."

The program will run 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at Howard College and will feature academic courses such as mathematics, language skills, computers and Spanish, along with recreational activities and field trips. Therapists will also come in to help the children with their problems.

Several instructors from last year's SOS will return, and a few of the young participants will even be back - this time in leadership roles.

"Some of last year's kids will be group leaders this year," Long said. "We're putting them in a position of authority."

Long predicts "a lot more kids" will take part in this year's SOS, approximately 100 compared to last year's 40. The deadline to register is June 12. Staff positions have been filled, but parents or other adults who wish to volunteer will be needed to make snacks, supervise activities and perform other duties.

For information on volunteering for or enrolling in SOS, contact Long at 263-0027.

Poppies honor veterans

Special to the Herald

Poppies to commemorate American Veterans who died in wars will be distributed in shopping areas around the city May 26 by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 506.

Planned to coincide with the Memorial Day holiday, the annual event pays tribute to those veterans who have died in the last 70 years and honors the millions of Americans who have willingly served their country.

In the spring of 1919, amidst devastation, the poppy bloomed in abundance on the battle fields of France where so many men had fallen in battle. A replica of the poppy that became the memorial flower of the American Legion Auxiliary was adopted as an emblem of faith.

Donations are used for the welfare of all veterans at the V.A. Medical Center.

We also give two \$100 bonds to young people each year. To receive this bond, students write essays such as what the flag means to them.

To make a donation, please make check payable to: American Legion Auxiliary, care of Mrs. Thornton, Poppy Chairman, P.O. Box 892, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

WATER FIGHT



Gilbert Rubio picks up a sprinkler and blasts Jesse Martin with water after school in front of Runnels Junior High School.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Proper storage keeps food fresh

Proper food storage includes knowing how to store food and how long it will be safe and of high quality.

Proper food storage can help you to preserve food quality, including nutrients, flavor and texture; make the most of your food dollar by preventing spoilage and preventing food-borne illnesses caused by harmful bacteria.

The quality of fresh meat or produce when purchased has a lot to do with how long it can be stored. When shopping, choose perishable items last and go straight home to store them in the refrigerator or freezer.

A good policy to use with frozen foods is "first in, first out," meaning items are rotated so older items are used first. Buy foods in reasonable quantities so they can be used while still of good quality.

Following are some general guidelines for food storage:

PANTRY STORAGE
The pantry should be located in a cool, dry and dark area.

The ideal temperature in the pantry should be 60 to 70 degrees F. In pantry storage, use containers with tight fitting lids made of metal, plastic or plastic.

Keep cans and containers free of dust and clean pantries periodically to remove crumbs and food particles. Treat for pests regularly. The best storage locations are in the cool, dry areas away from the range, oven, hot water heater, clothes washer or any hot pipes.

REFRIGERATION STORAGE

The refrigerator should maintain a temperature of 40 degrees F or below. The bottom of the cabinet, the door and the defrost storage area are usually several degrees warmer than the rest of the refrigerator.

Use an appliance thermometer placed in different locations throughout the refrigerator cabinet to help maintain temperatures. Always store the most perishable items such as meats, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products in the coldest sections of the refrigerator.

Avoid overloading the refrigerator. Overloading reduces the refrigerator's capacity to cool effectively, and it does not allow the air to circulate through and cool foods. Store meats, poultry and fish and juices do not drip onto other fresh foods or leftovers.

Please see TARTER page 24.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Seafaring agents patrol coastal waters

By JULIE WATSON
The McAllen Monitor

PORT ISABEL — Border Patrol agent Rosalio Estrada slips on a khaki life jacket with a sewn-on waterproof badge and climbs into a speedboat at South Point Marina.

While other agents search the grassy banks along the Rio Grande, Estrada ferrets out illegal immigrants on the decks and in the galleys of shrimping vessels. He is one of four seafaring agents assigned to the channels, bays and open waters of the Gulf of Mexico off South Padre Island.

Estrada chases the homemade boats of Mexico's shark hunters, renegades who barrel across U.S. waters smuggling immigrants and drugs as a sideline to the shark business. He pulls stowaways from international freighters and fishes out Mexican families swirling on rafts from the mouth of the Rio Grande.

On a recent morning, Estrada and his crew chugged down the channel in a 22-foot motorboat, appropriately named the "Predator." The skiff hung a right and sputtered between a row of multicolored shrimping vessels docked on either side.

Agents scanned the towering crabs for anyone acting nervous or dashing for cover as they drifted by.

A burly man in a tank top dumping water over the side of a vessel glanced quickly at the gliding group of law enforcement officers. Others turned away. No one waved.

"Nobody likes us here," Estrada, 38, said. "I'm sure they're on the radio now telling everyone we're out here."

Last year, agent Alicia Ramirez, 36, broke her foot while jumping from a vessel back onto the patrol's skiff. Agents undergo seven weeks of special training that covers everything from water safety to marine law enforcement before embarking on the water patrol. They travel as far as 12 miles into the Gulf, battling six- to eight-foot waves in a motorboat fit for five.

On this day, Ramirez stood firm as Brinning shifted into high gear and zipped alongside a blue and white Brownsville vessel named "La Tanita" blazing out to the Gulf.

In two swift moves, Ramirez and Estrada grabbed an edge of



U.S. Border Patrol agent Alicia Ramirez watches closely as a shrimp vessel in the Port of Brownsville channel tugs alongside the agents' boat. Ramirez and two other agents patrol the ship channel by night and day, looking for illegal immigrants.

Associated Press photo

the rig and hoisted aboard with precision and grace.

Then they darted to the main quarters and ducked inside.

Moments later, they appeared back on deck with two men in their early 20s. Both admitted to the agents they were here illegally.

One immigrant, wearing a Texas T-shirt, accepted a life jacket and was escorted onto the patrol boat. The other was left on board with an agent to help the captain steer the craft back to shore. The two men were the captain's only crew.

Shrimpers say their industry is no different from any other except that illegal workers have no way to flee when caught out at sea.

"It's easy pickings (for the Border Patrol)," said Deyaun Boudreaux, environmental director of the Texas Shrimper's Association. Her husband owns a vessel. "When they raid a farm, raid a factory or other places, there's a back door to run out of. I doubt any-

one is going to jump off when they're out in 100 feet of water in the Gulf of Mexico."

Agents caught up with the owner of "La Tanita" at the Brownsville port and gave him a warning. The owner was not fined because the men had not started work yet, but his vessel missed a day's work, which would cost him about \$1,000. Other agents from the nearby Port Isabel station took the men to be deported.

"They bring us the papers, but we can't tell if it's them or not," said Arturo Chapa, manager of "La Tanita."

"We can't waste our time checking IDs. But if the papers are not real, the Border Patrol is on our backs. We don't enforce the law. It's not our job."

"I know we have to abide by the law," he added. "We try to, but a lot of people who can work won't do this kind of job, so we're stuck in the middle."

Few U.S. residents, who can earn more on welfare, are will-

ing to endure the harsh conditions of living at sea months at a time, spending day in and day out cutting off the heads of shrimp for \$25 a box. A box contains about 100 pounds of shrimp.

Even if more people were willing, few possess the necessary skills, those in the industry say. A few years ago, the U.S. government allowed Mexicans to obtain permits to work on the vessels. Many workers, though, lack the money and proper documentation to acquire one.

Agents do not deny the dilemma. But they say the law is the law and they have a job to do. In this tight-knit community, where the majority of people relies on the shrimping industry, that isn't always easy.

"The work we do here is not popular," Estrada said. "I wouldn't live here. I'm sure my property would get trashed. It wouldn't be real pleasant. It's too small of a town."

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IN THE BAG

Informal taste test shows hot dogs with a slight bit of fat are better-textured and less bland tasting than no-fat frankies.

The new Partridge "99 percent Less Fat" hot dogs are very tasty and exhibit the expected texture - in other words, unlike rubbery no-fat dogs, these don't crunch on your teeth.

... You've heard of the "White White Meat" (pork). Now the Maine Lobster Promotion Council has come up with the "Ultimate White Meat."

Is it good for you? Well, though not if it's dipped in melted butter, lobster is lower in fat, calories and cholesterol than the skinless white meat of chicken or turkey.

Is the Maine lobster, *Homarus americanus*, found only in Maine?

No, it's found on the Outer Coast from Newfoundland to North Carolina. There are many other kinds of lobsters found in other parts of the world.

Why do lobsters turn red during cooking?

A live lobster is greenish-brown because of many different pigments. During cooking, all the pigments are masked except for astaxanthin, which is the red cooking pigment.

Consumers are advised not to eat the tomalley, the light green substance found in the lobster's body. This is the liver and pancreas, which are thought to accumulate contaminants from the environment - polluted ocean waters. Much like the liver of other animals, the lobster's tomalley is the natural filter for keeping contaminants from entering its system.

... Herb tips from the White Foods Council:

•Add dill to plain yogurt as a substitute for mayonnaise in tuna salad.

•Mix fresh cilantro and chives with diced tomatoes and peppers for a salsa topping.

•When using fresh herbs with a cold ingredient, allow more time for the flavors to meld. With a hot mixture, add fresh herbs a few minutes before serving so they won't lose their flavor.

Scripts Howard News Service

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
 •Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
 •Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
 •TOPS weight support group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Weigh-in, 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
 •Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
 •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
TUESDAY
 •Widow/Widower support group, first and third Tuesdays each month, 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Tuesday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels (enter through patio), followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
 •Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
 •Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
 •Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
 •Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
 •VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
 •Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
 •Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.
 •"The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. For more information, please call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.
 •Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
 •The Better Breathing Club will meet 5 p.m. May 30, 5 p.m., at Nurses Unlimited, located at the old Medical Arts building. Co-sponsored by The American Lung Association of Texas, Nurses Unlimited and Leonard's Pharmacy at 308 Scurry. For additional information call Jana Cordes, BBC coordinator, 394-4929.

WEDNESDAY
 •Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m. Please see SUPPORT, page 3B

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 could cause bacterial contamination, which leads to food-borne illness.

FREEZER STORAGE
 The temperature in the freezer should be maintained at 0 degrees F or below. Use an appliance thermometer to monitor temperatures in the freezer. Freezer space should not be overloaded, just as in the refrigerator the air must circulate freely to cool the food adequately.

Package items for the freezer in moisture and vapor-proof wraps or containers. Freezer tapes can be used to ensure the container is airtight. Label all freezer foods with the date, type of food and number of servings.

Partially thawed foods can be refrozen as long as they still have ice crystals; however, it is not recommended to refreeze combination food dishes.

Storing foods properly not only leads to safe food products, but to good quality foods as well. Remember, "when in doubt, throw it out" if unsure about the storage or length of time the food has been stored.

For more information on this topic, stop by the Howard County Extension Office and ask for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service publication "Safe Home Food Storage."

PRINCIPAL PLAYERS



Why are these Marcy Elementary School students so happy? Partly because the school year is winding to a close, but also because they have each taken a turn at being principal and running the school. From left to right are Landon Atkins, Christopher DeLeon, Seve Watson, Aaron Young, Patrick Melia, Casie Wood and Tara Mudambi.

Look back without anger

By VANESSA CURRY
 Tyler Morning Telegraph

TYLER — Tucked between the photographs and aging newspaper clippings about her son is a poem that expresses Guadalupe Garcia's feelings better than she could ever verbalize herself.

*"Don't blame the children when they are found
 Drinking and gambling and running around.
 If by their conduct they bring you shame
 Is it the children or us parents to blame?"*

She found the poem — author unknown — in a book and keeps the creased copied page in a folder brimming with information chronicling the 17 years of Carlos Garcia's life and death.

A Nortenos gang member. Abusive. In trouble with the law. Carlos was not an angel, she admits, but she loves him anyway.

"One time I made the mistake of telling him I hated him, that I wished he had never been born," Mrs. Garcia said. "I didn't mean it. When you're angry, a lot of times you say things you don't mean."

She wishes she had a chance to live those dark moments over again, to take back her words, and replace them with love. She realizes now it is too late.

Carlos is dead — the victim of violence perpetrated by reputed gang leader Raul "Billy" Ramos Jr., who was sentenced Thursday to 99 years in prison for the crime.

"I hope he's at peace. I hope he didn't suffer, but I know he did before he died," Mrs. Garcia said. "I hope to God that time he was suffering he had time to ask God to forgive him."

Mrs. Garcia recalled Carlos "being bad to the core" as early as age six. By the age of 15 he became involved with the Nortenos, spending most of his time with other gang members.

"Sometimes I wouldn't see him for a week at a time and I'd go up and down the neighborhood looking for him," she said. "We knew he was in a gang and we tried to stop him. He had to get his way all the time. He just wouldn't listen."



Guadalupe Garcia prays as the verdict is read during the May 17 trial of reputed gang leader Raul Ramos at the Smith County Court House in Tyler. Ramos was sentenced to 99 years for the murder of Garcia's 17-year-old son, Carlos Garcia. Mrs. Garcia said she blames herself for the death of her son; she bailed him out of jail just three days before the Oct. 17, 1994 murder.

Mrs. Garcia, a 44-year old cook and mother of three, said she often reported her son's criminal activity to the police to get him off the street.

"I'd snitch on him just to get him in trouble ... I'd have him locked up again so I could try to get help for him," she said.

Mrs. Garcia partially blames herself for her only son's death. She was just trying to help when Carlos begged her to post his bail on a robbery charge.

After nearly three months, she finally agreed and borrowed \$1,600 to pay an attorney and provide the bail.

"When he came out he picked me up and twirled me around. I said, 'Stop it, peewee, you're squashing me.' He said, 'Mom, I love you. I'm sorry for everything I've done.' I told him I loved him too," she said.

Carlos vowed to find a job, settle down with his girlfriend

and to not get into any more trouble, she said.
 He was found dead three days later in Wilks Park in north-east Tyler.

(Illustration by The Associated Press)

Mothers, daughters alike yet miles apart

The other evening my daughter commented on the weird way my hair grows. The left side is full and fluffy, while the right side is thin and flat.

I told her it was my mother's fault. I suspect that when I was a baby, Mom always laid me in the crib on my right side. This practice mooshed my hair follicles, leaving me with a permanently lopsided head of hair. I said to my daughter, "Remember honey, no matter what it is that's wrong with your



Christina Ferchak
 Columnist

life, you can always blame it on your mother."

She said, "No problem, Mom."

I caught some of the morning talk shows recently. The guests blame their mothers for their problems. Surely all these nice people can't be mistaken.

Thank God for mothers. Just imagine how difficult life would be if we couldn't lay our shortcomings at their feet.

If your ears stick out, your teeth are crooked, your eyes are crossed, your knees are knocked, and your septum is deviated, point that finger at the one who gave you life.

She's the one who had two cups of black coffee and a Marlboro red for breakfast every morning before she knew she was pregnant with you. That's the reason you turned out to be so hyper and spastic.

She's the one who screamed

bloody murder for a shot of Demerol 15 minutes before you drew your first breath. If it hadn't have been for that pain medication right before you were born you wouldn't have flunked algebra two years in a row.

Then she had the nerve to tell you you're not applying yourself when you knew all along it was her fault your math skills were so limited.

Your mother is the one who nourished you, weaned you, potty trained you, and shaped you during your formative years. You were just the clay, she was the sculptor.

So if you're 20 pounds overweight, can't commit to a relationship, drift from job to job, and your life is a big mess, you know who to blame.

And isn't it your mother's fault that you had six kids to that no-good loser? Oh sure, your mom had him pegged as soon as he walked through the door, and she told you to ditch him, but she knew you'd do exactly the opposite of what she said.

If only she had lied, told you he was a great guy and she couldn't wait to dance at your wedding, you'd have dumped him on the spot. It's all her fault.

If you're still blessed with your mother, know that she isn't done messing with your life. If you're female, look at your mother's face. Someday that face will be yours, so treat it kindly.

Last week my adult daughter introduced me to some of her friends with these words: "This is my mother. Just think, in 25 years I'm going to be this beautiful!" My daughter is so vain...and it's all my fault.

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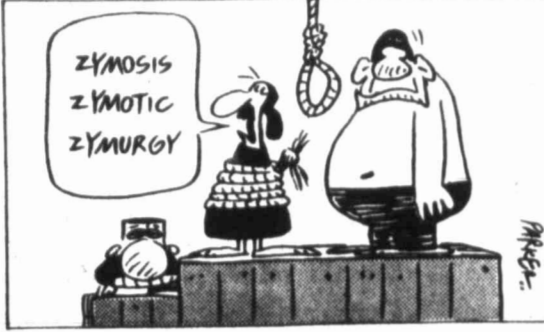
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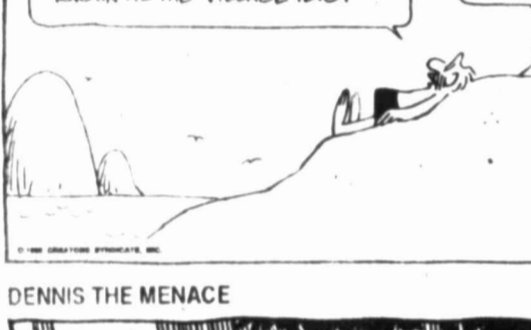
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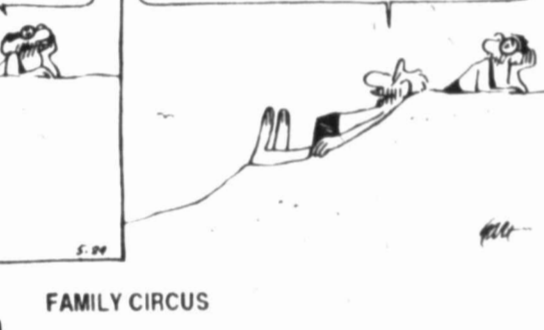
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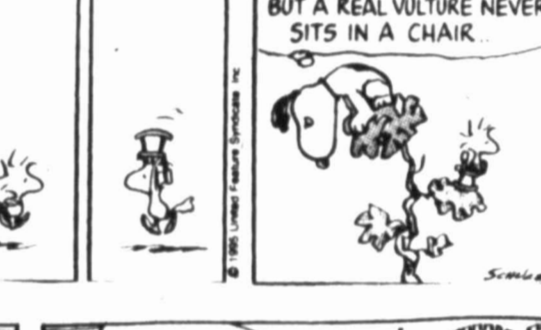
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THE Daily Crossword

by Dorothy B. Martin

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, May 24, the 144th day of 1995. There are 221 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought!" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line. In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London. In 1830, the first passenger railroad in the United States began service between Baltimore and Elliott's Mills, Md. In 1881, some 200 people died when the Canadian ferry Princess Victoria sank near London, Ontario. In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened to traffic. In 1935, the first major league baseball game played at night took place at Cincinnati's Crosley Field as the Reds beat the Philadelphia Phillies, 2-1. In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British dreadnought Hood in the North Atlantic. In 1958, United Press International was formed through a merger of the United Press and the International News Service. In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7. In 1976, Britain and France opened transatlantic Concorde service to Washington. In 1977, in a surprise move, the Kremlin ousted Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo. In 1980, Iran rejected a call by the World Court in The Hague to release the American hostages. Today's Birthdays: Singer Bob Dylan is 54. Actor Gary Burghoff is 52. Actress Priscilla Presley is 50. Singer Rosanne Cash is 40. Thought for Today: "Man is what he believes." - Anton Chekhov, Russian author-dramatist (1860-1904). The Associated Press

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WEDDINGS

Gonzales

Dennise Kennedy and Sammy Gonzales Jr., both of Big Spring, were united in marriage April 28, 1995, by Justice of the Peace China Long.

The bride is the daughter of Ralph and Charlene Kennedy, Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Roberto and Perta Oliva, Big Spring.

The couple stood before a heart-shaped archway with baby blue and mauve flowers with a white bow in the center.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white strapless, knee-length dress with sequins on the front and crushed white velvet roses. She carried a bouquet of baby blue and mauve roses with lace and ribbons.

The maid of honor was Brenda Martin, and the flower girl was Holly Kennedy. Dennis Martin served as best man, and Marcus Martin was the ring-bearer.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held. The wedding cake was a three-tiered heart-shaped cake accented with a baby blue and mauve bride and groom. The table was mauve with baby blue and mauve candles, balloons and



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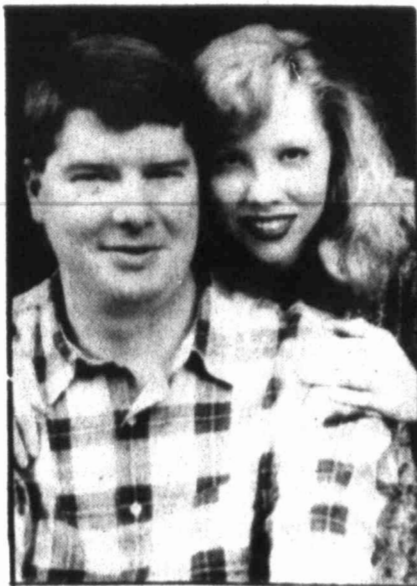
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The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by the Big Spring State Hospital.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He attended Howard College and is employed by the U.S. Army.

Following a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple will make their home at Fort Bragg, N.C.

GETTING ENGAGED



Trisha Murley and Thomas Hildebrand, both of San Marcos, will exchange wedding vows June 24, 1995, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, New Braunfels, with Msgr. Eugene O'Callaghan, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. Danny Murley and Ms. Janet Murley, both of Big Spring. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hildebrand, New Braunfels.



Shelly Ann Staggs and Kevin Wayne Gravett, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows July 1, 1995, at Trinity Church in Lubbock with Cliff Hoeve and Mickey Eckles, both of Trinity Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of Sondra Staggs, Lubbock, and Tindall Staggs, Albany, Ga., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Staggs, Big Spring. He is the son of Kathy and Duane Gray, Spade, and the late Charles Gravett.

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WHO'S WHO

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LEWIS

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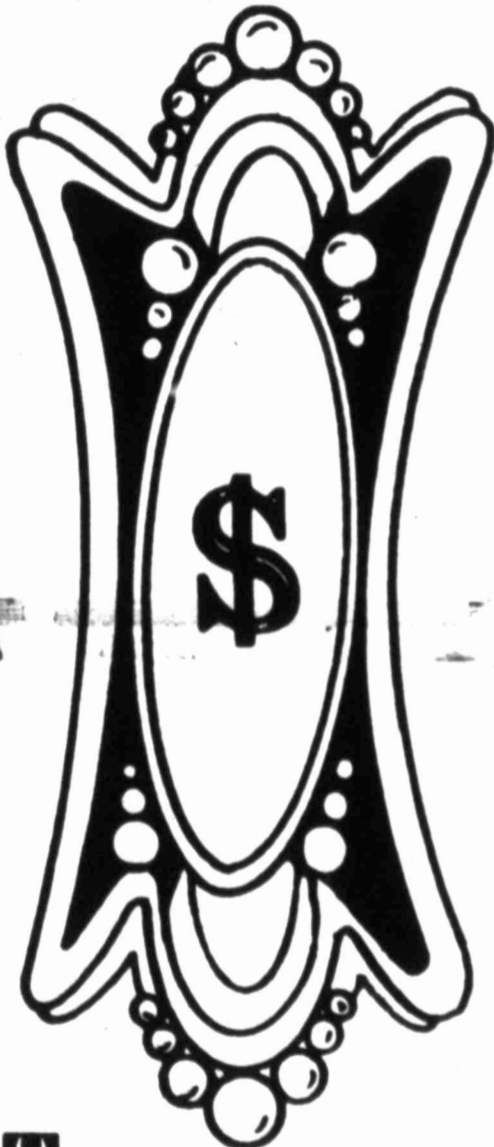
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