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Truskowski leaving city for BSSH job

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After three years of tackling difficult projects and the headaches a city's infrastructure can cause, City Engineer Ralph Truskowski has decided to accept a newly-created position with the Big Spring State Hospital (BSSH).

"I have accepted the new position of facility engineer at the Big Spring State Hospital," Truskowski said.

Truskowski's final day with the city of Big Spring will be Feb. 28, and after a few days off, he will begin his position at BSSH on March 17.

Truskowski began working with the city three years ago as city engineer and in 1995 took on the added responsibility of utilities director when the city restructured several

offices.

According to Truskowski, the decision to leave the city was tough, but is a good career move.

"The state was able to present me a very interesting challenge," Truskowski said. "The state hospital has a need for someone with my talents and I felt I could be of service to them."

"It's a good career move on my part, and it gives me the opportunity to advance and still stay in Big Spring," Truskowski added.

"The biggest regret I have is leaving the excellent staff in the utilities department," Truskowski said. "I hope they continue to receive the resources they need to do the job they do."

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said Truskowski is putting together a list

of the major projects he is working on and they will be distributed to the people able to handle them.

"All of the projects Ralph is working on won't require engineering expertise, but for those projects that do require engineering expertise, we may have to contract that work out," Bogard said. "We will miss Ralph's expertise because he is very knowledgeable about a lot of things."

Bogard has worked closely with Truskowski since City Manager Gary Fuqua restructured several positions almost two years ago and adjusting could be a bit of a challenge.

"It's tough to see him go, because after working with someone for a while you begin to rely on them," Bogard said. "We rely on Ralph for a lot of technical knowledge."



HERALD file photo
City Engineer Ralph Truskowski has announced he will leave his city post to accept a new job at Big Spring State Hospital.

Stenholm says USDA station safe

Congressional budget efforts leave questions

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A group of about 70 area farmers and agriculture officials listened intently as Congressman Charles Stenholm told them Big Spring's USDA Research Station would stay just where it is.

Farmers gathered at Big Spring's St. Paul Lutheran Church Monday afternoon to hear Stenholm address concerns and rumors that the Big Spring facility would be moved to Lubbock.

West Texas Area USDA Director Dan Upchurch of Lubbock, accompanied Stenholm to Big Spring to discuss the various issues with area producers.

Stenholm is not pessimistic, but admits that while Congress works on the federal budget, there could be problems for the research station, and not just the Big Spring station, but for research projects all over the country.

Stenholm told producers that the way of the future is for offices like the Big Spring facility to work together with other



HERALD photo/Carlton Johnson
Congressman Charles Stenholm greets area farmers Monday after assuring them that the local USDA Research Station will remain in Big Spring. Stenholm said some consolidation of services may be necessary in the future, but the work done at the Big Spring station is too important to West Texas to have it moved somewhere else.

offices, meaning some consolidation may be necessary.

Both Stenholm and Upchurch praised local USDA Director Bill Fryrear for the work he has done in the areas of wind erosion and dryland research.

Fryrear and members of his staff traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., this morning to present some of the accomplishments of the Big Spring office to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).

"The research that Bill (Fryrear) has done will be some of the things that will determine our future," Stenholm said.

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Tune, Mason first to file for May 3 city council races

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College instructor Tommy Tune and local roofer/Christmas decorations entrepreneur Randy Mason became the first two persons to officially file for seats on the Big Spring City Council Monday.

Tune filed for District 4 and was expected to face incumbent Tom Guess, who told the *Herald* last week that he would seek re-election.

Mason filed for District 6, which is currently held by John Paul Anderson. Anderson has not yet indicated publicly whether or not he will seek a

second term.

A third incumbent, District 2 representative Pat DeAnda, has not indicated whether or not she will seek re-election.

The filing period for a council seat will run through March 19, and early voting for the May election begins at 8 a.m. April 14 and will continue through April 29, with ballots being cast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in City Hall during that period.

Council candidates must have been a resident citizen of Big Spring for at least one year immediately preceding the date of the election but are not required to live in the district they seek to represent.

Small-town zoning dispute becomes big-time Supreme Court showdown

BOERNE (AP) — Old-timers can remember carrying rocks up a hill nearly 75 years ago to build a Catholic church in what is now a historic district in this southern Texas town.

They and others don't want to see the Spanish-style stone building expanded to accommodate newcomers who have doubled the parish over the past six

years. But the church wants to knock down some of its stone walls and enlarge its 230-seat sanctuary.

"If we wanted to continue holding Mass here we would have to exclude people from our worship," said the Rev. Tony Cummins of St. Peter the

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HC cosmetology program offers Coahoma students opportunities

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

Coahoma High School students could receive their diploma, hair dressing license and 30 college credit hours toward an associative arts degree all at the same time by attending a cosmetology course at Howard College.

"It's like killing three birds with one stone," explained Howard College's Director of Cosmetology Gary Don Carey.

In order for a Coahoma student to participate in the cosmetology program, they must be a junior or senior and have enough credits to graduate with their class. Those who take the course receive three credits toward graduation as well as 30

college credit hours.

The course is 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CISD trustees recently approved allowing the high school to reimburse the students for tuition and books, a total of about \$350 per semester, which is more than half of what the students have to pay.

The only thing the students have to pay for is their equipment, cape, identification and fees, a total of about \$315.

"So far we are really thrilled with this program. It has been very successful," Coahoma High School Principal Cindy Young said. "The (high) school makes sure that you are on track for graduation, and if so, you are automatically qualified for this class."

Two students who are currently participating in the program are juniors Sara Pannel and Amalia Armendarez.

The high school students are only required to have 1,000 hours of cosmetology credit compared to the college's regular students who are required to have 1,500 hours of credit.

"I believe this course will lead me far," Armendarez said. "If I decide I would like to do something else in the future and it falls through, this will be something I can fall back on."

To date, the girls have learned the basics of doing pin curls, finger waves, perms, sectioning, coloring, waxing eyebrows, dying eyebrows, manicures,



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett
Coahoma juniors Sara Pannel (left) and Amalia Armendarez cut and style another student's hair during their cosmetology class at Howard College.

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Local churches organizing 'Promise Keepers' program

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

A nationwide movement to bring men together for the purpose of getting them involved in their local church, "Promise Keepers," is being organized in Big Spring. The organizational meeting is at 7 tonight at the First Church of the Nazarene, according to the Rev. Gary Smith.

Promise Keepers started out with 72 men in Boulder, Colo., several years ago as a way to show men how to lead Christian

lives and promise to lead their wives and children. It has now grown into a movement involving more than one million men. During the first part of October, all men involved in Promise Keepers will have the chance to participate in a march in Washington, D.C.

Smith said 15 to 20 local churches are already committed to bringing Promise Keepers to the area and all men are invited to the meeting tonight. It's a chance to see who all is interested in the organization and then a spokesman from the

national headquarters is scheduled to come to town in March to provide tips and suggestions for keeping the organization going in town.

The men involved in Promise Keepers promise the following:

- A Promise Keeper is committed to honor Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's Word through the power of the Holy Spirit.

- A Promise Keeper is committed to pursue vital relationships with other men, understanding he needs brothers to

help him keep his promises.

- A Promise Keeper is committed to build strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.

- A Promise Keeper is committed to support the mission of his church by honoring and praying for his pastor and by actively giving his time and resources.

- A Promise Keeper is committed to reach beyond any racial and denominational barriers.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Cloudy with a chance of showers. Low around 45.

Wednesday: Cloudy with rain likely. Thunderstorms possible. High around 55. Low around 40.

Extended outlook: Thursday, clearing. High in the 50s. Low in the 30s. Friday and Saturday, clear. Highs in the 50s. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Hugh "Skinny" Bostick

Graveside service for Hugh "Skinny" Bostick, 78, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Doug Shelley officiating.

Mr. Bostick died Sunday, Feb. 16, at the VA Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born on March 12, 1918, in Roswell, N.M. He married Genita Francis Hudgins on July 18, 1962, in Lovington, N.M. He grew up in Big Spring and lived most of his life here. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II in Paratroopers in Europe and Asia. He was a retired iron worker and welder.

Survivors include: his wife, Francis Bostick, Big Spring; two brothers, Dan Bostick, Jr., Springdale, Ark., and Bill Bostick, Big Spring; two sisters, Lillie Finley, Roswell, N.M.; and Pearl Brown, Mineral Wells; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Program

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"I love it," Pannel said. "It's really fun and this is what I want to make a career of."

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NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-8331

Cleo E. Eggleston, 90, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lelta Cole, died Sunday. Funeral services will be 3 PM Tuesday at North Chapel, Calvary Hill Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. Interment Calvary Hill.

Steve Vincent, 75, died Sunday. Memorial services will be 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Hugh "Skinny" Bostick, 78, died Sunday. Private graveside service will be 11:00 AM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. Family will receive friends from 5-7 PM at the funeral home.

Thomas Grissom, 71, died Tuesday. Services are pending with McNett Funeral Home, Andrews.

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Thomas Grissom

Service for Thomas Grissom, 71, is pending with McNett Funeral Home, Andrews. Local arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

He died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997, in a local hospital.

Dispute

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Apostle Catholic Church, which has held its Sunday services since 1996 in a senior citizen's center to make room for the 1,000 families now in the parish.

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Wednesday in a religious freedom case that pits church leaders against Boerne (pronounced Bernie), which refused in 1994 to grant construction permits on grounds that the church is in a historic district.

At issue is the Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993, a law intended to make it harder for government to prevail when a regulation or policy interferes with religion.

St. Peter's claims the law protects it from the town's historic preservation ordinance in this quiet Hill Country town of about 4,000 people, settled by German immigrants in 1849 some 30 miles northwest of San Antonio.

But Mayor Patrick Heath, a retired Methodist minister, said the town isn't trying to suppress religion.

"This is and has been for many years a community that values its heritage, its cultural heritage," Heath said. "Churches are not the only institutions in our community that make it a significant and valuable place."

The town claims St. Peter's is an example of mission revival architecture while others liken it to a poor imitation of a San Antonio church.

The court battle began when U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton sided with the town in a lawsuit filed by the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio, declaring the Religious Freedom Restoration Act unconstitutional.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed Bunton's ruling. Then the town appealed, setting the stage for the Supreme Court showdown.

"It affects every single religious organization and individual in the United States, no matter their belief," said the Rev. Oliver Thomas of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

St. Peter's \$1.3 million plan for a new 750-seat sanctuary called for keeping intact the front facade with its twin bell towers, but tearing down the rest of the church and more than tripling the floor space.

Opponents of the church expansion agree a larger sanctuary is needed, but favor building elsewhere on the church's 6-acre campus or on another piece of property. They oppose destroying any of the old sanctuary, built on a Boerne hilltop in 1923.

"The building is of historical value," said Bertie Sclaraffa, who attended St. Peter's until the zoning dispute heated up. "Even more importantly, it is of emotional value to the people who built it. There still are people around who remember carrying the rocks up the hill."

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USDA

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Upchurch said computer science, mathematics and molecular biology are the three things currently impacting agriculture, and the research Fryrear has done falls in line with the so-called scientific revolution in agriculture.

A model of the wind erosion and water conservation research will be released to the NRCS at the end of March for field testing.

"We have to integrate all of our technology in agriculture and figure out how to use in a dry-land system," Upchurch said.

Stenholm told producers that he would fight for whatever they tell him to fight for, but they must realize there is not enough funds for everything that people want done.

"If you want me to make the fight for line item projects, I will, but our best hope lies in being a consolidated part of the West Texas corridor system where wind erosion and soil research is concerned," Stenholm said. "By doing this we have Texas Tech, Texas A&M and the Agricultural Research Service, which means state and national backing."

Stenholm said research is important and the staff at the Big Spring station will not be decreased, although there could be some additions to research staff in the near future.

"We must avail ourselves to as much knowledge and education as possible to make the decisions we have to make," Stenholm said. "We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Bill Fryrear and his staff for getting us to this point."

According to Stenholm, the dedication is in place to continue research at the Big Spring station, but as with anything, there are no guarantees.

Men

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riars to demonstrate the power of biblical unity.

A Promise Keeper is committed to influence his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

According to literature from Promise Keepers, "Christ-centered unity produces vital relationships; life-changing, interdependent, affirming and accountable relationships. In this context, men can submit their lives to the directives of God's Word, dedicate themselves to pray for their brothers and genuinely understand each man's strengths and weaknesses."

Each member of Promise Keepers is there for support, and through this support and prayer, helps each man keep the promises.

This non-denominational organization is open for any man interested in becoming a Promise Keeper. Tonight's prayer rally is a chance to plan for future meetings and rallies as well as pray for those already involved in the organization. Contact Smith at First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, at 267-7015 for more information.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1001 W. 11th Place
263-1211

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

BRIEFS

THE FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL District Board of Trustees meet Thursday at 7 p.m. for a regular meeting to discuss or take action on the following items:

- Consider policy update BED (local) from Update 53.
- Report on technology process.
- Report on roof repair plans.
- Present recommendations for ADA compliance repairs at elementary campus.
- Discuss superintendent's evaluation form for 1997-98.
- Call election and appoint election judges.
- Amend budget in Function 33.
- Discuss TIF grant application.
- Consider personnel issues including employment, resignations, assignments, benefits, etc. The board may enter into executive session.
- Contract extensions for principals Jim Yancey, Richard Light and Wayne Rotan.

THE CITY-WIDE LITTLE LEAGUE Baseball and United Girls' Softball Association sign-ups are Saturday through March 1 at the Big Spring Mall from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays and from 5 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. Ages five and up are welcome and you must have birth certificate and current utility bill.

THE BIG SPRING BAND Boosters meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in the BSHS Band Hall. There will be a special solo and ensemble performance by band members. For more information call Cyndi Marsh at 263-6705.

THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY continues its season entitled "Celebrate the Symphony" with a performance Saturday called "Music for the Young at Heart." Performance time is 8 p.m. in the city auditorium. Buy your tickets in advance at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's, the Chamber of Commerce or First Bank of West Texas. The Symphony office is open in the afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. during the week of the concert for your convenience or call 264-7223.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 3 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168

Texas Lottery

between 6 a.m. and 5 p.m.
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.
•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Marcy House.
•International Little League will have a baseball meeting open to the public for positions available for coaches and board positions, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring Training Center.
•Big Spring Band Booster meeting, 7 p.m., BSHS band hall.
•Prayer Rally, 7 p.m., First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster. This is an organizational rally for "Promise Keepers." Contact Rev. Gary Smith at 267-7015 for more information.
•Senior citizens dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 7 to 10 p.m.. The Country Five will perform. Everyone invited.
WEDNESDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.
THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.
•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

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Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	345.00-346.50
Silver	5.17-5.20

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

- RODNEY DALE SMITH, 34, of 700 Willia, was arrested on an assault warrant.
- NANCY VALLE ORTEGA, 25, of 600 Douglas, was arrested on local warrants.
- MICHAEL SEAN KELLEY, 39, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.
- GEORGE BRACY, 37, of 811 W. Seventh, was arrested on local warrants.
- DON MICHAEL ADAMS, 34, of 1807 Johnson, was arrested on local warrants.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1100 block of Pickens; and the 1600 block of Sycamore.
- GAS THEFT in the 300 block of Gregg; and the 2300 block of Wasson.
- THEFT OF SERVICE in the 3300 block of W. 80.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 4200 block of Parkway.
- THEFT in the 700 block of W. 7th.
- DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1000 block of N. Main; and the 2600 block of Fairchild.

SHERIFF

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

•WESLEY CRAIG KERBY, 18, of Rt. 1 Box 453, was arrested on a motion to revoke his probation.

RECORDS

Monday's high 69
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Average high 61
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Record high 82 in 1959
Record low 11 in 1936
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Month to date 0.89
Month's normal 0.28
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Senate to consider different version of Bush tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Ken Armbrister wants to know why a six-pack of donuts is subject to the state sales tax but a dozen donuts aren't.

Armbrister, D-Victoria, on Monday said a Senate committee formed to deal with Gov. George W. Bush's plan to replace local property taxes with new state taxes will look at every related question, including the taxation of donuts.

Under Bush's proposal, pending before a Texas House committee, lawmakers would create a new business tax, raise the state sales tax and commit \$1

billion in general state funds to replace about \$8 billion in school funds currently collected via local property taxes.

Bush has said replacing local school property taxes as the main funding source for Texas schools would be fairer to all Texans and would be a more stable source of money.

Armbrister said he doesn't know of any lawmaker opposed to reducing local property taxes. But he added that no one has come out in full support of the governor's plan to pay for the cuts.

"We're not saying it's a wrong way right now," Armbrister

said. "It's just that we have an opportunity here if changes need to be made."

A special House committee already is working on the governor's plan. It would impose a 1.25 percent tax on all businesses in Texas with more than \$500,000 in total receipts. They could deduct the cost of inventories and capital investments.

The plan also would raise the sales tax and the motor vehicle sales tax by a half-cent, from 6.25 percent to 6.75 percent.

Armbrister said he'd like to find a way to avoid raising the sales tax. He said that could be done by making the sales tax

apply more uniformly to similar products.

For example, Armbrister said sales taxes are charged on a six-pack of donuts because they are considered a "packaged meal." A dozen donuts aren't taxed. He said there are other such inconsistencies that cost the state money that could help avoid a sales tax increase.

"We're going to look at why when you buy a sack of potatoes it's not taxed, but if you buy a bag of potato chips, it is taxed," Armbrister said.

Such changes could help the plan bring in more money. But Armbrister said he also has

some ideas that could reduce the amount of money expected to be generated by the tax changes.

Under the proposed business tax, only capital investments and the cost of inventories could be deducted. Armbrister said he also would allow businesses to deduct the cost of employee benefits.

He also would repeal a \$200-a-year professional services fee charged to doctors, lawyers, accountants and other professional licensed by the state.

Armbrister said he's not sure of the cost of the benefits deduction but said repealing the pro-

fessional services fee would cost \$112 million every two years.

He said depending on the cost of the benefits deduction, the 1.25 percent business tax might have to be raised.

"The downside is ... every time you change something you've got to have a new (cost) model to see 'What does it do to my district?'" Armbrister said.

Karen Hughes, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor expects lawmakers to consider every alternative.

"This is exactly what we want," she said of lawmakers' wide-ranging debates.

TEXAS BRIEFS

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Judge hears testimony in case of former death row inmate

HOUSTON — A woman testified Monday she saw a Mexican man kill a police officer after a traffic stop in 1982 but noted under questioning that her mother had been handcuffed by police during the investigation.

"I see his face all the time," Elvira Hernandez, 30, said, identifying Ricardo Aldape Guerra as the gunman. "His face does not get out of my head."

Asked by prosecutor Elsa Alcala why she identified Aldape Guerra as the one who killed Officer James Harris, Hernandez replied, "Because he did."

Attorneys for the former death row inmate contend police and prosecutors improperly arrested and won a conviction and death sentence for Adalpe Guerra, now 34, who was an illegal immigrant when he was arrested for fatally shooting the officer.

Police and the district attorney's office denied the accusations, but a federal judge in 1995 agreed and ruled that Aldape Guerra either be released or get a new trial.

Harris County prosecutors contend they did not get a fair hearing before U.S. District Judge Kenneth Hoyt and won a hearing that began Monday before retired Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Frank Maloney.

Attorneys for Aldape Guerra want the capital murder charge against him dismissed.

False liens would be a crime under legislation

AUSTIN — The filing of fraudulent court documents, a favorite havoc-creating tactic of the Republic of Texas group, would become a criminal offense under a bill before the Senate Jurisprudence Committee.

The committee delayed action on the bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Monday to ensure valid documents wouldn't inadvertently be covered by the measure. It could be voted on next week.

The issue of phony court judgments and liens has attracted widespread attention because of their use by the Republic of Texas, a group that contends Texas was unlawfully annexed as a state by Congress in 1845.

Bivins, however, said he's not targeting a particular group. He said the problem even has come up in divorce battles.

"I've heard of angry spouses trying to ... get revenge on spouses that have divorced them," he said. "I'm certainly aware there are organized groups as well. The point is that this practice is going on and needs to stop."

Bivins' bill would make it a Class A misdemeanor the first two times a person files a false court document or lien, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$4,000 fine. A third offense would be a third-degree felony, punishable by imprisonment for two to 10 years and a fine of up to \$10,000.

Jury finds 12-year-old guilty in toddler's death

AUSTIN — A 12-year-old girl convicted for the second time in the beating death of a toddler will spend up to 25 years in state custody.

Last year, the preteen was convicted of injury to a child in the death of 21/2-year-old Jayla Belton and sentenced to up to 20 years in state custody.

The conviction and sentence were overturned. State District Judge John Dietz, who presided over both trials, said he was concerned the girl didn't have adequate defense in the original proceeding.

After a second trial concluded last week, a Travis County jury on Monday again found the 12-year-old guilty of injury to a child.

Her attorneys waived jury sentencing and agreed to 25 years in state custody. She could have been locked up for 40 years.

Huang raised money for Democrats before government job had ended

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Huang traveled coast to coast to raise money for the Democratic Party and brought in more than \$150,000 in donations even before he had formally left his senior Commerce Department post, records show. Such activity is a potential violation of the Hatch Act, one official says.

On Dec. 4, 1995 — the day he took a leave of absence from the government without pay — Huang began work heading up the Democratic National Committee's effort to raise donations from Asian Americans.

Huang's activities for the DNC and the Commerce Department, where he was a deputy assistant commerce secretary, are being examined by congressional and Justice Department investigators looking into questionable Democratic Party fund raising.

At issue is whether Huang raised illegal donations from foreign sources and whether he mixed political activity with his official duties at the Commerce Department.

Political fund raising by federal employees is prohibited by the Hatch Act. The law would have applied to Huang even when he was on a leave of absence without pay before his resignation took effect, according to officials familiar with the statute.

"If you hold a government

position and you go on leave without pay, you are still covered by the Hatch Act," said William Reukauf of the Office of Special Counsel, the independent agency that enforces the statute. "It's only when you resign that position are the Hatch Act restrictions lifted."

As soon as Huang went on the unpaid leave, he started taking fund-raising trips, which apparently yielded quick results for the DNC.

Whitewater prosecutor to leave for Pepperdine

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a surprising development, a California university said Monday that Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr will step down from the probe to join the school this summer, raising questions about whether his investigation of President Clinton and the first lady is at an end.

The Whitewater investigation, which Starr has led for the past 2 years, is at a critical juncture with prosecutors weighing the evidence involving the president and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Starr and the Whitewater prosecutor's office were silent after the announcement by Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif.

But a lawyer familiar with the Whitewater probe cautioned against reading too much into Starr's stepping down from the investigation.

Starr will decide what, if any, action to take against the Clintons and "he will have ample time to consider all matters," said the lawyer, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Starr indicated Monday night as he arrived at the Little Rock, Ark., airport that he would step down from the Whitewater investigation after he moves to the Los Angeles area to join the Pepperdine faculty.

"I think it is inconsistent with the orderly conduct of this investigation for me to continue indefinitely as independent counsel once I have moved my family to Los Angeles, but the precise timing has yet to be determined," Starr said.

He said the investigation would be unaffected.

"What we're trying to do is conclude this as promptly as possible, but consistent with a very comprehensive and thorough investigation," Starr said.

Being involved in the dual aspects of the Whitewater probe — at Little Rock and Washington — has worked for him since he lives in northern Virginia, near Washington, Starr said. But it wouldn't be feasible for him to continue at the head of the investigation if he is living in Los Angeles, he said.

"I had no control over the timing," Starr said. "This was a unique opportunity. The dean of 27 years at the law school stepped down."

A former presidential aide suggested indictments won't be forthcoming. "Is Starr going to indict the first lady and then leave for the West Coast? I don't think so," said the aide, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The White House had no official comment, though aides also privately speculated the prosecutor must not intend to indict the first lady.

The Clintons' Whitewater lawyer, David Kendall, declined to comment.

In a press release, Pepperdine University said Starr would become dean of its law school Aug. 1 and founding dean of its new school of public policy.

In an interview, Pepperdine President David Davenport said Starr felt comfortable with his decision.

"My assumption from talking with Ken in the interview process is that the investigation will go forward," Davenport said.

"I think he feels confident that there is a good team of people in place who are working on it and he has several more months to be part of the investigation before he reports for duty out here," Davenport added.

Based on his conversations with Starr, Davenport said that regarding Whitewater, "I'm assuming there will be some combination of Ken completing a chapter of his work and turning that over to some associates in whom I know he has a lot of confidence."

Starr has faced criticism from Clinton loyalists for maintaining his private law practice and representing corporate clients who oppose the Clinton administration at the same time Starr investigates the president and the first lady.

Also, right-wing groups have accused Starr of failing to adequately address questions surrounding the death of deputy White House counsel Vincent Foster, which twice has been ruled a suicide. Starr has not yet announced his conclusions in the death probe.

Environmentalists say water bill good step, but flawed

AUSTIN (AP) — Water management legislation filed on the heels of last year's withering drought is a good step, but falls short by not curbing Texans' virtually unfettered right to pump water from beneath their property, the Sierra Club says.

The so-called "right of capture" basically allows property owners to pump as much water as they like from under their land, regardless of how it affects adjacent landowners.

Those who oppose changing the principle say it's a basic property right. But Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club said Monday that argument is flawed.

"There is no protection to a property right in groundwater if your neighbor can put in a bigger pump and a bigger well and pump out more water than you can, and potentially ... deplete the aquifer to the point where you can no longer draw

water from it through your own well," Kramer said.

The bill's author, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, has said it will be up to local governments to decide whether to impose water use limits.

"If water districts coordinate and work together in coming up with a plan, we will avoid a competition to see who can build the biggest water pump on their property," Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said when he introduced the measure.

Brown said he has discussed the water legislation with the Sierra Club and other groups and would continue to do so.

"I hope these groups are interested in continuing to work with us as we move forward in our attempt to create the best solution for the water needs of this state," he said.

Kramer said the legislation doesn't assure regulation of groundwater withdrawal if a

local groundwater district fails to act. He said regulation by groundwater districts could be workable if there were a strong state backup in case local districts didn't take action.

Changing the right of capture could be done through separate legislation, Kramer said. If unable to enact a change in this legislative session, Kramer said he'd support a study in time for the 1999 Legislature.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate and supports the water bill, said he doesn't favor changing the rule of capture at this point.

"I think that there's a great deal that we can do without that," he said. "Rather than get-

ting in that kind of a controversy ... let's take it one step at a time, make some accomplishments."

Brown's bill, which Kramer called "a good starting point," would encourage local water districts, river authorities and municipalities to enact drought management plans by tying state funding and permits to enactment of such plans.

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"I feel the responsibility of the occasion. Responsibility is proportionate to opportunity."
-Woodrow Wilson

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OUR VIEWS

Time for civic minded to become candidates

The first day for filing candidacies for city council and school board seats arrived and departed Monday without much fanfare — a far cry from the limelight national political office receives.

It's a sad fact, but most of us rarely give much thought to the work that's done by members of these entities ... until, of course, they have the audacity to raise our taxes, put a bond issue before us, or attempt to deal with some state- or federally-mandated regulation we find distasteful.

At those times we seem to have all the answers and wonder for the life of us why "those people" can't use a little common sense.

For some reason it's easy to criticize from the cheap seats.

It only becomes difficult when you're on the hot seat, taking the responsibility to make decisions that not only affect one's own life, but the lives of hundreds or thousands of one's friends and neighbors.

Quite often, it's a thankless job. It is, however, an important task ... one that forces people to put their reputations on the line, and usually, reach decisions based on what's best for us all.

Sitting on the city council or school board means getting telephone calls at all hours, far more of them lodging complaints than offering congratulations.

It means taking time away from one's business or job on numerous occasions.

And it means taking time away from one's family. It doesn't bring a paycheck. Nor does it lead to loftier political office, as a general rule.

What it does is make one a servant of the community.

All that said, it's now time for those who truly love their community and want to see it prosper, believe that our children are the future and that their education must be of the highest quality, to put their time and reputations on the line.

If you're one of those people, you can file for a city council or school board post between now and March 19. All it takes is a telephone call to city hall or your school district's administrative offices to find out how to get your name on the ballot.

OTHER VIEWS

Cigarettes — not for nothing are they called "coffin nails" — have put millions of people six feet under and have dramatically increased the number of surgical procedures containing the suffix "ectomy." Some believe the federal government would even be within its rights to ban them altogether. But the regulatory trimming of free speech is a poor way to snub out cigarette consumption. That's what U.S. District Court Judge William Osteen should say in words as plain as Joe Camel's nose.

Sitting in Greensboro, N.C., a Big Tobacco hub city, Osteen on Monday listened to industry complaints about Food and Drug Administration regs that would curb cigarette advertising in various ways, with an eye toward keeping kids from becoming weed fiends.

Fundamentally, industry lawyers dispute the FDA's assertion that it may control tobacco products as "drug-delivery systems." By stretching the phrase thus, regulators are arrogating vast new powers unto themselves. The FDA was clearly given its authority to enable it to regulate addictive drugs with immediate behavioral consequences. To retroactively identify tobacco that way is disingenuous.

Government's most disturbing foray is into the territory of the First Amendment,

where it would edit messages among adults about a legal non-pornographic product. Some especially objectionable FDA regs are those limiting outdoor ads to black and white "text only" designs, permitting only such designs in magazines with "significant youth readership," and banning brand name sponsorship of rodeos, car races and like events. Abeam with benevolence, Washington would become Supreme Publisher of any medium that might carry a governmentally disfavored type of advertising.

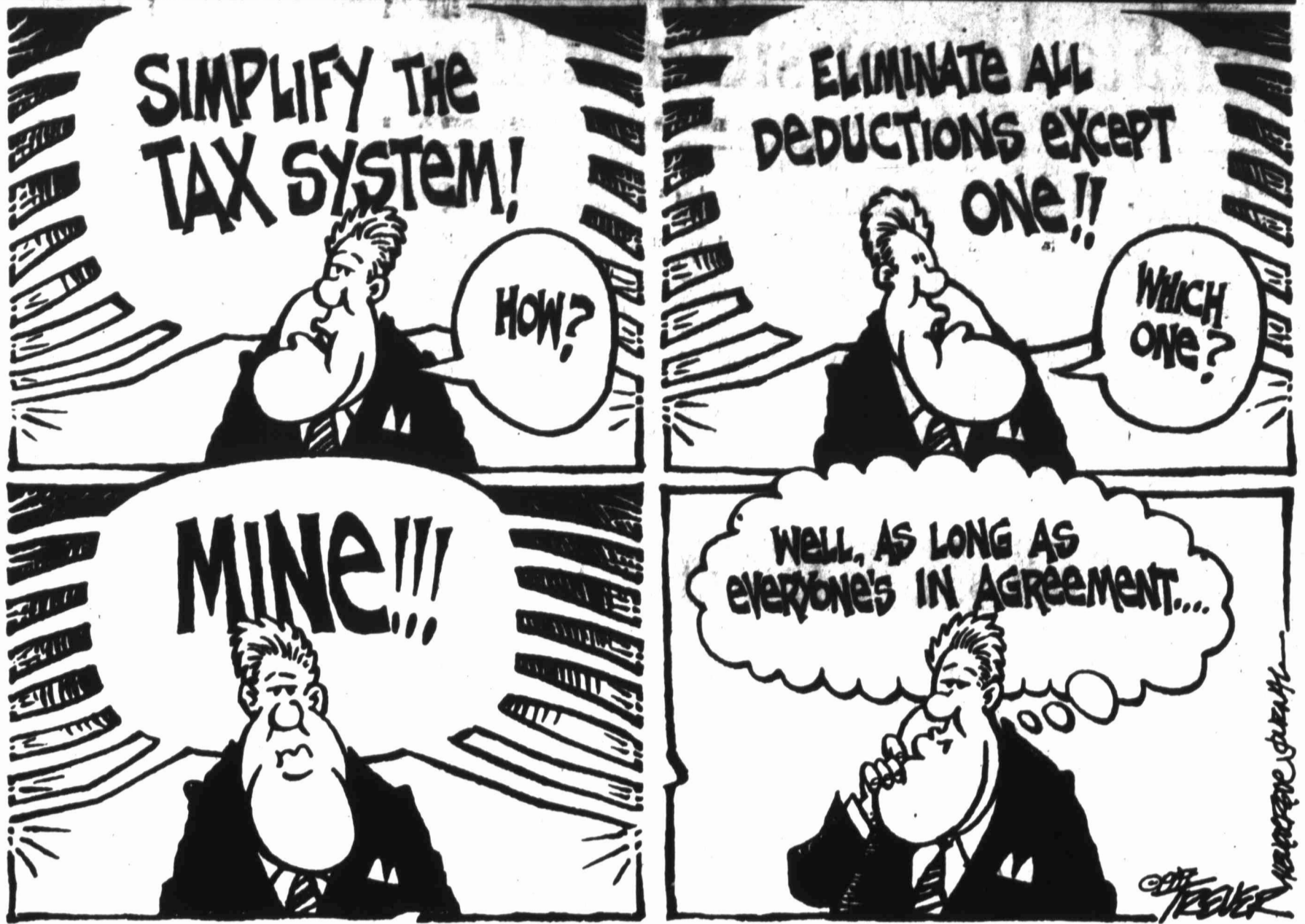
If not in Greensboro, then somewhere up the appellate line the cigarette industry probably will prevail. Already in a 1995 commercial-speech case, (italics)Rubin vs. Coors Brewing Co.(endital), the Supreme Court ruled that government's curtailment of such speech must be "no more extensive than necessary" and that the state should first try non-speech alternatives like increased taxation and "counter-speech." These methods target the malignant product, not the "healthy cells" of societal communication.

Big Tobacco is nobody's preferred paladin of free speech. But if regulators can shoot Joe Camel today, who knows who they'll be able to shoot tomorrow?

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Heads up, middle-aged Jedi knights: Star Wars is back

The movie "Star Wars" has not only entered the world's wallet, to the tune of more than \$5 billion in tickets and toys, it has enriched the American vocabulary.



Dale McFeatters
"Just Dessert"

To the chagrin of its backers, President Reagan's space-based missile defense system was almost immediately dubbed "Star Wars." The name not only stuck but came to be applied to all whiz-bang space weapon technologies.

Reagan's name for his program was the bureaucrat's Strategic Defense Initiative. The defense industry preferred "High Frontier," a name reeking of a brainstorming session in a high-priced PR firm. But Star Wars it was and remains.

While corporate elders of the '80s pontificated about MBO (management by objective) and TQM (total quality management) and other acronyms mercifully fading from memory, their juniors were talking in a mysterious code of their own

about "skywalkers" and "Jedis."

Skywalkers were upwardly mobile young executives mobilizing upwards rapidly. They would become Jedis when they penetrated the corporation's inner circle. To call the CEO "emperor" was not a compliment.

Now 20 years later, "Star Wars" the movie is back — polished, digitalized and expanded with new monsters (meaning new toys). Part One opened last weekend and did about \$36 million worth of business. That, by comparison, is what the other nine films in the Top 10 did in total, and more than \$30 million more than the No. 2 film, "Jerry Maguire."

There's some kind of perverse justice in Tom Cruise being outdrawn by a loathsome obese alien called Jabba the Hutt, another name that has entered the lexicon, describing someone of unfortunate morals and avoidpoids.

Parts Two and Three, "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi," will be back out shortly. When "Jedi" is recut for rerelease, I would urge one change.

It was a major, major, even crushing disappointment when Darth Vader's mask finally came off, the prince of evil and galactic deadbeat dad turned

out to be Sebastian Shaw. Shaw was a fine but then aging actor who looked like a retired savings & loan executive and nothing at all like James Earl Jones' voice.

Better that when Vader's mask — still a best-seller at Halloween — is removed, nothing is behind it but wiring, circuitry and motherboards, his pact with the Dark Side having rendered him completely a machine. If Pepsi could ink a \$2 billion deal with the reissued "Star Wars," the medical device industry might pay almost as much for a promotional tie-in with "Jedi."

In 1999 will come the first of a new trilogy of "Star Wars" "prequels." Prequel is a wonderful Hollywood coinage for the film that is made when the stars of the original blockbuster have become too pricey, too old or too dead.

Not everyone is overjoyed about the return of "Star Wars," and I have reservations myself, dating back 16 years when I was tugging on the legs of my oldest son, now in college, while he clung to a shelf post in Sears, howling, "Wampa! Wampa!" Of course, I broke down and bought the toy since it was so clearly educational — a white, furry beast that lived in a snow cave in "Empire" and ate people.

Wampa and about 3 million of his Star Wars colleagues are still resident in our house and, in fairness, still played with by younger siblings.

The serious movie critics do not see the same virtues in "Star Wars" as its less aesthetic admirers. One disdained it as "retro-kitsch," meaning it will be eligible for an art house film festival in another 20 years.

Even George Lucas, the maker of "Star Wars," seems to have mixed feelings about the movies that made him wealthy beyond avarice. He manages to be apologetic about a film that has given a lot of people a lot of fun and a few of them jobs.

Lucas' kind of film, he suggested to one interviewer, is "Last Year at Marienbad," an inert, murky, black-and-white European film of the '60s about a group of candelabra wandering about an old hotel. It is the kind of film that makes one-time graduate students secretly relieved to be grown up and married so that they can use their kids as cover to see "Star Wars."

Cheer up, George. The Force be with you. And while you're at it, how about some sequels or prequels to "Indiana Jones"?

(Dale McFeatters writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

To behave or not to behave — that is the question

It is an oasis.

In a country where athletes are demigods and scholars scarce, in a region that proudly scorns intellectualism and clear-cuts education funding, in a state where more know the name Richard Petty than Harper Lee, in this place — the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery is an oasis.



Rheta Grimsley Johnson
Columnist

It has been called one of the grandest Shakespeare theaters in the world. And it is past lovely, replete with black swans outside, and floor-to-ceiling tapestries inside, along with every architectural frill you need to escape life's grim reality and take a magic-carpet ride.

It is a theater worthy of its lofty name. A few weeks ago, inside that

spectacular theater, 750 school children were watching a matinee performance of "The Miracle Worker," the story of Helen Keller. The play was part of an annual and ambitious program that brings kids into the theater with hopes the visit will be the start of a life-long habit.

Only on this day some of the kids — from area middle schools and high schools — began throwing gum and rocks onto the stage, pelting and distracting the actors. At first intermission, the actors voted to suspend the performance.

Who can blame them? "It wasn't an easy decision for them at all," a theater spokesman told the Associated Press. "Nobody wants to call off the show, but they had to look at their own personal safety."

Applying a discretion that seems largely undeserved, the theater refused to name the theater involved. I suppose tarring the entire young audience wouldn't be fair.

The story broke my heart. What has happened to this world when a child is no

longer wide-eyed at his first play? This was designed to be a remedy for cultural deprivation; instead, it turned into a raucous pep rally.

The only entertainment today's children know is on the TV screen, or on some playing field or other. They watch as banshee fans with bare torsos throw ice or worse at players and yell obscenities at umpires. Maybe as adults we've neglected to explain that etiquette for the theater and for a tractor pull are different. Maybe we've neglected to explain basic civility.

I couldn't help but think of a recent visit to London, and of the unformed school children roaming the British Museum. They stood mummy-quiet in front of the Rosetta Stone as a proper guide explained its significance.

I thought also of a ballet class in Bordeaux, youngsters performing on risers in front of the busy train station as other mesmerized French school children stood by and watched.

And the intense lad in Barcelona in 1992, standing against a stone wall, sketch

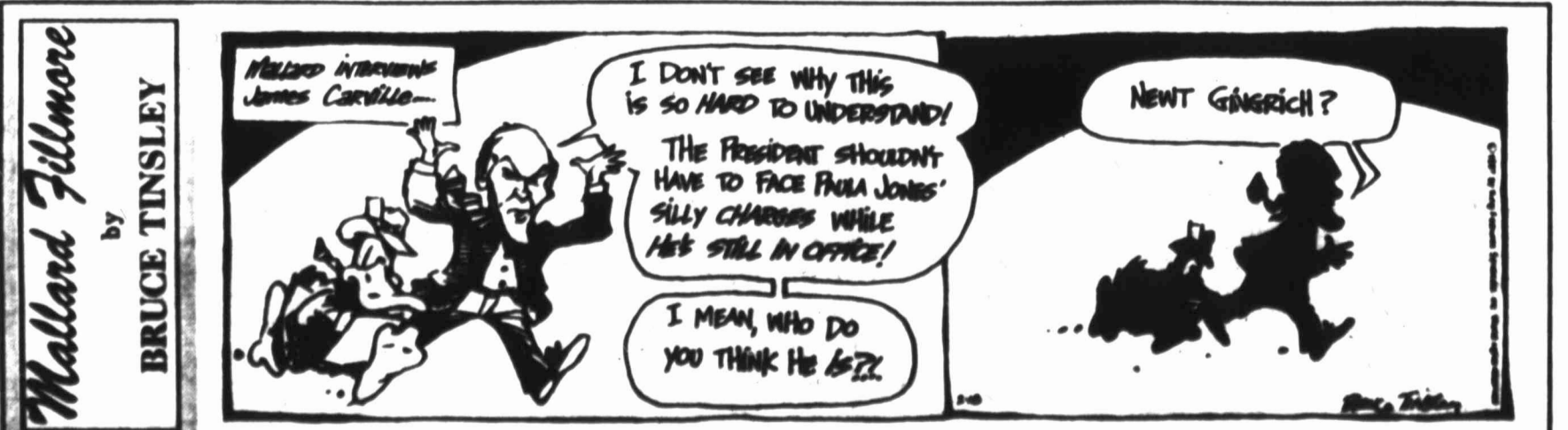
pad propped on one knee. He was attempting to capture America's Dream Team with pen and ink as it strolled past on the busy avenue.

It would be interesting to know what punishment the teachers have in mind for those who misbehaved at the Shakespeare Festival. Maybe they will never be able to isolate the offenders. Maybe there will be no punishment at all.

Teachers, however, have their ways. Or at least they used to. My sixth-grade teacher at Montgomery's Dalraida Elementary, Miss Eason, could find the guilty party without breaking a sweat. We were all snitches that year; better to be a dirty rat than dead.

I'd suggest the guilty children, if found, return to the theater, this time to watch a performance of "King Lear." Then they should report back on what Lear means when he cries: "Is man no more than this?"

And just for good measure, the parents of the hooligans should be required to go with their children, even if they miss the latest O.J. verdict.



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Trade-happy Mavericks get rid of rest of '96 team in nine-player deal with Nets

DALLAS (AP) — If there was ever any doubt, it's gone now. Don Nelson means business as front-office boss of the Dallas Mavericks.

Nelson dumped overweight center Oliver Miller promptly after his arrival 11 days ago, then traded Jamal Mashburn to Miami for three players. Nelson finished the purge Monday night with a staggering nine-player trade that sent Jim Jackson to the New Jersey Nets along with All-Star Chris Gatling and three others.

In return, the Mavericks got 7-foot-6 center Shawn Bradley, forward Ed O'Bannon and point guards Robert Pack and Khalid Reeves. The Nets also received guards Sam Cassell and George McCloud and center Eric Montross.

The trade is believed to be the largest between two NBA teams in the last 25 years, league spokesman Chris Brienza said. In 1964, there was an eight-player deal between Detroit and Baltimore involving Bailey Howell,

Bob Ferry and Rod Thorn, now an NBA vice president.

For the Mavericks, the blockbuster swap followed Friday's trade of Mashburn to the Heat for three players and the December deal that sent Jason Kidd to Phoenix for Cassell, A.C. Green and Michael Finley.

Now the Three J's — Jackson, Mashburn and Kidd — are all gone, along with most every other player who started the season with the Mavericks.

Though he didn't name players, Nelson said bad attitudes in the Mavericks' locker room prompted his swift and sweeping moves.

"There were just so many negative things about this ball club," he said. "This locker room shocked me. It's not acceptable and will not be acceptable from this point on. I observed it, watched it and basically got sick about it."

Coach Jim Clemons, whose team is 16-31 in his first season, looked and

sounded stunned by Monday's move.

"Obviously, Nellie thought there were things that had to be done, and he came in and made some changes," Clemons said. "Hopefully, this will come to a point in time where we can get settled for the rest of the year. We're going to sit down and evaluate them and see what we have."

With this deal, Dallas has no players left from last season's roster. Rookie forward Samaki Walker has been on the Mavericks' roster the longest.

South Plains trips Lady Hawks, 80-75

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LEVELLAND — It was pay-back time at the Texan Dome.

The South Plains Lady Texans, still remembering a 20-point wipeout administered to them by Howard College last month, administered a bit of retribution by knocking off the Lady Hawks 80-75 Monday night.

The loss stopped a 14-game winning streak for Howard and, more importantly, knocked the Lady Hawks out of first place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings. Howard drops to 24-4 overall and 13-3 in the WJAC, while the Lady Texans lay claim to the league throne room with a 13-2 mark (25-3 overall).

South Plains entered the game with the league's top-ranked defense, but won the game with offense, hitting 57 percent of their shots during the game. Angie Braziel, the Lady Texans' 6-foot, 2-inch post from Odessa, led the attack with 29 points.

The Lady Hawks, meanwhile, suffered mightily on the offensive end of the floor, managing a meager 27-of-76 (35 percent) from the floor. LaTonya Kindle led Howard with 21 points, while Kyna Cosby and Shawnta Johnson added 18 points apiece.

The Lady Hawks were able to stay close in the first half despite an early South Plains run that saw the Lady Texans take a 26-11 lead midway through the first half.

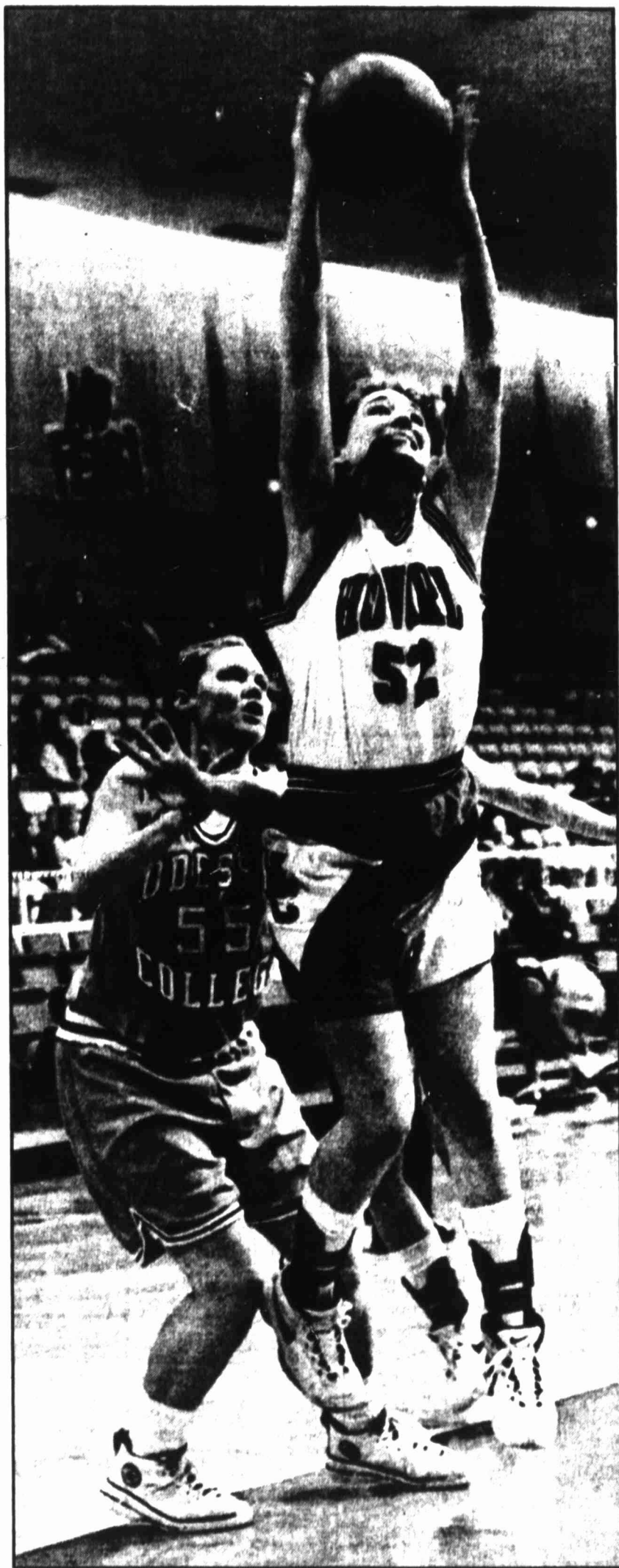
The smallest player on the floor was one of the biggest headaches for Howard as 5-foot guard Annetta Anglin came off the bench to score 12 points in the first half. More trouble for Howard came from a predictable source, Braziel, who led all scorers in the first half with 15 points.

The Lady Hawks, ranked No. 7 in the latest national junior college poll, also suffered from atrocious perimeter shooting, going 1-for-19 from beyond the three-point line.

"Cosby and Kindle do such a great job on the perimeter that we felt like we had to do something to contain them," SPC coach Lyndon Hardin said. "Plus, we shot extremely well ... And I thought we handled their defensive pressure better than we did the last time we played them."

Howard was able to compensate for awhile with defensive pressure from guard LaTonya Kindle, who had 8 steals in the first half en route to a 14-point first half, which ended with South Plains holding a slim 41-39 lead.

South Plains, however,



Howard College's Niki Sherlock grabs a rebound against Odessa College in Howard's 98-43 win last Thursday. The Lady Hawks took it on the chin Monday night at South Plains, losing 80-75.

caught its second wind early in the second half. Braziel scored five quick points to spur a 15-2 run that gave the Lady Texans a 56-41 lead with 16:22 remaining.

For the rest of the half, Howard played catch-up, cutting the lead to five points with 8:49 left, and finally as close as two points with 2:48 left. See LADY HAWKS, Page 7

Hawks' loss comes at critical juncture

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

LEVELLAND — It wasn't quite a death blow to the Howard Hawks' playoff hopes, but it did put them on the critical list.

The Hawks saw their hopes for a spot in the Region V tournament take a turn for the worse when they dropped a 76-65 decision to South Plains Monday night in the Texan Dome.

The loss drops Howard (17-10 overall, 5-5 in conference) a half-game behind South Plains in the race for the fourth and final regional tournament slot from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. It also means that the Hawks must close out the season with wins over New Mexico Military Institute and Frank Phillips College — teams that have already defeated Howard — and hope that someone ahead of them in the standings loses.

The Hawks entered the second half of the WJAC schedule knowing that they had to run the table to be sure of making the regional tournament. And, after winning three straight, an undefeated dash

through the conference was looking like a strong possibility.

But the wheels came off against South Plains. It was a game the Hawks desperately needed, but the taller Texans both outshot (48 percent to 37 percent) and outrebounded (47-28) Howard.

"What can I tell you? We stunk," Howard coach Tommy Collins said. "Offensively, we were horrible for about 30 minutes tonight, but defensively, we were bad all night long."

Despite battling a double-digit deficit most of the evening, the Hawks came close to making a game of things at the end.

Trailing 62-49 with six minutes remaining, the Hawks launched a last run at South Plains. Will Jones started the rally with a 12-foot jumper, then Elmer Brown scored 11 straight points to help close the gap to 66-60 with 1:52 remaining.

But South Plains was able to stave off the rally, thanks in large part to forward Tjjuan Finley, who led all scorers with 24 points. Finley sank five of six free throws down the stretch to help ice the game for the Texans.

Jones led the Hawks with 17 points, while Brown and Clifton Cook each had 13 points.

The Hawks host NMMI in their final home game of the season Thursday at Garrett Coliseum, and Collins said the season has reached make-or-break time for the team.

"There's still a couple of scenarios where we can win our last two and hope someone loses," Collins said. "We still have a shot at the playoffs, but now we have to depend on other people."

The Howard NMMI game tips off at 8 p.m.

SOUTH PLAINS 76, HOWARD 65

HOWARD (65) — Brown 5 2 3 13; Jones 5 7 17; Lewis 0 2 4 2; Cook 5 3 4 13; Owens 2 4 7; Martinez 0 2 4 2; Maroney 3 0 7; Clover 1 2 3 4; totals 21 19 29 65.

SOUTH PLAINS (76) — Finley 7 10 13 24; Pillion 3 2 2 9; Ricardo 1 1 2 3; Williams 5 4 8 15; Wilson 3 0 7 7; Henry 3 4 4 10; Layne 1 0 2 2; Laco 0 1 2 1; Staley 2 2 5; totals 25 23 33 76.

Halftime — South Plains 37, Howard 24. Three-point goals — Howard 4 (Brown, Jones 2, Maroney); South Plains 3 (Pillion, Williams, Wilson). Turnovers — Howard 12, South Plains 19; Rebounds — Howard 28 (Brown 4, Cook 4, Maroney 4); South Plains 47 (Finley 12); Total fouls — Howard 24, South Plains 23; Fouled out — Jones.

Kansas hangs on to outlast Missouri, 79-67

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — No. 1 Kansas was relieved just to get a split from the Missouri Tigers, who have struggled to a .500 record.

The only team to beat the Jayhawks this season, the Tigers never did act like the 22-point underdogs they were supposed to be.

Not until Raef LaFrentz hit a pair of free throws with 2:00 left for a 10-point lead was the capacity crowd assured of seeing the Jayhawks (26-1 overall, 12-1 Big 12) notch their 43rd straight home victory, the longest current streak in Division I.

"Missouri presents some real match-up problems for us," Kansas coach Roy Williams said after the 79-67 victory. "I'm sure their staff wishes they'd play against some other teams the way they play against us."

"Of course, that old sucker down on the other bench knows how to make the most of those match-ups."

That old sucker — Missouri coach Norm Stewart — kept finding a way for Tyrone Lee or Derek Grimm to thwart every run the Jayhawks tried to make. Lee wound up with a career-best 20 points for the Tigers (13-13, 5-8), who beat Kansas 96-94 in double overtime on Feb. 4.

"It was another outstanding ballgame," said Stewart, wind-

ing down his 30th year as Missouri's coach. "The last one was a little better."

Hard-fought all the way, the game nearly turned into a brawl. With 31 seconds left, Grimm hit LaFrentz with a forearm, knocking the 6-foot-11 junior to the floor. No punches were thrown, but players from both sides rushed toward each other as officials and coaches pulled them away.

Grimm and Missouri guard Jason Sutherland both drew fouls on the play.

"It was a very physical game, and that's the kind of game you expect from Missouri," said LaFrentz, who matched his career high with 31 points, topping 20 for the eighth game in a row. "I'm not going to say that it was a cheap shot, but it was a hard, sharp blow. I'm no Arnold Schwarzenegger, but I can hold my own."

"I don't know what that was at the end of the game," Stewart said. "That was just the kids. I'm glad no one got hurt. I think they settled that pretty maturely."

In the only other game involving a ranked team, No. 15 Louisville defeated South Florida 75-64.

While Williams had been down-playing the revenge angle against Missouri, his players admitted it was a factor.

"They were the only team to beat us this year," LaFrentz

said. "There was definitely a bitter taste in my mouth about that first game. We have better talent and we have better coaching."

"I've been thinking about this rematch ever since we lost to them," said Paul Pierce, who scored 22 points for the Jayhawks.

Kelly Thomas, coming off a 25-point, 17-rebound performance against Oklahoma, scored 16 for Missouri, whose victory in February 1994 was the last time a visitor managed to win in Allen Fieldhouse.

"Their inside game won the game," Sutherland said. With 3:47 left, Billy Thomas made two free throws to make it 69-61, then Grimm worked inside for a basket that made it 69-63.

Kansas, which surpassed 100 points in clobbering Oklahoma State and Colorado in their two previous games, was stymied much of the night by Missouri's tough man-to-man defense.

No. 15 Louisville 75

South Florida 64

Nate Johnson's dunk off an alley-oop pass from DeJuan Wheat started a 15-1 burst in the second half that let Louisville pull away at home.

The Cardinals (20-5, 7-3 Conference USA) led just 45-44 with 13:16 left. Johnson's slam started the decisive run, which included seven foul shots.

Terry Steinbach likes scenery in Minnesota better than that in Oakland

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Terry Steinbach liked what he saw during his first day in a Minnesota Twins uniform.

Steinbach, who turned down more money from Oakland to sign as a free agent with the club from his home state, worked out with the rest of his new teammates Monday in Fort Myers, Fla.

"Coming home was a big thing for me, but playing for T.K. (manager Tom Kelly) was just as big a factor," Steinbach said.

"All the years I played against him made a big impression on me. His teams always played hard for nine innings, regardless of the score, and they are well organized. He also

gives Minnesota a lot of stability, which I like."

Steinbach, who turns 35 next month, set career highs of 35 home runs and 100 RBIs last year. He also feels he can help the pitching staff.

"I want to do the best I can to see that those guys have long, healthy careers," Steinbach said.

"I am hoping to find the pitches that work for these guys and to help them with their confidence, then you just build from that. I've seen some nice young arms and a lot of potential."

Royals

No surprise if batters are a bit jumpy early in Kansas City's camp — Wild Thing is trying another comeback. Mitch Williams, released by

the Astros in 1994, the Angels in 1995 and the Phillies in 1996, is trying for a job in the bullpen. Four years removed from giving up Joe Carter's World Series-winning homer, Williams is only 32.

"It's like starting over for me," the left-hander said at Haines City, Fla. "I've got to earn a spot, and I'm excited about it."

Williams was released from a minor-league deal by the Phillies last August. The Royals signed him to a minor-league contract last month.

Athletics

When he played for Oakland the first time, Jose Canseco would occasionally come late to training camp. Now that he's back, there's no reason to change.

Canseco, traded back to the A's this winter after four seasons with Texas and Boston, told the team he'll report to spring training on Friday and participate in his first workout on Saturday.

The full squad will have its first workout Thursday, though the mandatory reporting date for players is not until the end of this month.

"He said that he may have some sort of charity golf tournament," general manager Sandy Alderson said at Phoenix. "I would have been surprised if he had been here on the 20th. That's just not his style."

Manager Art Howe said he is not at all concerned that Canseco, who he hopes will be a team leader, won't join the

rest of the squad on Thursday.

"No problem, as long as he's ready to play," Howe said.

Cardinals

Dennis Eckersley left St. Louis' workout early on Monday to have his sore right elbow examined. Eckersley, 42, reported the soreness after Sunday's workout. He underwent an MRI exam.

"It's just precautionary," Eckersley said at St. Petersburg, Fla. "It's just a little sore."

Eckersley appeared in 60 games last season, and saved 30 games. He is in his 22nd year in the majors and his second with the Cardinals.

Second baseman Mike Gallego was invited to camp as a non-roster invitee. Gallego, 38, played in 51 games with St.

Louis last year and hit 210 in an injury-plagued season.

Reds

Cincinnati went through the formality of putting pitcher Jose Rijo on the 60-day disabled list.

Rijo, at one time the ace of the Reds' staff, has not pitched since July 18, 1995.

Yankees

David Wells' first year with New York keeps getting worse. First, the hefty lefty broke his left hand in a bar fight. Now, what originally was thought to be turf toe might be a "He came in real sore," Yankees manager Joe Torre said at Tampa, Fla.

Although the problem has kept Wells from throwing off the mound, he has taken part in other drills.

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For lease 510 East 1st. Large building with offices, overhead door. 300.00 month, 150.00 deposit. call 263-5000.

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CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES
Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 235.

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for 6.130 km of area from existing base, flexible base and 2 course surface treatment on FM 2708 from US 277 to SH 8 covered by AR 318-4-4 in Bexar County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., March 11, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal submitted at the above location and is in the hands of the bidding official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by law, are available for inspection at the office of Joe Higgins, Area Engineer, Hamilton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., March 11, 1997. Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M. on March 20, 1997, at the Office of the Westbank I.R.D. Superintendent at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Westbank I.R.D. Board Room at Westbank, Texas. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager. D.S.A., Inc. P.O. Box 608 Cleburne, Texas 76033 817845-8894 Metro 477-2139 Proposals received after 2:00 P.M.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19:
This could be a dynamic year for you, if you take off your rose-colored glasses. At times, realizations will be startling; however, you will adapt and make appropriate changes. It is key to your well-being to understand some of the reasons that you choose not to see things as they are. You will gain financially if you walk a conservative course and resist a partner's pleas to spend. If you are single, you will focus more on the quality of your life rather than a key relationship, though you are likely to meet someone special. If attached, you will work together to create more of what you want as a couple. LEO is a helpful friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Though you accomplish what you want, the day could still have an odd undertone, as if something is brewing. Work with the obvious, and don't worry about what isn't yet a problem. Add more joy to your life. Your productivity increases. Tonight: Have fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Consider the source of a problem, and avoid being drawn into its superficial aspects. Build on stronger foundations, and you will be much happier. Discard a confusing situation. Separate your home and professional life more. Tonight: You're happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Initiate conversations, and ask for the support you need to realize a long-term goal. Sort through messages. There is good news out there for you. Remain optimistic about a new business venture or personal encounter. Tonight: Work with a change in plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 21)
Carefully check your finances. Review your budget, checking statements and everything else. Maintain control over your monetary situation. Listen to another's requests, but don't feel obligated. Go with the flow. Tonight: Shop, but within your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
You will be amazed at how good you feel after how badly you have felt. Make this the first day of the rest of your life. Bring others together, make calls and initiate meetings. A partner may be upset by what is going on. Tonight: Enjoy whatever makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Take it easy the next few days. Be more direct with a loved one. Clear up what appears to be a misunderstanding. Don't do anything halfway. Keep gathering information, as your opinions could be subject to change. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Stay focused on goals and desires. Don't worry about a personal situation. Network, and add to your immediate circle of friends. Your energy and enthusiasm support a long-term project. Tonight: Be with your buddies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Take the lead, and clear up what has been a complicated situation. Remain direct about your objectives. Another does not view your work and commitment the same way. There is likely to be a lively discussion. Give up rigid ideas. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Shoot for a new type of thinking and a more creative way of expressing yourself. The unexpected occurs with communications. Re-establish a better understanding with someone. Look at ways to improve your style of interacting. Tonight: Expand your horizons.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You don't have the whole story, no matter how hard you try. There is a haze in your thinking, something you aren't understanding that could affect you professionally and financially. Clear up this confusion or you will receive quite the jolt. Tonight: Talk to a partner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Someone is on your side. Talks are animated and expose you to new kinds of thinking. Be ready to take off at the drop of a hat. You feel restrained by someone in your daily life. Think long before you make a change. Tonight: You do something unexpected, but you land.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Keep your nose to the grindstone. A friend may muddy up the waters at work and cause confusion. Stay focused, and get the job done. You have a startling realization that needs processing. Open up to a dear friend. Tonight: Work out stress at the gym.

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Area Playoff Pairings

Girls Area

- GARDEN CITY vs. Fort Hancock, 6:30 p.m. today, Fort Stockton High School.
- SANDS vs. Robert Lee, 6:30 p.m. today, Forsan High School.
- GRADY vs. Bronte, 7 p.m. today, Colorado City High School.
- BORDEN COUNTY vs. Rotan, 6:30 p.m. today, Coahoma Elementary gym.
- Ozona vs. Sundown, 8 p.m. tonight, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Boys Bidistrict

- COAHOMA vs. Hawley, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sweetwater High School.
- STANTON vs. Tahoka, 7 p.m. Thursday, Scurry County Coliseum, Snyder.
- GRADY vs. Eden, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Reagan Co. High School, Big Lake.
- BORDEN COUNTY vs. Guthrie, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Crosbyton.
- GARDEN CITY vs. Balmorhea, 7 p.m. Thursday, McCamey.
- Abilene Cooper, District 4-5A runner-up, vs. Lubbock Coronado, District 3-5A third place, 8 p.m. tonight, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- Sonora, District 4-3A runner-up, vs. Monahans, District 3-4A champion, 8 p.m. Friday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- McCamey, District 6-2A runner-up, vs. Shallowater, District 5-2A champion, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.
- Christoval, District 28-1A champion, vs. Westbrook, District 27-1A runner-up, 6:30 p.m. Friday, Forsan.

District 8-2A playoff

- FORSAN vs. Ozona, 7 p.m. today, San Angelo Central High School.

LADY HAWKS

Continued from Page 5 remaining. But the Lady Hawks couldn't get over the hump — Aleah Johnson put South Plains back up by four with a layup. Brazier added a free throw and the Lady Texans held Howard scoreless until Latraica Spencer hit a relatively harmless jumper with only 10 seconds left. Howard's inability to shut down South Plains' attack was the key to the game, Howard coach Matt Corkery said. "Anytime you allow anyone to shoot over 50 percent, it's kind of hard to pull the game out," Corkery said. "We came back at the end to give us a chance to win, but we had some defensive lapses down the stretch ... that ended up hurting us."

If there's any solace for the Lady Hawks, it's that the WJCAC race is anything but settled. South Plains has three games left in its season compared to only two for Howard — and one of those games are at Midland, which is tied with the Lady Hawks for second place. "It's a long way from being over," Hardin said. "It was a big win for us, but if we don't take care of business it will take a lot of shine off this one."

Corkery refused to take much consolation from that fact. "I guess we're still in the hunt, but a lot of it is out of our hands now," he said. "We've got two conference games left, and they're important as any we've played all year. We've just got to concentrate on winning them."

The Lady Hawks play their final home game of the season Thursday when they host Western Texas at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Game time is 6 p.m.

SOUTH PLAINS 80, HOWARD 75
HOWARD (75) — Johnson 7 4 4 18; Cosby 7 4 6 18; Sherlock 0 4 4 4; Kindler 9 2 4 21; Horton 3 2 2 8; Bland-Hodnett 0 1 2 1; Gamble 0 1 2 1; Spencer 1 2 4 4; totals 27 20 28 75.
SOUTH PLAINS (80) — Bennett 3 0 0 7; Johnson 3 5 8 11; Brazier 13 3 5 29; Kirkland 0 2 4 2; Thomas 1 2 2 4; Anglin 7 4 8 18; Ray 3 1 2 7; totals 30 19 31 80.

Halftime — South Plains 41, Howard 39; Three-point goals — Howard 1 (Kindler), South Plains 1 (Bennett); Turnovers — Howard 20, South Plains 28; Rebounds — Howard 41 (Johnson 11), South Plains 41 (Brazier 11); Total fouls — Howard 28, South Plains 20; Fouled out — Gamble, Thomas.

Norton, who has never boxed before, is 6-foot-2 and 245 pounds and has entered the novice super heavyweight division of the Dallas Golden Gloves.

A potential problem with Norton's entry: USA Boxing, the sport's national governing body, prohibits professional athletes in other sports from competing in amateur events. Norton has given glimpses of his boxing form on the football field. He often accentuates big plays by throwing a few uppercuts. In October he used the goalpost padding as a punching bag after each of his first two career touchdowns against St. Louis.

On Sunday, the 30-year-old former Dallas Cowboys player showed up at a recreation center and entered the amateur competition, which runs Wednesday through Saturday at Fair Park Coliseum. "Very simply, he appeared at the weigh-in and announced he wanted to enter the tournament," said Steve Crosson, chairman of the Dallas Golden Gloves. "We were absolutely delighted to see him there, to say the least." But Crosson said the rules may bar Norton's participation. "Under strict interpretation, he wouldn't be allowed to fight," Crosson said. "We are, however, talking to all responsible people up there to see if there is any remedy to allow him to fight."

It's never too late to tell

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about a recent letter signed "No Justice Served in California." I am a police lieutenant who has been involved in the investigation of child molesters for the past 10 years, and I want you and your readers to know the following about child molesters:

Research, literature in the field and my personal experience have shown that child molesters usually commit many sex crimes involving many victims. Unlike other crimes, delayed disclosure of sexual abuse is the rule — not the exception. It is common for victims to wait weeks, months or even years before disclosing their abuse. Many states provide for this in their laws that cover statutes of limitations (how long after the crime is committed the offender can be prosecuted).

In Texas, offenders can usually be prosecuted for child sexual abuse for a period of 10 years after the crime is committed, unless they leave the state during that 10-year period. In that instance, the time the offender is absent from the state does not count against the 10-year limit. A few years ago, I was involved in the successful prosecution of a father who molested his daughter when she was a teen-ager. She was married and a law student when she finally disclosed the abuse, 12 years after it happened.

Please tell victims of sexual abuse that it is never too late to tell. The criminal justice system must make every attempt to bring these offenders to justice, no matter how much time has passed. — LT. BILL WALSH, DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEAR LT. WALSH: Thank you for an important letter. All too often victims of sexual abuse are reluctant to speak up because they are frightened or blame themselves for what happened. They are unable to acknowledge that an adult would willfully hurt them, and assume the responsibility for their abuse, which leaves them afraid, ashamed and psychologically isolated. Disclosing the abuse and identifying the perpetrator can be a critical step in the healing process of the victim.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVESTIGATION FOR PROPOSALS
Sealed proposals, addressed to Benny Hollis, Superintendent, Westbrook Independent School District, P.O. Box 89, Westbrook, Texas 76665 are being received for separate trade proposals for the new Gymnasium. Proposals will be received in the office of the Construction Manager until 5:00 p.m. March 18, 1997. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on March 20, 1997, at the Office of the Westbank I.R.D. Superintendent at which time the proposals will be opened and read publicly in the Westbank I.R.D. Board Room at Westbank, Texas. All proposals mailed prior to this date and all inquiries should be to the Construction Manager. D.S.A., Inc. P.O. Box 608 Cleburne, Texas 76033 817845-8894 Metro 477-2139 Proposals received after 2:00 P.M.

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 1997. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 18, 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

WIZARD OF ID



THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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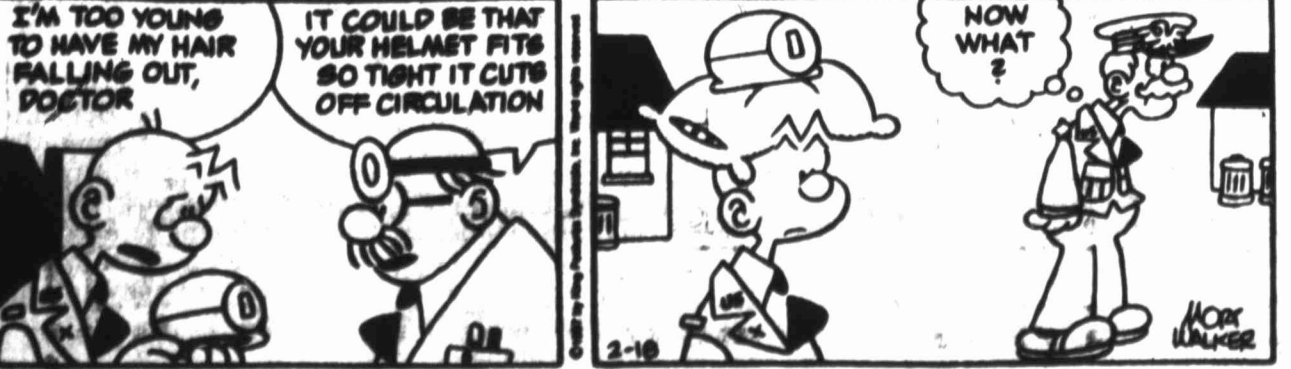
GASOLINE ALLEY



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Monday's Puzzle solved: A crossword puzzle grid with the solution filled in.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and a reflection on a proud Texas community.

of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died. In 1564, the artist Michelangelo died in Rome. In 1885, Mark Twain's 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn' was published in the United States for the first time. In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered. In 1953, 'Bwana Devil,' the movie that heralded the 3-D fad of the 1950's, opened in New York. In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Richard Nixon. In 1970, the Chicago Seven defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention. In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty. In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden 'flight' above the Mojave Desert on southeast California. In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. Ten years ago: President Reagan, responding to questions that his chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, might be on the way out, said, 'This is up to him.' (Regan did resign, nine days later.) Five years ago: In the New Hampshire primary, President Bush won the Republican contest while challenger Patrick Buchanan placed a considerably strong second; among Democrats, Paul Tsongas came in first. One year ago: A member of the Irish Republican Army blew himself up and wounded nine other people when the briefcase bomb he was carrying detonated accidentally on a double-decker bus in London's West End. Today's Birthdays: Singer-musician Pee Wee King is 83. Actor Jack Palance is 76. Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 75. Actor George Kennedy is 72. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 70. Movie director Milos Forman is 65. Singer Yoko Ono is 64. Singer Irma Thomas is 56. Singer Herman Santiago (Fra klie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 56. Singer Dennis DeYoung (Styx) is 50. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 47. Singer Juice Newton is 45. Singer Randy Crawford is 45. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 44. Actor John Travolta is 43. Thought for Today: 'Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion.' - Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (1770-1831).