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Civil charges filed against local used car dealer

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

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Civil charges have been filed against Red Barn Auto Sales owner Danny Heckler for allegedly rolling back the odometer on a vehicle and printing hundreds of improper dealer's license plate tags.

What started out as routine traffic stops by local law enforcement officers led to an investigation into Heckler's business dealings.

According to Big Spring Police Capt. Lonnie Smith, Cpl. Charles Calvert and Cpl. Robert Fitzgibbons made traffic stops where the owner of the car had a paper license plate tag from Red Barn Auto Sales.

Heckler allegedly printed several hundred improper numbers on the tags between January 1994 and February 1996. This led to the discovery that Heckler reportedly also rolled back the odometer on one vehicle in April 1996.

Once the investigation began, several other law enforcement officers reported they had pulled over a vehicle with an

improper paper tag from the dealership. That information was turned over to Texas Department of Transportation officials. Heckler has been charged with abuse of paper buyer tags and one count of odometer rollback.

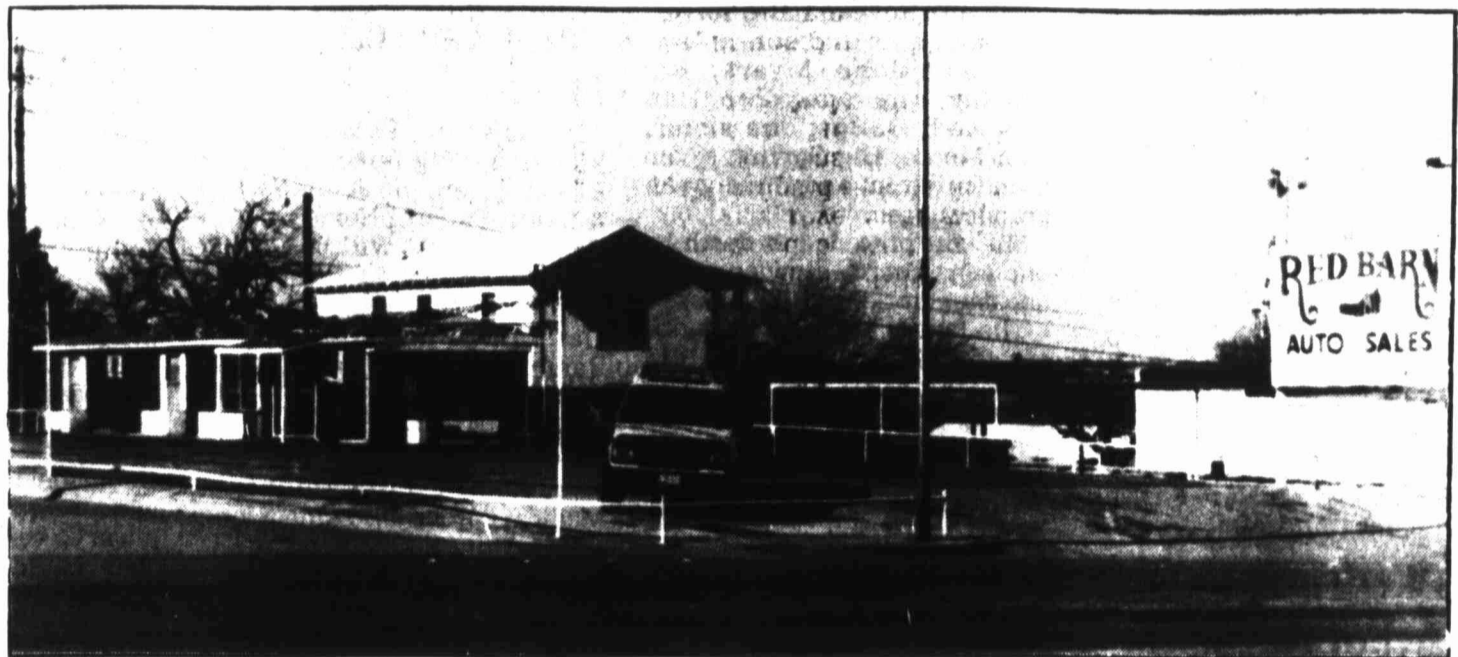
Heckler's attorney, James Anderson of Austin, did not immediately return a telephone call Thursday morning. Calls to Heckler's residence and to Red Barn Auto Sales also went unanswered.

Department of Public Safety Trooper William Allensworth assisted in the investigation and was subpoenaed along with Fitzgibbons and Calvert to testify at a hearing before the Texas Department of Transportation last month.

However, because of an ice storm that hit Austin, the hearing has been delayed until April 17.

According to Jack Durham, managing attorney handling the case for the state, a motion has been entered to move the case to Big Spring on May 5. Durham is an attorney with TXDOT's Motor Vehicle Division.

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Danny Heckler, owner of Red Barn Auto Sales, has been charged with abuse of paper buyer tags and one count of odometer rollback. A hearing is tentatively set for April 17 in Howard County to determine if Heckler is guilty and if his auto dealership license will be revoked.

Newest Furr's setting records

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

Despite inclement weather for its grand opening, the new Furr's Cafeteria in Big Spring broke all existing one-week sales records for the chain, which operates more than 100 cafeterias in the Southwest, West and Midwest.

Sales for the new facility, the first built by Furr's in more than a decade, exceeded \$80,000 for the week of Feb. 12-18 with a meal ticket average of less than \$6 — or better than 13,250 patrons.

"While initial sales levels at new units almost always exceed annualized sales, the initial success of this new prototype is very exciting," said Danny Meisenheimer, vice president of marketing. "It has been a long time since Furr's has developed new units and everyone is dedicated to making Big Spring a successful beginning to a new era of growth for the company."

The new Furr's store is billed as the cafeteria of the 21st Century. About 80 percent of the Furr's dining room is non-smoking and a large part of the dining room has pull curtains that can be used to turn two sections into private meeting rooms.

The 9,000-square-foot store seats about 325 persons and also includes a patio area capable of seating another 75. Additionally, there is a carry-out market.

Furr's recently completed its first fiscal year following a significant financial restructuring and reported net income of \$8.4 million, or 17 cents per share. This represents the first year of positive earnings from operations in five years.

100 YEARS YOUNG



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Lola May Witte turned 100 years old Wednesday. She has been a resident of Big Spring for 31 years and a resident of the Comanche Trail Nursing Home for the past seven. She and her husband were married for 77 years. She has 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Glasscock trustees discuss May 3 election

By CHRYS GOFF

Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock County Independent School District trustees met Monday night to discuss several topics including the upcoming May 3 election.

The positions currently held by Dennis Fuchs and Tanya Mutter, both at-large district representatives, are up for election and neither of the incumbents has announced if they will seek re-election.

The board discussed the problem with the Chapter 41 status and weighted average daily

attendance payments. School districts considered "rich" must send some of their tax money to "poor" districts and the amount is based on the average attendance records of the students.

State officials have considered the Glasscock County ISD one of the "rich" districts under the so-called "Robin Hood" plan, so more than \$1 million is taken from the district each year.

The state contends the district is not assessing property values at high enough a rate. As a result, the district is seeking legal remedies.

"It is quite ridiculous and we have been fighting it for some time now," Superintendent

Charles Zachry said.

School officials are wanting to change the water supply of the district from well water to higher quality water provided by the Garden City water system.

Also announced during the meeting was the resignation of Scott King, the principal of both the junior high and high school. He is resigning to accept the position as superintendent for the Klondike Independent School District.

Elementary Principal Faith Scott will be re-assigned to replace King. School officials are currently seeking applicants for the elementary principal's position.

BSHS swimming team members disciplined

HERALD Staff Report

The investigation into an incident involving members of the Big Spring High School swim team is complete, according to Principal Kent Bowermon.

Because the incident involved students, Bowermon said he's unable to say exactly what offense was committed or the

punishment meted for four student-athletes on the school swim team.

Three boys and one girl (two seniors, one freshman and one sophomore) reportedly violated school district rules while attending a regional swim meet in Lubbock earlier this month.

Swimming coach Harlan Smith heard about the incident

and reported it to Athletic Director Dwight Butler. The two men then investigated the incident and Butler handed down the athletic discipline, which could have ranged from being suspended for one semester, one year or completely removed from the team.

Bowermon then punished the students on an academic level.

Tripped circuit creates problem for TU, Herald

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

An instantaneous circuit trip Wednesday morning caused several businesses and residents to wonder what happened to the lights — at least for a second.

TU Electric General Manager John Toone said Wednesday's occurrence was a typical circuit trip.

"The system is designed to do what it did when something gets into the system," Toone said. "At this point we don't know exactly what caused it."

The trip originated in a line in west Big Spring on old Highway 80 and worked its way east, according to Toone.

Several businesses in the downtown area, including the Herald, reported having a brief power loss.

Norwest Bank said they experienced the trip, but only for a second.

"The power went off and came right back on, but our business was not affected," Carl Smoot, a bank vice president said.

State National Bank's computers were knocked off line, causing a little bit of customer waiting, but nothing severe, according to bank officials.

First Bank of West Texas, Security State Bank and area credit unions reported no problems due to the circuit trip.

According to Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings, the electricity flickered off and on for a few seconds at his office.

"Only one computer went down but it came right back up," Jennings said. He also had to reset the clock dispatchers and deputies use to stamp cards recording the time of when calls come in as well as when officers arrive and leave scenes.

The Big Spring Police Department was not affected by the temporary outage, according to Capt. Lonnie Smith.

Toone said the trip occurred

at 10:56 a.m. and lasted for less than a second.

Toone said occurrences such as a car hitting a utility pole and slapping the wires together, a tree limb or a kite touching a power line will cause what is called a fault or an arc — a small electric lightning bolt in the system.

The system is designed to do what it did as a safety feature, Toone said.

"We don't like this to happen, but it does to clear arcs in the system," Toone said. "Arcs have to be extinguished or they will get bigger and bigger until something burns up. Contrary to what people might believe, this was not a power surge or spike, which is a situation when voltage exceeds the design limits of a line."

According to Toone, one of the things power companies battle often are questions about items with circuit boards in them.

"When something happens to the power, a power surge or spike is a common way to explain the problem and that's an incorrect explanation," Toone said.

"I think the term power surge is kind of a generic layman's term," said Herald Managing Editor John H. Walker. "Whatever you call what happened, it completely knocked out our system for more than seven hours and cost us thousands of dollars in lost productivity and more in actual costs to get our system operational again."

Most items using electricity are designed to withstand about a 10 percent increase in voltage.

"Seventy-five percent of spikes come from within the wiring system in a building and not from the power company," Toone said.

"Relays in the system sensed the arc and tripped," Toone

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City has negotiating team looking into prison expansion

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

The negotiating team that helped the city iron out details of last summer's deal with Cornell Corrections that relieved the city of its management of the Big Spring Correctional Centers is back on the job — this time concerning Cornell's expansion plans.

City Manager Gary Fuqua and his staff met with the team of Eddie Cole, Max Green, Jim Purcell and Chuck Williams

Wednesday morning to begin the organization process and review last summer's agreement with Cornell.

"About two weeks ago, I was contacted by Johnny Rutherford of Cornell Corrections about possible expansion," Fuqua said. "The negotiating team that helped us last year worked well together, and the city council agreed to call them together on this project as well. We had our first meeting Wednesday morning and we hope to set up a meeting with Cornell sometime next

week."

According to Fuqua, expansion of Cornell facilities in Big Spring would be good for the city because revenue as well as more jobs would be created.

Cornell's plans call for constructing a 516-bed facility, preferably at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The proposed facility would increase the inmate population at the correctional centers from 1,333 to 1,849 and add approximately 83 more employees to Cornell's current workforce of 242.

"We're hoping this project will be less difficult than the last because of what we learned before," Fuqua said. "We're excited about it because we discussed this possibility last summer, and it's always nice to see the economy built up."

Another issue Fuqua tackled Wednesday is how the city will fill the shoes of City Engineer Ralph Truskowski when he leaves Feb. 28.

"When I took over as city manager, we reorganized several

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TODAY'S WEATHER

56 ▲ Highs 38
Lows ▼

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Low in the upper 30s.

Friday: Partly cloudy, breezy and cooler. High around 50. Low in the mid 20s.

Extended outlook: Saturday through Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s to mid 50s. Lows in the mid 20s to mid 30s.

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OBITUARIES

Mark Grissom

Funeral service for Mark Grissom, 71, Colorado City, will be 4 p.m. today at the Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews with Dan Galloway officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Jim Terry, pastor of Means Memorial United Methodist Church. Andrews. Burial will be in the Andrews Old Cemetery.

Mr. Grissom died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring.

He was born on July 17, 1925, in Follett. He had served in World War II in the U.S. Navy as a seaman. He married Billie Wilson on Feb. 9, 1953, in Lovington, N.M. They had lived in Colorado City and Andrews for most of these years. He had owned and operated Truck Town in Colorado City.

He is survived by: his wife, Billie Grissom, Colorado City; and a brother, Preston Grissom, Andrews.

Arrangements under the direction of McNeill Funeral Home, Inc., Andrews.

Mrs. J.D. "Bea" Rowland

Mrs. J.D. "Bea" Rowland, 74, Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 1997, at a local hospital.

Services will be 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Aug. 4, 1922, in Georgetown, Texas, and married J.D. Rowland on July 31, 1937, in Big Spring.

She came to Big Spring as a child with her family. Mrs. Rowland owned and operated Bea's Beauty Shop for a number of years and then worked as the manager of the Green Stamp Stores in Las Cruces, N.M., El Paso and Plainview for 10 years until she retired.

Mrs. Rowland was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. Survivors include: her husband, J.D. Rowland, Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Kay and John Myers, Big Spring; one son, Joe Dan Rowland, Dallas; one sister, Ann Moore, Big Spring; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Rowland, and one daughter, Bonnie Walker.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring State Hospital; P.O. Box 231; Big Spring, Texas; 79721.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

She was born on May 6, 1911, in Bosque County, and married E. Lee Singletary on Nov. 5, 1938, in Clarendon. He preceded her in death on Aug. 29, 1975. She came to Big Spring in the early 1940's. She had been a babysitter and then later had set with the sick for a number of years. She was a homemaker and a member of East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one daughter, Melita Stoneham, Big Spring; and several great nieces and nephews.

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AROUND THE TOWN

Charges

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Enforcement Section.

Administrative Law Judge Molly Singletary will hear the case which will be conducted similar to a court trial. She will make a recommendation for punishment and then TXDOT officials will make a final ruling.

The Enforcement Section is responsible for the conduct and licensing of automobile dealers, whether they sell new or used vehicles. Durham said dealers are supposed to use their dealership number on the paper tags used temporarily until a license plate can be made for the vehicle.

"He (Heckler) used incorrect numbers and I don't think that was by accident," Durham said. "The plates were in circulation. Odometer tampering is a federal as well as a state offense. It's a very, very serious violation that could lead to a dealer license being revoked."

"Any teenage kid can figure out that's a bad thing to do," he added. "Not only are you tampering with the odometer, but you are doing something to cover it up with paperwork because titles have the odometer readings on them."

Durham added the federal government could get involved in the case, but it's doubtful at this time because there was only one alleged violation of odometer tampering.

If Heckler is found guilty of the state charges, he could face up to \$10,000 fine a day per violation and have his dealer license revoked.

Trip

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added. "Sometimes it takes two or three days to pinpoint where an arc occurred, and sometimes we don't pinpoint them at all."

Toone said businesses that rely on computers can avoid suffering the effects of an instantaneous circuit trip by installing an uninterrupted power supply (UPS).

"A UPS is a battery supply system that hooks to computers or other electronic items, and is designed to provide continuous protection from all types of power line disturbances and interruptions," Toone said.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 2, 9, 5
CASH 5: 2, 20, 27, 31, 45, 50

POLICE

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

•ARAHAM OLAGUE YANEZ, 38, of 1513 Wood, was arrested on local warrants.

•GILBERT SANCHEZ, 23, 709 S. Douglas, was arrested on local warrants.

•FREMAM LEO STOVER, 66, of 5413 Opal Lane, was arrested for public intoxication.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 3700 block of Hamilton

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 800 block of Owens.

•THEFT in the 800 block of E. I-20.

•ASSAULT in the 1100 block of W. 3rd; and the 1500 block of Wood.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•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.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.

•Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

•American Legion, Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

SHERIFF

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

•JUAN GILBERT HINOJOSA, 24, of 1307 Mobil, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•MATILDE RODRIQUEZ, 50, of 804 Lancaster, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•AMANDA BROWN, 17, of 4112 Parkway, was arrested for burglary of a habitation, and released on a \$4,000 bond.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 64
Wednesday's low 48
Average high 60
Average low 31
Record high 89 in 1986
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Fernanda G. Morales, 71, died Wednesday. Rosary will be at 8:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Virgie Singletary, 85, died Wednesday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Civil court jury rules against state in drowning deaths

AUSTIN — A civil court jury has ruled that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was responsible for the 1987 deaths of two brothers who drowned while fishing at Pedernales Falls State Park.

Jurors awarded the survivors of Wilton Wilson, 55, and Wilford Wilson, 61, \$2.5 million this week. The actual award will be capped at \$500,000, the maximum the state allows itself to be held liable for.

The brothers were fishing in the Pedernales River on May 18, 1987, when they were swept away in flash flooding.

A siren that was supposed to warn people along the river of an approaching flash flood did not sound and they were caught without warning, lawyers for the survivors contended.

Judge denies request for evaluation of 'cheerleader mom'

HOUSTON — A state district judge has ruled that the so-called "cheerleader mom" will not have to undergo a psychological evaluation before she is released from prison.

Wanda Holloway was accused of attempting to hire a hit man to kill the mother of her daughter's rival in cheerleader tryouts at a junior high school in Channelview, a Houston suburb.

In 1991, a jury convicted Holloway of solicitation of capital murder and sentenced her to 15 years, but the conviction was overturned when it was discovered a juror was on probation.

She then pleaded no contest and was sentenced to 10 years in prison for her role in the 1991 murder-for-hire scheme.

Legal technicality may free confessed child killer

SAN ANTONIO — A legal technicality may force authorities to dismiss a murder charge against a man who confessed to stabbing his toddler son to death because he wouldn't stop crying for his imprisoned mother.

The 4th Court of Appeals Wednesday ordered 226th District Judge Sid Harle to hold a hearing to determine if prosecutors had a good reason for not getting a timely indictment against Anthony John Torres, 39.

Torres told authorities in 1995 that he slit his 3-year-old son's throat, packed his body in a picnic basket and disposed of it in a trash dumpster.

The appeals court ruled that if "no good cause" is found for the delay in obtaining the capital murder indictment, the indictment is to be dismissed with prejudice, meaning it cannot be refiled.

Witness: Judge, DA schemed to avoid prosecution of teen

LAREDO — Defense lawyers are attempting to force a discredited forensics expert to testify at a hearing in connection with a 1991 triple ax murder.

A hearing will be held today in Volusia County, Fla., to force Fred Zain, the former Bexar County chief serologist, to respond to a subpoena.

The testimony came during an appeals hearing for Miguel Angel Martinez, who confessed to the murders and was sentenced to death.

Bush optimistic about tax cut plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Three weeks after proposing a property tax relief plan to the Legislature, Gov. George W. Bush says he's not discouraged by mounting questions from lawmakers.

The Republican governor said he expects both tough questions and vigorous debate.

But he also said he expects lawmakers to hear from the same Texans he hears from — and they want property taxes cut.

"I'm very optimistic that the folks who were elected and who are deliberating in this Capitol are beginning to hear the voices of people who are severely affected by high property tax increases. That's the people who work every single day for a living," Bush said Wednesday.

"The people who pay property taxes have no choice but to either pay or sell their homes."

Bush's comments followed an analysis by the Legislative Budget Board that said his plan

would lower overall taxes by an average of 2.9 percent when figuring in property tax cuts and new taxes that would be imposed.

The governor has proposed raising the homestead tax exemption by \$20,000; rolling back local tax rates by 20 cents; spending \$1 billion in state funds on tax relief; raising the 61/8-cent sales tax to 61/2 cents; and replacing the corporate franchise tax with a new business activity tax.

The LBB report given to a House tax study committee Tuesday night also said the plan would benefit the wealthy more than the poor. Families earning \$75,000 to \$100,000 a year would get an overall tax break of 3.8 percent. Households with an annual income of \$10,000 to \$20,000 would see taxes fall 1.8 percent.

Among questions that have been raised are whether new business taxes would be passed

on to consumers through higher prices; whether a business tax would cost jobs; whether renters would benefit; and whether savings from the property tax cuts would be offset by the other levies.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, heads the special House tax study committee. He said the LBB analysis indicated the difficulty of the issue.

"It's always difficult to convey the facts of a very complex subject matter to the public," Sadler said. "That's why we have a committee process and a debate over it."

Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria, heads a similar Senate panel. He said it's hard to know what the full impact of the governor's proposal might be.

"Obviously, if our bottom line is to work toward genuine relief, well, then, we've got a way to go yet in both houses," Armbrister said.

Lawmakers are taking into

account the fact that businesses will pass higher taxes on to consumers, he said.

"I'm in business. We will pass through as much as we can. That's how you do business," he said. "We have discussed over here on a preliminary basis, are we satisfied with merely shifting the burden? And I don't think anybody is."

As lawmakers look at property tax relief, Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins said they can't avoid dealing with the larger picture of school funding.

The Education Committee met Wednesday with the property tax panel, on which Bivins also serves.

Bivins, R-Amarillo, said if property taxes are reduced and replaced with state funds, he hopes to find a way to give some relief to wealthy school districts that currently must share local property tax revenue with the rest of the system.

House committee considers child health care bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Deborah Sosa lives in a Dallas suburb and works in a doctor's office. But as a single parent with three children, Sosa says she can't afford to insure her children's health.

"I live day-to-day wondering what I will do if one of my children gets seriously ill," Sosa told lawmakers Wednesday. "I have to struggle to figure out how to get my son a physical in order for him to play football or to make sure my daughter gets her annual gynecological exams."

Sosa and other parents like her are the targets of a bill meant to encourage health care coverage for 1.3 million Texas children who are currently uninsured. The bill was consid-

ered by the House Public Health Committee Wednesday and was left pending.

The focus of the bill is low-income families who make too much to qualify for welfare but who live paycheck to paycheck.

Sosa said her employer had been investigating group health insurance plans for over a year. But the cheapest plan would have cost her \$300 per month — just to cover her children.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, would provide incentives to insurance companies and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for children currently uninsured.

The measure also would create a nonprofit corporation overseen by the state to help

match parents seeking coverage for their children with licensed insurance providers.

A six-member board, appointed by the governor, would determine which children were eligible for coverage under the new program and also would set requirements to be met by insurers.

The bill met opposition from Rep. Kyle Janek, R-Houston, a physician, as well as from the Texas Eagle Forum.

Berlanga, chairman of the committee, said he believes providing incentives to insurers would help make coverage for children more affordable.

"This will help reduce costs for working parents in Texas so they can take care of basic needs," Berlanga said.

Janek said he didn't think costs would come down and feared the state would create another bureaucracy.

"As someone who has taken care of these kids in the emergency room, I want to do the right thing," Janek said. "I recognize that we have a problem, but we don't need more government regulation."

Berlanga disagreed, saying the state would have a "small role" facilitating the program.

National and world news, see Page 3B

State senator arrested on a charge of soliciting

AUSTIN (AP) — State Sen. Drew Nixon faces up to 180 days in jail after his arrest in front of a church on a charge of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex.

Austin police on Wednesday said Nixon, R-Carthage, was arrested Tuesday night in a prostitution sting.

The East Texas lawmaker was charged with a Class B misdemeanor that carries a maximum punishment of up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine. He posted a personal bond Wednesday and was scheduled to appear in Travis County District Court on March 19.

Nixon, a 37-year-old businessman, has served in the state Senate since 1995. He declined to comment in a brief interview outside police headquarters. A spokesman, John Doner, later said the senator had no plans to resign.

A fellow Republican, Gov. George W. Bush, said he was troubled by the incident.

"I think Sen. Nixon deserves his day in court, but if what I heard is true, my heart goes out to his family," Bush said.

"I'm very troubled — troubled because he's got a place of public trust and this is going to send a mixed signal that is one I don't respect or appreciate," Bush said.

Nixon is married. The couple has no children.

In an affidavit, undercover officer Christine Shelton said Nixon offered her \$35 to perform oral sex.

Ms. Shelton also said Nixon had a 9 mm handgun in his car at the time of his arrest.

Municipal Judge Kenneth Vitucci rejected an attempt to charge Nixon with illegal possession of a firearm. Police spokesman Mike Burgess said the department was continuing to investigate.

Nixon didn't attend

Wednesday's Senate session and wasn't in his Capitol office.

It was the second time Nixon's name has been linked to prostitution.

According to Dallas police records, Nixon had three prostitutes in his car when he was

stopped by officers in 1993.

At the time, Nixon denied knowing the women were prostitutes. Police said all three were known prostitutes. Nixon pleaded no contest to a related weapons charge after a handgun was found in the car.

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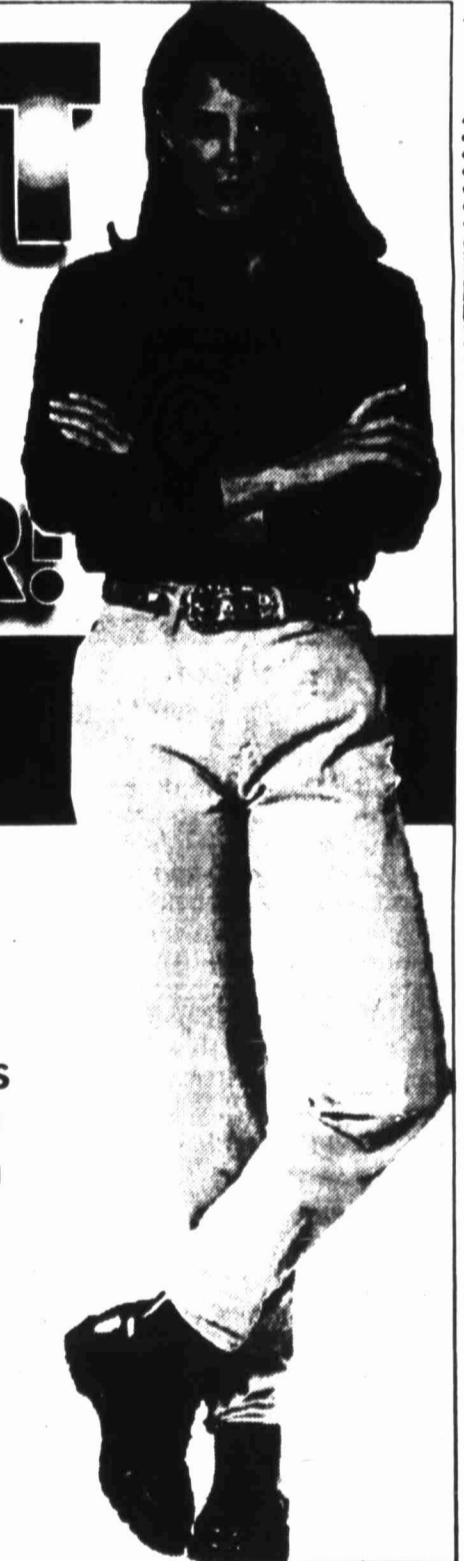
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Quote of the Day

"Don't ever take a fence down until you know why it was put up."
-Robert Frost

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OUR VIEWS

Agriculture news, attitudes improving

Late winter moisture is always good news for agricultural producers, but this winter's moisture, which now totals upwards of 3.5 inches out in the county, is extra good news.

Add to that the fact that U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm and West Texas Area USDA Director Dan Upchurch were in town earlier in the week to offer reassurances in regards to the future of the Big Spring Research Station and the news is better still.

The future of the USDA Research Center has worried local and West Texas residents from time to time over the years but never as much as when Bill Fryrear was removed as Research Leader in favor of Upchurch last fall.

The fact Stenholm has now made two trips to West Texas — a town hall meeting in Coahoma and the USDA meeting in Big Spring — is good news for Big Spring and Howard County.

The continued work in support of the local research center, likes the moisture that falls from the heavens, helps improve the attitudes in the agricultural community.

Now, Stenholm has notified the Herald that a member of his staff from his San Angelo office will be in Big Spring to meet with constituents from 11 a.m. until noon next Tuesday.

This allows even more opportunities for local and area residents to voice concerns to Stenholm, albeit through a field representative.

We would hope that a broader base of residents take advantage of this opportunity, expanding on the 40 to 70 familiar faces we see whenever Stenholm comes to town.

After all, one of the major criticisms that was voiced regarding Stenholm during the election last fall was that he never came around to see us — and he's obviously working to put that one to rest.

YOUR VIEWS

Reader critical of court for mixing fire department bingo

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the three county commissioners (Emma Brown, Bill Crooker and Jerry Kilgore) and the county judge (Ben Lockhart) for voting down the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department bingo issue. I can definitely see their point of view. Why on earth would we want these volunteers raising their own money, when there are tax dollars available for spending.

I would hate to see these volunteers raise their own money. They may want to do something foolish with this money, like purchase new equipment. I would much rather see tax dollars used for this or better yet not even purchase new equip-

ment at all — ever. Perhaps they could use old dump trucks for their equipment. Probably save lots of money. Wouldn't save much property or lives! Oh well.

Just think if they did raise their own money, they would probably want to spend it, as they saw fit. Can't have that! Imagine a volunteer fire department raising their own funds. Bet that would be good for morale. Can't have that! A volunteer fire department with good equipment. Can't have that!

By the way, who are these volunteers that donate their time to serve their community, to save lives and property? Registered voters. oooops!

Re-election of county commissioners? Can't have that!

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Banks don't need to hold checks for 3 days; here's why

By JANICE SHIELDS
For Scripps Howard News Service

The Federal Reserve Board appears to have declared war on U.S. consumers.

Last fall, the board succumbed to industry pressure and elected not to require disclosure of interest rates on auto leases. Knowing these rates would have enabled consumers to make informed decisions about whether to lease or borrow to buy a car.

Last summer, the board proposed to eliminate many of the existing consumer safeguards on smart cards — such as prepaid phone cards but with more general uses — in response to industry pleas to let the market develop without rules.

Congress had to intervene to stall this devolution of protections. Now, the Federal Reserve has recommended to Congress that banks be allowed to hold our deposits an extra day.

The board based its recommendation on the results of its own methodologically flawed check fraud survey. Banks participated voluntarily in the study and, since most did not collect detailed information on check fraud, were permitted to provide estimates. They knew that their responses would

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form the basis for the Federal Reserve Board's recommendation.

The questionnaire failed to request information on other ways to cut fraud, besides extending the check hold, or the potential impact on consumers and the economy of longer check holds. I suggested at the time the survey was distributed, that it might as well have included only one question, "Should the check hold period be extended?" with the response choices of "yes" or "yes."

Interestingly, the board's results showed that check fraud totals only about \$600 million per year — \$200 million less than the American Bankers Association's 1993 estimate. This averages less than one cent per check written.

Banks have enormous bottom-line incentives for extending the check hold. Banks would invest their customers' money an extra day, creating millions of dollars in bank revenue from the float. Simultaneously, bankers would collect more bounced check fees.

For example, an account hold-

er with a balance of \$50 may deposit an \$800 check, then write a check for \$120. If the bank is holding on to the \$800 for an extra day and the \$120 check arrives for payment, the account will appear to lack sufficient funds and the check will bounce.

Fees assessed on writers of a bounced check generate mark-ups over costs of as much as 900 percent and annual aggregate profits of more than \$3 billion. Additionally, most banks now also charge fees to the innocent depositors of checks that bounce.

Instead of helping to add more revenue to banks' already overflowing coffers by increasing check holds, the Federal Reserve should encourage financial institutions to develop other ways to reduce fraud.

Consultants recommend that bankers and retailers form partnerships for fraudulent check prevention and that bankers establish stringent new account screening procedures, quickly close and report fraudulent accounts to national and regional databases, process dishonored checks faster, and establish methods for verification of account status, funds availability and holds. Check guarantee companies can assist

by maintaining data bases of good and bad check writers and advising recipients whether or not to accept a check.

Some suggest direct deposit of checks as another way to reduce check fraud.

Yet, when account holders don't know the exact date that funds from a direct deposit check should be available, even the current check hold periods may be abused. A class action suit in California charges that a recipient bank had held direct deposit checks an extra day, thereby boosting its bounced check fee collections.

Banks have generated yet another year of record profits; the Federal Reserve Board and Congress should not facilitate the creation of more windfall revenues on the backs of consumers.

According to the American Bankers Association, most local checks clear in one business day and most non-local checks, within two business days. Congress therefore should reject the Federal Reserve's proposal and instead reduce local check holds from two to one business day and non-local check holds from five to three business days.

(Janice Shields is a consumer advocate in Washington, D.C.)

A better idea than 3-day hold: direct paycheck deposit

By ELLIOTT C. MCENTEE
For Scripps Howard News Service

A debate has been sparked over how best to reduce losses from bad checks.

A recommendation by the Federal Reserve Board to Congress to allow banks to extend by one day the hold period for local check deposits has not been received well by consumer groups and many members of Congress.

The problem the Federal Reserve is attempting to address is that many checks that are returned unpaid do not arrive at the consumer's bank until after the proceeds of the check are withdrawn. The Federal Reserve's recommendation is one way to solve this problem, but consumers see no benefit if their bank chooses to hold their check proceeds an additional day.

Another way to solve the problem of slow return checks is to speed them up. However, the investment in technology to

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do this could be significant and this will result in higher costs to the consumer.

Lost in this debate over preventing check losses is the real issue: reducing society's reliance on paper checks.

In my view, the public is better served by focusing on the elimination of paper checks, especially for payroll, which create the biggest problem for consumers when the check proceeds are delayed.

To the working consumer, a better solution is direct deposit of payroll. With direct deposit, employees have their pay electronically credited to their savings or checking accounts.

The benefits are significant. The employee enjoys immediate access to his or her money on payday at no additional risk to the bank. In addition to immediate availability, the employee enjoys greater convenience, reliability and interest

earnings because the need to visit the bank is eliminated.

The result is that employees can save several hours each year in visits to the teller window or ATM to cash or deposit their paychecks. Direct deposit is also safer.

The federal government estimates that more than 4 million paychecks are lost or stolen each year, and FBI research suggests that more than 2,000 fraudulent checks are cashed each day in the United States.

With direct deposit, checks are never lost or stolen because the payment is made electronically. Employees paid by direct deposit save their employers up to \$1.25 on each payday. Banks also benefit with direct deposit by saving up to \$1 each time direct deposit is used in place of an over the counter deposit.

How exactly does direct deposit work?

At the end of each pay period, an employer supplies its bank with payroll payment information. The bank then sends these transactions to the Automated

Clearing House Network for distribution to the employees' banks, which then credit each employee's checking or savings account.

The employee also receives a pay stub from the employer showing the amount credited to his or her account, their gross income and any amounts withheld for taxes and other purposes.

In the end, what really matters is that an individual's pay ends up safely in his or her account automatically and the funds are immediately available to meet any needs.

So, consider the benefits and if you are still being paid by paper check, do yourself a favor and ask your employer about direct deposit — it's safe, reliable and convenient and millions of consumers have already signed up.

(Elliott C. McEntee is president and CEO of the National Automated Clearing House Association.)



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Symphony concerts for 'young at heart' slated for Friday, Saturday performances

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Howard County students will enjoy a symphony concert Friday thanks to the generosity of the Dora Roberts Foundation and the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra.

For several years, the symphony has sponsored a free children's concert featuring the Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra. However, for the first time, the Big Spring Symphony will perform the concert. "Music for the Young at Heart" is the name of the program scheduled at the Municipal Auditorium Friday at 9:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Students from Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and St. Mary's Episcopal School will be bused to the auditorium to enjoy the performance.

Conductor Gene Smith has been working with Helen

Gladden, BSISD curriculum coordinator; Jeannie Fishback, Elbow Elementary; Sandi Wallace, Coahoma Elementary and Vicky McDowell, St. Mary's; to coordinate the program based upon "Silver-Birdett" Music Education series used in the BSISD elementary schools, according to Cynthia Scott, president of the Big Spring Symphony Association.

For the past several weeks, teachers at the various schools have been teaching students about the music that will be presented to them Friday. Scott said, "By teaching the students about classical music and by reinforcing what they have learned in class by performing it live with the conductor talking to the students about each selection before the orchestra performs it, the music generates excitement and the young audience is captivated by the

music as generations before them have been."

Suzanne Haney, symphony public relations director, said the music the students will hear includes "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Copland, "An American Salute" by Gould, "Carnival of the Animals" by Saint-Saens, "Symphony No. 101 'Surprise,' Second Movement" by Haydn, "Trumpeter's Lullaby" by Anderson, "Variations on America" by Ives, "Flight of the Bumblebee" by Rimsky-Korsakov, "Variations on Simple Gifts" by Copland, "Russian Sailors Dance" by Glere and an arrangement by Ed George entitled "When the Saints go Marching In." Pianist Dr. Phillip Autry accompanies the orchestra during "Carnival of the Animals" and will be narrated by Cathy Fowler.

The concert Saturday at 8 p.m. features many of the selec-

tions the children will hear and is open to the public. The orchestra will perform familiar classical and popular music including selections from Broadway's "The Music Man" and opera's "Madame Butterfly."

Tickets are on sale in advance at Blum's Jewelers, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Dunlap's and First Bank of West Texas in Big Spring and Coahoma. Tickets are also available at the door. Prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children. The symphony office, 808 Scurry, is open from 1 to 3 p.m. today and Friday to sell tickets as well.

Around the World in 80 Bites is Saturday evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and is over in time for residents to attend both events. Tickets for the Heritage Museum's fund raiser are on sale at the museum, 510 Scurry.



In this file photo, students find their seats in the Municipal Auditorium in preparation for last year's children's concert. For the first time, the Big Spring Symphony will be performing instead of a group from Fort Worth. The public is invited to the performance Saturday night at 8 p.m. and tickets are currently available at various local merchants.

Couple disagrees about how much is too much for children

QUESTION: My wife and I

disagree strongly about the role of materialism in our children's lives. She feels we should give them toys and games we never had as kids.



Dr. James Dobson
Guest Columnist

At Christmastime, we stack gifts knee-deep around the tree. I feel this is a mistake, even if we could afford to do what we are doing. What is your view on materialism in the life of a child?

DR. DOBSON: I also have concerns about giving kids too many things, which often reflects our inability to say "no" to them.

The child's lust for toys is carefully generated through millions of dollars spent on TV advertising by toy manufacturers. Their commercials are skillfully made so that the toys look like full-sized copies of their real counterparts. The little buyer sits open-mouthed in utter fascination. Five minutes later, he begins a campaign eventually costing his dad \$14.95 plus batteries and tax.

Suppose the parents are courageous enough to resist the child's urging. He is not blocked. Grandparents are notoriously easy to "con."

Some would ask, "Why not? Why shouldn't we let our children enjoy the fruits of our good times?" I would not deny a child a reasonable quantity of things he craves. But many American children are inundated with excesses that work toward their detriment.

It has been said prosperity offers a greater test of charac-

ter than does adversity, and I'm inclined to agree. There are few conditions that inhibit a sense of appreciation more than for a child to feel he is entitled to whatever he wants, whenever he wants it.

It is enlightening to watch as a child tears open stacks of presents at his birthday party or perhaps at Christmas-time. One after another, the expensive contents are tossed aside with little more than a glance.

Although it sounds paradoxical, you actually cheat a child out of pleasure when you give him too much.

Pleasure occurs when an intense need is satisfied. If there is no need, there is no pleasure. A glass of water is worth more than gold to a man dying of thirst. The analogy to children should be obvious. If you never allow a child to want something, he never enjoys the pleasure of receiving it.

If you buy him a tricycle

before he can walk, and a bicycle before he can ride it and a car before he can drive, he accepts these gifts with little pleasure and less appreciation.

I suggest you and your wife allow your child the thrill of temporary deprivation. It's more fun and much less expensive.

QUESTION: What is the source of self-esteem itself?

DR. DOBSON: Feelings of self-worth and acceptance, which provide the cornerstone of a healthy personality, can be obtained from only one source. It cannot be bought or manufactured.

Self-esteem is only generated by what we see reflected about ourselves in the eyes of other people or in the eyes of God. In other words, evidence of our worthiness must be generated outside of ourselves. It is only when others respect us that we respect ourselves. It is only when others love us that we

love ourselves. It is only when others find us pleasant and desirable and worthy that we come to terms with our own egos.

The vast majority of us are dependent on our associates for emotional sustenance each day. What does this say, then, about those who exist in a state of perpetual isolation year after year? Such people are virtually certain to experience feelings of worthlessness, accompanied by deep depression and despair.

Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903.

A WINNER



Courtesy photo
Nicholas Comey, a Washington Elementary fifth grader, was the top fund raiser for St. Jude's Children's Research raising \$108. This hard work paid off because he received a boom box, t-shirt, sports bag and a free admission to Six Flags. Erika Vela has been coordinating this fund raiser effort for the children's research facility for five years.

CAREER CORNER

Occupational title: Computer engineer

Duties: These engineers furnish information and computer processing for organizations. They do research, design computers and develop new ways to use computers.

Working environment: Computer engineers work in offices for many different types of companies.

High school classes: College preparatory, computer, calculus, algebra, geometry and trigonometry.

Continuing education: Junior college and senior college.

Sources of education: Texas A&M University, The University of Texas at Austin and its branches located at these cities: Arlington, Dallas, El Paso, and San Antonio, and the University of Houston.

Salary: In 1995, starting salaries varied from \$27,307 to \$37,173.

Job prospects: Good to excellent.

Knowing when it's time to move on

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A woman came for therapy because she had just learned that her boyfriend of several months was still involved with his old girlfriend.

When I asked what she wanted from therapy, she said, "I want the guy to give up his girlfriend and commit to me."

Since I wasn't sure if her goal was in her best interest, I asked if she would tell me more about this man as well as her dating history with other men. I learned she had been married twice. Her first husband left her for another woman, and she left her second husband because he was an alcoholic. She then had a long-term relationship with a man who was always on the verge of bankruptcy. "I got fed up with paying all the bills," she said, "so one day I kicked him out."

After talking with her about her past relationships, I said my best advice was for her to explore why she kept getting involved with men who left

her, either emotionally or physically. I also thought another goal of therapy should be that she would come to like and respect herself enough to move away from any relationship that spelled trouble.

Her situation reminded me of a woman I had seen several months previously. She had come to therapy because she wanted to straighten out a man she had recently met. He had stood her up for their first date and was a half hour late for the second date. Her goal was to teach him to be more responsible. Here, too, my advice was to drop the guy, spend her energies learning to like herself more, and look for a healthier relationship with someone who didn't discount her.

Certainly when you're looking for a mate and find someone you're attracted to, it's tempting to ignore the obvious. But pursuing a relationship probably bound for disaster is not in your best interest. Here are some danger signs to watch for:

- He's heavily in debt.

Putting your stuff on display

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Travel mementos, books and objects d'art all share one thing: all need a place to be displayed. If proper shelving is available, all these items can be quite decorative.

Of course, the amount of wall space available and the amount of actual shelf space needed must be considered. Planning a library, for example, involves a little estimating.

Figure, for example, eight to 10 hardbound books per running foot of shelf. Paperbacks will take much less room, about one-half to two-thirds of the space needed by hardcovers. When planning this book storage, remember to allow space for future books that might be added to the collection.

For a decorator look, the shelves should be interspersed with decorative accessories placed among and between groups of books. Books also are more attractive if some are standing up while others are

positioned flat on the hard cover. Those that are flat might look better if some accessory is placed on top of them.

Unless the books or art pieces are all quite uniform, it is better to stagger the shelves so the spaces between them are asymmetrical. This gives a more interesting look than having every shelf across the wall at the same level. Some spaces may be filled by placing a picture on the wall instead of books or other art. Or this same picture might be placed above the art or books if space permits. Here again, the picture brings creativity and interest to the wall.

An occasional green plant (either real or silk) will certainly enhance any wall shelving. It will not only bring a calming color to the wall, but will make the shelving feel warmer. Framed family pictures or pictures of the dog interspersed among the books is another wall warmer that works well in any wall shelving.

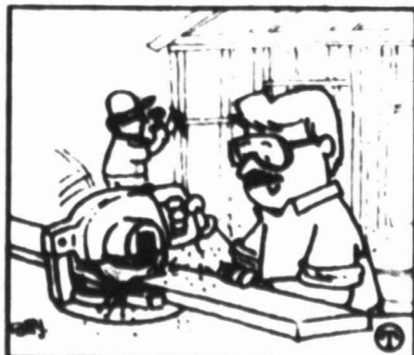
SLICE OF LIFE!

TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Protecting your eyes from danger:

(NAPS) - Follow these tips to increase your safety:

- Ordinary eyewear may not provide adequate protection for many do-it-yourselfers. Proper safety lenses should be made of polycarbonate and bear a monogram from the manufacturer indicating they meet ANSI Z87.1 standards.
- Always wear protective eyewear when using chemicals, cleaners and power tools (paints, bleach, hand saws).
- For individuals who do not wear prescription eyewear or wear contacts, eyecare professionals recommend wearing non-prescription protective eyewear called "planos."
- Read all safety labels and follow the instructions carefully.
- Be sure to dispose of household chemicals properly.
- Keep all cleaning products in a safe place, away from children.
- Never mix cleaning products - mixing chlorine and bleach can produce toxic fumes.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Kindergarten preregistration

Forsan Elementary (Elbow) is having Kindergarten preregistration on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All district residents and accepted transfers please attend. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 1997, to be eligible to attend kindergarten next school year. You should bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record, and social security card (card with the number on it, not just the number).

Prenatal classes March 3

The Texas Department of Health is sponsoring daytime prenatal classes starting Monday, March 3, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The instructor is Laurie Burks, B.S.N. All expectant parents are welcome. Call 263-9775 to register.

THE LAST WORD

The art of amorous conversations consists in making them not always amorous.
Bernard de Fontenelle

Anatomy is to physiology as geography is to history; it describes the theater of events.
Jean Francois Fernel

Deep-seated preferences cannot be argued about - you cannot argue a man into liking a glass of beer.
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

Things looked at patiently from one side after another generally end by showing a side that is beautiful.
R.L. Stevenson

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story then answering the questions that follow.

Long-neck women attract tourists
NAI SOI, Thailand (AP) — The long-necked tribeswomen once dubbed "giraffe women" by explorers are now enchanting tourists along Thailand's rugged northern border.

Women of the Padaung tribe, refugees from ethnic conflict in Burma, have put this remote Thai village on the map for travelers wishing to see their unique brand of body stretching.

The trickle of foreigners who arrive here pay \$10 before entering the village to see the women. A portion of the money goes to Thai tour operators.

Starting about age 5, Padaung girls have coils of brass rings wrapped around their necks. More coils are added as they grow up, eventually reaching about 11 pounds and about 25 rings.

The pushed-up chin gives an elegant impression of a tiny head floating on a golden stem. But the neck is actually not made longer — rather, the weight forces the shoulders to slope down.

After years of wearing the rings, the neck becomes too weak to support the head without them. But the women defend their rings as beautiful and put up with the occasional chafing.

The 30 long-necked women living in this village of 200 people make about \$60 per month. The women are rich by local standards.

With their earnings — supplemented by the sale of T-shirts and tribal weavings — they purchase gizmos and makeup unknown in their old homes in rural Burma and ensure their children learn English, the language of the tourist trade.

Using the newspaper story, find the vocabulary words listed below, and circle them in the article. Use the context of the story to help you figure out the meaning of each vocabulary word. Then, write the number of each word next to its correct meaning. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

- 1) dubbed.
 - 2) slope.
 - 3) enchanting.
 - 4) chafing.
 - 5) impression.
 - 6) supplemented.
 - 7) coils.
 - 8) gizmos.
 - 9) portion.
 - 10) remote.
- a) delighting; charming.
b) soreness or irritation due to rubbing.
c) share; part.
d) feeling; image.
e) spirals.
f) slant.
g) named; nicknamed.
h) added to.
i) small devices; gadgets.
j) distant; faraway.

Answer Key: a)3. b)4. c)9. d)6. e)7. f)2. g)1. h)6. i)8. j)10.

**PART TWO
BODY LANGUAGE**

There are lots of ways to change the way you look. Not everyone agrees what's best. Here are three story starters about people who made a change in their appearance. Pick one, and tell what your reaction would be to the situation described. Would your parents agree with you?

1. Mr. Grant, my English teacher, was always full of surprises, especially when he came to school wearing a gold ring in his left earlobe.

2. I still remember the day that my older brother showed me a rose he had tattooed on his back. He wanted to know what I thought.

3. Lauren and I had been friends since first grade. I thought I knew her pretty well until that afternoon she changed her hair color from brown to neon pink.

Move

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up with trying to change the person. Remember no matter how eager you are to find a fulfilling relationship, "the light you see at the end of the tunnel may be an oncoming train."

Devis Wild Heimerling is a psychotherapist and author. Her newest book, "Being OK Just Isn't Enough: The Power of Self-Discovery," is available through National Seminars Group, 1-800-464-9524. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

A Great Singer

Marian Anderson

Fighting prejudice

Marian Anderson was one of the world's greatest singers. She was also a champion for civil rights and other worthy causes.

In her time, there was a great deal of prejudice. Black people were discriminated against in many ways.

She was already well-known when an incident put her and the cause of equal rights in the spotlight.

In 1939, she wanted to give a concert at a hall owned by a women's group called the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Because she was black, the DAR refused.



People were very angry. First lady Eleanor Roosevelt resigned from the DAR. Mrs. Roosevelt helped arrange for Marian Anderson to give a concert in front of the Lincoln Memorial. Seventy-five thousand people came to hear her.



Thirteen years after the original performance, Marian Anderson gave another concert in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

Her singing

Marian Anderson received her first musical training in the choir at the Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

The members of her church raised the money she needed to study with good music teachers. By saving money and getting a scholarship, she was also able to study in Europe.

In 1930, she gave a concert in Berlin and became in demand all over Europe. In 1955, she became the first black person to sing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.

Personal life

In 1943, Marian Anderson married an architect, Orpheus Fisher. They lived on a farm in Danbury, Conn. They had met when they were teenagers.

In 1958, she was an alternate delegate to the United Nations. She received the U.N. Peace Prize in 1977. She wrote her autobiography, "My Lord, What a Morning." She died in 1993.

Growing up

Marian Anderson was born in Philadelphia on Feb. 27 about 100 years ago. (Some accounts list her birth year as 1897, some as 1902.)

When she was about 10 years old, her father lost his job as an ice and coal salesman. When her mother could not find a

job as a teacher, she became a cleaning lady. Marian scrubbed people's steps to earn enough money to buy a violin.

There was no money for piano lessons so she and her sisters taught themselves to play piano by reading about how to do it.



**Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Cheesy Chile Rice**

You'll need:

- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 1 4-ounce can chopped green chilies, drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2/3 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

What to do:

1. Cook rice following package directions.
2. In a large bowl combine rice, chilies, sour cream and 1/3 cup cheese. Mix well.
3. Place in a casserole.
4. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Serves 6.

TRY 'N FIND

Words about the Lincoln Memorial are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ABRAHAM, LINCOLN, MEMORIAL, STATUE, WORDS, WASHINGTON, READ, PRESIDENT, CARVED, MARBLE, STEPS, WALLS, SCULPTURE, BUILDING, TALL, MURAL.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL?

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The Lincoln Memorial, a Tribute to Greatness



Abraham Lincoln

The Lincoln Memorial is a memorial to our 16th president. It is also a memorial to the struggle for equal rights for all citizens. Over the years it has been the site of many civil rights demonstrations.

This year will mark the 75th year since the monument was completed. On May 30, 1922, a special ceremony celebrated this event.

At its dedication, the audience was segregated, with white people on one side and black people on the other.

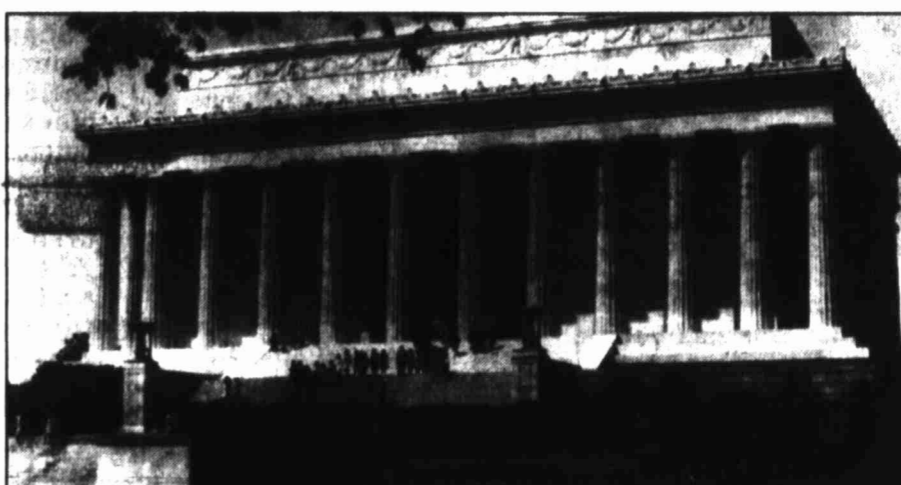
The main speaker was a black American, Dr. Robert Moton, president of Tuskegee Institute. He was not allowed to sit on the speakers' platform.



The highlight of the March on Washington on Aug. 28, 1963, was the speech by civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous "I have a dream" speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial.

From that speech: "I have a dream that my four little children one day will live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."



The Lincoln Memorial is modeled after a Greek temple. It stands at the end of the National Mall, a big park in Washington, D.C. From its steps you can see the Washington Monument and the U.S. Capitol. It is a good site for large gatherings.



The memorial's statue of Lincoln took seven years to complete.

The statue

- is 19 feet tall and 19 feet wide.
- is made up of 28 blocks of white Georgia marble.

Engraved on the walls are two of Lincoln's speeches. Here is a passage from each:

The Gettysburg Address
"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

Look through your newspaper for stories about people struggling for human rights.

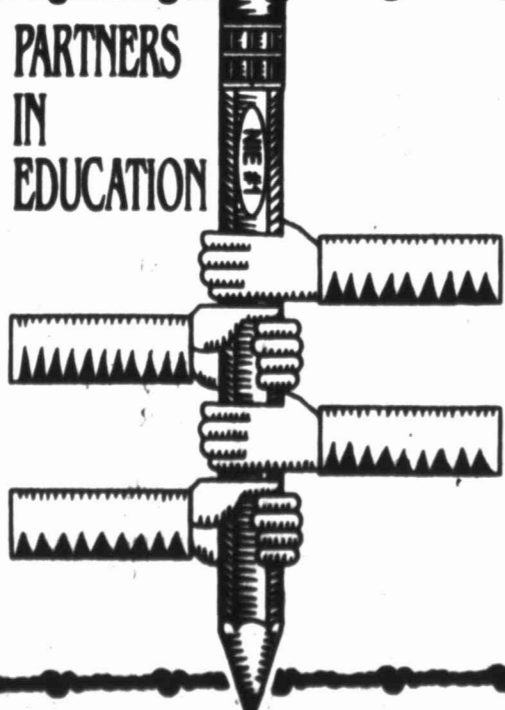
The Lincoln Memorial ...

- is built on swampland that once was underwater. The site had to be drained and filled.
- is made of Colorado marble and Indiana limestone.
- has 36 columns that stand for the 36 states in the Union at the time of Lincoln's death. The names of the 48 states when the memorial was completed are carved on the outside walls near the top. A special plaque honors Alaska and Hawaii.
- has 58 steps, and is 80 feet tall and 189 feet long and about 118 feet wide (about half the length of a football field).

The Mini Page thanks the National Park Service, James Murray, NAACP, and Tim Buckley, librarian, Anacostia Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., for help with this issue.

Second Inaugural Address
"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan."

Next week The Mini Page features a history of hats.



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MHS at Texas, 8 p.m. (Radio: KBYG 1400-AM)
Columbia vs. Vandy, 7:30 p.m. (Radio: KBYG 1400-AM)
Savannah vs. Toledo, 7 p.m. (Radio: KBYG 1400-AM)

College basketball
Michigan at Iowa, 6:30 p.m., ch. 30
Louisville at Marquette, 6:30 p.m., ch. 30
NBA
Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., ch. 29.

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Ex-player charges Tech with racketeering, fraud and more

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech coaches used defensive lineman Stephen Gaines for his playing ability, then discarded him once he lost his senior season to academic ineligibility, the player contends in a federal lawsuit.

Gaines, who played for the Red Raiders in the 1990, 1992 and 1993 seasons, sued the school, two coaches and a former counselor Tuesday on numerous counts, including racketeering, fraud, forgery and negligence.

The suit also contends Tech breached fiduciary duty to Gaines, meaning that the school took on a measure of responsibility for his welfare with promises of trust made while he was a minor.

The lawsuit did not detail specific damages, although it said they are "believed to be in excess" of \$1.25 million, plus

court costs and possible punitive damages.

"Stephen clearly, like any student at the age of 17 years, had no clear understanding what it is to make a commitment when everything in his whole life was promised by (Tech coach) Spike Dykes and promised by these recruiters," attorney Christopher A. Kalis said Wednesday.

Dykes declined to comment, citing NCAA rules prohibiting school officials from discussing matters under investigation. The NCAA has been looking into possible violations in the men's basketball and football programs for nearly a year.

Tech general counsel Pat Campbell and defendant Ron Reeger, a former Tech academic counselor, did not return phone calls to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

The AP was unable to reach

fellow defendant Rhudy Maskew, an assistant coach.

Gaines played five games in his freshman season in 1990, then was sidelined a year by academic problems. The lawsuit alleges that Tech coaches circumvented NCAA rules while getting him reinstated.

Outside of his "B" semester, the lawsuit reveals he was a failing student in most of his other Tech courses.

Over the past year, Gaines has been the focus of several Houston Chronicle stories in which he's accused Tech and its coaches of forging documents, providing him test answers and arranging for classes to ease his way through school.

The lawsuit includes many of the same accusations, including:

—Tech officials wired money to Gaines while he attended

Navarro College.

—Reeger set Gaines up with a semester's workload of four physical education classes taught by a "friendly" professor. Gaines made B's in the classes, even though he says he attended five times and took no tests.

—Maskew enrolled Gaines in a correspondence course at Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God in Lakeland, Fla., by forging Gaines' signature. Reeger and Maskew then provided him answers to the "Old Testament Survey" course.

While enrolled at South Plains College in June 1994 in an attempt to gain eligibility for a final year of football, Gaines said he tore ligaments in his right knee. The lawsuit contends Tech trainers misdiagnosed the injury as a sprain.

Gaines learned the nature of his injury after a May 1995 physical with the New England Patriots, the suit said.

His lawsuit contends that Texas Tech neither offered to assist him in paying his medical expenses nor advised him of any further benefits under his scholarship agreement for continuing education.

Gaines also seeks damages related to his knee injury.

An Electra resident who works in Wichita Falls, Gaines was a standout defensive lineman and shot pitter at Electra. His 6-foot-3, 300-pound frame and agility drew comparisons to Red Raider great Gabe Rivera. In 27 career games he made 111 tackles.

Part of the lawsuit's basis is the Racketeering Influence and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, usually reserved for mob

crime. The allegations of wired money and interstate transmissions of forged school documents fall under federal guidelines, Kalis said.

Last week, members of Tech's Faculty Senate discussed alleged attendance problems by football players. The Chronicle then reported Sunday that unidentified sources close to star tailback Byron Hanspard said he and others scored a 0.00 grade point average last semester.

A junior, Hanspard left Tech for the NFL after the Red Raiders' appearance in the Alamo Bowl.

Former basketball coach Gerald Myers was hired Monday as athletic director. He and other officials stressed that academic performance among athletes will be the university's top priority.

Playoffs, Hawks on tap

E / STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

There's plenty of choices facing area basketball fans tonight.

In fact, there may be too many choices.

Four games involving area basketball teams are on tap for tonight, and all four are crucial for the squads involved.

At Big Spring, the Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks play their final game of the season at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks host Western Texas College at 6 p.m., while the Hawks take on New Mexico Military Institute at 8 p.m.

For the Lady Hawks (12-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings), a win over WTC is vital if they are to keep pace with the conference leaders. Howard is currently tied with Midland College for second place, a half-game behind WJAC leader South Plains.

Tonight takes on even more significance for the Hawks (5-5), who absolutely have to win if they are to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Howard is currently a half-game behind South Plains for the fourth and final playoff spot from the conference, and a loss

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PASSING THROUGH



Borden County's Kati Merritt (10) drives the lane past a Rotan defender during their playoff game Tuesday in Coahoma. Borden won to advance to the Region I-1A tournament in Levelland.

Lady Steers hope to build on 1996 success story

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

If track fans thought the Big Spring Lady Steers were good last year, their coach says even bigger goals are in mind this season.

"Last year we were district champions and we were Region I champs and we went to the state meet," said Lady Steers coach Jay Kennedy. "My hopes can only be that we can accomplish that much or more for this year."

The Lady Steers start a new year Friday and Saturday, competing in the ABC Tiger Relays at Wolforth Freshman High School.

The Lady Steers are coming off a season in which they won both the District 4-4A and Region I-4A team titles.

Every one of the girls that qualified for the district, region and state championship last year, except one, are returning to the team. Shakeesha Lott is returning this year, after being an integral part of the Lady Steer track team last year. Placing first at district and region in the 400 meter relay, 800 meter relay and 1600 meter relay; she also won the triple jump at district.

Jaclyn Owusu is another runner that placed in district and region that is returning this year. She finished first in district in the 100 meter dash and

the long jump; and first on the 400 meter relay and the 800 meter relay.

Kandi Cline also returns this year after placing first in just about everything she did in district and region last year, including the 400 relay, 800 relay and the 1600 relay.

Stephanie Henderson is returning after placing first in district in the 800 run and her 1600 meter relay. She also placed first in the 400 dash.

Rita Casillas placed first in district and region on the 400 relay and 800 relay. She also placed first in region on the 1600 relay.

LaTisha Hall finished first on the 1600 meter relay in district and region.

Also returning to the track field this year are: Jona Adusumilli, Naomi Arguello, Alexis Casillas, Nadia Cole, Jennifer Davidson, Angie DeLaCruz, Crystal Epperson, Chanta Farr, Tisha Fulgim, Julie Garza, Kellee Green, LaTisha Hall, Sonya Hilario, Dee Hill, Kristie Hill, Maria Hinojos, Felicia Lara, Kate Leannah, Ava Martin, Crystal Martinez, April McGee, Leslie McLellan, Krissi McWherter, Cari Mercilliot, Shawna Mitchell, Brandi Moore, Karen Paredez, Teresa Porras, Racheal Ray, Veronica Rodriguez, Lisa Rocha, Sharita Tuit, Gina Valdez, Caroline Wenzel, Brandi Wilkerson and Bridgett Wilson.

Murray vows to be riding again soon

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — He's spent much of the past two rodeo seasons on the sidelines because of injuries, rodeoing for only about five or six months in 1995 and '96. Now he faces another six-month layoff.

But don't even think that Ty Murray, one of rodeo's all-time greats, is considering retirement. He's only 27 and "that's about the time that most (rodeo cowboys) reach their prime," he said.

Nobody would blame Murray, however, if he seriously considered getting off the hard-riding bulls and broncs, and hanging 'em up. In the past two years, he's missed time with a right knee injury, sustained during the bull-riding event at the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and an injury to his left shoulder.

Both injuries involved ligaments and required surgery. As a result, he's had to spend long periods on the sidelines.

On March 3, the day after the 1997 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo ends, Murray is scheduled to undergo surgery for a ligament injury to his dislocated right shoulder. He will be out until early September.

Because he'll miss so much of the prime part of the rodeo season, he'll also miss the National Finals Rodeo in Las

Vegas for the second straight year.

"It's a disappointment, but there's nothing I can do about it," Murray said. "After the operation, I'll spend the time off rehabilitating; my (Stephenville) ranch will keep me busy and I'll get a chance to work with my sponsors."

So for six months, he'll be trading bulls and broncs for barbells and boardrooms.

Murray sustained the torn ligament in his right shoulder on Feb. 8 at a Professional Bull Riders Association event. The six-time all-around world champion fell hard on his right shoulder when he was thrown by a bull.

Some people have wondered why Murray was competing in the non-Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association event. After all, as the best-known member of the PRCA, he's recognized even by people who don't follow rodeo.

"What I do is ride bulls, and I ride bulls at PBRA events because they have the best riders and the best bulls," he said. "The purse was \$25,000, which is more than they'll be giving away (for the bull-riding event) here."

"I'm going to go where the money is." He's been doing that for quite a while. In 1993, one of the six

times he was the world all-around champion, Murray set a single-season PRCA record with nearly \$300,000, and a single-season NFR record with nearly \$125,000.

In his career, Murray has earned nearly \$1.3 million. Not bad for a 27-year-old.

For the second straight year, he's watching the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo from another vantage point. Murray is providing color commentary for the show. And why not? He's ridden in the saddle-bronc, bareback-bronc and bull-riding events since he became a professional cowboy in 1988.

"I'd rather be out there," said Murray, pointing to the vast, four-acre pasture that is the Astrodome floor. "But I enjoy this, too."

Murray has missed the Houston rodeo for two straight years as well, a disappointment to his grandmother Georgia Ware, who lives in Houston. He said he wants to return as a participant next year.

"I've just had some bad luck," he said. "Half of (rodeoing) is staying healthy."

He added: "One thing about rodeoing, it teaches you to roll with the punches. I've learned that the last couple of years." Retirement? That's for old guys.

Cardiac stress test puts blockbuster trade between Mavs, Nets on hold

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The NBA's biggest trade in 25 years might be in jeopardy unless Khalid Reeves passes a cardiac stress test.

The nine-player trade between the Dallas Mavericks and New Jersey Nets hit a possible snag Wednesday when Reeves told the Mavericks about a childhood heart murmur.

"I don't think there's any chance that it will be jeopardized," Nets coach John Calipari said Wednesday night. "They wanted a little more room to finish testing some guys we traded down."

The Nets held a rare evening workout Wednesday night at the Ramapo High School gym to give the club time to perform physicals on their newcomers.

"All our guys are in good shape, but they just wanted to do a little more testing," Calipari said.

Mavericks doctors were conducting Reeves' physical when they found out about the condition, team spokesman Kevin Sullivan said.

"In the course of conversation it came up that he had a heart murmur as a child," Sullivan said.



Sullivan said doctors would study Reeves' heart today, the deadline for NBA trades.

"We'll give him a stress test and go from there," he said.

The trade should have been finalized Wednesday evening, 48 hours after it was filed with the league, but the Mavericks received an extension until noon today.

The trade Monday sent center Shawn Bradley, Reeves, Ed O'Bannon and Robert Pack to Dallas for All-Star forward Chris Gatling, Jimmy Jackson, George McCloud, Sam Cassell and Eric Montross.

Because of the delay in finalizing the deal, the Nets' acquisitions were not allowed to

practice Wednesday night.

The NBA said the extension was granted to give the teams time to process the players and administer physicals.

"There's so many people involved it's taking a little longer to get everyone in place and to get the physicals done," NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said Wednesday night.

New Jersey planned a news conference today to introduce its five new players. It was canceled Wednesday night. Nets spokesman John Mertz said.

All the players have to pass physicals before a trade is finalized, and there were some concerns about Robert Pack going to Dallas. He has been sidelined since mid-January with an ankle injury. Reeves also has been bothered by a sore throat, while O'Bannon missed games recently with a minor injury.

When the Nets acquired Reeves from Charlotte last year, along with Kendall Gill, in a deal that sent Kenny Anderson to the Hornets, they asked for an extension to examine Reeves' left ankle. It passed inspection and the deal was finalized.

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Alomar to miss most of spring training

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This time, it's Roberto Alomar's ankle that's causing the problem, not his saliva.

Baltimore's second baseman will miss most of the exhibition season because of a sprained left ankle. A test on Alomar's ankle revealed a moderate to severe strain, and the Orioles said Wednesday the seven-time All-Star could be sidelined up to four weeks.

"I can't be disappointed. There are worse things that happen in life," Alomar said at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "I'm in good shape, so all I need is a week or a week and a half to get ready to play."

Alomar, who is on crutches, twisted the ankle on a wet floor at home in Puerto Rico, then aggravated it while playing in a charity basketball game a week ago.

"It'll probably be more like three weeks," Orioles general manager Pat Gillick said. "He'll get therapy every day and aggressive treatment."

Alomar certainly won't be in uniform on March 17, when the Orioles play the Boston Red Sox at Fort Myers in an exhibition game that will be worked by umpire John Hirschbeck, whom Alomar split on last September after being ejected from a game in Toronto. Hirschbeck's first regular-season game with the Orioles is scheduled for April 22, when the Chicago White Sox are at Camden Yards.

Alomar was given a five-day suspension for the spitting incident and will sit out the first five games of the 1997 season. White Sox

Baseball's other bad boy, Albert Belle, reported for his first camp with the White Sox and issued a written statement saying he didn't gamble on his own sport.

"I want to make one thing clear: I have never bet on baseball," Belle's statement said, adding that this would be his last comment on the subject.

"I was never asked during the deposition if I bet on baseball," Belle said at Sarasota, Fla. "Each year, major league baseball officials speak to all of the major-league teams and

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emphasize that betting on baseball is forbidden by major league baseball's rules. I have always faithfully adhered to those rules."

Belle, who until now had spent his entire big league career with Cleveland, promised to answer baseball-related questions today. He said during a deposition that he lost as much as \$40,000 gambling on sports other than baseball.

Yankees

Cecil Fielder, who has demanded the Yankees trade him by March 15, was a no-show on the team's voluntary reporting date. Manager Joe Torre said he expected Fielder to report today, when the Yankees hold their first full squad workout.

"I think he'll be here," Torre said. "I wouldn't be here today if I'm him. He knows all you people are waiting for him."

Although the Yankees set Wednesday as the voluntary reporting date, baseball's mandatory reporting date isn't until March 1.

Acquired from Detroit last July 31, Fielder is due \$7.2 million this season, the final year of a five-year deal worth \$36,187,500. He hit .260 with 13 homers and 37 RBIs in 53 games with New York last season, but is worried he won't play every day this season.

"I think he wants an extension on his contract," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said at Tampa, Fla. "I'd be very surprised if that isn't it. I think he wants to be with the team."

Rangers

Texas rejected a proposal by catcher Ivan Rodriguez for a \$38.75 million, five-year contract with options that could pay him \$85 million over 10 years.

"Unfortunately, we were not able to work out a longer term deal at this stage," agent Jeff Moorad said. "So we've agreed to let Pudge focus on getting ready for the coming season."

Rodriguez avoided arbitration by agreeing to a \$6.65 million, one-year contract. Padres

When, or if, Rickey

Henderson shows up for San Diego's first full-squad workout today at Peoria, Ariz., an already delicate situation figures to meet its sternest test.

Henderson, the 38-year-old left fielder, enters camp as trade bait because the Padres have committed themselves to Greg Vaughn with a \$15 million, three-year contract.

"He's going to be judged a lot on how he handles this situation," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "He was just great to be around last year, and hopefully he won't change things because of this delicate situation. The last thing we want is for clubs to see there's a potential problem."

Although Henderson hit a career-low .241 for the Padres in '96, he had a .410 on-base percentage and scored 110 runs.

Cardinals

Of the St. Louis Cardinals' 11 non-roster invitees to spring training, only Andy Van Slyke did not report early. Van Slyke, 36, retired last year due to back problems. He was due to participate in the first full-squad workout today.

"An area of importance for us this season is finding a bench guy like an Andy Van Slyke," general manager Walt Jocketty said at St. Petersburg, Fla. "He's been on championship clubs before and he can be an asset to our club if he makes it. He wanted to play, and we wanted to give him the opportunity."

Athletics

Mark McGwire drove from his southern California home to Oakland's spring training camp in Phoenix on Tuesday, thinking he'd be able to start working out with the team the following day.

But the first full-squad workout was not until today, so McGwire was restricted to the clubhouse and to hitting off a pitching machine.

"That's not cool. It's one less day to get ready," McGwire said Wednesday. "When you're mentally prepared to go and ready to put on the uniform, you get excited. And all of a sudden it's like you have to wait another day."

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College scores

EAST
Colgate 81, Lehigh 53
Villanova 65, St. John's 54
Wisconsin 49, Penn St. 45

SOUTH
Boston College 59, Miami 57
Florida 76, Tennessee 64
Florida St. 94, Alabama St. 49
Kentucky 75, Alabama 61
Maryland 76, Georgia Tech 68
Mississippi 84, Mississippi St. 61
N.C.-Wilmington 91, Va. Commonwealth 81

MIDWEST
Akron 98, Cent. Michigan 55
Detroit 68, Cleveland St. 60
Ill.-Chicago 53, Loyola, Ill. 50
Kent 73, Ball St. 58
Memphis 59, St. Louis 58
Miami, Ohio 64, Bowling Green 59
Minnesota 60, Ohio St. 48
Northwestern 70, Michigan St. 58
Tulane 69, DePaul 61
W. Michigan 82, E. Michigan 77

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 71, Nebraska 60
Oklahoma 66, Texas Tech 60
Oklahoma St. 72, Texas A&M 55
Southern U. 77, Ark.-Pine Bluff 77
Texas 57, Iowa St. 56
Texas Christian 79, Southern Meth. 71

FAR WEST
Colorado 67, Kansas St. 57
Hawaii 74, San Diego St. 62
Oral Roberts 70, S. Utah 53
UCLA 82, Southern Cal 60

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Miami 40 12.769 —
New York 38 14.731 2
Orlando 25 25.500 14
Washington 24 28.462 16
New Jersey 15 36.294 24 1/2
Philadelphia 12 39.235 27 1/2
Boston 11 41.212 29

Central Division
Chicago 46 8.885 —
Detroit 38 13.745 7 1/2
Atlanta 34 17.667 11 1/2
Charlotte 32 21.604 14 1/2
Cleveland 29 22.569 16 1/2
Indiana 24 27.471 21 1/2
Milwaukee 24 27.471 21 1/2
Toronto 18 34.346 28

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 37 14.725 —
Houston 34 18.654 3 1/2
Minnesota 26 27.491 12
Dallas 17 32.347 19
Denver 17 36.321 21
San Antonio 12 39.235 25
Vancouver 11 45.196 28 1/2

Pacific Division
L.A. Laker 63 15.712 —
Seattle 36 15.706 1 1/2
Portland 28 25.528 9 1/2

SPORTS EXTRA

Sacramento 24 29.453 13 1/2
L.A. Clippers 21 27.438 14

Golden State 20 30.400 16
Phoenix 19 35.252 19

Today's Games
Miami 111, Philadelphia 83
New York 95, Phoenix 94
Utah 113, San Antonio 105
Chicago 134, Denver 123
L.A. Clippers 87, Dallas 69
Sacramento 95, Minnesota 84

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte 123, Phoenix 115
Atlanta 100, Indiana 87
Detroit 100, Washington 85
Orlando 95, Portland 84
Toronto 125, San Antonio 92
Minnesota 84, Vancouver 73
Cleveland 103, L.A. Lakers 84
Golden State 112, Boston 101

Thursday's Games
Miami at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 8 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Denver at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Fishing
Water clear; normal level; 56 degrees; black bass are good on crank baits, worms and spinners; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are very good on shrimp and stink bait.

Water murky; normal level; 56 degrees; black bass are good on live bait and Texas-rigged worms; crappie are good on spinners fished around baited holes; catfish are good on good and reels baited with minnows and out bait.

Water clear; normal level; 59 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on live crawfish, spinners and crank baits; crappie are fair on minnows and tube jigs fished around boat docks and on main lake holes; catfish are fair on cheese bait and live minnows.

Water clear; 1 foot high; 53 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on live crawfish, spinners and crank baits; striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait fished under the birds; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished and boat houses; catfish are fair on shrimp and cut bait.

Water murky; normal level; 52 degrees; black bass are fair on Crawworms with jigs, jig-N-pigs and crank baits; crappie are good on minnows fished over main lake brush and in the creeks; catfish are good on trotlines baited with perch and cut bait.

Water clear to murky; 1 foot low; 53 degrees; black bass are fair on crawfish colored crank baits and Sluggos; smallmouth are fair to good on worms and crank baits fished near drop offs; striped bass are good on live bait fished under the birds; white bass are good on live bait fished on the main lake; crappie are good on minnows and jigs fished over baited brush piles; channel and blue catfish are fair on minnows and cut bait.

Water fairly clear; normal level; 53 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on worms and crank baits; crappie are fair on minnows and tube jigs; catfish are slow.

Water clear; normal level; 56 degrees; black bass are good on crank baits, black worms and Bass Assassins fished in 5 to 12 feet of water; crappie are fair to good on spinners and tube jigs fished in deep water; catfish are good on King's Punch Bait and shad.

Water clear; normal level; 47 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair on white with red Roadrunners and chartreuse and chrome crank baits; crappie are good on small minnows and tube jigs fished around marinas; catfish are fair on cheese bait fished on rod and reels.

Water clear; normal level; 53 degrees; black bass are good on black worms, lizards and crank baits; hybrid striper and white bass are good on live bait; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around boat docks; channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait around baited boat docks.

Water clear; 7 feet low; 55 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are good on crank baits and spinners; striped bass to 12 pounds are very good on live shad drifting; white bass are good on jigs fished in the Tow area; crappie are fair on minnows and jigs; catfish are fair on baited holes in 12 to 30 feet of water.

Water fairly clear; normal level; 58 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are good on live water dogs, crank baits and Texas-rigged worms; catfish are fair on shrimp and water dogs fished in the discharge.

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Water fairly clear; 2 feet low; 52 degrees; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on Motor Oil Power Worms and crank baits; crappie are fair on minnows; catfish are good on shrimp and shad.

Water fairly clear; normal level; 51 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on small spinners and worms; crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs; catfish are good on stink bait and shiners.

Water stained; normal level; 53 degrees; black bass are fair to good on crank baits and Roadrunners; striped bass are fair on live bait; catfish are good on cut and live perch.

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Pairings for Texas high school girls University Interscholastic League basketball playoffs

CLASS 5A
Region I
All games at Chaparral Center, Midland
Friday semifinals
Amarillo (30-3) vs. FM Marcus (29-6), 6 p.m.
Lubbock Coronado (28-3) vs. Duncannonville (36-0), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

Region II
All games at the Ferrell Center, Waco
Friday semifinals
Longview (30-2) vs. Temple (34-3), 6:45 p.m.
Skyline (28-5) vs. Copperas Cove (27-5), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday final, 6 p.m.

Region III
All games at Campbell Center, Aldine
Friday semifinals
Aldine Nimitz (29-6) vs. Katy Mayde Creek (29-6), 6 p.m.
Alef Elisk (34-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (28-7), 8 p.m.
Saturday final, 2 p.m.

Region IV
All games at UT-San Antonio Convocation Center
Friday semifinals
Laredo Cigarroa (27-6) vs. San Antonio East Central (32-1), 6 p.m.
Converse Judson (24-8) vs. Corpus Christi King (26-7), 8 p.m.
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

CLASS 4A
Region I
Levelland (28-3) vs. Canyon (30-0) 7:00
Friday at Wayland Baptist, Plainview
Region II
Lincoln (20-6) vs. Cedar Hill (32-3) 7:30
Friday at Garland Lakeview
Region III
Bay City (32-2) vs. Sitsbee (25-8) 7:30
Friday at Langham Creek, Region IV
Corpus Christi Calallen (26-8) vs. Waco Midway (27-6) 7:30 Friday at Alamo Stadium Gym, San Antonio.

Region I
All games at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
Friday semifinals
Clint (31-1) vs. Aledo (23-5), 7 p.m.
Dimmitt (22-12) vs. Comanche (26-4), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday final, 5 p.m.

Region II
All games at University Field House, Commerce
Friday semifinals
Matoch (20-11) vs. Winnaboro (20-11), 6 p.m.
Canton (29-7) vs. DeKalb (18-11), 8 p.m. Saturday final, 3 p.m. Region III
All games at Sam Houston State, Huntsville
Saturday semifinals
Madisonville (26-5) vs. Palestine Westwood (27-6), 6:15 p.m.
Barbara Hill (33-4) vs. Lufkin Hudson (32-2), 8 p.m.
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

Region IV
All games at Texas A&M-Kingsville
Liberty Hill (27-4) vs. Corpus Christi West

Oso (25-7)
Dripping Spring (27-9) vs. Aransas Pass (29-7)
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

CLASS 2A
Region I
All games at Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Friday semifinals
Idalou (19-11) vs. Shallowater (34-3), 6:30
Spearman (18-14) vs. Ozona (29-2), 8 p.m.
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

Region II
All games at Wisdom Gym, Stephenville
Friday semifinals
Quarter (33-1) vs. Hamilton (27-5), 6 p.m.
Holiday (20-10) vs. Van Alstyne (23-8), 8 p.m. Saturday final, 2 p.m.

Region III
All games at Tyler Junior College
Friday semifinals
Edgewood (26-7) vs. Woden (26-4), 6 p.m.
Hawkins (31-3) vs. East Chambers (31-3), 8 p.m.
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

Region IV
All games at St. Edwards, Austin
Friday semifinals
Bloomington (30-5) vs. Poth (29-4)
Flatonia (23-10) vs. Kames City (21-9)
Saturday final, 1 p.m.

CLASS A
Region I
All games at the Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday quarterfinals
Meadow (26-7) vs. Spur (27-4), noon
Gruber (25-7) vs. Whitharal (26-2), 1:30 p.m.
Whiteface (30-1) vs. Borden Co. (22-7), 5:30 p.m.
Claude (21-10) vs. Sudan (29-4), 7 p.m.

Saturday semifinals
Games 1 and 2 winners, 9:30 a.m.
Games 3 and 4 winners, 11 a.m.
Saturday final, 7 p.m.

Region II
All games at Kimbrell Arena, Abilene
Friday quarterfinals
Henrietta Midway (26-5) vs. Santo (21-10), 2 p.m.
Sands (21-9) vs. Irion Co. (16-15), 4 p.m.
Ponder (23-10) vs. Brock (23-9), 6 p.m.
Grady (18-11) vs. Garden City (21-8), 8 p.m.

Saturday semifinals
Games 1 and 2 winners, 9 a.m.
Games 3 and 4 winners, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday final, 7 p.m.

Region III
All games at Johnson Coliseum, Nacogdoches
Friday quarterfinals
Sam Rayburn (27-4) vs. Trinidad (16-11), 1 p.m.
Mt. Enterprise (22-9) vs. Zavalla (25-6), 3 p.m.
Celeste (28-3) vs. Karnack (27-3), 5:30 p.m.
Laneville (24-4) vs. Big Sandy (24-8), 7:30

Saturday semifinals
Games 1 and 2 winners, 10 a.m.
Games 3 and 4 winners, noon
Saturday final, 7 p.m.

Region IV
All games at Blinn College, Brenham
Friday quarterfinals
Cranfills Gap (22-5) vs. Zephyr (26-6), 2:30

Lady Steers smash Snyder; improve to 2-0

By CHRYS GOFF Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School varsity Lady Steer Softball players had a "smashing" game Tuesday night, defeating the Snyder High School Lady Tigers 13-3 at the Roy Anderson Complex in Big Spring.

Melissa Martinez had six runs batted in including a grand slam home run. The winning pitcher, freshman Jessica Sisneros, won her second game of the season.

The varsity team has been on a roll so far in their inaugural season, winning this game and the season opener against Lubbock Monterey last week. Monterey will have a chance at revenge when it takes on Big Spring in the Midland Tournament.

Coach Wes Overton said he has cautioned his team against overconfidence, despite the lopsidedness of last week's 27-0 Big Spring victory.

GAMES

Continued from page 1B tonight would all but eliminate the Hawks from postseason consideration.

At the high school level, the boys' playoffs begin tonight, and area fans will be closely watching bidistrict contests involving Coahoma and Stanton.

The Bulldogs make their first playoff appearance in three years tonight when they take on Hawley at 7:30 p.m. at Sweetwater High School.

Coahoma (20-9) is the District 8-2A champion, while Hawley finished second to No. 4 Jim Ned in District 7-2A.

No. 5 in the state 2A poll, opened its playoff journey with a bit of redemption in mind.

The Buffaloes (29-1) will try to avenge their only loss of the season when they face Tahoka tonight at 7 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder.

Area girls teams take center stage Friday, as four squads begin play in their respective regional tournaments.

At the Region I-1A tournament in Levelland, Borden County's Lady Coyotes (22-7) face Whiteface at 5:30 p.m. Friday.

Three area teams play Friday

at the Region II-1A tournament at McMurry University in Abilene.

Sands (21-9) opens play at the

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Mexican drug czar's arrest raises fears of intelligence leaks

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The arrest of Mexico's drug czar on suspicion of taking money from a cocaine kingpin has raised disturbing questions about whether sensitive intelligence was compromised in the U.S.-Mexican drug war.

The scandal surrounding Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, fired as head of the Institute for Combat Drugs, may reduce the involvement of the Mexican military in the drug war, Attorney General Jorge Madrazo said Wednesday.

Gutierrez, 62, is accused of taking payments from Amado Carrillo Fuentes, the fugitive head of the powerful Juarez drug cartel. Fuentes earned the nickname "Lord of the Skies" for his practice of using converted jetliners to smuggle South American cocaine into the United States.

Mexico has been using an increasing number of military officers to lead the country's civilian police and other law enforcement agencies, hoping they would correct the agencies' corruption.

The government is now going to review that policy carefully, Madrazo said.

Gutierrez was given detailed briefings on what the United States knows about Mexico's cocaine cartels shortly before he was detained, The New York Times reported today.

The Clinton administration is trying to determine if secret information was compromised or if U.S. drug informants have been placed in danger, the Times said, citing officials who

asked for anonymity.

A State Department statement said the scandal demonstrates that criminal activity has reached "serious levels" in the Mexican government.

In Washington, department spokesman Glyn Davies credited Gutierrez, but added that "it's sad and troubling that, in fact, corruption has reached an individual at this level."

At the time of appointment, Barry McCaffrey, director of the U.S. Office of National Drug Control Policy, said Gutierrez had a reputation of "impeccable integrity."

Gutierrez had been confined to a military hospital because of a heart and diabetes condition since Feb. 6, when he was questioned. On Wednesday, he and three other officers allegedly involved in the scandal were taken to Almoloya high-security prison in the neighboring state of Mexico.

An undisclosed number of others also are under arrest, all on drug-related charges.

U.S. officials said they had no warning of the accusations against Gutierrez, and did not know that he had been detained since Feb. 6. They learned of the charges only on Tuesday, when Mexican authorities made them public.

The scandal comes at a particularly bad time for Mexico: March 1 is the deadline for the Clinton administration to recommend to Congress whether to certify Mexico as a drug-fighting country worthy of continued U.S. aid.

Chinese mourning Deng Xiaoping's death

BEIJING (AP) — China lowered its red flags to half-staff in Tiananmen Square today and declared "eternal glory" to Deng Xiaoping, the revolutionary who helped transform the country into an economic power.

The government announced a six-day period of mourning and said 10,000 people have been invited to a "memorial meeting" Tuesday at Beijing's Great Hall of the People, the national legislative chambers.

Sirens will sound throughout China during the memorial, which will be broadcast live, state-run television announced.

Deng's family has asked that the mourning activities be kept simple, in keeping with his wishes. In a letter carried by state-run media, the family requested that no mourners be allowed to make the traditional three bows in front of Deng's corpse.

His eyes are to be donated, his

organs dissected for scientific research and his ashes scattered at sea.

Deng, 93, died Wednesday evening of a lung infection and complications of Parkinson's disease.

The first test of his legacy will be whether his handpicked successors, Communist Party General Secretary Jiang Zemin and the other, younger technocrats installed in the 1990s, will withstand the political maneuvering sure to follow.

Lacking Deng's historic stature, China's new leaders have staked their fortunes on a commitment to following the reforms Deng initiated when he rose to power after two years of struggle following the death of Mao Tse-tung in 1976.

"Eternal glory to Comrade Deng Xiaoping!" the state-run Xinhua News Agency proclaimed in an 11-page tribute to his career. Xinhua's eulogy declared that China would

"unswervingly adhere" to Deng's policies.

News of Deng's death came while China was asleep. Word spread slowly throughout the Chinese capital, with many incredulous that the ailing leader, long rumored to be dead or dying, had finally gone.

As on any normal day, hundreds of people gathered on Tiananmen Square at dawn to watch soldiers hoist the red, five-starred Chinese flag before a giant portrait of Mao. It was only when the flag was lowered to half-staff that the crowd sensed something had happened.

"It's a big loss for China. Even though life in China is hard, under Deng things improved," said Mr. Li, a 64-year-old retired official taking an early morning walk on the square. "It feels as if something is missing."

State-run television repeatedly broadcast the eulogy, accompanied by a funeral dirge, occa-

sionally switching to a revolutionary war film.

Unlike after the death of Mao and of Zhou Enlai, Deng's mentor, Beijing did not try to halt in a display of grief for the leader who had so radically changed Chinese history.

Deng had rejected the slavish personality cult that marked the last years of Mao's rule, and the Chinese no longer had the need to publicly demonstrate their political loyalties.

The roads filled with cars and bicycles as people hustled to work. Young, well-dressed Chinese, products of an era shaped by Deng's insistence that making money and trying to get ahead are perfectly acceptable, said they were too busy for interviews.

In Shenzhen, a former fishing village turned metropolis in southern China, thousands streamed to a park to lay wreaths and weep before a huge picture of Deng.

Lake prepares for tough fight for confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anthony Lake's Senate confirmation hearing promises to be a grueling affair, with questions about his stock transactions, campaign fund raising and Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia.

But he's getting into shape. Weeks ahead of his March 11 appearance before the Senate Intelligence Committee, aides posing as hostile senators are peppering the CIA director-designate with a raft of questions he's expected to be asked.

These sessions are known within the executive branch as "murder boards," and the moniker suggests what may lie ahead for President Clinton's former national security adviser.

"Anthony Lake deserves a fair, but thorough and rigorous series of confirmation hearings," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., chairman of the Intelligence Committee. Privately, Shelby tells his Republican colleagues, "Keep your powder dry."

Concerned that Shelby may be trying to delay the nomination into oblivion by twice postponing the hearings, Clinton says Lake deserves not only a fair hearing but a vote on the Senate floor.

"If someone has some reason to oppose him, let them oppose him in a hearing and then in a vote on the floor," Clinton said.

Although many senators have been critical of Lake, Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is the only senator to state publicly that he will vote against the nominee. Still, Helms said he expects Lake to be confirmed.

Here, based on interviews with senior Intelligence Committee members, Senate staffers, White House aides and CIA officials, are some of the major issues likely to be raised at the hearing and the likely answers Lake will provide:

—Iran-Bosnia. Lake played a lead role in supporting a secret administration decision to raise no objections to Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia. Republicans say the 1994 policy gave Iran's radical Muslim government a foothold in Europe. They also criticize Lake for fail-

ing to inform lawmakers and question the veracity of his later statements to congressional investigators.

Lake's likely response: The secret initiative helped Bosnia at a desperate time and cleared the way for the later peace settlement.

"It was Tony Lake who came up with a strategy that we implemented to end the bloodiest war in Europe since World War II," Clinton said.

The U.S. policy had to stay secret to avoid angering U.S. allies who wanted to maintain a strictly neutral posture in the Balkan conflict. Lake admits that senior lawmakers should have been informed, but he was under no legal obligation to consult Congress.

Panel seeks Clinton fund records

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate panel investigating campaign finance abuses is asking President Clinton's legal defense fund to turn over complete records about the fund's operation.

Among other things, Senate investigators are interested in \$460,000 that Asian-American businessman Charles Yah Lin Trie delivered to the defense fund in two manilla envelopes last March, said a committee source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee wants a complete record of documents about the donations, which were returned after an investigation raised questions about the source of some of the money, the source said.

The committee issued a subpoena Wednesday for records of the Clinton family legal defense fund, said spokesman Paul Clark. It was issued by

agreement between Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., and Sen. John Glenn of Ohio, the ranking Democrat, Clark said.

The panel's subpoena seeks records documenting the formation of the Presidential Legal Expense Trust, its officers, tax returns and procedures for accepting contributions, the source said.

It also specifically requests documents about the contributions by Trie and the circumstances under which they or any other donations were returned, the source said.

Trie's donations were returned seven weeks after he made them because a review by a private investigations firm raised questions about their origin. Some of the donations were in the form of sequentially numbered money orders. Some donors appeared to be members of a Buddhist group.

Trie, a Little Rock restaura-

teur and friend of Clinton who founded an international trading company, has emerged as the focus of inquiries into Democratic fund raising. He arranged for a Chinese arms dealer to visit Clinton at a White House coffee with Democratic donors.

The company headed by the arms dealer was subsequently indicted on charges of smuggling 200 AK-47s into the United States.

Nine other subpoenas that committee Democrats wanted to review were also issued, including demands for documents from the Commerce and State departments. The panel is seeking information about John Huang, a former Commerce Department official who became a Democratic Party fund-raiser. The party has returned \$1.2 million in donations raised by Huang after questions were raised about their origin.

Post office offering last day stamp sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years of selling collectors special "first day" cancellations of new stamps the post office has decided to try for "last day" profits too.

The idea will be tested March 16 at a stamp show in New York City, which will be the last day to buy the Marilyn Monroe, antique autos and United Nations commemorative stamps now on sale.

"We want to reinforce the notion that our stamps and products are collectible," Azeezaly Jaffer, manager of stamp services, said in a statement. "Once we take them off sale, you will not be able to buy them from us again."

Stamps sold to collectors are a major source of profits for the post office, since most are saved rather than stuck on letters the agency would have to spend time delivering.

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\$\$\$ CLOSERS \$\$\$ Earn up to \$70K + bonus cruise for 2, selling swimming pools. Must be able to start immed. 1 call closers with in-home sales exp! We provide professional training, pre-set credit & qualified apps. Come join a national industry leader since 1982 with future opps. for mgmt positions. Call now! 1-800-788-1832, ext. 3102.

"Supervisors, Assistant Supervisors, Floor Technicians and Carpet Technicians" BGM Industries, Service contractor is now accepting Applications for the above positions, to work at the WAL - Mart SUPER CENTER located in BIG SPRING TEXAS. These positions are full time, hours from 11:00 pm - 7:30am. Starting rate will be \$6.00 per hour. All interested parties should apply by call (800) 743-8088 ENTER 641

INSIDE SALES POSITION open at growing educational publishing company, sales nationally known math & language arts programs to educators in an exclusive territory with unlimited potential. Requires good communication and people skills. Enthusiasm, Initiative, and professionalism. Experience in education sales helpful but not necessary. Base hourly rate plus commission, benefits and good work environment. If willing to learn to work hard complete application at Gamco, 1411 E. Hwy 350, Big Spring, Texas 79720. 267-6327.

AVIS 1 FAST OIL 24 HR. HOTEL 1-800-58 X3

NOW HIRING experienced Apply at Bro Colorado (915-728-524

Team & Drivers We offer excellent packages. Sign-on-bonus competitively package, 4 company contribution retention Health/Den Insurance uniforms.

REQUIREMENTS: 23 years with 2 yrs driving ex of complet accredited driver scho with haz-t tanker endorsement DOT and requirements will help to for a st future in truck industry

Apply in person STEER IN ST. Hwy 27 # (915) 263-

\$ NEED CASH IN ON FOR YOUR TAX REFUND YOUR COM 1040 W2'S, SS ID. 610 N. LAM

MEDICAL WANTED Methodist Mi Hogan Clin immediate open MEDICAL ASSISTANT to the office of D Garza. Duties will register updating information in c file insurance, payments at service, prepa deposit, and as manager in man and stocking ex Spanish speaking preferred by required. M requirements basic comm experience, typi 10 key. Sal commensurate and benefit pack available. Only applicants need to the Personnel of Methodist Mi Hogan Clinic, 11th Place, Big Texas 79720 resume 915-264-7019.

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING: Major Well Servicing Company looking for operators, derricks and floors. For interview call 267-5291.

EXTENSIVE HOME HEALTH SERVICE is seeking experienced RN for home visits. Full-time employment with great benefits and excellent salary. Apply in person or mail resume to: Medical Arts Hospital, 1600 N. Bryan, Lamesa, Texas 79331, Attn: Personnel.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: CNA, PT LVN. Call Elia Gonzalez, Valley Fair Lodge 915-728-2634.

Taking Applications Now!!

We are remodeling, due to that we will be adding 20 additional employees in the food service area. Positions must be filled by the 2nd week in Feb. If you are energetic, hardworking, honest & dependable please apply at Town & Country Food Stores, 1101 Lamesa Hwy only. EOE. Drug testing required.

Full or Part Time. Drivers & Inside. Domino's Pizza, 2202 S. Gregg.

FULL OR PART-TIME RN needed for small home health company. Must have home health experience, be willing to work as a team player. Call 915-756-3259 or send resume to Martin County Home Health, P.O. Box 1530, Stanton, TX 79782.

AVIS LUBE FAST OIL CHANGE 24 HR. JOB HOTLINE 1-800-583-4063 X371

NOW HIRING only experienced Machinist. Apply at Browne Bros., Colorado City, TX. 915-728-5241.

Team & Single Drivers Wanted We offer an excellent benefit package: \$500 Sign-on-bonus, competitive wage package, 401k with company contribution, retention bonus, Health/Dental/Life Insurance, and uniforms.

REQUIREMENTS ARE: 23 years old with 2 years semi driving experience of completion of an accredited truck driver school, CDL with haz-mat and tanker endorsements, pass DOT and company requirements. We will help train you for a successful future in the tank truck industry.

Apply in person at **STEEER TANK LINES INC., 1200 ST. Hwy 276, Phone # (915) 263-7656.**

\$ NEED CASH \$ GET CASH IN ONE HOUR FOR YOUR INCOME TAX REFUND. BRING YOUR COMPLETED 1040 W2'S, SS CARD & ID. 610 N. LAMESA.

MEDICAL HELP WANTED

Methodist Malone & Hogan Clinic has immediate opening for a **MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT** to work in the office of Dr. Carlos Garza. Duties will include registering patients, updating patient information in computer, file insurance, collect payments at time of service, prepare daily deposit, and assist office manager in maintaining and stocking exam area. Spanish speaking would be preferred but is not required. Minimum requirements include basic computer experience, typing, and 10 key. Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need to apply to the Personnel Office of Methodist Malone & Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or fax resume 915-264-7019.

LOANS

DELTA LOANS \$100 TO \$396.88 Let us help! Customer Service is our #1 Priority. Call or come by today! Se Habla Español 115 E. 3rd 268-9090 Phone Applications Welcome

SE HABLA ESPAÑOL FARM EQUIPMENT

1983 JD 850 Dozer with cab, H/A. Also root plow, rake & grubber. Excellent condition. Call 270-4850 / 267-8832.

Klein & Haygrazer hay \$35 a roll. 270-4850 / 267-8832.

GRAIN HAY FEED

Large Round Bale Hay. Quantity Discount. Horse & Mule feed special thru Feb. Call 263-3382 or come by 2404 N. Lamesa Hwy.

Good Quality Hay, 5ft round bales, by the bale or truck load. Call Buster Haggard 915-459-2393 or 756-3861.

HORSES

Horse Shoeing, basic & corrective. Call Ken Hill 915-728-5723

BUILDING MATERIALS

Two steel buildings, public liquidation. 40x20 was \$4580 now \$2280; 40x72 was \$11,480 now \$6980. Must sell, can deliver, blueprints included. 1-800-292-0111.

DOGS, PETS, ETC

AKC Registered German Sheppard puppies, 6 female & 4 males. 263-4030.

TO GIVE AWAY: Lovable, Female cat & 7 week old kitten. 267-4164

FREE KENNEL CLUB BREEDER REFERRAL SERVICE Helps you find reputable breeders/quality puppies. Purebred rescue information. 263-3404 daytime.

GARAGE SALES

4 Family Yard Sale. Fri. 8-3, Sat. 8-12. 1115 Lloyd Ave. Lots of Everything!

Garage Sale 1100 Pickens. Fri. 12-6, Sat. 9-3 Too much to list! No early Birds!

GARAGE SALE 2 desks, patio set w/umbrella, bumper pad & receiving blankets glassware, knick-knacks, clothes, several nurses uniforms & lots miscellaneous. Sat. 2/22. 9:00-6:00. 806 Kent (across from Moss. Elem.)

GARAGE SALE - THURS, FRIDAY AND SAT. 8-6. TOYS, DISHES, GUN RACKS. LOTS OF MISC. 1302 GARFA.

HUGE GARAGE SALE 2617 Central. Saturday, 9:00-3:00. Girls clothes, baby items, car seats, stroller, 70's clothes, misc. No early shoppers!

OFFICE AND HOUSEHOLD Garage Sale. At Honey bldg. 1010 Main. 21st & 22nd.

YARD SALE: Sat. Feb. 22nd. 3804 Connaly. Art, appliances, tools, typewriter & other.

FOUND PETS

FOUND: Small Reddish mixed breed. Vicinity of FM 700 & Birdwell. 264-6332 leave message.

REWARD For return of Sgt. Diamond Tennis bracelet. Was lost 12/28/96 while shopping. 263-1440.

LOST & FOUND

LOST. West side of town. 1 1/2 yr Hereford Bull. Calif. 267-8815

MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale K - Size Cherry Poster Bed \$250 & Kenmore Self-Cleaning Oven \$200. 264-0443 after 4pm on week days.

FOR SALE: Leer fiberglass longbed camper shell. \$350.00; rotor tiller \$150.00; Oman electric start generator \$1,200.00; Hydraulic platform lift \$100.00; electric trailer jack \$100.00; Shop air conditioner \$300.00; Garden wagon \$35.00; 4 Goodyear pickup tires & wheels 235/75/15R \$350.00; 3 cafe booth seats \$30.00 each; Canning jars, bargain; 2 Blue Lazy-Boy recliners (2 months old) \$350.00 each; Gas range \$125.00; Call 394-4660 or 12 Chapman Road.

Power tools; upright tool chest & tools, vice. Call 263-2401.

Sears Craftsman lawnmower, 10 horse, 36" cut. Good condition. Call 915-353-4713.

8ft Couch w/ Loveseat, beige & set running boards for Chevy PU 263-3269.

APPLY DORMANT SPRAY TO YOUR TREES NOW. SOUTHWESTERN APPL. CENTRAL 2008 BIRDWELL 263-6514

WEDDINGS, ETC. Cakes, Flowers, Arches, Abras. February Discount 267-8191

WANT TO BUY Will buy LIVE Rattle Snakes! Call 457-2289 or 270-8783.

ACREAGE FOR SALE SMALL Tracks of land for sale 5-7 miles south of town. Have land that will make more than 50 gallons of water per minute. Will consider terms or Texas Veterans. Also have land 11/2 west of Coahoma. Also 20 horses. 263-8785.

BUSINESS PROPERTY REDUCED NCW!! Office space adjacent to KBST building. call 267-6391.

FOR LEASE: I fenced 1 acre yards with small building. Call 263-5000.

FOR RENT: Small building or car lot, 810 E. 4th. \$200.00/month, \$100.00 / deposit. Call 263-5000.

HOUSES FOR SALE By Owner, Location! Price! Quality! 3br, 2bth, 1 car garage, in Kentwood. Near schools. New ch/a & kitchen appliances, many updates. Fenced yard w/ storage shed. Call 264-9613 for appointment.

2-1 or 3-1, Large living area with F/P, C/H/A, house in rear, fenced yard. For sale by owner. 267-2296.

BY OWNER: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas (sunroom) dining room, 3 car garage, double fireplace. 2315 Mishler. Priced to Sell! Call out of town owner for appointment. 602-535-1436.

WASSON ADDN: 3 bd., 2 bth. \$27,000. \$5000 down. Boosie Weaver Real Estate 263-3093.

1ST TIME HOMEBUYERS 703 S Goliad-3 bd, 2 ba. Large home for \$18,900; 1102 E 13th- brick 2 bd, 1 bath, 1 gar, \$32,000. Low Down Payment!! Use tax refund, American Realty (915) 520-7577.

FOR SALE BY OWNER bedroom, 1 bath, central heat/air. Large bedrooms, nice secluded yard w/shade trees. Call 263-1792 or 264-6006.

REWARD WAS 27, Now 16 HOME SITES LEFT in Coronado Hills !!! Very competitive pricing! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front. Call Key Homes Inc. 1-915-520-9848.

HOUSES FOR SALE

3br, 2bth, 2 car garage, 1500 sqft, 5 car carport (in alley). Large storage/work shop. 2514 Central. Call 267-6277 \$78,000.

3 bd, 1 bt, fenced backyard. \$37,500. Asking \$25,000 down, will finance the rest. Call 263-7625 ask for Jim.

COUNTRY LIVING 1010 Derrick Road, Coahoma ISD. 3/2/2/ brick, 1.6 acres, shop, corral, barn, hot tub, fenced. Call 263-7924.

MOBILE HOMES

* 1997 doublewide. #1 home builder in America 5 year warranty, \$1495.00 down, \$233.69 month, 9.25% apr var, 360 months. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

* 3 bedroom furnished mobile home for sale \$50-4033

* Do you want your baby's room next to the master bedroom? We have it, all new floor plan with lots of room to grow. 5% down, \$249.35 month, 300 months, 9.75% apr var. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

* Inverta su Income Tax en su casa Amueblada de 3 recamaras con \$1450.00 de enganche y solo \$149.00 por mes 120 meses, 13.50% apr var. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0331 1-800-725-0881

* New 1997 front kitchen 16 wide, 2 bedroom for only 5% down, \$182.00 month, 9.75% apr var. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

* Nice used mobile home, 3 bedroom, with all the goodies included: you get a sofa bed, chair, coffee table, dinette set for 6. All the beds, for only 10% down \$164.00 month, 180 months, 13.75% apr. Homes of America Odessa, TX. 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881

CALL MOBILE HOME CREDIT HOTLINE FOR PRE-APPROVAL. 1-800-725-0881.

BUSINESS BUILDINGS 60x90 SHOP on 5 acres with separate office. Located on Snyder Hwy. 263-6021 or 267-8696.

OFFICE SPACE or Retail, located at 4th & Benton. 263-6021 or 267-8696.

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

For Lease 8300sf. building w/3 offices on Snyder Hwy. on 4 acres of fenced land. 750.00 month 400.00 deposit. call 263-5000.

FURNISHED APTS. Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

FURNISHED HOUSES 1 bedroom, large fenced yard. Nice furniture. Gentleman preferred. 267-7714.

OFFICE SPACE Salon For Rent: Needed... Beautician, Barber, Nail Tech, Cosmetologist. Plenty of room & parking space. Apply 307 Union. See Chuck 263-3182

Very nice 4 room 900 sf office. Bills paid. Central H/A, 450 per month. See at 307 Union ST. 263-3182.

UNFURNISHED APTS. \$99 MOVE IN plus deposit. 1,2,3 bdr. 2 bills paid. HUD okay. 263-7811

ALL BILLS PAID Section 8 Available RENT BASED ON INCOME 3 Bedroom Apartments **NORTHCREST VILLAGE** 1002 N. Main 267-5191

Inside out of the rain or heat 2210 Main. Fri. & Sat. New lamps, couches, chairs, strollers & Want to buy mattresses.

UNFURNISHED APTS.

PONDEROSA APARTMENTS *Furnished & Unfurnished *All Utilities Paid *Covered Parking *Swimming Pools 1425 E. 6th St. 263-6319

LOVELY NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLEX Swimming Pool Carpets, Most Utilities Paid, Senior Citizen Discounts, On Premise Manager. 1 & 2 Bedrooms & 1 or 2 Baths Unfurnished

KENTWOOD APARTMENTS 1904 East 25th Street 267-5444 263-5000

BARCELONA APARTMENT HOMES \$99 Move In Special w/6 month lease

• 1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments

• Lighted Tennis Courts

• Pool & Sauna

• Friendly Community

538 WESTOVER ROAD 263-1252

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

2 bedroom house. 1217 Wright, carport. Call 263-2401.

3br, carpeted, large yard, HUD accepted, Sec at 501 Union. Call 263-3182.

SMALL 2 bedroom, 1 bath house in nice neighborhood. Will furnish washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, entertainment center and coffee table. \$300/mo. Call to see after 5:00pm 263-4946.

4th. Sell or Rent 402 N. 4th Coahoma \$200/mo. \$100/dep. 267-7108

1br, Small trailer \$100/dep. \$250/mo. All Bills Paid. 267-7108

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath house. 1 bedroom, 1 bath apartment. 264-6155.

2br, Mobile Home in Midway area, utilities paid, deposit required. 267-5952

Nice Clean 3/4br, w/d hook - ups, fenced yard, References. 1506 Sycamore 263-0703.

House for Sale or Rent, 3/2, central h/a, O.F. w/ good credit. Call Donna with Century 21 at 263-7615 or 393-5298.

2 bedroom, 1 bath Duplex. 1501 Lincoln A. Call 267-3841 or 556-4022.

CLEAN: Small 2 bd. Range & refrigerator. 6 rings - leave message 263-4642.

5 Bd, 3 bt, double garage, central heat/ref. air. \$600./mo. \$300./dep. 915-728-2848.

TOO LATES 4BEDROOM 2bath, 2bedroom one bath, one bedroom one bath. Ref. Required. 267-3905.

Now accepting applications FT/PT for Star Stop #8 & S.S. # 4. Apply at S.S. #8 HWY 350 & I-20 for both locations.

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807 Lorilla Fri. - Sat. 9:00 - 6:00. Baby clothes, nick - nacks & lots of misc.

Estate Sale: Lrg. refrig., typewriters, Lrg. womens clothing, linens, rowing exerciser, wheelchairs. 2210 Lancaster Sat. 9 am.

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TOO LATES

1968 Chevy Custom 10 PU. \$1,000. 263-0194 good running condition.

La Marage 907 Scurry. Fall Clearance Sidewalk Sale. 65% to 70% off Friday & Saturday 10:00 to 6:00.

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Part-Time Medical Front Office: previous experience with scheduling & data input preferred. Team player, good people skills, enjoys working with computers. 2 shifts available. Send resume & salary requirements to Personnel, PO Box 4846, Midland Tx. 79704.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION THE STATE OF TEXAS To: the unknown heirs and devisees of Maurice Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Shelby Lavonne Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Robert Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Helen Monette Kummera, Paul W. Collier, Josephine Collier, Lucille V. Collier, the unknown heirs and devisees of Maurice Collier, Deceased, the unknown heirs of Shelby Lavonne Collier, Deceased and the unknown heirs of Robert Lary Collier, Deceased. The attorney for the Plaintiff is John T. Ferguson, PO Drawer 1750, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1750. The nature of the suit is briefly stated as follows: The suit is an action filed in the probate proceeding in the County Court of Howard County, Texas for the construction of the Will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, for instructions to the independent Executor of the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased regarding the manner of distribution of such estate. The court is requested to construe the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased as not disposing of the remainder after termination of a trust created in such will for the benefit of Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased, except only for the property which was disposed of by the actual size of Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased of a general power of appointment given to her in the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, and the heirs at law of Maurice Collier, Deceased, as of the time of his death, and for a declaration that Maxine Lois Collier was the sole heir at law of Maurice Collier, and therefore, that all property of Maurice Collier, Deceased, except the two items over which Maxine Lois Collier asserted the general power of appointment granted to her in this will passed to the heirs at law of Maurice Collier, as determined by a declaration of heirship previously obtained in Cause No. 11,771 in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, Estate of Maxine Lois Collier, Deceased.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION BY 10:00 O'CLOCK AM ON THE FIRST MONDAY AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF 42 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THIS CITATION, THAT DAY BEING THE 7TH DAY OF MARCH 1997, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. SIGNED AND SEALED ON THE 8TH DAY OF JANUARY 1997, MARGARET RAY, COUNTY CLERK OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS. P.O. BOX 1488 800 SPRING, TEXAS 79721-1488 BY CLARENCE BIRNELL, DEPUTY 1208 FEBRUARY 13, 20 87 1 MARCH 6, 1997

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 21: You are drawn to doing things a bit differently this year. Much is going on internally. You change a lot because of what is happening now and what lies ahead. Work will be a high priority, but you also need to nurture yourself. The need for frequent timeouts becomes apparent. Center yourself, and give reign to your creativity. If you are single, romance is likely to occur in the later part of the year; you could meet this person through your job or while running errands. If attached, your relationship benefits from your vulnerability and openness. VIRGO plays devil's advocate.

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interested and available, which was sufficient to get an affair going. And in the presence of such blatant temptation, it can be very difficult to preserve a marriage - so don't be too hard on Jane.

DEAR ABBY: In response to the English teacher in San Francisco who would like to have "frank talks" with her students regarding sex, but is afraid to lose her job. Good! She is an English teacher, not a biology/science or sex education instructor. She should stick to what she is employed to teach. - BRIAN CHIEDO, DALLAS

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THURSDAY

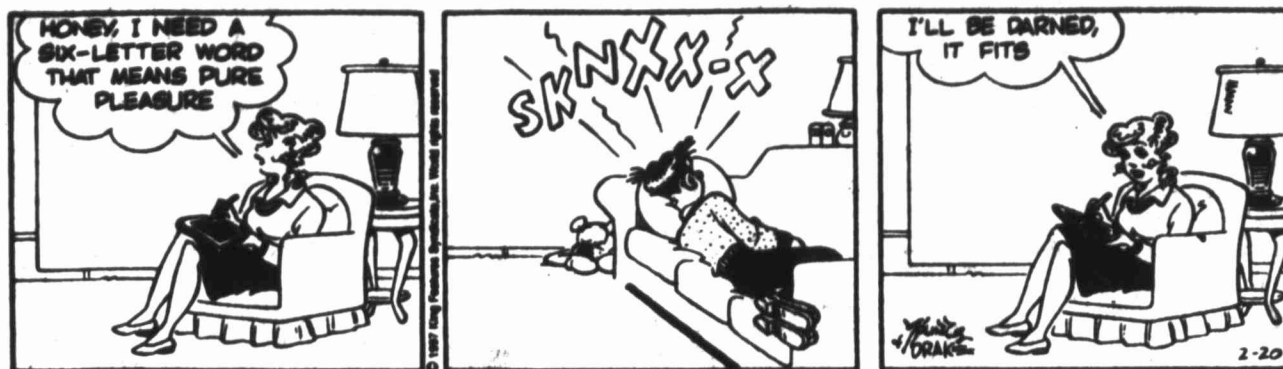
FEB. 20

Table with 24 columns (KMD, NPEJ, KERA, FAM, KONA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UN, DNN, NASH, TSC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, ABE, DISC, THT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, BET) and 12 rows of program listings.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



"Grandma makes her chairs wear bibs in case of spills."

"DOLL CARRIAGES ARE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN THE SLOW LANE!"

WIZARD OF ID



THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 1997. There are 314 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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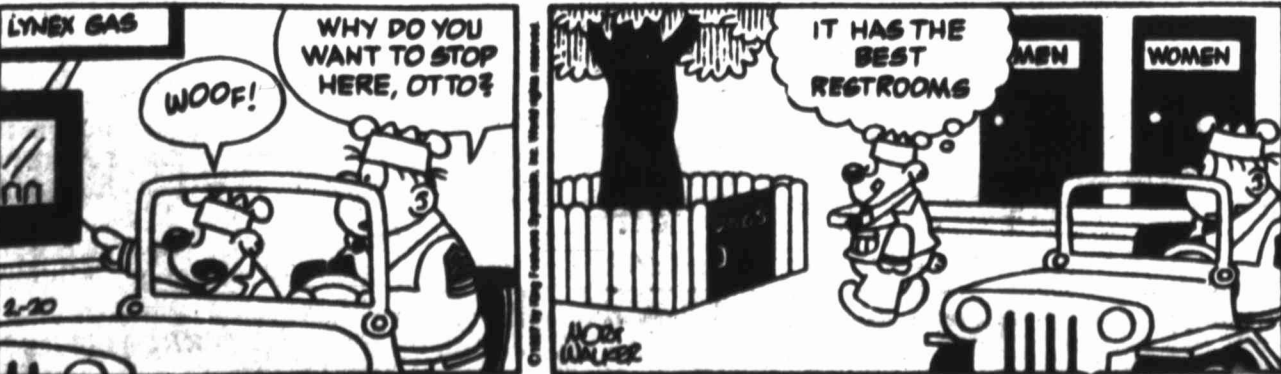
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Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and a list of staff members.

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit Earth as he flew aboard the Friendship 7 Mercury capsule. In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia. In 1895, abolitionist Frederick Douglass died in Washington, D.C. In 1933, the House of Representatives completed congressional action on an amendment to repeal Prohibition. In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary in a dispute with Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain. In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as Big Week. In 1965, the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface. In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered radio and TV stations across the United States to go off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes. Ten years ago: Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Josef Begun. A bomb blamed on the Unabomber exploded behind a computer store in Salt Lake City, seriously injuring a store executive. Five years ago: Texas billionaire Ross Perot told CNN's "Larry King Live" he would run for president if his name were placed on the ballot in all 50 states. One year ago: Patrick Buchanan won the New Hampshire Republican primary by a slim margin over Bob Dole. Gangsta rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and his former bodyguard were acquitted of murder in the 1993 shooting death of an alleged gang member. Today's Birthdays: Fashion designer Gloria Vanderbilt is 73. Movie director Robert Altman is 72. Actor Sidney Poitier is 70. Jazz-soul singer Nancy Wilson is 60. Singer-songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie is 56. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Phil Esposito is 55. Actress Sandy Duncan is 51. Rock musician J. Geils is 51. Actor Peter Strauss is 50. Rock singer-musician-producer Walter Becker (Steely Dan) is 47. Actor Edward Albert is 46. Country singer Kathie Baillie is 46. Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is 43. Basketball player Charles Barkley is 34. Rock musician Ian Brown (Stone Roses) is 34. Actor French Stewart ("3rd Rock from the Sun") is 33. Model Cindy Crawford is 31. Actor Andrew Shue is 30. Thought for Today: "There is no hope of joy except in human relations." - Antoine de Saint-Exupery, French author-aviator (1900-1944).

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February 19, 1997

FREE

AUTOS FOR SALE

1990 GEO Storm GSI, ground effects, new paint, new rims, powerful Stereo w/ CD. \$4500 Call 264-7427.

AUTOS FOR SALE

1993 Eagle Summit ES, 2-door, Auto/Air, AM/FM cassette, \$ 5495. Will finance. 263-0582 Mon.- Fri. 8 - 6.

JEeps

1971 JEEP WRANGLER. New tires, wheels, interior & top. Automatic. \$3750.00 a possible owner finance. 2906 263-8229. Parkway.

PICKUPS

'93 Ford Ranger XLT. Son got a full size truck. \$5800. (Well Below Blue Book) Come & Get it! 263-1513.

VANS

FOR SALE: 1994 GMC Conversion Van. TV/VCP. \$12,750. Call 263-0514.

HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 Dept. TX-2174.

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