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Fina-Holly alliance could benefit Big Spring refinery

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

This week's announced alliance between Fina and Holly Corp. for the purpose of creating a comprehensive supply network could be the best news the Big Spring Fina Refinery has had in years.

"This will be very good for the refinery in Big Spring," said Jeff Morris, former Big Spring refinery manager and currently vice president of Fina's Southwestern Business Unit. "It will help its future."

The Big Spring refinery currently has 230 employees.

Under the agreement, both companies would use existing assets to create a supply network to satisfy demand growth in West Texas and New Mexico.

Fina's bidirectional Amdel Pipeline would be



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converted, when needed, from crude oil to finished fuel products and transport up to 50,000 barrels per day (BPD) from Fina's Port Arthur Refinery, while 45,000 BPD will be supplied by the Big Spring refinery.

In addition, Holly's Navajo Refinery in Artesia, N.M., will provide 60,000 BPD of finished fuel products.

"In the past, the refinery had more capability than market," Morris explained. "It couldn't run to capacity. Now, with it having access to the western markets, it will have more opportunities."

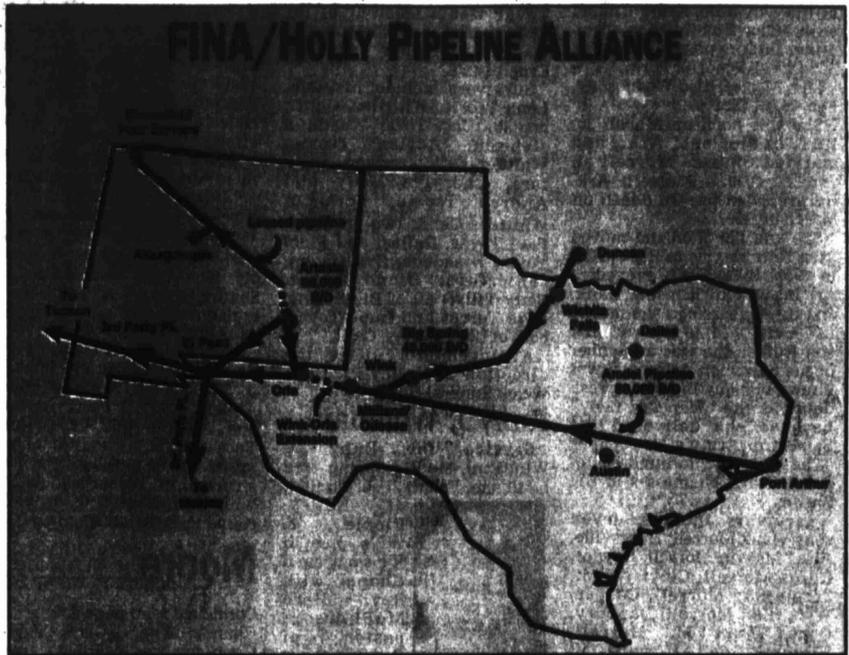
Morris said he will be in Big Spring next week to begin reviewing the potential for the refinery.

"It will have to produce, but it will have every opportunity," he said.

Morris explained that the closer to capacity the refinery operates, the better the efficiency level.

"The more we can run it out, the better it is. If we can expand it, that will be even better," he added.

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ON SCHEDULE



Harrison Poltevirt (left) and Gonzolo Villalobus work on the ceiling of the new athletic facility at Big Spring High School. Contractors say work is progressing on schedule and should be completed by the deadline of May 1.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Moore directors told Signal moving ahead toward early start up

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Signal Homes is progressing ahead of schedule and expects to begin producing manufactured homes around March 15, Terry Wegman told Moore Development for Big Spring's board of directors Wednesday.

According to Wegman, chairman of Moore's New Industry Attraction Committee, 12 requests for qualifications on producing the airport/airport master plan have been distributed.

Moore has \$30,000 budgeted for the project, but various estimates for the master plan have ranged between \$30,000 and \$200,000.

Toone told the board that the Big Spring/Howard County Grant Partnership, headed by Leigh Corson since its development in 1995, has helped secure more than \$560,900 for the city and county, most of which was in the form of a single grant for the Hangar 25 Restoration project.

Retention and Expansion

Committee chairman Phil Carruthers told the board that the recent major employer forum, which focused on Moore's role in the community and how the Business Development Center (BDC) could also help local businesses, was a success.

According to Carruthers, one of the concerns expressed among area business owners was Big Spring's low unemployment rate means new industries that come into town could rob established businesses of employees.

Carruthers also gave the board an update on the Enterprize Challenge program, which gave away \$30,000 in grants to two local businesses last year for further development of their products.

Last fall Paul Hopper accepted a \$20,000 grant on behalf of Russ Rutledge and Fiber Composite Inc. for the purpose of purchasing a radio frequency (RF) unit for producing pultruded fiberglass products; and Chris

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Duncan files bill to take state judges out of politics

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

State Sen. Robert Duncan, who was recently appointed to a Senate Select Committee studying property tax laws and school finance reform, has tossed his hat into the judicial reform arena as well.

Duncan recently filed legislation that will, according to his office, take the politics out of the courtroom.

Senate Bill (SB) 621 and Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 25 filed by Duncan and co-authored by Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria is designed to improve the way Texans select their judges in the Texas Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals and the Courts of Appeals.



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pressures on the judiciary by a three-pronged selection procedure — AER or appointment, election and retention.

"Sen. Duncan, a lawyer himself, sees the need for judicial selection reform," Parrish said. "The public has the perception that the Texas judiciary is for sale, and to Sen. Duncan, this

looks improper.

"The system currently in place was good 150 years ago. We don't need the judiciary to be political," Parrish added. "This bill removes some of the politics from the bench, but retains the rights of the voters to decide who sits on the bench."

The bill proposed by Duncan would require appointments made by the Governor.

When a vacancy occurs in an appellate judicial office, the governor will appoint a person to fill the vacancy and the Senate will have the option of confirming or denying the appointee. The judge will serve at least 18 months to establish a record in office before running in a contested partisan election.

At the end of the initial 18

months, according to Parrish, the judge will face a contested partisan election. If an incumbent wins, he or she will serve a normal six-year term. If an incumbent does not win, the winner will serve a six-year term and enters the retention election process.

At the end of a judge's first six-year term, he or she will stand in a non-partisan retention election.

"Voters will have their choice of either retaining a or rejecting a justice or judge," Parrish said. "If a majority of voters votes to retain the justice or judge, he or she will remain in office for another six-year term and will stand in a retention election in the same manner at

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Big Spring students begin taking TAAS on Tuesday

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) began Tuesday for area high school sophomores, taking the test for the first time, and for juniors and seniors yet to pass the test required for graduation.

Students were tested on their writing skills Tuesday, on math today and on reading Thursday.

And at least some Big Spring school district officials feel strongly about eliminating TAAS.

"Not every student is good at testing and these tests determine if they graduate," said Big Spring High School Assistant Principal Craig Fisher. "It puts too much pressure on the students and the teachers."

A student has at least seven chances to pass the test — once as a sophomore and three times each as a junior and senior — and it's not easy for everyone.

David Maze, a recent Big Spring High School graduate, said, "It

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West Texas Centers for MHMR nears final transition

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

Following months of drastic change, the final countdown has started as the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation near the completion point in the conversion process from a state-operated agency to a locally controlled nonprofit organization.

Shelley Smith, who was named the organization's executive director in June of last year, said 12:01 a.m. Saturday will mark completion of the

changeover.

At that time, West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation which will contract with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation to provide community services for a 23-county area in rural West Texas.

According to Smith, Saturday's official change to being a privately-operated organization doesn't mean there's not much more to do.

West Texas Centers recently purchased a building in down-

town Big Spring from TU Electric and will be moving most of its administrative offices in the near future.

The new entity is overseen by a board of trustees chaired by Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart. Others serving on the board include Garza County Judge Giles Dalby, who serves as its vice-chairman; Michael B. Murchison, its secretary-treasurer; Howard County Commissioner William B. "Bill" Crook; Reeves County Judge Jimmy B. Galindo; Terry County Judge Douglas Ryburn;

Winkler County Judge Bonnie Leck; Yoakum County Judge Dallas Brewer; and Terrell County Judge Dudley Harrison.

Smith previously served as the director of community services for the Big Spring State Hospital and, in the transition process of separating community services divisions from state hospitals and state schools, was the executive director of West Texas State-Operated Community MHMR Services.

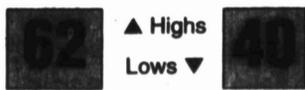
The local transition, Smith

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TODAY'S WEATHER



Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Low in the lower 40s.

Friday: Mostly cloudy and windy. High in the lower 60s. Low in the 30s.

Extended outlook: Saturday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low around 40. Sunday and Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid 60s. Lows in the lower 40s.

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OBITUARIES

Ella Victoria Morrell

Service for Ella Victoria Morrell, 85, Clovis, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 1, 1997, at the Salvation Army Chapel with Major Roy Tolcher officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Morrell died Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Clovis. She was born on March 30, 1911, in Slocumb, Ark., and married Charles Morrell on June 20, 1929, in Malvern, Ark. He preceded her in death on March 21, 1967.

She and her husband moved from New Mexico to Big Spring in 1952. In 1985 she moved to Arkansas with her son, Hank, and three years ago she moved to Clovis, N.M. to live with her son Rufus. She was a member of the Salvation Army and was known to many Big Spring residents as the "War Cry Lady" because she delivered the Salvation Army's Newspaper "The War Cry" to hundreds of families and businesses in Big Spring.

Survivors include: seven sons, Hank Morrell, Huntsville, Ark., Marvin Morrell, Snyder, Rufus Morrell, Clovis, N.M., Jessie Ray Morrell, Casper, Wyo., Edd Morrell, Danbury, Conn., John M. Morrell, Victoria, and Howard V. Morrell, Alamogordo, N.M.; two daughters, Essie Fay Callaway, Dexter, N.M., and Jodie Berry, Phoenix, Ariz.; more than 40 grandchildren; more than 70 great-grandchildren; and at least one great-great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 1248, Big Spring.

The body will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from Thursday evening until service time.

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

Mike Tovar

Rosary for Mike Tovar, 48, Whittier, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Ella Victoria Morrell, 85, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Salvation Army Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mike Tovar, 48, died Thursday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ruby Windham, 85, died Tuesday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Linnie Mae Keese, 93, died Thursday. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Mr. Tovar died Thursday, Feb. 20, in Fresno, Calif.

He was born on May 6, 1948, in Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1967 and was a self employed truck driver. He was a veteran of the United States Navy. Mr. Tovar was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and was a member of the Crucillista's.

Survivors include: his wife, Lena Tsosie, Whittier, Calif.; one son, Jose Tovar, Austin; a step-son, Adrian Tsosie, Whittier, Calif.; two step-daughters, Cherylyn Cody and Andrea Tsosie, both of Whittier, Calif.; two brothers, Paul Tovar, Dallas, and Fidel Tovar, Pasadena; five sisters, Janie Tovar, Diane Chavez, Betty Tovar, all of Big Spring, Faye Torres and Lupe Tovar, both of Los Angeles, Calif.

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

Ruby J. Windham

Service for Ruby J. Windham, 85, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



WINDHAM

Mrs. Windham died Tuesday, Feb. 25, in a local nursing home.

She was born on June 11, 1911, in Desdemona, and married J.J. "Bud" Windham on April 29, 1932, in Howard County. He preceded her in death on March 30, 1975. She moved here as a young girl, was raised here and attended Big Spring schools. After marriage they lived in Iraan for several years and then returned to Big Spring about 30 years ago. She was very active in her church and was a homemaker. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include: one son, Curtis Windham, Odessa; one daughter, Jackie Edwards, Granbury; two brothers, R.V. Fuqua and Marvin Fuqua, both of Big Spring; one sister, Bonnie Fuqua, Big Spring; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

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

Linnie Mae Keese

Service for Linnie Mae Keese, 93, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She died Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997, in an Amarillo nursing home.

Fina

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The agreement calls for Fina to construct a 50-mile extension of its Amdel Pipeline from Wink to Holly's pipeline station at Orta, which will allow Fina to transport up to 20,000 BPD on Holly's recently expanded 12-inch pipeline to El Paso.

In New Mexico Holly will construct a 50-mile pipeline from its Artesia refinery to a recently leased pipeline which will then provide direct service to Albuquerque and the Four Corners.

Under the agreement, products will be supplied along the full extent of the Fina/Holly pipeline system — from Bloomfield in northwestern New Mexico east to Duncan, Okla., and to El Paso in the southwest.

According to Morris, the new pipeline system, coupled with other recently announced El Paso area pipeline expansions, will allow Fina to provide sufficient supply to allow the company to be able to ship products from El Paso to New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico.

In addition, the new system will provide Fina access to Mid-Continent Refinery products via a reversible product pipeline connecting Big Spring to Wichita Falls.

WHEAT

The Fina/Holly accord comes on the heels of Fina's recent acquisition of a 34 percent interest in Southwest Convenience Stores, the nation's largest 7-Eleven franchisee.

"We've been working on this real hard for a long time," Morris said, adding that the agreement can only strengthen Fina's position in the marketplace.

"Both (7-Eleven and Holly) are parts of an overall strategy to strengthen our position in the West Texas and New Mexico ... we're the No. 1 distributor of fuel products in West Texas and New Mexico and we want to strengthen that," he said.

Morris said he felt the agreement was logical, economically.

"Since 95 percent of the pipeline already exists, the system provides the lowest capital cost alternative for product supply from the Gulf Coast to Southwest markets, and is synergistic with our growth strategy in the region."

Product terminals owned by the two companies are located in Big Spring, Wichita Falls, Abilene and El Paso; Artesia and Albuquerque, N.M.; and Tucson, Ariz. An additional terminal will be purchased or constructed in Bloomfield, N.M., with the potential of an additional terminal in Austin.

Moore

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Chaney, owner of Chris Chaney Creations, was awarded a grant of \$10,000 to continue creation of a new line of jewelry called "Cotton Boll Jewelry."

According to Carruthers, Chaney is also working on expanding his cotton boll jewelry into a line of other agricultural jewelry incorporating products such as wheat, sunflowers, sorghum and peanuts.

Fiber Composite is currently building the machinery it will need to produce pultruded products and was scheduled to begin test runs on some of that equipment today.

Moore President Bob Scott said Fiber Composite already has orders on hand for the products it produces.

This year the total amount of grants awarded in the Enterprize Challenge has been increased to \$50,000.

The first workshop for those interested in the challenge will be at 5 p.m. on March 18 in the board room of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The workshop will be to answer questions about the program and show participants how to develop a business plan.

Local residents interested in the Enterprize Challenge must submit a business plan summary to Moore by April 2, and a business plan of no more than 20 pages by Aug. 4.

All business plans will be screened for compliance with guidelines set by Moore's Business Retention and Expansion Committee. Entrants will make a presentation of their plans and be interviewed by judges before Sept. 30.

Results of the challenge will be presented to Moore's board during its annual meeting in October.

Winners of the challenge may only participate once every three years and people who have filed for business or personal bankruptcy protection are not eligible to receive grant awards.

People who have been convicted of a felony, or a Class A or B misdemeanor are also not eligible to receive grant awards.

Rules of the challenge also state entrants must have an acceptable credit rating and that relatives of the judges, Moore staff members or directors, BDC staff or the Big Spring City Council are ineligible to participate.

Anyone wanting more information about the Enterprize Challenge should contact Moore's offices at 264-6033 or the BDC at 264-5164.

Duncan

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the end of each six-year term." According to Parrish, if voters reject the judge, the governor will again appoint someone to fill the vacancy.

If Duncan's bill becomes law, a justice or judge will be subject to a partisan election only once, which Parrish says will reduce the influence of a high-dollar

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statewide partisan election.

"This proposal preserves the accountability of the justice or judge to the people, who can vote him or her out of office in the initial partisan election or the subsequent retention elections," Parrish said.

"SB 621 will also eliminate straight party voting for all appellate and district court judges," he added. "This bill does not deal specifically with district court judges because you're dealing with a different set of circumstances, but the bill is a start and hits at all areas of judicial campaign reform."

For the people who say the governor could still appoint members of his own party to fill vacancies, Parrish said this is the way the system works.

"We are not going to take the power of appointment away because it keeps everything in balance," Parrish said. "The executive branch makes the appointment and the legislative branch (Senate) can either confirm or deny that appointment."

"Our contention is that the voters of Texas will be more informed as to what's happening on the bench as a result of this bill," Parrish added. "We feel like we have tremendous bipartisan support for this bill in both houses."

Aside from serving on the jurisprudence committee, which will begin debating the bill in mid March, Duncan also serves on the criminal justice committee and economic development committees.

Centers

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explained, will result in the delivery and administration of community services being provided under the direction of a board composed of seven county judges and a county commissioner from the 23-county catchment area.

That catchment area includes Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry, Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum counties.

Previously, community services for the mentally retarded in the area were provided through the state schools in Abilene, Lubbock and San Angelo, while mental health services were provided through the Big Spring State Hospital.

"The change is primarily at the administrative level," she continued. "We don't expect major changes at the local program level. If someone is being served by the community services office here in Big Spring and is seeing a counselor, there shouldn't be any change."

The transition has, however, involved the relocation to Big Spring of some administrative personnel that previously were based in San Angelo, Lubbock and Abilene.

West Texas Centers for MHMR will employ 535 people, have an operating budget of \$19 million and deliver services to approximately 1,500 consumers.

"I'm really excited to see this come to fruition," Smith added, noting that the movement toward creating local administrative boards began about five years ago. "I feel being locally administered will allow us to be more responsive to the needs of the people in this 23-county area."

"What's more, we've got a great team," she continued. "The members of our board have taken a tremendous interest, they've studied and familiarized themselves with the current level of service, as well as other services the area could use. In addition, we've got a terrific, highly-skilled staff."

Smith credits Crooker and Lockhart for being at the forefront of the movement to restructure community services. "They were among the leaders when we began working on a feasibility study in 1992," she explained. "This has been a long time in coming, but it's been well thought out."

She also noted that the revised structure will allow the local board to draw from

Texas Lottery

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sources of funding other than its contracts with TxMHMR.

"That would allow us to provide additional services ... meet the needs of people we currently haven't been or can't help at this time under the current structure," she said.

TAAS

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took me until my last chance my senior year to pass. I didn't know if I would graduate."

BSISD Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy said, "Although 98 percent of the students pass the test, there still is that 2 percent that doesn't. Generally five to six students each year do not graduate because of the TAAS."

According to Murphy, 75 percent of sophomores pass the test on their first try. The remaining 25 percent continue to take the test until they either pass or run out of attempts.

Counselors and teachers start preparing the sophomores for the test four weeks before it is administered, spending 25 minutes a day in a mandatory tutorial session.

"This does not take away from students required class loads," Murphy said. "It does take some of their electives away. The test is built around central elements that are already taught in the class."

Big Spring High School counselor RueAnn Cox said, "There is a strong concentration on the math in the tutorials, this is the area the students seem to have the most trouble."

The school is evaluated by the state based on its TAAS results, but Murphy feels, "The test is only rated state-wide, it isn't measured nationally. I believe the test is good for comprehension, but should not determine graduation, although we will do what is required."

Currently there are 12 seniors that have not passed the test and, counting the current session, they have two chances to pass. If they don't pass, but have met all other graduation requirements, the student becomes what the school calls an "out-of-school examinee."

Even though these students don't have to return to school the next year, they still cannot obtain a diploma until they have passed the TAAS.

"It is a very stressful situation for the kids that have not passed," Cox said.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m.

Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
F.A.C.O.G.
&
Primary Medical Clinic-Westwood
in Midland, Texas
Are happy to announce the
Opening of a satellite office in
Big Spring beginning
February 25, 1997
for the practice of
Obstetrics & Gynecology
Seeing patients each Tuesday at the
Medical Care Plaza
1300 Gregg Street
Big Spring, Texas
For appointments and information
Call (915) 522-2222
See also Dr. Phillips' column on
Wednesday & Sunday in this paper.

Wednesday - and 8 a.m. Thursday.

• JAMES E. THWEAT, 19, of Cookeville, Tenn., was arrested for harboring a runaway.

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

• STEVEN URIBE, 21, of 1210 Marijo, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1700 block Lancaster, 1100 block Johnston, 600 block Benton, 900 block Willa, 1000 block N. Main, 3200 block Cornell, 600 block Donley, 2000 block First Ave. and 1100 block Gregg.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE in the 1600 block E. Sixth and the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.

• THEFT in the 1900 block Runnels.

• FORGERY in the 300 block Gregg and 400 block E. Fourth.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 700 block Tulane.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday.

• HENRY E. SPEARS, 39, of 3700 Carolline, was arrested for assault by threats.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 56
Wednesday's low 33
Average high 63
Average low 32
Record high 89 in 1986
Record low 14 in 1994
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 3.42
Month's normal 0.64
Year to date 3.58
Normal for the year 1.26
**Statistics not available

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of the Herald, a story concerning property owned by former Comanche Trail Golf Course pro Al Patterson, new professional Jack Birdwell was incorrectly quoted as saying, "He (Patterson) was awfully upset that it didn't happen. The stuff's still here, waiting on him to come move it out of here."

The quote should have read: "He (Patterson) was awfully upset that it didn't happen. The stuff's still here."

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TEXAS BRIEFS

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Houston man arrested for selling LSD-laced cards

RICHMOND — Police say a Houston man was trying to sell baseball-style cards with images laced with enough LSD to provide a chemical high for 100 people. Police said the cards seized from David Henry Johnson, 21, netted 500 "hits" or doses of "alien acid" believed destined for sale to students at Elkins and Clements high schools in the Fort Bend Independent School District. Johnson remained in the Fort Bend County Jail in lieu of \$8,000 bond Wednesday. At the time of his arrest on Monday, Johnson wore a T-shirt matching the cards he is accused of trying to sell. Officials said undercover narcotics officers bought from Johnson. "He said he was out on bond for three other cases in Harris County," said sheriff's Detective Rodney Glendening. "I'll guarantee you, (the LSD) is hard to recognize."

Convicted child molester agrees to move in plea bargain

VICTORIA — A 70-year-old man convicted of molesting a 7-year-old girl has agreed to move out of the neighborhood as part of a plea bargain. Dionicio Flores was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years deferred adjudication and 240 hours of community service and fined \$500 after agreeing to plead guilty to indecency with a child, a second-degree felony. Flores was accused of coercing the girl to indecently touch him on May 1, 1996, and of exposing himself to her about 2 months later. District Judge Robert Cheshire gave Flores 90 days to move out of his home or face sentencing to a community correctional facility, such as the Victoria County Jail.

Violent juveniles may be required to watch autopsies

EL PASO — Violent juveniles and young repeat offenders will soon be forced to confront the consequences of violence in a graphic way that officials hope will discourage further criminal acts. Within two months, juvenile and county authorities will require certain offenders to watch hourlong autopsies. They want to jolt young minds with images of the damage inflicted by gang members and criminals. "We want to take them through the process and show them the aftermath of their violent activities, and actually, how they might end up one day if they continue to play in those violent activities," said Tim Byrne, administrator of the El Paso County medical examiner's office. The plan is to have the viewings available as an option to judges when sentencing juveniles. The viewings are a "scared-straight" approach to dealing with violent criminals similar to programs in California, Byrne said. In Texas, a Houston judge ordered a teen-ager last year to watch an autopsy as part of a probated sentence.

Record 188 salamanders found in Austin

AUSTIN — Just 21/2 months after the deaths of some Barton Springs salamanders made front-page news in Austin, a record 188 of the amphibians have been found. The salamanders were found this week at a spring outlet in Zilker Park, where 28 of the rare creatures recently were killed as a result of a faulty pool-cleaning procedure. Scientists said the discovery, while encouraging, doesn't reduce the urgency of protecting the species, known only in three outlets fed by the Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer. Meanwhile, a new study concluded that water quality at Barton Springs hasn't changed significantly since 1979 but is likely to decline as urban development continues in the largely rural watershed.

UT's minority applications on the decline

AUSTIN (AP) — Minority applications for enrollment at the University of Texas at Austin are down sharply for next fall, despite a late rush of applicants. UT figures released Wednesday show that before the late surge, undergraduate applications from black and Hispanic students were down 52 percent from fall 1996 numbers, the Austin American-Statesman reported in today's editions. Similar trends in 1997 applications were reported by Texas A&M. Undergraduate applications from black students fell 15 percent from last year, five times the decline in applications from white students. Hispanic applications dropped 7 percent. The numbers are the first indication of the fallout from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling in the Hopwood case, which effectively struck down affirmative action in minority student recruitment at the state's largest universities. While incomplete, the totals represent 90 percent or more of the total undergraduate and law school applications the university expects to receive by the March 1 deadline. "We're in much better shape today than two weeks ago," said Augustine Garza, the university's deputy director of admissions. "We're very concerned, however, that our minority applicants have decided to apply in fewer numbers." Total applications for 1997 were down 9 percent from last year, but the declines were sharpest for minority applications.

Weird, wacky Grammys honor everybody

NEW YORK (AP) — How strange were this year's Grammys? Whitney Houston did not win an award. Her mother did. The 39th annual awards honored a wild and weird cross-section of winners, with artists from Beck to Babyface to the Beatles collecting multiple awards — 10 performers in all walking off with at least two Grammys.

If that wasn't enough, self-described "tone-deaf" Hillary Rodham Clinton collected her first Grammy, too. Unlike past years, when one artist or song emerged from the scores of nominees, the first-ever Madison Square Garden festivities were all over the musical map. The closest thing to a consensus was the unlikely collaboration between Eric Clapton and Babyface, the No. 1 hit "Change The World."

The British guitar god and the smooth R&B producer captured three Grammys apiece — including one they shared for the record of the year, "Change the World." Clapton performed it, while Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds produced it.

The wistful tune, featured in the John Travolta movie "Phenomenon," also earned Clapton best male pop vocal, was cited as song of the year, and helped Babyface gain the best producer award. The pair each won awards in their usual fields, too. Babyface was cited for writing the best R&B song, "Exhale (Shoop Shoop)." Clapton captured best rock instrumental as part of an all-star tribute to his late pal Stevie Ray Vaughan.

Several winners were as stunned by their victories as most music critics. LeAnn Rimes, the 14-year-old Patsy Cline sound-alike who won for best new artist and best female country vocal, said she expected pop group No Doubt to capture the first of those awards.

Her plans to celebrate? "I'm

going to go out to dinner, but I guess that's about all I can do," said Rimes, who wept when accepting her Grammy.

Toni Braxton, another double winner, expected Celine Dion to walk off with the best female pop vocal performance. Dion, the Canadian chanteuse, had to be satisfied with a pair of prestigious awards: album of the year and best pop album for "Falling Into You."

"Everybody, thank you, thank you. This is a surprise," sputtered Braxton, who regained her composure and offered some specific thanks during her turn as a presenter.

Bruce Springsteen, who won for contemporary folk album after a riveting performance of "The Ghost of Tom Joad," summed up the 1997 awards process this way: "I guess ... if you sing the song, you get the award."

It worked for Beck. After a suitably quirky version of his single "Where It's At," Beck

received the best male rock vocal performance award to go with his best alternative music award.

Bucking the trend were three-time winners the Beatles, whose Grammy haul for the previous 33 years was four. They won the night's first award, best pop performance by a duo or group with vocal for their reunion work on John Lennon's leftover track, "Free As a Bird."

They later added awards for their video anthology and their "Free As a Bird" video.

The other multiple winners were rappers The Fugees, country star Vince Gill and rocker Sheryl Crow. Crow, winner for best rock album and best female rock vocal performance, attracted almost as much attention for a sheer, black dress that left little to the imagination.

Whitney Houston, nominated in two categories, did not add to her career total of five Grammys. Her mother, Cissy Houston, did win.

Mexico demands U.S. certification as drug war ally

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Zedillo pledged to devote himself to reforming the nation's law enforcement in the wake of drug corruption scandals, saying he will work "to the last drop of energy."

His foreign minister demanded that the United States recognize Mexico's attempts at reform by granting it full certification as an ally in the fight against drugs — an issue that has the two neighbors at odds in advance of Saturday's deadline for a decision from Washington. "Mexico expects nothing less than a full recognition for its efforts," Foreign Secretary Jose Angel Gurria said Wednesday. Mexico's embarrassment over recent corruption scandals — including the indictment of its drug czar, Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, on drug trafficking counts — is now accompanied by growing resentment of the United States.

"Washington is a boiling pot of half-stories, declarations, letters and speeches which creates a very uncomfortable atmosphere" for Mexico, Gurria said. Ruling party Sen. Amado Rodriguez charged that the certification process "is normally

preceded by an avalanche of news reports and leaks, CIA movements and attempts to defame not only Mexico, but nations throughout Latin America."

A joint commission of the Mexican Congress condemned the certification process and passed a resolution calling on the United States to provide proof that top current and former Mexican officials are linked to drug trafficking. The resolution was in response to newspaper reports

that U.S. prosecutors are gathering testimony to present to a federal grand jury in Houston that could implicate former top politicians and the family of former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari in drug trafficking.

Salinas' father denied the latest report, in The New York Times on Wednesday, in which a woman who said she was his longtime secretary linked him and other members of his family to the drug world.

"I categorically maintain that neither my family nor I have ever had any relations with drug traffickers," Raul Salinas Lozano, a former government official, said in an open letter. Mexico's government, meanwhile, insisted it has acknowledged faults in its law enforcement agencies and acted promptly to correct them. "At times, criminals appear to know the law better than the officials charged with enforcing justice, and in this way they escape punishment with impunity," Zedillo said.

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OUR VIEWS

Truskowski's efforts will be missed by city

Ralph Truskowski's last day as city engineer for the city of Big Spring is Friday and the adage "the city's loss is Big Spring State Hospital's gain" could never be more true.

To say that he will be missed is an understatement — the plus for the community is that Ralph, wife Cheryl and daughter Kelcy will remain our neighbors.

If you've driven around town during Ralph's tenure as city engineer, you've seen him working.

More than likely you've seen him up to his knees in either water, mud or muck as he's been on the job with city crews trying to get one of our many water leaks stopped.

Ralph's engineering background was a plus for the city. Ralph's training enabled the city to save taxpayer money because he was able to do a portion of the engineering work that will once again have to be farmed out at a higher cost.

But there's another side to Ralph that was and will continue to be a plus for the community — his commitment to and involvement in the activities of the community.

Ralph's work to assist Proud Citizens of Big Spring so that they might help with code enforcement helped us get areas of our city clean that had not been for years, while his participation on the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee was key in our successful effort to get TxDOT to promote a three-corridor highway plan rather than designate a north-south interstate to the east.

Over the years our community has lost many a good family because of better opportunities elsewhere. It's nice to know that we have the chance to keep good families as well.

We wish Ralph all the best in his new job as facility engineer at Big Spring State Hospital and we look forward to working with him again on projects that are beneficial to our community.

OTHER VIEWS

Austin state Rep. Glen Maxey's bill to extend the Texas Open Meetings Act to cover staff briefings, now frequently held behind closed doors, is a much-needed step toward more open government in Texas.

Maxey's bill, House Bill 746, would make it illegal for governmental bodies to meet in private for staff briefings if a quorum is present. If the bill passes and is signed by Gov. George W. Bush, it would strike a solid blow for doing the public's business in public.

The "private briefings" artifice has been used to devastating effect by governments seeking to hide controversial decisions from public view. The Austin City Council last year used private briefings to discuss the airport project, the controversial settlement in the city's suit against the South Texas Project nuclear plant and the explosive issue of electric-rate reform.

Those issues involve substantial amounts of public

money and should have been debated and decided in a bright light, not in the dark of private briefings. Many governmental bodies have made frequent use of the private briefings' loophole to avoid taxpayer scrutiny.

Maxey's bill would bring an end to the most egregious occurrences of private briefings — those where the decisions are made, for all practical purposes, and the public vote is a sham. It would not change the law that allows discussions of personnel, litigation and real estate to occur in closed sessions.

Reminding the elected that they represent the public and should not hide their deliberations from those who pay the bills is a task that never ends. Maxey's bill would close a loophole and force a bit more governmental business into the open where it belongs.

-AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN



Welfare reform is part of the political con game

Politicians are setting up welfare reform to fail. If I were a betting man, I'd bet it will be back to business as usual within a couple of years.

Notice how often you hear the politicians say, "OK, Mr. Businessman, we've done our part. Now it's up to you find jobs for the people on welfare."

Just how are they supposed to do that? You do realize, of course, that unemployment in the United States has not dropped below 6 percent since 1975. That's the official figure, which I think underestimates real unemployment.

It is based on a survey of households and only counts those actively seeking a job. Furthermore, one study found 20 percent of college graduates in 1990 took jobs for which a college degree was not a requirement. The same study said there were 1.3 million col-



Charley Reese Syndicated Columnist

lege graduates working blue-collar jobs.

So, if college graduates are having a tough time finding work, how do you suppose the high-school dropouts with no work record are going to do? Not too well.

Congress and the executive branch of the federal government are doing several things to ensure that the people at the bottom rung of the economic ladder will stay there:

1. They refuse to put a lid on immigration. Even legal immigration hovers around 1 million a year, and that doesn't count the several hundred thousand illegal immigrants — nearly all of whom are competing for available jobs.

2. They continue to pursue a so-called free trade policy in the face of incontrovertible evidence that it has caused staggering trade deficits, cost millions of jobs and in no way has benefited the consumer. Fancy athlete-endorsed shoes, made for \$5 or \$6 bucks in Asia, still cost American consumers \$100 or more.

These jobs that are lost to China, Mexico and other cheap-labor countries are the very kinds of jobs that once lifted

people from the lower to the middle rungs of the economic ladder. They are the very jobs that could most likely accommodate former welfare recipients.

3. The government has made welfare too comfortable. If you work your hind end off at a low-paying job, you won't get health insurance. On welfare, you do. If you work hard, you'll have a hard time finding decent housing. On welfare, you're eligible for subsidized housing. If you work hard, you may have trouble buying groceries. On welfare, the government gives you food stamps.

Various studies have found that welfare benefits in cash and services amount to the equivalent of a salary that ranges from \$6 an hour to \$32 an hour, depending on which state you live in.

4. Government strangles small businesses — the primary generator of and source of entry-level jobs — with taxes and regulations. A Spanish friend of mine said that it was easier to start a business in Franco's Spain than it is in the United States. Franco regulated politics but not business. In the United States the government

regulates business but not politics.

It does not seem to register in the political and bureaucratic mind that educating or training people does not create jobs. In fact, education and training have nothing to do with the number of jobs available.

You would think somebody would notice that corporations in recent years have laid off millions of people who are educated, trained and experienced. You would think somebody would notice that corporations have been moving American jobs to countries where workers are less educated and less trained than Americans.

Welfare reform, like most of what the federal government does these days, will turn out to be a political con job designed not to help people on welfare or the taxpayers but merely to shift the blame from politicians to someone else. What other conclusion is possible when you see politicians working to make it difficult to create jobs while claiming jobs are the answer to getting people off welfare?

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Parents' wishes for kids? Anything but president

By WALTER R. MEARS AP Special Correspondent

As the adage has it, any American child can grow up to be president. As the polls have it, most of their parents would not want them to.

Almost any other job, in or out of politics, gets a higher rating. It wasn't quite two-to-one for carpenter over president, but it was close.

Public opinion surveys, writes Karlyn Bowman of the American Enterprise Institute, "suggest that the highest office in the land is not highly desired," at least by parents thinking about careers for their children.

Candidates are another matter; there's never a short list of applicants when the job is open. But they've already grown up to try to be president, and besides, they're already professional politicians.

"The deeply rooted belief that politics is a somewhat disreputable pursuit" is one of the reasons Ms. Bowman cites for parental distaste.

She tracks polls back to 1945 in which overwhelming majorities of people said it wasn't the kind of work they would want

their sons, and later their sons or daughters, to do for a living.

In 1995, only about one-third endorsed a political career for a daughter or son. As for politics in general, so for the presidency in particular: Most people just say no.

That attitude has been hardening, according to Ms. Bowman's research, published in the journal "The Public Perspective."

In an Associated Press-Media General poll in 1988, 41 percent said they would like their child to grow up to be president, 46 percent said no.

Four years later, nearly six out of 10 in an ABC News-Washington Post poll were against the idea.

In two polls conducted in 1996, more than 60 percent said they would not want their child running for president. One, by Princeton Survey Research Associates, checked out other callings, and the only career to score lower than president was movie star.

Doctor, lawyer, major, governor, minister, college president, athlete, carpenter, all were widely preferred over president.

Those pursuits don't draw the

kind of scrutiny, scandal inquiries, embarrassing personal revelations and unceasing pressures that go with the presidency. The image is tarnished, Ms. Bowman suggests, and there seems to be less reverence for the office.

That's certainly true with President Clinton, facing a docket of troubles.

When people are asked what living person they most admire, the president's name often leads the list, perhaps because it is the best known. Clinton came in first in 1996, although it took only 12 percent to do so.

There are other indicators of slumping esteem for the office. In a new poll by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, 80 percent said they have less respect for the presidency than in the past.

People also tend to reserve their respect for past presidents. In two recently published surveys of historians, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt were classified as the greatest of presidents. The three most recent presidents, George Bush, Clinton and Ronald Reagan, were rated on

the lower side of average.

In a Citadel Press book rating the 42 presidents, Bush was ranked 22nd, Clinton 23rd and Reagan 26th.

Clinton's job approval rating is high, in the 60 percent range in the most recent surveys.

In the Marist Institute poll, when people were asked their least favorite presidents, only Richard M. Nixon was named more often than Clinton.

In that rating, 32 percent said Nixon was their least favorite president, 25 percent said Clinton. They'd also been one-two on the least list in a similar survey a year before.

Lee M. Miringoff, director of the institute at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., said the differing ratings are a matter of context, one of the man in the job now, the other placing him among all presidents.

In the Marist poll, John F. Kennedy was named by 21 percent as their favorite president, Lincoln by 20 percent, Reagan by 13 percent. Reagan also ranked fourth on the least favorite list.

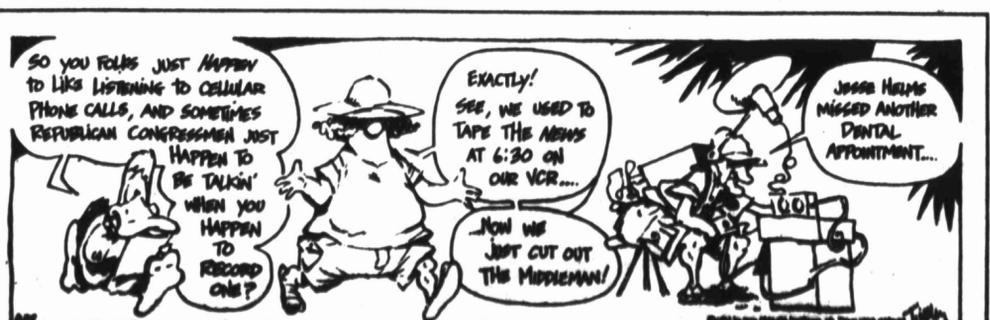
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What a man goes through during a mid-life crisis, responding to 'I hate you'

QUESTION: What does a man experience during a full-fledged mid-life crisis?

DR. DOBSON: Dr. Jim Conroy has written a book called *Men In Mid-Life Crisis* (David C. Cook, 1978), which I highly recommend. In it, he identifies four major "enemies" that plague a man entering this stressful period.

The first is his own body. There is no doubt about it; that guy they called "Joe College" just a few years ago is now growing older. His hair is

falling out, despite desperate attempts to coddle and protect every remaining strand.

Then he notices he doesn't have the stamina he once had. He begins getting winded on escalators. Before long, words assume new meanings for Ol' Joe. "The rolling stones" are his gall bladder, and "speed" (which once referred to amphetamines or fast driving) is his word for prune juice.

The cells in his face then pack up and run south for the winter, leaving a shocked and depressed Joseph standing two inches from the mirror in disbelief.

To summarize this first great concern of the mid-life years, a man approaching 40 is forced to admit: 1.) He is getting older; 2.) The changes produced by aging are neither attractive nor convenient; 3.) In a world that equates human worth with youth and beauty, he is about

to suffer a personal devaluation; 4.) Old age is less than two decades away, bringing eventual sickness and death.

The second enemy facing a man in his mid-life years is his work. He typically resents his job and feels trapped in the field he has chosen.

The third enemy that rises to confront a middle-aged man is, believe it or not, his own family. These stormy years of self-doubt and introspection can be devastating to his marriage. Such a man often becomes angry, depressed and rebellious toward those closest to him. He resents the fact that his wife and kids need him.

The fourth and final enemy of a man in mid-life crisis appears to be God himself. Through a strange manipulation of logic, man blames God for all his troubles, approaching Him with rebellion and anger.

Let me give this latter point

the strongest possible emphasis. One of the most common observations made by relatives and friends of a man in mid-life crisis reflects this sudden reversal of personality and behavior:

"I don't understand what happened to Loren," a wife will say. "He seemed to change overnight from a stable, loving husband and father to an irresponsible rogue."

This man's problem is basically spiritual in nature. As his system of beliefs disintegrated, the result was a rapid and catastrophic change in lifestyle which left his family and friends in a state of confusion and shock. This pattern has occurred for thousands of families in recent years.

QUESTION: How should I respond if my child says, "I hate you!" when he is angry?

DR. DOBSON: If my child screamed his hatred at me for the first time in a moment of red-faced anger, I would probably wait until his passion had cooled down and then convey this message in a loving and sincere manner:

"Charlie, I know you were very upset earlier today when we had our disagreement, and I think we should talk about what you are feeling. All children get angry at their parents now and then, especially when they feel unfairly treated. I understand your frustration. But that does not excuse you for saying, 'I hate you.' You'll learn that no matter how upset I become over something you've done, I'll never tell you that I hate you. And I can't permit you to talk to me that way."

"It hurt me for you to say that you hated me, just as you would be hurt if I said something like that to you. You can,

however, tell me what angers you, and I will listen carefully.

"You are free to say anything you wish to me, but you will never be permitted to scream, call names and throw tantrums. If you behave in those childish ways, I will have to punish you."

These questions and answers are excerpted from the book *Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions*, Dr. James Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit 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 Seale Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

HISTORIC DIG AT OLD CONVENT



The Martin County Convent, assisted by the Midland Chapter of the Texas Archaeological Society, are conducting a dig at the Historic Carmelite Monastery in Stanton. The dig takes place Saturday starting at 9 a.m. and continuing all day. Volunteers are needed to shovel dirt, screen and bag artifacts. The attic and basement will be cleared of loose dirt and debris as well. Any interested citizens of all ages are invited to participate. This is a great opportunity for parents and children to do volunteer work together. To find out what you need to bring, call John Kennedy at 459-2686 after 7 p.m.

BSSP fund raiser on tap next week

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Volunteers are needed to assist in raising money for the Big Spring State Park. A phone bank will be conducted March 4-6 where volunteers will ask citizens to purchase walking passes and make donations.

The hours for the phone bank are: Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The telephones will be manned from the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office at Third and Gregg.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Park Manager Ron Alton at 263-4931 or Donna McMahon at 263-0211. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase a pass for a friend or loved one who wants to get in shape or if you are a regular walker, runner or visitor of the park.

Meanwhile, plans are being made for a Fun Run April 19 at 8 a.m. There are both 5K and 10K races and are considered challenging because of the steep terrain at the park. Participants enjoy the beautiful scenery and run along the park road which follows the edge of



A runner takes advantage of some nice weather to exercise at the Big Spring State Park. A Fun Run is set for April 19 to help raise money for the park. Volunteers will be manning a phone bank next week to sell walking passes as well.

a 200-foot bluff.

Event leaders are Ron Alton, Cavan and Donna McMahon. This is being sponsored the same weekend as the Health Fair April 18-19 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Norwest Bank, Saunders Company and the Big Spring Area Convention and Visitors Bureau are sponsoring the event. Sponsors are pledging dona-

tions to help offset costs and to provide giveaways to the participants.

A \$5 event fee is charged to each participant and park entrance fees for those who want to watch are \$2 a person ages 13 and up.

The entry fees help support the park. Contact Alton or the McMahons at the above-listed numbers for additional information and to register.

Are you irritated? Alter the situation yourself

Scrapps Howard News Service

About 16 years ago a woman came to me because of her mother-in-law. She and her husband had been married for four years and had two small babies. The problem was when her mother-in-law came for a visit, she would go through her daughter-in-law's dresser drawers and medicine cabinet.

When the woman talked with her husband about what to do, he had shrugged and said his mom was just nosy and because his wife had nothing to hide, what did it matter?

Instead of confronting the mother-in-law head on, the wife had a lock put on her bedroom door. When the mother-in-law came over on Sundays, as she often did, the wife would simply lock the door.

Recently this daughter-in-law

contacted me to help her deal with one of her teenage daughters. During the session I asked, "Whatever happened with you and your mother-in-law, who used to rummage through your drawers?"

The woman was surprised I remembered. I said her story was a bit unusual. She laughed, shrugged, and said everything was fine. Over the years her mother-in-law turned out to be a big help to the family, and as far as she knew, she had stopped going through the woman's dresser drawers. In fact, she hadn't used the lock in years.

Several hours later, I got a telephone call from a friend who had a question. Apparently his friend is ready to give up a job he likes because of the engineer in the next cubicle. It seems this engineer has a rather tumultuous relationship

with his wife and argues on and off with her throughout the day. This same engineer kicks his trash can rhythmically all day long. His fights and repetitive tapping are so irritating my friend's friend is seriously thinking about throwing in the towel.

My friend wanted to know if I had any solutions besides talking to the man, who was impossible to talk to, and going to his boss, who would think the problem petty.

I said I thought the friend had gotten himself sensitized to the man's noises and he was attending to them instead of ignoring them. What he could do was to decide to focus on his work and learn to ignore the man in the next cubicle. It would take about six weeks of determined concentration, but it was possible.

Another option was for him

to buy a white noise machine or humming fan that would help dull the racket. A third option would be to get a walkman and start listening to music as he worked.

My friend thanked me for the advice and said he'd pass it on.

The session with the woman followed by my friend's telephone call got me to thinking. There are so many nuisance problems that come into our lives. Instead of making a big deal out of a problem and rushing to confront someone, often an adjustment in our own behavior would solve the problem.

Doris Wild Helmering 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, 1-800-444-2524. Distributed by Scrapps Howard News Service.

Perfect gift idea for golf fan

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

The American Lung Association is offering a chance for people to golf at more than 900 courses across the country, including some in West Texas, for free or at reduced prices.

The American Lung Association of Texas is an advocate of the prevention, control and cure of lung disease, the third leading cause of death in Texas.

One way to help the Lung Association and also please your hard-to-shop-for golf lover on any occasion, is by becoming a member of the Golf Privilege Club. This is the perfect gift for any golfer, and it offers free or discounted golf at more than 900 courses in the Western United States and

Canada, including 139 in Texas, for just \$25. For an additional \$40, you can purchase a golf gift package which includes the Golf Privilege Book, a special edition golf towel, balls, tees, ball markers and divot repair.

Instead of paying high green fees, the holder of the Golf Privilege Club Book becomes an official member of the Golf Privilege Club and is able to play for free at more than 900 golf courses.

The money from this fund raiser benefits the lung association. The Lung Association fights lung disease and promotes lung health through state-wide programs, involving research, health education, advocacy and community service. For more information, call the American Lung Association at 1-800-LUNG-USA.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Elevators and escalators:

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 - Watch your step. When you enter or exit, make sure the elevator is level with the door and step over the threshold.
 - In case of fire, don't take the elevator, use stairs instead.
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 - Don't overload your trip. If your hands are full, take the elevator. Placing packages on the steps or balancing them on the handrail endangers you or other passengers. Never take strollers, wheelchairs or shopping carts or any other wheeled vehicle on the escalator.
 - Watch children. Never allow children to use an escalator unattended. Always hold your child's hand when stepping onto and off the escalator.
 - Never sit on an escalator. Clothing, shoelaces or fingers may get caught between the closing steps; between the escalator step and side panel; or in moving parts at the top and bottom.
 - Hold the handrail. Always hold the handrail for stability and balance. Step, don't slide, off the escalator.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Spring fling and egg hunt

Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken is sponsoring a Spring fling and Easter egg hunt on March 29 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the park located by the YMCA. Children between the ages of two and 10 can hunt. There will be cloths and face painting for children of all ages. Hot dogs and sodas will be served for lunch. The Easter Bunny is also attending the hunt.

Register for CRP March 3

Sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins Monday, March 3 and ends at the close of business on Friday, March 28.

Producers interested in participating in CRP should phone the Howard County Farm Service Agency for an appointment, 267-2557.

THE LAST WORD

I know no way of judging of the future but by the past.
Patrick Henry

Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing.
Billy Rose

He that knows himself knows how to strengthen his weakness, and the wise man conquers everything, even the stars in their courses.
Balstar Gracian

It is amazing how few people are conscious of the importance of the art of lying in bed.
Lin Yutang

HOME TIPS

Scraps Howard News Service

A cat or dog in the house inevitably causes the upholstery of a favorite chair or sofa to become pretty hairy. And when dry winter air indoors causes static electricity, nothing is more clingy than pet hair.

I say cats have the edge here, as each separate, silken cat hair seems to weave itself into the wool and warp of upholstery fabric. But, then, I haven't yet owned every Heinz-57 variety of dog, except for a very sweet collie-spitz combo. Stray hairs from her white-and-tan coat weren't a problem because she politely did all shedding in her doghouse in the garage.

But maybe you own an

indoor dog with the longest, most luxurious coat ever, and there's hair to spare. It might rival the clinginess of cat hair.

Which ever, cat or dog, loose pet hairs don't belong on upholstery, so pet owners brush their pets daily and vacuum a lot with ungainly attachment tools. Now and then, they buy a gimmick product that overpromises pet-hair-removal potential.

The other day I was listening to a fix-it show, and the TV hostess touted using spent fabric-softener sheets as the perfect pet hair picker-upper. Don't use them fresh from the box, she cautioned, only after they've been used in the dryer. (Otherwise, the high content of fabric softener might damage some upholstery fabrics.)

So I tried it with spent sheets of Bounce. It worked OK on a smooth-fabric couch, about as well as those suede-textured sponges. I suppose any residual fabric softener combats static, helping to loosen the pet hairs. But I wouldn't call it a break

through. Calling in reinforcements, I checked with people who work for veterinarians. These pet handlers all agreed that vacuuming upholstery with a brush tool is most effective, in combination with those sticky-tape roller gadgets.

Cincinnati Post living editor Carole Philipps tells of a tablecloth trick she employs for an eating area off the kitchen.

It has a small window that needs only a tension rod at the top for holding some simple valance.

So, whenever she buys a tablecloth, usually some rich, dark color to coordinate with a wallpaper border in the area (fruit motif), she buys a tablecloth larger than necessary.

Cutting off the excess fabric and rehemming the tablecloth, she has enough leftover fabric for the window's top treatment. That particular tension rod has a wardrobe of tablecloth-matched headers.

Outdoor fashion for adults, fun clothes for children

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

While many people wear their sweats while watching television and put on hiking boots for a trek to the corner store, clothing marketers are continuing to aim at the outdoors-and-exercise crowd.

Danskin, for one, has come outdoors from the dance studio to expand its lines to be worn for sports and recreation. And Williamson-Dickie, longtime makers of practical and traditional workwear, is enjoying a late-blooming cachet as source of trendy clothes for work, outdoors, and mall-hopping.

Noting fitness walking as the most popular exercise activity — an estimated 71.2 million Americans rely on it for keeping fit — Danskin offers a variety of walking clothes, from nylon pullover jackets, basic walking shorts or long pants, to slogan message T-shirts.

Capture a bit of retro history with a pair of 75th Limited Edition hickory-striped bib overalls from Dickies. The company points out that Henry Fonda wore these bibs in "The Grapes of Wrath." Or choose the Limited Edition khaki matched set, featuring cuffed pants and Eisenhower zip-front jackets; these were worn by Frank Sinatra in "From Here to Eternity."

If you spend a lot of time in the sun, especially in the intense brightness of the

Southwest or Far West, you may want to check out items offered by mail order from Sun Precautions. A variety of hats, ventilated jackets, shirts and trousers are specifically designed with special fabric and enough coverage to ward off sun damage that can lead to skin cancers.

A post-style women's Big Shirt falls tunic-length over leggings. A unisex Sport Shirt is a color-block pullover with mesh panels for ventilation and a gusset behind the neck zipper. For information or a catalog, call 1 (800) 882-7860.

Khaki seems to conjure up an image of exotic travels — possibly because of the bush jackets and hats shown in movies like "The English Patient." These practical-romantic items are available from Tilley Endurables, which markets such items as the "Vomp," or acronymically, a vest of many pockets, in this case 16; epauletted bush shirts with expandable pockets; and the Tilley Hat, a hard-wearing but comfortable ventilated soft-brimmed along with a variety of trousers and shorts.

You and your kids are likely to clash about clothing. Little ones are likely to concentrate on mastering the skill of getting themselves dressed, while older children choose clothes that help them connect with peers. Most youngsters don't understand the concept of

matching, and don't care. You shouldn't either. Let your children make their own color choices; you can teach them about coordinating combinations for special occasion dress-ups by attaching the accessories to the hanger of the fancy outfit.

Here are some picks for spring and summer, to haggle about if need be:

- A screen-printed red-and-blue color-block shirt and coordinating shorts for boys, both from OshKosh B'Gosh, follow a nautical theme for young sailors. For a brother, there is the Backyard Bugs color-block sunsuit in waffle knit, with a big embroidered patch pocket.

- Old-fashioned pretty dresses with smocking details return, also via OKBG, with one style in blue chambray with embroidered collar, another in pink cotton with eyelet lace collar, and a third version in blue chambray with plaid trim and embroidery.

- A new take on a girl's denim jumper from Healthtex Girls Club features a graceful A-line with empire seaming and mock pockets. Pair it with a short-sleeve bubble-texture T-shirt with print binding. Another outfit for girls from Healthtex combines daisy-embroidered short-sleeve ringer T-shirt or a long-sleeve top with chambray striped shorts with the same daisy embroidery.

Some tips for making window cords childproof

Scraps Howard News Service

It's every parent's nightmare: While Mom's or Dad's back is turned for only a moment, a child is killed or injured by a household appliance or furnishing.

Since 1981, 150 children nationwide have strangled on window cords. In 1995, the last year for which confirmed national figures are available from the Window Covering Safety Council, there were nine such accidental stranglings.

Horizontal blinds with two cords manufactured after Jan. 1, 1995, no longer have looped cords, to eliminate that safety hazard. But there are hundreds of millions of existing window coverings with looped cords.

Younger victims, between 10 and 15 months, typically are in cribs near pull cords on window coverings.

Older children may find pull cords hanging near the floor, or they become entangled while climbing on furniture to look out the window.

"Entanglement and strangulation can occur when a child is alone in a room for only a short time," the U.S. Consumer Product Safety commission says.

The CPSC and the window safety council offer these suggestions to parents and caregivers to eliminate the hazard:

- With horizontal blinds, cut the cord above the tassel, remove the equalizer buckle and add a separate tassel at the end of each cord, thus eliminating the loop.

- Or cut the cord above the tassel, remove the equalizer buckle and add a breakaway tassel that will separate if a child becomes entangled at the loop.

- With pleated or cellular shades, leave the cord stop near the headrail in place. Cut the cord above the tassel and add a separate tassel at the end of each cord. Note, however that when the shades are raised, a loop will appear above the cord stop. Keep that cord out of the reach of children.

- With continuous-loop cords, like those used for vertical blinds, attach a cord tie-down to the floor, wall or window jamb to pull the cord taut and reduce the chance of entanglement.

The Window Covering Safety Council offers free plastic tassels or tie-down devices so parents can adjust their window blind cords. To order, call (800)506-4636. The council will include a free booklet, "Make Window Coverings Safer for Your Kids."

Breakaway tassels also are available in the window-hardware departments at home center discount stores.

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Montford draws the line, saying academics come first at Texas Tech

LUBBOCK (AP) — Such is the academic state of alert in the Texas Tech athletic department that the school's chief officer felt compelled to state the obvious.

"Texas Tech, as should all universities, exists to educate students," Chancellor John Montford said Wednesday. "There is too much emphasis today on winning in sports at all costs. Reforms are needed."

In a speech carried live on local radio, Montford listed several proposed academic reforms, some of which already have been implemented this semester. He stressed that

recent news reports of academic irregularities among student athletes did not prompt most of the actions.

In a related matter, Montford announced that the university has tapped famed trial lawyer Joe Jamall and fellow Houstonian Harry Reasoner, managing partner of Vinson & Elkins, to defend it against a federal suit filed last week by former defensive lineman Stephen Gaines.

Gaines seeks unspecified damages, claiming Texas Tech used him for his playing ability while ignoring his scholastic life. Gaines' attorney,

Christopher Kalis, offered to settle for \$300,000 last month, Montford said, adding that Tech offered nothing.

Kalis declined to discuss the negotiations, only to say that school officials had about two weeks to mull a settlement.

An NCAA investigation of the Texas Tech athletic program turns a year old Friday, and Montford said it could drag on another six months. Gaines' allegations comprise a "substantial part" of the NCAA probe, Montford said.

"I don't know anything about the NCAA thing, but I do know lawsuits, and this looks like it

is totally without merit," said Jamall, who is working for free. "But we'll just have to see what the court decides."

Among the reforms, Montford said Tech will develop a written policy to prevent athletes from participating in postseason events with sub-par grades. The Houston Chronicle reported recently that junior star running back Byron Hanspard played in the Alamo Bowl last December despite having a fall grade-point average of 0.00. Hanspard has decided to enter the 1997 NFL draft.

Texas Tech is willing to

restrict its own falling athletes even if other Big 12 schools don't follow suit.

"I think it's a leadership issue," Montford said. "And frankly, I suppose this happened to the least likely person (Hanspard) that I thought this would have happened to."

"When there's the opportunity to waive their senior year for big money, I can't blame them for losing interest. I don't agree with that procedure, but I can certainly understand how an individual athlete would feel."

Increased monitoring of ath-

letes' class attendance already has begun, as has a "supplemental instruction" program in which other students tutor athletes in four popular classes in which athletes have struggled in the past. The program may be expanded to about a dozen classes next fall, Montford said.

All Tech athletes with a GPA below 2.0 must attend a closely monitored study hall for at least six hours a week. On road trips, athletes can check out laptop computers to complete assignments and have access to tutors at other Big 12 schools, Montford said.

Playoff picture clearing

Lady Hawks can clinch share of title with win

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

You can put away those calculators — determining the Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball champion just got a little easier.

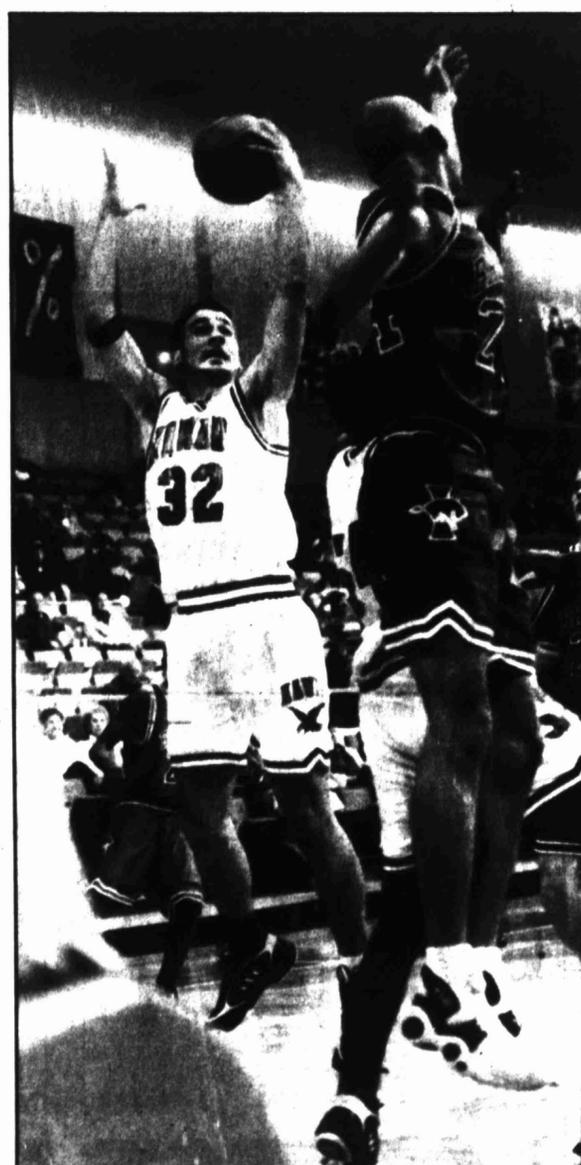
Going into tonight's regular season finale, the Howard College Lady Hawks can assure themselves of a co-championship in the WJAC if they defeat Frank Phillips tonight in Borger.

Who they'll share the title with depends on what happens tonight in the Midland College-South Plains game. If South Plains wins, it and Howard will share the conference title. If Midland wins, it and Howard are co-champs.

When the week started, it looked as if a three-way tie for first was a distinct possibility, but South Plains inadvertently took care of that scenario when the Lady Texans lost to New Mexico Junior College Monday night.

That dropped South Plains into a three-way tie with Howard and Midland atop the conference rankings, and eliminated the possibility of all three sharing the conference title.

South Plains' loss also clears



Howard College's Samuel Maroney (32) grabs a rebound during last Thursday's game against New Mexico Military Institute.

Cox, Floyd earn MVP honors on all-District 27-1A squads

HERALD Staff Report

Grady's Brad Cox leads a list of six area athletes who received first-team recognition on the all-District 27-1A boys' basketball team.

Cox, a key member of the district champion Grady Wildcats, was named most valuable player on the squad. He is joined on the first team by fellow Grady players Joey Rivas, Cody Peugh and Brady Peugh.

Also, Sands' Jerrod Beall and Jordan Hall were named to the first team.

Three Sands players — Jody Howard, Josh Long and Lance Bodine — were named to the honorable mention team, as was Jonathan Robles of Grady.

27-A All-District Boys Team

First team
Brad Cox, senior, Grady (MVP)

Brady Peugh, junior, Grady
Cody Peugh, senior, Grady
Joey Rivas, senior, Grady
Jordan Hall, senior, Sands
Jerrod Beall, junior, Sands
Justin Hill, sophomore, Westbrook
Casey Hill, senior, Westbrook
Scott White, senior, Westbrook
Logan Daves, freshman, Ira

Honorable mention
Jonathan Robles, senior, Grady

Lance Bodine, sophomore, Sands
Josh Long, junior, Sands
Jody Howard, senior, Sands
Richard Wilkins, freshman, Ira

Thad Davis, senior, Ira
Randy Byington, sophomore, Westbrook
Thad Rich, sophomore, Westbrook

27-1A girls

Junior Mendi Floyd of Sands was named most valuable player of the all-District 27-1A girls basketball team.

Floyd, a post player, helped lead the Lady Mustangs to a district championship and a semifinal spot in the Region II-1A tournament.

She is joined on the squad by Sands' teammates Hollie Zant and Shauna Nichols, and by Tarah Schuelke, Allison Cooper and Katie Yates of Grady.

Six area players — Caroline

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Cowboys face uncertain off-season

IRVING (AP) — Troy is playing golf, filming Brut cologne commercials and trying to recover from one of his most difficult seasons. Deion is playing baseball. Michael has returned to court. Jerry has gagged everybody except himself.

Moose is running loose as a free agent. K-Dub may go to Miami. Erik has sued the Dallas Police Department.

Such are the off-season doings of the volcanic Dallas Cowboys, the team America loves to loathe.

Troy Aikman has neck and calf problems and will be seeing doctors soon. He can still play golf but he's sore and dispirited from a chaotic 1996 season that ended in the divisional playoffs with a loss to Carolina.

"I've got to see if I need any

surgery on the calf," says Aikman, who says he'll probably play again. "If I had to bet on it, I'd bet I'd be back. It was a frustrating season for us. Changes do need to be made."

Owner Jerry Jones has been working on some of them, trying to juggle contracts around so the Cowboys can afford full-back Daryl Johnston, who in addition to being a great blocker, receiver and special teams asset is also a good friend of Aikman's.

Aikman could restructure his contract so the Cowboys could afford Johnston. It should be easy since Leigh Steinberg represents them both.

"I think DJ will stay because Leigh is very creative and Jerry can be also," Aikman says. "This team needs Daryl."

Aikman said the Cowboys, beset with well-publicized off-

the-field problems, also need to settle down.

"It's been hard to enjoy games on Sunday," Aikman says. "It gets frustrating. All this has to stop."

The Cowboys have hired a quarterback coach, Jack Reilly, to help offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese. The Cowboys' offense fell off dramatically last year because of suspensions and injuries.

"I was all for it," Aikman says. "It would give us some different ideas."

Deion Sanders has created a stir within the Dallas organization by opting to play baseball for Cincinnati. It means Sanders, who was trying to be a full-time wide receiver as well as a full-time cornerback, won't be counted on as a two-

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The NBA: Where has all the scoring gone?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Milwaukee Bucks scored eight points in the third quarter, and not surprisingly, they lost. The New York Knicks were held to five points in the third period and won.

Go figure.

"We couldn't put the ball in the basket," Milwaukee coach Chris Ford explained after his Bucks lost 79-72 to the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

"It was a very strange game," New York coach Jeff Van Gundy acknowledged after his Knicks knocked off Portland 96-95 in overtime. "Thank God the good guys won."

Atlanta held the Bucks to 25 points in the second half, one more than the NBA record, which the Bucks share with four other teams. The record low for points in a quarter since the shot clock was established was four by Buffalo against Milwaukee on Oct. 21, 1972, and by Sacramento against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 4, 1987.

"That was our game plan, to play defense the way we did in the second half," Atlanta coach Lenny Wilkens said. "You just can't give them those good looks."

New York got plenty of good looks in the fourth quarter when the Knicks rallied from 15 points down to send the

game into overtime.

"We came out flat in the second half and didn't have any energy," Patrick Ewing said scoring five of his 27 points in the extra period. "We let them score too easily, and we had only five points. But we turned it around in the fourth by playing with the same intensity they had in the third quarter."

In other NBA games, it was the Los Angeles Clippers 83, Vancouver 80; Phoenix 111, Philadelphia 104; Minnesota 108, San Antonio 89; Seattle 92, Indiana 78; Detroit 117, Golden State 84; Orlando 98, Miami 86; and Sacramento 111, Boston 105.

The Blazers outscored the Knicks 27-5 in the third period. Then Larry Johnson scored 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Knicks outscored the Blazers 31-16, knotting the game.

Portland had a chance to win at the end of the overtime, but Gary Trent lost control of the ball in the middle, handing the Blazers their third straight loss.

Rashad Wallace led Portland with 20 points, while Kenny Anderson added 19 and Arvydas Sabonis 17.

In Milwaukee, Steve Smith scored 19 of his 21 points after halftime to fuel Atlanta, which won its fifth straight over Milwaukee.

The Bucks made just four of 19 shots from the floor in the third quarter, and was only 9-of-32 in the second half.

Mookie Blaylock scored 18 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 14 points, 11 rebounds and five blocks for the Hawks, while Glenn Robinson scored 22 points for Milwaukee.

Pacers 92, Sonics 78
In Indianapolis, Mark Jackson's jumper capped a 19-2 fourth-quarter run for the Pacers, and Seattle went scoreless for seven minutes in the period.

Reggie Miller scored 22 points for the Pacers, who snapped the Sonics' seven-game win streak and won for the first time in three games. It was Indiana's first victory since obtaining Jackson in a trade with the Denver Nuggets last week.

Shawn Kemp had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the Sonics, while Gary Payton added 18. Seattle shot 4-for-16 in scoring just nine points in the fourth period.

Clippers 83, Grizzlies 80
In Vancouver, the Clippers squandered an 11-point, third-quarter lead before Loy Vaught scored his team's first seven points in the fourth period to spark a comeback. Vaught finished with 22 points.

Rookie Lorenzen White's two free throws put the Clippers ahead for good, 80-78.
Vancouver rookie Shareef

Abdur-Rahim, who shot 3-for-12 in the first half, bounced back to score 18 of his 28 points after halftime.

Timberwolves 108, Spurs 89
In San Antonio, Tom Gugliotta was 11-of-12 from the field, finishing with 29 points for Minnesota. His only miss came with two minutes left.

Dominique Wilkins led the Spurs with 20 points and center Will Perdue had 19 points and 17 rebounds.

The victory put the Wolves over the .500 mark (28-27) the latest in a season in their eight-year history.

Suns 111, 76ers 104
In Phoenix, Kevin Johnson scored 12 of his season-high 36 points in the fourth quarter and Jason Kidd had 19 points and 13 assists for the Suns.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 28 points and Derrick Coleman 17 for the Sixers, who played part of the second half with Allen Iverson on the bench with foul trouble.

Kings 111, Celtics 105
In Boston, Mitch Richmond scored 38 points as Sacramento handed the Celtics their 11th consecutive loss.

Antoine Walker had 24 points and nine rebounds for the Celtics, with Rick Fox adding 25 points. Boston trailed 17 points in the third quarter and nine late in the fourth before making one last run.

Duncanville, Elsik appear to be class of state 5A field

AUSTIN (AP) — Duncanville and Alief Elsik don't have to worry about Austin Westlake in the girls' state basketball tournament this year.

Westlake beat Duncanville in overtime for the 1995 Class 5A title and then toppled Alief Elsik in double overtime for last year's 5A crown.

This year, Duncanville and Alief Elsik could very likely have each other to worry about when the finals are played Saturday.

Duncanville is a perfect 38-0 and is considered one of the best teams, not just in Texas, but in the country, led by Tamika Catchings, a 6-foot forward who has signed with Tennessee.

The Pantherettes have won four state titles, including three straight from 1988-90, and will be making a state-record 18th appearance in the state tournament.

To avoid placing undue pressure on her team, Duncanville coach Sara Hackerott has limited media access to her players.

"There's always pressure," Hackerott said. "It doesn't matter what time of year it is."
Alief Elsik, which returns two starters from last year's team that went 38-0 before entering the state tournament, is 36-1 this season and has won its last three games by an aver-

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age of 24 points.

"There was a lot of pressure last year coming in at 38-0, but maybe it will turn out like it did last year where the underdog wins it," said senior guard Fola Stephens. "At least that's what we're hoping for."

Duncanville will meet San Antonio East Central (34-1) on Friday at 3 p.m., followed by the semifinal matchup of Alief Elsik and Longview (32-2) at 7 p.m.

In Class 4A, two perennial powers were to meet in today's semifinals when Waco Midway (29-6) takes on Levelland (30-3).

Waco Midway is seeking its seventh state title in its 14th state tournament appearance, while Levelland is seeking its seventh state title in its 10th appearance.

In the other 4A semifinal, 1996 runner-up Cedar Hill (33-3) was taking on 1995 runner-up Silsbee (28-6).

In Class 3A, Barbers Hill (35-4), seeking its third state title in four appearances at the state tournament, battled Malakoff (21-12) in the semifinals today.

In the other 3A semifinal, Dripping Springs (29-0), the 3A state champion in 1994 and a finalist in 1995, faced Comanche (28-5).

SPORTS EXTRA

FISHING

Fishing report

AMSTAD: Water clear to murky, very low to 11 degrees; black bass up to 11 pounds are good on Model A's, lizards, Sluggo and Rai-L-Traps; striped bass are far on live bait and crank baits; catfish are far on red and reels baited with shrimp, chad and cut perch fished in very deep water.

BAUNSB: Water stained; normal level; 58 degrees; black bass are good on spinner, lizards and worms fished in 4 to 8 feet of water; hybrid striped are far on live bait and Rai-L-Traps; rockfish are good on perch and crank baits; channel and blue catfish are far on red and reels baited with shrimp and cheese bait.

CALAVERAS: Water murky; normal level; 58 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are good on Rai-L-Traps, Summum Shad and worms; hybrid striped are far on live bait; rockfish are far on crank baits and live perch; catfish are good on shrimp and cheese bait.

CHUMLE: Water murky; low; 52 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds are far on chrome colored crank baits, jig-N-Pops and worms fished on the edges of creeks and in the grass; white bass are far to good on live bait and lizards; rockfish are far on the live bait and lizards; striped bass are far on the man uka; catfish are far on red and reels baited with cut chad, live shrimp and cheese bait.

SIERRA: Water off-colored; 52 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are far on jig-N-Pops and spinner; catfish are far to good on live minnows and prepared bait.

WASHITA: Water stained; 3 feet low; black bass are far to black lizards and spinner; striped bass are far to good on live bait and crank baits; catfish are far and improving on cheese bait.

WYKING: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper and mid-lakes; 50 degrees; black bass are far to good on crank baits and worms fished on the main lake drop offs; crappie are far on small minnows fished in deep water; channel and blue catfish are far on trotlines baited with live, frozen catfish are good on the main lake fished in the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 2 feet low; black bass are far on red and reels and crank baits; striped and white bass are good on live bait fished in deep water and by damming; crappie are far to good on minnows and jig fished over baited holes; catfish are far on cheese and cut bait.

BASKETBALL

College scores

Table with 2 columns: EAST and SOUTH. Lists college names and scores.

Table with 2 columns: Midwest and South. Lists college names and scores.

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Table with 2 columns: Western Conference and NBA. Lists team names and scores.

Table with 2 columns: Transactions. Lists player names and teams.

Wednesday Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Tim Lincecum on a four-year contract...

NATIONAL LEAGUE: ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Bob Greer lead analyst of their television broadcast team.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with INF Ed Guzman on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with INF Patek Reese on a one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Ismael Valdes on a two-year contract and INF Wilson Guerrero on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Ricardo Jordan and RHP Derek Wallace on one-year contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Agreed to terms with OF Miguel Mejia, OF Terry Bradburn, RHP Mark Wohlers, INF Brian Barber, RHP John Patterson, RHP Eric Ludwig, 1B Owen Young, INF David Bell and INF Aaron Hall on one-year contracts.

MINNESOTA Twins: DENVER NUGGETS—Wanted F Eddie Johnson.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Exercised their option on G Darius Martin for the remainder of the 1997 season.

BASEBALL: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE: BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed WR Eric Decker to a four-year contract.

SAFARI PARK: SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Signed Mike Stoudenmire, offensive coordinator, Mike Stoudenmire quality control-offense assistant, New Orleans administrative assistant defense and Darrell Pasquale quality control-offense assistant.

TAMPA BAY BUCCINERS—Re-signed CB Tyrone Lagette to a three-year contract.

Baseball dedicates 1997 season to Jackie Robinson

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty years after Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line, the sport is dedicating the 1997 season to him and giving \$1 million to the foundation established by his family and friends.

"It was baseball's proudest moment then. It's still baseball's proudest moment, and I believe it will always be baseball's proudest moment," acting commissioner Bud Selig said Wednesday.

All major and minor league players and all major league umpires will wear "Breaking Barriers" arm patches this season.

All teams will use balls with the commemorative logo as their home opener.

100,000 gold and 200,000 silver commemorative coins will be sold by the U.S. Mint.

Teams will show Robinson video spots created by filmmaker Spike Lee on their stadium scoreboards and television broadcasts.

The All-Star game in Cleveland will be dedicated to Larry Doby, the first black player in the American League, and he will be honorary captain of the All-Star team.

"The resilience of racism is still with us and the struggle is still on," Rachel Robinson said. "We need to have a vision and we need to have a plan."

the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Mets. ESPN said Wednesday it will broadcast the game nationally.

"The Robinson challenge was not just to the pitcher, but to society as a whole," said NL president Len Coleman, the chairman of the Jackie Robinson Foundation.

"He was my hero, my champion. He carried my every hope and aspiration on his shoulders," said Coleman, who was inspired by Robinson when he was young and has become baseball's point man in organizing the tributes.

Selig said baseball will make a renewed effort to increase minority hiring, asking each team to establish goals and promising to monitor their progress.

Al Campanis, then the general manager of the Dodgers, created a furor on national television 10 years ago when he said of blacker: "I truly believe they may not have some of the necessities to be, let's say, a first manager or perhaps a general manager."

"We've made I think considerable progress in the last five or 10 years," Selig said. "We have much yet to be done. This year will be seen as an opportunity."

While the percentage of minority voters in baseball's New York offices has increased greatly, the percentage of increase among the teams has lagged.

"Jack was important for change and equality in," Rachel Robinson said. "I think he would think we have not come far enough. There has been tremendous progress — a reference to ending both discriminatory and segregation."

The Robinson Foundation was established by his family following his death in 1972. It has a \$25 million endowment and supports various initiatives aimed at promoting diversity in baseball.

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TEAMS

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Madison and Cheyenne Romine of Grady and Keele Barnes, Katie Gaskins, Nikki Daniel and Andrea Gillespie of Sands were named to honorable mention team.

27-1A All-District girls team
Mendi Floyd, junior, Sands (MVP)
Tary Schuelke, senior, Grady

PLAYOFF

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up the postseason picture just a bit. Here are the scenarios, assuming a Howard win tonight:

If South Plains wins, the Lady Texans will be the top WJCAC seed at the Region V tournament because they hold a tiebreaker advantage over the Lady Hawks.

If Midland wins, the Lady Hawks get the top seed at the tournament because they hold a tiebreaker edge over Midland.

COWBOYS

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way starter.

Even with a training camp and daily work, Sanders caught only one touchdown pass as a starting receiver last year.

It would stand to reason that with no work, Sanders could hardly be considered a primary target for Aikman's piques.

"I'm doing this to please myself," Sanders says from Plant City, Fla. "I will probably be there with the Cowboys for 16 games."

Probationeer Michael Irvin, who missed the first five games last year because of drug-related problems, had to go back to court recently because he and

Allison Cooper, senior, Grady
Katie Yates, sophomore, Grady
Shauna Nichols, senior, Sands
Hollie Zant, junior, Sands
Terri Robinson, sophomore, Ira
Lisha Leatherwood, senior, Ira
Afton Stowers, freshman, Westbrook
Amber Morris, sophomore, Westbrook

Honorable mention
Andrea Gillespie, junior, Sands
Nikki Daniel, junior, Sands
Katie Gaskins, junior, Sands
Keele Barnes, junior, Sands
Carolins Madison, freshman, Grady
Cheyenne Romine, junior, Grady
Brooke Dawson, freshman, Westbrook
Jamie Rich, senior, Westbrook

For the Hawks, the situation is oh-so-simple: Win, and they're in the regional tournament; lose, and they're probably out.

The Hawks have a chance to make the regional tournament if they lose, provided that New Mexico Military Institute and South Plains both lose. That scenario is unlikely, however, because NMMI and SPC play at NMJCAC and Midland, the two WJCAC cellar-dwellers.

Complicating Howard's task

will be the absence of leading scorer Will Jones, who was dismissed from the team for violating athletic department policies, head coach Tommy Collins said.

Aside from leading the team in scoring, Jones also was second in rebounds and steals and third in assists.

Minus Jones, the Hawks will go with a taller starting lineup consisting of Jack Owens and Elmer Brown at guards and Sam Maroney, Chris Martinez and Nathan Clover inside.

several other Cowboys found they had been sold stolen airline tickets at a discount.

In this case, Irvin was testifying for the prosecution.

The Williamses, Kevin and Erik, also have made off-season news.

Free agent Kevin Williams has received an offer from Miami coach Jimmy Johnson, who drafted the speedy wide receiver for the Cowboys. The offer could be too high for the Cowboys to match.

Erik Williams has sued the Dallas Police Department and a local television station in the aftermath of the groundless rape charges.

Jones has decided to muzzle his entire staff so draft and free agent secrets won't be leaked to his enemies.

Kevin Williams, safeties George Teague and Brock Marion, and linebacker Darrin Smith are likely to be free agents who could be leaving Valley Ranch.

One top priority is to find a solid wide receiver. The other is to make Aikman happy.

"I don't know that we deserved to make it to the Super Bowl last year because of some of the things that we went through off and on the field," Aikman said.

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Those who complain miss the concept

DEAR ABBY: I'm continually amazed by people who write to you with righteous indignation about gifts that weren't good



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

enough, objects they feel entitled to, or inheritances that they expect to receive.

Don't these people understand the concept of a gift? A wedding (or birthday or Christmas) gift is not an obligation, it is a generosity. An inheritance is not a right; it is a choice made by the benefactors to bestow upon whomever they wish.

I get the feeling that many of your readers would lead happier lives if they would quit worrying about what they think they're entitled to, and concentrated on earning what is theirs and being grateful for the gifts they receive.

My dear grandmother (whom I prefer alive, lucid, happy and loving at the age of 85, rather than tallying whatever her estate might amount to) gave me a plaque many years ago that contains a motto to live by: "Blessed are those who expect nothing, for they will not be disappointed." — JEFF KURT-TI, LOS ANGELES

DEAR JEFF: You make a good point. The higher the level of expectation, the lower the degree of satisfaction.

DEAR ABBY: You said in your column that a felon loses his right to vote. I think your experts need to bone up on constitutional law.

All citizens are allowed to vote as long as they are registered and are not serving a prison term (for felony conviction) and/or on parole. Once the parole has been served and the convict has been discharged from the sentence, his constitutional right to vote is restored.

Voting is not a privilege, Abby, it is a right! — DON WEST, PARALEGAL INVESTIGATIONS, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR DON: I checked with my legal expert to be certain that I had not misled my readers. In 47 states and the District of Columbia, upon a felony conviction the right to vote is lost. In many, but not all states, the right to vote is restored upon completion of the sentence or parole. Some states require a pardon or administrative or court procedure before an ex-convict can vote again.

The courts have upheld state laws that prohibit felons from serving on juries, holding elective office and working as peace officers, and have limited other rights. So, while felons are afforded due process of law, their rights may be limited or revoked either permanently or temporarily, depending on the right and the state where the felon resides.

DEAR ABBY: Your answer to the woman whose live-in boyfriend would rather have his ex-girlfriend hem his pants than pay a measly \$5 was lousy. You told her to take them to the seamstress when they arrived and pay the money to keep the peace. He's a cheap jerk who cares more about saving a buck than his girlfriend's feelings.

Why should she be the one to do anything differently? He should stop being helpless and self-centered. They both work and neither sews, so let him take care of his own pants. If he runs to his ex-girlfriend for something this trivial, be assured he'll start doing it every time his current girlfriend disappoints him. Peace schmeace! Tell him to grow up! — SELF-RELIANT

DEAR SELF-RELIANT: I'll tell him, but I doubt if he will change his manipulative ways. Why should he? He has two women bending over backward to accommodate him.

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By BETTY DEBMAN

Hats improve our looks.



Hats protect us.



Wearing something on top got a head start way back in history. Long ago, men and women added a flower here, a feather there, and hats took off.

Ask your grandparents about hats. They can tell you that when they were growing up, most adults wore hats every time they went out of the house.

For some reason or other, around the 1960s, hats fell out of fashion. Today hats are back ... not so much for adults, but for kids. Most of our readers probably have a baseball cap. The girls might have a floppy hat with a flower.

Sometimes men tip their hats to ladies. This custom started years ago when knights opened the windows in their helmets to show people their faces.

Hats send our message.



HATS

Past hats

Put the number in the box next to the correct hat.

1. Ancient Egyptians
2. American pioneers
3. Vikings
4. Colonial Americans
5. Ancient Greeks



Answers: 1. Colonial Americans, 2. Vikings, 3. American pioneers, 4. ancient Greeks, 5. ancient Egyptians

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You'll need:

- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 3 baking potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese, shredded

What to do:

1. Bring milk in a saucepan to boiling over medium-high heat.
2. Add potatoes and butter or margarine.
3. Cover and lower heat to simmer. Cook 15 minutes.
4. Pour potatoes and milk into a greased casserole.
5. Add 1/4 cup of each cheese. Mix well.
6. Sprinkle remaining cheese on top.
7. Bake in a preheated 325-degree oven 1 hour. Serves 6.

HATS TRY 'N FIND

Names of people who wear hats are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: COWBOY, NURSE, FIREMAN, POLICEMAN, SOLDIER, SKIER, BASEBALL PLAYER, CHEF, MINER, WITCH, PILOT, SAILOR, BRIDE, BAND MEMBER, ENGINEER, JOCKEY.

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Mini Spy and her friends are trying on different hats. See if you can find:



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- caterpillar
- canoe
- letter A
- ruler
- letter D
- peanut
- letter H
- number 3
- key
- letter C
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What Hat Is That?



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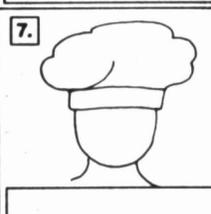
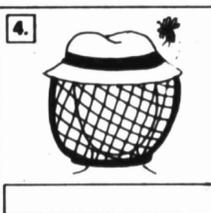
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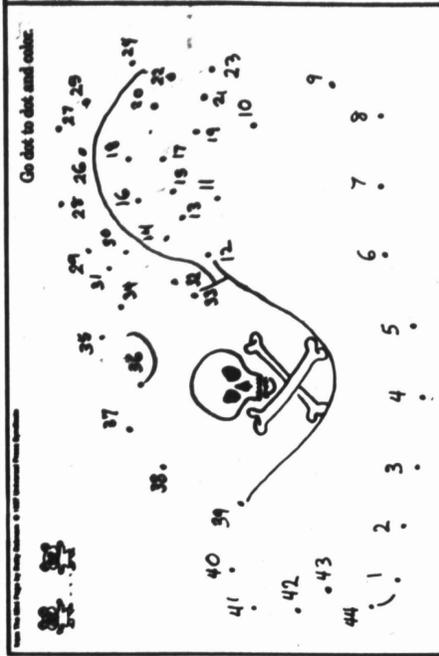
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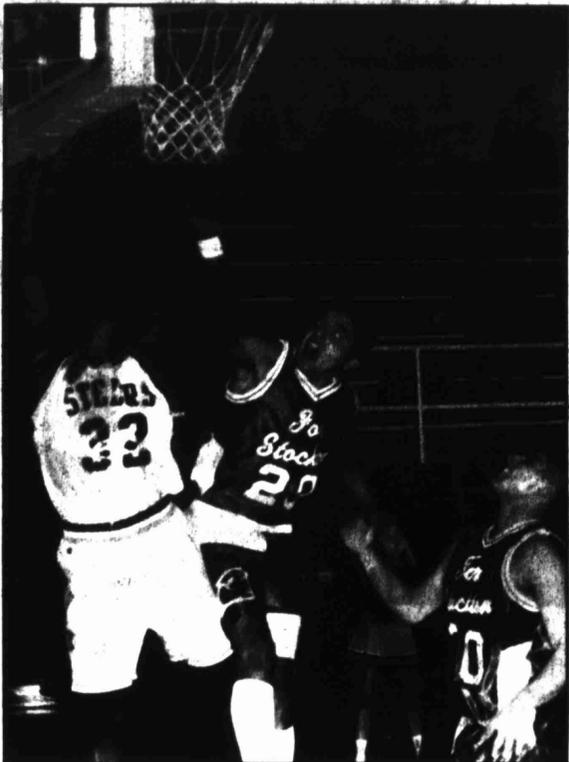
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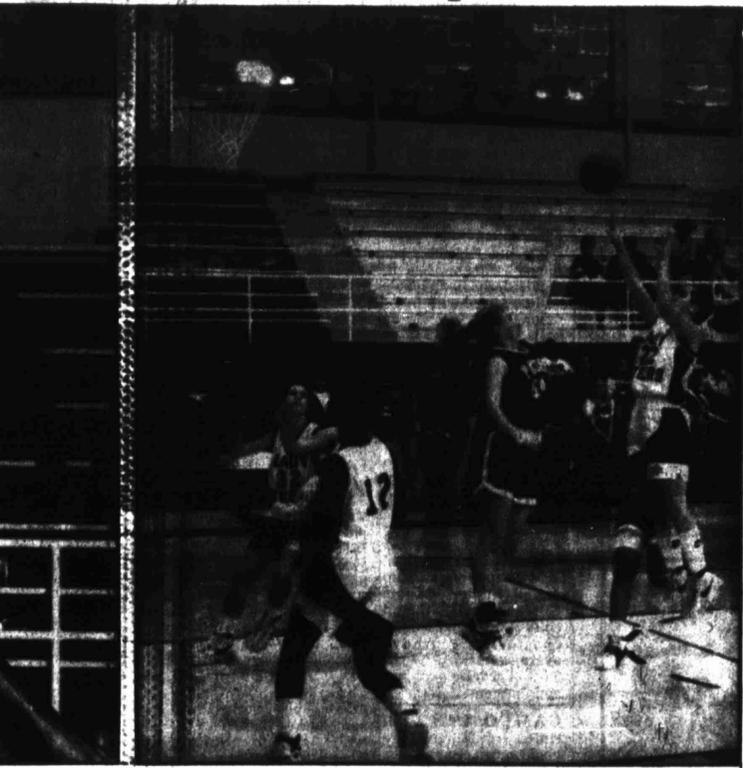
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Lots to See! Lots to Buy! Pool table, motorcycle, furniture, CD's, and lots more. Sat. 8-7 2805 Cactus.

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 28:

Make a concerted effort to be more clear about what you want this year. Reach out for others who are at a distance, and ask questions. Whether it is by deciding to take educational courses or through travel, you will expand your mind. Detach when embroiled in heated discussions, issues or situations. You will get a more complete picture as a result. If you are single, a relationship could be exciting, even exotic. Intrigues or a love triangle are possible. If attached, your relationship needs frequent occasions to refresh and recharge. You will both benefit from listening to each other's dreams. SCORPIO opens doors.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Dealing with other people en masse could become your specialty, though you also make points if you choose to connect one-on-one. Negotiations become a lot clearer, if you follow through. Go with the flow. You reach key agreements. Tonight: Get cozy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
The unexpected occurs all around you. Rather than be traumatized, discuss what's on your mind. Popularity is high. Open up to the universe and what it is putting on your plate. Much is going on, as you soon discover. Tonight: Say yes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Accent your employment picture. Indulge your workaholic tendencies, and focus on results. The more you get done, the better off you are. Keep your nose to the grindstone, and handle what you must. An even keel helps you handle chaos. Tonight: Put in overtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Your more positive side emerges, and you handle what is occurring. The more playful you are, the more you can help others lighten up. Nothing outwardly changes, but your attitude can still make a big difference. Laughter is a gift you can freely share. Tonight: Be wild.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Prioritize. Domestic and personal matters will take a greater amount of energy to handle than usual. You'll want to understand what is behind a change; consider that you might be the driving force. Honor what is going on, and discuss goals. Tonight: Go straight home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Discussions are active, and many seek you out. Do not count on getting a lot done. Remain steady with others, as

they may flounder. Your ability to see something in another light, or from a more logical point of view, proves refreshing. Tonight: All you have to do is ask.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Indulgence seems heavy, and the implications could be far-reaching. Think through what is appropriate, and if it is in tune with your long-term goals. You might jinx yourself. Question if this is what you want. A timeout is a must! Tonight: Still spending?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Much is going on, yet little is getting accomplished. Accept that. In this atmosphere of celebration, discussion and pandemonium, getting the job done will be most challenging. Consider your limitations, but don't worry about them. Tonight: Have a good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Go over a recent judgment call you made with a fine-toothed comb. Evaluate what is going on. The less said, the better the results will be. Make sure discussions take place behind closed doors. Remember, nothing is engraved in stone. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Emphasize desires and long-term objectives. Your joyful and caring nature comes out. Make it OK to be frivolous; there is a strong chance that nothing would get done anyway. It is important to understand where a loved one is coming from. Tonight: Go where the fun is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Responsibilities are heaped on your shoulder. You feel a change is inevitable, as you might not be able to keep up the pace. This is a time of assessment; make a decision later. Honor what is happening with a boss who needs your support. Tonight: Head out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Try to view the big picture in light of your objectives. Consider what is happening with renewed vision. Get past your preconceived notions, and try refreshing your viewpoint. Brainstorming will help revitalize your perspective. Tonight: Go to the movies.

BORN TODAY
Actor Charles Durning (1923), architect Frank Gehry (1929), actor-dancer Tommy Tune (1939)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 6
DATE OF ISSUANCE: FEBRUARY 21, 1997
FILE #37, CASE NO. 0215142
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Applicant, MARATHON OIL CO., P.O. BOX 562, MIDLAND, TX 79702, has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statute Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line and distance between wells requirement to 68' West N. 28, Housinger Leases, 480 Acres, Sec. 47, 28, 29 & NW RR CO Survey, A-460, Howard Glasscock, Howard Glasscock (Clearfork 14) in the State of Texas, being 8 miles in a east direction from Fossen, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:
272' from the south line and 943' from the east line of lease.
272' from the south line and 943' from the east line of survey.
Field rules for the Howard Glasscock (Clearfork 14) field are: 330/800, 20/10 acres. Field rules for the Howard Glasscock field are 330/800, 10 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 4000 feet. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF Rule 37(h) (2) (A), this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessee of record of adjacent tracts and tracts near to the proposed well that the minimum lease is being drilled. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protest should be filed with the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State, Austin Office by Feb. 2, 1997. If NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT WILL BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. 1270 February 27 & March 6, 12, 20, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

The unknown heirs of Robert Lory Collier, Deceased, the attorney for the Plaintiff is John T. Ferguson, PO Drawer 1780, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1780. The return 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 Executors of the Estate of Maurice Collier, Deceased regarding the manner of distribution of such estate, for instruction regarding the manner of distribution of the property created in the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, and, by the independent Executors of the Estate of Maurice Lolo Collier, Deceased, for instructions regarding the property which is included in such estate. The court is requested to construe the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased and to distribute the property of said estate in accordance with the terms of a trust created in such will for the benefit of Maurice Lolo Collier, Deceased, except only for the property, which was disposed of by the estate of Maurice Lolo Collier, Deceased, of a general power of appointment given to her in the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased or such property, and that all other property of Maurice Collier, Deceased, which was not disposed of by the will of Maurice Collier, Deceased, should be distributed in accordance with the terms of the will of Maurice Collier,

THURSDAY

FEB. 27

Table with 24 columns (KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOGA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNB, DIBN, HASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KBLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FOX, ESPN, AMC, NET) and 12 rows of program listings.

HAGAR

Comic strip 'HAGAR' featuring a character and a dog. Text: 'LISTEN to your MOTHER Helga tells it like it is', 'IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO TEACH YOUR NEW HUSBAND HOW TO PICK UP HIS CLOTHES', 'ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU'VE NEVER LEARNED HOW TO PICK UP YOURS!'.

BLONDIE

Comic strip 'BLONDIE' featuring Blondie and Dagwood. Text: 'DAGWOOD'S BEEN SNEAKING OUT TO LUNCH A LITTLE EARLIER EACH DAY!', 'BUT TODAY I'M MAKING SURE HE STAYS HERE UNTIL NOON, OR ELSE!!', 'I'M EATING IN SO I CAN USE MY LUNCH HOUR TO RUN SOME ERRANDS'.

B.C.

Comic strip 'B.C.' featuring a character and a dog. Text: 'ACKNOWLEDGE', 'THE TOTAL ACCUMULATED WISDOM OF AN ACK.', 'WILEY'S DICTIONARY'.

FAMILY CIRCUS

Comic strip 'FAMILY CIRCUS' featuring a man and a dog. Text: 'I'm c-cold! Don't dry my hair! Dry the other stuff first!'.

DENNIS THE MENACE

Comic strip 'DENNIS THE MENACE' featuring a boy and a dog. Text: 'HE COULD FIND MUD IN THE DESERT!'.

GEECH

Comic strip 'GEECH' featuring two characters. Text: 'WE REALLY NEED TO CLEAN THOSE REST ROOMS.', 'WE NEVER CLEAN THE REST ROOMS THIS EARLY.', 'WHEN DO WE CLEAN THEM?', 'MUCH LATER.', 'I THINK IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE ALREADY.', 'YOU SAW THAT EVERY YEAR.'

WIZARD OF ID

Comic strip 'WIZARD OF ID' featuring a character and a dog. Text: 'HALT... WHO GOES THERE?', 'A POOR, TIMID, MISERABLE KNIGHT', 'WE'VE ALREADY GOT ONE OF THOSE!'.

HI AND LOIS

Comic strip 'HI AND LOIS' featuring a man and a woman. Text: 'OH, DITTO! YOU DRIVE ME CRAZY MORNING, NOON AND NIGHT!', 'WELL, I'M NOT ALL BAD...', '... I GIVE YOU EVENINGS OFF!'.

GASOLINE ALLEY

Comic strip 'GASOLINE ALLEY' featuring a man and a dog. Text: 'Harvey is the invisible 6ft. rabbit from the old movie! We go along with the gag...', '...and set a place for Harvey! That's his hat there! They even order carrots for him!', 'But when do they play the drums and bugles?'.

SNUFFY SMITH

Comic strip 'SNUFFY SMITH' featuring a man and a woman. Text: 'HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU FER BABY-SITTIN', MELBA SUE?', '50 CENTS FER TATER', 'NOT COUNTIN' TH' TWO EXTRAS YOU RUNG IN ON ME'.

BEETLE BAILY

Comic strip 'BEETLE BAILY' featuring a man and a woman. Text: 'WHAT'S THE MEAT TONIGHT?', 'YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF LIVER OR SPAM', 'AND WHAT'S THE VEGETABLE?', 'YOU HAVE A CHOICE OF SPINACH OR BROCCOLI', 'WE HAVE A CHOICE OF DON'S DINER OR MAMA ROGA'S PIZZERIA'.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1997. There are 307 days left in the year.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Wednesday's Puzzle solved:' and a list of words.

Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Feb. 27, 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress. In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine. In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed. In 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote. In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties. In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes. In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.) In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. (The occupation lasted until May.) In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis. In 1991, President Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight.

Ten years ago: President Reagan replaced his White House chief of staff, Donald T. Regan, with former Senator Howard H. Baker.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 67. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 65. Former Senator Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., is 64. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 63. Actress Barbara Babcock is 60. Actor Howard Hesseman is 57. Actress Mary Frann is 54. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 37. Basketball player James Worthy is 36. Actor Adam Baldwin is 35. Actor Grant Show ("Melrose Place") is 35. Rock musician Mike Cross (Sponge) is 32. Rhythm and blues singer Chilli (TLC) is 26. Rhythm and blues singer Roderick Clark is 24. Chelsea Clinton is 17. Rhythm and blues singer Bobby Wilson (Mista) is 17.

Thought for Today: "Reasoning with a child is fine, if you can reach the child's reason without destroying your own." — John Mason Brown, American essayist (1900-1968).

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