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Results of Heckler's hearing expected in June

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring businessman Danny Heckler will have to wait several weeks to find out his fate for allegedly rolling back an odometer and using illegal auto dealer tags.

Heckler, owner of Red Barn Auto Sales, and attorney Rick Hamby were in a hearing most of Monday in the Howard County Courtroom, as Elvis Schulze, attorney for the Texas Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division (MVD) presented the state's case against Heckler.

The complaint against Heckler states that he purchased a 1982 Volvo from National Car Sales in Midland in April 1986, at which time the vehicle had in excess of 178,000 miles on the odometer.

Later that same month, the vehicle was seized by the Texas Department of Public Safety, at which time the odometer read 90,208 miles.



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According to state officials, this is a clear violation of Texas Revised Civil Statutes, as well as the Texas Business and Commerce Code.

In addition to the first charge, the complaint states that Heckler was assigned dealer number P-21782 from April 1, 1986, to March 31, 1989. On April 18, 1990, he was assigned dealer number P-15774, which remains current today.

In evidence printed Monday, Schulze said from Jan. 1, 1994, to Feb. 7, 1994,

Heckler had Westex Printing Inc. print 300 red buyer tags using dealer number P-17774 and 100 red buyer tags using dealer number P-21782.

According to Schulze, the last 100 tags with dealer number P-21782 were ordered by Heckler almost seven years after his authorized use of the number has ended.

The state also charged that Heckler was never authorized to use dealer number P-17774.

Based on these charges, the state contends that Heckler violated the Texas Transportation Code and 16 Texas Administrative Codes.

Under state law, the Motor Vehicle Board is authorized to deny, revoke or suspend Heckler's dealer's license as well as assess civil penalties.

According to Molly Singletary, administrative law judge for the

Department of Transportation MVD, a conviction carries a fine of up to 10,000 per day of the violation of the Motor Vehicle Code. In addition, and a fine of up to \$1,000 per day of the violation can be assessed for violations of the Transportation Code.

The state presented seven witnesses as part of its case, including Big Spring Police Officers Cpl. Charlie Calvert, Cpl. Robert Fitzgibbons and DPS Trooper William Allensworth, all of whom testified as to their contact or involvement with Heckler concerning the illegal dealer tags.

Evidence presented showed that Heckler had no problem registering vehicle title applications with the Howard County Tax Office with the correct dealer number on them, but the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) stopped several vehicles purchased

from Heckler that had illegal dealer tags traced to dealers in the state other than Heckler.

According to Schulze, this occurred 24 times.

Heckler's defense argued that there may be a dealer or someone in town handing out his tags illegally and that several of his tags were stolen during a series of criminal mischief incidents and burglaries at the business.

Westex Printing was also accused of committing errors when printing Heckler's dealer tags.

Atthol Atkins, owner of Westex Printing, was present, but was not called by either side to testify.

As far as the odometer in the Volvo was concerned, Gary Walton, a retired mechanic, testified that he changed out

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Traffic Murder Convicted man lays blame on VA

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) — A man convicted of killing two college students while driving impaired said his battles with drugs and alcohol were made worse by Veterans Affairs doctors who gave him more drugs when he sought help.

Thomas Richard Jones, 40, is the first person convicted in North Carolina of first-degree murder in a DWI case.

During the sentencing phase of his trial Monday, Jones said he was haunted by the deaths of Maia Witzl, 19, of Arlington, Texas, and Julie Hansen, 19, of Rockville, Md., both killed last Sept. 4 when Jones' truck collided with the vehicle in which they were riding.

He paused often, wiping away tears. He ended by quoting Witzl, who had volunteered in her hometown of Arlington, Texas, on the city drug council and in a center that helped people dealing with addiction.

In her application to Wake Forest University, which was read in court, Witzl said she wanted to be remembered as a person who changed the world positively.

Jones said: "Maia said that she was all about changes. And changes are going to come out of this. A lot."

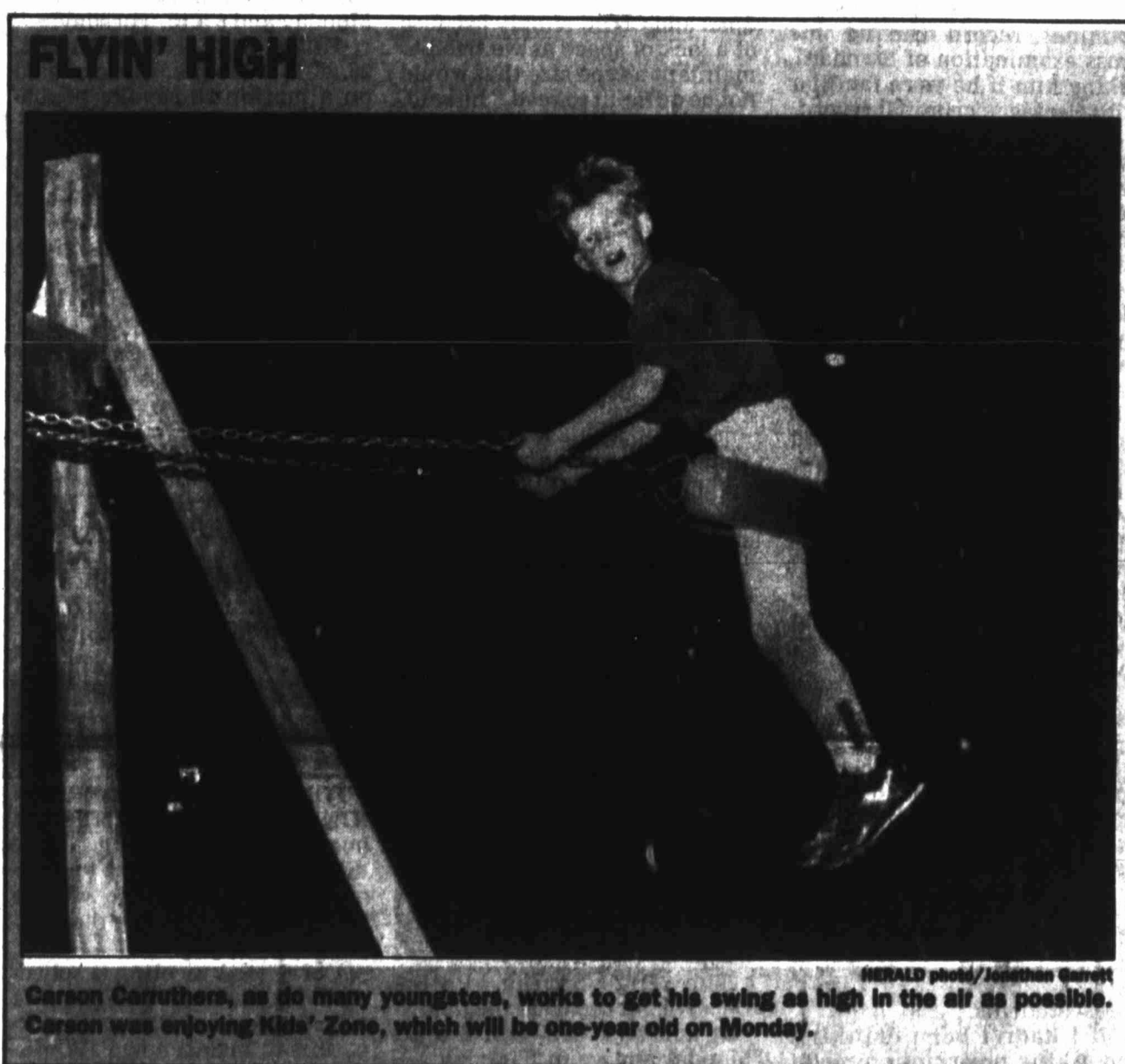
"This cost a lot of people," Jones said. "I'm very, very sorry."

A Forsyth County Superior Court jury must decide whether to sentence Jones to death or life in prison without parole. Attorneys were to present closing arguments today.

On Monday, prosecutors questioned Jones about his long list of legal troubles — two convictions for driving while impaired, assaults on his wife and his mother, shoplifting and stealing prescription notepads.

Jones began drinking and using marijuana at age 15 and soon began experimenting with other drugs, a defense psychologist testified.

Jones said that in 1980, he drank about four beers and had an accident with a riding lawn mower that caused doctors to amputate his left leg below the knee. He became addicted to painkillers. His addictions worsened, he said, after two



Carson Carruthers, as do many youngsters, works to get his swing as high in the air as possible. Carson was enjoying Kids' Zone, which will be one-year old on Monday.

McLaren's wife: 'Wonderful person who's had bad week'

ALPINE (AP) — Wearing gold-beaded shoes that clashed with her orange jail jumpsuit, Evelyn McLaren stepped into a federal courtroom and out of the shadow of her husband, Texas separatist Richard McLaren.

Mrs. McLaren's demeanor during an appearance in a federal courtroom Monday portrayed a genteel, family-oriented woman quite different from her wild-haired, idealist husband.

Yet, as U.S. Magistrate Katherine Baker read the federal charges against Mrs. McLaren, the long list indicated she must have believed her husband's Republic of Texas movement was its own nation.

Mrs. McLaren is accused of conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting. She could be punished by up to 155 years in jail and fined \$5.25 million.

"She's actually doing quite well," said her attorney, Terry O'Rourke. "She is just a won-

derful person who's had a really hell of a bad week."

The indictment alleges that the McLarens and the others began issuing what eventually totaled \$1.8 billion in bogus Republic of Texas "warrants" in December 1995. Actual losses, however, are estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

U.S. Attorney Paul Coggins said the warrants, which look like cashier's checks, were used to pay for goods and services and to open bank accounts.

Mrs. McLaren, 50, became a central figure in the Republic of Texas' standoff at their remote mountain home Friday when her daughters arrived from Fort Worth and made impassioned pleas for her to come out.

Julie Hopkins, 29, cried that she didn't want to be 30 and motherless. Her older sister Lisa Rutledge said she didn't want to take her 21/2-year-old son to his grandmother's funeral.

Sure enough, the next morning, Mrs. McLaren left the throng of trailers the group called its embassy and turned herself in to state troopers.

Mrs. McLaren also brought out the terms for a complete surrender: a cease-fire document that would be signed by herself, her husband and the state's lead negotiator. Hours later, McLaren and three followers laid down their arms and peacefully ended the stalemate.

Two others fled separately into the woods. One was killed in a shootout with police Monday, and the other was still on the lam today in the rugged Davis Mountains.

Later Saturday, six separatists were taken to the

Presidio County Jail in Marfa. Mrs. McLaren was the only one not facing state charges, instead being held on the federal ones. She was allowed to share a cell with her husband as part of their surrender terms.

Mrs. McLaren was taken by van from Marfa to Alpine shortly after noon Monday for her federal hearing. As she got out, Mrs. McLaren turned to the media, smiled, waved and shuffled her shackled feet inside.

As the 24-seat courtroom filled, she turned to reporters in the front row and asked for two spots to be saved in case her daughters arrived. They never came.

Gently rocking her chair, Mrs. McLaren seemed at ease during a delay before the hearing.

She fiddled with her ponytail to make sure all loose hairs were scrunched into a rubber band. The rest of her hair appeared to be losing its blond coating, with dark roots creeping through the top.

She spoke briefly with O'Rourke and his wife, Michelle. They gave her a few sheets of paper to take notes, something she never did.

Instead, Mrs. McLaren spent most of the 23-minute hearing standing at a podium with O'Rourke as aker read the parts of the thick indictment that involved her.

It took 12 minutes, and O'Rourke had his left hand on Mrs. McLaren's back during most of it.

The documents referred to her as Evelyn Ann McLaren, aka Evelyn Ann Horak. O'Rourke made it clear she prefers McLaren.

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Herald's TV Week should include new changes by May 18

HERALD Staff Report

If things go according to plan, the May 18 issue of the Herald's TV Week weekly television guide will include all of the changes recently implemented by Big Spring Cable TV.

"We had planned to have everything ready to go in last Sunday's edition, but there was a technical problem with it and we were unable to use it," said Herald Managing Editor John H. Walker.

Walker said the problem stemmed from the fact the listings grid that shows the programs over a 24-hour period were too deep and would not fit in the space available on the page.

"It was one of those little things, but it was enough that it caused us to have to delay the new listings," Walker said. "We felt that if we reduced the grid enough for it to fit depth-wise, it would reduce the size of the type to a point where it could make it difficult for some of our readers to read."

Walker said there will be several changes in the revised weekly guide.

"The three changes most evident, I believe, will be the manner in which the grid listings

are presented as well as the fact all movies will be shaded in the listings for easy identification. Also, we have dropped the VCR Plus listings as a space and cost consideration" Walker said.

Walker said two listings designers — Max Bell and Scott Nelson of TV Data Corp. — have been working on the design and presentation of the listings since Big Spring Cable finalized its channel line-up several weeks ago.

"What we've come up with is a daily grid that will include the 24-hour listings for the entire day," Walker said. "There will be three grids stacked on top of each other and each will cover an 8-hour period."

The changes in style, Walker said, were in an effort to make the listings easier to read and use.

"Anytime a reader told us they didn't like the way the listings were presented, we tried to find out exactly what they didn't like," Walker said. "Then, we tried to incorporate those changes into the new channel grid."

One thing the new design will necessitate will be the moving of the start of the rolling log

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NICE PUTT



Miniature golf is certainly not just for youngsters, as Martha Loveless demonstrates. She and her family were playing Monday night at the Park and Putt Family Fun Center.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

88 ▲ Highs 62
Lows ▼

Today: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms tonight High in the upper 80s. Low in the lower 60s.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. High in the upper 80s. Low in the 50s.

Extended outlook: Thursday through Saturday, cooler with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. Lows in the lower 50s.

OBITUARIES

Virgil Churchwell

Virgil Churchwell, 62, of Big Spring, died Friday, May 2, 1997, in a Lubbock hospital following a long illness. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating, with interment at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



CHURCHWELL

Virgil was born on Sept. 26, 1934, in Lamesa. He married Alice Altman on Dec. 31, 1954, in Miami, Fla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps having served during the Korean Conflict. He served with the MARS-37 (Marine Air Repair Squadron).

He had been an electrician having worked for the VA hospital for 11 years before retiring in 1995. He earned several awards at the hospital for outstanding performance. He also worked in numeral parts of Texas as an electrician and had also done jobs in Turkey and Iran.

Mr. Churchwell was a member of the IBEW in Midland and a member of the Baptist church. He loved God, his country and his family and friends. His hobbies were loving his family, painting, nature and genealogy.

He was a jack of all trades and a master of all. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include: his wife, Alice Churchwell of Big Spring; two daughters and sons-in-law, Wanda and James Rudinger and Mary and Wayne Henry, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Barbie Cwiok of Fort Bragg, N.C., Charlie Rudinger, Ricky Brackeen and Cindy Rudinger, all of Big Spring; one brother: Tom Churchwell of

Big Spring; one sister: Wanda Moe of Big Cabin, Okla.; a half sister, Mary Ann Perez of Seminole, and a half brother, Rodney Churchwell of Liverpool, N.Y.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buck Jefferson Churchwell and Rosa Kyle Churchwell.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Churchwell, Tommy Churchwell, Chris Churchwell, Charlie Rudinger, Ricky Brackeen, James Rudinger, Thomas Owen, Virgil Owen, and Wayne Henry.

(Paid obituary)

Warren A. "Bud" Farrow

Rosary for Warren A. "Bud" Farrow, 77, Big Spring, will be 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, May 8, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor, officiating. Private family interment will follow.

Mr. Farrow died Sunday, May 4, in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born on Dec. 5, 1919, in Lexington, Mo., and had been married to Elizabeth Green Farrow for 55 years. He had been in Big Spring since 1951 and had been a federal employee of the Department of the Air Force from 1946 to 1978. He had been the Civilian Personal Officer at Webb Air Force Base from 1951 until retiring in 1978. He was a Catholic and was a 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 3071 in Midland. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Elizabeth G. Farrow, Big Spring; a sister, Mary Jo Hammontree, Independence, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Celia Moran

Service for Celia Moran, 28, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She died Monday, May 5, 1997, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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back surgeries, a broken leg and eight car accidents.

Jones also said he punched his wife in the face, got arrested for asking an undercover officer for sex and was convicted in 1992 for the second time for driving while impaired.

Last August, he checked into the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Salisbury for a detoxification program. But he testified he left twice during his six days there to drink beer.

Jones said none of the doctors at the hospital told him the danger of mixing alcohol with pain medication. Five days before the accident, he returned for more painkillers.

On Sept. 4, Jones saw his attorney in Winston-Salem, drove to a car wash where he took drugs and drank two quarts of beer, then went to two bars and drank more beer. After bumping another vehicle at a traffic light and fishtailing through another intersection, he began driving back to Statesville, he said.

Jones said he was trying to put a country music tape into his car stereo when his car crossed the median, striking the car carrying the Wake

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the speedometer cluster in the vehicle in April 1996, while he was employed with Auto Super Market Repair.

Also on Heckler's behalf, Tommy Franklin, an automobile wholesaler and car dealer Joe Lesueur, testified that they had also used Westex Printing on a number of occasions and the wrong information was printed on their orders.

Former Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard testified that his dealings with Heckler, during his tenure in office, were always professional and that he was aware of ill feelings between Heckler and the police department.

According to Standard, there has been a confrontational attitude between the police department and Heckler for some time.

Standard identified Calvert an officer with hard feelings against Heckler, but Calvert, during cross examination, said he had no idea what Heckler or Hamby were talking about.

At one point, Hamby implied that Calvert could have filled in one of the dealer tags that was used as evidence against Heckler.

Schulze alluded to Heckler's criminal record during his cross examination of Standard, asking him if he were familiar with Heckler's criminal record.

Standard replied that he was aware that Heckler is currently on probation, but was not familiar with any of the criminal charges and convictions in Heckler's file.

Testifying in his own defense, Heckler said after being asked by Hamby, that it is possible for dealer tags to be passed around among buyers and that in all likelihood, several of his dealer tags, which were misprinted, were stolen during burglaries at his business.

Testimony concluded Monday, but both sides are waiting for transcripts which should be delivered May 19. Both sides will have until 5 p.m. June 2 to submit closing argument briefs.

Both sides will have until June 9 to file responses to those briefs.

Singletary said her writing schedule is tight, but she would try to have a decision made as soon as possible after responses are filed on June 9.

Forest students.

"If I hadn't been drinking and taking prescription medicine together, they'd still be here today," he said.

Jones was prosecuted under the state's felony-murder rule, which says a person who kills someone while committing a separate dangerous felony can be prosecuted for first-degree murder, whether the death was intentional or not.

Prosecutors successfully argued that Jones committed two felonies — reckless driving while impaired and assault with a deadly weapon.

Defense attorneys told the jury the deaths were accidental and that prosecutors turned it into a murder case because of the emotions evoked by the teenagers' deaths. They also argued that Jones' blood-alcohol level was measured at .05, below the legal limit of .08.

Joy Witzl said she doesn't want Jones put to death. She wants him to live with the memory of killing of her daughter.

"I'd rather see him sentenced to life without parole, because what we have been sentenced to is life imprisonment," she said.

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(worded listings) from the same page as the grid.

"We hope to be able to include more of the rolling log in this new format, but the first couple of issues, we'll be experimenting and seeking reader feedback," Walker said.

He added that the newspaper will reduce the number of articles normally included in the first few pages of the weekly guide in order to accommodate more program listings.

"We'll continue with the movie reviews, On Cue's Top 10 Lists and probably "On the Soaps," Walker said, "but everything else is pretty much fair game."

The main thing readers have said they want are more complete listings, he added.

Walker said a total of 30 channels would be listed on the new grids.

"We started looking at including 32 channels, but had to make the decision to delete C-Span and CNBC simply because of a lack of space as we tried to maintain a type size that would not be difficult to read," he said.

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Rick and Evelyn have never formally been married. They're considered husband and wife because Texas common law says anyone introducing themselves as such is legally married.

Throughout the hearing, Mrs. McLaren was silent. She uttered "uh-huh" the first time she was asked if she understood the charges.

Baker tallied up the possible punishment, set another hearing for Friday, then again asked if she understood.

"I believe so," she said. "He (O'Rourke) may have to explain some of this stuff to me."

Mrs. McLaren met with him briefly, then was put back on the van headed to Marfa. Getting in, she smiled and waved goodbye.

POLICE REPORT

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•THOMAS DANIELS, 61, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•ROBERT EARL TINDOL, 35, of 624 Ridgelea, was arrested on local warrants and public intoxication.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way; 1000 block of N. Main; and the 600 block of Elgin.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way; 1500 block of E. 11th Place; and the 500 block of E. Sixth.

•ASSAULT BY THREATS in the 1000 block of N. Main.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 2,5,8 CASH 5: 7,19,26,31,35

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3166 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•ELDA MELINA BERNAL, 26, of 1311 Mobile, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for forgery.

•CHARLES RANDOLPH DEAX, 20, of 1615 Harding, was arrested on a judgment and sentence for driving with an invalid license, and was given 10 days in jail and fined \$447.

•VAUDELIO HILARIO GARCIA JR., 35, of 511 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a murder warrant and possession of marijuana. Bonds were set at \$200,000 and \$2,000. Garcia was released when \$200,000 bond was reduced to \$50,000.

•JAMES WILLIAM LEFFLER III, of 1209 Douglas, was arrested for a parole violation.

•LEROY GENE TORRES, 19, of 1503A Lincoln, was arrested for unauthorized use of a vehicle.

BRIEFS

TONIGHT — ANDERSON KINDERGARTEN CENTER is hosting the spring 1997 "Kindergarten Preview" for parents and students who will be attending there during the 1997-98 school year.

A brief PTA meeting is scheduled for 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The main purpose is to install new PTA officers for the next school year. Parents and students may tour the school from 7-8 p.m. after the meeting.

For more information, call the school office at 264-4151.

THE BIG SPRING VA MEDICAL Center celebrates National Nurses Week May 6-12. All former VA nursing employees are invited to attend a reception honoring nurses on today from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 212.

All area nurses are invited to attend a workshop on May 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the medical center in room 212.

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Virgil Churchwell, died Friday. Services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. Celia Moran, 28, died Monday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Ruth A. Griffice, 64, died Sunday. Services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Warren A. "Bud" Farrow, 77, died Sunday. Rosary will be 6:15 PM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Private family interment will follow.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

American Airlines pilots ratify five-year contract

GRAPEVINE — After nearly three years, a strike and presidential intervention, American Airlines and its pilots finally have a contract. This labor peace, however, is an uneasy one.

A five-year contract was approved 69 percent to 31 percent by the Allied Pilots Association on Monday. Despite the overwhelming majority, the union was still wary about losing the right to fly regional jets.

Throughout contract talks, Fort Worth-based AMR Corp. had fought to have its subsidiary American Eagle fly the smaller jets and refused to back down to American pilot demands to control the aircraft.

American pilots fear losing jobs if the carrier shifts routes to the smaller jets.

In the contract ratified Monday, American pilots failed to get the right to fly regional jets. Various limits on flight distance, jet size and fleet size were added to the agreement, as well as job guarantees that allow furloughed American pilots to fly the jets at American Eagle.

Legal liability the focus as settlement talks resume

DALLAS — State attorneys general meeting with cigarette makers say they've gained ground on the thorny issue of how much liability the companies would face under an industry-wide settlement agreement.

"We got a few more concessions from them today in that area," said Michael Moore of Mississippi, who is coordinating the talks, after he and his counterparts from six states spent about two hours with tobacco industry representatives Monday.

"We are making progress. There's no talk of immunity."

The discussions were initiated last month by major tobacco companies to settle lawsuits with more than 24 states, private plaintiffs and health groups.

Bill would ban ownership of dangerous animals

AUSTIN — Lions and tigers and bears as pets — oh my, not in Texas.

Ownership of dangerous wild animals would be banned in the state, with exceptions, under a bill approved Monday by the Senate.

The bill, which goes to the House for consideration, was approved after sponsoring Sen. Mike Moncrief added exemptions to address numerous concerns from his colleagues.

"We had close to 20 amendments that were rolled into this substitute (bill) in order to satisfy the concerns of various members ... from selling monkeys in the Valley to exhibiting animals to schools for educational purposes," said Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

He also left the rhinoceros off the bill's list of dangerous wild animals. Several ranches in the state have breeding programs for endangered rhinos.

Governor says Texas will try alternative route

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush says Texas will try an alternative route to welfare reform since the federal government hasn't approved its proposal for private contractors to determine eligibility for assistance.

In a Monday letter to U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna Shalala, Bush said state officials were frustrated because they don't believe they have received a definitive answer on Texas' plan.

"Texans don't like double talk and run arounds. It is clear by your refusal to say 'yes' that you are not interested in a project that will save Texas taxpayers \$10 million annually while providing access to services for people who need them."

Bush touts electric deregulation bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Electric companies would have to compete for the right to power Texas, and the companies that serve most of the state would have to cut rates by 10 percent under a bill touted by Gov. George W. Bush.

The governor, who has taken a lead role in often contentious talks between the various factions of the state's electric utility industry, made it clear Monday that he wants the market deregulated.

"I think people want cheap electric rates, as cheap as they can possibly be," Bush said. "Deregulation will allow that."

Under the Bush-backed proposal, the state's electric market would be opened to competition Sept. 1, 2001, except for publicly owned utilities and cooperatives.

could be stuck with a larger share of the tab.

The costs that could be abandoned by current customers moving in the future to new companies are called "stranded costs." They have been estimated around \$14 billion.

To help utilities recover those costs, they would be allowed to purchase up to \$4 billion in bonds financed by ratepayers to help pay down those costs in the four years preceding the date for deregulation.

Some consumer groups criticized the proposal as a sweetheart deal for utilities.

"We would be better off with no bill, than passing this bill," said Tom "Smitty" Smith, Texas director of Public Citizen. "This is a \$14 billion bailout for

the big boys and passes the costs on to the consumers.

"It's like giving away the farm and handing the consumers the mortgage."

Gary Rasp, a spokesman for the Association of Electricity Companies of Texas, said, "There are elements in the bill that we could support, but we haven't had a chance to review it thoroughly."

Karen Johnson, president of Beaumont-based Entergy, which serves 317,000 electric customers in southeast Texas, said, "This plan is a very promising approach."

The governor appeared with several lawmakers from both the House and Senate at a news conference drumming up attention for the bill.

Republic fugitive killed; second still loose

FORT DAVIS (AP) — The man was sleeping when the search dogs found him. Startled, he fired his pistol and took off back into the thick woods.

At mid-afternoon, the dogs tracked him down again. Only this time, when he fired at the dogs, their human colleagues from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice fired back.

The man was hit once in the arm and went down — but only for a minute. He stood, fired up at a Department of Public Safety helicopter. Someone in the helicopter shot back. Then came a fatal gunshot to the man's torso from the TDCJ officer.

While the DPS explained that sequence of events, the agency wasn't sure which of two run-away followers of Texas separatist Richard McLaren had been killed — although all signs pointed to Mike Matson, a 48-year-old former Marine. Officials said the dead man was middle-aged. The other run-away, Richard Frank Keyes III, is 21.

Authorities were to resume their search for the other man this morning.

"There is some feeling now that maybe they were not together," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said.

The body was found about a

mile southwest of the gaggle of trailers McLaren's Republic of Texas faction called their embassy. It was in such rough countryside that horses called in to carry off the corpse had to turn back. Instead, a basket was lowered from a helicopter.

The man had no identification on him, forcing authorities to wait for autopsy results from the Bexar County medical examiner's office in San Antonio.

Ralph Matson wasn't waiting. He was so convinced it was his brother that he'd already planned to travel to Texas today.

"Yeah, that's my brother,"

Matson told The Associated Press after being read a description of the victim. "I know my brother never carried any ID."

Mike Matson moved to the Davis Mountains from Chicago less than three months ago to protect McLaren, the self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas, a group that believes the U.S. illegally annexed the state in 1845.

Ralph Matson insisted his brother, whom he described as "pro-government," repeatedly refused to join the group. Mike Matson also believed that McLaren wasn't breaking any laws or else he would've left, the brother said.

Record seven executions likely in Texas this month

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The six convicted killers executed last month broke a state record first set 73 years ago when five murderers died in the Texas electric chair on the same February night.

The new mark is not likely to stand as long.

Eight condemned men have execution dates over the next three weeks and officials expect all but one to be strapped to the Huntsville Unit gurney, joining 115 others who have been put to death since capital punishment resumed in Texas in 1982.

And a record set this month may only last through June. A tentative list of scheduled executions has 10 more names for next month, with eight likely to die, state officials say.

The spurt is a combination of events set in motion more than a year ago when executions here were stalled by an appeal from death row inmate James Davis, who challenged a law intended to speed the appeals process for condemned killers.

His appeal virtually stopped lethal injections in Texas, which had been increasing

slightly year to year, climaxing with a record 19 in 1995. With the Davis appeal pending, there were only three executions in 1996.

Prosecutors involved in capital punishment litigation note the Davis case — rejected by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals — delayed a number of cases that should have concluded a year ago. Those cases, along with capital murder appeals resolved normally this year, have combined to give Texas an unprecedented increase in executions.

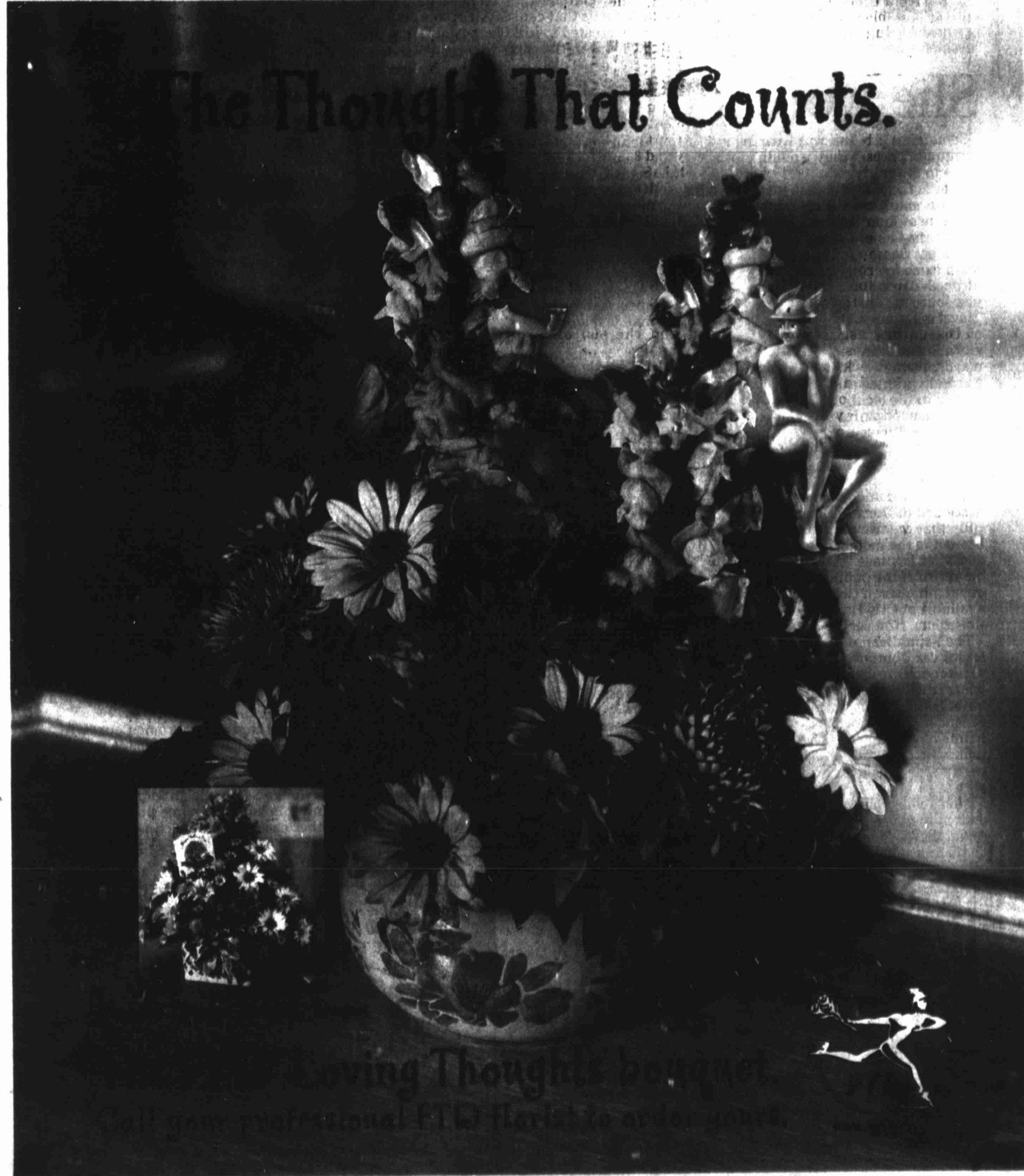
Still, relatives of murder victims who now may witness executions are nearly unanimous that the average nine years an inmate spends on death row is far too long.

"I think this should have happened a lot sooner," Joyce Smith, whose daughter was killed near Amarillo by Benjamin Boyle almost 12 years ago, said after watching Boyle die last month.

"There needs to be some way to shorten the process," Smith's surviving daughter, Margaret, added.

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Quote of the Day

"A man who is not a Liberal at sixteen has no heart; a man who is not a Conservative at sixty has no head."

— Benjamin Disraeli

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OUR VIEWS

VFD, commissioners need to think safety

Residents of Howard County should be concerned about the ongoing feud between certain members of the Howard County Commissioners Court and the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

Dating back to the time VFD Chief Tommy Sullivan appeared before commissioners to request permission for the volunteers to hold bingo games to raise funds, there has been a rift between the two groups.

Our concern is that while certain of the principals on both sides have taken turns pouting, the attitude that comes across is one of the public be damned.

We've had volunteers park trucks, commissioners step beyond their boundaries to alter first responder dispatch priorities without advising the volunteer chief and we've had the volunteers told that if they want to offer first responder service, they must provide their own insurance and travel in their own vehicles.

Through all of this, where does public safety come to play?

Yes, while both Sullivan and Commissioner Bill Crocker, who seems to us to be the most antagonistic of the courts' members toward the volunteers, claim that public safety is their first and foremost concern, we're a bit tired of what we perceive to be a selfish, "I'm in charge" attitude.

Yes, we agree that commissioners were elected to oversee the general operation of the county — but we can't find micromanagement among the many duties listed for a commissioner's court under state law.

On the other hand, Chief Sullivan and his volunteers are under the jurisdiction of the commissioners and should respect their decisions and authority — even if they don't agree.

We believe both volunteers and commissioners have overstepped their bounds and, as a result of what has turned into an embarrassing, childish feud, have potentially placed the lives of Howard County citizens and their property in jeopardy.

Commissioners should meet their legal obligation of budget oversight and, as stated earlier, leave the micromanagement of departments to others.

They should ensure the equipment provided firefighters is sufficient in quantity and reliability for the public to be adequately protected.

Volunteers need to provide emergency services to their fellow citizens. They don't need to operate bingo ... they don't need to go on strike and they don't need to provide their own insurance or use their own vehicles for first responder service.

And the principals in their ongoing feud either need to act like adults or find something else to occupy their time ... the public's safety is far too important for the childishness to which we've been subjected.

If they can't do that, then perhaps the county needs to contract with the city of Big Spring and get out of the fire protection business.

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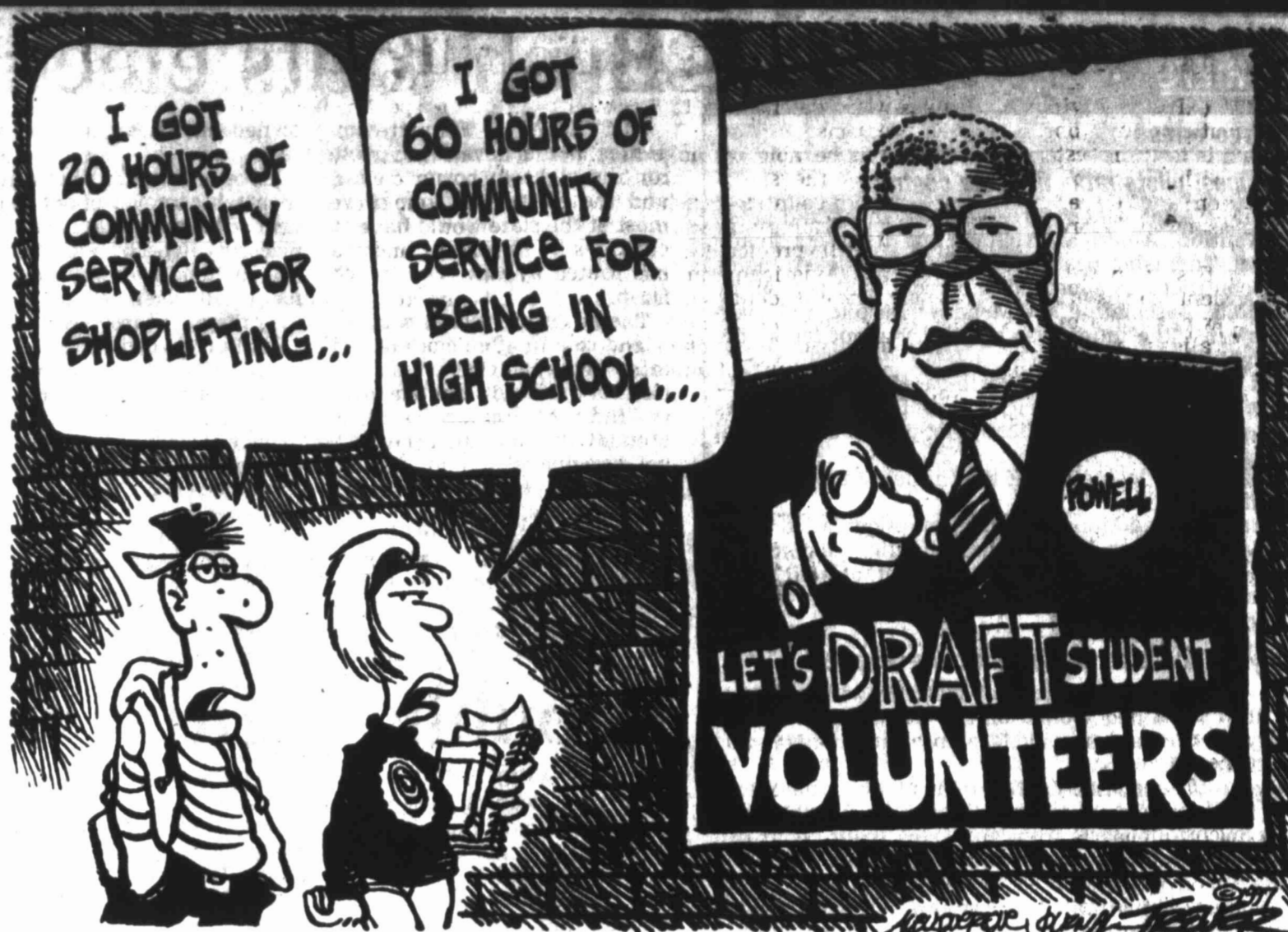
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Tuskegee experiment still haunts blacks

WASHINGTON — The episode is one that blacks cannot forget.

In 1932, the U.S. Public Health Service decided to study 399 black men who had syphilis. The disease was rampant in the rural South back then. In Macon County, Georgia, for example, more than one-third of the black males were infected.

The hope was to learn how syphilis spreads and kills. The subjects, mostly poor uneducated black men recruited throughout the South for the study at the Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute, were not told they had the disease — only that they had "bad blood."

They were not given the standard treatment of the time, mercury and arsenic compounds, nor were they treated with penicillin after it was found to be effective against syphilis in the 1940s.

Although descriptions of the study appeared in medical literature over the years, it did not become public knowledge until 1972 when a lawyer who had formerly worked for the Public Health Service revealed what had happened — and

indeed, was still happening.

The experiment was halted. An out-of-court settlement in a class-action lawsuit two years later resulted in the federal government paying \$10 million to a total of 6,000 victims and their heirs.

That might have been the end of the story, but it became a dark part of black lore. And it left its mark on new generations of blacks in the form of lingering suspicion and distrust of medicine and government.

Dr. Stephen B. Thomas, director of the Institute for Minority Health at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health, told The New York Times he thinks the Tuskegee legacy is one of the major reasons blacks are more hesitant than whites to donate blood or organs, or to have their children vaccinated.

Moreover, he believes that memories and fears of Tuskegee have undermined efforts to prevent and treat AIDS among blacks. When the AIDS epidemic first started to spread and Dr. Thomas was working to set up AIDS education programs in black neighborhoods, he and others noticed that the subject of Tuskegee almost always came up during discussions of AIDS.

Many blacks expressed fears that the HIV virus that causes AIDS was deliberately created to kill black people and that AZT, one of the early treatments, was a

plot to poison them.

A poll conducted by the Southern Christian Leadership Council in 1990 found that 35 percent of the nearly 2,000 black churchgoers questioned said they believed AIDS was a form of genocide.

"What the Tuskegee experiment did was validate the fact that the (American) system of racial apartheid was so pervasive that it lent itself to abuses against black people," says Arnold H. Taylor, a history professor at Howard University.

Only eight men from the original experiment are still alive; they range in age from 89 to 107. Not long ago they got a promise that President Clinton would formally apologize for the federal government's role in the Tuskegee study.

Last week, the White House said the apology will take place on May 16 in the Rose Garden. The president will use the occasion to reassure the victims and their families — and all Americans — that "something like this will never happen again," according to Deputy White House Press Secretary Mary Ellen Glynn.

That should help restore some African Americans' confidence in government. But in this period of racial tension, it will take a concerted effort to end the terrible legacy of Tuskegee that continues to haunt many blacks to this day.

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She wore a Clinton button, missed rally

Samantha Sistrunk was wearing a Clinton button, so they wouldn't let her come to the rally.

That is the nub of a case just filed with the Supreme Court. It presents a novel question of First Amendment law.

First the facts: President George Bush came to Strongsville, Ohio, just south of Cleveland, for a rally on Oct. 28, 1992. The city's Republican mayor, Walter Ehrnfelt, granted a permit to the local Republican organization for exclusive use of the town Commons. Fee to the city, \$1.

U.S. Circuit Judge James L. Ryan has described the permit. It provided specifically that the use of the Commons "was limited to the members of the organization and their invitees." To attend the rally, members of the public were required to obtain admission tickets, which were available at City Hall free of charge on a first come, first served basis.

The Republican organization, having leased the Commons, laid down the rules: "The committee prohibited rally participants from carrying or displaying signs or buttons that carried messages critical of President Bush; however, it allowed participants to display approved signs and buttons which carried messages either supporting the president or neutral to his support."

Along came Samantha, a high school student at the time. She obtained her free ticket and rode to the rally with other students in a school bus. On her jacket was a

picture of a classmate, a red-ribbon drug-free pin — and a political button endorsing Bill Clinton for president. Horrors!

"Plaintiff was stopped outside the rally entrance by a committee official who told her she could not carry or display the Bill Clinton button inside the rally. Plaintiff relinquished the button to the official before entering."

A few other facts will contribute to understanding of the constitutional issue that developed.

• Mayor Ehrnfelt was a sponsor of the rally. Invitations were in the name of "Mayor Walter F. Ehrnfelt and the Republican Party."

• The city openly encouraged citizens to attend. The Strongsville public schools offered students the option of attending the rally or going to their regularly scheduled classes.

• The high school provided free transportation on city school buses. The high school marching band performed at the rally.

To Samantha Sistrunk, all this added up to state action; the town was censoring the content of her speech at a public forum. After all, the town Commons had been used for 165 years for all kinds of rallies, festivals and art fairs. She charged that the mayor had abused his power under color of his office.

The U.S. District Court was not impressed. It ruled that the city's involvement was "largely passive and wholly diverse from the committee's action." The rule barring Clinton buttons was private conduct, not subject to the 1871 civil rights statute known as Section 1983. The court dismissed her suit, and Sistrunk appealed to the 6th Circuit.

There she lost again, but the Circuit Court split 2-1 on the case. The majority, speaking through Judge Ryan, went

straight to the constitutional issue. He found that nothing in the First Amendment prohibited the city from leasing the Commons "to groups seeking to make exclusive use of the Commons for expressive activity during a limited period of time."

Here Judge Ryan relied heavily on the Supreme Court's 1995 opinion in the case of the St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston. The high court held that the parade sponsors could exclude a homosexual organization from the line of march. That decision strongly suggested that the Strongsville Republicans, like the Boston Irish, could not be compelled to let Samantha and her Clinton button through the rally gates.

U.S. District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel, sitting by designation, filed a vigorous dissent. Merely to attend a political rally, in his view, is not to "participate." The gay marchers in Boston wanted to be active participants, not merely spectators. Samantha sought only to be a part of the audience, like a parade-watcher on a sidewalk. As such, she had a right to wear her Clinton button.

Apart from the constitutional issue, said Judge Spiegel, the fundamental question "is how much control over a traditional public forum may a municipality cede to a private group." His colleagues had ignored the argument over "state action." He voted to reverse the district court and order a closer look at the mayor's power to limit speech on the Commons.

I doubt that the Supreme Court will accept the Sistrunk case for review. It somehow doesn't have the feel of a high court case. Even so, the issue as framed by Judge Spiegel is an important issue, and it is bound to come up again in some other case, some other time.

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Clinton takes on drugs, immigration, trade during Mexican trip

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Trying to mend fences south of the border, President Clinton is tackling festering disagreements with Mexico over drugs, immigration and trade. "We must cooperate as never before," he declared.

The visit, his first trip to Latin America as president, comes at a low point in U.S.-Mexican relations. A tough new immigration law, an exacting review of Mexican drug-fighting capabilities and U.S. handling of several trade disputes all have angered and embarrassed Mexico.

But President Ernesto Zedillo was following Clinton's script, saying the

leaders were determined to work out their problems. "We will be able to make further progress on the specific issues that concern both countries, such as trade, drug trafficking, migration, border issues," Zedillo predicted.

Still, anti-American sentiment was obvious. The president's visit triggered at least two demonstrations Monday. "Clinton go home!" read one sign. "We view him as a symbol of imperialism," protester Carlos Martinez said.

In two full days of events, Clinton hopes to convince Mexicans that America values its neighbor as a trading partner and ally in the drug war.

Clinton, speaking with Hispanic television reporters, said the drug fight was not a case of "the United States beating up on Mexico or vice versa. This is something we must handle together" because the problem is fueled by Americans' thirst for illicit drugs.

On immigration, trade and a host of other issues, he said, "I have tried to be a good friend to the people of Mexico."

Clinton, the first U.S. president to visit Mexico City since Jimmy Carter in 1979, arrived Monday night for a tour of an anthropology museum with Zedillo.

The two presidents posed for pictures before an Aztec calendar dating back to somewhere between the 10th and 15th centuries. John F. Kennedy posed before the same historic piece during a presidential visit here.

Today, the leaders were conducting official talks and a news conference before a state dinner.

Clinton's heavy schedule included meetings with leaders of the opposition to Zedillo's Institutional Revolutionary Party. Known by its Spanish initials, the PRI has run the country for decades — notorious for winning elections through unscrupulous means.

He also was laying a wreath at a

memorial to martyrs of an 1847 battle with U.S. troops.

Eight members of Clinton's Cabinet met with their Mexican counterparts Monday to work out agreements in advance of the visit, including \$6 million from the U.S. government to help Mexico train anti-narcotics officers.

Mexico is the first stop on a week-long trip that also will take Clinton to Costa Rica for a summit with Central American leaders and to Barbados for a summit with Caribbean leaders.

Clinton hopes to build on a solid personal relationship with Zedillo. Both are Yale graduates, relatively young leaders and self-fashioned reformers.

Sister testifies McVeigh railed at federal agents

DENVER (AP) — Jennifer McVeigh said her brother had her pass along anti-government literature, nearly got into an accident with 1,000 pounds of explosives in his car and called federal agents "power-hungry storm troopers."

Yet the 23-year-old upstate New York college student appeared to share a brief smile with her brother, Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh, while she testified Monday about his life after he left the Army.

McVeigh, 29, who faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy charges, kept in touch with his sister as he drifted from job to job selling weapons and anti-government propaganda on the gun-show circuit.

But his tactics shifted after the 1993 FBI raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, according to a letter he sent his sister.

"He indicated that he was not in the propaganda stage, which was like passing out papers. He was now in the action stage," Ms. McVeigh said of the fall 1994 letter.

About four months later, on April 19, 1995, a truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500.

Ms. McVeigh's testimony, given under immunity from

prosecution, was to continue today. She was expected to testify that three weeks before the blast she received a letter from her brother saying, "Something big is about to happen."

Ms. McVeigh said she last saw her brother as a free man in December 1994, when he came home to Lockport, N.Y., near Buffalo, for about a month after their grandfather died.

She said they watched a videotape about Waco in their living room. Prosecutors said the deadly April 1993 raid on the Branch Davidians was the motive for the explosion.

"He was very angry," she said. "He thought the people (federal agents) murdered the people there, basically, gassed and burned them. I think he felt someone should be held accountable."

While home, McVeigh wrote a letter on her computer to the American Legion, calling federal agents "a bunch of fascist tyrants," "power-hungry storm troopers," and killers of women and children. She claimed she offered him advice about sentence structure but no more.

During one conversation, Ms. McVeigh said her brother spoke of how he once nearly got into an accident while transporting 1,000 pounds of explosives.

White House, Congress discuss windfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — The outlines of their balanced-budget deal cemented, White House and Capitol Hill bargainers are haggling over its details, including how to use a last-minute windfall of \$225 billion in revenues.

They were moving toward using the extra money to shrink deficits in the early years of the plan and to beef up domestic and defense spending, according to participants on both sides, speaking on condition of anonymity. That would make it easier to win votes for congressional approval later this year.

The two sides' negotiators met secretly in the Old Executive Office Building on Monday, trying to finalize the fine print of the agreement they struck on Friday.

The House and Senate budget committees were hoping that as early as the end of the week, they would approve a blueprint of the pact, which claims to balance the budget by 2002 while cutting taxes by \$135 billion and producing \$335 billion in savings. Republican leaders have set Memorial Day as their target for Congress completing that framework, which does not need President Clinton's signature.

They also want enactment of subsequent bills making actual changes in tax law and benefit programs by July 4, a date likely to slip. Thirteen separate bills controlling federal agencies' budgets probably won't be finished until autumn.

Much of the focus Monday

was on the \$225 billion in lower-than-expected deficits over the next five years that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office suddenly told GOP negotiators about last Wednesday evening. Administration officials learned of the new estimate the next day, throwing the talks into momentary chaos.

The extra money ended up giving bargainers an additional \$117 billion to use. That is because when they learned of the \$225 billion, they dropped \$108 billion in savings they had been prepared to claim by embracing optimistic White House assumptions about revenue collections.

According to budget writers, the additional money also allowed them to drop a politically explosive plan: They were going to legislate a 0.15 percent age-point reduction in the government's measure of inflation. That would have saved \$24 billion over five years because the result would have been smaller annual cost-of-living increases in Social Security benefits and in income tax deductions and exemptions.

Of the remaining \$93 billion, bargainers are discussing using \$67 billion to reduce deficits and \$26 billion for more spending for Medicaid, transportation, children's health care, the military and other programs.

Although precise details were unavailable, an earlier version of the bipartisan agreement — all but completed before the \$225 billion was discovered — would have allowed the deficit

to increase in 1998 before finally gliding down to zero in 2002. Bargainers were hoping to avoid that scenario, which raised strong objections from many conservatives.

Participants also said their initial agreement mistakenly left a \$4 billion or \$5 billion deficit in 2002. Negotiators will eliminate that red ink, probably by erasing some spending increases for that year.

Even though the extra \$225 billion allowed bargainers to

construct a more politically palatable deal, people involved in the talks said that initially they thought it might wreck the negotiations by causing an earlier version to unravel.

CBO produced the figure Wednesday after GOP House aides asked for estimates of how the strong economy would affect 1998 through 2002, the years covered by the budget deal. The new estimate was based on recent, unexpected high Treasury figures.

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U.S. envoy calling for rebels to take capital peacefully

LUBUMBASHI, Zaire (AP) — With rebels forces reported just 40 miles from the capital, a U.S. envoy urged Zaire's rebel leader not to take Kinshasa by force and suggested the creation of a transitional government.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, made his case Monday during meetings with rebel leader Laurent Kabila and his loyalist chiefs who have backed the seven-month offensive against President Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila has given Mobutu eight days to resign or be chased from Kinshasa.

"He has to choose to relinquish power and he is safeguarded, or he perishes with his power," Kabila said in the southeastern rebel stronghold of Lubumbashi, a day after unsuccessful peace talks with Mobutu.

Kabila said the vanguard of his forces, which have taken control of nearly three-quarters of Zaire, was 40 miles from Kinshasa's international airport and would be at the outskirts of the city of 6 million residents in a few days.

The rebels said in a statement they would guarantee the safety of Mobutu and his family if he resigned now.

Mobutu and Kabila apparently made little progress toward ending the war in talks Sunday aboard a South African naval ship docked in Pointe Noire, Congo. They agreed only to meet again within 10 days.

Richardson talked with Kabila for an hour Monday and said he was encouraged by Kabila's conciliatory tone toward Mobutu. The former New Mexico congressman said he delivered an urgent message to Kabila from President Clinton.

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Coahoma in fifth after first round of state tourney

Staff and wire reports

AUSTIN — The Coahoma Bulldogs find themselves in a familiar situation at the Class 2A golf state championship. Just as they were at the Region 1-2A golf tournament two weeks ago, the Bulldogs are in fifth place after the first round of the state tournament, being held at Lions' Municipal Golf Course in Austin.

Unlike the regional tournament, however, the Bulldogs have a lot more ground to make up today if they are going to challenge for the crown.

Hamilton leads the tournament with a team total 318, followed by Cisco with 326. Salado

Big Spring's Li falls in 1st round of tennis championships

is third at 335, Memphis is fourth at 336, while Coahoma is fifth with a first-day total of 344. Weimar, Edgewood and Franklin round out the field.

Individual scores for Coahoma were: Regi Roberts, 83; Blake Nichols, 85; Josh Collum, 86; Jason Gwyn, 87; and Kyle Wyatt, 88.

Play concludes today at Lions' Municipal.

Austin Anderson, the 1996 runner-up in the boys' Class 4A golf state championship, held the lead by three strokes after first-round competition in this year's tournament.

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still on until the last game."

Elie tied the record for 3-pointers without a miss shared by three players, most recently by Seattle's Nate McMillan against the Rockets on May 6, 1996.

"He's been our most consistent player all season," Charles Barkley said of Elie.

"What he did tonight didn't surprise me. I was happy with every aspect of our game except me. But I look at my game differently. I expect more out of myself. But I will get better."

Clyde Drexler led the Rockets with 22 points, and Shawn Kemp paced the SuperSonics with 24.

Houston used a 26-9 run to take a 55-35 lead with six minutes left in the half. But Kemp scored eight points over the rest of the period as Seattle's cut Houston's lead to 64-55 at the half.

"I think both halves were very different," Seattle coach George Karl said. "In the first half, they shot the ball well and we were hesitating. In the second half, with the turnovers and missed layups, they became sluggish offensively."

"This is two games in a row they've done stuff to us pretty substantially, and we are going to have to evaluate and come back and tinker here and there."

The Rockets won the regular season series 3-1 with the SuperSonics, including a 113-73 victory in the final regular-season game.

"I thought it was an excellent performance by everybody that played for us," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Game 1 is so important when

you are at home. If you don't win, that then they have another shot at you and you know they have two more games back at home."

Astros 9, Phillies 2

HOUSTON — Three days rest isn't enough for some pitchers. It doesn't bother Chris Holt, though.

The Houston rookie pitched seven strong innings, and Jeff Bagwell and Luis Gonzalez each homered and drove in three runs as the Astros routed the Philadelphia Phillies 9-2 Monday night.

Holt (3-3) allowed only one run on five hits for his first victory since April 20. It was the second straight strong outing by a Houston pitcher working on three days rest. On Sunday, Darryl Kile shut out Florida 1-0.

"I honestly think the two pitchers we have who are best suited for going on three days rest are Chris and Darryl," manager Larry Dierker said. "Chris just looks like a workhorse. I look at him as the kind of guy who can shoulder a lot of innings in a season."

Holt shrugged off the short rest.

"It doesn't bother me," he said. "I know a lot of guys say they can't do it. But I would do it whenever they want me to. I felt fine today."

Holt retired the first 11 batters before allowing an infield hit to Scott Rolan in the fourth inning.

"He's a good pitcher," Philadelphia's Mickey Morandini said. "He throws curve balls to lefties, sliders to right-handers and mixes in his fastball. He keeps the ball down and he's around the plate. When you do those things consistently, you can get people out."



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DEAR ABBY: I recently read in the paper another account of a young life lost in a car accident. I live within 30 miles of two universities, and I can't begin to tell you how many accidents of this kind we have each year. The young driver wasn't drinking or speeding. She was reaching down to pick up a CD she had dropped. She swerved off the road, overcorrected, and slammed into another vehicle. She and her passenger were killed instantly. The people in the car she struck were lucky; they were only badly bruised and shaken. My husband is a tow truck driver who often has to gather up what is left after one of these senseless accidents. Our hearts break for the friends and families of these precious young people. Please, Abby, remind drivers of every age: Do not try to find something you have dropped, change the radio station, tape or CD, read, apply makeup, shave, or dial a cell phone with one hand while you are driving! It takes only a second or a glance away from the road to drift and lose control of your car. - BECAUSE I CARE, COLFAX, WASH.

DEAR BECAUSE: Younger drivers are particularly at risk for this type of accident because they are more easily distracted and less experienced at regaining control of a vehicle - but everyone should heed your warning. The law in 49 states now mandates that everyone in an automobile wear seat belts, and that has saved many lives. However, nothing is as important as paying full attention to the task at hand - and that means keeping both eyes on the road and both hands firmly on the wheel. DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Ashley" for three years. During this time we have learned a great deal about each other, have compromised on many issues, and are very close to getting married. There is one issue that stands in the way. Ashley feels that it is OK to keep secrets from each other. By secrets, I don't mean things from the past, but current day-to-day matters. For example, when I ask who she was talking to after she hangs up the phone, or inquire about her activities if we haven't seen each other for a few days, she thinks I'm prying. I don't think I can ever trust someone who withholds things from me. I feel that for two people to be really close, there can be no secrets. Her withholding creates a sense of insecurity in me. Abby, is it normal for people in a relationship to withhold information from each other? -SECRETLY WONDERING

DEAR WONDERING: If you cannot stop questioning her and she is unable to be more forthcoming, the two of you are facing a serious obstacle. I urge you to seek counseling and resolve it before you marry. If you trust her, you should not need to know to whom she was talking every time she hangs up the phone, nor should you grill her about her activities in your absence. On the other hand, part of a healthy level of communication between couples is the sharing of information through normal conversation. Remember, there is a difference between keeping secrets and maintaining privacy. DEAR ABBY: Your response to the New York woman who was uncomfortable with her husband's sexy dance moves with other women made my blood boil. Advising her to take dancing lessons so she'd be a more appealing partner harkens back to the 1950s when women were made to accept all the responsibility for relationships. Wake up and smell the coffee! This is NOT about her skills on the dance floor. It's about his selfish desire to have it all - the stimulation and ego-gratification that comes with dancing with other women, and the safety and security of marriage and home once the party ends. If he truly loved her, as he claims, he would not persist in a behavior that he knows makes her unhappy and uncomfortable. She doesn't need dance lessons. He needs psychotherapy to find out why he continues this subtly sadistic, passive-aggressive behavior toward a woman who obviously loves him. - SIOUX CITY READER

DEAR SIOUX CITY: You're not the only reader who thought I let the husband off the hook too easily. However, my impression was that the husband simply loved to dance, and his wife was reading more into his dance style than was warranted. What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.) ©1997 UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:

Attractiveness peaks this year. You feel like the world is being offered to you on a silver platter. Get more physical, and develop a new active hobby or sport. Children and loved ones may be combative; handle them with your customary finesse. You will walk through a door that could involve travel or education. You are somewhat intuitive, discerning fact from gossip. Use your moneymaking abilities. If you are single, don't count on that status lasting. A suitor could be adoring at first, then become challenging. If attached, plan a special trip together. GEMINI gives solid financial advice.

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) Overcome an obstacle by the afternoon. Goodwill flows, and ideas multiply. Active discussions demonstrate resourcefulness on all sides. Spend time at the gym, and make a commitment to a new exercise program. Summer is coming! Tonight: Finish errands.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Softness marks interactions. Reach out for someone who is at a distance. Discussions need to involve an incubating idea, and perhaps another approach. Travel and education could mix. Let your ingenuity open up fixed situations. Tonight: Indulgences works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take care of minor, yet complicated details this morning. Feelings are unusually sensitive; have a quiet chat with a partner. Your sense of direction is strong, and you are determined to make a point. Check out an investment. Tonight: Your smile melts barriers.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Focus on a friendship. Others are in the mood to go along with your plans. A soft approach wins friends and opens up doors. An associate has wonderful suggestions; go along with them. The day gradually slows down. Tonight: Take a night off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A boss lets you know how much he values your work. Ideas that you suggest are positive. Take action, and create more of what you want at work. You are tempted to spend money to make a long-desired event happen. Tonight: Further your cause among friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Exciting insights come. If you honestly explore all possibilities. Your sense of humor plays into a decision. You have much energy; direct it appropriately. A new admirer lets you know what he thinks of you. Take the lead in the evening. Tonight: Work late.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are amazed by the support a partner gives you. Discuss emotional and professional investments. Instincts are right on with this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Ask, while another is likely to say yes. Do not do anything halfway. A male friend encourages you to take the course you have been eyeing. Be positive. Your ideas are inspired; follow through. Make time for a partner. Discuss a business matter. Tonight: Make it romantic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Charge into your work, and complete the task at hand. You need to take time to generate a little office public relations. A financial matter is not clear at this point, even if you think it is under control; further investigation is necessary. Take charge, and move on with a key project. Tonight: Socialize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Imagination is high; determine what you would like to change. A loved one is responsive and wants to please. Read between the lines with a co-worker. Get chores done. You will be unusually successful, though it may take awhile to complete a key task. Tonight: Push hard.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are building your future on strong foundations. You will gain great pleasure by sprucing up your home, even if it is simply adding a plant or two. A partner's efforts help a situation turn itself around. Tonight: Be your naughty self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A positive endeavor and softer words could add to the quality of your interactions. Another adores talking and sharing with you. Do not let a child or loved one get to you. Humor is healing. Expenses could get out of whack. You know what to do. Tonight: Pay bills.

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TOO LATES TOO LATES PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF BIG SPRING TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on May 13, 1997 at the Council Chambers, 310 Nolan, in regard to the submission of applications to the Texas Department of Commerce for the Texas Capital Fund (TCF) of the Texas Community Development Program (TCDF). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCF funding available, all eligible TCDF activities, and the use of past TCF funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of these TCDF applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Danette Toone, Executive Director, Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 1378 May 6, 1997

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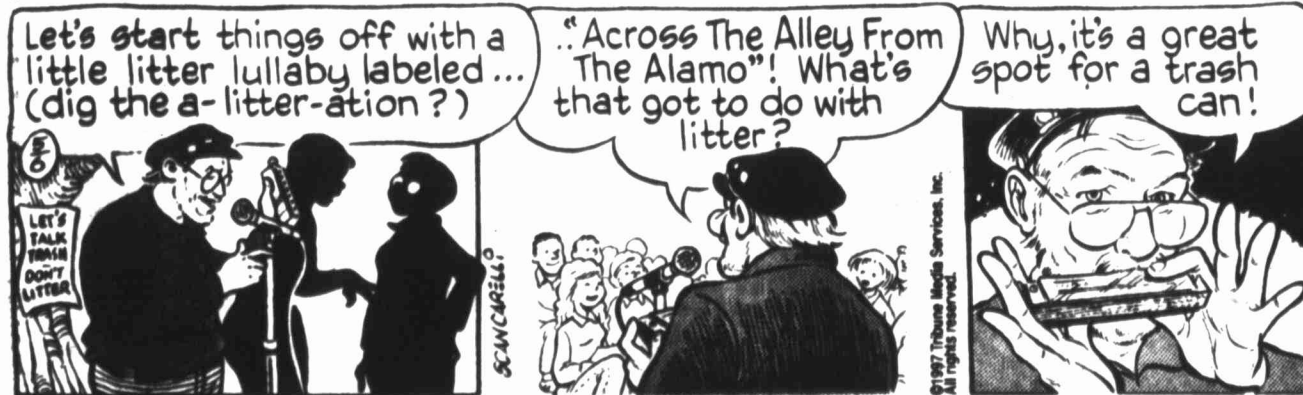
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Monday's Puzzle solved: A grid with the solved crossword puzzle and a list of words.

In 1882, over President Arthur's veto, Congress passed the Chinese Exclusion Act...

In 1910, Britain's King Edward VII died. In 1935, the Works Progress Administration began operating.

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Ten years ago: CIA Director William J. Casey died at age 74. Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart held a news conference in Hanover, N.H.

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One year ago: The body of former CIA director William E. Colby was found on a riverbank near his southern Maryland vacation home...

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