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Big Spring VA breaks ground on long-awaited outpatient clinic expansion

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A plan that has been on the drawing board for several years is finally ready to hit the ground — expansion of the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC) Outpatient Clinic.

During a groundbreaking ceremony Thursday morning, VAMC Administrator Cary Brown said the hospital is excited about the move and ready to begin construction next week.

"The outpatient clinic operates on a managed care concept and each patient sees a particular doctor when they visit," Brown said. "This is a very important project to the VA hospital."

The \$2.62 million project will renovate approximately 2,000 square feet of existing clinic space

and add another 15,000 square feet of space to accommodate the patients the VAMC currently serve.

According to Brown, the added space will also include specialty clinics, primary care teams and administrative support space.

"This is not only good for the veterans we see, but good for the Big Spring community as well," Brown said.

Special design considerations of the project include patient flow, record flow, team function, entrance location and aesthetics.

Brown added the project is expected to take 13 months to complete and will impact the local economy because subcontractors will be from the West Texas area, meaning an influx of dollars into the community as well as 25 to 50 workers on

the site during construction.

A few staff members will have to be added to accommodate the changes the project will cause the clinic, but Brown added the primary purpose is to serve the veterans the VAMC already has.

"We will continue to serve all eligible veterans," Brown said. "The expansion is mainly to facilitate the patients we already have."

The hospital has gone from seeing 30,000 to 35,000 veterans visits annually a few years ago to an expected 60,000 veterans visits in 1997.

Though not directly connected, the VAMC's plans to expand its outpatient clinic could enhance the chances of Big Spring becoming the West Texas site for one of four Veterans homes following Gov. George W. Bush's signing of legislation authorizing the construction of the homes.



Courtesy photo
Breaking ground for the project are (left) Charles Spurgin, Jayne Schoonmaker, Ray Kennedy, Frances Wheat, and Cary Brown



Vietnam. The very mention of the name brings a rush of emotions to just about anyone who was alive during the 1960s or 70s.

Other than the Civil War, perhaps no single action has ever divided this country as much as what was called the Vietnam Conflict.

But there was no conflict for the men and women who went to Southeast Asia to serve their country.

They were soldiers and sailors and doctors and nurses and airmen and Marines and they all had a job to do.

All gave some ... some gave all.

The conflict for those men and women came when they returned home ... home to a land that couldn't decide if it wanted to be in Southeast Asia or not ... home to welcome that included urine and feces hurled at them ... home to a land that, for the first time in history, failed to welcome her veterans home with arms outstretched.

Closure of the wounds left gaping by Vietnam came slowly.

In many cases, it was the veterans themselves who effected the healing ... healing which came in many steps.

One more step in the healing will be reached at 11 a.m. Monday when the Vietnam Veterans Association and the Big Spring Harley Owners Group officially dedicate UH-1 No. 0-61078 — one of the many "Hueys" that served our armed forces so well in Southeast Asia.

Jackie Tibbits was a crew chief on a Huey assigned to the 162nd Assault Helicopter Co. and has no trouble remembering what it was like.

"There were very few times that they ever touched the ground," he said, pointing at landing skids on the Huey.

"Usually they just came in and hovered right above

added, holding his hand about a foot-and-a-half off the ground. "They were in and out pretty fast."

Because of the need to fly light and fast, the Huey carried little protection in the way of armor.

"One of the first things you'd do once you learned would be to get a steel plate and put it on your seat," Tibbits said. "That'd save your life ... otherwise, the rounds would just rip through the bottom and tear into you."

As U.S. involvement and North Vietnamese resistance both intensified, the Huey played an even greater role in the war.

"I had a lot of friends fly in and out on them," Marine Corps veteran Charlie Lewis said. "A lot flew in and were dropped off on details and a lot were loaded on and flown out hurt."

"These things saved a lot of lives," he added.

Errol Porter recalls some of the busiest days of the war.

"I remember when they came in two deep," Porter, who served in the 44th Medical Division attached to Mac V Sog in 1963-64, said as he shook his head from side to side.

"They were in and out ... in and out."
-JOHN H. WALKER

Dedication part of busy slate of events

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Monday's official dedication of the Vietnam Memorial Huey — UH-1 No. 0-61078 — will feature as speaker a multi-decorated Vietnam veteran, a flyover by another UH-1, a motorcycle parade, a bagpipe euphony and an all-you-can-eat affair.

In addition, the Highland Association for the Deaf will provide signing for the hearing impaired during the 11 a.m. dedication.

Serving as speaker will be Dr. Michael Huff,



HUFF

executive director of the Texas National Guard Armory Board.

Huff served in Vietnam with the 187th Assault Helicopter Company, the 11th Armored Regiment and the 1st Cavalry Division.

Huff's commendations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, six Distinguished Flying Crosses, 40 Air Medals (two with "V" device), five Army Commendation medals with "V" device, a Meritorious Service Medal and assorted foreign awards.

He served three tours of duty in Vietnam and retired in 1985 after a career that had spanned 23 years.

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HANGIN' ON

Chris Alexander (from left), Cooter McCurdy, Errol Porter and Charlie Lewis strain as they swing the Vietnam Memorial Huey around as it is being mounted on the pedestal.

HERALD photos/Jonathan Garrett



WEATHER

Today:



Mon:



Tues:



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Today, mostly sunny and breezy turning partly cloudy tonight. High in the mid 90s. Low around 60. Memorial day, partly cloudy. Low in the 60s. High 90-95. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Low around 60. High 90-95. Wednesday, partly cloudy. High in the 90s. Low near 60s.

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Jean Broughton retiring after 35 years as educator

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

After 35 years in the education field, Goliad Middle School Principal Jean Broughton decided it was time to retire.

That's not to say she'll quit working, however.

Broughton confirmed Friday that she is retiring after 35 years — the last 27 in Big Spring — as an educator.

This week saw the end to a career that started in Abilene before Broughton moved to the Big Spring ISD in 1970.



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Five years later, she became the district's supervisor of federal programs. After three years at that post, she was named principal at

Washington Elementary, and held similar posts at Bauer Magnet School and Goliad the rest of her career.

As a principal, Broughton's schools invariably were noted for high scores on state standards tests. Bauer Magnet, in particular, received special state recognition for student test scores during her tenure. And Goliad received a \$70,000 award from the state for high Texas Assessment of Academic Skills scores in Broughton's second year there.

She deflected credit for those

accomplishments, instead praising the work of the teachers and staff working under her. Having such quality people in place, she added, made her decision to retire easier.

"My staff," she said simply, "has been outstanding."

Broughton said she had been considering retirement for some time.

"This was a long time coming," she said, "and it's probably one of the hardest decisions I've ever had to make ... but a good educator decides when it is time."

Many credited with making Earnest Morgan Park a reality

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

More than 200 Big Spring residents, including several city officials, turned out for Friday's ribbon cutting ceremony for Earnest S. Morgan Park.

The ceremony, which included a barbecue and hot dog luncheon, officially opened the northside community park and stamped a three-year project complete.

One of the attendees at Friday's ceremony was Lottie Morgan, the widow of Dr. Earnest S. Morgan, for whom the

park was named.

Morgan, a longtime resident of Big Spring, died in May 1990, leaving behind a long legacy in education and caring for the children of the community. He served as a faculty member with the Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College.

Morgan also served as director of Big Spring's kindergarten and Head Start programs, and was chosen as Administrator of the Year by the Texas Classroom Teachers Association in 1978 and 1979.

Big Spring City Councilwoman

Stephanie Horton, who spearheaded the Morgan Park project, presented Lottie Morgan with a plaque in honor of her late husband for his contributions to the community.

"This is just marvelous," Lottie said. "I am thrilled to death about this occasion."

Lottie was one of many people who volunteered their time to help work on many areas of the park.

"I hope people use it and take care of it," she added.

Horton presented the council with the idea for the park in the summer of

1994.

Three years later she was able to emcee the ceremony dedicating the park.

After presenting several plaques and certificates of appreciation to many of the people who helped bring the park to life, Horton was presented a plaque by City Manager Gary Fuqua for her efforts.

Even when things didn't look so good Horton kept pushing, according to Fuqua.

"I'm flying high today, but beneath my wings are a lot of people who

helped make this park a reality," Horton said.

During the dedication, Horton read a stirring tribute about the accomplishments of Dr. Morgan, but it was something that happened a couple of days before the dedication ceremony that brought tears to Horton's eyes.

The park project grant had been used and there were no more funds to build a wishing well/fountain at the park, so the inmates of the Colorado City inmate work program build the well and donated it to the park in Horton's name.

Park result of grant, hard work and donations

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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When construction began on Morgan Park, the land the park sits on was nothing more than a massive vacant lot full of weeds, but now the area that was once the northside swimming pool is full of sand and has been turned into a volleyball court.

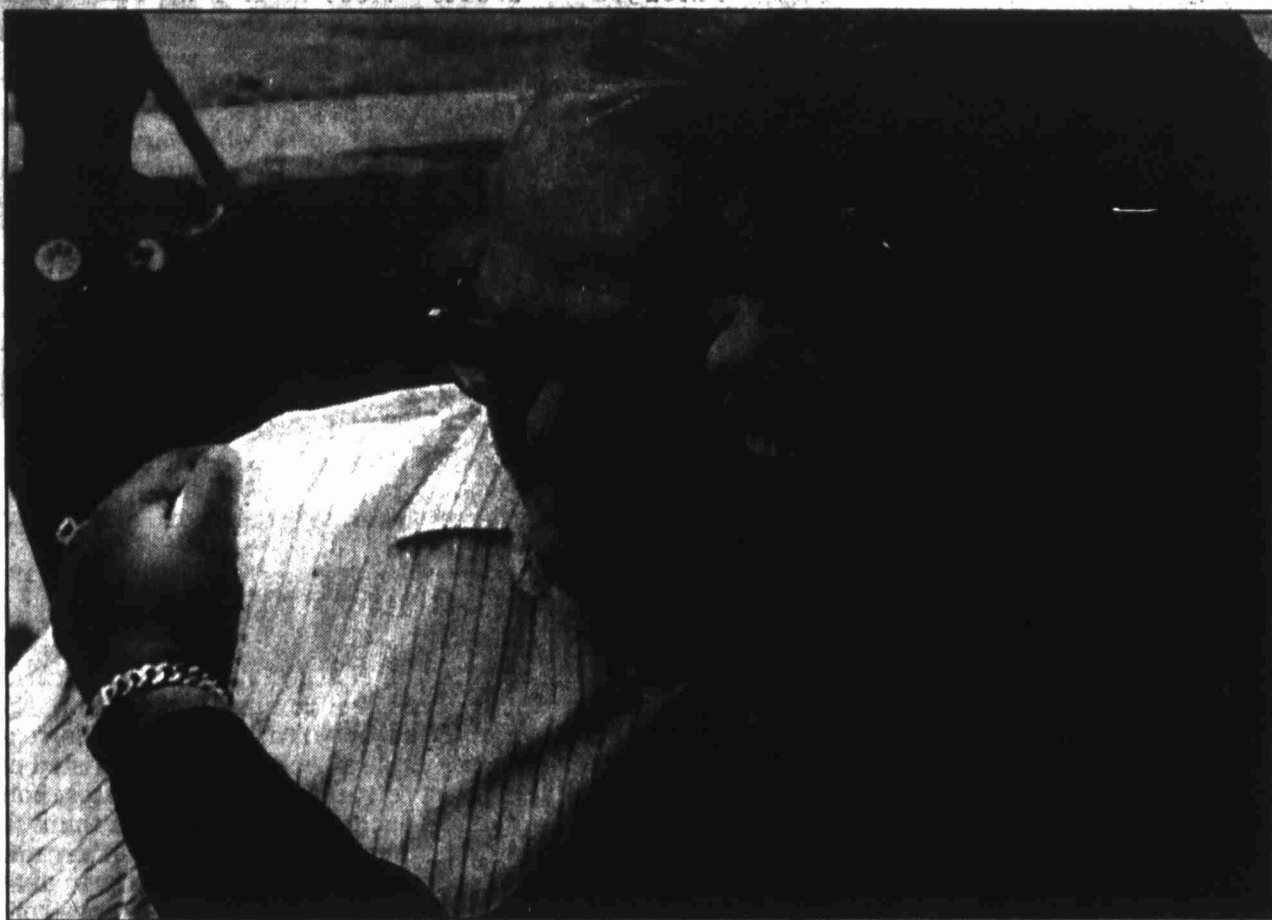
Playground equipment, a basketball court and a walkway (trail) with several cabanas now adorn the property that winds through the 900 block of Father Delaney St.

The city of Big Spring was notified in the fall of 1995 by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission that the matching grant park project had been approved for a Texas Parks and Recreation grant in the amount of \$71,500.

The matching fund program was established to assist cities, towns, counties and other local governments in defraying the costs of purchasing park land and developing outdoor recreation facilities.

The city did not own the proposed park site property when the application was first submitted, but according to Big Spring City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton that problem was resolved when Big Spring resident Bootsie Weaver donated the land.

Horton presented Weaver



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

City Councilwoman Stephanie Horton hugs local resident Bootsie Weaver after presenting him with a plaque for his generosity in helping Morgan Park become a reality. Weaver donated the northside land where the park is located to the city.

with a plaque for his generosity at Friday's ceremony officially opening the park.

Horton gave credit to several individuals for sticking with the project that hit several

snags as it progressed, including City Manager Gary Fuqua, former City Manager Lanny Lambert, and city employees Kenny Davis, Becky Crane and Todd Darden.

The project's total cost is \$143,000, with the city's portion

of the project being "in kind," meaning the city did not have to spend a lot of money, but supplied the necessary labor, which including help from the inmates of the Colorado City inmate work program.

Fourth of July promises to be busy one locally

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

This could be a busy July 4th holiday in Big Spring if city master plan coordinator Tara Kersh can pull things together. Admittedly getting a late start in planning any activities for the holiday, now less than six weeks distant, Kersh is optimistic.

"I think we can get clubs and civic organizations to participate," she said of the event, which would be similar to Plainview's Sun Fest.

Already scheduled for July 4 is the traditional Highland Parade at 10 a.m. and Mamie Lee Dodds' "Let Freedom Ring" pageant, which will include several hundred local residents in its cast, that night.

Also scheduled that day at Big Spring State Park is a Civil War re-enactment featuring members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"I think we should build around those activities," Kersh said. "We can start after the Kentwood parade and continue

throughout the day until it's time for the pageant at the Amphitheater."

Kersh is hopeful others in the community will feel the same way.

"I think it would be really neat if we could get the civic clubs and churches and youth groups to have food booths and games ... things like that," she said.

Kersh said other possibilities included a softball tournament at Cotton Mize Field, a youth fishing tournament at Comanche Trail Lake and a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

"I'd really like to fully utilize the park," she said. "We want to offer something."

Kersh is asking local residents to call her or Becky Crane and tell them what type activities they would like to see.

"We're also looking for organizations willing to participate in such an event to call us and tell us what they might be interested in doing," she said.

Kersh's number is 264-2402 and Crane may be reached at 264-2376.

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-Hugh Sidey

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OUR VIEWS

Bicycle patrols big plus for all

Friday's start to the Memorial Day weekend marked the return of the Big Spring Police Department's bicycle patrols at Comanche Trail Park.

Police had originally planned for this weekend to be the bicycle patrol's debut, but had an opportunity to initiate the program last summer and were more than pleased with its results.

The patrols have, in fact, been a tremendous success — not only appreciated by the officers who ride them, but with the public.

That has been particularly true with youngsters. During the children's concert staged at the park's amphitheater last summer, the two patrolmen on duty that day rode up just as the children were leaving the concert and proved to be almost as big a hit as the performer had been.

According to Police Chief Jerry Edwards officers find the patrols more enjoyable than many other assignments for the same reason that many policemen in larger cities enjoy foot beats — having an opportunity to have more one-on-one contact with the people they're sworn to protect and serve.

As a result, department officials said they expect more than a dozen officers to take part in the project. Working the bicycle patrol gives officers an excellent opportunity to stay physically fit, but shifts are also worked as overtime, providing them with sorely needed additional pay.

And with all those positives working in their favor, Edwards and Lt. Pam Jordan, who coordinates the program, have planned to put three officers riding the patrol and add Friday evenings to the regular weekend schedule.

While the bicycle patrol is used in other situations, events that draw big crowds downtown or parades and the like, they are most effective and needed in the park.

Not only do the patrols give officers an opportunity to know park visitors personally, they are able to regularly frequent areas that simply couldn't be patrolled from automobiles.

Too often these days, it doesn't seem that we find many win-win situations. But the bicycle patrols have been good for the public, good for the officers, good for the department — meaning it's good for just about everyone.

And there's nothing bad about that.

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Lott way off base regarding Lt. Kelly Flinn

One should be kind to Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican Senate majority leader. After all, he's a politician.

Therefore, I suppose, it is understandable that he sees nothing wrong with adultery, fraternization, disobedience and lying. Politicians are used to you-know-whatin' the taxpayers, fraternizing with lobbyists, disobeying the Constitution and lying about it all.

However, the Air Force (one prays fervently) has higher standards than are to be found on Capitol Hill.

Sen. Trot — I'm sorry, it's Sen. Lott — has been in the defense of Lt. Kelly Flinn. He has said that she is a "brave" and "honorable" woman. In one of the stupidest statements I've ever seen a politician make, Lott said, "I think at a minimum she ought to get an honorable discharge."

Now, let's see, if the minimum for adultery, disobedience and lying is an honorable discharge, what's the maximum? The Distinguished Flying Cross?

Flinn, a female pilot, and officially, at least, an officer and a lady, has frankly dis-

graced her uniform if the charges against her are true. She is accused of committing adultery with a married civilian; she is accused of making a false official statement because she gave, under oath, a handwritten statement declaring her relationship was platonic when it wasn't. She was ordered not to contact him again and disobeyed the order. She allegedly had a two-night stand with an enlisted man, hence the charge of fraternization.

While all of this is tolerated behavior in Sen. Lott's world in Washington, it is not tolerated behavior in the military. I don't know about you, but I would prefer not to have people who lie and disobey orders and long-standing rules of behavior to be flying around overhead with hydrogen bombs in their plane. Flinn is a B-52 pilot. That is one heck of a responsible position.

Worse, this officer is not contrite but defiant. She demanded an honorable discharge. An officer who lies, fraternizes and is insubordinate does not in any way, shape or form deserve an honorable discharge. Many a man has gotten less than honorable for less than what she did.

Rules have reasons. To commit adultery is not only to disobey the rule but to participate in the betrayal of another person or persons, if their are children involved. Lying is one of the worst things a person in a position of public trust can do because successful human activity depends on com-

munication, and lying subverts communication. Nobody can, or should, trust a liar.

The reason to prohibit fraternizing with enlisted people is because they are subordinates, bound to obey the lawful commands of their superiors. Because in wartime, an officer may have to order enlisted people to their deaths, the relationship should be kept professional. What she is accused of doing is not that different from what some of the Army drill sergeants have been accused of doing.

The military is a different world from the civilian world. Thanks to the end of the draft and the prevalence of those who dodged it while it was in existence, fewer and fewer Americans have experienced life in the military services.

But it is an authoritarian and hierarchical world, and necessarily so because it exists for one purpose only, war, and the battlefield is no place for democracy.

Even feminists should be outraged by the conduct of this woman. She has set an extremely poor example for young women in the military. Feminists, being feminists however, are all howling that bringing her to justice would be a male plot to treat her unfairly just because she's female.

Nonsense. That phony-baloney claim won't fly except in the extremely wide and open spaces between Sen. Lott's ears. Charley Reese's e-mail address is OSReese@aol.com.

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How many mad-dog mass killers do we face?

WASHINGTON — The prosecution has rested after presenting a chilling, compelling argument that Timothy J. McVeigh hated the federal government so much that he murdered 168 people in one mad-dog effort to provoke a public rebellion against Uncle Sam.

Prosecution witnesses said that with animal-like deliberation, McVeigh built a 4,000-pound bomb of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and fuel oil and consciously exploded it at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City at a time when the body count would be highest, and thus draw the greatest public reaction.

McVeigh, allegedly, was exacting revenge for the federal attack on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, on April 19, 1993, so he presumably chose the second anniversary of that event to blow up the Murrah Building.

Now McVeigh's lawyer, Steve Jones, faces the daunting challenge of convincing the jury that the prosecutors are wrong — that John Doe II or someone other than McVeigh committed this most heinous terrorist crime in U.S. history.

Most Americans may wonder if McVeigh was a lone bomber, if he had help, if he will get the death penalty, and more. I keep asking one overriding question: How many

more Americans are, like the Oklahoma City bomber, so full of hatred of government or other groups of Americans that they will murder scores of people at random? How many Americans are as impressed as McVeigh seemed to be by a vicious, racist book called "The Turner Diaries" that calls for and blueprints a rebellion against the federal government?

The answer that comes to me says, "More than our officials want the American people to know."

Do you remember seeing on television two men who got away after a brazen daylight shootout last February with policemen in Ohio? The FBI has identified the men as brothers, Cheyne C. and Chevie O'Brien Kehoes, rabid white supremacists who are suspected of murdering one entire family.

For three months the FBI has conducted a futile search for these men, hitting sites only to find huge caches of weapons that the Kehoes have left in their wake. FBI agents say that there is a huge network of Americans who hate the government — and black people, and Jews, and much more — who are helping and harboring the Kehoe brothers.

Do you remember the recent situation in Los Angeles where two robbers so out-gunned policemen that the lawmen had to borrow powerful weapons from a gun store?

Heavily-armed groups in Montana and more recently in Texas have staged confrontations in which they questioned the authority of local governments and law enforcement authorities. Federal and local

investigators still work desperately to learn who perpetrated the bombing at the Olympics in Atlanta, along with two more recent bombings in that city.

Dozens of weirdos who possessed machine guns, grenades, rocket launchers, rifles and bomb-making materials have been arrested on charges that they intended to destroy, Oklahoma-style, certain federal and other buildings.

The first question I ask is just how much of a threat do these hate groups pose to the rest of America.

The second question is how these militias, cults, klaverns and individual nuts are able to amass such huge arsenals of deadly weapons and devices.

The third question is whether a conviction, and even imposition of the death penalty, in McVeigh's case would be a deterrent to the other haters or would it simply make them more hell-bent on destroying the things and people they rail against.

My fourth question is whether (in the sad aftermath of the Oklahoma City tragedy) our law enforcement forces are on top of this threat, watching the haters closely enough to prevent them from ever again carrying out such a horrible bombing.

The ultimate question, obviously, is whether there is anything that we ordinary citizens can do to ameliorate these situations of potential horror. The answer that comes back is, "Nothing."

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Town struggles with constitutionality of document leak probe

LAKE JACKSON (AP) — As this bedroom community prepares to exercise its power to conduct hearings, issue subpoenas, and summon witnesses in an investigation into leaked documents, many are worried about the implications and constitutionality of the investigative methods.

The controversy surrounds an investigation into leaked city documents. The town has hired a high profile lawyer to investigate whether Mayor Jim Martin intentionally leaked the documents to sabotage a \$6 million bond election supporting the construction of a golf course.

Two memos written by the city manager discussing the financial challenges of building a public golf course in an environmentally sensitive area were slipped through the door of The Brazosport Facts two weeks before the election, and later published.

In January, the bond issue won approval, but with just 56 additional supporting votes.

Last week, besides approving the hiring of Houston attorney Rusty Bardin to investigate the mayor, the city council gave its consent to a new ordinance, which outlines investigation procedures.

The procedures have sparked debate in coffee shops and breakfast clubs throughout town, as residents question the city's intentions and jurisdiction.

"You can issue the death penalty in the city charter — that doesn't mean it's constitutional," said Gerald Treece, assistant dean at South Texas College of Law.

City charter consultant Terrell Blodgett said, however, if a city's charter provides the authority, the city council can use investigative tactics.

Many codes including the Texas Government Code and the Local Government Code allow governmental

bodies the power to issue subpoenas, conduct hearings and summon witnesses and documents, Lake Jackson City Attorney John Dewey said.

No cases exist in Texas that address a city council's right to exercise those powers and an opinion on the issue has not been issued by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales.

Dewey said cases in New Jersey, New York, Iowa and Missouri have upheld similar council powers.

The ordinance mandates that once subpoenaed, failure to appear is punishable by a fine up to \$100 and failure to produce documents could result in a

fine up to \$200. "I think there's some pretty serious potential constitutional problems," Alvin attorney Lloyd Stansberry said. "It's just downright scary you can have a city government dragging in people for whatever reason they choose and be facing a criminal charge if you don't appear."

Galveston First Amendment attorney Anthony Griffin agrees and questions whether the investigation procedures might leave an unpopular administrator open to attack, resulting in a situation similar to the Joseph McCarthy era.

House gives first-round OK to civil justice bill

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to make it easier for judges to dismiss lawsuits filed in Texas courts by foreign or out-of-state plaintiffs has been given first-round approval by the Texas House.

The bill by Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, was approved 109-12 Friday night and faces a final vote before going to the Senate to consider House changes.

Junell said the measure closes loopholes in legislation approved in 1993 that has allowed Texas to become clogged with out-of-state lawsuits filed primarily by those claiming asbestos-related

injuries. "In many of these cases, they could have gone to other states where the companies in dispute resided," Junell said. "Texas had no connection with these individuals and the filing of the claim would have been more proper somewhere else."

Under the bill, a court would be required, on a motion of a defendant, to dismiss an asbestos-related claim brought on or after Aug. 1, 1995, and before Jan. 1, 1996.

The two exceptions would include abating the plaintiff's claim for 180 days to afford the plaintiff an opportunity to file a

new action in another state, or keep the plaintiff's claim in Texas but limit the punitive damages available.

The retroactive provision was opposed by Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, who said the Legislature should never go back in time.

"One day, members, you may find someone retroactively doing away with you, doing away with your district," Dutton said. "You should feel uncomfortable because retroactively taking away someone's rights is unconstitutional."

Dutton said he was prepared to filibuster the bill and stalled

debate for more than an hour. But a rarely used procedural maneuver, which allows the House to stop debate on a bill as long as 25 others support the motion, was approved.

"I was concerned that this body might run over some people who were abiding by the law in the past," Dutton said, after being forced to give up his filibuster. "I want you to feel a little uncomfortable when you go home because when you run over a member of the Legislature, you may be next."

Critics of the bill say Texas courts aren't backed up and that special interests, namely Owens Corning Corp., are lobbying to get the bill passed.

Owens Corning has been sued in Texas by more than 40,000 plaintiffs.

"We are not filing Texas cases in Virginia," said George Christian of the Texas Civil Justice League.

"Why should Texas be the dumping ground for everybody's problems? We are not saying that some of these cases aren't legitimate cases, and we're not trying to throw people out of court. Send 'em back where they belong, that's all we're saying."

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House gives final approval to water bill

AUSTIN — The Texas House has given final approval to a bill that would give Texas its first water conservation plan.

Under the bill, sponsored by Rep. Ron Lewis, D-Mauriceville, local water districts and irrigation districts would submit to a regional planning group designated by the Texas Water Development Board. A committee representing the regional planning group would then come up with a water conservation plan for the region.

The combination of the regional plans would form a statewide plan.

The Water Development Board would be required to designate the regions by Sept. 1, 1998. The regional plans would have to be submitted by Sept. 1, 2000.

If a region failed to meet the deadline, no water district in the region could qualify for state grants or loans.

The measure, approved on a voice vote Friday night, now goes to the Senate for consideration of House changes.

Marine helicopter crashes near Dallas

HUTCHINS — Investigators worked in mud and rain early Saturday, trying to find out what caused a Marine helicopter to crash and burst into flames. Both officers aboard were killed.

The AH-1W Cobra helicopter crashed Friday evening in a wooded area near the Wilmer-Hutchins High School in Hutchins, a suburb about 10 miles southeast of downtown Dallas. It was traveling to its home base in North Carolina.

The victims were identified as Maj. Michael J. Browne, 33, of Little River, S.C., and 1st Lt. Robert B. Straw, 29, of Brentwood, Calif., according to officials at Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C. Both were assigned to Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 167, Marine Aircraft Group 26.

A woman who witnessed the final moments of the helicopter's flight said it made strange noises before it went down.

"The blades continued to turn but there was a whopping sound," said Velva Washburn, who works near the crash site. "And that was all. There was a pop and then it went down."

American pilots union chief voted out

ARLINGTON — American Airlines' pilots union has voted out the president who led the labor organization on a brief February strike.

Jim Sovich finished third in a three-candidate field in very close results announced Friday by the Allied Pilots Association.

A runoff will be held next month between Chuck Griffin and Rich LaVoy.

Griffin, a Chicago-based testing proctor who ran unsuccessfully in 1994, finished first with 1,831 votes. LaVoy, a Dallas-Fort Worth pilot whom Sovich unseated as president in 1994, polled 1,824 votes. Sovich garnered 1,811 votes.

Many pilots felt Sovich "was out of touch with the line pilots," said John Cotton, a Washington-based American first officer and LaVoy supporter.

Griffin said he would hope to unite the pilots and mend broken relations with American.

Pilots ratified a subsequent agreement May 5 that did not include the right to fly regional jets, a top objective of the strike.

Ex-court clerk sentenced for embezzlement

GALVESTON — Galveston's former municipal clerk has been sentenced to eight years in prison for embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars from the city.

Lana Hegman also was ordered to repay \$306,000 of the money she stole. In handing down sentence in Galveston on Friday, state District Judge Frank Carmona did not say whether Hegman, 50, will serve the sentence concurrently to a two-year federal term for tax evasion.

She is to appear June 6 before U.S. District Judge Sam Kent, who may then set a date for her to report to federal prison officials.

Hegman confessed to having stolen the money from the city since 1989.

Dallas cabbie claims Gooden began scuffle

DALLAS — A taxi driver says Dwight Gooden's refusal to pay a \$4.20 fare came after a topless dancer sharing the cab repeatedly rejected his offer that they go to the player's hotel room.

"During the ride to his hotel, Gooden propositioned the dancer riding in the back of the cab," Bryan Stone, lawyer for cab driver Ziauddin Hakim, said Friday.

"He asked her back to his room at the Marriott Hotel to party but she declined. He repeated the proposition three or four times and was flatly refused each time."

Hakim, 44, filed two criminal complaints against the New York Yankees pitcher, alleging Gooden assaulted him after he rode an elevator to the hotel's fourth floor when Gooden refused to pay the fare.

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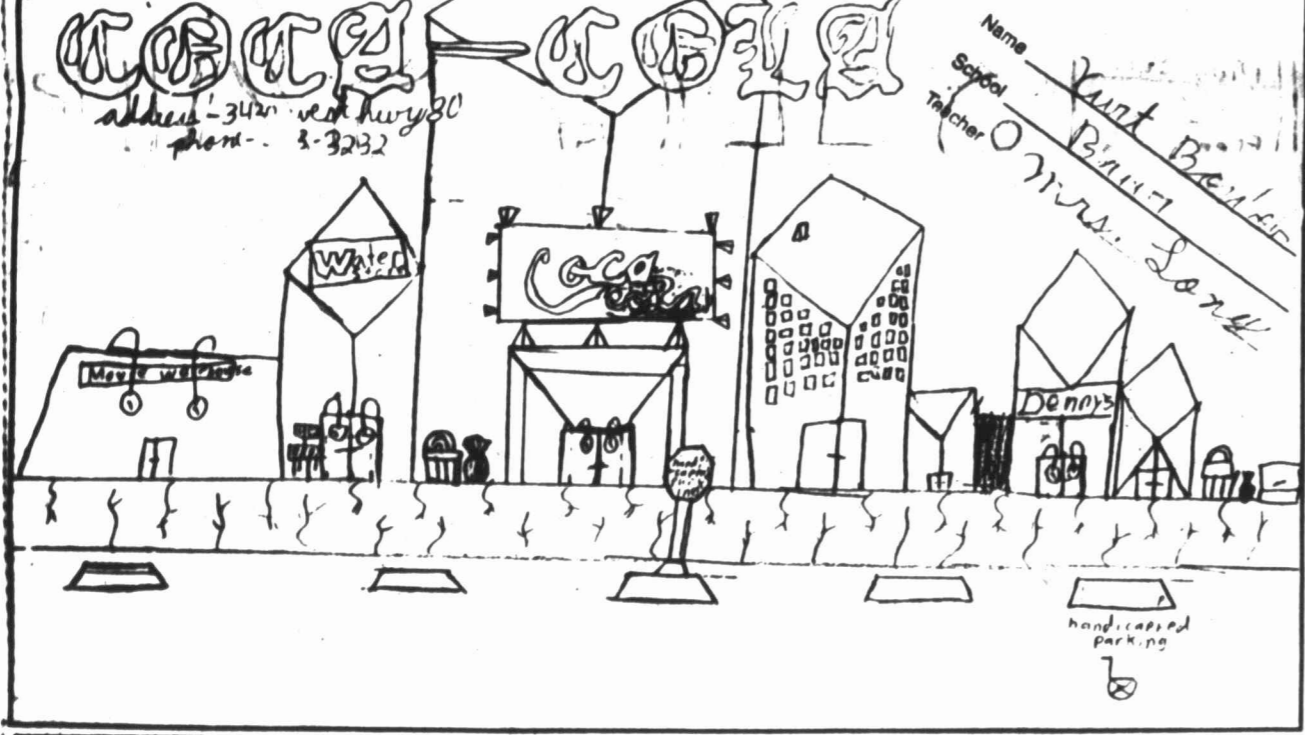
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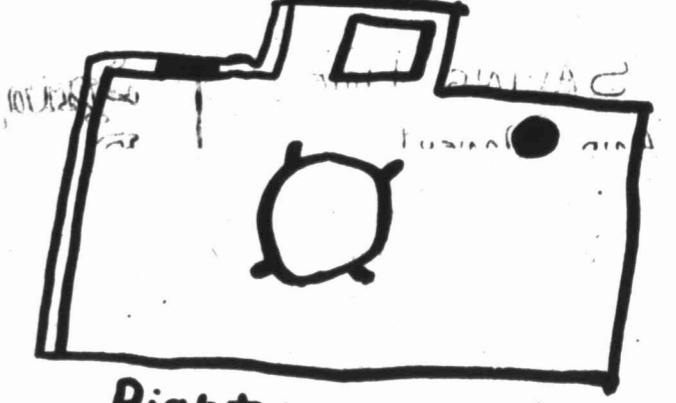
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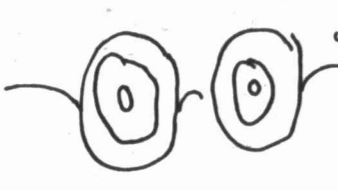
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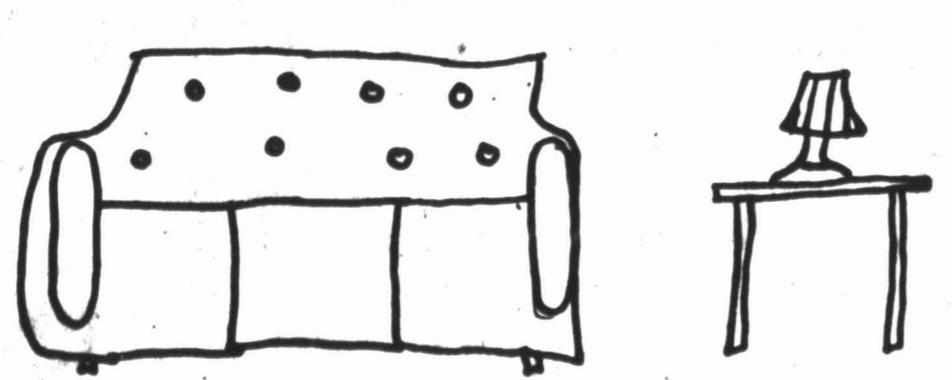
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Report: Tobacco companies agree to trim sales to teens

DALLAS (AP) — Tobacco companies have agreed to a goal of cutting teen-age smoking by 60 percent within the next decade under a landmark deal proposed to settle smoking liability issues, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

Although a broader agreement is still being worked out, the industry agreed to a variety of measures aimed at cutting the number of cigarettes sold to teen-agers — or else face millions of dollars in fines.

The newspaper quoted Mississippi Attorney General Mike Moore, who is among 29 attorneys general involved in private talks with industry officials, health advocates and lawyers for those seeking to recover millions of dollars for smoking-related health care.

The goal is a settlement calling for a huge financial payoff from the industry and new government regulations cover-

ing tobacco products. In exchange, the industry would continue to make their products under limited exposure to lawsuits.

The talks have been going on for two months.

Under the deal, tobacco companies must work to reduce teen smoking by 30 percent within five years, 50 percent in seven years and 60 percent in 10 years, Moore said.

If the goals were not reached, companies would have to pay a large fine for each percentage point they were short. CBS Evening News on Friday reported that the penalty for not meeting the seven-year goal would be \$1.5 billion.

The settlement also requires tobacco companies to pay \$500 million a year for anti-smoking advertising.

"We have already gained more concessions and done more to reduce future smoking by teenagers than any lawsuit could ever do," Moore said.

GOP risks backlash over disaster aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The last of the Republicans hadn't yet left the Capitol for a week-long spring break when the White House and Democrats began taking political potshots.

By departing without passage of a disaster relief legislation, Congress "left town and our people were left in the lurch," President Clinton told the nation in his weekly radio broadcast Saturday.

Taunted Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle: "Republicans wanted to leave town in the worst way — and they did."

The GOP rebutted instantly. "Not one American in need is without assistance," Sen. Trent Lott and Reps. Newt Gingrich and Dick Army, Congress' most powerful threesome, wrote President Clinton. "Not one American in need is without emergency assistance."

Their letter urged the White House to make sure that existing funds "continue to flow to those in need in the next few weeks."

Whatever the impact on the

victims of flooding in Daschle's home state of South Dakota and elsewhere, it's clear the GOP is risking a public relations fiasco over disaster aid.

"I'm heading out tomorrow," an unhappy GOP freshman, Rep. John Thune of South Dakota, said shortly before the House quit for 10 days. "You might wish me well."

But the GOP high command decided it was a risk worth taking if Republicans are to prevail on more fundamental political objectives, a decision that several sources said was reaffirmed as late as Thursday afternoon.

Army, the House majority leader, and other GOP House leaders prevailed over Speaker Gingrich's muted opposition and decided not to go along with enacting a cosmetic, stripped-down disaster aid bill that would have sent about \$500 million to hard-hit states. Their fear was that if Congress approved even a small amount of money, their leverage on other issues would have vanished.

According to several GOP lawmakers and aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, these objectives were to enact legislation to assure the government isn't shut down this fall — as it was to their political detriment in 1995.

The party's objectives in this area are not only to assure the public the GOP wants no more shutdowns but also to gain leverage against Clinton in inevitable conflicts that will occur as the fiscal year ends next fall, these officials added.

The only way disaster aid will stop flowing "is if the government is shut down," Senate majority leader Lott said outside his office Friday. "Most people would like to have a system in place where we don't go through this annual fiasco."

The White House says the spending level set in the GOP anti-shutdown proposal is lower than the level envisioned in the balanced budget accord.

And Daschle noted "encouraging signs" that the conflict over spending levels could be resolved.

The second underlying GOP objective relates to the nation's next census and may be of greater concern to Republicans. It goes to the heart of their ability to maintain a House majority.

To gain a more accurate count, the Census Bureau is proposing use of statistical sampling techniques in the 2000 census.

Republicans fear the effect would be to raise the number of blacks and Hispanics in official population tallies, a change likely to lead to more House seats in urban areas and more Democrats in Congress.

Rep. John Linder, R-Ga., chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, said in an interview that as many as 24 GOP seats could be put in jeopardy if sampling techniques are used, enough to hand Democrats control of the House.

Hundreds of seats could also switch hands in legislatures around the country, jeopardizing GOP gains in recent elections.

Iranian moderate wins presidential elections

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A moderate cleric with wide support among the young has won Iran's presidential election, state radio and television announced Saturday. The victory by former culture minister Mohammad Khatami is likely to set back hard-liners' efforts to impose stricter Muslim social codes.

Khatami won 20.7 million votes of the 29.7 million votes cast in Friday's election, radio and TV said.

Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, his conservative challenger who conceded defeat earlier today, won 7.2 million votes. Two other candidates who ran won less than a million votes each.

Khatami succeeds Hashemi Rafsanjani, who steps down in August after two four-year terms.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, issued a brief statement endorsing Khatami's victory.

The number of votes cast was the highest since the 1979

Islamic revolution. In 1981, 16.8 million people voted in presidential elections won by Khamenei.

Friday's election was a showdown between hard-line and moderate factions inside the ruling Muslim clergy. Many Iranians had suspected that the conservative clergy backing Nateq-Nouri would do everything possible to stop a victory by Khatami.

Senior, influential clerics, who have considerable sway over Iran's deeply religious population, had declared it forbidden to vote for Khatami. Khamenei had tacitly supported Nateq-Nouri, the country's powerful parliament speaker.

No one expects Khatami to bring fundamental changes to Iran's foreign policy or clergy-dominated politics, but his victory would be a setback for hard-line mullahs who have ruled since the 1979 Islamic revolution and who want stricter enforcement of the Muslim code that bans everything from dat-

ing to satellite TV dishes.

Outside a grocery store in western Tehran, ecstatic proprietor Haj Asghar Tehrani passed out sweets and said he hadn't slept all night waiting for the results.

"This is a blessed day. I am happy not only because Mr. Khatami will become the next president, but also because our votes are being tallied correctly," he said.

Mohammad Razavi, the owner of a publishing house in Tehran, said he voted for Khatami "because of his good work in the past."

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STANDINGS - A & J, 178-110; Team Six, 174-114; Joe's Crew, 169-119; Quality Glass, 140-148; Budweiser, 138-150; Magic Painting, 65-223.

PINPOPPERS RESULTS - Federal Oil over Alley Cats, 2-0; VFV over Kuykendall, 6-6; Petty Farms over 10, 8-0; Guy's Restaurants over A & B Farms, 6-2; Health Food Store over Dixie Chicks, 6-2; hi sc. game and series, Jack Glaze, 188 and Bernadine Sealy, 505; hi sc. team game and series, Petty Farms, 610 and 1790; hi hdp game and series, Jack Glaze, 234 and Sybil Clark, 627; hi hdp team game and series, Petty Farms, 809 and 2387.

STANDINGS - VFV, 177-103; Health Food Store, 160-120; Kuykendall, 156-124; A & B Farms, 152-128; Guy's Restaurant, 151-129; 10, 149-131; Petty Farms, 140-140; Alley Cats, 115-165; Federal Oil, 102-178; Dixie Chicks, 98-182.

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NCAA playoffs

All Times CDT Atlantic Regional At Coral Gables, Fla. Thursday, May 22 Arizona State 10, Florida International 2...

Florida 4, St. John's 3 Richmond at Miami, p.p.d., rain Friday, May 23 Miami 11, Richmond 4 Richmond 10, St. John's 4, St. John's eliminated

South I Regional At Baton Rouge, La. Thursday, May 22 Long Beach State 1, Oklahoma 0 South Alabama 12, Houston 6

LSU 6, North Carolina-Greensboro 0, susp., 4 1/2 innings, rain Friday, May 23 LSU 14, North Carolina-Greensboro 0 North Carolina-Greensboro 9, Houston 5, Houston eliminated LSU 14, Oklahoma 3, Oklahoma eliminated South Alabama 12, Long Beach State 4 Saturday, May 24 Game 7 - LSU (50-12), 10 a.m. South Alabama (42-17), 10 a.m. Game 8 - Long Beach State (38-25) vs. North Carolina-

Greenboro (45-18), 3 p.m. Game 9 - Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25 Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 1 p.m. Game 11 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 30 minutes after Game 10, if necessary

South II Regional At Tallahassee, Fla. Thursday, May 22 South Florida 5, Central Florida 4 Auburn 11, Western Carolina 3 Florida State 4, Marist 2 Friday, May 23 Western Carolina 8, Marist 3, Marist eliminated Florida State 16, Central Florida 2, Central Florida eliminated Auburn 9, South Florida 0 Saturday, May 24 Game 7 - Florida State (48-15) vs. Auburn (47-14), 10 a.m. Game 8 - South Florida (38-23) vs. Western Carolina (42-19), 2 p.m. Game 9 - Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m. Sunday, May 25 Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 1 p.m. Game 11 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 5 p.m., if necessary

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Midwest Regional At Stillwater, Okla. Thursday, May 22 Harvard 7, UCLA 2 Tennessee 5, Ohio University 2 Oklahoma State 8, Stetson 1 Friday, May 23 UCLA 15, Ohio University 1 Ohio University eliminated Harvard 8, Stetson 6, Stetson eliminated Oklahoma State 6, Tennessee 1 Saturday, May 24 Game 7 - Harvard (34-14) vs. Oklahoma State (45-17), 10 a.m. Game 8 - Tennessee (42-18) vs. UCLA (41-19-1), 3 p.m. Game 9 - Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 8 p.m. Sunday, May 25 Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 1 p.m. Game 11 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

West Regional At Stanford, Calif. Thursday, May 22 Fresno State 2, Texas A&M 1 Santa Clara 5, Cal State Fullerton 0

Stanford 12, Northeastern 3 Friday, May 23 Cal State Fullerton 8, Northeastern 4, Northeastern eliminated Stanford 3, Texas A&M 1, Texas A&M eliminated Santa Clara 5, Fresno State 1 Saturday, May 24 Game 7 - Stanford (41-18) vs. Santa Clara (41-18), 1 p.m. Game 8 - Fresno State (38-27) vs. Cal State Fullerton (39-23-1), 5 p.m. Game 9 - Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 9 p.m. Sunday, May 25 Game 10 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 3 p.m. Game 11 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 30 minutes after Game 10, if necessary

College World Series At Rosenblatt Stadium Omaha, Neb. Friday, May 30 Game 1 - Pairings TBA, 2:30 p.m. Game 2 - Pairings TBA, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31 Game 3 - Pairings TBA, 2 p.m. Game 4 - Pairings TBA, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 1 Game 5 - Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 3 p.m. Game 6 - Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 7 p.m. Monday, June 2 Game 7 - Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 2:30 p.m. Game 8 - Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 3 Game 9 - Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 winner, 2:30 p.m. Game 10 - Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4 Game 11 - Game 5 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5 Game 12 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2:30 p.m., if necessary Game 13 - Game 7 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2:30 or 6:30 p.m., if necessary Saturday, June 7 Game 15 - Championship Game, 11:30 a.m.

NOTE: Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If it is the only game scheduled that day, it will begin at 3:30 p.m. If both bracket winners are undefeated, there will be no games Friday and the championship game will become Game 13 on Saturday.

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

All Times CDT CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7) Monday, May 19 Utah 101, Houston 86 Tuesday, May 20 Chicago 84, Miami 77 Wednesday, May 21 Utah 104, Houston 92 Thursday, May 22 Chicago 75, Miami 68 Chicago leads series 2-0 Friday, May 23 Houston 118, Utah 100 Utah leads series 2-1 Saturday, May 24 Chicago at Miami, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 25

Winston Cup

Winston Cup team is struggling at 37th in the points standings. So it was understandable that a few tears were shed in the pits by his wife, mother and father as Nemechek cruised to an impressive victory Saturday in the Carquest Auto Parts 300 Busch Grand National race at Charlotte Motor Speedway. "Losing my best friend, my brother, part of our family - to come back here to victory lane,

I just wish he was here with me."

Nemechek said about his brother John, who died March 21 in a Miami hospital. "It was beautiful. I know that God was looking out for us and John's soul," said Nemechek's mother, Martha. The victory was Nemechek's fourth on the circuit. Nemechek led for 134 of the 200 laps in his Chevrolet, including the final 69.

From staff and wire reports Youth sports results The Angels improved to 11-2 for the season with an 11-8 victory over the Ponies in recent Coahoma Major League action. David Salazar was 4-for-4 with two triples and four RBI for the Angels, while the Ponies were led by Heath Webb, who went 3-for-3 at the plate. Over at the American League, the Colts took a pair of victories to remain unbeaten this season. The Colts started the week with a 13-0 victory over the Astros in which Michael Ornelas pitched a no hitter, striking out 11 hitters in the process. Offensively, the Colts were led by Bryson Hall, who had a pair of triples. Mendoza helped his cause with a two-run home run. Later in the week, the Colts took an 8-3 victory over the Braves. Brandon Mendoza pitched a no-hitter this time, again striking out 11. Landon Jenkins was 2-for-3 at the plate for the Colts. Coaches are asked to pick up result forms at the Herald's front desk between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Girls' hoops league starting The Crossroads Girl's Basketball Summer League will hold its 1997 season from June 2-July 31. There will be two leagues - varsity and sub-varsity - and all games will be played at Garrett Coliseum. Cost of the league is \$45. For more information, contact Terry Robertson at 267-1817 or 264-5185 or Matt Corkery at 264-5043. Hawks plan hoops camp Registration is being accepted for the annual Howard College Boys Basketball Camp, which begins June 2 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The camp, hosted by Howard College basketball coach and athletic director Tommy Collins, will be held in two sessions - a day camp open to all ages June 2-5; and an overnight camp for players in grades 10-12 only June 16-19. Cost for the day camp is \$95, which covers tuition, equipment, noon meals and a T-shirt. The overnight camp, which will be limited to the first 32 applicants, costs \$190. For more information, contact the Howard College athletic department at 264-5040. CTLGA tourney Monday The annual Memorial Couples golf tournament, open to Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association members, will be held at 8 a.m. May 26 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The format will be a handicapped two-person team best ball. Cost is \$5 per team. For more information, contact tournament chairman at 267-3454 or the golf course clubhouse at 264-2366. Girls' camp June 9 The annual Howard College Girls' Basketball Camp will be held June 9-13 at the college. Cost of the camp is \$95, with a \$25 deposit due upon registration. There will be a \$10 discount for anyone who sends in their application and deposit by Friday. The camp will be conducted by head coach Matt Corkery and a staff consisting of Howard assistants and players and high school coaches. For more information, contact Corkery at 264-5043. Tennis camp June 2-6 The annual Big Spring Tennis Camp will be held from 9-11 a.m. June 2-6 at Figure 7 Tennis Center. Cost of the camp, open to players age 5-18, is \$100, which includes a T-shirt and pizza party. Registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. June 2, but persons may preregister by calling 263-3848, 264-9229 or 263-2275. CTLGA news In the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association nine-hole individual handicap play Monday, Ramona Harris shot a 47 to win loss gross. Annie Ward took low net with a score of 35. There was a three-way tie for low net scores of 33 in couples' nine-hole play Thursday. The winners were: Paul and Dee Jenkins; Dwey Slape and Patti Hill; and Gene and Vera Quigley.

Nemechek ends dry spell at Charlotte

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) - If anyone needed a racing win it was Joe Nemechek, who has struggled with personal tragedy and lackluster performances this season. The 33-year-old driver was at his younger brother's side in March when he died after suffering massive brain injuries in a NASCAR truck racing crash in Florida. Meanwhile, Nemechek's

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State house gives OK to controversial scholarship bill

AUSTIN (AP) — It started off as a quarterback sneak doomed to be stuffed at the line of scrimmage. It's become a Hail Mary pass into the end zone.

The Texas House on Saturday was expected to give final approval to a bill requiring state colleges and universities to base their admission standard for incoming students on the lowest grades and test scores of scholarship athletes.

For example, if a scholarship athlete was admitted to a school with the NCAA-minimum of 820 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the university would be required to lower its admissions policy for all incoming students that year to an SAT score of 820.

The thinking behind the measure is that rather than schools lowering their admissions standards for athletes, they would be forced to ensure that scholarship athletes meet the same academic standards as other students.

It was a bill that was supposed to make a statement early in the legislative session and then go away. University officials, namely those at the University of Texas, eagerly awaited the death of the legislation.

But there's been no funeral. Sponsors of the bill say it strikes at the very heart of a federal court ruling that led to the elimination of race as a consideration in admissions, financial aid and scholarships at Texas universities.

The court case, known as Hopwood, was filed by four white students who argued that UT law school's admissions policy unfairly favored minorities.

The 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that argument and Texas Attorney General Dan Morales interpreted the court ruling to mean that race-based admissions would no longer be allowed in Texas.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, the House sponsor of the bill, said he wasn't going to sit quietly and watch overall minority enrollment drop at state schools because of the court ruling while minority participation in athletics continued to soar.

He has indirectly accused the state's biggest schools —

Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech — of a "plantation mentality" when it comes to giving athletic scholarships to minorities.

Wilson, who is black, said schools will do anything to get talented minorities who can carry a football or dunk a basketball.

But he points to already declining minority enrollment at UT and A&M since the court ruling as evidence that when it comes to the overall admission of minorities, schools aren't doing enough.

"There are a lot of kids out there across this state who would love to get a \$10,000 scholarship, but they don't have a vertical leap of 46 inches and they can't make most of their free throws," Wilson said. "They can shoot until the swoosh drops off their shoes, but they still won't get the scholarship."

University of Texas officials have argued that the bill would force Texas schools out of the Big 12, drop Division I schools to Division III and hurt academic opportunities for minorities who receive sports scholarships.

Former UT regents chair Bernard Rapoport said millions of dollars in revenue would be lost from athletic budgets if Wilson's bill became law.

Rep. Tom Uher, D-Bay City, who fought unsuccessfully to gut Wilson's bill, said raising academic standards for scholarship athletes wasn't the answer.

"If we want to have the standards of the Harvards and Yales we can go that route," Uher said. "But if you talk to the Houston Cougars and the Texas Techs, they are going to tell you they want a competitive athletic program. Sometimes athletics puts a school on the map, when the academics didn't."

Sen. George West, D-Dallas, the bill's Senate sponsor, said all of the opposing arguments fail to consider the well-being of students.

"Schools are saying, 'Don't hurt our athletic programs,' and we're saying, 'Don't hurt our community by refusing to give people a chance to excel in the classroom,'" said West, who is black.

Rockets come back to life

HOUSTON (AP) — Bench scoring, rebounding, shooting percentage, 3-point production. The Houston Rockets had been woeful in every single category.

Then came Game 3, and everything got better in a hurry.

The Houston Rockets, getting a tremendous boost off the bench from 38-year-old Eddie Johnson, reversed their troubling trends of Games 1 and 2 and defeated the Utah Jazz 118-100 Friday night.

It cut their deficit to 2-1 in the best-of-7 Western Conference finals and kept them out of a 3-0 hole — something no NBA team has ever

climbed out of.

Game 4 is Sunday before the series returns to Salt Lake City for Game 5 on Tuesday night.

"This was definitely a must-win, and Sunday is also a must-win," Charles Barkley said. "We don't want to go back to Utah down 3-1, but if we had lost tonight we would have been dead. D-E-A-D."

The main reason the Rockets are still very much alive was Johnson, a journeyman shooting guard who played in the Greek League last season before being signed by Indiana, getting traded to Denver and then being waived.

The Rockets signed him in

early March, and Johnson had his best game of the season Friday night with 31 points on 12-for-17 shooting, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range.

"It definitely was one of my biggest moments," said the 35-year veteran.

"You try to pick a moment when you can seize the opportunity and I knew I had to make a difference."

Such a difference — a scorer off the bench — was one of the many things the Rockets were lacking in the first two games. Johnson was partly to blame, too, as he shot a combined 3-for-9 with just seven points.

The Jazz had even begun leav-

ing him wide open on the perimeter.

"They weren't even paying attention to me, and I knew I had to make them pay for that," Johnson said.

He led Houston to a 47-28 edge in bench scoring — a category the Rockets had lost badly in each of the first two games.

The Rockets outrebounded Utah 38-30 to reverse another trend from the first two games, and shot nearly 59 percent from the field after shooting 38 and 37 percent in Games 1 and 2.

Houston also outscored the Jazz in each of the final three quarters to recover from an early 14-point deficit.

Sorenstam claims \$80,000 on first day of Skins Game

FRISCO (AP) — Annika Sorenstam, the leading money winner on the women's tour this year, won \$80,000 over the opening nine holes of the JCPenney LPGA Skins Game Saturday.

Sorenstam won four skins and birdied five of the first nine holes, while Karrie Webb, the No. 2 money-winner, won one skin and \$20,000 at Stonebriar Country Club.

Laura Davies, the all-time leading Skins Game money winner with \$480,000, and Dottie Pepper, No. 2 all-time, failed to win a skin.

Four skins worth \$110,000 will carry over into Sunday's 10th hole, where \$140,000 will be at stake.

Normally steady but unspectacular, Sorenstam is usually content to shoot for pars. But Sorenstam's hot putting overwhelmed her three opponents.

"I'm normally a very consistent player," said Sorenstam, who won \$100,000 in last year's event. "I normally go for the odds, but I was pumped up. I don't think I've ever had that (five birdies in the first nine holes). I couldn't believe I made some putts."

Sorenstam used a sand wedge to chip in from 25 feet for birdie-2 in the rain on the second hole, bagging two skins and \$40,000. That took the pressure off, she said.

"I could relax after that," she said. "If you don't win a skin, you're nervous. So I got that over with early."

Sorenstam was playing so well that her opponents jokingly threatened to throw her in a nearby pond if she sank a putt on the ninth and final hole of Saturday's competition.

"If this goes in, she goes in (the water)," Pepper said, as Sorenstam lined up a 15-foot birdie putt.

When Sorenstam missed the putt that would have earned her \$110,000, Pepper said, "Now we have a headline: 'She missed a putt.'"

Sorenstam rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt to halve the third hole with Pepper, then converted an 8-foot birdie putt on the fourth for two more skins worth \$40,000. Sorenstam also birdied the seventh and eighth holes, but Webb matched her each time.

When the rain ended, Webb made a 20-foot birdie putt at the fifth hole for a \$20,000 skin.

Davies had a wild day off the tee, hitting only three of nine fairways. But, as Pepper pointed out, luck often plays a major part in who wins the most money in the Skins Game format.

"It's like a mystery novel where you wait until the final page to see how it falls together," Pepper said.

Hayes homers as Yanks stop Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — Charlie Hayes, starting at third base for New York over slumping Wade Boggs, hit a two-run home run with one out in the ninth inning Saturday as the Yankees halted a five-game losing streak with a 4-2 win over the Boston Red Sox.

Paul O'Neill walked with one out in the ninth and was lifted for pinch-runner Scott Pose. Hayes, whose insertion into New York's lineup landed Boggs on the bench for the first time in his 16-year career, hit a 1-2 pitch from John Wasdin (0-2) over the left-center field fence for his third homer.

Hayes' shot, the Yankees' first game-winning homer since July 28 of last season, gave

BASEBALL

Mariano Rivera (1-1) the win. Rivera pitched a perfect ninth in relief of David Cone.

Ortolas 8, Indians 3
CLEVELAND (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Mike Mussina got a rare victory over Cleveland as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Indians 8-3 Saturday.

The Orioles improved to an AL-best 31-14 and ended Cleveland's season-high six-game winning streak.

Mussina (6-1), who had a 14.81 ERA against the Indians last season and was 2-6 in his

career against them, had a season-high nine strikeouts in seven innings. He allowed three runs and nine hits.

Angels 3, Blue Jays 1
TORONTO (AP) — Allen Watson pitched seven shutout innings and Darin Erstad hit an inside-the-park home run Saturday, leading the Anaheim Angels to a 3-1 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Watson (2-3) gave up four singles as the Angels won their fourth in a row and 11th in 12 games.

Watson allowed only one runner to reach third. Joe Carter, who had two singles for Toronto, got his 1,300th career RBI on a groundout.

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PITCHER

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more impressive when one considers that he is still not at 100 percent effectiveness following a bout of tendinitis in his throwing shoulder.

Even his teammates are starting to make the inevitable connection.

"Playing behind Mike is almost like it was playing behind Brandon," said third baseman Marshall Wright, a veteran of the '95 squad. "He doesn't have the overpowering fastball Brandon had, but the results have been the same."

Third baseman Rodney Gressett said that McMillan may prove to be just as valuable to the 1997 Bulldogs as McGuire was to the 1995 club.

"Mike's not Brandon, but he doesn't have to be," Gressett said. "Honestly, I think that if we hadn't had Brandon in 1995, we wouldn't have made it to state. And, this season, I feel the same way about Mike."

McMillan's pitching — and near-perfect defense by his teammates — are the major reasons why the Bulldogs (18-7) are only two wins away from duplicating their 1995 trip to the state tournament.

But he is quick to deflect any credit for the Bulldogs' current playoff run, citing instead post-season experience gained by a veteran, senior-dominated team.

"It's still just a game," he said of the postseason. "Everybody has enough confidence in everybody else that we really don't worry about winning or losing, we just go out and play. We feel like we can play with anybody as long as we keep our confidence level up."

INDY

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broke his right leg and left leg during a crash at practice.

Paul, in a wheelchair, was at the driver's meeting to receive the Scott Brayton Driver's Trophy, presented for the first time in memory of Brayton, who was killed at Indy during practice last year.

The meeting wasn't all business. Ward drew laughs from the crowd and drivers with his thinly disguised dig at Championship Auto Racing Teams, which is boycotting Indy for the second straight year.

Most of the big-name drivers were in St. Louis on Saturday for CART's Motorola 300.

"I don't care what anybody says, you're the 35 best drivers in the world or you wouldn't be here," Ward said, prompting cheers from the crowd and applause from a few drivers.

As Ward talked to the drivers about starting clean, a fan yelled out, "No crashes in the turns!"

"That's right, no crashes in Turn One," Ward said, drawing laughter. "And no crashes in Turns Two, Three or Four, either."

Kite happy with prospects for Ryder team

FORT WORTH (AP) — Ryder Cup captain Tom Kite is delighted with the way the U.S. team is shaping up and expects the 12-man squad to be loaded with "fantastic" players.

"If I had a wish list, the top 25 is very close to that," he said, referring to the current leaders in the race for 10 of the coveted berths.

As captain, Kite will select two at-large members of the U.S. team that will attempt to recapture the cup against the European squad Sept. 26-28 at the Valderrama Golf Club in Spain.

Kite, who is 25th on that list, assembled most of the contenders for a uniform-fitting session on the eve of the MasterCard Colonial.

He said Tiger Woods, Tom Lehman and Mark O'Meara had a lock on three of the berths, while the next four in the point standings "are in good shape."

That quartet includes Phil Mickelson, Scott Hoch, Brad Faxon and Davis Love III.

Faxon, currently sixth on the list, was tied for the Colonial lead heading into Saturday's third round. Woods was three shots off the lead and Mickelson was five back.

Hoch and Love barely made the cut at 140 and Lehman missed it by a stroke. O'Meara skipped the tournament.

The elk that got its feelings — and hindquarters — bruised

A few years ago, I was hunting elk on Taylor Mesa in the San Juan National Forest of Colorado. Hunting with me was Al Cannon.

This particular day, we saddled our horses, packed lunches, and trailered the horses to Taylor Mesa.

Arriving just about daylight, we unloaded the horses and headed to the rim of Priest Gulch. This was a two-mile ride.

On our way to the rim, we saw five cow elk — but no bulls. As we approached the rim, we dismounted, tied the horses, and proceeded on foot.

It had snowed a bit the past night - just enough to make tracks.

All suggested that I should take a position on a rocky point so I could look down into Priest Gulch.

He said, "I'll take a horse and find a trail and go below the bluff. Perhaps I can scare an elk your way."

I found it pretty difficult to get out on the rocky point — but I made it. And I made myself comfortable while Al was "bird-dogging" for me.

Before long I was alerted by Al's voice saying, "elk, bull elk." He beckoned for me to follow him.

As I was moving off the point, Al told me that he had seen a large bull elk below as he was trying to find a trail to descend.

The adrenalin was flowing and I became real excited.

Quickly as we could, we walked the horses for about 300 yards to the spot that Al had

seen the elk. As we arrived we at first could not see an elk, but after a bit we located it lying down in the shade of a spruce tree.

We tip-toed to an advantage point, and sat close to some trees in an effort to screen our location. And we used our binoculars to determine if the bull had the four points on one side, required by hunting laws. We looked looked, and after what seemed a very long time, we determined that he was legal game.

Taking my Browning 30-06 — hand-loaded with 165-grain bullet — I scoped the bull. I estimated the distance to be 375 yards downhill. To make a killing shot, it would be necessary to hold probably 20 inches high — because my rifle was zeroed for 200 yards.

I sat for 10 minutes trying to figure my exact aim point — mainly because the elk was pointed away from me and his

head was turned to my right. I finally opted to aim and shoot at the top of his antlers. Carefully I aimed and fired.

Well, all hell broke loose down there. My elk jumped up and left his bed like he was shot out of a cannon. Then four more bulls took off right behind my elk. They high-tailed it so fast I could not get another shot.

I turned to Al and said, "I'll slide down the mountain in the snow and go to the elk's bed."

All responded, "I will take the horses and find a train and come on down."

While sliding, I held my rifle as high as I could, so not to cause any harm to it. And I hit every rock and high clump of grass. But I was so excited, the bruises weren't felt until the next day.

In a few minutes, I reached the elk bed. He had marked a spot on the snow with his urine and had laid down on the yel-

low spot. I then tracked him for a couple hundred yards in an effort to find blood — but I couldn't find a blood trail, so I returned to the elk bed.

Al soon came up, and as I was showing him the spot where the elk had laid, he exclaimed, "There's a bullet in his bed."

Sure enough there lay a bullet — my bullet no less. I picked it up along with a clump of hair. Further search showed that the bullet had fallen short, hit the snow and ricocheted into the elk.

For a moment, we looked at each other — then we had a good laugh.

We continued hunting the rest of the day down Priest Gulch without success.

That evening at supper, I told the other hunters about what had happened. And I asked them to be alert the next day for a bull elk with a sore hiney.



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Cure for the summertime blues

— A kid's guide to spending the vacation season at home



Big Spring mother of four Stacy Rawls is taking a good attitude toward the summer. For the first time, she won't be working outside the home, so she and her kids will have plenty of time to spend together. Even that doesn't scare her. "We'll be doing a lot of things," said Rawls. "It's just going to depend on them. They will be involved in the planning. We'll be able to do a little more, have a little more spontaneity than in past years, because I won't have to go to work." James, 15, will be taking driver's education. Cheyenne, 9, will spend some time at Girl Scout camp. But Ray Lynn, 8, and Wesley, 7, will spend their vacation at home with Mom. "I do things like turn on the water sprinkler, and they play. Or we go to the park for a picnic," Rawls said. "We will take some weekend trips, some to places not too far, but something to look forward to." Around the Rawls home,

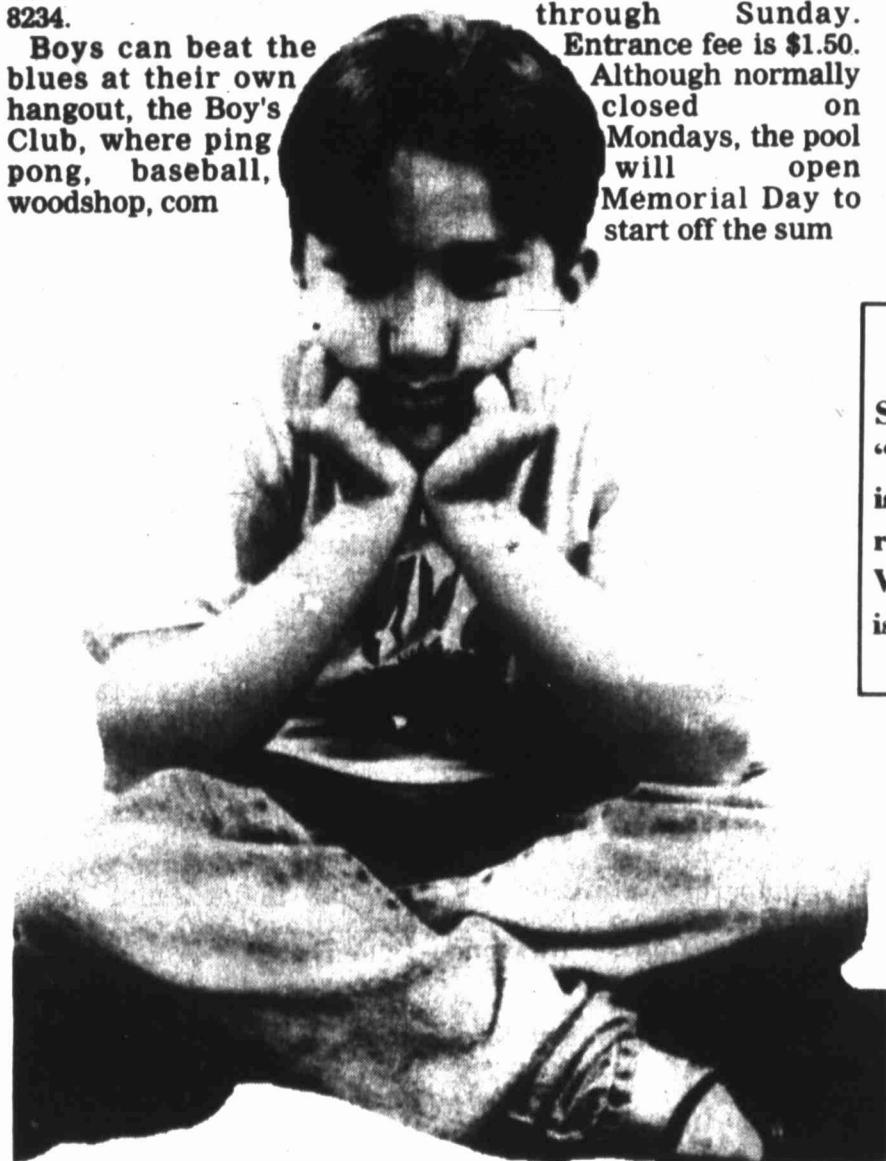
you just don't get bored. "If you're bored, I can find plenty for you to do," she said. "There are always chores that need to be done." Summer boredom may not seem like a problem yet. After all, it just got started. But Big Spring agencies and groups are sponsoring a number of activities for children of all ages this summer. For kids ages 6-12 who want to learn something (and have fun) this summer, Howard College will again offer, "Kid's College." Registration continues for this two-week session of various activities. For registration, you will need the young person's social security number, address and T-shirt size. Cost is \$75 for the first child and \$60 for each additional child in the same family. Courses offered to kids in the program include, "ArtWorks," "Computer Wizards," "StarBusters," "Wrecking Crew," "Memories of Me," "Green Thumb," and

"You, Me and Us." Subjects, in case the titles leave you wondering, include astronomy, character building, gardening and first aid. Call 264-5132 for more information. For artistically inclined young people, West Texas Center for the Arts will offer several classes beginning June 2 and continuing through the end of July. Cartooning, Commercial Art and Design, Watercolor and Drawing are among the offerings. "Crazy Creations," taught by Becky Smiley, will include a variety of art projects. To register, visit the continuing education department at Howard College. Cost is \$20 plus a supply fee that varies from \$5-\$10 depending on the class. Call 264-5131 for information. Big Spring YMCA has a sure cure for the summertime blues with its, "Discovery Day Camp." Kids can attend every week day from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. (great for working parents) and take part in a variety of activities. Financial aid is available for families who want to take advantage of this program. There are free swimming lessons at the day camp, and field trips are once a week to such places as the Abilene zoo and Monahans sand hills. Each week will have a different theme, such as "old west" or safety week. Participants eat lunch free at a local school campus during the program. Other YMCA programs include separate gymnastics classes for those age 3-6 and

age 6 and above. Swimming lessons are available for all ages, starting at 6 months (do they even know it's summer?) Swimming is taught in half-hour sessions five days a week for two weeks at a time. Recreational swimming is available from 3-5 p.m. weekdays as well. To swim, you don't have to be a member of the YMCA. A \$2 fee will give you access to the pool and gym. Preschoolers are invited to "Swim and Gym" Mondays and Wednesdays from 2-3 p.m. Later in the summer, watch for information about Tae Kwon Do classes. The YMCA can be reached at 267-8234. Boys can beat the blues at their own hangout, the Boy's Club, where ping pong, baseball, woodshop, com

puters and kickball will be continuing each weekday morning. The club will be closed in the afternoons this summer for swimming at the northside pool, 100 NW Seventh. There will be swimming sessions for both boys and girls, but swimmers need to find their own transportation to the pool. Call the Boys Club at 263-1822 for more information. Boy's Club activities are for those age 6-17 and cost \$1-\$2 per year. Later in the summer the club will sponsor a camping trip for some of its regular members. Comanche Trail Park pool will be open 1-6 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Entrance fee is \$1.50. Although normally closed on Mondays, the pool will open Memorial Day to start off the sum

mer. This is by no means a list of everything the city has to offer for summer fun. Check with local agencies and groups. Find out what there is to do besides sitting at home with the television remote. If you've tried all that, and summer boredom sets in anyway, don't despair. School starts again sooner than you think.



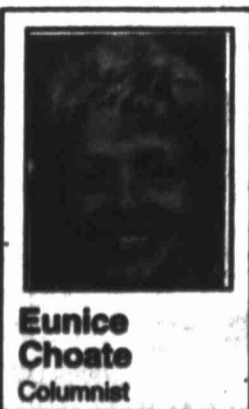
Special thanks to our "bored" kids: Top left is Halley Wiggins; Top right is Rachael Villanueva and center is Hadden Phillips.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

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Catatonic states: Remembering the last days of school

Back before spring break was incorporated into school vacations, the last breather we had before summer was an extended weekend for Easter. After that, school dragged on until the end of May. Mornings weren't bad when the air was cool and the students smelled like soap and starch. We were too busy mak-



Eunice Choate
Columnist

ing eye contact to realize where we were. By mid-morning we got hungry and the edge of raw appetite added to the social atmosphere of things. Through quiet halls the sound of pans clattering in the cafeteria made us salivate. Our stomachs growled. The class clowns cracked jokes and events had a lively feel. Outside, the sun rose higher and grew hotter. Haze and harsh light glinted from the chrome bumpers of '53 Fords and '47 Chevrolets. Afternoons after lunch seemed interminable, and Study Hall on a full stomach was deadening. Study Hall was a long rectangular room on the south side of

the building. It had three doors. Two at each end of the north interior wall opened into a wide corridor. The third led into the library up front besides the teacher's desk. The wall at our backs was as solid and blank as we were, but the entire south wall was windows. They began at waist high and rose to within three feet of the ceiling. The blinds, raised to the top, allowed the sun to shine in all day. By 2 p.m. the windowpanes were hot and cast a glare on the face of the big clock hung high on the north wall. The clock ground inwardly and made an audible click each time the minute hand moved forward. The school bell connected to the clocks that hung in each

room in the building. We watched them intently and tried to ring them by telekinesis. The Study Hall teacher had a soft heart and hard nails. She filed her fingernails (it seemed to us) six times a day for 50 minutes at a stretch. They could cut glass. She gladly helped anyone who needed help, but on those long afternoons, nobody had the energy to ask. Sometimes she walked into the library to talk in whispers with the librarian who (it seemed to us) pasted books 24 hours a day. The starchy smell of paste drifted in through our connecting door. Study Hall had a sound of its own; not exactly a drone, but more a soft, rhythmic murmur.

Students breathed, leafed quietly through the pages of books, and snored. Someone whispered, someone sneezed. Someone chuckled, and a chair leg scraped across the floor. Underlying all this was the slow, steady ka-CHUNK, ka-CHUNK, ka-CHUNK of the mimeograph machine in the library. The big sunny room absorbed the sounds and released them again with the steadiness of a pulse. Girls in black sweaters began to smell like cleaning fluid. In sunlight silhouettes, the downy fuzz on the boys' chins glowed like copper. Eyelids grew heavy. Heads drooped and thudded softly onto the single big arm of the desks.

A sudden noise in the hallway caused chaos. At the crack of a broomhandle on the concrete floor, girls screamed in their sleep and boys fell out of their chairs. But only the sudden noises kept us awake. Set for September to May, our inner clocks had run down. We had outgrown our student cocoons. The last bell rang, the last locker slammed, and Study Hall was over. On graduation night we stepped from our catatonic states, crossed the stage, and emerged as the hope of the future.

Take care with use of OTC drugs

Hundreds of drug products that were once available only by prescription can now be purchased over-the-counter (OTC). These products contain ingredients and dose strengths that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has deemed safe enough to use without a doctor's prescription.



Wanda Denson
Columnist

But keep in mind, they are still drugs and can cause adverse side effects or interact adversely with other medicines you are taking. Just because a drug is available without a prescription does not mean it is safe under every circumstance.

"People see OTC drugs as harmless," says a spokesperson for the Senior Services in Washington, D.C. But aspirin, for example, is a powerful drug that if taken with blood-thinning medications, can cause bleeding. Not only medicines that you swallow — including vitamins — but others such as inhalers, eye drops and topical ointments may cause problems when used with certain other medications.

In addition, there are some medicines that shouldn't be taken with certain foods or beverages. Some should not be taken with grapefruit juice, most shouldn't be taken with alcohol. In some cases the body's absorption of alcohol

increases the effects of medicine making the side effects worse, says Doctor Sarah Erush, director of drug information of the University of Pennsylvania.

Adverse interactions can occur in people any age, but older individuals are particularly at risk. With age you become more prone to any drug's side effects because the liver and kidneys become less efficient at breaking down substances, so medication stays in the body longer.

That is another reason to avoid taking a larger dose or taking medicine more frequently than recommended on the label. A build-up of the substance in the body might lead to an adverse reaction. It is recommended that older individuals take the lower dosage. For example, if the label says take one or two tablets every four to six hours, try taking one tablet every six hours.

Read the warnings and other information listed on the label. If the information is unclear to you, ask the pharmacist about it.

Note the expiration date before buying any medication. And if at any time you notice a change in odor, color or appearance — such as crumbling of the product, be aware that these are signals of a chemical change that could make it unsafe to use.

Finally, list all medications, prescription and OTC, that you are using. Show the list to your physician or pharmacist before you begin taking a new drug. This can help them help you avoid potentially harmful drug interactions.

We should count friends among our blessings

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

He and his wife raised their family, and like most, there was sometimes travail. One thing we all share are problems in raising our families.

Over a period of years, he and his brother were both Governors of the Taos Pueblo, taking a strong interest in their tribe's affairs.

Time began to catch up with us. Tony's wife passed away a few years ago after battling cancer. His children were grown with children of their own.

When we got to Tony's shop I wouldn't go in. I was afraid Tony had passed on. When Adrian came out, he stumbled, woke up the dogs, dropped his hat, and I thought the worst!

Buy joy, not only was Tony alive and well, he was in the shop today. The three of us looked at each other, not speaking for a short time.

I had worn a turquoise pendant and pumpkin beads he had made for us over 30 years ago. He remembered it, and this time had beautiful earrings to match.

There was much family news, one granddaughter graduates from MIT with highest honors and lots of offers for jobs; a grandson on full scholarship at Stanford. His family is doing well.

As I have grown older I have become more aware and proud of my Indian heritage; evidently it shows. Tony and I discussed issues we felt were not being settled fairly with the Indians.

I reminded him of the first

time we saw him dance at the Pueblo, I can still see him tall and strong wrapped in a soft white blanket, beautiful boots, moving majestically to the drum beats, as old as time/The whole scene pulling you in, making you a part of a ritual that has existed forever."

Before our eyes the years and the torture seemed to drop away, he and we were young

again. It was hard to leave. We wished we were closer to hear the wonderful soft speech pattern of the pueblo more often sharing family news.

Most of us are not fortunate to know someone like Tony. We feel quite blessed to share his life and count him as our friend.

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ON THE MENU

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WEDNESDAY - Beef tips; rice; green beans; Waldorf salad; milk/rolls; cobbler.
THURSDAY - Chicken salad sandwich; vegetable salad; soup; fruited gelatin; milk/bread; pie.
FRIDAY - Catfish; baked potatoes; coleslaw; okra/tomatoes; milk/rolls; cake.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Biscuit w/sausage; jelly; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Manager's choice; toast; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Manager's choice; toast; fruit; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak fingers w/gravy or frito pie w/chili; mashed potatoes; pinto beans; homemade bread; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Manager's choice; mashed potatoes; corn; bread; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburger; French fries; lettuce; tomatoes; onion; pickles; milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - NO SCHOOL, HOLIDAY.
TUESDAY - Manager's choice or ass't cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Manager's

choice or ass't cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Manager's choice or ass't. cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - NO SCHOOL, HOLIDAY.
TUESDAY - Stir-fry or manager's choice; steamed rice/gravy; green beans; mixed fruit; French bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken dumplings or manager's choice; buttered corn; tossed salad; peaches; cornbread; milk.
THURSDAY - Club sandwich or manager's choice; potato chips; sandwich salad; pickle spears; apple wedges; cookie; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuit; sausage; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancake and sausage on a stick; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; mixed veggies; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Ravioli casserole; green beans; fruit; crackers; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bologna & cheese sandwich; chips; veggies; fruit; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS

LUNCH
MONDAY - Pepperoni pizza, corn, broccoli, brownie, milk.
TUESDAY - Salisbury steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, sliced bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Ravioli, chef salad, peas, cheese sticks, fruit cup, saltine crackers, milk.
THURSDAY - Sandwiches-tuna, pimento cheese, peanut butter, ranch style beans, chips, fruit roll ups, oranges, milk.

PRIME POEM

"Trail of Tears"

I hear a sad voice calling calling out, beyond the grave the sad voice of an Indian so sad, so strong, so brave.

He called out from the darkness

I heard his sad voice moan I was once a mighty warrior, and on the prairie roamed.

I once had hope and happy dreams but they all turned to fear. I was pushed out of my hunting ground to the "valley of the tears."

I know ten thousand Indians they lie there in their graves they all walked down the "Trail of Tears" upon that dreadful day.

I hear their spirits calling calling out to me again I feel their tears a-falling the tears that fell like rain.

I hear their feet a-treading I sense their dreadful fear their sad and mournful voices as they walk down, "Trail of Tears."

By: Bernice Reed Jones

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Differences don't destroy relationship

Cupid's number one rule of romance seems to be "opposites attract." Of the starry-eyed June brides soon to walk down the aisle, most will soon learn the truth of Andy Rooney's comment, "A's marry Z's."

Early risers marry late sleepers.

Punctual people marry procrastinators.

Individuals who adore camping trips fall in love with those who would prefer to watch the great outdoors on a TV screen, rather than through a haze of mosquitoes.

I speak from experience.

In our whirlwind courtship, Paul mentioned that he liked picnics. I agreed — my definition of a picnic being that after a drive to a scenic spot, you eat food already prepared, look briefly at the beauties of nature, and go home.

That wasn't quite what he had in mind. We packed a lunch and spent hours on the bank of the Yellowstone River near Miles City, Montana — fishing. Paul bought me a neat little rod and reel, one of the early Zebco models.

Being young and in love, I tried to share his enthusiasm. All things considered, I did pretty well, except for getting my line caught on errant tree stumps and feeling somewhat sorry for the few fish I managed to catch.

However, with time out for sitting under a tree and reading a novel, I grew to enjoy these "picnics."

When the seismograph company, for which Paul was a surveyor, transferred him to Jordan, we fished for bass in a ranch pond. One summer night we stayed long after dark and watched a spectacular display of the Northern Lights.

Then the crew was sent to Karnes City in South Texas.



Paul Warren fishing on the coast.

There Paul decided it would be fun to spend his two-week vacation camping. With a minimum of camping equipment and total ignorance on my part of what lay ahead, we headed for Lake Corpus Christi.

At that beautiful lake, things went quite well for three or four days, except for the fact that the mosquitoes were undeterred by repellent. Soon I was covered with bites. Of course, following the rule of opposites, they didn't bother Paul.

Then we went to Padre Island. My husband had worked on the coast for a number of years, with the Army Engineers. He loved the beach and the fishing.

I really did not want to spoil his fun, but by then I was less than thrilled with camping. My face had taken on a rosy hue from sunburn, and the sea air seemed to intensify the discomfort of the mosquito bites.

It was on our second evening at the beach, and we were sitting outside the tent. Paul was extolling the beauty of the scenery.

On the other hand, was contemplating a sand crab heading for its hole and considering crawling in after it. Noticing my lack of enthusiasm, Paul made the mistake of asking me what was wrong.

Well, that less-than-successful camping trip eventually became one of those times we could laugh about. It was a while before we tried camping again — this time to Colorado, with considerable more camping gear and with occasional stops at a motel. We had a wonderful time!

Compromise and a sense of humor can smooth the way for A and Z couples.



Jean Warren
Columnist

Learn the language, legend of flowers

When holidays come around we often think of giving flowers.

Recently Mother's Day found the local flower shops quite busy. Now Memorial Day is here and again we remember loved ones with gifts of flowers.

Have you ever wondered why this is a traditional thing? It is not limited to the U.S. Many foreign countries have more traditional occasions for giving flowers than we do.

Flowers have a language all their own and many traditions and legends have been handed down through countless ages.

The roses are probably the most loved of all flowers and their perfection admired by all. There are some very special legends about roses.

During the Middle Ages, roses were important for medicinal properties. Rose hips are high in vitamin C and rose extracts are used to mask bad tastes in medicine. Turkish

rose pearls, shiny black balls made from pulverized leaves and gum is thought to have been used as a toothache remedy. In classical times rose wine, made from rose petals, cinnamon sticks, sugar and alcohol was widely used to drink.

Even Cleopatra, when she went to meet her lover, gave a state banquet to honor Mark Anthony in 42 B.C. and history says she covered the floor of the banquet hall with two feet of rose petals.

What about the legend of Roman Emperor Nero? He was known to have spent \$400,000 for roses for just one banquet. He had them rain from the ceiling and unfortunately a few guests were smothered under the weight.

An elite group of rose lovers is based in Portland, Ore. call "Royal Rosarians." They allow only 220 members and each member is dubbed a knight after being elected. Honorary members are titled "Duke or Duchess." The official purpose of this organization is to promote the annual Rose Festival and Portland's claim as "The Rose City."

What calculated to be the world's oldest rose, about 1,000 years, grows on the wall of Hildesheim Cathedral in

Germany. It blooms and fruits each year.

If that isn't amazing enough, how about the largest "bush" in the world? It grows in Mrs. Burlin Devore's garden in Tombstone, Ariz. It was brought from Scotland as a young plant in 1885. The stem is six inches in diameter and the bush or head covers an area of some 700 square yards. This would shelter 150 people underneath the branches.

Of course, everyone knows one red rose is a symbol for true love and a white rose denotes purity.

Ancient Hindu writings tell the story of the God Vishnu, protector of the world and Brahma, the creator of earth, argued about which was the world's most beautiful flower. Vishnu bet his position as the chief of all Gods on the superior beauty of the rose. Brahma had never seen a rose and chose the lotus. One hundred eight very large and 1,008 small petals were used to create the lovely Goddess Lakshmi to be his bride.

The ancient Greeks claimed that Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, created the rose. White roses were supposed to have sprung from the seafoam as she arose from the sea. Another story tells that her lover Adonis

was wounded by a wild boar and her tears mixed with the drops of blood from his wound and this grew into a fragrant blood red rose.

The first Christian rosary is said to have been introduced by Saint Dominic and made of actual live flowers. Another Christian legend says that when the blood of the crucified Jesus fell upon the moss at the foot of the cross, roses were created.

Then there is the story of Saint Dorothy, martyr of the 4th Century. It was said that roses from the Garden of Paradise were delivered to her in her prison cell by an angel. Another ancient legend claims that in the Garden of Eden, the roses had no thorns, but when Adam and Eve were expelled, roses grew thorns forever afterward.

I started this narration to tell of various flowers but space prohibits that, so I'll just give you one more legend.

Ancient Persians believed that a nightingale fell in love with a white rose and flew down to embrace it, but the prickles pierced the bird and the droplets of blood became the red roses that grew where the drops fell.



Myrtle Griffith
Columnist



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While attending UTPB, she was named to the president's honor list each semester. Debbie was also awarded U T P B Outstanding Graduate in Criminology.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 4.0 GPA.

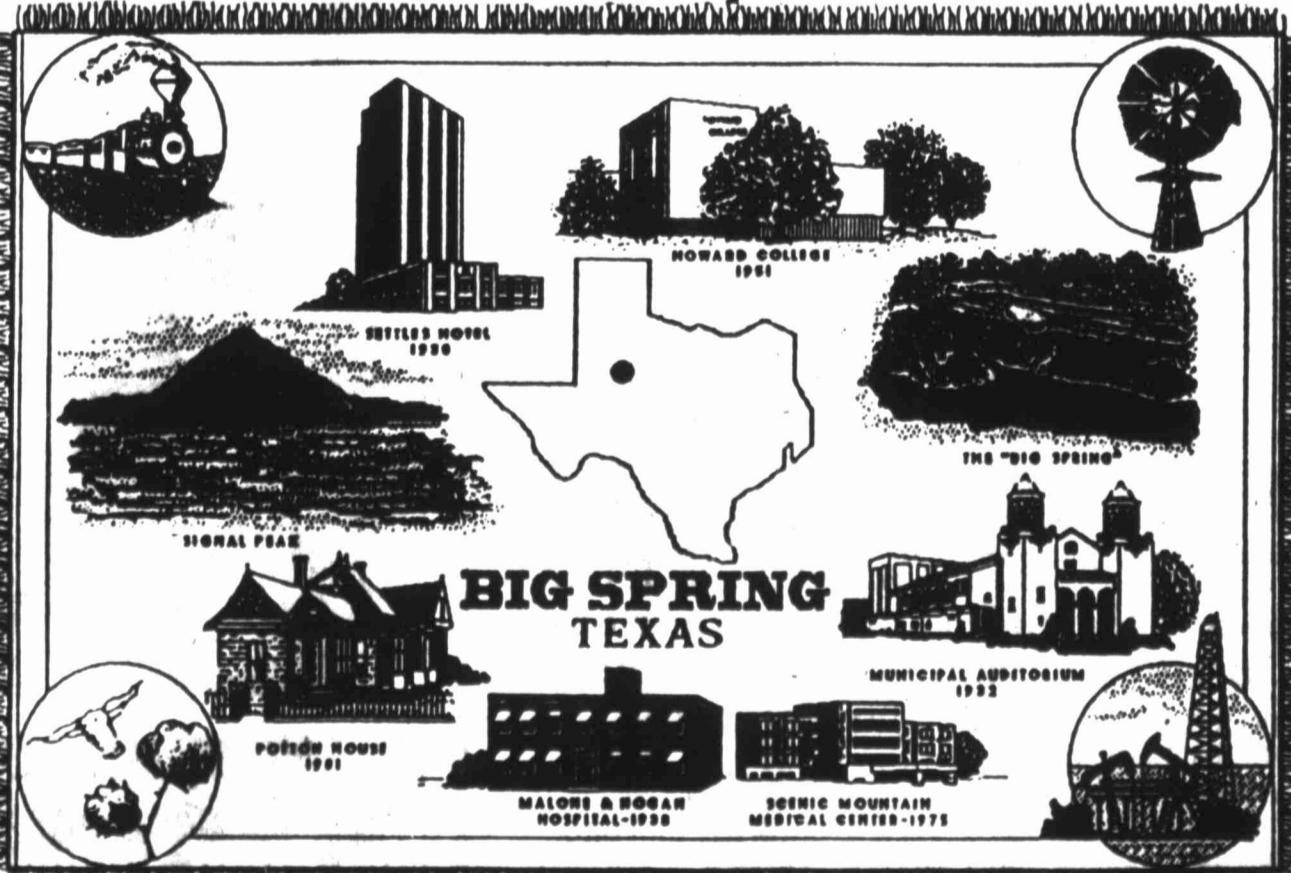
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Potential borrowers want home equity lending

AUSTIN (AP) — Cyrus Wagner found himself with a mountain of credit card debt, out-of-sight interest payments and no way to climb out of the debt despite owning a \$200,000 home.

Jenell Tackett also owns a home but is using credit cards to pay for her two sons to attend college.

With a proposal before the Senate on Friday, Texans like Wagner and Tackett could borrow against their home equity like every other state in the country.

"It would be nice if I could," Ms. Tackett said. "I'd like to do like people in the other 49 states are able to do. I should be trusted with my own equity."

Ms. Tackett, 48, of San Antonio, divorced her husband more than two years ago and does not have the savings to put her sons through college

without the help of credit. She would like the lower interest rates and tax advantages of a home-equity loan over student loans for which her sons haven't qualified.

"The bottom line is I should have the choice of a home equity or student loan," she said. "It's expensive to put kids through college."

Wagner, 39, of Galveston, got \$25,000 by securing a loan with a second home to pay off his credit card debt. But he thinks Texans should have the right to get out of the "credit card trap" with the equity in their primary homes.

Under current law, second mortgages against Texans' main homes can be taken only to pay taxes or make home improvements.

"The average person would use it to get out of the credit card debt," Wagner said.

"When you go to the bank you should be able to get that interest rate and not credit card rates."

The Senate already has approved one version of second-mortgage legislation. It will look at a more restrictive measure endorsed by the House.

If two-thirds of the House and Senate agree on a proposed constitutional amendment to allow such borrowing, the matter would go on a statewide ballot for Texans to decide the issue.

"There's no sense in that you can get \$5,000 for a fancy hot tub and \$5,000 worth of medical expenses can go unpaid or educational expenses," said Rick Osburn.

Osburn, 45, of Levelland, has two children one of which will attend Texas Tech in the fall. He doesn't need the equity for

his daughter's education, but could need it by the time his second child attends college four years from now.

"I want to have access to it," Osburn said. "Personally, I feel it's time Texas moves into the 21st century."

Under the House proposal, a homeowner's total debt — including original and second mortgages — couldn't be more than 75 percent of the home's value.

First mortgages could continue to be as high as lenders are willing to put up.

The proposal would require judicial approval for lenders to foreclose on a home. In addition, if someone defaulted on a second mortgage, there would be "non-recourse" protection, meaning that only the home could be taken, not other assets, such as a car.

"It's a start," Wagner said. "It's better than nothing. If you

want to borrow \$25,000 to get out of the credit card trap, they should be able to. It's their business."

Independent banks, like the Bank of Galveston where Wagner does business, aren't as sure about the proposal.

"I think it's onerous and too restrictive," said Jimmy Rasmussen, president of the Bank of Galveston. "It hurts consumers. It's not helping consumers."

Jim Chambers, president of Town and Country Bank in Stephenville agrees.

"I don't have much interest in the bill the way it's proposed. We don't loan money now if we don't have recourse. It makes it difficult to loan people money (for a home-equity loan)."

The Independent Bankers Association of Texas points to the "non-recourse" protection and judicial foreclosure as

points which would make them think more than twice about extending such loans.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, who worked in the House to pass the measure said that small bankers are overreacting.

"(The bill) would not require them to change the status quo. They can still do the current loans that they're making now," Wolens said. "This is only in respect to something that's brand new, that they've never done before. There's some special restrictions."

"Because we're doing something brand new ... we're going to do something extraordinary and the precautions have to be ... extraordinary," Wolens said.

The House bill is HB1188. The House constitutional amendment is HJR31.

The Senate bill is SB173. The Senate constitutional amendment is SJR12.

Blue Bell celebrating 90th year in ice cream business

Local distributorship's innovative delivery technique proving cost effective



Blue Bell Creameries moved into Big Spring almost seven years ago and is the distribution center for the West Texas area, serving 24 routes. Blue Bell's West Texas service area is more than 500 miles north to south and more than 300 miles east to west. Pictured is Blue Bell's West Texas headquarters in Big Spring and Blue Bell employee David Mayes filling an order from the freezer that keeps Blue Bell products at a cool 20 degrees below zero. Some of the new delivery techniques implemented by the Big Spring distribution center are receiving attention from several of the company's other 27 centers.

By CARLTON JOHNSON
 Staff Writer

The company opened its doors in Big Spring on July 16, 1990 with 11 routes, and in nearly seven years has more than doubled to 24 routes throughout West Texas — the company is Blue Bell Creameries and the product is ice cream.

West Texas Branch Manager John Lilley says Blue Bell designs its branches to handle about 18 routes that service more than one million people.

The Big Spring store is one of 28 distribution centers the 90-year old company has and services routes in Big Spring/Snyder, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock, Amarillo, and Clovis, N.M. and Hobbs, N.M.

The service area stretches for 520 miles north to south from Dalhart to Brady and 320 miles east to west from Strawn (near Ranger) to Monahans.

Lilley is credited with developing a new delivery technique that is being well received around the company.

Currently, Lubbock, Amarillo and Abilene serve as transfer stations in the service area.

"We created what we call a transfer station to which we transfer our product from Brenham into cold storage and then backhaul to another area," Lilley said.

"When the company looked to expand in this area, Big Spring was the choice because it is the midway point of the West Texas service area," Lilley added. "It's cost effective to backhaul rather than have other areas come to us. Our drivers/salesmen are able to better serve their areas."

According to Lilley, the Big Spring distribution center will soon have a transport assigned to its area, meaning all of the areas served by the Big Spring center will have their product delivered to them.

Despite Amarillo not being a

part of the originally planned service area, the West Texas distribution center was the company's best opening in its 90-year existence and sells more take-home frozen snacks than any other center.

Another unique feature of the local center is that drivers and supervisors live in the areas of West Texas that they serve.

"This is the only branch that

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-John Lilley
 Blue Bell Branch Mgr.

operates this way," Lilley said.

Blue Bell Creameries operates in the South and Southeastern regions of the U.S., serving approximately 13 percent of the U.S. population.

The company is not rushing into expansion plans because it has a proven formula for success that has worked for nearly 90 years.

"The company's philosophy is to not take on a new area until it can handle that area without jeopardizing its current service

area," Lilley said.

Sales of Blue Bell's are up each year, and the company is currently the third ranked branded ice cream company in the U.S.

According to Lilley, the first and second ranked companies are reaching 80 percent and 79 percent of the U.S. market.

"In our major markets, we have a larger percentage of the than our competition," Lilley said. In Houston, for example, for each dollar spent on ice cream, Blue Bell gets 65 cents. We're always monitoring our products as well as our competition."

Blue Bell once hand-cranked two gallons of ice cream a day, but now produces 250 different products, including a rotating menu of 45 different flavors.

By far, the most popular flavor of Blue Bell ice cream is Homemade Vanilla.

New flavors for 1997 are Chocolate Pecan Cheesecake and a new Fruit Freeze cups in lemon and strawberry.

Other popular Blue Bell items include Blue Bell Ice Cream; Blue Bell Light Ice cream; Lowfat and Nonfat Yogurt; Diet Blue Bell; and a variety of frozen snacks, including the country's first full line of Mini Frozen Snacks.

"Blue Bell is used a a major draw for supermarket grandopenings as well," Lilley said. "Consumers let us know what they want."

For the volume of business that the Big Spring center does, one would think there is a large number of employees at the center, but try 19.

The entire West Texas distribution area has 49 employees, according to Lilley.

"The key is having good people you can count on that will take care of business," Lilley said.

Another key to Blue Bell's success has been its national ad campaigns through the years.

Casebearer a threat to West Texas pecan trees

The most destructive pest of pecans in West Texas is the Pecan Nut Casebearer. This insect is most harmful in the larvae stage.

However, it is during the moth stage that the eggs are laid on the tips of pecan nutlets. The moth is one-third of an inch long, gray in color and has a life cycle of five to eight days.

During the nighttime periods the moths are active. The female may lay 50 to 150 eggs during this period. The eggs are greenish-white to white, changing to pink or red prior to hatch.

The eggs hatch in four to five days and the larvae feed on the small nutlets, destroying them. Black frass (excrement) can often be found at the base of the nutlets that were entered by the larvae. They feed inside the nutlets for about three to

four weeks depending upon the temperatures.

The larvae are grey-green in color and mature to about one-half inch in length. Full grown pupate in the hollowed nutlets and an adult moth emerges about nine to 14 days later. About three to five generations of the pest occur each year.

It was more than 20 years ago that Texas A&M University and its extension entomology staff developed a computer



Keith Klement
 Asst. County Agent-Agriculture

model to assist with control of this pest. Research found that the casebearer activity was primarily based on the bud break of pecans in the spring and the daily high and low temperatures of its area following bud break.

The most critical time to control this pest is at peak egg lay, which is determined from information obtained from the previous mentioned research and activity of the moth.

This year's spray date is a little later than usual due to the cool and wet temperatures coupled with the late freeze that affected a large portion of the crops in Howard County. Most have responded fairly since the freeze but production may suffer.

This spring has been most awkward as many producers will state. The spring has been unseasonably wet and cool. Hot

temperatures are needed for many of the crops, fruit, nuts and vegetables to respond.

This cool spring has been the reason for the delay in setting a spray date. The time period to spray for the pecan nut casebearer is May 28 through June 6. These are the recommended dates for Midland, Ector and surrounding counties.

A range instead of a single date is given because of the erratic precipitation, temperatures and late freeze that affected some pecan growers and not others. Be sure to check your trees closely for any sign of eggs or larvae as mentioned above.

If none are on the trees you may want to wait until the last suggested spray date of June 6. On the other hand, if you see significant signs at present, you may want to spray sooner.

Insecticides recommended for homeowners in urban areas, such as Big Spring, include only those products containing Sevin, Dursban, Malathion or Diazinon and packaged for homeowner use in urban areas. Commercial growers can use any of the Bt products, including Javelin or Dipel-ES.

Caution is urged against the use of any of the pyrethroids due to the fact that this could cause a buildup of aphids and spider mites later. Lorsban, Guthion and Thiodan are other products recommended for commercial producers.

For both urban and commercial producers, it is recommended that NZN be included in any spray program. This product can be incorporated with your insecticide at the time of spraying or casebearer.

As with any pesticide, be sure and follow to the letter all

label recommendations for effective results and safety.

In Howard County, it is recommended to spray one week after the first spray, 48 days after the first treatment and once more 48 days after that treatment for the most effective control of this pest.

On another note, its probably once again time to check for Pine Tip Moths. If eggs are found on the tips or the larvae stage has developed be sure and spray to maintain healthy pine trees. The end of April was the last recommendation made for the best time to control the peak period.

It is close to four weeks later, which is the recommended time to again control the second peak of pine tip moths. Be sure to make a close observation of the branch tips before spraying.

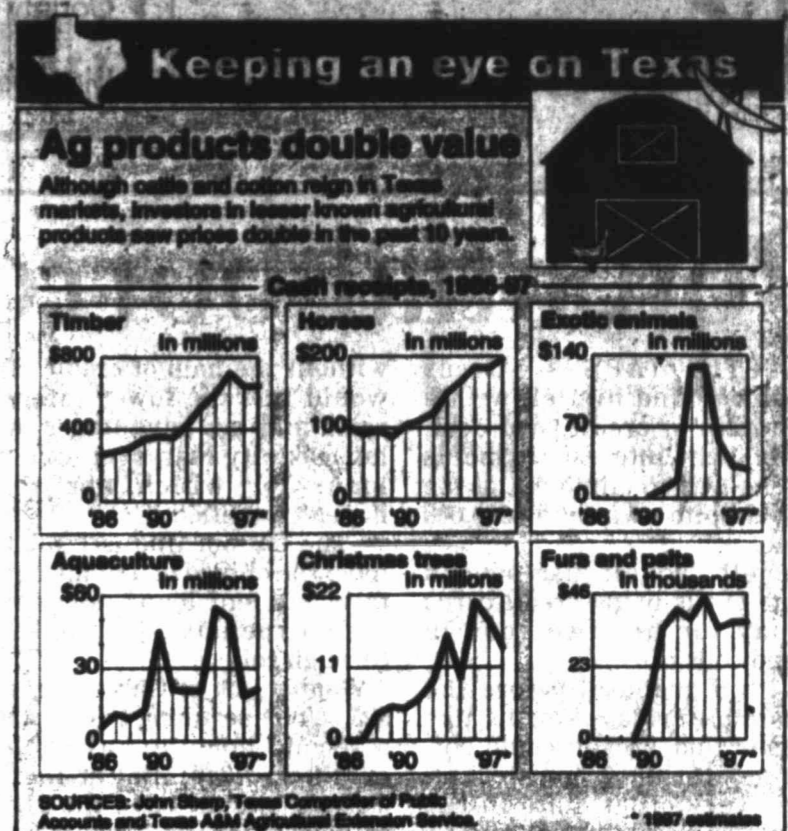
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LVN POSITION Big Spring Specialty Clinic. Experiences preferred in physician office setting. Must have current Texas license. Must possess strong customer relations skills. All qualified applicants should send their resume to: ATTN: Human Resources Odessa Regional Hospital P.O. Box 4859 Odessa, TX 79760

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The Howard Co. Library will be taking applications for part-time circulation clerk. Beginning Thursday, May 22nd. Applicants must turn in application to the library by 5:00pm Thursday, May 29th. The successful applicant must have a high school diploma. Must be dependable, need working knowledge of computer. Experience in serving the public. The ability to file accurately and answer the telephone in a professional manner.

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

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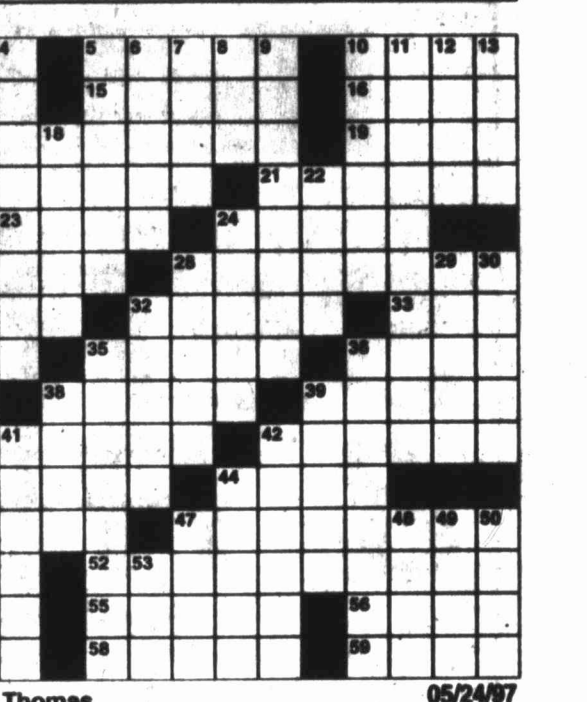
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25:

In this unusual year, you need to heed your inner thoughts. Sometimes, you might be inclined to follow through on impulsive ideas; other times, you are overly sensitive. Try to understand your limitations. Also, learning to share ideas before acting on them is instrumental to your success. If you are single, you will seek out companionship from a close friend or loved one. You will learn a lot about yourself and another, if you stay open. If attached, a relationship needs more sharing

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and vulnerability. Be aware that people don't necessarily see you as you do. A trip could be canceled, out of the blue. CAPRICORN relates to you.

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) Power plays annoy you and force you to pull back. Take a stronger stand. Others look to you for leadership. The effort you make pays off in the long run. People are thrilled to be around you. Tonight: Greet Memorial Day in the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Reach out for another, and find out what he wants to do. You might make exotic plans at the last minute. Don't let another's attitude affect you. A flirtation could become more. If attached, make your relationship a higher priority. Tonight: Try something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One-to-one communicating is key to your well-being. You need to spend time with a partner, and he lets you know it. Close relating comprises a major part of the day. You are upset about having to change plans, but you will succeed. Tonight: Launch your own fireworks.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You feel pressured by an older relative who tells you what he wants from you. Be sensitive to the request but direct about your needs. Your smiling ways ease tension. Laughter and popularity mix. Tonight: Go out with special friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others want you to be the one who puts the party together. Someone may throw a wrench into your plans. Flow with what is happening. Friends and associates behave in an unexpected manner. Regardless, you will be able to pull it off. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are full of life. How you handle a loved one who feels threatened by the convivial atmosphere is important. You don't want to deal with the damages if it isn't necessary. Charisma adds to your popularity. Tonight: The time is now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Consider a quiet weekend at home. If you want, invite friends and family over. Another's attitude might be a problem. You cannot change that now, but being open to discussion will help. Don't have great expectations. A slow pace helps. Tonight: Enjoy a backyard barbecue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are already tired from the weekend celebrations, but a friend helps you recharge your batteries. Be easy about a misunderstanding with a family member. Join friends, and let go of pressure. Remember, tomorrow is a vacation day! Tonight: The party's in full swing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Curb spending, and be aware of the costs of certain decisions. Let go of a problem; obsessing over it will only make it worse. A loved one may need the space to pout. Enjoy the holiday, and let others deal with their own problems. Tonight: Indulge in the celebrations.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You are personality-plus, enjoying the day fully. A loved one, after an initial misunderstanding, becomes more agreeable. Love abounds, as long as you don't get uptight. Joking around, having fun and sharing the moment not only add to your day, but also others'. Tonight: Just ask.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Ease up. You have been hard on yourself, so be easygoing about your choices. Your sense of humor comes out with a family member. A discussion is important. Plan on a low-key day. Rest up; don't push. Tonight: Do whatever makes you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Others are demanding. A friend says something that feels gruff. Let it go. Join friends, and have a good time. Gain perspective; time will help. Anyway, you will have a ball partying. Tonight: Head out and about.

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Secret of child's parentage will likely be uncovered

DEAR ABBY: My son (I'll call him Michael) was very ill with cancer at age 15, and as a result he became sterile from his chemotherapy treatments. Thank the good Lord he has made a complete recovery. However, when he married

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Edmund have always been very close — more like brothers. Edmund is divorced and has two children. A year ago, my daughter-in-law gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

My husband says it's their decision and that we should stay out of it, but I'm worried about my grandchild's future, should he find out.

Please give us your thoughts on this. — LOVING GRANDMOTHER IN THE U.S.A. DEAR GRANDMOTHER: I agree with you. Family secrets such as this have a way of leaking, which could cause a flood

of embarrassment. Your husband makes a good point, however. Give your son and daughter-in-law some "motherly" advice — and then say no more.

DEAR ABBY: I have been reading you for years, but this is the first time I have written. I want to let you know what happened to me recently so you can alert your readers.

While vacationing at a friend's house a few months ago, I woke up in the middle of the night to use the bathroom. Apparently I was not fully awake because I thought I was in my own home. Before I realized where I was, I was falling down a flight of stairs! Luckily, I wasn't hurt — with the exception of a few bruises.

Abby, please alert your readers to the danger of staying in a strange house, and advise the host to provide a night-light or a small lamp for a room or hallway. — LUCKY LADY

DEAR LUCKY: While it would be gracious for the host to light your way, you would be wise to invest in a small flashlight to keep on the nightstand of your home or, when you travel, on the nightstand in your host's home. I wouldn't be without one.

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