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The famed Western Swing band, Asleep at the Wheel, will perform a free concert at the Big Spring Wal-Mart Supercenter at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Asleep at the Wheel to perform free concert at Wal-Mart Tuesday

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Country music fans, hold on to your hats.

Grammy-winning western swing band Asleep at the Wheel will appear at a free concert 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

"We're real excited to be able to offer this for Big Spring," said Tim Diehl, store manager. "Asleep at the Wheel is big, and this is going to be a terrific show."

Asleep at the Wheel and new artist Bill Young will perform as part of "CMT Presents... Wal-Mart Country Music Across America" tour. The artists will perform in the store parking lot on a specially-built truck that converts into a stage.

"This is a wonderful setting, with elaborate sound and light-

There will be plenty of room for everybody, and we've got traffic control, so there should be no problems.

-Tim Diehl
Wal-Mart manager

ing systems," Diehl said. "It will be like seeing them in a concert hall."

Concertgoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and arrive about an hour early.

"There will be plenty of room for everybody, and we've got traffic control, so there should be no problems," Diehl said.

Asleep at the Wheel, led by Ray Benson, made its debut in

1973 and went on to earn six Grammys. The group recently released a live reunion album, "Back to the Future Now," that includes some of its original members.

Asleep at the Wheel's latest incarnation features Benson, Dave Sanger, Cindy Cashdollar, Michael Francis, Dave Miller, Jason Roberts and Chris Booher.

Democrats to take offensive at hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Democrats take the offensive this week in the Senate campaign finance hearings, they are expected to ask Republican witnesses about a \$50,000 donation that House Speaker Newt Gingrich's closest political adviser obtained.

The money, given to the National Policy Forum, a now-defunct GOP think tank, was raised by consultant Joseph Gaylord in July 1995.

The \$50,000 donation is a subject for scrutiny when the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee resumes hearings Wednesday. After two weeks of testimony on possibly illegal Democratic fund-raising, Democrats will be summoning Republican witnesses.

The source of the money to the policy forum was a California company, Panda Enterprises, owned by an Indonesian businessman who reportedly has close ties to China.

"We certainly intend to pursue it," said a Democratic investigator for the Senate panel, even though the businessman and his daughter gave far more — \$250,000 — to the Democratic National Committee.

The National Policy Forum is among several tax-exempt groups investigators have been scrutinizing to see if they were misused for political purposes. The group was founded by former Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour, who will be called as a committee witness.

Internal documents suggest the forum was closely connected to the Republican National Committee. But Barbour contends it was a separate organization that was permitted to — and did — accept foreign contributions. Foreign donations to the parties or their candidates are illegal.

The information about Gaylord was provided to the Senate committee by John Bolton, who was president of the forum from January 1995 through the end of 1996, when it went out of existence.

Bolton told the panel that Gaylord "was paid a consulting fee by (the forum) to raise money, which he was not doing. Panda Enterprises was the first contribution that came in under his auspices. I looked at Panda Enterprises and asked what it was."

Gaylord, a close Gingrich associate, did not return a telephone call to his office for comment. The Los Angeles Times has reported that on July 17, 1995, \$50,000 was transferred by wire from an undetermined source to the bank account of Panda.

'SPRING' CLEANUP



The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints had an organization wide community service day and the Big Spring church cleaned up the spring in Comanche Trail Park for its contribution to the community. Here David Mohn is getting trash out of the spring.

Program gives boost to probe

By CARLTON JOHNSON
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The investigation into two murders — one in November 1991 and another in February 1994 — continue for the Big Spring Police Department (BSPD), and one received a boost when one of the suspects was featured on Saturday's broadcast of "America's Most Wanted."

The segment featured John Stanley Boris, 47, who is wanted in connection with the February 1994 murder of transient Mark Burge.

Boris was recognized by a La Crosse, Wis. Sheriff's Deputy Steve Helgeson as he was working in his kitchen Saturday night.

According to Helgeson, the show began talking about a transient and a group operating along railroad routes between

Minneapolis and Spokane, Wash., and from Arizona to Texas.

"I was in the kitchen, putting away dishes when they started talking about the Freight Train Riders Association (FTRA)," Helgeson said. "That's kind of a railroad gang, I guess."

Helgeson told his superiors that at the end of the program, a picture of a man named John Boris appeared on the screen.

Boris was described as having a swastika tattoo, and to use aliases of people known to live along the routes where the FTRA operates.

Helgeson remembered that a man with such a tattoo was arrested Wednesday night in La Crosse in a transient campground and identified himself as Randy A. Piper.

Police found Piper was want-

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Early voting begins on Aug. 9 referendum

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Today marked the start of early voting for the state's special election regarding the proposed increase in the homestead exemption.

The amendment on which voters will vote was approved during this year's legislative session after state law makers could not agree on Gov. George W. Bush's property tax reform bill.

If voters approve the amendment, the higher homestead exemptions will be funded with a \$1 billion surplus in the state budget.

Early voting for the Aug. 9 election will continue each day through Aug. 5 in the Howard County Clerk's Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Aug. 5.

According to County Clerk Margaret Ray, in past elections her office has also opened on Saturdays during the early vot-

ing period to accommodate early voters, but that won't be the case this time around.

In accordance with Subchapter A of the Election Code — appointment of election judges — Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray recently presented the Howard County Commissioners' Court with a list of election judges and their alternates for the upcoming election.

Howard County has consolidated its 21 precinct into six precincts for the election and will use paper ballots as a cost-saving measure.

The six consolidated precincts with the following polling places and election judges will be used during the election:

•Precincts 101-112 at the Northside Fire Station — Omega Hernandez, election judge.

•Precincts 202-205 at Goliad

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WEATHER



Tonight, slight chance of evening thunderstorms west and south. Otherwise fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs mid 90s. Extended forecast, Wednesday through Friday, isolated mainly afternoon and evening thunderstorms, otherwise fair.

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| "A place where bands can play a variety of music" | "A coffee shop that caters to young people" | "Non-alcoholic teen club" | "A real teen club" | "A place like a teen center" | "I live in Amarillo and there we have a lot of teen clubs" | "A teenage club" | "A multi-purpose center with a lot of different things to do" | |
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TEXAS BRIEFS

State withdraws support from proposed rail trail

DALLAS (AP) — Plans for a paved hiking and biking trail through rural North Texas have been put on the shelf because of a lack of public support.
The Texas Department of Transportation has withdrawn a \$1.7 million grant for construction of the Chaparral Rail Trail after most cities along the proposed 56-mile route pulled their support.
"I'm extremely disappointed," said Joe Barton, president of Chaparral Rails to Trails Inc., which owns the corridor and will still try to build a trail.
The project would have turned a former railway into a recreational trail from Farmersville in Collin County to near Paris in Lamar County.

Skeleton, other state equipment missing

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The state doesn't have a skeleton in its closet — and it's worried.
The special orthopedic skeleton from the University of Texas at Austin is included in millions of dollars worth of state equipment, as well as at least nine handguns and rifles, listed as missing, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Sunday.
Last year, art collections and senators' chairs were lost or stolen from the Senate. At least 13 pieces of heavy equipment and a range of other items from cameras to stereo systems could not be found, according to state documents.
Eighty-three percent of the \$13.5 million in missing or stolen equipment cited in documents from the Texas Comptroller's Office is from inventories at the state's colleges and universities, records show.
"The state should not tolerate theft," Gov. George W. Bush said. "Each state agency owes it to the taxpayers to make sure their equipment is secure and accounted for. We urge state agencies to search for this material and hold people accountable."

Housing officer owes back taxes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A top local housing official repeatedly has been sued for failing to pay more than \$31,000 in property taxes and fees and has failed to maintain several vacant properties, according to a newspaper report.
Choco Meza, a senior vice president for housing operations at the San Antonio Housing Authority, had five lawsuits against her dismissed after setting up payment plans.
But according to city and tax offices, Mrs. Meza and her husband still owe \$23,700, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday in a copyright story.
"We're not wealthy folks," said Mrs. Meza, whose housing authority job pays her \$90,000 annually. "We've worked hard to acquire what we have. At times, it's been tough."
Mrs. Meza's husband, Daniel, said he takes full responsibility for managing the finances.

Diocese head: No women priests

FORT WORTH (AP) — The head of the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth said he will resist compliance with a newly approved canon requiring acceptance of women as priests.
Bishop Jack Iker said he believes that "radical feminists" influenced a vote at the Episcopal General Convention in Philadelphia on Saturday to make it mandatory for him to accept female clergy.
"In the heart of radical feminism, there is a lot of internal anger. I think we saw that here," Iker said after the 140-44 vote in the convention's House of Bishops.
The church voted 21 years ago to ordain women, but Iker and bishops in Quincy, Ill.; San Joaquin, Calif., and Eau Claire, Wis., have refused to do so.

Houston fast-tracks divorce cases

HOUSTON (AP) — Had it with your spouse? Think the road to splitsville is just around the corner?
In the past, Houston's Harris County would be your last stop because divorce cases could linger in the courts for years.
But suddenly divorce cases in Harris County — where 32,000 are filed annually — are quickly making it to trial.
Recently, judges here have forged new rules to put divorce cases in the fast lane. Their target is to have divorces reach trial within one year of filing — even sooner if estranged couples commit to expedited trial settings.
"We hope this system has resulted in less delays in getting cases to trial," said District Judge Jim Squier. "I know lawyers may have complained, and we have 'fine-tuned' the system. But we've got to think the litigants want to get to trial as quickly as practically possible."
Until the start of 1995, attorneys for the participants in divorces determined trial dates for their cases.
If both or even one of the attorneys developed later problems with that date, delays were customarily granted.

Workers living in 'virtual slavery'

NEW YORK (AP) — All manner of beggars and panhandlers scrounge a living on New York City subways, from musicians on station platforms to the downtrodden who recount tales of woe as they ask riders for money.
But it was the most silent of the city's underground entrepreneurs who may have been in the most desperate of straits.
Authorities are unraveling an operation in which dozens of deaf and sometimes mute Mexicans were illegally smuggled into the country and sent to work on the subways, living in "virtual slavery" for bosses who confiscated their earnings as payment bringing them here.
Acting on a tip from four Mexican deaf-mutes who walked into a Queens precinct house early Saturday, police found 57 people, most of them also deaf-mutes, living in two crowded homes.
Seven other Mexican immigrants, some of them also deaf, were arrested Sunday on charges that include alien-smuggling, grand larceny and extortion. The alleged ringleader was still at large.
The immigrants, who appeared to be in good health, worked 19-hour days begging and peddling cheap trinkets, authorities said.
"Essentially they were being used as slaves," said Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. "This is a situation in which a certain group of people in this day and age held them in bondage."
Such peddlers are familiar to anyone who rides the subway. They move through trains, placing keychains with tags reading "\$1, I am deaf" on the seats, then rush back to retrieve those not purchased.
The trinket sales apparently were lucrative for someone — \$30,000 in cash was seized at one

house, the mayor said.
"The conspiracy has to be bigger," said Giuliani, who called the arrangement "virtual slavery."
In Mexico City, the Rev. Martin Montoya Garcia, director of the Rosendo Olleta Institute for the deaf, said the news confirmed his fears.
"There are a lot more groups up there," he said. "There are people who know the deaf community here, know the places they hang out, and know how to communicate with them."
"They come and take them away."
Mark Thorn, a spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, said federal charges of smuggling, harboring and transporting illegal aliens and conspiracy were filed against Alfredo Paoletti Rustrian, 37; Jose Paoletti Lemus, 28; Refugio Gonzalez-Santa, 21, and Rosa Beltran-Sanchez, 25.
Police said Rustrian was identified by some victims as "the boss," to whom they gave the proceeds of their long days on the subway.
Prosecutor Richard Brown said Rustrian was believed to be a "local enforcer" working for a more powerful ringleader.
"We're of the opinion that there's another individual who's above him making frequent trips to Mexico to homes for the deaf, luring two or three at a time, bringing them through LaGuardia or Newark (airports)," Brown said. The alleged ringleader was identified in today's editions of The New York Times as Reinaldo Paoletti.
Charged under state law with allegations ranging from assault to grand larceny by extortion were Adriana Paoletti Lemus, 29; Adelia Paoletti, 59, and Raul Alanis, 24, all of them deaf.

Search for Versace's killer expands

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — As authorities probed hundreds of tips on the whereabouts of suspected killer Andrew Cunanan, the FBI has reportedly begun warning his acquaintances they may be his next targets.
Cunanan, a suspect in the slayings of fashion designer Gianni Versace and four other men across the country, may be seeking revenge against those he believes have crossed him, FBI spokeswoman Colleen Rowley said in today's editions of USA Today.
The FBI was reviewing interviews with people who knew Cunanan to determine who should be warned. The agency was reportedly concerned he was working his way down a hit list of wealthy gays and art patrons.
"We want to see if he talked about other people," Rowley said. "If we do come across those names, we would be remiss if we did not convey that information to them."
Authorities have said they believe Cunanan, who could be posing as a woman, is still in south Florida. The manhunt, however, is national.
More details have emerged about Cunanan's actions in the days before Versace's slaying last Tuesday on the steps of his South Beach villa — including an informal get-together at the mansion two days before the murder that was apparently attended by Cunanan.
A Brazilian woman told authorities she has photos and video showing Cunanan and Versace together at the July 13 gathering. USA Today quoted a

Brazilian police official who confirmed the woman's claim and said the photos have been given to the FBI.
A friend of Cunanan's told the FBI that Cunanan had a crush on a member of Versace's entourage, Time magazine reported. Authorities have tried to determine whether Cunanan and Versace knew each other.
A week ago, a day before the July 15 slaying, security cameras at the News Cafe recorded Cunanan about 30 minutes before Versace made his usual appearance to buy magazines, Newsweek reported. The cafe is within walking distance of Versace's home.
Before all of this, Cunanan had left a brazen trail across Miami Beach.
Two weeks ago, he walked into a pawnshop, used his real name and left a thumbprint as he pawned a gold coin from one of the men he is accused of killing. He also left a record of the hotel and room number where he stayed until the day before Versace's slaying.
At the pawn shop, Cash On The Beach, clerk Vivian Oliva said she followed Florida law requiring her to mail a copy of the receipt, thumbprint and all, to Miami Beach Police within 24 hours.
It was not clear whether police received the receipt. Calls to Miami Beach police and the FBI were not returned Sunday.
Oliva didn't talk to police until the day after Versace's killing, when she called to tell them about the receipt she still had. They confiscated the fingerprint card.

Minister promises jobs if women stop stripping

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — It sounds like a grand plan — free job training, medical insurance and child care. The catch: no more stripping.
A meeting held Sunday by the Rev. Gerry White and local business allies raised \$3,000 from scores of county residents who'd like to see the exotic dancers at Lady Godiva's ditch their jobs.
Still, dancers were cool to the idea of giving up hundreds of dollars a night for jobs as a receptionist, plumber or electrician.
"Can you imagine me as a plumber?" said Tiffany, a three-

year veteran of West Virginia strip bars, speaking of conditions that only her stage name be used. "Where else am I going to make \$280 a night and have so much fun?"
The dancer then examined her inch-long fingernails for chips, straightened her simple white dress and strode, slowly and seductively, toward the narrow, dimly lit stage at Lady Godiva's.
She wasn't the only one who didn't think much of the plan put forward by White, the pastor of Lighthouse Baptist Church, located just down the road from Lady Godiva's.
"I don't think it will amount to a hill of beans," said Calvin Lavender, owner of the bar.
Strippers bristled at the presumption that they're doing something wrong.
"I'm a dancer. I don't see anything wrong with being a dancer," said Amanda Rice, 21, another Lady Godiva's dancer. "If I wanted another job, I could get another job."
At Sunday's meeting, Richard Kiel, the 7-foot-2 hulk who played Jaws in James Bond films, urged the those gathered to reach out to the dancers.
"We can't blame the girls alone for doing this, it's the

North Ireland Protestants hold out for details on IRA's call for cease-fire

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — A day after the Irish Republican Army's cease-fire began, attention turned to the tricky task of getting pro-British Protestant leaders to talk peace with the IRA's political allies.
David Trimble, the leader of Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, was to meet in London today with Prime Minister Tony Blair to demand specifics on when the IRA will start to disarm.
Without such a plan, Trimble's Ulster Unionist Party could be torn apart and may stay away from the negotiating table altogether. Addressing details, however, doomed the last IRA cease-fire, something Blair knows full well.
Trimble's party represents the biggest chunk of Protestant majority opinion and without it there is little hope that talks can produce a lasting end to sectarian strife that has left 3,400 people dead in nearly three decades of bombings, shootings and riots.
Sunday's IRA cease-fire cleared the way for its political wing Sinn Fein to participate in peace talks, which are scheduled to resume in September after 13 fruitless months.
The last IRA truce — of Sept. 1, 1994 — collapsed after 17 months because Protestant leaders refused to meet Sinn Fein negotiators until the IRA started disarming. The condition was rejected by Sinn Fein and the IRA.

The British government said the scheduled mid-September date for talks will allow time to judge whether the IRA truce will hold, but already some hard-line Protestants are already scurrying for the exit.
The Rev. Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party and the smaller United Kingdom Unionist Party both have declared where they stand — as far away from Sinn Fein as possible — and promise to lambaste Trimble if he doesn't join them.
They believe the IRA cease-fire will last only if they surrender to Sinn Fein's political demands of ending British rule and uniting the Protestant-majority state with the rest of Ireland, which won indepen-

dence from Britain in 1922.
"No unionist wishing to defend Northern Ireland's union with Great Britain would get down in the gutter with the IRA's frontmen," said Democratic Unionist deputy leader Peter Robinson.
Even supposed moderates among Trimble's senior team responded to the IRA's new truce with dire predictions.
Ulster Unionist security spokesman Ken Maginnis, who will accompany Trimble to meet Blair, branded the peace process "an act of folly" and predicted that this IRA truce would "end in tragedy."
However, John Hume, a leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, warned Trimble not to shun talks that include Sinn Fein.
"If they were to stay away I would suggest strongly to the British and Irish governments that the talks process should continue, with the door open for people to return who have left," Hume said, raising the prospect of his moderate Catholic party and Sinn Fein cutting a deal without Trimble.
While politicians in the province examined the prospects for the talks, Catholics arriving for Sunday Mass in west Belfast were simply grateful for the cease-fire.
"It's brilliant. It's for the young generation that this cease-fire will work," said Eamonn Ferris, gesturing to his son Chris, celebrating his second birthday with a new toy.

Sunday deadlines
All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.
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CALLING ALL HOME MAKERS
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HELP IN PLACING FURNITURE
You might want to clip this column out, and keep it around for handy reference when you're arranging furniture. The figures used here are generally recommended in the furniture industry.
It's usually wise to allow at least 3 feet for traffic lanes in a room. In other words, in those areas of a room where people generally walk within a room, or from one room to another, don't put any two pieces of furniture closer than 3 feet to each other.
On the other hand, where you want to make a conversation grouping, try to keep the farthest reaches of that grouping no more than 8 feet away. If seating pieces are farther away from each other than 8 feet, people have a hard time communicating easily.
For a coffee table in front of a sofa, try to leave about 16 inches between them. Any further, and it's too long a reach while any closer and it's too hard to get in and out of the sofa.
In dining rooms, the rule of thumb is to leave about 64 inches between a chair and wall so there's room for seating and serving.
In a bedroom, most experts recommend putting the bed, if at all possible, on the wall away from the door so you don't have to walk around the bed everytime you enter the bedroom.
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Quote of the Day

"They were never defeated, they were only killed."
-Said of the French Foreign Legion

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OUR VIEWS

What's the score?

The success enjoyed by Big Spring's American League Blue All-Stars in this summer's Junior League tournaments — without question a source of pride for the entire community — has somewhat overshadowed the highly-commendable way in which the Big Spring Youth Baseball Association hosted the District 3 Junior League Tournament.

The manner in which the Blue All-Stars conducted themselves, and the way Junior League president Jay Phinney and other BSYBA representatives conducted the tournament were exemplary.

Sadly, however, once the tournament was completed, one could only wonder why scoreboards on the fields at the Roy Anderson Complex did not work, why wooden planks in those fields' bleachers left splinters in spectators' backsides and why the signs naming each of the complex's fields were either missing or broken loose from fencing and left lying on the ground.

It was also somewhat vexing that city of Big Spring personnel were not involved in the preparation and maintenance of the two baseball fields used during the tournament.

The complex is, after all, city property. But it took only looking to fields adjacent to those under use to see that city officials obviously view the facility as a low priority.

The most telling of the facility's shortcomings — inoperative scoreboards that left spectators from both Big Spring and visitors from the other three cities whose teams were playing in the tournament wondering which team was ahead and what inning it was — seem proof positive of that observation.

In explaining why the scoreboards weren't in use, Phinney noted that none of the scoreboards can be used, because they haven't been fully installed.

The Coca-Cola Co. donated the scoreboards, controls and wiring several years ago, but city officials have maintained that the BSYBA must pay for having electricians lay wiring and provide final installation both at the scoreboards and in the individual fields' press-boxes.

"That's something we would have liked to do this year, but there just wasn't enough money," Phinney said, noting that local Junior League officials opted to create three new teams this summer, the increased costs of equipping those new teams put a substantial dent into the program's funds.

It seems clear that the league's officials made the correct choice — choosing to expand the league and there provide an opportunity for more local youngsters to take part in the program rather than making improvements to city-owned property.

Phinney said he hopes the league will be able to raise enough money next season to have the scoreboards made operational.

However, it is questionable that local residents which annually purchase candy during the youth baseball program's fund-raising project do so in hopes of providing operational scoreboards for the city's baseball-softball complex.

The Coca-Cola Co. deserves commendation for its donations and should not be asked to further contribute to the process of installing the scoreboards it provided.

However, it does seem that city officials, in the process of establishing the coming fiscal year's budget, ought to consider what's needed to not only install those scoreboards, but also to better maintain the complex.

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Conclusions hard to come by at finance hearings

By MIKE FEINSILBER
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WASHINGTON — The senator from Connecticut confessed to some befuddlement. The testimony, he said, "I find very curious, but I can't conclude anything more."

Democratic Sen. Joseph Lieberman could have been talking for anyone paying attention to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee's ongoing investigation into campaign finance abuses.

The testimony is very curious, but conclusions beyond that are hard to come by.

Two weeks of hearings have concentrated on John Huang, the businessman who made at least 93 visits to the White House while serving as an executive of the Indonesian-based Lippo Group conglomerate, as a deputy assistant secretary at the Commerce Department and as a well paid fund-raiser for the Clinton re-election campaign.

Huang raised more than half of the \$3 million that Democrats have pledged to return because of suspicions about the legality or propriety of its origins.

Committee members can't get Huang off their minds, because he seems to personify what the Republicans on the panel are trying to prove: That in the Clinton White House, political fund-raising, presidential scheduling and policy making were virtually inseparable.

Huang has denied wrongdoing but declines to testify without immunity from prosecution.

Almost everything senators have learned about him can be read two ways. The Republicans read it as sinister, the Democrats as innocent. Lieberman is alone in finding it inconclusive.

Huang was recommended for his government job by a Lippo consultant who described him as "the political power that advises the Riady Family on issues and where to make con-

tributions." The Riadys, who control Lippo, are old Arkansas friends of Clinton and, as Huang's letter of recommendation noted, "They invested heavily in the Clinton campaign."

Maybe the witness whose testimony should be sought is not Huang but Richard Morris.

Morris was the Democratic strategist who convinced Clinton that he had to raise scads of money fast and start his re-election campaign the day after the Democrats took a shellacking in the 1994 congressional elections.

"The day after election day in 1994," Morris wrote in his memoirs, "I didn't need an alarm clock. The phone rang early. It was Clinton."

Morris' advice was to turn every presidential action to a political purpose.

It's a concept that casts a sinister light on even the most innocent of events.

The committee produced a letter from Donald W. Fowler, then the Democratic national

chairman, to a White House political aide. Fowler wanted to arrange a meeting between Eric Hotung, a British citizen with Hong Kong business interests, and Clinton's national security advisers.

Nothing inappropriate here, says the White House. "Simply because someone is a good Democrat who has supported the president and supported the Democratic Party financial-

ly doesn't mean they should not be allowed to come to the White House to visit with White House officials," said Lanny Davis, Clinton's spokesman.

on these matters. Others in the White House said Hotung was a knowledgeable Asian expert who had consulted previously.

Sen. Fred Thompson, committee chairman, found "pretty clear evidence that a foreign citizen, I think through his wife, offered to make a \$100,000 contribution in exchange for assistance arranging a meeting with a top official."

School integration: History is repeating itself

PITTSBURGH — Disillusionment — a stark sense of failure to achieve racial integration, especially in public education — is a dis-

tinguingly pervasive force at this 18th annual convention of the NAACP.

Powerful voices have been raised against a single-minded pursuit of integration, through procedures such as court-ordered busing, on grounds that "it's better to use the money to get good teachers, facilities and books for black children than to continue this futile search for integration that the white man clearly will never accept."

Some delegates here seem to think that this is a grave new challenge to the NAACP; it is only history repeating itself.

In 1947, after the late, great NAACP lawyer Thurgood Marshall began legal action to force the admission of black

students to the University of Texas, many black Texans — including Carter Wesley, publisher of The Houston Informer — assailed Marshall and the NAACP as "cuckoo." They said it would be easier to take "separate but equal" and the \$3 million Texas was offering for a black law school than to force integration of the white law school.

Marshall exploded, saying blacks had better awaken to the reality that "segregation has been maintained for the sole purpose of relegating the Negro to a standard of citizenship below that of all other Americans." In Sept. 1947, he rushed to Denison, Texas, site of the state NAACP convention, and won a blistering debate over the wisdom of a no-compromise policy for integration in education.

Now, some here are saying anew that those clinging to Marshall's views are "cuckoo." Few will openly advocate "separate but equal" now, but they clearly are ready to throw in the towel out of a belief that the old NAACP ideal is unattainable.

The mere revisiting of the 1947 arguments makes the goal of race-free education all the

harder to achieve, because it tells whites who want segregation that they have won.

During those arguments in Texas, at least there was a reasonable basis for debate. Some blacks truly thought that it might be advantageous for their children to let the white man have the University of Texas to himself while blacks got a law school of their own.

The debate now rises out of deep frustrations over the fact that, while the state universities are truly open, the public schools continue to reflect the deep racism that guards residential patterns in this country. There was a time when blacks said to the white man, "There's no hiding place down here." But time has shown that, thanks to court decisions, forbidding school busing across city-suburban boundaries "white flight" does provide some hiding places.

The more disillusioned the black person, the more absurd the justifications for abandoning the fight for an integrated society. And the more straw men get beaten.

"I'm offended when somebody says black children can't learn if they're not seated next to some white child," one hears

often.

I know of no one who ever heard Thurgood Marshall, Roy Wilkins, Medgar Evers, or anyone else in the NAACP say that was a reason to fight Jim Crow. What they said, and got the Supreme Court to agree to, was that when a state or unit of government said that black children were unfit to study in the same classrooms as white children, it stigmatized black children and wounded them for life.

That is an unassailable truth. And Marshall said, "Justice is when everybody can get the same thing at the same time in the same place."

He had seen that when people are separated by race, class, color or other reasons, the best police protection, the new schools, the best books and even teachers, the snowplows all go first to the richest, most powerful groups.

Look at the American Indian and see that rule of life in shameful force. But disillusionment has not won the day here. The voice and views of Thurgood Marshall are very much alive.

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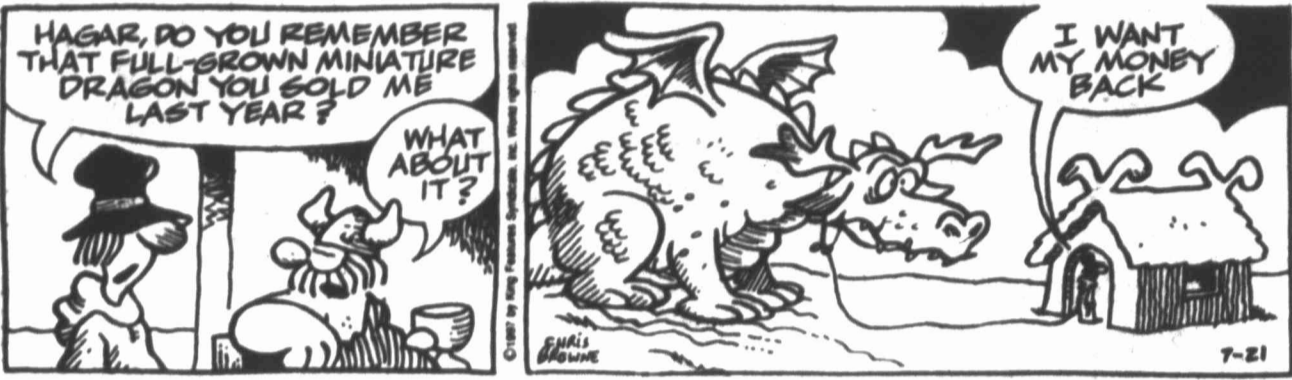


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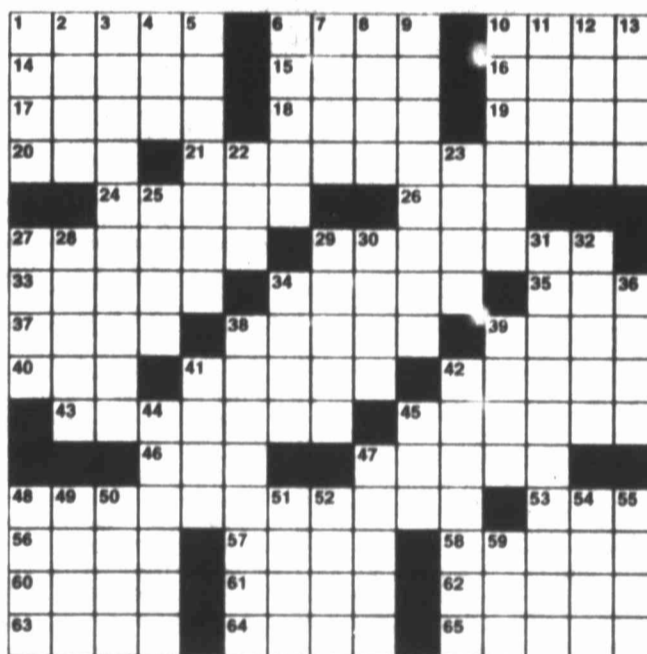
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Monday, July 21, the 202nd day of 1997. There are 163

days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. The conviction was later overturned. On this date:

In 1831, Belgium became independent as Leopold I was proclaimed King of the Belgians. In 1861, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Va., resulting in a Confederate victory. In 1899, author Ernest Hemingway was born in Oak Park, Ill. In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II.

THE Daily Crossword

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Saturday's Puzzle solved:



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In 1944, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president. In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty. In 1954, France surrendered North Vietnam to the Communists. In 1955, during the Geneva summit, President Eisenhower presented his "open skies" proposal under which the United States and the Soviet Union would trade information on each other's military facilities. In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying on the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

Ten years ago: Defying a threatened veto by President Reagan, the Senate approved a trade bill containing a provision requiring companies to give 60 days' notice to employees of impending plant closings and large-scale layoffs. Reagan vetoed the bill, but ended up allowing a separate plant-closing notice measure to become law.

Five years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met in Cairo with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who said afterward that he'd accepted Rabin's invitation to visit Israel.

One year ago: Dozens of memorial services were held across the country to remember the 230 people killed in the crash of TWA Flight 800. At the Atlanta Olympics, swimmer Tom Dolan gave the United States its first gold, in the 400-meter individual medley. The men's 800-meter freestyle relay team also won.

Today's Birthdays: Violinist Isaac Stern is 77. Jazz musician-critic Billy Taylor is 76. Actor-comedian Don Knotts is 73. Movie director Norman Jewison is 71. Actor Paul Burke ("Dynasty") is 71. Attorney General Janet Reno is 59. Actor Edward Herrmann is 54. Actor Leigh Lawson ("Tess") is 52. Yusuf Islam (formerly singer Cat Stevens) is 48. Comedian-actor Robin Williams is 45. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 40. Actor Lance Guest ("Lou Grant") is 37. Actor Matt Mulhern ("Major Dad") is 37.

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