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TxDOT study: Traffic doesn't warrant extension of Interstate 27

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

There will be no interstate highway extending south from Lubbock — in any direction — following the Tuesday recommendation of a consulting firm hired by the Texas Department of Transportation.

The study did rank one of the three proposed routes as marginally feasible — the one from Lubbock to Sweetwater, then south along Texas Highway 70 to San Angelo and then on to either Junction or Sonora.

Using a weighted mathematical scale, the consulting firm ranked that corridor at 1.07.

That means the route is technically feasible as an interstate, but the Federal Highway Administration wants a rating considerably higher than a 1.0.

The 1.07 rating means that for every \$1 spent on interstate construction, revenues of \$1.07 can be expected to be generated.

The only other portion of the study that was marginally feasible was a section from Amarillo north to Dumas and Stratford, which also rated 1.07.

The Big Spring-to-San Angelo

and south route ranked a 0.73 while the Lubbock to Midland-Odessa and south to Fort Stockton route ranked even lower, at 0.63.

The fifth corridor studied, from Amarillo to the Oklahoma state line through Pampa, scored even lower at 0.47.

According to TxDOT project director Peggy Thurin, the consulting firm recommended TxDOT look at all five corridors and improve the mobility in all.

"We won't look at any of the corridors for full, controlled-access freeways," she said. "We'll go through all (five corri-

dors) and determine the improvements we need to make. There may be some adjustments to those."

Linda Walker, executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said that while she was disappointed, the news wasn't all bad.

"A full, four-lane highway system running through the region from north to south is not all bad," she said. "(U.S.) Highway 87 currently is four-lane from Amarillo to south of Big Spring and again from Sterling City to San Angelo. What we need to do is to work to ensure the four-

laning project is complete."

Walker said she felt Big Spring should continue to work to maintain the "U.S. 87/I-27" alliance that was begun with Lamesa and San Angelo in 1992.

"I think that's very important for us, because once we have our portion of U.S. 87 fully four-laned, the connecting roads south from San Angelo become even more important. Four-lane access south and east from San Angelo would help increase the traffic flow through Big Spring."

Walker said one of the items the chamber's Transportation

Committee would continue to push with TxDOT is a hazardous cargo route around Big Spring.

"Now that they've said there will be no interstate, we need to be aggressive in those things we seek to improve the traffic flow and traffic safety in and around our community."

Walker said she and members of the transportation committee would attend a 3 p.m. briefing Thursday in Sweetwater where TxDOT Abilene District Engineer Maribel Chavez will brief area officials on the study.

Railroad Commission announces opposition to UP-SP rail merger

AUSTIN (AP) — Officials at Union Pacific Corp. and Southern Pacific Rail Corp. say the Texas Railroad Commission is off track in its opposition to a proposed merger of the two railroads.

The commission said late Tuesday that the proposed merger is not in the best interest of Texas and should not be allowed to go forward.

In a unanimous move, the three-member commission voted to oppose the merger unless a number of changes were made.

The decision was based on an independent report the panel commissioned to help study the issue. That report criticized the planned sharing of some lines between the proposed Union Pacific-Southern Pacific conglomerate and the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe railroad, currently the nation's largest.

The study said UPSP should divest itself of several major lines if the deal is allowed to go through.

An attorney for Nebraska-based Union Pacific said divestitures would "punch holes" in the merger.

Dick Davidson, chairman of Union Pacific, said the commission ignored the best interest of Texas.

"The commission's parochial decision was driven by a misguided and flawed study that erroneously claimed that rail

competition within the state would be reduced by the merger," Davidson said.

Texas and other states will present their positions on the proposed merger to the federal Surface Transportation Board, an arm of the U.S. Transportation Department, which will decide the issue later this year.

The changes asked for by the Texas commission include:

— Divestiture of certain lines by Southern Pacific.

— An agreement that switching terminals in metropolitan areas be run as neutral terminals. Switching terminals are junctions where trains move in and out of common areas, like rail yards. They are controlled by rail companies or by private industries.

— An agreement that any lines abandoned by either rail company be linked from junction to junction or industry to junction, so that any competitor that wanted to acquire an abandoned line could access both ends of it.

Southern Pacific officials called the demands implausible.

"The Texas scheme would butcher the merger, depriving both railroads and the shipping public of the benefits and costing rail jobs," said San Francisco-based Southern Pacific vice chairman Robert Starzel.

Starzel accused the state

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SEWER-LINE REPAIR



City of Big Spring workers use a jackhammer to remove concrete above an eight-inch sewer line that was replaced at the intersection of Sixth and Main streets Tuesday. A tile storm drain above the line will also be repaired during the project.

Council rejects P&Z recommendation, denies HARC permit

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Bingo was the name of the game at Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting as council members defeated an ordinance to grant a special use permit to the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens following a public hearing on the issue.

The Planning and Zoning Commission, after having its own public hearing on March 5, is recommending to the council that it approve the request of the HCARC for a Specific Use Permit to build and operate a bingo hall at 2006 FM 700 across from Big Spring Mall.

Because there was some objection at the prior public hearing the commission recommended the following specifications be made a part of any special use permit that might be granted:

• Any structure on the site shall have a 20-foot minimum setback from the east property line.

• A six-foot solid fence shall be installed on the east property line from the northern property corner to the southern end of any development or parking except any part of that fence that may fall within the 100-year flood plain which shall be six-foot chain link.

• A six-foot chain link fence shall be installed along the southern end of the lot at the end of development.

• The total parking area shall contain a minimum of 5 percent dedicated to landscaping.

In a letter of recommendation to the council the commission listed the reasons for their recommendation as the property in question is currently zoned "Light Commercial" and there are several other uses similar to or more offensive than bingo that could be placed in the same

location such as a topless club, a bar or a garage.

The council was also presented with several letters from residents in the area who object to the idea of a bingo hall in their neighborhood as well as a petition with several signatures from area residents in opposition of the hall.

HCARC President Letha Nixon addressed the council to set the record straight on a couple of issues.

She said she did not want to build a bingo hall, but she is the president of HCARC which does.

Nixon also told the council she didn't appreciate the comments of City Councilwoman Pat DeAnda that bingo players were not reputable people being broadcast.

Bob Taylor, who serves on the planning and zoning commission, also addressed the council after the vote was taken and said the council needs to support the commissions and boards that volunteer their time to serve the city, on behalf of the council, to handle these types of issues.

"We spent nearly 2 hours on a public hearing (March 5) on this issue and I think we heard most of what people had to say for and against the bingo hall. We're volunteers and we're not paid to do this and I was incensed to hear Ms. DeAnda's comments on the radio that she was going to vote the issue down," Taylor said.

Taylor added he wishes issues like this didn't involve the politics it does.

"I understand the first thing is to get elected and the second thing is to get re-elected, but you need to listen to your boards and commissions," Taylor said.

DRCC usage could reach 25,000

HERALD Staff Report

The Dora Roberts Community Center's usage is increasing as word spreads about the facility, according to Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism Vice President Ray Kennedy.

Kennedy said that for the first 2 1/2 months of 1996, nearly 5,000 persons have used the facility.

Year-to-date receipts for the center have been approximately \$7,200 while expenses have been \$5,000, resulting in a \$2,200 profit.

Usage thus far:

- January - 42 bookings and 1,605 attendance
- February - 54 bookings and 1,895 attendance
- March - 23 bookings and 1,197 attendance

At that pace, because of summer usage and the holiday season, the facility could be used by as many as 25,000 persons in 1996.

Kids' Zone moves to within \$27,000 of objective

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

As of March 1, \$63,000 was needed to complete funding for the Kids' Zone creative playground; that number is now down to \$27,000 thanks to continued donations by local business and individuals.

Kids' Zone Coordinator Katy McAteer addressed the Howard County Commissioners' Court Monday to seek their assistance with the project and to explain to commissioners why Kids' Zone is so important.

In a prepared letter she gave to commissioners as she explained the Kids' Zone project, McAteer stated, "Our city has been hit hard over the last 20 years. Agriculture and oil no longer bring in the capital they once did, and since the loss of

the air base, our city has struggled to maintain the quality of life for which it was once known."

She added, "Many companies have stated that they have a hard time persuading prospective employees to move here because they see a town that has not invested itself in internal improvements in a long time. However, in the last four years there appears to be a difference. People are looking for ways to contribute toward their city's needs."

McAteer told commissioners that Leathers and Associates, the architectural firm from Ithaca, NY, hired to build the playground is the best in the business and has built 1,000 playgrounds in the last 10 years.

She added, "They specialize in a community built approach to

playgrounds because they are aware that during the same 10 years rising costs and shrinking tax bases have made it impossible for city governments to hire professional playground companies to come in and build playgrounds for their citizens.

The playground will be a multi-level wooden structure designed to accommodate 100 children easily. It will have a three story tree house, a pirate ship, several slides, a zipline and tunnels.

McAteer told commissioners the budget for Kids' Zone is \$100,000. The materials come to a total of \$75,000 and Leathers and Associates' fee will total \$20,000.

She added the Kids' Zone Committee needs around \$5,000 left over to cover any unexpected expenses at the end of construction of the park.

"We are actually hoping to have about \$10,000 left over at the end. We plan on leaving this money in the Friends of the Park account and using it to maintain the playground," McAteer said.

Since November there have been several major fund-raisers as well as selling t-shirts and components of the playground.

By using these types of events, the city has gathered \$32,000 with more to come. Several companies have promised funds that are not yet in the Kids' Zone account, including Wal-Mart, \$4,000; Fina Oil & Chemical Company, \$3,000; Methodist Malone and Hogan Clinic, \$3,000; and Nalco Chemical Company, \$5,000.

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How many members are there in the Texas Senate?

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STATE

Kids kill mascot
Four members of a high school baseball team beat the field's mascot, a cat, to death with baseball bats. Page 3A.

Texas inmate suspect in Utah
A Texas inmate is a possible suspect in a Utah murder case. Page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **46** ▲ Highs **38**
Lows ▼

Tonight

Permian Basin Forecast
Thursday: Partly cloudy and warmer. Highs in 70s, lows in mid 40s.
Friday: Warmer still, with highs near 80 and lows in 50s.
Weekend: Continued warm and mild, highs in 80s. Some wind Sunday.

MERGER

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board of trying to grab control of switching terminals by putting those "neutral" terminals in the hands of public entities.

Commissioners said the neutral terminals would ensure fair competition in metropolitan areas and could be run by private or public groups.

"If this merger is allowed to go through as proposed, Texas will not have the competition it requires," said Commissioner Charles Matthews, who proposed the changes.

Deterioration of competition among freight lines, particularly in South Texas, along the Mexican border and on the petrochemical-intensive shoreline were great concerns to the panel.

OBITUARIES

Ernesto Perez

Rosary for Ernesto Perez, 61, Big Spring, will be 7:30 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith



PEREZ

Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be 4 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 1996, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Perez died Tuesday, March 26, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness.

He was born on June 5, 1934, in Poteet. He married Oralla Landin on Nov. 14, 1959, in Snyder. He came to Big Spring in 1959 from Snyder. Mr. Perez was a Catholic and a retired roofing contractor.

Survivors include his wife: Oralla, Big Spring; one daughter: Adela Deanda, Big Spring; one brother: Jose Perez, Jr., Snyder; one sister: Elvira Perez, San Antonio; and three granddaughters.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

George Cooper

Graveside service for George F. Cooper, 64, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 1996, at San Angelo Campus-MHMR in Carlsbad, Texas.

Mr. Cooper died Tuesday, March 26, in a local hospital.

He was born on August 24, 1931, in Texas. He came to Big Spring in May of 1995. Prior to that, he had been a resident of the San Angelo Campus of MHMR in Carlsbad, Texas.

There are no survivors. Arrangements under the direction of Nailey-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

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IN BRIEF

THE HERALD is currently trying to update the Springboard. If you have anything listed in the Springboard, please contact Gina Garza between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. at 263-7331, to let us know that your listing is correct or needs changing.

After April 1, only those who have contacted us will be listed in the Springboard; all others will be deleted.

VOLUNTEERS WITH THE VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE will assist senior citizens, low-income, non-English speaking and handicapped people with basic tax returns. The person's income is primarily from wages, tips, interest and dividends. They will also help with refunds of credit such as child care credit, earned income credits and credit for the elderly.

Volunteers will be at the First Presbyterian Church, 800 Runnels, on Mondays through April 8. The times are 9 a.m. to noon and appointments can be made for other times by calling 398-5522 or 263-4211.

This is a free service. Please bring your tax package you received from the IRS and a copy of last year's income tax return when you come for assistance.

BIG SPRING DOG OWNERS will soon get the chance to enroll their pets in obedience classes. Classes will begin in April with "Household Obedience" for dogs over six-months-old, and "Puppy" classes will be Monday nights in the back parking lot at Methodist Malone-Hogan Clinic. The household series will run eight weeks and cost \$50 per dog. Puppy kindergarten will run five weeks starting April 22 and will cost \$35 per puppy. Classes will be limited to 12 dogs each.

Prior to the first class, owners must show proof of vaccination and young puppies must have the immunizations appropriate for their ages.

For more information, call 263-3404.

THE HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Readers Corner, formerly "Huh?!", that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what is in the picture and who took the photograph.

When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month.

The next Readers Corner is scheduled for April 24 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is April 15. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you volunteer, please call 267-4503 or 263-4016.

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS is now offering a new on-line service to veterans, service personnel and dependents who are receiving education benefits under the G.I. Bill while attending school in Texas.

The new service, available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, offers direct access to VA's Regional Processing Office in Muskogee, Okla., for inquiries about VA education benefits.

Any veteran who has access to a computer with communications software and modem can take advantage of the new service by dialing 1-800-US1-VETS (1-800-871-8387). The service is also available through the Internet at VAONLINE.VA.GOV (IP address 192.26.48.131).

After accessing the VA OnLine information system, users should select the "Education Payment Inquiry" option and follow the screen prompts to enter their inquiry. Veterans may also select the way they wish VA to respond

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to their inquiry, by e-mail via the VA OnLine system, by telephone or in writing.

LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS in Big Spring and Howard County:

•April - Spring City Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum April 13 and 14; S.T.A.R.S. University Interscholastic League at Howard College and SWCID April 18-20 and Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on April 20.

•May - Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival on May 3-4 at the Square Corral; Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 5 and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

•June - Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Howard County Fairgrounds and Rodeo Bowl June 26-29.

•July - Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl July 19-20; Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28 and Dora Roberts Pro Am Summerfest at Big Spring Country Club on July 28 and 29.

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF POETRY has announced that \$24,000 in prizes will be awarded this year to over 250 poets in the North American Open Poetry Contest. The deadline for the contest is April 15. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner. Every poem entered also has a chance to be published in a deluxe, hardbound anthology.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style, to The National Library of Poetry, 11419 Cronridge Dr., P.O. Box 704-1987, Owings Mills, Md. 21117. The poem should be no more than 20 lines, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked by April 15. A new contest opens April 16.

KIDS' ZONE

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The committee is also asking local merchants to donate materials that will be used in building the playground during construction week May 8-May 12. So far, \$26,000 worth of materials have been donated, leaving a total of about \$27,000 needed to complete funding for the Kids' Zone playground.

"We would like to see the building of this playground be a community wide effort with all segments of our city getting involved in substantial ways. The city has provided the land, the prisoners will clear the land, machinery, and is offering to allow all their employees to use comp time," McAteer said.

Commissioners agreed that the Kids' Zone project is definitely worth while project, but weren't sure as to the legality of using tax dollars to support the project.

Commissioner Bill Crocker did say the county could lend assistance to the project in-kind.

McAteer said this was a good idea because the committee is still looking for someone to come forward and say I'll donate the materials and labor for the jogging track to go around the perimeter of the park.

McAteer was asking commissioners for a donation of \$10,000 and will ask the same of Moore Development.

Also as part of the Kids' Zone fund raising efforts, a three-mile Walk/Wheels-A-Thon has been scheduled for Saturday, March 30 at Perimeter Road at the air base.

The entry fee is \$5 per person and \$20 maximum per family. For more information on how to handle registration for the classes, call Susie Lozano at 267-4660 or The Aerobic Connection at 263-3728.

* I NEED HELP *

I have an immediate opening for a man to work part time in my local laundry business Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Pay starts at \$6.00 per hour. Duties include equipment service, general maintenance and some management. Training will be provided. This is a PERMANENT position. This job is perfect for somebody who's taken early retirement and is tired of sitting around the house. I am looking for honesty, capability and dependability.

If you are interested, or would just like more details, please come by 1208 Gregg St. and pick up an application. Let's talk.

Big Spring
ON THE RUN

TEXAS LOTTERY

CASH 5: 7, 11, 31, 34, 38
PICK 3: 4, 2, 0

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•STEVE ALAN HANNABASS, 38, of HC 69 Box 248, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•GLORIA HERIDIA GARZA, 38, of 806 Douglas, was arrested for theft.

•RICHARD GUTIERREZ, 55, of Sweetwater, was arrested for public intoxication. He was later released after paying a fine.

•JACQUE MARTIN, 35, of Coahoma, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 200 block of Owens, at mile marker 179 and 180 and Interstate 20, at 10th and Gregg and 1600 block of Gregg.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King, 1500 block of Wood and at Third and Birdwell.

•WELFARE CONCERN in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 300 block of Aylesford, at Simlar and Wright, 2600 block of Fairchild, 1000 block of East 20th, 1800 block of Gregg, 1000 block of West Sixth, 2600 block of Barksdale, at Fourth and Benton and 100 block of West Fourth.

•THEFTS in the 2500 block of South Gregg, 500 block of Birdwell and 1800 block of Gregg.

•MISSING PERSON in the 600 block of North Douglas.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1000 block of East 20th.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 800 block of Caprock and 1000 block of West Sixth.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents in a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•ABEL DOMINGUEZ CASTRO, 45, of 604 E. 12th, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was later released on \$1,500 bond.

•SUSPICIOUS PERSON on Wasson Road.

•LOOSE LIVESTOCK on Ratliff Road and on South Service Road of Interstate 20 near Halliburton.

•DUMPING TRASH on FM 669.

•SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE at Interstate 20 and Highway 350.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 84.16 cents a pound, down 43 points; May crude oil 22.25, up 6 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 62 cents even; April live hog futures 50.75, up 2 points; April live cattle futures 64.42, up 72 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Non quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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ATT	62% nc
Amoco	73% -
Atlantic Richfield	118% +
Atmos	23 nc
Boston Chicken	34% -
Cabot	30% +
Chevron	57% nc
Chrysler	62% -
Cifra	1.30-1.34
Coca-Cola	85% +
De Beers	31% -
DuPont	81% -
Exxon	85% -
Fina	47% nc
Ford Motors	33% nc
Halliburton	57% +
IBM	113 + 2
Laser Indus LTD	10 +
Mesa Ltd. Prt	2% nc
Mobile	117 +
NUV	9% nc
Pepsi Cola	63% -

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. If you have any changes in a springboard item or for more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY

•Relay for Life committee will meet, noon, First United Methodist Church.

•Thistles Writers Club for Howard College students, noon, room A-203. Bring a lunch.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Aylford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•AA closed meeting, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•The Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at Blum's Jewelers, Dunlap's and the Chamber of Commerce. Call the Symphony office at 264-7223 for additional information. Following the concert, Howard College food service is sponsoring a reception in the Cactus Room for the musicians and audience.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-

5825.

•Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

MONDAY

•Howard County Youth Horsemen, 7 p.m., Howard County Youth Horsemen Arena Clubhouse. Call Paula Perry, 393-5617.

•Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Church, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weight-in is from 5:30 to 6 p.m. and meeting starts at 6 p.m. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th St. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

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TUESDAY

•VFW Post #2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., room 113 of the Family Life Center Building of the First Baptist Church. Enter by the SE door. Call 267-2769.

•Coahoma Senior Center project group, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave. Call 394-4439.

•Cancer support group, noon to 1 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213, and 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.

WEDNESDAY

•Relay for Life committee will meet, noon, First United Methodist Church.

•West Texas Legal Services offers legal help on civil matters of those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

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The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Small-town police officer arrested for murder

EDCOUCH — A police officer in this small South Texas town has been arrested in connection with the murder of an 18-year-old high school student whose body was found floating in a canal, her throat slit.

Officer Gilberto Chavero Jr., 28, was being held at the Hidalgo County Jail today on suspicion of murder, said Hidalgo County sheriff's spokeswoman Mary Ann Martinez. He was scheduled to be arraigned later this morning.

Chavero is accused of murdering Iris Yvette Hidalgo of McAllen, who disappeared Friday after telling her parents she was going to the beach.

The teen-ager, a student at McAllen High School, was found early Sunday. Her throat had been slit with a single-edged knife and her body dumped in a canal near the Edcouch Water Treatment Plant, Ms. Martinez said.

Chavero was the first officer to the murder scene, she said. He told authorities he had found a note in his patrol car Sunday advising him to go to the sewage plant.

Talk of border walls a world away for the two Laredos

LAREDO — While some border towns talk of building walls to keep out illegal immigrants, this city and its sister across the Mexican border want to construct a 10-lane bridge to make it easier to cross the Rio Grande.

Americans' hostility toward illegal immigrants — reflected in presidential campaign rhetoric — seems distant from Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Indeed, for more than two centuries, the two Laredos have considered themselves something of a nation apart.

"This border is different from others," said Raul Cardenas, Mexico's consul on the Texas side. "There are good relations. We have a long history of considering each other citizens of both sides."

One reason the two cities want to work even more closely together is their shared role as the busiest trade crossing on the U.S.-Mexican frontier. An estimated \$107 billion worth of goods passed through the two cities in 1995.

Laredo, 125 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico, is at the northern end of the highway to Mexico City and the southern end of Interstate 35, which runs through America's heartland to Canada. More than 4,000 trucks cross from Mexico each day, and the cities' two highway bridges and one rail crossing are the main port of entry for U.S. exports headed south.

Newspaper: VitaPro official served time in Canada

AUSTIN — The company that sold a meat substitute to Texas prisons is headed by an ex-convict who was so trusted by state officials, he was issued a Texas prison employee ID badge, the Austin American-Statesman reported in a copyright story.

VitaPro Foods Inc. head Yank Barry, a Montreal businessman, acknowledged that he served 10 months in a Canadian prison a decade ago for extortion and conspiracy, the newspaper reported.

Texas prison officials say they are investigating the matter.

"It's another bizarre chapter in an already seamy story," said Allan Polunsky, Texas Board of Criminal Justice chairman.

The prison system's spending practices have come under fire amid disclosures that proper state purchasing practices weren't followed when the agency agreed to buy up to \$33.6 million worth of VitaPro, a soy-based meat substitute fed to inmates.

Utility files notice to let customers to choose energy provider

DALLAS — The Public Utility Commission will consider a plan by Texas-New Mexico Power Co. that in five years would give some electricity customers a choice of power suppliers.

TNP, a wholly owned subsidiary of Fort Worth-based TNP Enterprises, filed a notice of intent on Tuesday with the 76 Texas cities it serves. The company has more than 213,000 customers in Texas and New Mexico.

During the five-year window, TNP would be allowed to make higher profits before offering Texas consumers the results of industry competition.

Rates would remain the same, but TNP would be allowed to keep any cost savings. Currently, utilities' profits are set and any amount above that must be returned to customers through lower rates. TNP is proposing that the money pay off past investments.

"As the electric utility industry moves toward a competitive environment, Community Choice will allow TNP to embrace, rather than deny, competition," said Kevern Joyce, chairman and chief executive officer of the company. "This program is a win-win for TNP's customers and for the company."

Controversial cancer doctor's patients slam FDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without government action, 120 patients of cancer doctor Stanislaw Burzynski will lose access to the experimental therapy they hope will save their lives, says a spokesman for the Houston physician.

And all patients might be cut off from their antineoplaston treatment unless the Food and Drug Administration intervenes quickly, Burzynski Research Institute official Dean Mouscher said Tuesday.

Mouscher said the clinic would be forced as of noon today to stop treating 120 patients not enrolled in FDA clinical trials. The clinic currently is treating 280 patients from all over the country.

The cutoff is due to a federal judge's February ruling that Burzynski could only treat those in the clinical trials. Implementation of that ruling was stayed until today.

Frustrated by the latest twists in Burzynski's complicated dealings with the federal government, a roomful of angry patients denounced the FDA and its chief, David Kessler, at a

Capitol Hill news conference.

"Dr. Kessler is cutting me off of my only hope for long-term treatment," said 25-year-old Michael Spano of Westchester, N.Y., who three weeks ago began taking antineoplastons in hopes of halting the spread of his lung cancer.

"He's threatening to be one of the nails in my coffin, and I don't accept that," Spano said.

The FDA has emerged as a favorite target of congressional Republicans. They have used Burzynski's case as proof the FDA is too slow in approving new medicines and too rigid in dealing with unconventional therapies.

The news conference was timed to coincide with today's unveiling of a House GOP proposal to streamline FDA's functions.

Agency officials note they are charged by Congress with protecting citizens from drugs that are harmful or don't live up to their billing. But the patients contend that since the drug — by the FDA's own admission — is non-toxic, they should have the right to use it as they see fit.

"It is my constitutional right to be able to receive antineoplastons and I expect my government to help me," said Rita Kraft of New Bremen, Ohio, pounding the podium with her fist.

Burzynski has battled the FDA, state and federal courts, and the Texas Board of Medical Examiners since opening his clinic in 1983. Last November, a federal grand jury indicted him on 75 counts of fraud and illegally introducing the drug into interstate commerce.

He has denied transporting the drug across state lines. Instead, patients come to Texas to pick up their treatment. He has been free on \$100,000 bond pending his Oct. 15 trial.

Within several days, the clinic will be financially unable to provide the antineoplastons unless it receives FDA approval to continue billing patients, Mouscher said.

"We will provide the treatment as long as we can," said Mouscher, estimating the cost per patient between \$74 and \$220 a day.

Federal law doesn't allow clin-

ical investigators to charge patients for experimental drugs. But the FDA in some cases allows investigators to defray manufacturing costs.

Burzynski, whose clinic has grossed \$40 million in the last seven years, filed such a request earlier this month. "An immediate solution can only come from the FDA," Mouscher said.

Agency spokesman Lawrence Bachorik said the answer lies in the clinic's grasp. "We've told them how to include patients in his trials. If patients are having trouble getting included, they need to take that up with Dr. Burzynski."

But the trials' design would exclude many whose illnesses don't fall into the proscribed categories — and some who tried conventional treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation, the patients noted.

FDA officials said they could not comment specifically, citing the legal entanglements. But privately, they have blamed Burzynski for creating his own problems by failing to follow procedures for clinical trials or submit his findings to scrutiny.

Texas inmate possible suspect in 1982 Utah murder

SUNSET, Utah (AP) — A Texas prison inmate is being checked for possible links to the 1982 kidnapping and slaying of a northern Utah girl.

Sunset Police Chief Phil Olmstead said there are similarities — which he declined to specify — in the Texas slayings and that of Rachael Runyan, 3, who was dragged away from a Sunset playground 14 years ago.

Her body was found three weeks later in rural Morgan County. A specific cause of death was never determined.

Olmstead, who has followed

up countless leads in the case over the years, said that what separates the Texas inmate from hundreds of other suspects is that he was from Utah.

The inmate left a trail of minor criminal cases in the Weber and Davis county areas in the late 1970s, he said. In old court records, the inmate lists family members in Layton and Ogden.

Still, Olmstead said it's unclear whether the inmate, now 40 but otherwise unidentified, was in the area when Runyan was snatched Aug. 26, 1982.

Elaine Runyan, now president of Missing Children of Utah, said she was not allowing herself to get too hopeful that her daughter's killer may have been found.

"We try and stay neutral so we're not either disappointed or ecstatic," she said. "In this kind of tragedy, you have to protect yourself from being hurt over and over."

Olmstead learned of the Texas case late last year, after San Antonio police contacted the Davis County Sheriff's Department to get information on the inmate's past.

A sheriff's deputy contacted Olmstead to pass on their interest and he got in touch with San Antonio authorities.

"We've been kind of working together since then," Olmstead said. "There's a chance he was in Arizona in jail at the time of the murder and a chance he wasn't. San Antonio police are going to help us with that."

Utah relatives of the inmate, who asked not to be identified, said they don't believe he was in Utah in 1982. He had to be

tracked down in Texas to attend a family funeral in 1983 and he said he was in Arizona before that, they said.

The inmate currently is in prison in Huntsville, Texas, one year into his 15-year sentence on drug charges, said Larry Todd with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The inmate's history appears to involve only crimes of property and drugs, not physical violence. In the Texas prison, he's achieved trusty status.

But he surfaced recently in Texas court records and newspaper reports as a suspect in the August 1980 abduction and murder of 11-year-old Heidi Seeman of San Antonio.

Meantime, in Utah, Olmstead said frequent reruns of an "Unsolved Mysteries" show containing a segment about the case still bring in calls.

"The day will come when we make an arrest in this case," Olmstead said. "I'd like to be the one doing it. But I'll accept help from anybody."

A \$20,000 reward is still being offered for information.

Baseball park's cat mascot killed by bat-wielding players

EAST BERNARD (AP) — Four members of East Bernard's two-time defending Class 2A championship baseball team face animal cruelty charges in the death of Tiger, an unofficial mascot at the baseball park where they play.

Authorities say the players admitted beating the gray, striped tabby with bats and running over her with a truck.

On Tuesday afternoon, bouquets of flowers were strewn under the concession stand that had been considered home for the cat, also called the Koym Road Kid.

Four East Bernard High School baseball players, who admitted to beating the gray striped tabby with bats and running her over with a truck, face animal cruelty charges.

"I was just shocked," said Julie Kubes, who helps run the concession stand where Tiger lived. "I've been looking after her for three years."

The East Bernard Brahmas,

who won Class 2A state championships in 1994 and 1995, have been a source of pride in the school district of 827 students and the surrounding farming community of 3,500.

Wharton County Sheriff's investigator Sgt. Carlton Hudgins said seven team members gave statements about the March 16 attack on the community cat.

The baseball diamond at Koym Field is used by the high school team but operated by the local Little League, and Tiger was well-known there.

Charlie Michulka, a Richmond lawyer and longtime East Bernard resident, said concession stand operators and others provided Tiger with food, water and medical care. The cat returned the favor by keeping the area rodent-free.

"She was the resident mouser and pet fur ball for the little kids hanging around there who were too little to play ball," Michulka said.

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Quote of the Day

"A free society is one where it is safe to be unpopular."
—Adlai Stevenson

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OUR VIEWS

Council meeting had productive moments

Tuesday night's meeting of the Big Spring City Council held some good news for the residents of our community.

It was disclosed by City Manager Gary Fuqua that a contract has been let by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and that work on the Beals Creek project, approved by voters in 1992, would get under way within the next 90 days or so.

Fuqua also recommended to the council that an outside engineering firm be hired to assist the city in planning the implementation of the street bond project.

For those of you who might have forgotten, that street bond project was approved at the same time as the Beals Creek project.

Voters were given the opportunity to address the street bond issue after an earlier street bond package, approved in the early 1980s, had never been enacted.

To council's credit, they took the issue back to the people after it had lain dormant for so long.

But until Tuesday night's action, the city was on the same path — voters approving the expenditure of monies for street improvements with nothing ever taking place.

We certainly look forward to the improvements in our streets.

The third positive occurrence at the meeting was Fuqua's report to the council that there are several firms interested in bidding on the city's interests in Big Spring Correctional Center.

That means city officials will have time to study proposals, interested firms will have time to prepare studied bids and the taxpayers of Big Spring and Howard County will have the opportunity to get a fair price for the facilities if selling them turns out to be what is best for the city and her citizens.

OTHER VIEWS

Surgery on Social Security?

When younger workers are asked what they think of the prospects of receiving Social Security benefits upon retirement, most shrug their shoulders or express doubt they will ever benefit from the system.

This is a stunning lack of confidence in one of the core social programs of the federal government, and it has inspired some suggestions for reform in what has long been regarded as an untouchable program.

A federal advisory panel appointed by the Clinton administration has recommended changing the Social Security program so that part of the huge pool of payroll tax funds now supporting it be invested in the stock market rather than being carried on the books as investments in government bonds.

Government officials still manage to keep a straight face when they assert that these bonds guarantee the giant Social Security fund is kept "solvent." If that were so, we wouldn't be hearing dire predictions that the fund, now running at a surplus, will be exhausted by 2030 or earlier.

Members of an advisory panel don't have to vote on such a proposal and then run for re-election. Still, they have a point when they say the government could retain a higher return on investment if some of the money, perhaps as much as 40 percent, were channeled into stocks that broadly mirror the performance of the market.

Such a move would have two results — boost the deficit and vastly increase the amount of money available for investment and possibly lead to a boom-and-bust cycle.

Advisory panel chairman Edward Gramlich, professor of economics and dean of the school of public policy at the University of Michigan, favors a policy of requiring each worker to contribute a small amount each year beyond the current level of payroll taxes, which could be invested in perhaps 5 or 10 options with varying degrees of risk.

This, he says, would give people an enhanced "sense of ownership" in the program.

He is right on that score. Most people don't like to think about the long-range solvency of Social Security. They just hope that it will remain solvent enough to help support them when they retire. Basically, Social Security should last as long as the government lasts, although changes may be made in the contribution formula, age requirements or in the taxes levied on Social Security payments.

Higher taxation is another option. Many older Americans could pay more taxes on Social Security without harming their standard of living. But many others scrimp to live from month to month on a Social Security payment that may be \$600 or \$700.

Americans are much more sophisticated about investments than they used to be, and it is reasonable that they should have an opportunity to contribute part of their income before taxes to supplementary pension systems. In the long run, it will enhance public confidence in the Social Security program. Unfortunately, whenever such a program is instituted — such as individual retirement accounts — Congress usually finds a way to eliminate it.

—THE TOLEDO BLADE



Here's a debate you can stick your fork into

Professor John E.L. Robertson has raised an intriguing question about the correct way to use a knife and fork.

He asks: "Are you offended when Hollywood insists on showing people eating from the underside of a fork?"

"The good old Midwest fashion of eating with the fork in right hand except when carving is conspicuously absent."

"Instead, we are fed a plethora of pictures showing knives welded to right hands while forks rotate in the left."

"As my grandfather, a second generation Englishman, noted, 'We whipped the Brits twice to eat as we wished, not as they deemed proper.'"

"I would like to hear or read your view on this topic. Or is it merely a tempest in a teapot?"

No, it is not a tempest in a teapot. Dennis Rodman tapping his brow against the brow of a stumpy referee is a tempest in a teapot.

Every day hundreds of millions of people eat with knives and forks. Only a handful play bouncy-ball or bouncy-brow with stumpy referees.

Long after Dennis Rodman's hair has turned white and his bouncy-brow is forgotten, hundreds of millions of people will still be using knives and forks

to eat. Many, like the professor, will still be debating the correct way to manipulate these flatware tools. So I consider it a topic well worth discussing.

And I happen to disagree with the professor's view on how best to wield a knife and fork.

I have long been part of the American minority that keeps the upside-down fork in the left hand throughout a meal.

I do it because it is both logical and labor-efficient. And it also makes me feel like a sophisticated, continental kind of guy. Unless gravy drips on my tie.

Consider the way most Americans, such as the professor, wield a knife and fork while eating the cooked flesh of a dead beast.

Step one: With fork in left hand, knife in right hand, the professor cuts off a slice of food.

Step two: He puts down the

knife and transfers the fork from his left hand to his right hand.

Step three: He spears the piece of food with the fork and transfers it to his mouth.

Step four: He transfers the fork from his right hand back to his left hand and picks up the knife with the right hand.

All that wasted motion. Plus the needless din of knives clanking against plates between every bite. And sauce dribbling off the knives onto the tablecloths, which can be disgusting.

You would think that a professor at so distinguished an institution as the Paducah Community College would recognize the inefficiency of his technique.

Now, compare that laborious process to the way sensible people such as myself do it.

Step one: With fork in left hand and knife in right hand, I slice off a piece of meat.

Step two: With fork in left hand and knife still in right hand, I stab the piece of meat with the fork and transfer it to my mouth.

That's it. Two steps. What could be simpler, except picking the hunk of meat up in my bare hands and gnawing off a hunk, which I never do unless I'm dining alone at home?

There are other advantages. With the knife and fork where logic dictates they should be, you can use the knife to scoop sauce, potatoes and other stuff up on the fork. This allows you to get more food to your mouth with fewer trips by the fork.

And by having the knife in your right hand throughout the meal, you are always prepared to defend yourself and your food, should some felon leap out of nowhere and try to steal it. This has not yet happened to me, but the way society is going, you never know.

My efficient knife-fork technique permits me to consume as much food as the professor with a saving of approximately 48.7 percent in effort and time.

Think about that. Assuming he eats three meals a day, over the span of a lifetime the professor will have wasted several months of his life needlessly shifting the fork back and forth, picking the knife up and putting it down.

On his deathbed, the poor man will probably cry out: "Where did all the time go?" The sad answer will be: "You squandered it juggling all that silverware."

More tomorrow, when the nation's top etiquette experts share their views on this volatile issue.



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

No I-27 not the best news, but still not the worst

The news that Interstate 27 will not extend south from Lubbock through Big Spring is disappointing in a way.

At the same time, it is refreshing to know that the study commissioned by the Texas Department of Transportation affirmed what we along U.S. 87 had said all along — that the proposed Midland route was a pipe dream.

There are those in this community who have worked for many, many years to ensure we had adequate north-south highway access, so to say that the Oct. 5, 1992 luncheon at Big Spring Country Club was the catalyst behind the effort would be incorrect.

It would be correct, I believe, to say that that meeting, where the "U.S. 87/I-27 Coalition"

between Lamesa, Big Spring, San Angelo and other communities along "our" route was born.

It served as a commitment of efforts to secure improved routing through our community.

A couple of factors actually make the decision to not extend I-27 less important today than a couple of years ago:

- The raising of the speed limit
- The four-laning effort along U.S. 87

With that combination of events, U.S. 87 becomes a more important north-south route, especially when one considers the minimal amount of U.S. 87 that is only two-lane.

Despite the TxDOT study's showing that the Lubbock-Sweetwater-San Angelo south route to be more feasible as an

interstate, the more direct north-south aspect of U.S. 87, coupled with the fact it is four-laned from Amarillo to the Glasscock County line and again from Sterling City to San Angelo, makes it more attractive to truckers and travelers heading south.

The Sweetwater route requires either an eastward swing through Abilene and then south or a jaunt down narrow and bumpy Texas 70 to Bronte before connecting with U.S. 277 to San Angelo. Both roads are two-lane.

I think it is important to note that throughout the effort to secure Interstate 27, there has been a mix of those who have worked for so many years with those who are relatively new to the effort.

And while the effort did not produce the sought-after results, it did provide a unified front and effort.

It also allowed Big Spring to take the lead in the effort.

Remember that Oct. 5, 1992 luncheon. That was the first time representatives of the communities along U.S. 87 had gathered to discuss and commit to work together.

It was a meeting that was conceived in Big Spring by the chamber's Transportation Committee. It was a meeting planned and conducted by Big Spring and it was a meeting that was held in Big Spring.

All of those points are, I believe, important because I believe it is vital that our community take a regional lead whenever possible.

Biggest is not always best. We're not the biggest in Big Spring, but I believe people in our community share a vision for growth for our community and our region.

While working together does not always produce the desired results, it almost always produces positive results.

The fact I-27 will not be heading south now affords us the opportunity to work on more pressing transportation needs, such as a hazardous cargo route around the city and the completion of four-laning of U.S. 87 between Big Spring and Sterling City.

(John H. Walker is managing editor. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)

By Bruce Tinsley

MALLARD FILMORE



Fed leaves short-term rates alone

Scrpps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Faced with evidence the economy has sprung back to life, the Federal Reserve chose not to cut short-term interest rates Tuesday.

The widely expected announcement that the central bank will hold rates steady for now came shortly before Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan went before the Senate Banking Committee for a hearing on his confirmation for a third four-year term as chairman.

"The economy seems at this particular stage ... to be running at a reasonably good clip," Greenspan told the Senate panel. "The unemployment rate is lower than at any time in the recent past."

Pointing to the Fed's concern with containing inflation, Greenspan added, "Price stability ... is an essential element in enabling the economy to reach its full potential."

Greenspan last appeared before Congress in February, when sluggish holiday sales followed by January storms led Fed-watchers to hold out hope its Open Market Committee would help stimulate the economy by cutting interest rates at its March meeting.

Lately, however, the data have shown a number of encouraging signs of economic strength, including gains in retail and home sales and factory orders.

Also, the Conference Board

said Tuesday that consumer confidence held steady in March in a monthly report considered a harbinger of Americans' willingness to spend and borrow.

Perhaps the best economic news — that the nation's 5.5 percent unemployment rate in February marked the biggest one-month job increase since 1983 — sent the financial markets nosediving March 8, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping 171 points that day only to recover and reach new record heights.

Interest rates on 30-year Treasury bonds — the benchmark for mortgage loan and other long-term interest — spiked that same day at 6.66 percent and haven't settled back down to their pre-March levels.

At the time analysts said economic good news caused bad news on the financial markets, which discounted hope of further interest-rate easing by the Fed at its March meeting.

But many still hope the Fed will cut interest rates at its next meeting on May 21 or at its July 2-3 session should the economy show new signs of softness.

"It doesn't have to act in March," said Lynn Reaser of Los Angeles, chairman of the American Bankers Association economic advisory council.

But others are more pessimistic, with economist David Wyss of DRI/McGraw-Hill insisting the Fed is "at or near

the end of easing up on interest rates." He also foresees no increase in interest rates until after the Nov. 5 presidential election.

The Fed ratcheted interest rates up seven times between February 1994 and February 1995 out of fear the economy was growing too fast. But faced with evidence of slowing growth in the last half of 1995, its Open Market Committee started cutting short-term rates starting last July and again in December and January.

On Feb. 22 President Clinton announced his intention to renominate Greenspan, a long-time Republican first tapped to head the central bank by President Reagan in 1987.

At the same time, Clinton also nominated his White House budget chief, Alice Rivlin, to be Fed vice chairman and St. Louis economist Laurence Meyer to an open seat on the Federal Reserve System's seven-member board.

All three are expected to have their confirmation recommended swiftly by the Senate Banking Committee, followed by speedy approval by the full Senate.

The Fed board plus the presidents of five of the system's 12 regional banks make up the interest-setting Open Market Committee, which meets eight times a year on interest rates, the money supply and the state of the economy.

Astronauts dangle from 16-foot tunnel

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Two NASA astronauts dangled from a 16-foot tunnel linking shuttle Atlantis and the Russian space station Mir today in an unprecedented spacewalk outside the orbiting outpost.

Astronauts Linda Godwin and Michael "Rich" Clifford floated out of the shuttle as the massive Atlantis-Mir complex soared some 250 miles over the South Pacific.

Wearing jet packs as a safety precaution, they scaled opposite sides of Mir's orange docking tunnel to begin the risky spacewalk.

"It's pretty neat out here," Godwin said.

Nearly six hours later, they climbed back inside the safety of Atlantis having accomplished all their objectives.

"You guys are battling a thousand," Mission Control told them.

"It was fun," Clifford said.

It was the first spacewalk by Americans outside Mir and the first U.S. spacewalk at a space station since astronauts journeyed outside Skylab in 1974.

The spacewalkers' first task was to attach several clamps, or experiment holders, on the tunnel. Later, they secured four suitcase-shaped experiment boxes there.

The installation process was slow and looked awkward. As Godwin installed one box near another, Mission Control warned her against banging them together and damaging the contamination-sensitive experiments inside.

"I am watching these two," she replied. "I know they look close."

The 55- to 60-pound boxes, to be retrieved by spacewalkers late next year, contain paint samples, fibers, metals and other materials that might be used for external surfaces on the planned international space station.

There also were cosmic dust catchers so engineers can find out what kind of particles smash into orbiting spaceships.

Before attaching the boxes, Godwin and Clifford cut an electrical cable and removed a television camera from the tunnel. Shuttle astronauts used the camera while installing the docking port last November.

Throughout their excursion, the two also tried out new tethers and a foot platform that can accommodate differences in the spacesuits worn by Americans and Russians.

The spacewalk was an example of the work astronauts will be expected to do while constructing and maintaining the

international station in a few years.

As they labored outside the 522,847-pound complex, Godwin and Clifford had audiences on both sides. Astronaut Shannon Lucid watched with two Russian cosmonauts from her new home aboard the Mir; three astronauts peered out from Atlantis.

This spacewalk was considered especially risky because Atlantis, while docked to Mir, could not immediately chase down the astronauts if their tethers were to break or come loose.

Both astronauts wore jet packs so they could propel themselves back to the orbiting complex in that unlikely event. They test-fired the tiny nitrogen thrusters on their jet packs before leaving Atlantis to make sure everything worked.

As an extra safety measure, NASA ordered the hatches between Atlantis and Mir closed before the spacewalk just in case the shuttle needed a quick getaway.

Godwin and Clifford also were under strict orders not to go beyond the docking tunnel to avoid any possibility of contact with the many solar panels and antennas extending from the station.

Companies use system to scan resumes, search them electronically

BOSTON (AP) — Anyone who has ever filled a job knows the feeling. A qualified candidate is out there somewhere, but where is that resume that was gathering dust in a drawer?

Multiply that resume by the thousands, and you get an idea of how a personnel manager at a large company must feel.

But companies that once lost track of job seekers amid piles of paper now are scanning resumes into databases that allow them to search for suitable candidates at the click of a mouse.

"You don't want to sit there and say, 'Who was that guy, you know, the one with the brown hair?'" said Barbara Whitcher, director of recruiting and staffing for John Hancock Financial Services. "Instead of going through a drawer of paper with maybe 500 resumes ... you can enter in keywords and come up with 30."

Hancock has a software system that uses an electronic scanner to put every resume it receives into its computers. It now has 7,500 resumes at its fingertips.

Whitcher said the system saves money on paper, cuts back on classified ads and, most importantly, allows her to fit candidates to jobs — no matter when they submitted their resumes.

Such systems are becoming

more popular as shifts in the marketplace result in companies filling jobs more frequently and increasing their use of temporary or contract workers.

An average software company loses 14 percent of its employees a year — and that "churn" rate is going up.

"Essentially, you're filling every job in the company every five years. ... Those who can find the best workers for the least money will survive," said Lars Perkins, president and chief executive officer of Restrac, a Dedham-based company that makes resume database software.

Starting at \$110,000, Restrac's system is geared toward larger companies. Customers include American Express, Fidelity Investments and Dow Chemical.

It not only scans in resumes, but allows employers to search for a variety of skills, rank candidates based on those skills and even create response letters.

Teresa Toller, manager of recruitment and staffing for the Good Guys!, a chain of West Coast electronics stores, used the system to sift through more than 100 resumes the company received in response to a recent newspaper ad for a supervisor's opening.

She typed in a query for someone who knew about human resource information systems,

had worked as a supervisor and had retail experience.

"In less than five minutes, I found five who had the qualities we were looking for," Toller said.

On Tuesday, Restrac announced an agreement with a popular Internet job postings service, The Monster Board, that should make it easier and faster for job applicants to get their resumes seen by potential employers.

The Monster Board, which is owned by New York-based TMP Worldwide, has 53,000 jobs listed in searchable form on the World Wide Web, 60 percent of them in high-tech fields. The service is free for job seekers.

Under the alliance, The Monster Board will forward resumes electronically to companies with Restrac systems, instead of mailing them.

That means those people with computer skills and an Internet account can have their resumes in a company's searchable database the same day the company posts a job opening.

"In the job-search process, traditionally you have to kiss a lot of frogs to find a prince," said Jeff Taylor, chief executive officer of TMP Interactive and The Monster Board's founder. "You have the ability to reduce the number of frogs in this electronic process."

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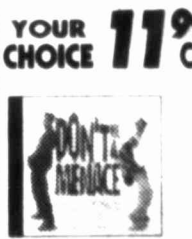
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The people just can't stop loving Winnie Mandela

Scrapps Howard News Service

BRANDFORT, South Africa — People still live in the three-room semi-detached township home at 802 Deep Level. The floors are of cold stone. The kitchen smells of paraffin. There's cardboard over the window panes. A library for the youth of the township once operated from the squalid 10-square-foot living room.

The apartheid government banished Winnie Mandela to this hovel in the one-horse "dorp" of Brandfort, 250 miles south of Soweto, for almost 10 years. She called it her "Little Siberia." The community called her the "Mother of the Nation."

As the Mandela vs. Mandela divorce case unfolded in the Johannesburg Supreme Court last week, it was difficult to believe the Mother of the Nation had fallen quite so far.

It was not only the evidence of two-timing and profligacy, but the sense of being out of touch with reality that made even

Winnie's long-time defenders in the African National Congress shake their heads.

But the people of Majewemasweu, the black township in Brandfort, don't believe a word of it. They plan to turn 802 Deep Level into a national monument and a museum as a shrine to the social worker who performed many good works for their community. She built a clinic, and a day-care center that still operates.

Everyone who knew her has a story to tell about Winnie's generosity.

"She was a darling, she was selfless," said Martin Motekhe, the recently elected mayor of Brandfort, an ANC activist who was friendly with Winnie.

In Brandfort, the image of Winnie as a kidnapper, a child-beater, a disloyal wife, is as laughable as suggesting P.W. Botha was an undercover agent for the ANC. Nor does it seem possible that she is a profligate whose monthly living expenses exceed \$30,000 (including \$3,000 for clothes and \$600 for cosmet-

ics) despite her salary as a member of parliament being only \$3,600 a month.

The people of Brandfort can not understand the waning of her political fortunes.

Emily Mokgoro was a neighbor and close friend of Winnie, who now calls herself Madikizela-Mandela (Madikizela is her maiden name), and saw no signs of a lavish lifestyle. They helped each other. Winnie brought her food and used to use Mokgoro's phone, one of the few in the township. "During the time she was here she was like an ordinary person," she said.

But the way Winnie put Brandfort on the map was not ordinary. Important people made the four-hour trip from Johannesburg to visit her: ambassadors, white liberals, foreign correspondents. They contributed funds to her day-care center, her library and her clinic that was mysteriously burned to the ground.

Winnie was different in other ways. There were stores where

blacks had to stand in the doorway and point to what they wanted. Winnie stormed into a clothes store one day and pushed the white sales assistant aside. The security police were called from Bloemfontein, which led to a consumer boycott of the shop and its opening to all.

She defied and was never cowed by the security police who, lacking any other targets of interest in Brandfort, kept her under 24-hour surveillance and subject to persistent searches, and arrested people for visiting her. Today the youths she schooled in the struggle, and who were tortured and beaten up by the police, run Brandfort.

She befriended an Afrikaner lawyer, Pieter de Waal, and his wife, probably the first friendship across color lines in Brandfort.

Even white attitudes are changing. When the former government moved Madikizela-Mandela and her 16-year-old daughter, Zinzi, to Brandfort, whites called on the Minister of

Justice to have her removed from Brandfort. Now some whites see the only way to attract tourists to the town is by creating a Winnie Mandela museum.

"The whole of Brandfort can benefit," enthuses Carine Coetzer, chairman of the Brandfort Tourism Forum, who admits tourism and not politics is her thing. "This is the one thing that makes Brandfort different."

Madikizela-Mandela's past residence takes precedence by a long shot over the fact that Hendrik Verwoerd, the architect of apartheid and the prime minister who jailed Nelson Mandela, went to school here. Indeed, in the new South Africa, the tourist center where the whole thing is being planned is housed in the yet unnamed H.F. Verwoerd Memorial Library in Voortrekker Street.

"It's part of our history that she was confined there," says Trevor Sikhotha, vice-chairman of the tourism forum.

He wants to restore the house to exactly how it was, with a

display of the history of the life of Madikizela-Mandela — up to the period before she left Brandfort, before the doubts, before the image came under serious assault.

It all goes to show that the court case last week changed few people's minds. Madikizela-Mandela's detractors were given fresh ammunition, while those who refuse to believe refuse to believe.

"It's really unfair of Madiba," says Mokgoro, using Nelson Mandela's clan name. "Mrs. Mandela used to visit her husband every month. Whether it was snowing or hailing, she would make the journey to Robben Island. No one can change like that."

Whatever transformed Winnie Mandela, a large piece of the puzzle is to be found at 802 Deep Level. Here you can still sense the loneliness and the persecution of the young wife and mother. It is a mystery to contemplate as you stare at the stone walls of the house, colder than any jail.

European Union bans all British beef exports

LONDON (AP) — The European Union banned British beef exports today, an action aimed at containing mad cow disease while Britain imposes new safeguards to minimize the risk to humans.

The unanimous decision by the EU Commission in Brussels, Belgium, came a day after veterinary officials of the 15 EU nations overwhelmingly recommended banning exports of British cattle, beef and beef products.

All EU nations already have banned British beef imports, and other countries, including the United States, banned British beef long ago. The goal of the ban, EU officials said, is to prevent British beef from reaching Europe through the "back door," shipped into the EU from outside countries.

British consumers and export markets have turned away from British beef, cattle have gone unsold and beef processors have begun laying off workers since the government said last week that mad cow disease may have caused 10 cases of a similar

degenerative brain disease in people.

Scientists say sheep offal — waste parts like entrails — caused the outbreak of the cattle disease formally known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy. The use of such feed was outlawed in 1989, meaning most of Britain's 11 million cattle are believed to be at no risk.

The British government says it is moving quickly to consider a proposal by the National Farmers Union that older cattle, considered most likely to carry the infection, be destroyed.

"The issue is no longer a question of the safety of British beef," Health Secretary Stephen Dorrell told a parliamentary committee today. "The question now is a matter of consumer confidence."

British specialists failed Tuesday to persuade the EU's veterinary committee that mad cow disease could be contained by lesser measures.

The EU Commission nearly approved the ban Monday but postponed a decision when Prime Minister John Major

demanding more time for British specialists to argue the ban was unnecessary.

Major told the House of Commons on Tuesday that there was no scientific basis for destroying older cattle, and he accused opposition politicians of deliberately fomenting consumer panic.

Opposition leaders retorted that Major's inept reaction to the beef crisis allowed the situation to spin out of control.

"The dithering, the indecisiveness and the lack of any firm policy over the last 48 hours has been catastrophic to trust in the government and terribly damaging to the livelihoods of tens of thousands in the industry," said Paddy Ashdown, leader of the small Liberal Democrat party.

EU officials insist EU law gives the commission power to order a worldwide ban, although the British government contends its authority is limited to the trade bloc.

The ban covers exports of live cattle and beef as well as beef products including goods rang-

ing from cosmetics and medicines to ice cream.

Next, the EU Commission is to begin considering whether to compensate British farmers for losses as their \$6 billion-a-year beef industry disintegrates.

EU Agriculture Commissioner Franz Fischler has said Britain must decide what new safeguards to order before the EU can decide on compensation.

Among EU nations the ban would have little impact, because all 14 of Britain's partners have adopted national boycotts of British beef since last week. The United States, Australia, Japan and Canada have barred British beef for years, and other nations have done so in recent days.

Britain has struggled unsuccessfully to eradicate mad cow disease since it broke out in Britain a decade ago.

Since then, scientists have debated inconclusively whether there is a link between it and the human illness. Both diseases eat holes in the victims' brains before causing debilitation and death.

Israeli court convicts Yitzhak Rabin's killer

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — An Israeli court convicted Yigal Amir of murder today in the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, sentencing him to life imprisonment for meticulously planning the crime and calmly pulling the trigger.

Amir confessed to killing the prime minister after a Nov. 4 peace rally, saying he had to save Israel from further bloodshed by stopping Rabin from trading land for peace with the Palestinians.

His lawyers had pleaded for a manslaughter conviction, saying Amir was so obsessed with removing Rabin from office that he was not in full control when he opened fire. Manslaughter carries a 20-year sentence.

The three-judge panel agreed the killing was premeditated and gave Amir the mandatory

sentence. The death penalty is reserved for Nazi war criminals.

"With premeditation and amazing calm, he decided that the death of the late prime minister was the only way to stop the peace process he opposed, and he took this path to its very end," Judge Edmund Levy said.

Amir, a 25-year-old former law student and a deeply religious Jew, showed no remorse and little emotion in court today. Dressed in a gray sweatshirt and flanked by police officers, he yawned, looked at the audience in the packed courtroom or smiled.

"Everything I did, I did for God, for the Torah of Israel, the people of Israel and the land of Israel," he said, standing in court, one hand resting confidently on his hip.

In addition to the life sentence, the Tel Aviv district court also sentenced Amir to a six-year term for seriously injuring the prime minister's bodyguard, Yoram Rubin, who was hit in the shoulder with one of the three bullets aimed at Rabin.

In Israel, a life prison term usually means a convict will serve between 16 and 25 years, with the sentence traditionally shortened by the president and time off for good behavior. The court ordered the sentences to be served consecutively, a move that substantially diminishes the chance Amir will ever get out of prison.

Amir dismissed the three-month proceedings as a "show trial." His attorney Shmuel Flishman said today he would appeal the verdict to the

Supreme Court.

The case appeared to be open and shut from the start: Amir was caught at the scene and confessed. A grainy amateur video showed a man resembling Amir waiting by Rabin's car and lunging forward to shoot him as he was about to leave the peace rally.

Amir had said he did not mean to kill Rabin but only to paralyze him, a statement that was entered as a not guilty plea.

The trial has transfixed Israelis, who were stunned and deeply shaken by Rabin's killing — the first high-level assassination in their history. Today's proceedings were broadcast live on Israeli TV and radio stations.

Tests showed that Amir has a IQ of 144, far above average, Flishman told reporters.

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SMMC adopts a new policy: Code Pink

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Imagine this! You've just had a baby and you're waiting for the nurse to bring your newborn to you, but there's a problem - your baby is missing.

It's not a far fetched idea. Lifetime aired a movie a few weeks ago called "Deception: A Mother's Secret," that portrayed a mother who loved her child as any mother does, but this particular mother was carrying around a secret that dictated every move she made where her son was concerned.

The truth was she kidnapped him from a supermarket when he was a baby.

Unfortunately she was killed in a tragic car crash as she went to pick him up from school one day and the boy's father, the only father he'd ever known, went about the process of legally adopting him and during the course of his attempt found out his son was actually a kidnap victim.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center knows anything can happen at any time any place and have taken steps to see this sort of tragedy doesn't strike here in Big Spring.

The hospital has instituted a

system on its maternity ward known as its "Code Pink" policy.

code word or the mother does not allow them to take the child," Rodriguez said.

The mother memorizes this word and if someone comes and says they want to take the baby...they must use the code word or the mother does not allow them to take the child.

Tanya Rodriguez

The idea is one Director of Women's Services (postpartum delivery services in the nursery) Tanya Rodriguez thought of while she was attending an infant abduction seminar.

"We've never had a problem with this type of incident, but small rural hospitals are targeted for this type of activity because they usually don't have the high-tech style of security equipment," Rodriguez said.

The "Code Pink" policy works almost like a game of tag.

"Every time a baby is taken into a mother's room, the mother is given a code word by the nurse. The mother memorizes this word and if someone comes and says they want to take the baby for this reason or that reason, they must use the

The code is also in effect for fathers and other relatives. The mother is responsible for telling the father and other relatives what the code word is or the baby is not removed from the nursery. The code word changes every day.

"We do have a policy for infant abduction. If we discover someone's child is missing we call out "code pink" to alert the entire hospital staff and then we notify the authorities," Rodriguez said.

According to Rodriguez, the offender in a case such as in the movie, is almost always a female, frequently overweight, ranges in age from 14-years-old to 45-years-old, and generally has no prior criminal record.

Many of these women are gainfully employed and while

the offender may appear "normal," the woman is most likely compulsive, suffers from low self-esteem, often fakes one or more pregnancies, and relies on manipulation and lying as a coping mechanism in her interpersonal relationships.

Often, the offender wishes either to "replace" an infant she has lost or to experience a "vicarious birthing" of a child she is for some reason unable to conceive or carry to term.

The abducted baby may be used in an attempt to maintain/save a relationship with her husband, boyfriend, or companion.

The abductor may also be involved in a fertility program at or near the hospital from which she attempts to abduct an infant.

In a recent study of 116 cases where the abductor's race is known, 55 were Caucasian, 47 Black, and 14 were of other races. The race/skin color of the abductor almost always matches the infant's or reflects that of the abductor's husband, boyfriend or companion.

More than half of abducted infants are seven days old or younger when taken. Studies also show the abducted infant is perceived by the abductor as "her newborn baby."



Tanya Rodriguez, left, and Lorina Ontiveros, R.N., demonstrate how the Code Pink system works. The mother must tell others what the code word for the day is so they can hold the baby.

Wild edible foods program to benefit the Kids Zone

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Did you know you can eat tumbleweed and dandelions? According to Zoe Kirkpatrick, you can. Kirkpatrick, also known as the "Wildflower Lady," is the author of Wildflowers of the Western Plains.

She will be in Big Spring on April 2 to present the program "Eating in the Wild." The Space and Hoe Garden Club is sponsoring the seminar and all proceeds will be donated to the Kids Zone playground project.

"I'm going to be talking about wild edibles, things you can eat that you find in the pasture. These include mesquite beans, yucca, tumbleweed and dandelions. I will also be giving a slide presentation."

"This program is an offshoot from my book and my love of wildflowers. I have so many books in my library pertaining to edibles and we like to camp out, so it all ties together," Kirkpatrick explained.

The author is also an amateur archaeologist who studies Indians and how they used plants for food.

She has studied and pho-



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ket.

Kirkpatrick enrolled in a taxonomy course at Texas Tech to give her the knowledge she needed to identify the flowers she found as she traveled around the country. She has given numerous presentations across Texas about wildflowers and plants.

Tickets for the program and lunch are \$12 and reservations can be made by calling the Big Spring Country Club at 267-8241. Seating is limited so you

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Zoe Kirkpatrick

tographed wildflowers in the West Texas area for three decades. Her book has pictures and information about flowers from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. Some of the wildflowers that grow in this area include Mexican hat and Indian blan-

must make your reservations early to ensure a seat. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Carolyn Freeman at 263-6806 or Sue Haugh at 263-7966 can be contacted for further information. Kirkpatrick's book will be on sale at the seminar.

New mothers to receive booklet

HOUSTON (AP) — Starting in April, new mothers in Texas will receive a 16-page booklet to allow them to maintain a record of their children's health and immunizations.

The book, called My Child's Health Record, is printed in English and Spanish. It is to help parents keep track of immunizations against preventable diseases.

The book, a cooperative effort of the Texas Department of Health and the March of Dimes, is a first step toward tracking the immunization status of all the state's children, said Dr. David Smith, Texas health commissioner.

The project was underwritten with a \$40,000 grant from the March of Dimes, which will evaluate the value of the effort, Smith said.

Information about pregnancy and birth are recorded on the second page along with a thumb print. The third page allows parents to record the dates of the first smile, laugh, word, tooth, step and other childhood highlights.

The Texas Hospital Association will help distribute the booklets along with birthing centers, members of the Texas Medical Association and local health departments, said Smith.

Similar booklets were pioneered in Japan, which has the lowest infant mortality rate in the world. It has been a pet project of Smith, a pediatrician, since he became health commissioner in 1992.

Animals show children how to save cash

Choosy Charli Cat, Envira Mira and Shaun the Shopper

are just a few of the characters that make up the newest of the 4-H projects Consumer Critter Crew.

This project is a life skill project for youth ages 9 to 11 and with the help of six critters, children throughout Texas can learn to be a little smarter with their cash.

The Consumer Critter Crew program features seven characters that teach children how to make better choices as consumers - Choosy Charli, the cat teaches youth how to think about their needs and wants when choosing what they will buy.

Market Maria, the grasshopper, shows young people how

the marketplace works and how their actions as consumer can make what they buy cost more or less, or be harder or easier to get. Penny Pig and Money Max are twin consumer rookies who show youth that, even if we all look alike, we are each individuals who make decisions about how we spend, share and save our money.

Responsible Rex, a dinosaur, shows youth how to get information about products they want to buy, how to compare their choices to find safe products, and how to follow instructions to use products safely. From Rex, youth learn about both consumer rights and responsibilities.

Shaun Shopper, the salamander, builds other consumer decision-making skills, guiding youth in deciding what they want from the products that may look a lot alike, the one that is the best for their situation.

Envira Mira, the raccoon, reminds rookie consumers to make environmentally wise decisions when they buy and

teaches them how they can save resources by recycling, reusing and using native plants.

The Consumer Critter Crew program teaches children how to make better choices as consumers, lets them have fun and feel better about being smart consumers.

This program, developed by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, focuses on youth ages 9 to 11 which is the age when children begin to develop management skills, and the program is aimed at influencing the kids now to make them better consumers as adults. The Critters help kids learn the value of money and how to be responsible about spending it. They also teach kids to share and save money wisely.

The Consumer Critter Crew kit is available at the Howard County Extension office, call 264-2236 or stop by the office on the first floor of the Howard County Courthouse for more information.

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•Compassionate Friends sup-

port group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

The human foot:

(NAPS)—Types of foot ailments:

•Athlete's foot is a skin disease with symptoms consisting of dry, scaly skin, itching inflammation and blisters.

•Ingrown nails are ones whose corners or sides dig painfully into the skin. Trim nails straight across, slightly longer than end of toe to prevent ingrown nails.

•Bunions are misaligned big toe joints. Surgery is recommended to correct problem.

•Corns and calluses are protective layers of compacted, dead skin cells. Never cut them with any instrument.



Howard College offering course

Howard College Continuing Education will be offering a workshop entitled, Counseling Perspectives for 1996, March 29 through 30 at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The professional workshop is tailored for social workers, law enforcement professionals, professional counselors for substance abuse and nurses. The workshop carries 15 hours of professional credits, which may be used for TAADAC, LPC, TCLEOSE and Continuing Education units.

Cost is \$100. Lunch on Friday is included in the 15-hour registration fee. For more information contact Howard College Continuing Education.

Dog obedience classes

Big Spring dog owners will soon get the chance to enroll their pets in obedience classes. Classes will begin in April with "Household Obedience" for dogs over six-months-old, and "Puppy" classes will be Monday nights in the back parking lot at Methodist Malone-Hogan Clinic. The household series will run eight weeks and cost \$50 per dog. Puppy kindergarten will run five weeks starting April 22 and will cost \$35 per puppy. Classes will be limited to 12 dogs each.

Prior to the first class, owners must show proof of vaccination and young puppies must have the immunizations appropriate for their ages.

For more information, call 263-3404.

THE LAST WORD

Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying.

—Frank Lebowitz

Tell me and I'll forget. Show me, and I may not remember. Involve me, and I'll understand.

—Native American Saying

To eat is human. To digest divine.

—Mark Twain

Many who find the day too long, think life too short.

—Charles Caleb Cotton

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Leader

Who will lead and who will follow?
Who will sow us who we are?
Who can make us see the future clear
and take us to a star?

Who will stand tall and who will be counted?
Who will raise a hand and say 'aye'?
Who can show us the way and set the pace
and tell us when, where and why?

For the world needs leaders, strong and true
to take us where we need to go.
Men of strength and women of compassion
who can take us and help us grow.

Where do we find these leaders to be?

Will we know them when we see their face?
And must they be asked or will they step forward
as people who recognize their place?

We'll know them because they are the ones
who really, really care.
And they shoulder the load and accept the burden
and they make sure we know that they're there.

So here's to you, our valiant leaders
we can't do without you, it's true.
And we know that the world is a better place
because of the likes of you.

By Terry Burns

Wind to the end

The wind she can blow sweet
she can blow mean
she can be mean when she blows
Never know she's gonna blow until you feel her
Then you see her cause or effect
she can rustle the leaves of a tree in her breeze
she can roll the ocean waves up over a mountain
Your good friend or enemy
she can turn the blades of a windmill
to put it to use
she can flatten a town
till there's little or no use
Always your enemy or good friend
she is as she blows
she is the wind to the end.

By Charlie Noble

Homeless Person

I am cold, I am cold he cried.

I am hungry, I am hungry, he cried.

No one met his needs.

The next morning, he was just another homeless person frozen to death in the street.

How can we let this be?

It is by the grace of God, that it is not you or me.

By Fannie Price

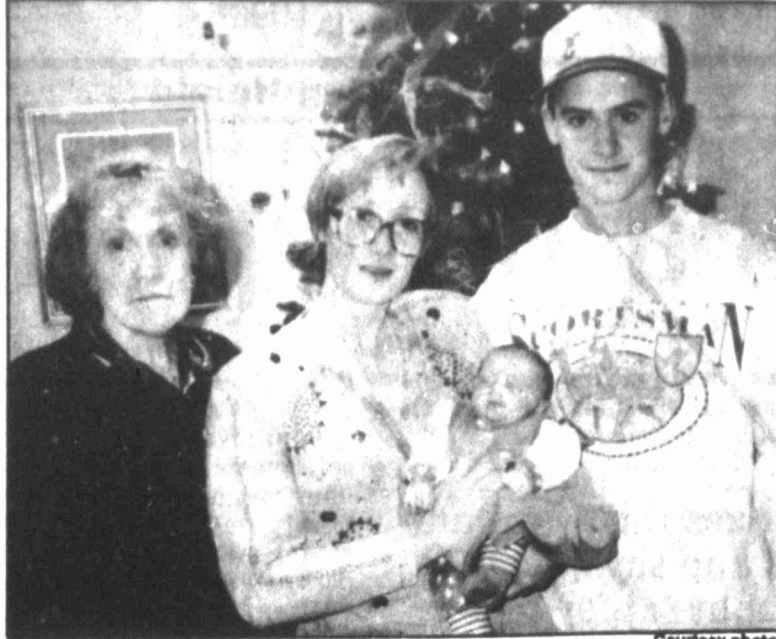
Wind

Wind you're a nasty fella
hit and run you got a streak a yella
howl at night inciting fright
day light come you blow it out
wind you're a nasty dude
I hear you, don't like your attitude
gone as fast as you was there
wondering what nasty you done in the air
wind you're a nasty guy
squeeze the clouds make them cry
you do whisper but I think its just a lie
daylight come so unaware
now you show with what you fill the sky

The Magic of Poetry

How did the magic of poetry come to be,
Why does it mean so much to me?
I don't see it with my eyes—
yet somewhere in the cobwebs of my mind—
it farms and binds.
There was nothing, then there was everything,
thoughts so quickly tumbling in.
Poetry in the essence of intention, or expectation, which I cannot hold onto for long...
so quickly thoughts are gone;
Yet come again, sometimes on wings of silver, or of gold, so all consuming
I cannot behold—the magic of it.
I just feel it—
in my heart and soul.
By Dorothy McCauley

FOUR GENERATIONS



Four generations proudly pose for a picture last Christmas. Pictured left to right are: Nila Allen, great-grandmother, Big Spring; Londa Hill, grandmother and she is holding her granddaughter Taylor Nicole Bradley and the proud dad, Aaron Bradley of Houston. Taylor was born Nov. 24, 1995 and the picture was taken one month later. At the time of the picture, Nila was 61, Londa was 39 and Aaron was 21.



All about Readers Corner

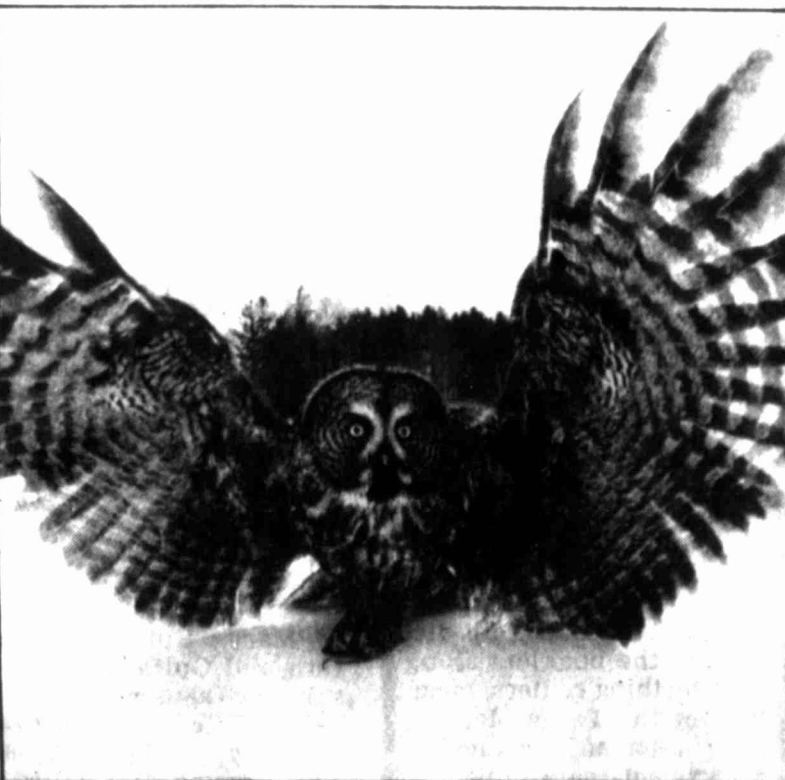
The "Huh?" page has been renamed Readers Corner to better reflect that *Herald* readers are the ones submitting the stories, poems or pictures found on this page.

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the *Herald* office by April 15. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 24.

Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

If space is limited, submissions may be held over until the following month. For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

WHOOOOO'S THAT?



A Great Gray owl spreads its wings to take flight after grabbing a mouse. The owl has attracted hundreds of observers during its winter visit to the Rowley, Mass. area.

Support

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ext. 7077.

• "The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. Call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

• Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

WEDNESDAY

• Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

• Survivors sexual abuse support group, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

• Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

• Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

• A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November,

January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

• Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

FRIDAY

• Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

• Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

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

SATURDAY

• Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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

• "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

• West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., third Saturday each month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829.

SUNDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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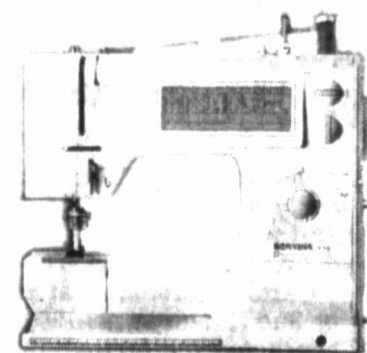
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SPORTS

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SCOREBOARD

NBA
New York 83, Houston 74
L.A. Lakers 113, Orlando 91
Charlotte 119, Denver 112, 2OT
Phoenix 102, Sacramento 98
L.A. Clippers 103, Milwaukee 97

NHL
Winnipeg 8, Dallas 2
Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 4
Washington 7, N.Y. Islanders 1
New Jersey 6, Tampa Bay 4

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
Friday
Tennessee vs. Connecticut, 6 p.m.
Georgia vs. Stanford, 8:30 p.m.

Got an item?

Do you have an
interesting
story idea?
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Sidewinders keep breaking new ground

Gymnasts 2nd at USAG meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

For the Big Spring YMCA Sidewinders, new accomplishments are almost becoming old hat.

The Sidewinders, who have become a state and national power in YMCA gymnastics, took a large step toward becoming a player on a larger stage when they finished second in the Level 10 division at the recent USA Gymnastics state championships.

Despite competing with a shorthanded team (three gymnasts instead of the standard five), the Sidewinders' trio of Stephanie Stewart, Casey McKim and Hayley Whiteside bested all comers except for Harris Unlimited Gymnastics of San Antonio in the Level 10 competition in Houston Saturday.

The finish, Big Spring's best ever in USAG competition, qualified Stewart, McKim and Whiteside for the USAG regional meet, to be held in Houston April 13-14. A high finish there would qualify them for USAG nationals, unexplored territory for the Sidewinders.

"It was pretty unexpected,"

Sidewinders Coach Russ McEwen said. "We had only three kids there ... and to do that was a very pleasant surprise - by far, the best they've ever done."

At the state meet, Stewart, coming off surgery to repair a fractured cheekbone, finished second on the uneven bars and sixth all-around, while Whiteside finished fourth on the floor exercise, fifth on the balance beam and seventh overall.

Two other Sidewinders - Brooke Lawrence and Jana Duncan - qualified for the USAG Level 9 regional meet, to be held April 20-21 in Houston.

Level 10 gymnasts are considered only one step down from Elite (Olympic-caliber) status.

The team's pattern of success is almost becoming almost second nature.

"Last year, we finished fourth at the YMCA national meet," McEwen said. "Last year really was a breakthrough year for us, and this year has really continued that."

McEwen added that this is no time for his charges to rest on their laurels.

"The emphasis for the Level 10 girls is for them to try to qualify for nationals," he said. "We've never had any girls ever go the USAG nationals."

If the Sidewinders' progress continues at their current rate, however, that could change.



In the top photo, Level 10 Sidewinders (from left) Stephanie Stewart, Casey McKim and Hayley Whiteside finished second in team competition at last weekend's USA Gymnastics state meet in Houston. In the bottom photo, Level 9 gymnasts Brooke Lawrence, left, and Jana Duncan qualified for the USAG regional meet April 20 in Houston.



Steers, weather winners

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Steers definitely got off to a good start in District 4-4A baseball action, blanking Fort Stockton 9-0 in the league opener for both teams.

The game was played in freezing conditions, but that didn't stop the Steers from gaining only their second win in Fort Stockton in the past six years.

Senior righthander Zac Leslie went the distance on the mound, scattering two hits while striking out seven. Additionally, he received plenty of offensive support from his teammates.

Ben Inman had the biggest blow, a three-run triple, while designated hitter Wes Mouton added a 2-for-3 performance, which included two RBIs. Leftfielder Mark Miller also had two RBIs, as did senior first baseman T.J. Rios.

"We swung the bat real well, but what was really pleasing was getting the win at Fort Stockton," BSHS coach Bobby Doe said. "That was only the second time we've won down there since I've been here."

In other District 4-4A action, San Angelo Lake View shocked No. 7 Andrews 7-2, and Pecos blanked Monahans 10-0.

Sterlin Gilbert struck out 12 and limited Andrews to only five hits as Lake View shocked the state-ranked Mustangs. Gilbert helped his own cause by going 3-for-3 at the plate.

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Our intrepid reporter looks for a sport to call his own

It looks like I may be looking for a new sport.

Summer is approaching, so I figure I'll take the first step toward getting back in shape. No matter how much we all hope and pray otherwise, love handles will never be a "popular" trend.

I was well on my way to losing the handles just by going to work. For two months, I lived in Big Spring without a car. Two months of riding my bike up those monstrous hills.

Whew. Plus, no matter which direction I was going, the wind, along with the dust, was against me.

Now that I am driving, however, my weight is increasing, so I was in search of another

sport. Last week, I caught a glimpse of a pick-up game of basketball. Being a big fan of the game, I asked if I could join.

Big mistake. Why? Because though the calendar says it's springtime, the weather didn't (as if it does now). Plus the fact that I was out of shape didn't make it much better.

For the whole game, the cold air did a number on me. I felt like I was breathing oxygen in its solid form, and the person I was holding wouldn't stand still.

Luckily, I consider myself the world's greatest streetball fouler. Needless to say, I pretty much shut him down.

Sorry, guy. At least I didn't break anything.

Then there was tennis. I always loved tennis. It's a sport where if your arms are long enough, you don't have to do too much running.

The problem with my bout on the court is the general rules of the game. Number one is hitting the ball over the net. The second rule is hitting the ball

within the court's lines, and the third is just hitting the ball.

My adversary was the infamous Big Spring wind. The wind pushed, stopped and moved the ball to make me feel like Jimmy Walker in the Little Caesar's commercials.

The oxygen wasn't any softer that day either.

However, I think I've found the perfect sport - darts. Last weekend was only the fifth time I threw darts (I lied, saying I threw more than that), and I realized something about the sport. Sure, it won't help me rid the love handles, but look at the bright side: It's an inside game, and you don't run.

It may not be a sport for physical fitness. Then again maybe it is. If I work hard at it, I could do a great side pose with my right arm.

I'll go back to basketball and tennis this summer. Spring around here is too unpredictable for me, but I've learned a valuable lesson.

If you're going to exercise outdoors in Big Spring, read the weather section of the newspaper first.

Recent legal troubles tarnishing fans' image of champion Cowboys

DALLAS (AP) — Run-ins with the law, the latest involving All-Pro wide receiver Michael Irvin, are tarnishing the image of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys, some fans say.

A grand jury panel broke Tuesday night without taking action in a case involving Irvin and three others who were in a motel room where police found cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The panel is scheduled to reconvene Thursday.

Janna Hogan, who was at the Frank Crowley Criminal Courts Building on Tuesday, said she was a Cowboys fan until Irvin failed to appear before the grand jury last week.

"I kind of wished he'd shown up the first time they asked him to," she said. "I was kind of disappointed about that. If he didn't have anything to hide, he would have immediately come forward and told us the story."

Irvin, former Cowboys tight end Alfredo Roberts, Angela Beck and Jasmine Nabwangu were present when police, in response to the manager's 911 call, knocked on a motel room door earlier this month, lead-

ing to Ms. Beck's arrest on drug charges.

Police said the two women are topless dancers.

All appeared Tuesday before the grand jury. However, they were tight-lipped about the closed-door proceedings. State District Judge John Creuzot has issued a gag order.

Irvin - wearing dark glasses, a dark blue suit and a black fur coat - signed an autograph for one courthouse visitor, but refused to discuss the day's events.

"We can't comment on anything that occurred today," Irvin's attorney, Kevin Clancy, said.

Ms. Hogan and Dawn Cano were at the courthouse for monitoring of drunken driving cases. Ms. Cano also expressed disappointment in the Super Bowl champions.

"I think it changes the whole team's status because they've been viewed as America's Team and they're not America's Team anymore," Ms. Cano said. "We've seen this with Erik Williams ... and now with Michael Irvin."

In December 1994, Williams was sentenced to two years' probation on a misdemeanor

drunken driving charge in connection with an accident that injured his knee and sidelined him for the rest of the season.

Last June, a Collin County grand jury dropped sexual assault charges against Williams after a 17-year-old topless dancer reached an out-of-court settlement and no longer wished to cooperate. That grand jury subpoenaed Irvin to tell what he knew about Williams' association with the woman.

Irvin has been involved in other criminal investigations. In January of last year, a Plano woman filed a lawsuit accusing him of assaulting her in a nightclub parking lot. In May 1993, he was cited for disorderly conduct after a Florida convenience store refused to sell him a bottle of wine. And in May 1991, an east Oak Cliff man told police that Irvin punched him during a charity basketball game.

More recently, Clayton Holmes and Leon Lett were suspended last fall after failing random drug tests - Lett for four games and Holmes for a year. Holmes, who has since

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BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Thursday

Golf

Coahoma Invitational Tournament, Comanche Trail Golf Course

Softball

Lubbock Coronado at Big Spring, 6 p.m.
Snyder at Coahoma, 7 p.m.

Friday

Baseball

Monahans at Big Spring, 4 p.m.
Roten at Coahoma, 5 p.m.

STATE/NATION

Players face charges

EAST BERNARD (AP) — Four members of East Bernard's two-time defending Class 2A championship baseball team face animal cruelty charges in the death of Tiger, an unofficial mascot at the baseball park where they play.

Authorities say the players admitted beating the gray, striped tabby with bats and running over her with a truck.

On Tuesday afternoon, bouquets of flowers were strewn under the concession stand that had been considered home for the cat, also called the Koym Road Kid.

Four East Bernard High School baseball players, who admitted to beating the gray striped tabby with bats and running her over with a truck, face animal cruelty charges.

Morris indicted

ROCKWALL (AP) — A grand jury indicted Pittsburgh Steelers running back Byron "Bam" Morris on felony drug charges after authorities found marijuana and cocaine in his Mercedes-Benz.

Morris was indicted on one count of possession of between 5 and 50 pounds of marijuana and one count of possession of between 1 and 4 grams of cocaine, Rockwall County District Attorney Galen Sumrow said.

Gil has back surgery

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Rangers shortstop Benji Gil underwent surgery to repair a herniated disk in his lower back.

Gil, who hit .219 with nine homers and 46 RBIs last season, is expected to be sidelined two months.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Basketball

NBA

New York at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m., TBS (ch. 11)
Houston at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29)

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BASKETBALL

NCAA Men

All Times Local
First Round
At The Providence Civic Center
Providence, R.I.
Thursday, March 14
Stanford 66, Bradley 56
Massachusetts 92, Central Florida 70
Arkansas 86, Penn State 80
Marquette 68, Monmouth, N.J. 44
At Richmond College
Richmond, Va.
Friday, March 15
Georgetown 93, Mississippi Valley State 56
New Mexico 60, Kansas State 48
Texas Tech 74, Northern Illinois 73
North Carolina 83, New Orleans 62
Second Round
At The Providence Civic Center
Providence, R.I.
Saturday, March 16
Massachusetts 79, Stanford 74
Arkansas 65, Marquette 56
At Richmond College
Richmond, Va.
Sunday, March 17
Georgetown 73, New Mexico 62
Texas Tech 92, North Carolina 73
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Thursday, March 21
Georgetown 98, Texas Tech 90
Massachusetts 79, Arkansas 63
Regional Championship
At The Georgia Dome
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Saturday, March 23
Massachusetts 86, Georgetown 62
SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Thursday, March 14
Connecticut 68, Colgate 59
Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60
Mississippi State 58, Virginia Commonwealth 51
Princeton 43, UCLA 41
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Friday, March 15
Temple 61, Oklahoma 43
Cincinnati 66, North Carolina Greensboro 61
Boston College 64, Indiana 51
Georgia Tech 90, Austin Peay 79
Second Round
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Saturday, March 16
Connecticut 95, Eastern Michigan 51
Mississippi State 63, Princeton 41
Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Sunday, March 17
Cincinnati 78, Temple 65
Georgia Tech 103, Boston College 70

Regional Semifinals
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Friday, March 22
Mississippi 60, Connecticut 55
Cincinnati 87, Georgia Tech 70
Regional Championship
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Sunday, March 24
Mississippi State 73, Cincinnati 63
MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Thursday, March 14
Kentucky 110, San Jose State 72
Virginia Tech 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48
Iowa State 74, California 64
Utah 72, Carolina 43
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Friday, March 15
Louisville 82, Tulsa 80, OT
Villanova 82, Portland 58
Wake Forest 62, Northeast Louisiana 50
Texas 80, Michigan 76
Second Round
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WEST REGIONAL
First Round
At The P.E.
Albuquerque, N.M.
Thursday, March 14
Syracuse 88, Montana State 55
Drexel 75, Memphis 63
Purdue 73, Western Carolina 71
Georgia 81, Clemson 74
At The University Activity Center
Tempe, Ariz.
Friday, March 15
Santa Clara 91, Maryland 79
Kansas 92, South Carolina State 54
Iowa 81, George Washington 79
Arizona 90, Valparaiso 51
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Albuquerque, N.M.
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Syracuse 69, Drexel 58
At The University Activity Center
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, March 17
Arizona 87, Iowa 73
Kansas 76, Santa Clara 51

Regional Semifinals
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Friday, March 22
Syracuse 83, Georgia 61, OT
Kansas 85, Arizona 80
Regional Championship
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Sunday, March 24
Syracuse 60, Kansas 57
THE FINAL FOUR
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
National Semifinals
Saturday, March 30
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. Syracuse (26-8), 4:42 p.m.
Massachusetts (35-1) vs. Kentucky (32-2), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, April 1
Semifinal winners, 8:22 p.m.
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All Times Local
First Round
Wednesday, March 13
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College of Charleston 55, Tennessee 49
South Carolina 100, Davidson 73
Michigan St. 84, Washington 50
Minnesota 68, Saint Louis 52
Missouri 89, Murray St. 85
Illinois St. 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 49
Wisconsin 55, Manhattan 42
Tulane 87, Auburn 73, OT
Vanderbilt 86, Arkansas Little Rock 80
Alabama 72, Illinois 69
Fresno St. 58, Miami, Ohio 57
Thursday, March 14
St. Joseph's 82, Iowa 78
Nebraska 91, Colorado St. 83
Washington St. 92, Gonzaga 73
Friday, March 15
At New Haven Coliseum
New Haven, Conn.
Providence 91, Fairfield 79
Second Round
Monday, March 18
South Carolina 80, Vanderbilt 70
Tulane 84, Minnesota 65
Illinois St. 77, Wisconsin 62
Alabama 72, Missouri 49
Tuesday, March 19
St. Joseph's 82, Providence 62
Nebraska 82, Washington State 73
Fresno State 80, Michigan State 70
Rhode Island 62, College of Charleston 58, OT
Third Round
Wednesday, March 20
Alabama 68, South Carolina 67
Tulane 83, Illinois State 72
Thursday, March 21
St. Joseph's 76, Rhode Island 59
Friday, March 22
Nebraska 83, Fresno St. 71
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 26
Semifinals

Nebraska 90, Tulane 78
St. Joseph's 74, Alabama 69, OT
Thursday, March 22
Third Place
Tulane (21-10) vs. Alabama (19-12) 6 p.m.
Championship
Nebraska (20-14) vs. St. Joseph's (19-12), 8 p.m.
NCAA Women
All Times Local
First Round
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Friday, March 15
George Washington 83, Maine 67
Virginia 100, Manhattan 55
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Saturday, March 16
Ohio State 97, Memphis 75
Tennessee 97, Radford 56
At Allen Field House
Lawrence, Kan.
Sunday, March 16
Texas 73, Southwest Missouri State 55
Kansas 72, Middle Tennessee State 57
At ODU Field House
Norfolk, Va.
Saturday, March 16
Toledo 65, Mississippi 53
Old Dominion 83, Holy Cross 66
Second Round
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Sunday, March 17
Virginia 62, George Washington 43
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Monday, March 18
Tennessee 97, Ohio State 65
At Allen Field House
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Kansas 77, Texas 70
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Saturday, March 23
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Virginia 72, Old Dominion 60
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At Memorial Gymnasium
At Nashville, Tenn.
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Wisconsin 74, Oregon 60
Vanderbilt 100, Harvard 83
At Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa
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DePaul 96, Southern Methodist 82
Iowa 72, Butler 67

Spurs closing in on all-time win streak

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Spurs get the chance to tie their franchise-record 15-game winning streak when they face the New York Knicks tonight.

For San Antonio, the streak and the Knicks simply are a means to an end. Really, the Spurs are chasing Seattle, the Western Conference leader.

"We've caught Utah and now we're going after Seattle," said Spurs coach Bob Hill. "We're proud of the streak, but have bigger and better things on our minds."

The Spurs are first in the Midwest Division and second in the conference behind the SuperSonics.

"We're not that impressed with the streak," said Spurs center David Robinson. "It means we're moving in the right direction, but our focus is on catching Seattle and finishing No. 1 in the West."

Exhausted after eight hours of traveling commercial and anxious to get home, Robinson and his Spurs teammates had the collective gaze of a road-beaten team Tuesday.

But San Antonio had just chalked up its 14th consecutive victory by defeating New Jersey 95-88 Monday night, capping a successful four-game road trip. The Spurs now own the league's second-best road record (23-12), having won seven in a row away from home.

The latest successes come during a stretch in which the Spurs, accustomed to flying more spacious charter planes, had to catch some commercial flights. The team's charter company went bankrupt, and the Spurs are still working to finalize another contract.

The team had to switch planes Tuesday in Cincinnati, and their second plane had an

oil leak and was grounded. They switched to a smaller aircraft used mainly for shuttle flights which had no first-class seating.

"I was kidding Pop (Spurs general manager Gregg Popovich) earlier in the day. I was saying, 'What's our record, 18-50 or something?'" Robinson said with a laugh.

Actually, the Spurs are 50-18.

Spurs guard Doc Rivers described the string of victories as a "strange streak."

"It's not like most, when you get hot and you win 15 in a row. I think we started off slow, actually, and we won six or seven, then we started playing well during the streak."

Sean Elliott, Monday night's standout, said the streak is a side issue.

"We're not concerned about putting together 15, 16, 17 in a row. We're just trying to get better and get ready for the playoffs," he said.

San Antonio hasn't lost since Feb. 27 against the Clippers and has been outscoring opponents by an average of 13 points per game during the streak. Ten of the 14 wins have been by 10 points or more.

Success in March is nothing new to the Spurs. In March 1994, San Antonio was 11-4, and in March last year the team went 14-2.

"It's better than going in the tube about this time of the year," Robinson said. "We're maturing as a team and we're learning how to sustain that, and I think that's what's happening now."

Last March, the Spurs had to deal with Dennis Rodman separating his shoulder in a motorcycle accident. He missed 14 games and his disruptive presence eventually hurt the team's playoff performance.

Steers

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with two RBIs.
The Steers (8-8-1 overall) return to action Friday at home against Monahans. Game time is 4 p.m. at Steer Park.

Weather puts hold on several games

An early spring freeze did more than just put some ice on windshields - it also froze out several games.

The Howard College baseball team saw its Tuesday afternoon game with the Texas Tech junior varsity wiped out by bad weather. Coach Brian Roper said the game will be rescheduled.

The area's two softball teams also had their games postponed by weather. Big Spring's game with Lubbock Coronado has been rescheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Roy Anderson Complex, while Coahoma's game with Snyder has been reset for 7 p.m. Thursday in Coahoma.

Woes

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been cut by the Cowboys, responded by filing a \$30 million lawsuit against the NFL. Lett remains an integral part of the Cowboys defense.

"I'm very disappointed," Ms. Cano said. "They're not role models anymore."

Only Ms. Beck was arrested after police entered an Irving motel room in the early morning hours of March 4, one day before Irvin's 30th birthday. The motel manager had called police to complain about a noisy party involving possible prostitution and drug use.

Police said they found about 3 ounces of marijuana, 2 ounces of cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Arresting officers said the drugs were in Ms. Beck's immediate proximity and that she claimed the narcotics belonged to her.

Rosters thinning as teams ready for season

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Livan Hernandez is looking to get back to the majors, and Luis Polonia is looking for a job.

On a busy day — the last for teams to release players on their roster without having to pay their full 1996 salaries — St. Louis pitcher Gregg Olson, San Francisco pitcher Scott Service, Florida pitcher Ryan Bowen and Pittsburgh infielder Kevin Young were told they were being released.

Hernandez, the Cuban pitcher who signed a \$4.5 million, four-year contract last winter, was optioned to Triple A Charlotte by the Florida Marlins.

"We expect him to pitch in the major leagues. We're still looking for him to get his arm strength back," Marlins manager Rene Lachemann said of the 21-year-old defector.

"The first two outings were outstanding, but the next two were not as good," Lachemann said. "The best thing for him and the best thing for the orga-

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nization is for him to go to Triple A."

Since he was courted by the Marlins during the winter, there was speculation Hernandez would bring the same kind of fan frenzy to South Florida that Los Angeles felt in 1981 from the Mexican community embracing Fernando Valenzuela.

"It should take me two or three starts to get (velocity) back," Hernandez said through a translator. "The decision was made by the directors of the team. Whatever they think is best, I understand. Being at spring training has been a heck of an experience."

Polonia, with the Mariners this spring as a non-roster player, was beaten out for Seattle's left field job by Darren Bragg and got his release Tuesday.

"I think I did a pretty good job, but this is a business," said Polonia, a 31-year-old outfielder who won a World Series

ring with Atlanta last year. "If they really wanted to win, I think I would still be here. I think they are looking to save money."

Mariners manager Lou Piniella said Bragg, Rich Amaral or Alex Diaz will play left. Amaral will play against left-handers and Bragg or Diaz will play against right-handers.

"Loyalty is a two-way street," Piniella said. "Unless there's a big discrepancy, then you go with the guys who helped us last year."

Reds 2, Blue Jays 1
Mark Portugal allowed one hit over seven innings at Plant City, Fla., and Jeff Branson had a pair of hits as the Reds stopped a five-game losing streak.

Dodgers 9, Orioles 8
Tom Prince drew a bases-loaded walk off Jesse Orosco in the 10th as Los Angeles overcame four errors at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Astros 4, Cardinals 2
An error by catcher Pat Borders allowed Houston to

score three unearned runs at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mets 5, Royals 1
At Haines City, Fla., Butch Huskey tied a Mets spring training record with his eighth home run, a mark reached by Dave Kingman in 1975 and 1977.

Marlins 4, Indians 3
Jeff Conine hit a go-ahead double in a three-run sixth inning and Terry Pendleton saved a run with a great defensive play in the eighth at Melbourne, Fla.

Twins 4, Rangers 0
Rich Robertson solidified his spot in Minnesota's starting rotation, allowing two hits in six shutout innings with seven strikeouts and no walk.

Yankees 12, Tigers 4
Scott Kamieniecki, rumored to be available in a trade, held Detroit to three hits over five innings at Lakeland, Fla.

Phillies 2, Pirates 1
Pinch-hitter Jim Eisenreich connected for a two-run homer with two outs in the eighth at Clearwater, Fla.

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Camby confident as UMass prepares for Kentucky clash

BOSTON (AP) — When Marcus Camby goes to bed Friday night before the biggest game of his life, he doesn't expect a nightmare with hordes of blue-and-white Kentucky uniforms charging at him.

That probably will happen Saturday night, when Camby faces those Wildcats for real in the NCAA Final Four. No big deal, says the star of top-ranked Massachusetts.

"I'm going to go to sleep fine. I'm not going to worry about any other teams," he said. "I'm just going to go out there and be myself and try to score and try to play aggressive defense."

There will be aggressive defense all over the court in the second game of the semifinals, following the Syracuse-Mississippi State matchup.

UMass frustrates opponents with the quick hands of Edgar Padilla, who holds the school career and single-season steals record, and with the long wingspan of Camby, the 6-foot-11 shot blocker.

Second-ranked Kentucky doesn't have that intimidating inside presence. It simply intimidates from end to end with a suffocating press and by double-teaming the opposing center.

The Wildcats did that to Wake Forest's Tim Duncan in the quarterfinals, holding him to no field goals in the first 28 minutes.

Camby doesn't sound con-

cerned that Kentucky will do that to him.

"I'm not Tim Duncan," he said. "He's mainly a back-to-the-basket player. I'm mostly out on the floor and slashing and cutting to the basket and doing other things."

Camby is a good dribbler and passer with an excellent turnaround shot from the baseline. He averaged 3.4 blocks per game and is UMass' leading scorer and rebounder.

"He can dominate a game on either end," coach John Calipari said. "What I don't want to do is have Marcus think he has to be anybody other than Marcus in this game" and try to do too much.

"Just be Marcus Camby. If that's not good enough, we're 35-2. That's not bad."

Kentucky is 32-2 with a defense that, if it plays the way it's been playing, has an excellent chance to be 34-2 and the national champions for the sixth time in school history.

The Wildcats' press is more effective because their exceptional depth gives them fresh legs. They have the quickness to double team big men like Camby and still recover to guard their own men.

"They do a fabulous job of picking up quickly to make it hard on you to catch" the ball, Calipari said. "They're great anticipators."

"They really do a great job of cheating up the floor and try-

ing to steal balls. They take a lot of chances," he added. "You have to make them pay for taking chances."

UMass needs to counter that aggressiveness by spacing the floor on offense and coming toward passes, two tactics it has used effectively all season.

The Minutemen also have shown a coolness under pressure with two seniors and four juniors getting the most minutes. They've won all four of their overtime games and made last-minute steals to preserve slim leads.

They've held opponents to 61.8 points and 38 percent shooting per game, are averaging 6.2 blocks and don't seem to tire despite their weak bench.

Padilla is averaging 36.4 minutes per game and Carmelo Travieso 36.1 as the starting guards. Now they must get the ball safely through Kentucky's energetic press.

"Right now, we've settled in on (using) seven or eight guys," Calipari said. "In the NCAA tournament, you can do that because the TV timeouts are 18 minutes long. I'm at a loss for words in the TV timeouts."

Maybe he can keep reminding his players how well Kentucky plays defense.

"We're not going to change now," he said. "We play the same way we've always played. We play with emotion and passion."

Jones hopes to turn Final Four into 'Dontae's Inferno' for 'Dogs

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Dontae Jones doesn't mind being fouled on a drive to the basket. In fact, hit him hard on the arms and body as he's going through the lane.

Just don't awaken him. The high school dropout who once worked in a fast food joint is living out big-time basketball dreams in the Bulldogs' improbable run to the NCAA Final Four.

"I used to dream of it all the time," he said Tuesday. "I never imagined it'd be anything like this ... playing in the Final Four. I'll wait until it's all said and done, until after the last game, to pinch myself to see if I wake up."

Jones, a free spirit with a knack for the spectacular play, has played a big role in leading Mississippi State (26-7) into the national semifinals. He was the MVP in both the Southeastern Conference and Southeast Regional tournaments.

He hits long 3-pointers, has a flair for highlight-worthy dunks and has even learned how to play defense. He struts and dances after most big plays.

"I know a lot of people probably think, because I'm so exciting and so emotional, that I'm arrogant," Jones said by phone from the Starkville campus. "You get caught up in the moment. I tend to play my best when I'm pumped up."

He's having the time of his

life in college basketball's spotlight.

But it took some time for "The Kid," as Jones refers to himself, to adjust to coach Richard Williams' disciplined style of defense-oriented play. And Williams had to make some concessions as well.

"We give him freedom to express himself on the offensive end, but at the same time want him to do it as much as possible in the framework of the system of team play," Williams said.

"He's a very loose guy, fun-loving guy. He has fun with his teammates, has fun with his coaches and he tends to keep everybody loose. I think that is a good quality to have."

But there were times early this season when some of the same exploits earned Jones a seat on the bench.

"There are times you'd like to grab him and choke him because he doesn't do what you want him to do on the court," Williams said.

In a 74-56 loss to Kentucky on Jan. 9, Jones came out after some early turnovers before finishing finished with 10 points and nine turnovers in 24 minutes. Four days later, he wasn't in the starting lineup against Alabama, and played just 12 minutes with three points and four turnovers.

Jones said that was the turning point for him.

"The hardest part was adjust-

ing to other guys around me and finding my role," Jones said. "The hardest was finding out and accepting my role. The Alabama game, coach sat me out. I decided to try to do what ever it would take to help the team."

He has been on top of his game since. In a rematch against Kentucky in the SEC tournament championship game on March 10, Jones had 28 points, 11 rebounds and just one turnover.

In State's four-game sweep during the Southeast Regional, Jones averaged 15 points and 10 rebounds a game. In the championship game against Cincinnati, he had 23 points and 13 rebounds in a 73-63 victory.

And to think, he almost never played college basketball.

After being declared academically ineligible as a senior, Jones quit high school altogether. Without basketball, school didn't matter. He went to work at a fast food restaurant in Nashville, Tenn.

It appeared that pickup and Midnight Basketball League games would be the extent of his playing until an AAU coach spotted him and called Northeast Mississippi Community College. Jones was offered a scholarship, passed his high school equivalency exam and averaged about 26 points and 12 rebounds a game over two seasons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with personal involvements this year, and you'll come out way ahead. As you touch base with your values and desires, you will make clutch decisions more easily. Your imagination knows no limits, and your career blooms as a result. If you are single, romance could be enticing and exciting. A responsibility comes with it; don't be naive. If attached, there are some romantic, toasty and fiery moments. LEO is hot.

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) You might be feeling that much of the uproar of recent days is settling down, yet events later in the day may force you to question this conclusion. Use your limitless creativity to seek out solutions. Count on the unusual working in your favor. Tonight: Start Friday early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Communications are active, and finally you can understand where another is coming from. Inner understanding breeds a more relaxed and less controlling attitude. Make an effort to mend a fence. You open doors because of your positive attitude. Tonight: Hang at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Review your finances with an eye to long-term benefits. A friend surprises you with wonderful news. You are closer to fulfilling a goal than you realize. Let your energy flow. Postpone phone calls until late afternoon, when you will enjoy socializing more. Tonight: Go for the spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Beam in on what you want. Others are responsive to your requests and desires. You need to remain confident in all situations. Flow with change, and remain optimistic. A boss is much more in the mood to say "yes." The timing is now. Tonight: Don't spend money before it arrives.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Share good news. You are excited; however, evaluate before you say anything. There is much to be gained by mimicking a claim. You might still be in the information gathering process. Be sensitive with a friend who needs attention. Tonight: Don't be startled by a friend's reaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Friends pitch in and help you when you need them most. A quick assessment of a financial

partnership brings positive news. Make time for a discussion with a partner whose support is instrumental for what you are planning. Remember to follow through. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be more in touch with your goals when handling a career matter. Now you are finally able to make key changes. Your communications are important to a partner, though the discussion could be lively. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. Tonight: Go for fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out for others, and use your inquisitive nature to gather the information you need. By remaining confident about assets, you can — and will — move in new directions. Listen carefully to your instincts. Much is happening quickly. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) One-to-one relating is highlighted. You see events differently because of how you deal. The unexpected occurs with your schedule. Be sure of yourself when talking with a family member, and remember, laughter works in an amazing way. Tonight: Run errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be more in touch with what others think. Taking their feelings into consideration makes a big difference in the outcome. Remain optimistic and positive. One-to-one relating is highlighted, and you become a lot closer as a result. Tonight: Make plans to snuggle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Creativity surges, and work benefits. You will be amazed at what you can accomplish. High energy, focus and working with a group of people mix in an unusual way. Listen to your sixth sense regarding a child. Your innovative style opens new doors. Tonight: Have fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your playful side comes out. Decide which way to go. Listen carefully to questions from a co-worker; your answers may give you sudden insights. Your magical insight makes a difference in the way you relate to a friend or loved one. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

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Woman proud to be old doesn't long for her youth

DEAR ABBY: I am now joining the ranks of those who have read your column for years, but have never written until now.

As a 65-year-old woman, I was appalled with the piece you printed on the glories of youth. According to you, everything that is positive is equated with being young: vigor, self-confidence, hope, courage and beauty. But everything negative is equated with being old, such as fear, pessimism, cynicism and hopelessness.

Abby, have you any idea how ageist this is? It makes being old abhorrent and depressing. When I proudly tell people that I am 65, they say, "Oh, you don't look that old," as though they were paying me a compliment. In reality, it is an insult. What is a 65-year-old woman supposed to look like?

I am no longer young and have no desire to pass as "young." At my age, I am more creative, have more self-confidence, hope and spirituality than at any other time in my life.

Abby, we have learned a lot about racism and sexism; let us now open our minds to ageism. We need to proclaim "old" as something positive. In closing, let me share a quote I saw on a button where there were many senior citizens.

"Youth is a gift of nature; age

is a work of art." —JOAN CATLOVER, GULFPORT, FLA.

DEAR JOAN CATLOVER: Your philosophical attitude is admirable and well worth remembering. Thank you for writing; I'm saving your letter for encouragement in my old age.

DEAR ABBY: My live-in boyfriend of eight years has recently begun a pen pal correspondence (via computer and actual mail) with three young females in various parts of the country. He says this shouldn't upset me because he just wants to be "friends" with these women, but I notice he writes only to women and tries to make his letters as charming and witty as possible. (He has never mentioned me.) There is also the possibility that he could secretly meet with one of these women who happens to live fairly close.

I call it "selling" himself, but he denies it. Nevertheless, these sound very much like the letters he used to send me during our courtship.

I am angry because I think this is inappropriate for someone who has a commitment to someone else. It is starting to hurt our relationship. What do you think? — CONFUSED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR CONFUSED: If, after eight years of living together, your boyfriend is seeking female pen pals to charm, I would question his degree of commitment, as well as his level of honesty. Trust your instincts. I suspect they are correct.

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LEFT IN Coronado Hill!! Very competitive pricing!! Don't be fooled by others misleading ads. Know your true bottom loan & payment up front.
Call Key Homes Inc.
1-915-820-9848

Houses for Sale 513
4716 CENTRAL: 3-bedroom, 2-bath, car garage, central heat/air, fireplace, fenced yard, across school. \$700/monthly. \$350/deposit. Credit check required. Call 915-520-9848/Midland.

Lots For Sale 515
Restricted suburban lots for sale 2 acres and up. Thompson Homes, plans available. Ralim Road & Wildlife Road 6 acres fenced. 262-4548, 270-0590.

Mobile Homes 517
1991 SCHULT 18x80 LOADED!!! Low monthly payment and down payment. Call NATIONWIDE ODESSA (800)215-4665 OR 550-4663.

1995 CLOSEOUT!!! Only 3 homes left. Take advantage of huge discounts up to \$5,000. Call NATIONWIDE ODESSA (800)215-4665 OR 550-4663.

1996 3 bedroom 2 bath, vaulted ceilings, storm windows, with mini-blinds. Hardwood siding, tackless, stain resistant carpet. \$165,000 monthly, 6.75% V.A.R. A.P.R. 360 months. \$1098.00 down. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

21 Home in America! 1996 Fleetwood Doublewide 3 bedroom 23 bath. Priced at \$28,900!! Only \$206.00 monthly. \$1450.00 down, 6.25% V.A.R. A.P.R. 360 months. 5 year warranty, garden tub, storm windows, and tackless carpet. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

\$25,995. Full price, buys a new 1996 3 bedroom, 2 bath; 16 wide, includes refrigerator air, delivered and set-up, with skirting installed. Only \$1300 down and only \$224. per month for 300 months at 9.99% APR. Call NATIONWIDE 915-520-5850 or 800-456-8944.

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1-800-725-0881
GUARANTEED FINANCING on new and used manufactured homes. Equity purchase program. Call for details. NATIONWIDE 800-456-8944 or 915-520-5850.

Mobile Homes 517
FIXER UPPER! \$2000. 2-bedroom, 1-bath. Great opportunity for the handy man!! U.S.A. Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 1-800-520-2177, 520-2177.

HUGE 16x80 3 bedroom 2 bath with storm windows, mini-blinds and curtains. Lots of closet space. \$202.00 monthly. \$1348.00 down, 8.75% V.A.R. A.P.R. 360 months. Homes of America, Odessa, Tx. 1-915-363-0881 or 1-800-725-0881.

IT'S HERE!! 1996 Doublewide 3 bedroom, 2 bath, only \$29,900 delivered and setup. Come in and view this FANTASTIC BUY Hardboard siding, shingle roof. Super nice home. Call NATIONWIDE ODESSA (800)215-4665 OR 550-4663.

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RENTALS

Business Buildings 520
RETAIL STORE for lease, approximately 3000 sq.ft. located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-6514. Owner/Broker.

Furnished Apts. 521
\$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer, 263-7811.

FOR RENT: Duplex apartment, nice, clean, furnished, 1 bedroom. \$250/month plus deposit. No pets. Water paid. Call 267-5420.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-8944-263-2341.

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1-2-3 Bedroom
Refrigerated Air,
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Adjacent to
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PARK VILLAGE
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1,2, & 3 BEDROOMS
NON-SMOKING APARTMENTS AVAILABLE
ALL BILLS PAID
1425 E. 6TH
263-6319

Furnished Apts. 521

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Storage Rentals 531

Shop/Storage buildings up to 40% off. Call 563-1807.

Unfurnished Apts. 532

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1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
Store-Refrigerator Furnished
Most Utilities Paid
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TWIN TOWER APARTMENTS
3304 W. Hwy 80
264-0787
EHO

Unfurnished Houses 533

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. 1102 Sycamore. 267-3841 or 556-4022.

2506 Central: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet, refrigerated air.

110 E. 15th: Clean, 2 bedroom, refrigerated air, garage, fenced yard. 263-3350.

BRICK: 3-bedroom, 1-bath, carpet, central air, fence, new carpet. \$315/monthly. No pet! Credit report required. C/21-McDonald. 263-7615.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. Carpet, small clean house. Nice neighborhood. No Pets. \$425. 267-2070.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. 1602 E. 5th. 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, central air/heat, recently remodeled. \$575/month. \$300/deposit. 702 W. 18th. Call 267-7449.

3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. 4001 Dixon. 267-3841 or 556-4022.

3-BEDROOM, 1-BATH. Fenced yard, central heat/air. \$450./monthly plus deposit. 267-2296.

FOR RENT: Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$375/month plus \$300/deposit. Lease & references required. Caldwell Banker 267-3613.
HOUSES FOR RENT: Stove & refrigerator furnished. 1-new windows & carpet. Call 263-4410.
Remodeled 1 bedroom country cottage on acreage. Tract on N. Birdwell. 72 Elm trees in your backyard. \$295 month. 1-800-460-0769.
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Diet & Health 631

LOSE 60lbs in 90 DAYS and at the same time create a \$10,000 a month income. More information call 1-800-483-6307 and see for Real.

WEDNESDAY

MAR. 27

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6 PM	News Wh. Fortune	Smoking Gun Imp.	C. Sanders: Science Guy	Walters (502973)	News (1282) Ent Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (9602) Seinfeld	Home Videos Home Videos	Lazos de Amor (51331)	Faerie Tale Theatre	Dukes of Hazzard	Movie: M*A*S*H (249992)	(249992)	-	Light of the Southwest (320331)	Equalizer (320331)	Invention Movie Magic	In the Heat of the Night	Shung Skung	(166621) Sportscenter	(492485) Trailers	Sanford Benson
7 PM	Ellen: Faculty	Party of Five (CC) (17506)	Live From Lincoln	Highway to Heaven	Dave's World Nanny	Ellen: Faculty	Grace Under Buddies (93602)	NBA Basketball '96	Marsol Alcapulco	Neverending Story II Next	The Road (914640)	(534553)	Movie: A Simple Twist of Fate (CC) (1520404)	Movie: Blackout (CC) (500640)	(536824) Biography: Crelio Dollar (522602)	Biography: American Justice	Wild Discovery	Movie: Around the World in 80 Days	Sportstalk NBA Basketball	Performers Sportscenter	Movie: Wild River (CC)	Roc Comview
8 PM	Grace Under Buddies	-	Center (206027)	Rescue 911	Movie: My Very Best Friend (CC) (179008)	Grace Under Buddies	Grace Under Buddies (88850)	Yolk Knicks at San An	El Premio Mayor	Chapter Darby O'Gill	Prime Time Country (946469)	Movie: Malice (CC) (4908005)	Fate (CC) (1520404)	Movie: Precious Van Impe (CC) (500640)	(536824) Biography: Crelio Dollar (522602)	American Justice	Invention Next Step	World in 80 Days	ball: Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks	Men's Final 4 March Madness	Movie: Wild River (CC)	Roc Comview
9 PM	Primetime Live	Land & End (CC) (19242)	-	700 Club (172756)	Friend (CC) (79008)	Primetime Live	Law & Order (CC) (12114)	Idolo Spurs Atlanta Braves	Fuera Lette Lorde	and the Little Prince	Club Dance (946469)	(4908005)	(850) Mixed Nuts (CC) (5045338)	Dream On Tracy Takes	Praise the Lord (23909)	20th Century (551114)	Invention Next Step	World in 80 Days	ball: Houston Rockets at Dallas Mavericks	Men's Final 4 March Madness	Movie: Wild River (CC)	Roc Comview
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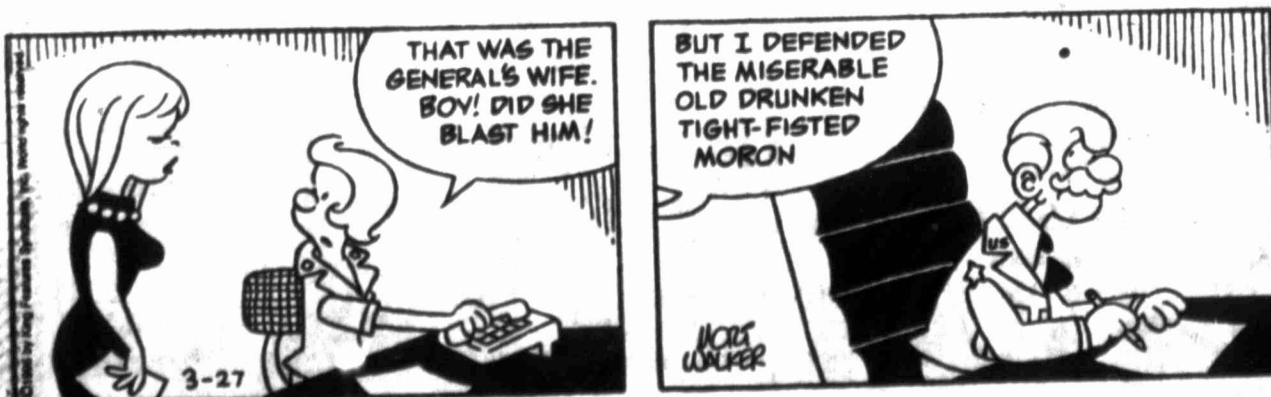
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THIS DATE
IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 27, the 87th day of 1996. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.

On this date:
In 1512, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.
In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I.

THE Daily Crossword by Diane C. Baldwin

ACROSS

- 1 Move quickly
- 5 Carbonated cooler
- 9 Fall bloom
- 14 Vein of mineral ore
- 15 Misstep
- 16 Shock
- 17 Shoots a hole-in-one
- 18 Out of the wind
- 19 Soccer scores
- 20 Slow down!
- 23 Pig corral
- 24 Museum display
- 25 Knight's tunic
- 29 Agile
- 31 Fall behind
- 34 Bouquet
- 35 Female rabbits
- 36 Links warning
- 37 Be patient!
- 40 All — (attentive)
- 41 Pub game
- 42 Reach effectively
- 43 Draft org. once
- 44 In a lazy way
- 45 Changes
- 46 Sun
- 47 In the past
- 48 Wait a minute!
- 56 Vietnamese city
- 57 Cruising
- 58 Swearing-in words
- 59 Lustrous surface
- 60 Places
- 61 Glee club voice
- 62 Demi follower
- 63 Allowance for waste
- 64 Requirement

DOWN

- 1 Blemish
- 2 Ness, for one
- 3 Brainstorm
- 4 Assay
- 5 Kept back
- 6 Synthetic fabric
- 7 Prie — (kneeler)
- 8 Mimic
- 9 Omen
- 10 Game fellow
- 11 Russian despot
- 12 Evasive
- 13 Privileges: abbr.
- 21 Mist
- 22 Stern
- 25 Accepts
- 26 Zones
- 27 Dutch colonists
- 28 Elec. units
- 29 Rueful
- 30 Annoying chap
- 31 Ms. Lenya
- 32 In a tumult
- 33 Fellows
- 35 Double
- 36 Lose sleep over
- 38 In a strange way
- 39 Shelter for
- 40 Nanook
- 44 Antiseptic
- 45 Struck by shock
- 46 Gin fruit
- 47 Mountain crest
- 48 Laughter sounds
- 49 Wallet bills
- 50 Kiln for drying hops
- 51 Addict
- 52 Horse hue
- 53 Auction
- 54 Major ending
- 55 Fitted by a farrier
- 56 Pre. before DDE

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:

HELPER ISLES LAHR
ODOR OPART IDEA
AIRE DICKENBERG
REDSKINS EARNES
ASTUTE TREASURE
SCARE GEAR SAM
CARE VIALS CURB
APO ISMS THREE
PATRIOTS FRAYED
ELLS GOERAS
SADIE FOTIEGRAS
BUCCANEERS EACH
ALMA COAST RITA
SKEP ESTES SNAG

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, at Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1884, the first long-distance telephone call was made, between Boston and New York.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1945, during World War II, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower told reporters in Paris that German defenses on the Western Front had been broken.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the Earth, died in a plane crash.

In 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

In 1979, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 8-to-1, that police could not stop motorists at random to check licenses and registrations unless there was reason to believe a law had been broken.

Today's Birthdays: Lord Callaghan, former British prime minister, is 84. Former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance is 79. Newspaper columnist Anthony Lewis is 69. Dance company director Arthur Mitchell is 62. Actor Michael York is 54.

Thought for Today: "Men travel faster now, but I do not know if they go to better things." — Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).

RITZ
Child 12 401 S. Main 253-7480 Adult 14
BED OF ROSES PG
7:10-9:20
Kelsey Grammar in
DOWN PERISCOPE PG-13
Robin Williams in
THE BIRD CAGE R
9:30-11:10
"HELL RAISER IV BLOODLINE R
All shows before 6 pm
Tuesday Night all Shows 12

CINEMARK THEATRES
MOVIES 1
BIG SPRING 263-2479
8:20 shows starting before 6 pm
11:40 shows after 6 pm
MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS (PG)
4:00-7:00
HOMEBOUND 2 (G)
4:30-7:20
SENSE & SENSIBILITY (PG)
4:10-7:05
EXECUTIVE DECISION (R)
4:20-7:10
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TOO LATES

Too Late To Classify 001

1994 KAWASAKI X-2 Jet Ski without trailer. Minimal use, \$4,000. 267-4081.

FOR RENT: 1 bedroom efficiency, 707 E. 2nd. \$100/deposit, \$150/month. 263-5808.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom 2 bath, garage, refrigerator, air. 3219 11th. \$150/deposit, \$475/month. 263-5808.

FOR RENT: 3 bedroom 1 bath, carpet, refrigerator, air. 1808 Benton. \$150/deposit, \$450/month. 263-5808.

FOR RENT: Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath. \$375/month plus \$300/deposit. Lease & references required. Caldwell Barker 267-3613.

WANTED!! For Snow White Laundry. Route delivery person based in Big Spring. Must have clear driving record and desire to increase income. Apply in person, 303 S. Terrell, Midland, Texas 79701. EOE.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: 1-year old female Lhasa Apso mix. Inside dog. Very affectionate, excellent temperament. 267-3940.

VEHICLES

Autos for Sale 016

1992 SHO 4-door, loaded \$9375.00, 1991 Capri Convertible, low miles \$6750.00, 1985 Z-28. \$1350.00. 267-6504.

1993 CAMRY, low mileage, great shape. 1994 T-bird, looks good, runs good. Local owner. 263-0606.

1994 White Cougar XR7 V-6, low mileage. Call 267-2221.

FOR SALE: 1986 Ford Escort. Runs & drives good. Legal \$1100 OBO. 268-9079.

Great mileage, 1990 Geo Metro, 5 speed, air, new tires, very good condition. 267-7495.

I have too many cars!

Nice 1989 Lincoln Town Car. New tires, new transmission, body in good shape. \$4500 OBO. Call 267-3100 day or 264-9157 night.

Phillips Petroleum is soliciting bids on various vehicles & equipment. To be sold "as is" where is. March 28-29. Located at 8866 NW Loop 338, Odessa. Call Bonnie at (915) 368-2920 ill 3-28-96.

Boats 020

14FT. ALUMINUM LONESTAR 25HP Johnson, Hummingbird fish finder, till trailer. Can be seen at 2706 Crestline, Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursdays 10:00am-6:00pm, Sunday, All day.

Motorcycles 024

1990 KAWASAKI NINJA 500cc Motorcycle. Excellent condition. 4000 miles. \$2500. Call 267-3984/day, 263-4640/night.

Pickups 027

1985 FORD F-250 Supercab, 4x4, 6.9 diesel. 394-4214 day, 573-8230 night.

1993 CHEVROLET SPORTSIDE Pickup V-6, White, Singlecab, Auto, Air, Tilt/Cruise, AM/FM/Cassette. \$11,500. 263-8504 after 4:30pm.

Recreational Veh. 028

URGENT SALE! 1995 32ft Travel Trailer. Bn slide, self contained, washer/dryer, air. \$16,000. Call 1-915-684-7427.

Travel Trailers 030

1976 DODGE ELORADO Motorhome. Good condition, \$2995.00 OBO. Must sell due to illness. 1302 Tucson.

1978 MOTORHOME 26ft. Winnebago Chieftan, Dodge 440, Onan 6K. Whp-in RV Park. 393-5242.

1979-460-FORD Coachman Motorhome. 22ft, sleeps 608. Extended back bumper w/built-in storage & bar-b-q. \$6,000. 263-8504 after 4:30pm.

24ft. Holiday Rambler, remodeled inside, asking \$4000. Call 267-3474.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

B'Dazzles

1307-B Gregg
Saturday, March 30th
10:00am-4:00pm
"Come & See"
The Jewelry With A Lifetime Guarantee!
Lady Remington

EVERYONE IS INVITED to a reception March 30th starting at 5:00pm. Days Inn Hospitality room to help Carolyn Yeager and Ron Cooney celebrate their wedding. Gifts are no requirement. Bring yourself and lets celebrate!

Business Opp. 050

\$24k/year Tanning Bed income equipped with 2 operator beauty shop plus 3 bedroom living quarters. 1-915-235-8361.

Earn serious \$\$\$ Grow rich with prepaid phone cards. \$2500 a/wk potential. 800-840-3826.

Local Vending route. \$2500.00 a/wk potential. Will sell cheap. 800-493-9363.

MAKE APPROX \$200/DAY!

NO INVESTMENT REQUIRED.
Need School, Church, Athletic, Civic Group, or Individuals to operate a family fireworks center 06/24-07/07. Call: 1-800-442-7711.

PAY PHONE ROUTE

35 Local & Established Sites. Earn up to \$1500 weekly. 1-800-696-4980.

Education 055

NOTICE

Trainees Needed
Aviation Mechanics
Aviation Electronics
Quality Control Techs
Commercial Pilots

Must be willing to relocate temporarily to Tulsa, OK, during training. Financial aid available for those who qualify. Plus housing & job placement assistance during and after training. For your interview date & time. Call: 1-800-331-1204 ext. 625. We have more aircraft mechanics/electronics jobs than we have graduates. Now accepting applications for April. Spartan School of Aeronautics.

Instruction 060

ACT Truck Driving School
1-800-282-6656
275 CR 287, Merkt, TX 79636

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FOR YOURSELF READ

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

\$1,000 Weekly Stuffing Envelopes. Free Info. Send Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to: Dito Dept. 16, 3208-C East Colonial Drive No. 312, Orlando, Florida 32803.

Automatic transmission rebuilders needed. Must have experience & good management skills. Generous salary DOE plus percentage of gross business. 1-915-672-9894 or 1-915-698-7696 Abilene, Tx.

BEST HOME CARE, INC. has a clerk position open. Must have computer experience and type 50wpm. Medical terminology helpful. Apply at 1710 Marcy Drive.

CALL Today, START Tomorrow!
\$1,000 Sign-on Bonus. Hiring flatbed drivers. All miles paid (new scale). Life/Health, Rider/Bonus Program. ECK-Miller 800-611-6636. Owner Operators also welcomed!

COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER-3200 Parkway, LVN, 2-10 shift fulltime, excellent pay and benefits. Apply in person or fax resume to 263-4067 EOE.

DIRECTOR: Child Care Center. Salary \$20-30K. Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree with Child Development. Send resume to Box 2001/1431, Big Spring, TX 79721.

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SIGN-ON BONUS

Steere Tank Lines is now interviewing for qualified drivers. Steere Tank Lines requires 12 months verifiable tractor trailer experience, CDL license with Haz-Mat & Tanker endorsements. Must be 21 years of age, pass DOT physical and drug test. Company offers 401K, life, health and dental plans, driver retention and safety incentives.

Call 263-7656
Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER for 99-bed JCAHO accredited hospital. Food Service Supervisor Certificate required. Dietary Manager Certificate preferred. Advanced education may be substituted for certification. One year of supervisory experience in hospital food service and patient interaction experience preferred. Knowledge of JCAHO standards as they relate to patient care a plus. EOE. Contact Barbara Parker, Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, TX 79549, 915-574-7282 or Fax 915-573-9667.

FRIENDS CONVENIENCE STORE
Now accepting applications for various shifts. Former applicants need not apply. Security backgrounds check. Applicants will be called for interviews.

GAS PLANT OPERATOR

Growing company seeking experienced operator. Must have High School Diploma, minimum of 5 years operations experience, instrumental electrical helpful. Qualified persons should send resume to: BOX 1001/1431, Big Spring, Texas. 79721.

HAIR DRESSER NEEDED to rent station, equipment furnished. Must furnish own supplies. Should have some following for this excellent opportunity in a new business w/ smoke free environment. Call Marae at 267-1353.

HELP WANTED: Part-time & Full-time Drivers. \$5.00/hr plus mileage. Good driving record and insurance a must. Apply in person Domino's Pizza 2202 Gregg.

POSITION IN ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT. Experience needed. Excellent benefits and pay. Apply Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:30pm. Hughes Rental & Sales, 1611 S. Gregg.

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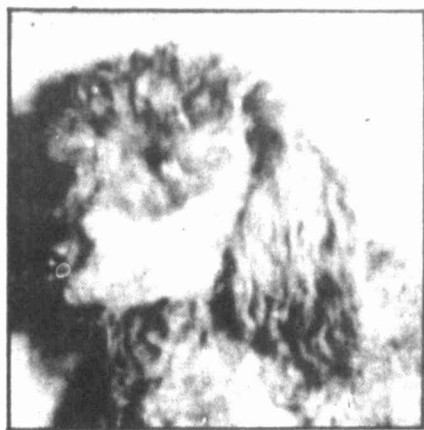
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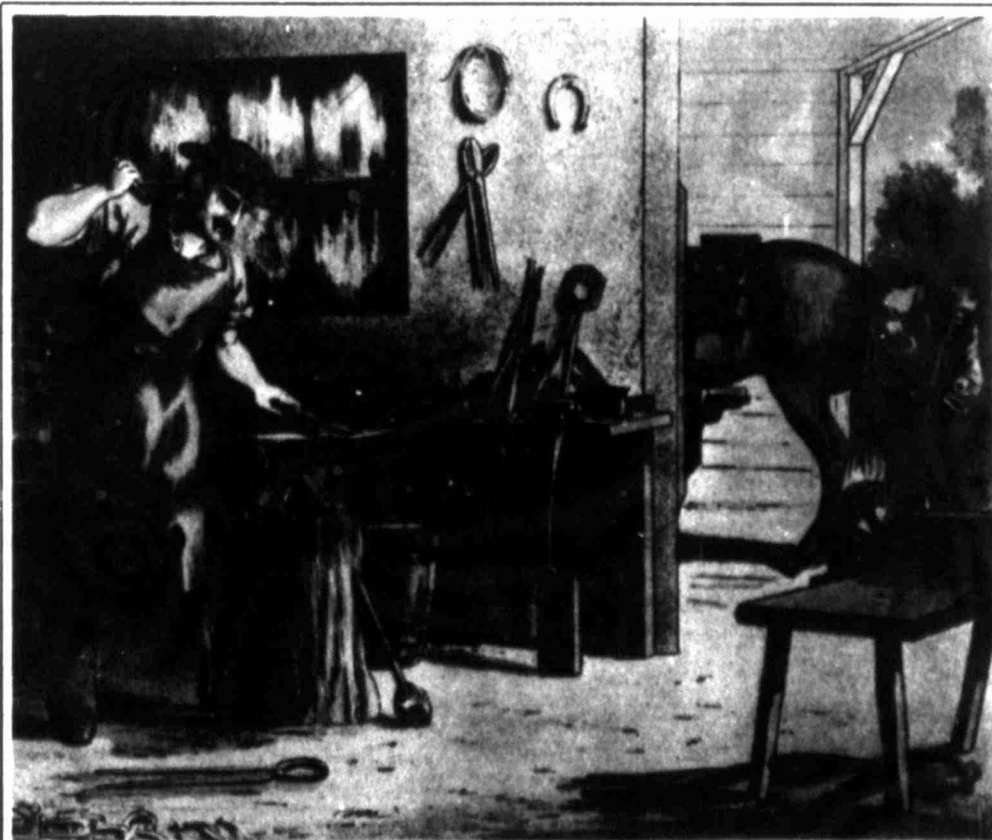
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Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church are also welcomed.

Recipe corner information

We are currently seeking input from our readers to begin a recipe page to run on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in April.

The recipes can be ones you created or ones passed down from generation to generation.

If you have any recipes you would like to see published,

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