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Spelling bee books are ready to be picked up

Practice books for the Howard County Spelling Bee have now arrived and can be picked up at the *Big Spring Herald*.

Each of the elementary and junior high schools will be provided with 10 of the practice books and several of those schools have ordered an additional number.

The Howard County Spelling Bee has been scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27, in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

The Howard County winner will advance to the regional spelling bee in Lubbock in hopes of advancing through eliminations to the Scrips Howard National Spelling Bee set for May 30-31 in Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S UP...

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith at 267-6479.

□ Christmas in April board of directors meets at noon in the bingo building, 1607 E. Third.

□ Friends of the Library meet at noon in the Howard County Library.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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It's time to begin signing up donors for annual MS Walk

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

It's time again to start walking — well, thinking about it, anyway.

The annual MS Walk in Big Spring will be held April 7, and organizers are getting the word out now that walkers can make



TOMPKINS

a difference in the lives of those with the disease multiple sclerosis.

"We usually have a pretty good turnout and we're hoping for an even better one this year," said Troy Tompkins, local walk coordinator. "We're trying to encourage as many individuals and teams as possible to participate."

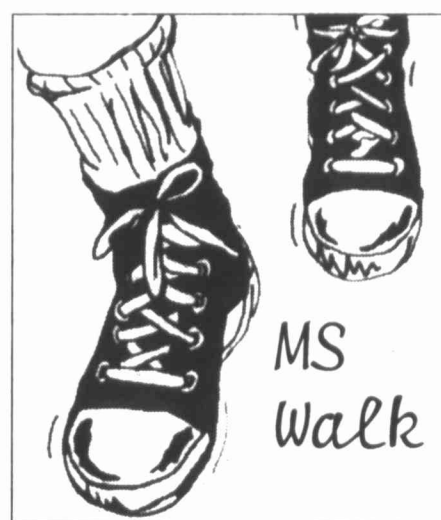
Those who join in the walk collect pledges from friends, groups and businesses that promise to sponsor them. The money collected supports education,

advocacy, research and local programs that enhance the quality of life for people with MS and their families, Tompkins said.

The date has been changed somewhat this year to avoid conflicts with other events.

"Last year there were literally a half dozen other events going on at the same time, so we decided to move it to give more people an opportunity to participate," Tompkins said.

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Registration forms for the April 7 MS Walk in Big Spring are inserted in today's issue of the *Herald*. The annual event raises funds for education, research and local programs to fight multiple sclerosis and assist those who have the disease.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Ron Long, orthopedic technician, and Audrey Lucas, licensed vocational nurse, practice cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a mannequin. The American Heart Association has restructured its CPR training course and has announced new guidelines.

Heart association restructures CPR training to specific groups

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

In an attempt to reach more of the public, the American Heart Association has restructured its cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to specialized towards target audiences.

Instead of one CPR class,

the AHA will offer seven different classes designed for specific groups, said Katricia Carson of the AHA.

"For some non-medical people, the old class gave way to much information," Carson said.

Included in the changes, CPR instructors will teach the classes in three steps, first showing a video on the

subject then giving step-by-step instructions, followed by hands on practice.

"The more you see, hear and practice the more you retain," Carson said.

According to Carson, everyone who will undergo recertification for CPR this year will need to go through this instruction.

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City council

May 5 election called; McEwen to run again, Smoot hasn't decided

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Mayor Russ McEwen plans to run for office again; Councilwoman Joann Smoot isn't sure but probably will.

That was the report following Tuesday's meeting of Big Spring City Council, in which the call for a regular election was authorized but one for a charter election wasn't.

The mayor's post — filled for 12 months in an election won by McEwen last year — will be up for a vote again on May 5, as will Smoot's District 5 seat.

"I do plan on running again," McEwen said after the meeting.

"I'm not totally decided, but I don't see a reason not to," said Smoot. "It has been a good learning experience, and really, it takes three years just to understand it all."

Two of McEwen's mayoral opponents last year, councilmen Gregg Biddison and Oscar Garcia, both said they have no plans at this time to seek the mayor's post again. Each was re-elected a year ago to three-year council terms.

There is plenty of time for



McEWEN

SMOOT

changing of minds and other citizens to ponder seeking office. Candidate filing for the election doesn't begin until Feb. 19 and runs through March 21.

Council members struck down another proposed election on the agenda — one that would have amended the city's charter to call for four-year terms of office instead of three. Though the subject had been bantered around in a workshop on Monday, the council unanimously rejected it on Tuesday.

An effort to demolish the aging Howard House in downtown Big Spring got an extra push when Cornell Corrections donated \$12,500 to the project on Tuesday. Actually, the donation was for the downtown beautification project, but is expected to be used for the old house.

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Chamber banquet tickets almost sold out, Davis reports

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

There is still time to purchase tickets for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday, but not much.

"We have had an excellent response," said Terri



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Davis, chamber executive director. "We are close to selling out."

The chamber will continue to sell tickets until Thursday at 4 p.m. or until they are sold out, Davis said. The banquet gets underway at 7 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets will be available at the door that night, if there are any left.

Tickets are available at the chamber office and are \$20 each, or businesses can buy a table for \$200.

"We have an exciting event planned," Davis said.

Highlighting the annual dinner will be the announcement of Man and Woman of the Year.

Six committee members made the decision, using input from the community. The honorees will remain secret until the banquet.

Guest speaker for the event will be Mac Bledsoe, a motivational speaker who spoke at Howard College last year, Davis said.

"Those who heard him

BANQUET

What: Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet
When: 7 p.m. Thursday
Where: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum
Tickets: \$20 each, available at the chamber office

said he was awesome," she said. "We are very pleased that he can come back to

Big Spring for our banquet." Many of those who heard Bledsoe, who is founder of the Drew Bledsoe Foundation and father of the professional football player that bears the organization's name, said he was the best speaker they had ever heard, Davis said.

"The guest speaker is very motivational and uplifting," Davis said. "He is aware of the problems we have had recently in the community."

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Blood drives today, Monday in our area

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

United Blood Services (UBS) is once again making a plea for blood donors to come out and support a couple of area blood drives.

Coahoma is holding a blood drive today from 4 until 8 p.m. Forsan will be holding a blood drive on Monday in the school auditorium from 1 until 5 p.m.

The contact person for the Coahoma blood drive is Russ Mullins at 394-4277. At Forsan, Joyce Hamlin is the contact person for Forsan and can be reached at 457-2223 in order to schedule an appointment.

According to Johnna Pevey, community relations representative with UBS, donors are needed.

"The folks in Coahoma and Forsan are truly committed to the cause of saving lives," said Pevey. "The continued dedication of these communities helps to keep United Blood Services ready when the call for blood and blood products comes. We truly appreciate what they continue to do each time we have a blood drive."

UBS is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, UBS must collect more than 300 units of blood each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days.

In order to give blood, individuals must be at least 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in

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HERALD photo/Andreas Modlin
Ground work continues at the site of the Advanced Auto Parts store, located at the corner of Gregg and Seventh Street. Construction has been delayed due to weather but the steel framework is expected to be up by Monday.

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OBITUARIES

Larry Danelle
"Fats" Williams

Funeral service for Larry Danelle Williams, 58, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at the First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Mr. Williams died Tuesday, Jan. 23, in a local hospital.

He was born on Aug. 19, 1942, in Big Spring, and married Glenda Grove on July 12, 1963, in Mexico. He was employed as a fireman for the Big Spring Fire Department for 35 years and retired Jan. 1, 2000. He was a member and Past Master of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M. He was president of the Indian Run Muzzleloaders Association.

Survivors include: his wife, Glenda Williams of Big Spring; four sons, Larry Williams of Big Spring, Mac Williams of Gainesville, Donnie Moore of Hobbs, N.M., and Tommy Moore of Big Spring; one daughter, Nelda Gerstenberger of Big Spring; one brother, Kenny Williams of Big Spring; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Scottish Rite Hospital, 2222 Welborn, Dallas 75219.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

Donald Larry
"Buck" Jones

Donald Larry "Buck" Jones, of Sundown, went to be with the Lord on Dec. 31, 2000, in a local hospital. Services were 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2001, at the First Baptist Church in Sundown. Burial followed in Sundown Cemetery.

He was born April 19, 1926, in Knott, C.O. and Pearl Jones. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Knott. Mr. Jones owned J&H Casing Crews and had worked most of his life in

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Julian Ross Cansino died Saturday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, January 25, 2001 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Larry Danelle "Fats" Williams, 58, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Alfred Kirby "Blackie" Blackwell, 72, died Monday. Services will be 4:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

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Survivors include: his wife, Melba Jones of Sundown; seven sons, Jimmy Jones of Big Lake, Richard "Dicky" Jones of Midland, Gary Jones of Levelland, Ronnie Jones and Billy Jones both of Lubbock, Sammy Jones of Abilene and Bobby Jones of Del Rio; three daughters, Martha Jane Humphreys of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Susie Johnson of Hobbs, N.M., and Terri Close of Rowlett; one brother, Billy Ray Jones of Dallas; three sisters, Doris Monteaux of Dallas, Geneva Howell of Coahoma and Melba June Cody of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; 17 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

There are twins in every generation in the Jones family, including twins born of Bobby Jones and wife.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.O. and Pearl Jones and two brothers, C.N. Jones Jr. and Johnny Warren Jones.

Buck will be missed by all his family very much. He was very much a family man and his children loved him very much, as did his grandchildren. He always found time for his large family.

Services were under the direction of George C. Price Funeral Directors in Levelland.

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Julian Ross
Cansino

Funeral service for Julian Ross Cansino, infant son of John and Elaine Cansino, of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001, at the Immaculate

Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He died Saturday, Jan. 20, in a local hospital.

Survivors include: his parents, John and Elaine Cansino; one sister, Olivia Miranda Cansino; grandparents, Elida and Lupe Sepeda and Maria and Ponciano Cansino, all of Big Spring.

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

Alfred Kirby
Blackwell

Alfred Kirby "Blackie" Blackwell, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 22, 2001, in a Dallas hospital at the age of 72 years, 11 months and 15 days. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, at the Nalley Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1928, in Big Spring and married Loretta Keller on June 9, 1983, in Odessa.

Mr. Blackwell spent 20 years in the service of our country. He served in South America, Japan, the Philippines, Korea and numerous other places. He retired as a sergeant with the United States Air Force. He had many friends in many states and countries. He was a country western and gospel singer. To some in the music business he was known as "Blackie." To friends in other places he was called Reverend or Brother.

He was a Southern

Baptist and was an ordained minister of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include: his loving wife, Loretta Keller Blackwell of Big Spring; an aunt, Elora Riddle of Kansas City, Mo.; three children, Dian Blackwell Eady of Bullard, Ronald Rhett Blackwell of Sherman and Richard Kirby Blackwell of Camden, S.C.; three step-children, Nancy Stout and Paula Snider, both of Odessa, and Dennis Stout of Uvalde; 12 grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred Penn Blackwell in 1956 and Rosa Lee Carroll Blackwell in 1928; his stepmother, Lola Blackwell in 1970; three brothers, Durwood, Edward and Daniel, and three sisters, Olive, Jeanette and Exxie.

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good health. Proof of identification is necessary, and donors should know the names of any medication they have taken in the last 30 days.

"Though the weather has played its part in slowing down blood donations, the need for blood still exists," said Pevey. "Please help us to be ready when the time comes."

COUNCIL

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hotel's demise, along with donations of \$7,500 from Moore Development for Big Spring and \$5,000 from Big Spring Main Street Inc.

It is expected to cost some \$25,000 to tear down the building, with city and county crews hauling away the debris.

In other business, the city accepted a bid from Westex Cellular to provide cellular phones and pagers for the city. Public Works Director Todd Darden told council members the contract would save the city \$449.82 a month. The city uses some 47 cellular phones — primarily for work in the field, Darden said. He noted that the current contract charges \$25 per phone while the new one would charge \$16.50 per phone. There is also a 20 to 30 percent increase in free minutes, he added.

The council also approved a contract with SunTrust leasing of Baltimore, Md., for lease purchase financing of \$1.7 million in capital equipment for 4.41 percent.

"This is a much better rate than we were expecting," said Tom Ferguson, city secretary. "I was figuring up to 5-1/2 percent."

Thirteen bids were received, ranging from 4.41 to 6.43 percent.

The city hopes to save some additional money by

BIG SPRING
AROUND THE TOWN

switching contractors for water testing. Big Spring is required under permit to have water samples taken twice weekly for chemical and bacterial analysis. Currently, a firm in Fort Worth tests those samples for \$35 each. Shipping of the samples amounts to another \$500 a year, Darden said.

By contracting with the city of Odessa, Big Spring can save some \$19 per sample, plus reduce its shipping charges considerably, Darden told the council.

Council members accepted the city's annual audit for 2000 as well as the audit of Moore Development for the same period. Both were described as "clean" audits, with no obvious problems.

In other business, the council:

- approved an application to the criminal justice division for a DARE grant;

- approved a grant application for the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force to the governor's office;

- granted right-of-way easement allowing Energas to extend services to the terminal at McMahon-Wrinkle Airport;

- approved legal work to transfer assignment from the city of Lubbock to a Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor coalition;
- and agreed to pay \$33,000 to "match" \$30,000 from the Texas Department of Transportation for improvements to Runway 624 at the airport.

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Also as part of the program, the chamber will recognize some past man and woman of the year recipients and some of its past presidents.

The theme is "Stars of Big Spring, Past Present and Rising."

Rising stars will include local fifth graders, who will write essays about their favorite chamber businesses and create stars to decorate Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Some of the local students will also be the chamber's guests for the dinner.

Also, last year's executive board along with this year's board members will be recognized during the event, Davis said.

For more information about the banquet, call the chamber at 263-7641.

MS WALK

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Another bonus is that the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has adopted the MS Walk as a community service project.

"They are hoping to secure more teams and sponsors," said Tompkins, who is a member of the organization.

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 5,6,6

Cash 5: 3,4,9,22,23

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. April 7 at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring. The walk will begin at 10, following a five-mile course through Comanche Trail Park, although a shorter route is available. The routes are handicapped accessible, Tompkins noted.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is the major local sponsor and serves lunch for those who participate.

Individuals and teams are invited to participate in the walk. Those who raise funds receive prizes, ranging from an MS T-shirt to a trip to Lake Tahoe.

Registration forms are inserted into today's Herald or can be obtained on the Internet at www.nationalmssociety.org

For more information, contact Tompkins at 263-0180 or contact the National MS Society at 1-800 FIGHT-MS-1.

CPR

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She encourages any CPR instructor to contact the AHA to learn more about the changes.

Non-credential CPR classes include:

- CPR for Friends and Family, a widespread community education in adult and pediatric CPR. The program last from two to four hours and examinations are not required.

- CPR in the Schools, a basic lifesaving course for middle and high schools that covers adult, infant and child techniques. Written and skills examinations are optional in the six-hour program.

Credential classes include:

- Heartsaver CPR, a six-hour basic lifesaving course for non-medical responders targeting those working in the general public such as amusement parks, day care and preschools. Written and skills examinations are required.

- Heartsaver Automated External Defibrillator (AED), a four-hour basic lifesaver course for non-medical responders using an AED. Written and skills examinations are required.

The class is targeted for police, firefighters, security guards and emergency responders in general public areas.

- Heartsaver Facts, a basic lifesaving course for non-medical responders, including first aid. The program lasts from seven to eight hours and requires written

and skill examinations. Use of the AED is taught in the course.

- Healthcare Provider, (Basic), a basic lifesaving course for healthcare providers not involved in direct patient care. The course lasts six to eight hours with written skills and examinations required. Adult and pediatric skills are taught, as is the use of the AED.

- Healthcare Provider, a basic lifesaving course for Healthcare providers responding to medical emergencies such as a doctor's receptionist. Written and skills examinations are required.

- Advanced Cardiac Life Support, a course for healthcare providers, emergency nurses, emergency doctors, paramedics and other allied healthcare professionals who respond to emergencies.

- Pediatric Advanced Life Support, a course for healthcare providers who respond to pediatric emergencies.

Carson encourages everyone to learn CPR.

"You can save someone's life by using your head, mouth and hands," she said.

For more information about the CPR training, contact Carmen Brooks, AHA Big Spring president, at 264-3600.

Infant's body
undergoing
autopsy, results
still pending

The body of a six-week old boy who died Saturday was sent on Monday to the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center for an autopsy.

According to Sgt. Roger Sweatt of the Big Spring Police Department, Elaine Cansino found her infant son, Julian Ross, unresponsive and possibly not breathing on Saturday. The family rushed Julian to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, but the boy died.

Howard County Justice of the Peace Bennie Green pronounced Julian dead at 8:30 p.m.

Sweatt said the autopsy is routine in such situations.

"It is required by state law when a person under the age of 6 passes away we send the body for an autopsy," he said.

The case will remain under investigation until cause of the child's death is determined, Sweatt said.

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Last two Texas fugitives give up after being surrounded in hotel

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Cornered in a hotel room, the last two Texas prison escapees surrendered without a fight early today, 42 days after they broke out of a maximum security unit with an arsenal of weapons.

Patrick Murphy Jr., a 39-year-old rapist, and Donald Newbury, a 38-year-old robber, walked bare chested out of the hotel room where they had been holed up after about five hours of negotiations with police and an interview with a TV station.

"They had their say by telephone and then we had them back out of the room, shirtless, hands in the air, no weapons on them," FBI agent Mark Mershon said.

The men each had a five-

minute telephone interview with Colorado Springs' KKTU before surrendering at 3:45 a.m.

Newbury told anchorman Eric Singer the Dec. 13 breakout was a statement against Texas' judicial system.

"We had a statement to make that the system is as corrupt as we are. You going to do something about us, well, do something about that system, too," Newbury said.

"What forced me to do this was the penal institution and such. The way Texas has things set up... I'd eventually become an outlaw again anyway because of parole stipulations and such."

"I hope that maybe what

we're doing here will open the eyes of people."

Newbury and Murphy were handcuffed and put into separate patrol cars that slowly rolled out of the parking lot of the Holiday Inn. They were taken to the police department and were to be transferred to the El Paso County jail, also in Colorado Springs. Their four surviving companions were held in a detention center in Teller County about 20 miles away.

"This episode is now closed and finalized," police Lt. Skip Arms said.

"I think they felt that they had some message that they wanted to convey," Arms said. "Since we showed a level of trust to them, they followed through and

showed a level of trust and did follow through on their commitment."

The arrests brought to an end a frustrating hunt — one of the largest in the Southwest's history — for the seven convicts who bluffed their way out of the prison in Kenedy, Texas, southeast of San Antonio.

Four were arrested peacefully Monday at a convenience store and at a motor home in nearby Woodland Park. A fifth killed himself in the motor home as authorities closed in.

Authorities have said the men robbed an Irving sporting goods store and killed Officer Aubrey Hawkins when he arrived.

He was shot 11 times and run over by a vehicle. That

heightened fears the men would not surrender peacefully.

"Now we can get down to business and get some changes in this lousy Texas penal system," Jayne Hawkins, the officer's mother said today. "My son will not die in vain."

The seven arrived in Colorado the last week in December, spending time in Pueblo, about 100 miles south of Denver, before renting a space for their motor home in the Coachlight Motel and RV Park in Woodland Park around Jan. 1.

"We had to drive out of the Texas snow storm that hit right at Christmas Eve in the Amarillo area and we had to drive through the

blizzard for hours and literally, Colorado was just a random pick," Murphy said during his interview.

They led the park manager and neighbors to believe they were Christian missionaries en route from Texas to California, while keeping as many as three dozen weapons, loaded and cocked, in the cramped RV.

"We joked about it often, but it really was just by downplaying ourselves and changing our hair color and such," Murphy said. "We attempted to be as friendly and neighborly as we could."

Authorities believe Murphy and Newbury split from the others last week-end because they wanted to obtain more money.

Utility surcharge proposal met with opposition

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas utility regulators are proposing a \$15 to \$20 surcharge on summertime electric bills in a move that lawmakers and consumer advocates say undermines a deregulation law.

The surcharge is designed to save utilities from California-style financial losses.

The proposal and others come under review Thursday by the Texas Public Utility Commission, or PUC.

Lawmakers and consumer advocates say the surcharge and other proposed rule

changes could undermine a rate cut promised Texas consumers when lawmakers passed deregulation in 1999.

Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, a member of the committee that drafted the original law, said Tuesday that he would press for a change in the law if the PUC adopts the surcharges. Bailey requested that the PUC delay consideration of the various rule changes for further study.

"I think we promised consumers some up-front benefits from deregulation," said Bailey. "Already, because of

the higher cost of fuel, consumers are paying more. I think it would be a disservice to the residential ratepayers if we now back-track on the rate cut."

Pat Wood III, chairman of the three-member PUC, said he would not agree to any rule that violates the rate cut — or the spirit of the deregulation law he helped draft.

The Texas law has come under increased scrutiny in recent months after California electric deregulation began bankrupting utilities and blacking out mil-

lions of customers.

The financial losses suffered by several California utilities have been blamed on a disconnect between that state's unregulated wholesale market and continued regulation of its retail market.

The current debate over the rate cut, known as Texas Price to Beat, involves similar issues.

Under the Texas deregulation law, the wholesale electric market is unregulated. Open competition in the retail electric market begins in January 2002.

Bush faces big test on sealing education deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is seeking consensus on a multibillion-dollar blueprint to help schools that fall behind. His supporters give him high marks, while skeptics of vouchers and testing say he has more homework to do.

"When I hear the word 'vouchers,' I get scared and wonder how much they're going to take away from us," said Dave Oland, a social studies teacher at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan., which has been on the path to better performance for three years. "We improved because we put the resources into it."

On Tuesday, Bush fleshed out his campaign promises of improved schools with a package of reading programs, after-school care, teacher training, student testing requirements and failing-school remedies.

Lawmakers criticize "grandfathered" plant provisions

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers on Tuesday grilled members of the state's environmental agency over a state plan that allows older industrial plants to voluntarily reduce pollution levels.

"We didn't really solve the problem, did we?" Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, asked officials with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. "The results have been very meaningless."

The TNRCC officials were at the Senate Finance Committee meeting to talk about their budget proposal when the discussion shifted to a state plan regarding the so-called grandfathered plants.

Such plants were built before the 1971 Texas Clean Air Act began requiring operating permits, and are not subject to the same environmental standards that newer plants are.

The plan, approved by lawmakers in 1999 and signed into law by then-Gov. George W. Bush, allows those plants to voluntarily sign up for a permit, which subjects them to greater scrutiny by the TNRCC. Plants that do not volunteer for the program could face new fees.

Truan's office said he voted against the bill.

Eager to get something done on education this year, Democrats quickly signed on to most of those ideas, but pronounced vouchers as a deal breaker.

Bush avoided using the term "voucher," saying the federal funds taken from schools that fail three years in a row would be diverted to other choices for students trapped in bad schools.

To woo Democrats, Bush expanded the cost of his package by an undisclosed amount of extra money to schools that fail in two con-

secutive years.

But most of the lawmakers who ultimately would vote on the plan rejected those overtures.

Rep. Bob Etheridge, D-N.C., called vouchers "dead on arrival as far as I am concerned."

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., also vowed to fight Bush on vouchers. "Private schools aren't going to take the hardest-to-teach kids," she said. "It will just be an out for the kids who can afford it."

Even if Bush returns with

another plan that limits the number of participating children, simply introducing the proposal was enough for conservatives seeking to have a White House champion.

"We must have this debate," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "The American people must hear both sides of this issue, not just the defenders of the status quo."

Texas mother arrested after children's funeral

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The mother of five children killed when a fire ripped through their trailer home was charged with five counts of child endangerment hours after leaving their funeral.

Maria Dulce Martinez, 30, was arrested Tuesday on auto theft charges after police said they feared she might try to escape across the Mexican border. Authorities later added the child endangerment counts.

"We tried to keep our distance out of respect for the children," police investigator Orlando Rodriguez said. "But we were also very aware of the threat of flight."

Martinez's arraignment was set today.

She is accused of stealing a 1990 Chevy Suburban last Tuesday, the day before the fire swept through the family's tiny trailer. Two of her seven children were not in the trailer at the time.

Martinez originally told

police that on the night of the fire she walked down the street to buy her youngest child a bottle of milk. She said the trailer was engulfed in flames when she returned.

Five children, ages 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10, were trapped inside and probably died instantly, investigators said. Two candles had been left burning in the trailer, which had no electricity or water.

Martinez later confessed to leaving the trailer with an 18-year-old companion and spending more than an hour cruising around a nearby neighborhood, looking for houses to rob, Rodriguez said.

They had stolen the Suburban the previous night to move furniture, he said. Martinez had just settled into the dilapidated trailer park with her children the afternoon the fire began.

Her 2-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son had accompanied their mother and her companion.

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OUR VIEWS

Escapees
should not
be martyrs

More than month-long nightmare came to an end early this morning with the peaceful capture of two Texas prison escapees — the last of the so-called Texas 7 — in a Colorado Springs, Colo., hotel.

The manhunt that began when the seven violent criminals escaped from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) Connally Unit on Dec. 13 and became a nationwide search when the escapees allegedly killed Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins during a robbery on Christmas Eve came to a conclusion when the remaining fugitives, Patrick Murphy Jr. and Donald Newbury, agreed to surrender after being allowed to make broadcast statements condemning the Texas judicial system and the TDCJ.

In their statements, Murphy and Newbury both complained that Texas courts are inequitable in the sentencing of convicted felons and that the TDCJ does little to rehabilitate criminals.

In fact, the two escapees' statements smacked of martyrdom. Both seemed to say they were willing to surrender without resistance if given an opportunity to lodge protests against Texas' criminal justice system, portraying themselves as peaceful and sincere individuals who've been unfairly treated by that system.

While we must all breathe a heavy sigh of relief that Murphy and Newbury surrendered without incident, we need to remember that none of the six surviving escapees — one of the seven chose to commit suicide rather than surrendering to authorities on Monday — are martyrs.

Instead, we should remember they are convicted felons who'd been housed in a maximum-security prison unit and have reportedly admitted to the murder of a police officer.

Granted, our prison system is anything but perfect — nothing is. And the American judicial system has never operated perfectly, but has been and continues to be the best in the world.

Certainly in the coming weeks and months we'll see changes made in the operations of the Texas prison system. Hopefully, they'll be for the best.

We especially hope whatever changes made by the TDCJ will mean escapes of this nature will no longer be possible.

Furthermore, we look forward to the escapees' return to Texas where they're sure to face the criminal murder charges they so richly deserve.

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Bush has some housecleaning he must do

President George W. Bush has some housecleaning to do now that he's moved into the White House, and more than the Oval Office needs a good scrubbing.

President Bush's first task should be to review the myriad executive orders that became the law of the land with a stroke of Bill Clinton's pen over the last eight years. And none deserve greater scrutiny than those ostensibly promoting civil rights.

Presidents have often used their executive authority to champion civil rights. President Roosevelt prohibited racial and religious discrimination in federal hiring, and President Truman eliminated segregation in the armed forces through executive orders. Both Presidents Kennedy and Johnson signed executive orders banning discrimination by federal contractors and urged those who do business with the federal government to take "affirmative action" to ensure nondiscrimination.

But Bill Clinton went way beyond his predecessors, signing a total of 18 civil rights executive orders alone. Some of these were noncontroversial — for example, extending protections to disabled federal workers similar to those that protect private or state employees. Others added new categories of protection — for example, prohibiting federal agencies from discriminating against anyone on the basis of his or her "status as a parent," "sexual orientation," or because of "genetic information" about an employee.

There's nothing wrong with the federal government promoting a stricter standard of tolerance than we expect of private employers, so President Bush should leave these particular orders in place. But he should draw the line when it comes to those Clinton orders that promote discrimination in the name of civil rights — as a handful certainly do — and others that are simply nonsensical.

For example, one Clinton executive order proposes to "eliminate the underrepresentation of Hispanics in the federal workforce." But if some groups are "under-represented" then others must be "over-represented." Blacks, for example, hold a

slightly larger than proportional share of government jobs, while Hispanics hold a smaller share than their percentage of the population.

Should members of one group be fired in order to get the racial and ethnic balance "right?" Of course not.

The federal government shouldn't be obsessed with proportional representation in the first place. So why not wipe this order from the books and stick to enforcing nondiscrimination on the basis of ethnic origin?

The same goes for another Clinton order, this one promoting efforts "to improve the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders through increased participation in federal programs where they may be underserved."

But who says participating in federal programs improves the quality of life? The real purpose of this executive order seems to be to gin up clients for government programs. President Bush should toss it.

A third Clinton executive order that President Bush ought to rethink is one that insists that programs receiving federal assistance must make their services available in foreign lan-

guages.

The order is so broad and ill-conceived, it's unlikely it can ever be enforced. How many of the 140 or so languages spoken by people living in the United States must these programs accommodate? Should every federally assisted program be forced to have a full time, Urdu-speaking employee on hand? As long as this order stays on the books, it creates an implicit right for every non-English-speaker to demand services in the language of his choice.

But while President Bush is eliminating some of the Clinton executive orders, he might think of penning a new civil rights order of his own.

He should begin by reiterating his opposition to discrimination of any sort, no matter what color its victims.

Then he can get back to the original notion of affirmative action: outreach and training to close the skills deficit that still exists in some minority and poor white communities. As a candidate, George W. Bush spoke of "affirmative access."

As president, he can use his executive power to direct the federal government to open up opportunities for all Americans.



LINDA CHAVEZ



The sportman's memory shop

Several people told me that I ought to go see a taxidermy place just outside Grapeland. So I did.

It's called The Sportsman's Memory Shop and is owned by two guys who have been partners for 21 years. They are Bobby Shaw and Robin "Trap" Coppedge.

The first thing I saw when I walked through the front door was a big alligator on the floor. It looked so real I thought it was alive.

"It's 12 feet, 4 inches," says Trap. "It weighed 750 pounds when we brought it in. We caught him on a hook down near Bay City. We drew on an alligator hunt and went down there and ended up catching that alligator and another nine footer."

Bobby says the word taxidermy derives from two words: taxi, meaning to move from one place to another and dermy, which means skin.

"You basically have a tanned animal skin and as you put it on a mannequin,

you've got to get everything adjusted in the right places, then glue it or staple it down to hold it while it dries so it looks real when you get through. It's really an art."

When I was there the shop had two large elk ready to ship to Midland.

"We've done work for people in Spain and Austria and Switzerland, just all over the world," says Bobby.

Their business has come a long way since they started it in Bobby's house in 1980.

"We just enjoyed going hunting together and used to have somebody else do the taxidermy work on the game we brought in. Then we got interested in it. We started skinning fish on a butcher block in my kitchen, trying to figure out how to mount them. We first opened a shop at Trap's house, then moved out here on the highway. We were serious about it. We didn't consider it just a hobby. We always wanted to be full-time, professional taxidermists."

They have built the largest and most modern taxidermy studio in East Texas. A life-size bear greets people as they pass by on Highway 287 north of Grapeland.

These two master taxider-

mists have re-created some rather amazing hunting scenes: a mountain lion attacking a deer, two hunting dogs attacking a mountain lion.

"We've mounted life-size Brahma bulls, lions and bucking horses," says Bobby. "We've even done full safaris, where a guy will spend a hundred thousand dollars in Africa hunting and bring 30 different species of animals back: leopards, lions, even elephants."

Their motto is "We Bring 'Em Back To Life."

They do antler and horned shoulder mounts, open mouth animal shoulder mounts, horns on panels and lined rugs with head and feet. They do fish, reptiles and birds. They don't do pets.

They do a big business in bleached animal skulls, from a baboon (\$150) to a warthog (\$250). Prices include mounting panels. They also tan and dress skins for both small and large game.

Bobby and Trap have won state, national and world competition awards for their work.

Their business has been so good in recent years they haven't had much time to hunt, which was the basis for their partnership.

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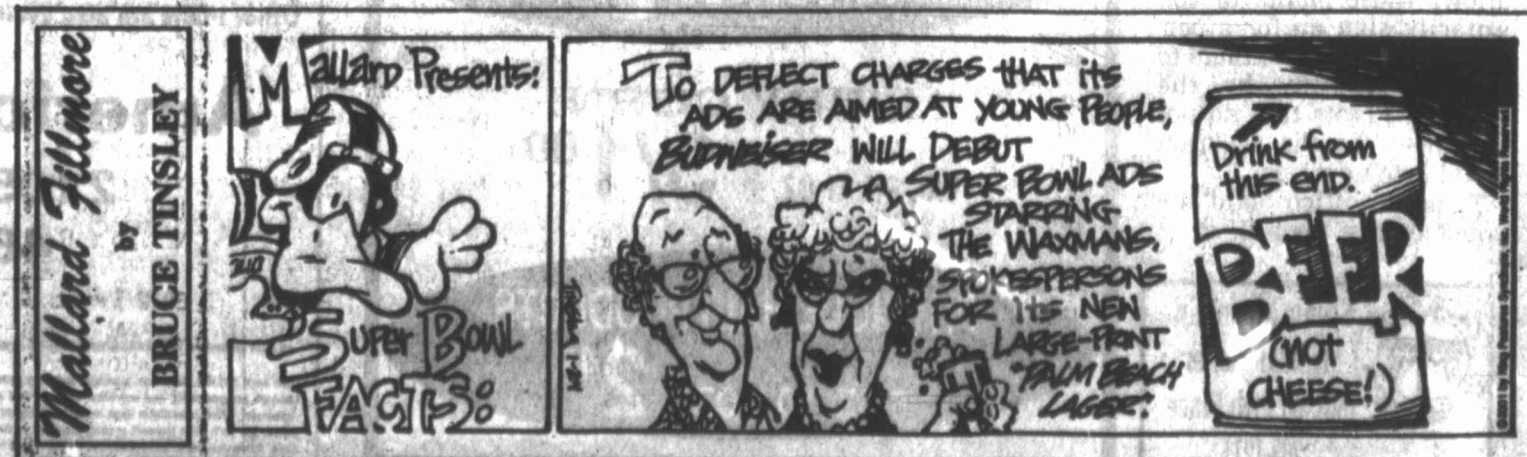
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Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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Annie - Gray striped with white, 2 year old female, spayed.

Smokie - Gray, 6 months old spayed female.

Larry - Short-haired tiger black striped, 9 month old neutered male.

Cookie - Long hair, soft orange and white, 9 months old neutered male.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for pure-bred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.

Samaritan Counseling Center announces two staff changes

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas has announced two staff changes as it enters its 28th year of service.

The center offers counseling services to individuals and families in Midland, Odessa and Big Spring.

Odessa Margaret T. Jones has been named interim executive director following the departure of Dr. Jerry Kelly.

Kelly has left the center to serve as senior pastor at

First Presbyterian Church in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. He had been on the Samaritan Counseling Center staff since 1983.

Jones began her work with Samaritan 12 years ago as a member of the board of directors. She became the development officer and held that position for five years. Most recently, she was a member of the endowment committee which established a separate corporation to ensure Samaritan's future.

Dr. Ronald Meyer, who

has done counseling in Big Spring, is now clinical director for Samaritan. The retired Lutheran pastor has been on the staff of the center for 10 years, during which time he has seen clients for ADD/ADHD, chemical dependency, other addictions, along with marriage and family issues.

The center offers pastoral counseling for clients on a sliding scale based on income. It also honors families by choosing a Family of the Year from Midland, Odessa and Big Spring each year. Other awards it gives include Ethics in Business.

A counselor visits Big Spring on Tuesdays to see clients at First Christian Church; appointments can be made by calling 1-800-329-4144.



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Monolith's appearance mystifies Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — It arose seemingly out of nowhere as 2001 dawned, a 9-foot-tall mass of steel and iron towering on Kite Hill overlooking Lake Washington.

Two days later, the mysterious monolith had vanished.

A day after that it reappeared — this time a few miles away on a tiny island in the middle of Seattle's Green Lake. Back on Kite Hill three days later, an equally perplexing 8-foot-tall, four-finned replica of a bomb showed up on the spot where the monolith had first appeared.

Now, what began as a guerrilla artists group's anonymous prank to commemorate 2001 — and perplex Seattle residents — has city officials welcoming the monolith back to Kite Hill.

"The invention of the monolith was wonderful," said C. David Hughbanks, executive director of Magnuson Park, where Kite Hill is located. "We sort of forgot it was 2001. But they didn't let us."

The monolith creators, who call themselves Some People, say their prank was meant as an anonymous tribute to 2001 and the icon monolith in Stanley Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey."

They'd intended to stay in the shadows — but felt compelled to come forward after their 350-pound creation was kidnapped.

No one has taken responsibility for moving the monolith or erecting the bomb replica, and Some People say it wasn't them.

"We wanted the monolith to be there," said Caleb Schaber, a 27-year-old Some People member. "We didn't think we'd have to bail it off islands and re-concrete it back in. We just wanted it to be there and be left alone to do our art."

Group members had thought their work would end up in the trash. "We thought it was going to be a prank gift," said Louie Raffloer, 41, a Seattle blacksmith who helped build it. "Everyone who is involved with it are seasoned pranksters and adult juvenile delinquents."

Raffloer said the monolith, about 9 feet tall, 4 feet wide and 1 foot thick, took about 25 hours to make at a cost of about \$250.

There's a long tradition of guerrilla art in Seattle. Public art normally has to go through a long approval process, but an underworld of artists occasionally challenges the bureaucracy by anonymously installing artworks throughout the city. Most of the pieces don't stay for long.

City officials say the monolith can stay at Kite Hill at least until March, when kite season begins.

Check these warning signs of overspending

Do you ever wonder why you spend money and why you buy what you buy?

Have you ever considered other ways you could use your money instead of buying expensive items? Have you ever wondered if you really need these new purchases?

For some, these are difficult questions.

We tend to spend money like "there is no tomorrow" or like "it grows on trees." But we have to remember, there will be another day. And that means another day to pay for lights, for food, for trips to the doctor and for credit card charges.

These spending habits may be warning signs of impending financial trouble:

- Your paycheck is gone before you get the next one.
- You are making minimum payments on your credit cards because that's all you can afford.
- You are frequently late with rent, mortgage or other payments.
- You are taking out new loans to pay off existing loans or credit card payments.
- You are afraid to add up your total debt and you have no idea how much you owe your creditors.
- You do not contribute to a savings plan and you have no savings.
- You post-date checks or often rush to the bank to cover a check you've written.
- You have "maxed out" or almost "maxed out,"



DANA TARTER

...We have to remember, there will be another day. And that means another day to pay for lights, for food, for trips to the doctor and for credit card charges.

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You realize you will immediately be in financial trouble if you lose your job.

If you recognize these signs in your family's finances, it's time to take steps to reduce your debt. It certainly doesn't mean that you have to eliminate all the enjoyment from your life, but it does mean that you need to engage your family in serious discussion about ways to trim spending or increase your monthly income.

If we don't keep tomorrow in mind, we'll end up spending everything we have today. More important, if we are constantly running up charges on our credit cards, we're even borrowing from tomorrow to pay for today's wants.

In other words, overspending today means less money tomorrow.

Just ask yourself: Will those new shoes and that dress still be here in 20 years? And the answer is no. But you and your family members will probably still be around. And if you don't reduce your spending, then all of those bills will still be around, too.

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Born without a chance

Scientists seek pollution link in border birth defects

HARLINGEN (AP) — This living room is thick with the ghosts of Norma's days.

Here she's watched her three children squirm, snack and stretch on the rug in a bath of filtered sunlight. She listens to her neighbor's roosters squawk, hears loads of Mexican cargo rumble through town on the train tracks striping her street. When 2-month-old Jacob fusses in his crib, she pulls him into her lap and he slips back to sleep.

This house has seen hurtful days, too. Back in 1993, Norma and Gilbert Olvera's baby girl died 16 hours after birth. The child developed with a neural tube defect, and was born without a brain. Clustered within the sanitized hospital walls, the family snapped pictures and gave her a name. Amy Keiko means beloved and adored.

After her daughter died, Norma came home, sat in her living room and waited. First she waited for the numbness to thaw. Then

she waited for the tears to stop. Finally, she waited for answers.

They never came. "At first that's all you can think — 'Why this?' and 'Why that?'" says Norma, 32. "Why did God let this happen?"

It's been 10 years since doctors first noticed the abnormally high number of babies born with neural tube defects in the Rio Grande Valley. During a 36-hour span in 1991, three babies were born in the same hospital. Different mothers, different homes. All victims of defective neural tubes.

The vicious defects are a direct strike to the nervous system — the brain and spine. The luckier babies suffer spinal deformities or protruding backbones. Anencephalic babies are born without brains or with underdeveloped brains, and die.

During the worst times, in 1991, babies in Cameron County were born with neural tube defects at a rate

three times higher than the national average. That spike was followed by another in 1998.

Pollution is widely believed to have contributed to the birth defects. Was it poisoned water or chemicals in the air? Sinister dust that spilled from the cluster of Mexican factories? The clouds of pesticides billowing from the tails of crop dusters? Industrial waste surging to the Atlantic in the current of the Rio Grande?

After a decade of fear, suspicion and study, hundreds of mothers on both sides of the border still wait for answers. Science so far has been unable to tell them why their babies were fatally deformed.

And the heartbreak continues. In 1998-99, an average of 13 babies per every 10,000 live births in the 14 Texas border counties suffered neural tube defects, said Peter Langlois, senior epidemiologist with the

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Parents need foul-weather options

LUBBOCK (AP) — She doesn't like it when it snows.

For Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside charge nurse and single mother Donna Zahn, falling snow is just another worry.

Because of her 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. shift, Zahn said, she has to have a baby sitter to get her 10-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter off to school. The rules at work dictate that she must call by 5 a.m. if she can't make it in.

That's her normal schedule, but if snow and ice keep her baby sitter from coming, Zahn said she's in a fix.

"I get anxious," she said about bad weather. "I've felt stuck, but I just have to explore my avenues and plan ahead of time. But you can't really plan with the weather."

When her baby sitter leaves town, Zahn said, she relies on her friends to help her.

"There's a neighbor who lives a couple doors down, but she's kind of elderly, and that's only for emergencies. I really depend on my sitter who comes early in the morning, and I just pray that everything works out,"

Parents and children should discuss emergency plans beforehand so the parents and children know what to do.

she said. "I just take it one crisis at a time."

Luckily, she said, her children's elementary school can watch children if the school should start late or end early. If all else fails, she is not above taking them to work.

As tough as it can be, working parents need to plan ahead before bad weather hits so that their children are taken care of, said Jody Johnston Pawel, president of Parent's Toolshop Consulting Ltd. in Springboro, Ohio, and author of "The Parent's Toolshop: The Universal Blueprint for Building a Healthy Family."

Pawel said because both parents work in many of today's families, a snow day (or two or three) can cause considerable stress to par-

ents without a plan.

"Probably the worst situations are when the kids are at school already and they send them home early, or you've been out several days, and now there's a risk to your job because you've been out so many days," she said.

"Those are probably the two worst-case scenarios. In both cases, there can be a sense of panic or crisis."

To combat early dismissal from schools, Pawel said, parents should network with neighbors or family members to find one who is willing to pick up and watch the children until the parent comes home.

She said it's important to think about people who can look after the children when filling out emergency-number cards at the beginning of the school year.

Parents and children should discuss emergency plans beforehand so the parents and children know what to do, she said.

When the snow piles up and sticks around for a few days, Pawel said, parents can find themselves in another bind.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DALLAS (AP) — Although drinking red wine may be an appealing ritual for heart health, medical authorities caution that it's not the most proven.

To ward off heart attacks, doctors with the American Heart Association say nothing beats the time-honored practices — eating healthfully, exercising regularly and maintaining a healthy weight.

"We want to make clear that there are other risk-reduction options that are well-documented and free of the potential hazards associated with alcohol consumption," Dr. Ira J. Goldberg, a member of the AHA's Nutrition Committee, said in a statement.

"There is no scientific proof that drinking wine or any other alcoholic beverage can replace these effective conventional measures."

The recommendations were published Monday in Circulation, an AHA journal.

Goldberg said studies suggest that drinking a moderate amount of red wine can increase blood levels of high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, often called good cholesterol.

A similar increase is seen with exercise programs and medication, Goldberg said.

Much of the hypothesis that red wine counteracts the effects of dietary cholesterol and saturated fat came from population surveys. They showed lower rates of heart disease, despite high-fat diets, in parts of Europe where people drink wine regularly.

LETTERS FROM HOME

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Herald will print the addresses of service men and women or college students from the Crossroads area so that they can receive 'letters from home.' Send the address of any local man or woman attending an out-of-area college or university or serving in the military to: Letters From Home, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring; or bring them to the office, 710 Scurry; or e-mail to: bsherald@roadstx.com. Addresses should be submitted in writing.

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Texas Birth Defect Monitoring Division. That's roughly double the estimated national average of 6.71 per 10,000 live births in 1995-97, the most recent available figure.

For seven years, Dr. Irina Cech has been poring over biological samples, straining to link pollution to the family tragedies. The University of Houston researcher's mission is clear: to bring closure to a decade of anguish.

"We need evidence. Not emotion or suspicion, but hard, factual evidence," Cech says firmly. "Right now there's very little to go on except anecdotes."

She depends on border obstetricians, who urge women with NTD fetuses to participate in her study. So far, more than 400 pregnant women have contributed biological samples to Cech's laboratory.

She examines fluids, snips hair from the mother, draws blood from the umbilical cord. The hair, she believes, is the most significant scrap of evidence — a single strand offers a lasting chemical record. She searches for viruses, for mercury and lead and arsenic. She screens for chlorine, organic metals and PCBs.

She's also interested in the mothers' houses and trailers. Cech has gathered chunks of soil, vials of water and tubes of gas from 160 homes on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border.

Aided by the Environmental Protection Agency, Cech inspects the homes for traces of fecal material, volatile organic chemicals, nitrates and uranium decay products — clues that indicate hazardous dump sites, pesticides or sewage runoff.

She's hunting for a pattern, a trend. In the process, she's creating one of the largest environmental databases ever collected from Rio Grande Valley house-

holds. Until she finishes analyzing her data, Cech won't discuss her findings.

"There's reason for suspecting pollution in the area," Cech said, rattling off the environmental risks. "The region developed very fast, the infrastructure was behind. Maquilas came to the area with little environmental control of waste material disposal. Then there's the agricultural activity..."

This is not just the story of damaged fetuses and family anguish. It's the tale of chilling suspicion lingering in rural, poor towns along the nation's edge: That people are being silently, invisibly poisoned.

It's a terrifying notion, toxins seeping in the soil or dripping from the faucet, quiet and lethal, making babies sick in the womb.

In March 1993, grieving families sued General Motors and other American owners of about 40 factories operating in Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville. The families blamed airborne poisons puffing from the maquiladoras for the birth defects.

In 1995, the companies paid \$17 million to settle the suit. They didn't admit wrongdoing, but suspicion festered.

Brownsville lawyer David Olivera specializes in defending companies against environmental lawsuits. He has witnessed the distrust and vilification of industry in the courtrooms of South Texas, a farming pocket steadily morphing into a sprawl of factories and warehouses.

"There is a lot of suspicion among folks from all walks of life, and a lot of it, I think, is unsubstantiated," Olivera said. "But it makes it hard to go before a jury."

The birth defect rash coincided with dramatic years of change along the nation's southern border. In 1991, as doctors began to puzzle over

the birth patterns, former President Bush was striking up negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico. The border's modern era was about to begin.

Harlingen obstetrician Miguel Cintron has been treating neural tube defects for years — but asked their cause, he hesitates.

"I think it may be environmental," he finally says. "But," he adds quickly, "we have to be very careful when we say that. It gets very political when you start saying things like we're too close to Mexico, or when you blame business."

If you ask Norma, it was the pink pond behind her mother's house. That's where she was staying when Amy was conceived.

Nobody knew why it was pink, but there it was. Pink like a cartoon. In her family, it was almost a joke.

It didn't seem so funny after Amy died. Worse yet a few years later, when a neighbor lost her baby to an NTD.

"Just like you," Norma's mother said. "I knew it."

The family may soon get an answer. Water siphoned from the pond is among the samples being analyzed in Cech's laboratory.

Talk to researchers and mothers; doctors and neighbors. They aren't likely to agree on much. The quest for a cause splinters under the weight of defensiveness, grief and guilt.

EPA researcher Hal Zenick recalls the tearful public meetings of the 1990s, where shellshocked families demanded answers. He remembers their theories: the corn, the water, the factory pollution.

"Everybody in the community has a different speculation," he said. "You could deplete a federal budget trying to go after all of it."

In the early 1990s, the EPA examined household sam-

ples for industrial taint. But only nine homes were studied, all on the northern bank of the Rio Grande. The agency found elevated levels of pesticides, PCBs and arsenic, and recommended more studies be done.

The state health department stepped in, and the EPA contributed money to those tests. But cash ran low, and the state ended up storing urine and serum samples instead of finishing pollution laboratory work.

"Those tests are quite expensive. They're harder to do," Texas Department of Health neural tube investigator Kate Hendricks said. "We're still hoping to look at environmental exposure."

Since 1991, Texas has spent between \$3 million and \$4 million hunting for a cause to the NTDs, Langlois said.

Most daunting of all, researchers acknowledge they may never identify a chemical culprit. The mystery may never be solved.

"You've got environment and diet and most of these people live in low-income housing," Zenick said. "Tracing the clues is nearly impossible."

For the time being, doctors have turned their attention to teaching the benefits of folic acid, which helps prevent neural tube defects.

Norma has borne three healthy children. She and Gilbert found Jesus on a weekend camping trip, started filling their nights with prayer meetings.

They've faced down unemployment, childbirth, family upheavals.

Norma weeps sometimes for her lost girl, still stares at the cracked wall on what would have been Amy's birthday. But somewhere along the way, Norma stopped asking why.

"God let it happen and I've accepted that," she says. "All of my questions aren't going to bring that baby back."

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"The first day it might not be so bad," she said. "You know, they might think, 'Hey, it's not only a vacation for my kids, this is a vacation for me.' After about the second day or so, it can turn into a crisis mode and they're thinking, 'OK, I can't take any more time off.'"

She said parents should alternate days they stay at home, find family or neighbors who can watch the children or call different day-care facilities to find out which accept children on a drop-in basis.

However, some day-care services close during bad weather, and drop-in slots fill up quickly at day-care centers, said Stacy Quisenberry, associate director of Children's Enterprises Inc. of Lubbock. "If they have four slots for drop-ins on Monday and they fill those four slots and end up full, then on Tuesday when the snow

hits, they don't have any of those slots left," she said.

Quisenberry said parents need to have several backup plans in place with stay-at-home friends or relatives. She also said parents need to be careful with drop-in care.

"I hate to see parents do drop-ins because they haven't had any opportunity to visit that center and have the child visit that center," she said.

Pawl suggested that parents call the school and ask where other parents take their children.

"If it's a situation where parents are kind of stuck, they should call their employer and find out what their options are. Sometimes, it is appropriate to bring your kids to work, and sometimes it's very inappropriate," she said.

"You may need to take a day off work without pay because leaving your kids alone is not an option. It's too dangerous for so many reasons."

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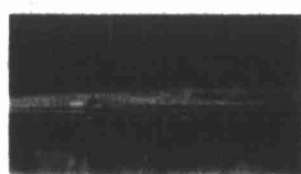
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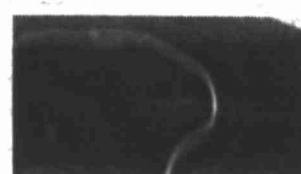
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IN BRIEF

**Lady Hawk softballers
set to meet boosters**

The Howard College Lady Hawks softball team has scheduled its meeting to gather with boosters for 1 p.m. Saturday in the Student Union Building's Cactus Room.

Meals will be \$5.25 each and those planning to attend should call Betty Reed at 264-5040.

**Lady Steers softball
parents set work day**

Parents of Big Spring Lady Steers softball players will have a work day starting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

The parents of all Big Spring softball players are urged to attend.

**Sign-up for adult
volleyball league**

An organizational meeting will be held on Monday at the YMCA for adults interested in registering a team to play volleyball.

Two leagues are being formed — Co-Rec & Ladies Power.

Registration forms are available at the YMCA.

League play is expected to begin the week of Jan. 29. Registration fee is \$100 per team.

For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

**Laker Girls scheduled
to appear at OC game**

Odessa College officials have provided Howard College Hawks fans with added incentive to follow the Hawks and Lady Hawks on the road when they take on the Wranglers and Lady Wranglers on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The Laker Girls — the Los Angeles Lakers' cheerleaders — will perform during the games.

The Herald will be giving away 50 general admission tickets for the Feb. 22 games on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Area coaches asked
to transmit schedules**

The Herald is asking all Crossroads area basketball coaches who have not provided copies of their varsity schedules and rosters for the 2000-2001 season to do so as quickly as possible.

Rosters and schedules can be faxed to the attention of Kamilah Ward at 264-7205.

**ACS still offering
Texas Golf Pass**

The American Cancer Society is again offering the Texas Golf Pass that entitles holders to more than 680 rounds of golf at 289 courses throughout the state.

The passes are \$35 each and proceeds from the program benefit the Cancer Society's research, education programs and patient services efforts.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check the society's web site at www.acs-tx.org

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7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Charlotte, TNT, Ch. 28

TENNIS

Noon — Australian Open, men's quarterfinals, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NHL

7 p.m. — New Jersey Devils at Dallas Stars, FSX, Ch. 29.

Laconic Lewis takes center stage as Super Bowl approaches

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The security guards opened the floodgates, and the reporters swarmed through, race-walking toward the podium where Ray Lewis sat grinning, awaiting the onslaught.

Notebooks, tape recorders and bulky cameras flailed about as the crowd pressed forward to surround the Baltimore Ravens linebacker.

Thus began 60 grueling minutes to determine who's will was stronger Tuesday — the linebacker's or the media's. And just like many of the games themselves, the main event of Super Bowl media day didn't quite live up to the hype.

"I'm not here to please the country," Lewis said.

Nor was he there to inform, enlighten or discuss the double

murder case that occurred after last year's Super Bowl in Atlanta. Lewis eventually pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstructing justice, landed on probation and received a \$250,000 fine from the NFL.

This could have been a time to clear the air — the way recovering alcoholic Kerry Collins of the Giants did Monday in his riveting mea culpa — but Lewis chose not to.

In his opinion, the most viable topic of conversation was easy to figure.

"Football, football, football," he said.

That's not to say the hour of probing was devoid of juicy tidbits.

Lewis talked about role models,

the American legal system and his mother.

He compared himself to Jesus, Charles Barkley and Mike Singletary. He gave just enough information to keep people there, but not quite enough to unearth anything new.

There was no explosion, no tirade and not much of a window opened to his soul.

"The thing is, Jesus didn't please everybody," Lewis said. "He was spit on, slashed at, talked about. But guess what? He hung his head and never said a mumbling word. That's my attitude. You can go on and on, asking how I feel about this, how I feel about that. But that's not going to change a lot of things. It never will."

The obsession over Lewis gave the rest of the Ravens' session something of an empty feel.

One of the most popular figures in media days past, the chatty, quotable Shannon Sharpe, drew only a modest-sized crowd. Ravens owner Art Modell was surrounded, but hardly unreachable.

"My feet aren't big enough to stamp out all the brush fires," Modell said, commenting on the attention being paid to Lewis. "I would hope that people would leave him alone."

Ravens coach Brian Billick was hoping so, too, when he gave a meandering monologue Monday, during which he called the media "reprehensible" and "ambulance chasers."

Lady Steers back on track

Tigers double up
on Steers, rolling
to 78-37 victory

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers split their road game match-ups Tuesday night against Snyder's Tigers and Lady Tigers.

The Lady Steers put a halt to their four-game losing streak with a 43-39 win over the Lady Tigers.

The first half was a see-saw affair with the Lady Steers dominating the first quarter with a 17-10 lead at the end of the first eight minutes.

The Lady Tigers would come back to cap a 13-4 second quarter run to have a 1-point edge over the Lady Steers going into the half with a 23-21 advantage.

Christina Gwyn was in foul trouble early in the contest and by the third quarter she had four fouls. But that did not stop Gwyn's aggressive play.

At the one minute mark in the third quarter, Gwyn made two back-to-back steals, one of which landed her an assist after Chelsea Churchwell raced down the court and scored a layup with only seconds remaining on the clock.

The Lady Steers entered the fourth quarter trailing by one point.

The Lady Tigers would quickly draw a foul and sink two from the charity stripe to lead 34-31.

But after the 7:50 mark, it was all Lady Steers. Back-to-back defensive hustle plays would prove detrimental to the Lady Tigers as Big Spring went on a 11-0 tear down the stretch in the fourth quarter.

"The girls are fighters and they'll fight until the end," said Lady Steers head coach Jimmy Avery.

Fighting wasn't all they did as they held their opponents to a single field goal in the last eight minutes to take the District 4-4A win.

"We need to win all of them now," Avery added.

With the win, the Lady Steers are back in position to play for district.

The Steers weren't as fortunate as they suffered a 78-37 loss to Snyder's Tigers.

The Steers were able to keep the game within reach for the first minutes of play but the aggressive nature of the Tiger's team somewhat through them out of their offense.

"This game was more physical than we've seen all year," said Steers head coach Bryan Ellington.

Mic Fleming, Jason Woodruff, Mike Smith and Austin Nutting all fouled out in the final minutes of the fourth quarter.

The Steers also suffered a scoring



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring's Leina Braxton (42) plays defense against a Snyder player during the Lady Steers' 43-39 victory over the Lady Tigers Tuesday night in a crucial District 4-4A basketball game. Braxton finished the game with seven points, helping rally her teammates in a late fourth quarter comeback. Big Spring's boys were not as fortunate, however, as the high-flying Tigers rolled to a lopsided win over the Steers.

drought in the second quarter that changed the tempo of the game.

The woes continued for Big Spring through out the third quarter. But the Steers had a strong finish in the fourth quarter offensively and defensively allowing only five field goals from the Tigers.

The Steers and Lady Steers continue District 4-4A action at 6 p.m. Friday when they face Andrews in Steer Gym.

LADY STEERS 43
SNYDER 39
BIG SPRING — Britany Bryant 0 0 0 0; Chelsea Churchwell 2 0 0 2; Krystle Long 0 0 0 0; Kim Wright 5 6 8 11; Melissa Forth 2 4 6 12; Christina Gwyn 3 1 3 4; LaTrasha Rollins 5 0 0 5; Leina Braxton 6 1 3 7; Meghan Pudliner 2 0 0 2; Melissa Flentiken 0 0 0 0. Totals 31 12 18 43.
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Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 17 4 10 12 43
SNYDER 10 13 9 7 39
Three-point goals: Snyder 3 (Eicke); Big Spring 2 (Gwyn, Wrightsall). Turnovers: Snyder 17; Big Spring 9. Total fouls: Snyder 17; Big Spring 19. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: Gwyn. Records: Big Spring 16-8, 5-5.

SNYDER 78
STEERS 37
BIG SPRING — Brandon Greathouse 2 0 0 2; Allen Jackson 4 1 3 5; Ricky Smith 0 0 0 0; Heath Gregory 0 0 0 0; Arthur Bevin 9 1 2 10; Mic Fleming 3 0 2 3; Jason Woodruff 8 0 0 8; Gary Harris 2 1 2 3; Jason Watson 2 0 0 2; Mike Smith 2 0 0 2; Austin Nutting 2 0 0 2. Totals 34 9 37.
SNYDER — Shaunte Taylor 12 2 4 14; Brandon McGuire 2 2 2 4; Chris McLeod 2 0 0 2; Jmaal Wofford 2 2 2 4; Tate Thompson 0 0 0 0; Colter Bedell 0 1 2 1; Ricki Dorsett 0 3 4 3; Heath Tinkerton 13 2 2 15; Nick Landis 3 2 6 5; Josh Mendez 4 2 3 6; Jamall Pruitt 4 4 5 8; Jared Thornhill 12 4 6 16. Totals 54 24 36 78.
Score by Quarters:
SNYDER 24 9 13 17 78
COAHOMA 10 20 19 12 61
Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (Tinkerton 3, Landis); Big Spring 2 (Bevin, Fleming). Turnovers: Snyder 9; Big Spring 19. Total fouls: Snyder 17; Big Spring 31. Fouled out: Fleming, Woodruff, Smith, Nutting. Technical fouls: None. Records: Snyder 6-2; Big Spring 5-16, 0-5.

Bulldogs, Bulldogettes post sweep over Forsan squads

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Lopsided first and third quarters spelled the doom for Forsan's Queens in their showdown with arch-rival Coahoma's Bulldogettes in District 3-2A basketball action Tuesday night.

As a result, the Bulldogettes posted a 61-36 win, improving their overall record to 18-8 and 4-2 in league play.

While guard Crystal Atkinson was the only Bulldogette to reach double figures, finishing the night with 11 points, Coahoma turned almost airtight defense into a weapon.

Coahoma took a 10-4 lead after the first eight minutes of play, and by halftime owned a 30-17 edge. A 19-4 run in the third-quarter allowed the Bulldogettes to coast to the win.

Candace Gamble paced the Queens with 10 points.

Coahoma made a varsity sweep in the nightcap, as junior post Chase

AREA ROUNDUP

Ward scored a game-high 20 points in leading the Bulldogs to a 60-40 win over the Buffaloes.

While Ward was the only Bulldogs player to notch double figures, the Buffs got 13 points apiece from Taylor Bristow and Matt Ellis.

After a tit-for-tat start, Coahoma went on a tear and grabbed a 26-16 halftime lead. From there the Bulldogs methodically increased their lead.

BOYS' GAME
COAHOMA 60, Forsan 40
COAHOMA — Davis 7, Rich 6, Chadwell 6, Halle 4, Kemper 2, Hipp 8, Ward 20, Long 2, Richters 5. Totals 22 13 20 60.
FORSAN — Kuykendall 1, Bristow 13, Johnson 6, Longoria 6, Neal 2, Ellis 13. Totals 13 10 18 40.

Score by Quarters:
COAHOMA 10 16 14 20 60
FORSAN 9 7 9 15 40
Three-point goals: Coahoma 3 (Ward 2, Davis); Forsan 4 (Bristow 3, Ellis). Records: Coahoma is 9-14, 2-2; Forsan is 11-10, 0-4. JV score: Forsan 57, Coahoma 55.

GIRLS' GAME
COAHOMA 61, Forsan 36
FORSAN — Gamble 10, Bailey 5, Fishback 1, Smith 8,

Grize 6, Nichols 4, Burtess 2. Totals 12 11 19 36.

COAHOMA — Williams 2, Atkinson 1, Buchanan 7, Heart 8, Kemper 8, Nichols 4, Sterling 7. Totals 27 31 61.

Score by Quarters:
COAHOMA 10 13 14 18 55
FORSAN 4 13 4 15 36

Three-point goals: Forsan 1 (Gamble); Coahoma 4 (Buchanan, Heart 2, Kemper). Records: Forsan 30, Coahoma 29.

Garden City splits
with Sterling City

STERLING CITY — Garden City's Lady Bearkats improved to 16-2 overall and 5-1 in District 9-1A play Tuesday night with a 43-38 win over Sterling City's Lady Eagles.

Junior guard Collene Cox scored a game-high 15 points and senior post M'Lynn Niehues added 14 more in leading the Lady 'Kats to the win.

The Lady 'Kats found themselves on the short end of a 13-12 score at halftime, but parlayed a 16-11 advantage in the third period into the comeback win.

Sterling City got a measure of revenge in the boys' nightcap, how-

ever, as the Eagles took a 66-59 win over the Bearkats.

Seniors Ryan Batla and Justin Hillger paced the Garden City attack with 16 and 10 points, respectively.

The Bearkats got off to a slow start and trailed 34-21 at halftime and a fourth-quarter rally simply wasn't enough to pull even.

BOYS' GAME
STERLING CITY 66, Garden City 59

GARDEN CITY — Bednar 4, Schmitz 2, R. Batla 16, J. Hillger 10, Chudaj 4, Godwin 8, Hallmann 3, Omereh 4, M. Batla 8. Totals 21 16 24 50.

STERLING CITY — Barber 2, Ledbetter 9, Hord 18, Leje 10, Venegas 7, Sparks 7, Resendez 13. Totals 25 13 18 66.

Score by Quarters:
STERLING CITY 10 11 16 22 66
GARDEN CITY 16 18 14 16 60

Three-point goals: Sterling City 3 (Venegas 2, Sparks); Sterling City 2 (R. Batla, Godwin).

GIRLS' GAME
Garden City 43, Sterling City 38

GARDEN CITY — Cox 15, Jones 3, Eoff 6, Niehues 14, Hoch 3, Hostetler 2. Totals 12 16 30 43.

STERLING CITY — Goddard 6, Navarro 7, Jamerson 3, Mitich 2, Thomas 8, Searcy 12. Totals 11 15 22 38.

Score by Quarters:
GARDEN CITY 7 8 20 18 43
STERLING CITY 8 7 11 12 38

Three-point goals: Garden City 3 (Cox, Eoff 2); Sterling City 1 (Searcy). Records: Garden City 16-2, 5-1; Sterling City 10 12, 2-4. JV score: Sterling City 31, Garden City 23.

Herald Classifieds

AUTOS

1976 Buick Regal 43,000 miles, runs excellent. Call 263-5941.

\$4,950. 1997 Hyundai Altara 4dr. 35,000 actual miles. Great condition. 87 Auto Sales.

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1996 International 3 ton oilfield gang truck. Completely toolled out. Good condition. 83,190 miles. \$23,500. Call 915-267-6654 ask for Mike or Don. Weekends 664-2132.

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1993 Tidcraft Bass Boat, 120 Evinrude. Tournament Ready. \$8,000. 263-4329 after 5 p.m.

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Applicants must have graduated from high school or have a GED. Must be pleasant, courteous and display a caring attitude toward all ages and race of people; have a current class C driver license and a good driving record; have record-keeping and organizational skills; have good communication skills; dress appropriately for the job. The ability to speak both Spanish and English is desirable.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Jan. 25, 2001:

You know what you want, and you will not hesitate to go for it. Sometimes you are so assertive that you push others away. Be more sensitive to those around you. Use stress to mobilize your energy. A strong exercise plan or a way of relaxing will be imperative. Learn to deal with high-anxiety situations. You are also unusually imaginative. If you are single, your charisma draws others. You are a lot of fun to be around. During the next six months, you will have an opportunity to develop a special relationship. If you are attached, a relationship heats up considerably. Opt not to get into power plays. AQUARIUS inspires you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Aim for what you want. What has been stuck in communication can now be cleared out. You could be stunned by an associate's anger. If you hit a snag, keep at it. You will clear any issues in the near future. Tonight: Celebrate living.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Loosen up on the reins. Be honest with yourself about where you have been uptight. By relaxing, as difficult as that might be, you are allowing new possibilities to come forward. Look within for answers, but deal with responsibilities head-on. Tonight: Make it an early night, if possible.

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Put up your feet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Spending goes haywire. You might be sure about what you are doing, but the unexpected still occurs. Deal with a difficult associate, but not with the hope of changing him. Your imagination knows no limits. Though this characteristic is a great asset, sometimes it gets you into trouble. Tonight: Go for fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your temper could get you into trouble. Understand your limits when dealing with others. An associate enables you to move forward and try a different approach. Consider yourself lucky. Count on teamwork. Tonight: Figure out what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You are more playful than you realize. Sometimes when you joke, there is an element of sarcasm that you might not be in touch with. Keep conversations moving. You might need to give in order to get what you want. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Be more playful with a child who could be a bit down and out. Listen to a friend, but don't allow him to goad you into spending more than you want. Check out what appears to be a great financial idea. Don't let negativity stir up a key relationship. Tonight:

Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your personality bounces you over a hassle or a problem. Be sure to listen well to a family member. Your creativity comes out, but it could lead to some wildness. Share your beliefs. Carefully deal with a difficult associate. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might feel as if you woke up with your foot in your mouth. Even when trying to understand others, you seem to commit the inevitable faux pas. Step back and do a better job of listening. You might have a stunning insight. Your intuition leads you in a new direction. Tonight: Take a personal night.

BORN TODAY
Author Virginia Woolf (1882), Philippines President Corazon Aquino (1933), actress Dinah Manoff (1958)

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Family feud includes wedding and funeral

DEAR ABBY: My husband and two sons had a family business. One son got married 13 years ago. Six years ago, the business split up. The business survived, thanks to my husband and older son.

ABIGAIL VAN BUREN



Words were said at that time, and our younger son and his family have not visited us since. They live nearby, and I try to maintain contact. They have two children, 7 and 3. I was never asked to baby-sit even when the relationship was good, although I often did so for our other grandchildren. Our gifts of checks for Christmas and birthdays have never been cashed.

Our daughter was married three years ago, and our younger son and his wife never acknowledged the invitation, showed up or sent a gift.

Recently our daughter-in-law's mother passed on, and we sent flowers and cards, but to spare her feelings in an awkward situation, we did not attend the calling hours, for which we are being severely criticized. Should we have gone? — HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: No. Considering the circumstances, you did the right thing to stay away. People pay condolence calls to comfort the grieving family. Had you gone in spite of the rift, you would have risked causing turmoil in an already emotional time. In light of the situation, you did the considerate thing.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Anxious in Niagara Falls," in which the writer asked how to deal with a false rumor in her workplace, prompted my favorite memory about such rumors. Twenty-one years ago, I worked as secretary to a highly placed military officer. One day, "Col. Smith" came into my office and said he had something personal to tell me — a rumor was circulating in the barracks that he and I were having an affair. The colonel went on to say that he wanted me to hear about the rumor from him so I wouldn't be upset by hearing it elsewhere.

He was (and, I assume, still is) happily married to a lovely woman. I was, and still am, happily married to the finest man I know, whom I love dearly. Of course, the rumor was completely untrue. The closest we came to an off-duty relationship was living two blocks apart in the same neighborhood on post. We socialized in separate circles except once, when the colonel held a promotion party at his home and invited my husband and me. I asked him how Mrs.

Smith had taken it. He replied that she understood completely and was fine. I told the colonel that if she were fine, so was I. We mutually agreed that all was well, and felt confident that the rumor would die in a short time, which it did.

As he turned to leave, I couldn't resist playing the devil's advocate by asking, "By the way, Colonel, did we have a good time?" My ability to joke about it set his mind at ease immediately.

Abby, your advice to "Anxious" was right on the money. The rumor will die a natural death when the gossips in the workplace see no evidence to keep it alive. Sign me... NOTHING CHANGES, CHESTER, VA.

DEAR N.C.: I'm sure your sense of humor has carried you through on many occasions. I'm also sure the colonel was sorry when your professional relationship ended. You're the kind of employee an employer hates to lose.

DEAR ABBY: I am taking this opportunity to extend to you and your devoted readership sincere appreciation for the support you have given U.S. military service members deployed worldwide. The outpouring of support has been absolutely overwhelming.

Operation Dear Abby continues to be a very real success. I have personally witnessed the positive effects it has had on the troops supporting the various peace-keeping missions throughout the former republic of Yugoslavia. Operation Dear Abby campaigns really do lift the spirits of military men and women far from home.

Many thanks for your gracious and continued support. You truly are a great American. — ALLEN B. PEGG, DIRECTOR OF POSTAL OPERATIONS, U.S. ARMY, HEIDELBERG, GERMANY

DEAR ALLEN: Thank you for the kind words. I'm sure my readers will be pleased to know their efforts on behalf of our servicemen and women have been successful.

DEAR ABBY: Everyone needs a grandmother like ours. She was 86 years old when she passed away. She was in bed the last 15 years of her life, but always had a smile on her face.

She played board games with us, and every Christmas she made all of us something. She had 60 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I am going to miss her.

She would tell us stories of her life and raising her daughters. Boy, what a life she had!

Please tell all grandchildren to enjoy their grandparents as long as possible. Thank you. — WESTLEY (AGE 11), SUN VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR WESTLEY: What a warm and loving tribute to your grandmother. How proud she would be that you wrote about her. I hope your letter will provide an incentive to people of every age to reach out to relatives they love. They are God's gift to us, just as we are to them.

NOT CONFIDENTIAL: In this Year of the Snake, I'm pleased to wish my Asian readers a happy and prosperous new year.

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3 BR 1 bath, 2202 Runnels. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 BR, 1 bath, 2902 Cherokee. \$350/mo. \$150/dep. Call 267-6667.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The court reserves the right to accept or refuse any or all bids submitted.

For specifications, contact the County Judges office at 915-354-2383 between 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. 3048 January 24, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Local Employee Committee (LEC) of the State of Texas is accepting applications for the 2001 campaign. To be eligible an applicant must be a charitable organization, a federation or fund, and a federated community campaign organization.

Application packets may be obtained from the 2000 campaign manager, the United Way of Midland at 915-685-7700.

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7:PM	Fortune	Spin City (CC)	Zoboomafoo	Movie: Earthquake in	Bette	Fortune	Be a Millionaire	Fresh Prince	Abrazame Muy Fuerte	Movie: (40) Movie:	Movie: (CC)	Movie: (CC)	Movie: The World Is Not	Movie: The Siege	Light of the Southwest	Biography	Challenger: Final Voyage	NBA Basketball: New	Big Stuff: Land
8:PM	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	Temptation Island (CC)	Jazz (CC)	New York	Movie: Blackout	Drew Carey Spin City (CC)	West Wing	WOW Thunder	Ver Para Creer	Lassie (CC)	Movie: Election	Movie: Election	Enough	Oz (CC)	Hour of Healing	Investigative Reports (CC)	Justice Files	Yankees at Charlotte	Monster Machines
9:PM	Once and Again (CC)	Arrest & Trial Nanny (CC)	News-Lehrer	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (35) Late	News (35) Late	Ripley's Believe It or Not!	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	The Love Bug	Movie: (25) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (05) Soul Food	Movie: True Crime	News Life in Word	Biography	Challenger: Final Voyage	Movie: Black Sunday	Big Stuff: Land
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12:AM	Better Homes Paid Program	Judge Brown Cops (CC)	Alexander the Great	Guthrie Renker Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:06) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Fraser	Marimar	Walt Disney Presents	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:	Movie: (45) Movie:

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Wednesday, Jan. 24, the 24th day of 2001. There are 341 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 24, 1908, the first Boy Scout troop was organized in England by Robert Baden-Powell.

On this date: In 1848, James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutter's Mill in northern California, a discovery that led to the gold rush of '49.

In 1924, the Russian city of St. Petersburg was renamed Leningrad in honor of the late revolutionary leader. (However, it has

since been re-named St. Petersburg.)

In 1942, a special court of inquiry into America's lack of preparedness for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor placed much of the blame on Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, the Navy and Army commanders.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill concluded a wartime conference in Casablanca, Morocco.

In 1965, Winston Churchill died in London at age 90.

In 1972, the Supreme Court struck down laws that denied welfare benefits to people who had resided in a state for less than a year.

In 1978, a nuclear-powered

Soviet satellite plunged through Earth's atmosphere and disintegrated, scattering radioactive debris over parts of northern Canada.

In 1987, gunmen in Lebanon kidnapped educators Alann Steen, Jesse Turner and Robert Polhill and Mitheleshwar Singh. (All were later released.)

Today's Birthdays: Actor Ernest Borgnine is 84. Evangelist Oral Roberts is 83. Actor Marvin Kaplan ("Top Cat") is 74. Cajun musician Doug Kershaw is 65. Singer-songwriter Ray Stevens is 62. Singer-songwriter Neil Diamond is 60. Singer Aaron Neville is 60. Actor Michael Ontkean is 55. Singer Warren Zevon is 54. Country singer-songwriter Becky Hobbs is 51. Comedian Yakov Smirnoff is 50. Actress Nastassja Kinski is 41.

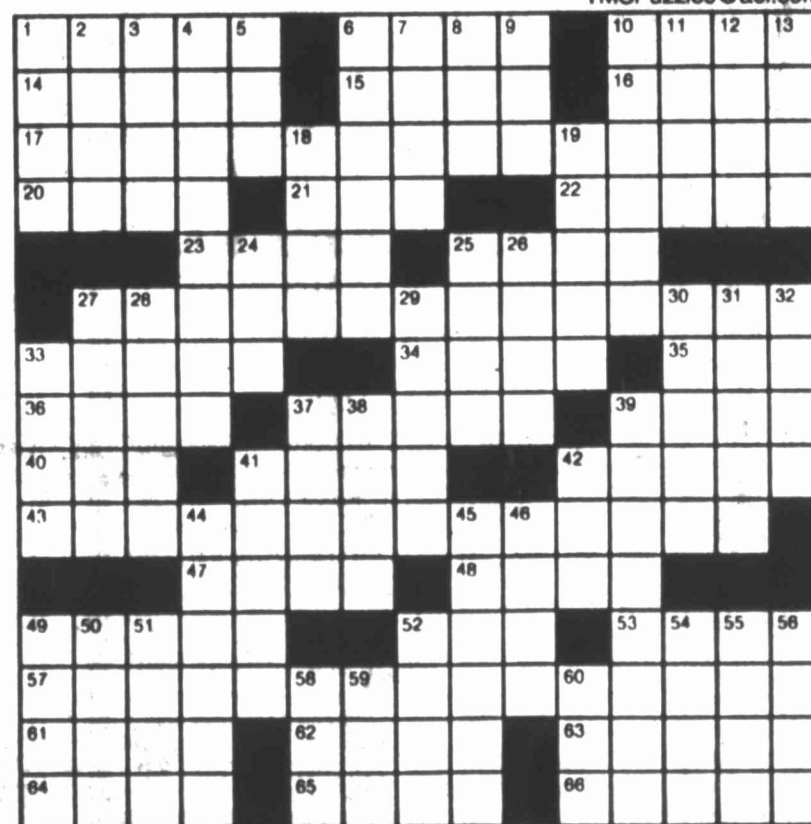
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- 6 Squalid neighborhood
- 10 Spanish painter
- 14 Gold measure
- 15 Relieve
- 16 Syrian, e.g.
- 17 16th-century Russian ruler
- 20 Out of (discordant)
- 21 Pindar poem
- 22 Picture in picture
- 23 Bulwer-Lytton heroine
- 25 "Auld Lang"
- 27 9th-century West Saxon ruler
- 33 Approximately
- 34 Howard and Wood
- 35 POW possibly
- 36 Poet Sandburg
- 37 Work gangs
- 39 Phone
- 40 Mil. honor
- 41 Front of the calf
- 42 Bay window
- 43 9th-century Holy Roman Empire ruler
- 47 "Jane"
- 48 Mine entrance
- 49 Feudal lord
- 52 Ms. Gardner
- 53 Eliel Saarinen's son
- 57 10th-century English ruler
- 61 Swerve
- 62 Pizzeria fixture
- 63 Make road repairs
- 64 Scotland
- 65 Scottish cape
- 66 Idyllic gardens

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- 2 Coyote or cougar
- 3 Persia, today
- 4 Unravel
- 5 Addams Family member
- 6 Ranked at Wimbledon
- 7 Past due
- 8 Employ
- 9 Sea of France
- 10 Reverse dive
- 11 Spheres
- 12 New Haven school
- 13 Fence the loot
- 18 Sharpen
- 19 Peals
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- 25 Demonstrate
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- 28 Writer Federico Garcia
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- 30 Laptop notes
- 31 Was sick
- 32 Statuesque
- 33 Aussie rockers
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- 38 Shine's partner?
- 39 Like the lunar surface
- 41 More crafty
- 42 Kimono sash
- 44 Esteem
- 45 Refuges
- 46 Wax-wrapped cheese
- 49 Eugene of "SCTV"
- 50 Concept
- 51 Wide-mouth pitcher
- 52 Pardon me
- 54 End of din?
- 55 Nolan or Meg
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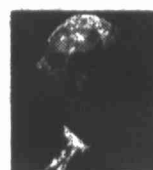
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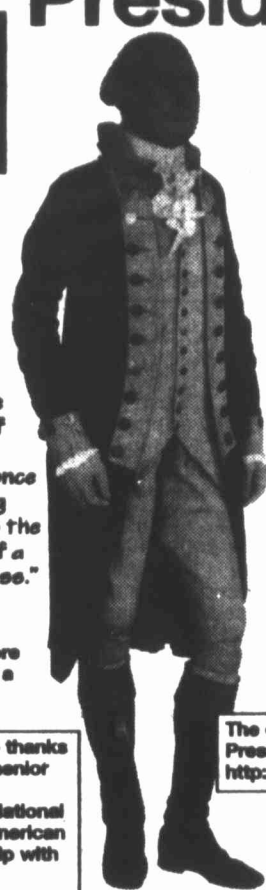
Presidential Mementos



George Washington
President,
1789-1797

Fact-a-roonie:
Washington
believed in the
importance of
being well-
dressed. He once
said: "Nothing
adds more to the
appearance of a
man than dress."

George Washington wore
this uniform as a
general.



A memento (muh-MEN-toe) is a keepsake or a souvenir of someone or some event.

If you were to collect mementos that would remind you and others of your family, what objects would you choose? Can you make a list?

A big museum in Washington, D.C., has an exhibit of mementos that tell us a lot about the presidents of the United States and our country's history.

While we might read about these great men, seeing some of the objects that were part of their lives gives us an understanding of them and the time in which they lived.

In this issue, we have included just a few of the items from the exhibit "The American Presidency" at the Smithsonian National Museum of American History.

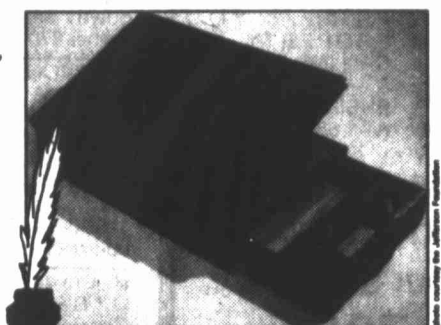


THIS BASEBALL
REMINDS ME OF
MY DAD!

Fact-a-roonie:
Thomas Jefferson was
the first
president to be
sworn into office
in Washington,
D.C.



Thomas Jefferson
President,
1801-1809

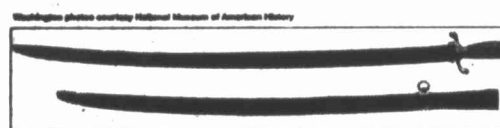


Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence on this portable writing desk he designed. It has a writing board that lifts up, a drawer for papers and pens, and an inkwell.

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The exhibit site to see: The American
Presidency,
<http://Americanhistory.si.edu/presidency>

"To my
friend and
to the
friend of
mankind,
General
Washington."
Benjamin
Franklin wrote
these words
when he visited
this walking cane
to Washington.



Washington carried this sword (shown with its cover) when he inspected his troops.

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It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the IGH blend, as in the word light.

Anne: I had my radio on last night.

Wendy: How well did it fit?

Q: Why does lightning shock people?
A: It doesn't know how to conduct itself!

Q: How high do people usually stand?
A: Over two feet!

Go on an IGH word hunt. How many other words can you find using the IGH blend? What sound do you hear?

THE BROWN HOUND'S TRY 'N FIND

Names of some presidents are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find:
WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, CLINTON, KENNEDY, JACKSON, LINCOLN, MONROE, BUSH, NIXON, BUCHANAN, COOLIDGE, FORD, REAGAN, FILLMORE, ARTHUR, GRANT.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are admiring the exhibit on our presidents at the Smithsonian. See if you can find:

• bucket
• heart
• letter E
• ruler
• number 3
• bell
• teapot
• bird
• man in moon
• question mark
• lima bean
• mushroom
• word MINI
• drum • key • olive • exclamation mark • pencil • cheese wedge

Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Jennifer Gillom

Height: 6-3
Weight: 180
Birthdate: 6-13-84
College: Mississippi

One of the stars of the Phoenix Mercury basketball team of the WNBA is Jennifer Gillom. She has played center for the team since 1997. Last year she led the team in scoring with an average of 12.5 points per game. It was her third year in a row to get the honor.

From 1987 to 1996 she played pro basketball in Italy. She speaks fluent Italian.

Jennifer, who studied education in college, grew up with six brothers and three sisters. When she retires from playing, she would like to be a college basketball coach. Her hobbies are playing tennis, listening to music and doing crossword puzzles.

Mementos of Our Presidents

Abraham Lincoln 1801-1805 Fact-a-roonie: Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated. He was killed in 1865, just over a month after he began his second term of office. Drummers beat this drum when they marched in Lincoln's funeral.	Franklin Roosevelt 1882-1945 Fact-a-roonie: Franklin Roosevelt served as president longer than any other president (12 years). He died two months after being sworn in to his fourth term. Franklin Roosevelt spoke over this microphone when he made his famous "fireside chats" on the radio. Roosevelt was known for his warm and friendly way of talking to his audience.	John Quincy Adams 1767-1829 Fact-a-roonie: John Quincy Adams was the first son of a president to become president. George W. Bush is the second.
Theodore Roosevelt 1858-1900 Fact-a-roonie: Teddy Roosevelt (at the age of 42) was the youngest man ever to become president of the United States. Teddy Roosevelt wore these cowboy chaps when he visited his ranch out west. He was an energetic president who loved roughing it outdoors.	Calvin Coolidge 1892-1933 Fact-a-roonie: Calvin Coolidge was a popular president. He was known as "Silent Cal" because he did not waste words. Photos can be mementos, too. The Coolidges had more pets than any other family in the White House. Their pets included dogs, cats, raccoons, donkeys and birds. This photo shows first lady Grace Coolidge with her pet raccoon, Rebecca. President Coolidge liked Rebecca, too. He used to walk her on a leash.	John Quincy Adams 1767-1829 Fact-a-roonie: John Quincy Adams had a grandchild, Mary Louisa Adams, who played with this doll she called "Baby."

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