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WEDNESDAY
MARCH 29, 1995

50 Cents

FD given ambulance contract

■ *Two-hour debate led into decision*

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It was an emotionally charged night, as about 70 people packed the Big Spring City Council chamber Tuesday to see if American Medical Transport or the Big Spring Fire Department would receive the bid to handle the city's ambulance service.

After two and a half hours of discussion, which included a report by Ad Hoc committee chairman Lanny Hamby, the City Council voted 6 to 1 in favor of awarding the bid to the BSFD.

Councilwoman Pat DeAnda was the one vote against awarding the bid to the BSFD.

She said, "I have no doubt that the fire department can handle the service. One of my concerns is that we train these people and they leave and go where there is better pay.

Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson responded by saying, "In the last three years we have lost three people - to retirement."

DeAnda added, "I have faith in the fire department, but I'm not willing to gamble with the taxpayers money on anticipation."

When the decision was reached concerning the ambulance service, Stephen Stephens, EMS Supervisor for AMT, said, "We will continue to serve our contract and provide quality care for Big Spring until that contract expires."

The Ad Hoc committee that looked at the bid proposals submitted by AMT and the BSFD was made up of a cross section of Big Spring citizens, and had three lengthy meetings before reaching a decision.

Hamby said, "We feel that we gathered enough information and it is our recommendation that the city award the contract for ambulance service to the BSFD.

"Their proposal will require an initial outlay of $276,000. Over the long run we feel like it will be a plus to the city and be a better service. Our decision was not based on anything negative about AMT. There were questions about their response time and their financial report, but we feel like they adequately fulfilled their contract."

He added, "We feel, from the information we have, that we'll get a better product for our money from the Big Spring Fire Department."

The committee went on to rec-

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AMT's manager expresses concerns about decision

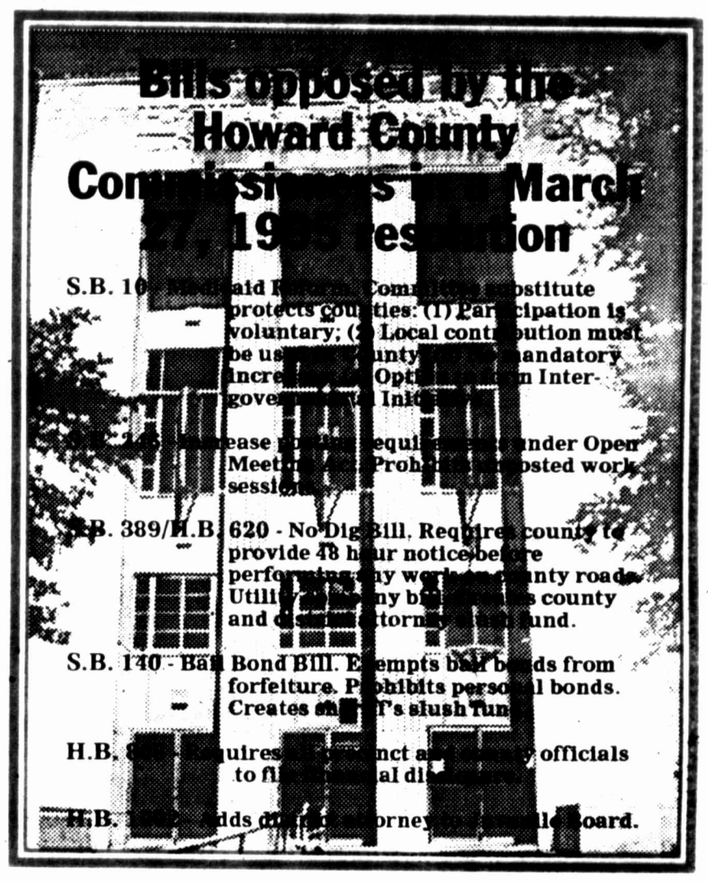
By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During Tuesday's debate over the city's ambulance service, AMT Area Manager Ron Robertson out of Abilene said there were a number of concerns about rushing into the situation the Big Spring Fire Department was trying to get into.

He said, "The fire department does not have the history or the experience to make the kinds of statements made in their proposal to the council."

He told the council that the

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Trash-off scheduled for Saturday

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The Great Texas Trash Off is this Saturday and Proud Citizens of Big Spring will be pitching in to clean up the streets.

Six Adopt-A-Highway groups in Howard County will also be helping out including Meridian Oil Company, Big Spring Kiwanis Club, Boy Scouts of America Lone Star District, Boys Club of Big Spring, College Baptist Church and Vietnam Veterans of America. They will be removing litter from state roadsides while Proud Citizens volunteers will be sprucing up city streets, county roads and parks.

More volunteers are needed to help with the project. Proud Citizens Chairman Polly St. Clair is asking everyone to pitch in to clean up their property from street to alley.

During the month of April, city workers will pick up large items such as furniture or appliances to be taken to the landfill. You can call 264-2376 to arrange a time for someone to come by. The large items can be taken to the landfill by individuals at no charge with a fee charged to businesses.

Last year marked the largest trash off in the history of "Don't

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

The Great Texas Trash Off will be conducted this Saturday, with several local civic groups pitching in to help clean areas like this culvert along FM 700.

Dead fox found on Northside

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring's northside is the latest area of town to face the rabies scare when a dead fox was found near a dumpster Tuesday afternoon near Lakeview Headstart.

According to police officials, the fox was in such bad shape when it was found that officials won't be able to send it to Austin for rabies testing, but it is suspected that the animal was rabid.

Officials also said a Sheriff's Deputy shot and killed a fox Tuesday afternoon when it charged the deputy in a abandoned house. The fox was sent to Austin for rabies testing.

Big Spring as well as the rest of the state remains under a rabies quarantine until April 13, but officials are now estimating that the rabies outbreak will more than likely continue to get worse.

According to Animal Control Supervisor Lt. Terry Chamness, Howard County is now looking at approximately 30 rabies cases since the scare began in mid January.

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Court approves a 4-day week for road department

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners took action on several items at Monday's meeting, including listening to a proposal for a 4-day work week by County Road Administrator Eddy Jameson for his department.

In addressing the court, Jameson said everyone in his department is for the idea, which is an idea that worked well for him when he was in Martin County.

The idea was unanimously approved by commissioners and Jameson said he hopes to have the new policy implemented by April 3.

The County Road department will now work from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. four days a week.

Jameson said, "We will be able to get more work done and cover more ground. The men will also be able to enjoy a three-day weekend."

Commissioners then approved several items including the contract with State National Bank as the depository for county funds, and a request by Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Sgt. Barney Edens to use the Howard County Fair Barn once a month as a teen center.

After meeting in executive session, commissioners announced that it had retained the firm Allison & Associates of Austin to handle the county's appeal of an Abilene jury's award of $180,000 to former deputy Jimmy Wallace from a lawsuit filed against Sheriff A.N. Standard and Howard County.

Commissioners unanimously adopted a resolution, which will be sent to appropriate state representatives and officials, stating the county's opposition to certain proposed Senate and House Bills and several mandates.

The Howard County Commissioners' Court opposes the following bills:

•S.B. 10 - Medicaid Reform. Committee substitute protects counties: Participation is voluntary; local contribution must be used in the county; there are no mandatory increases; and there is an option to form an Intergovernmental Initiative.

•S.B. 246 - Increase posting requirements under Open Meet-

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Appeal of Wallace verdict based on points of law

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

The attorney representing Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard in their appeal says the federal jury's verdict was inappropriate and Jimmy Wallace's First Amendment rights were not violated.

"We feel in light of the facts, the sheriff acted appropriately and did not violate any civil rights.

"Because the plaintiff had been in a supervisory position and was now running against his employer, the sheriff had the right to suspend him. If Wallace stayed during the campaign, it would cause disruption of the office and a lack of loyalty to the sheriff," said Bob Bass, attorney for the county.

Bass says a sheriff has the right, under law, to suspend someone during an election because the campaigning could lead to polarization of the office and difficulty of the sheriff's ability to run the day to day operations to ensure public safety.

Cindy Weir-Ervin, Wallace's attorney, claims the defense does not have a right to appeal. "They did not do a motion for judgment as a matter of law before the case went to the jury. They can't argue any appeals based on the evidence and this essentially bars their right to appeal," Ervin said.

Bass said they are not arguing the evidence or facts of the case but rather they want questions of the law answered by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

One question is does a sheriff have the right to fire someone who is running against him because of the chance there will be discord in the office during the campaign and still not be a violation of that person's right. The defense says the answer should be yes and the appeals

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Texas Trivia

What is the only type of mole found in Texas?

Eastern mole

Who drilled the first oil well in Texas in 1866?

Lyne T. Barret

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: A lively debate about students' privacy rights and the war on drugs seemed to leave the Supreme Court deeply divided Tuesday over mandatory drug tests in public schools. See page 7A.

World: Rising crime has raised fears former Haitian soldiers are resuming their violent ways and that police are either powerless or unwilling to stop them. See page 5A.



STATE

Castration possible

A prison inmate who has repeatedly been convicted of molesting children could choose to be surgically castrated under a bill that has been passed by the Texas Senate. See page 3A.

Rates going up

The benchmark rate for personal auto insurance will rise 3 percent statewide effective June 1, State Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has announced.See page 4A.

Tracked through Caller ID

A man has been charged with murder in the death of a former girlfriend, accused of using a Caller ID service to track her. See page 4A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight



58 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 40

Cloudy

Tonight, cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, low near 40, east winds 10 to 20 mph.

Permian Basin Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, high upper 50s, east winds 10 to 20 mph; cloudy night, low near 40.

Friday: Cloudy, chance of rain, high upper 50s, east winds; cloudy night, low near 40.

Thursday



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OBITUARIES

Wanda Allen

Services for Wanda Allen, 52, Big Spring, are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, March 28, 1995, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Marion Essery

Services for Marion Edward "Ed" Essery, 66, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 1995, at Bell-Cyper-Seale Funeral Home with Rev. Marvin Applin, pastor of Gentle Dove Ministries, Snyder, officiating. Burial will be in Polar Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cyper-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Essery died Monday, March 27, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder following a short illness.

He was born June 24, 1928, and married Nellie Goodman in January of 1956, at Union. She preceded him in death on March 28, 1993. Mr. Essery was a retired oilfield worker and a Baptist. He had lived in Snyder since the early 1950's, having moved there from East Texas.

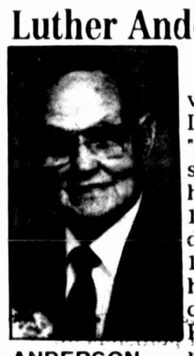
Survivors include three sons: Robert Essery, Ben Essery and Eddie Essery, all of Snyder; one daughter: Connie Essery, Snyder; one brother: Kenneth Essery, Clayton; and five grandchildren.

T.L. Harris

Services for T.L. Harris, 89, Houston, formerly of Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He died Tuesday, March 28, 1995, in Houston.

Luther Anderson



ANDERSON

Services for Luther F. "Bud" Anderson, 79, Coahoma, will be 10 a.m. Thursday, March 30, 1995, at Coahoma Church of Christ with Russ Mullins, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Anderson died Monday, March 27, in a local hospital.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1915, in Big Spring and married Vera Dell Neal on June 17, 1939, in Big Spring. He was a member of Coahoma Church of Christ. He had worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps in the mid 1930's and then worked as an operator at Cosden for 34 years.

Survivors include his wife: Vera Dell Anderson, Coahoma; three sons: Lonnie Anderson, James Anderson and Wendell Anderson, all of Coahoma; two daughters: Wanda Faye Davis, Casper, Wyo., and Phyllis Ann Scroggins, Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Dell Anderson, a great-grandson, Wacey Ferrell Anderson, one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials to The American Heart Association, Howard County Division, P.O. Box 1223, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1223.

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Wanda Allen, 52, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home
and Rosewood Chapel
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T. L. Harris, 89, died Tuesday in Houston. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 1, 1995, at Trinity Memorial Park.

Luther F. "Bud" Anderson, 79, died Monday. Services will be at 10:00 A.M. Thursday at Coahoma Church of Christ. Interment will follow in Coahoma Cemetery.

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Awarded

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ommend that, if the bid was awarded to AMT, closer scrutiny be given to AMT with regard to complaints, a new contract be drawn up with certain stipulations, and that there be a little more cooperation between the city and AMT.

In his address to the council, Stephens said, "We respect the fire department and their jobs, but they're dedicated to fires and we're dedicated to EMS. We're playing a money game here and I don't think this city wants to be in the lawsuit business as is the case with a service that just started in Terrell, Texas.

"We take the hit now. We have the financial burden and I don't believe Big Spring citizens deserve to have the financial burden placed on them."

Stephens told the council that AMT has provided $10,000 worth of standbys to the community in the last eight months and that AMT does CPR training free of charge and also does blood-pressure checks.

He said, "I don't want to see 27 people out of a job. The city says it wants privatization and more businesses in town and here you're about to throw one out."

Stephens added that the council should listen to the taxpayers on this issue and pointed to the petition that was presented to Acting City Manager Tom Decell earlier.

According to AMT, the 450 signatures in support of it keeping the ambulance service were gathered in one day.

Dr. Bruce Cox also spoke out in favor of AMT saying, "I think the current system has done a very good job for the last seven years. They have produced. I'd rather a private enterprise take the risks. Let's pay for the system we already have."

He added, "In medicine, we don't sue each other for $500,000, we sue for $6 million to $10 million. I think you would be making a big mistake by turning this service over to the fire department."

Big Spring and Howard County Emergency Management Coordinator C. Ray Wright said, "I'm close friends with everyone we're talking about here because I work with them."

He told the council that it concerned him and people in the outlying area of the county because there is only one ambulance on duty 24 hour a day.

Wright said, "This will be a tremendous undertaking by the city, but I think the fire department knows what's coming. We're now looking at going from one ambulance on duty at all times to two ambulances being ready to roll at all times. I think Chief Anderson and his people realize what those responsibilities are and they'll do a good job."

Concern

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city would lose $2 million in the next two years just putting the ambulance service together.

According to Robertson, 1992 was AMT's last revenue increase. He said the service has experienced a 2 percent growth rate in each of the last three years and that the BSFD shouldn't expect any more than that.

One major issue during the debate was AMT stance on taking Medicare assignments.

Mayor Tim Blackshear raised the issue and Robertson said, "We are agreeable to taking Medicare assignments if that's what you want us to do."

He added, "We take assignments based on locale and how we would benefit from it. We also look at the medical profile of a community. We're seeing about 3 percent to four percent more of a return by not accepting assignments."

Blackshear told Robertson that, as mayor of Big Spring, should the city decide to award AMT another contract, he would expect him, as AMT's Area manager, to put all of his cards on the table.

Big Spring Fire Chief Frank Anderson and his staff were quiet until near the end of the meeting.

When Anderson addressed the council, he said he disagreed with several statement that had been made throughout the evening, but he felt like the BSFD was in a good position to offer as good a quality of ambulance service to the area as it does fire fighting.

He said, "You have seen the capacity I've performed in and by the end of August, if you so choose to award us the bid, you'll have 25 paramedics ready to perform.

"We will have two Mobile Intensive Care Units (MICU's) available 24 hours a day all year long and a third unit available within seconds if needed. Our emergency runs currently average between 3.1 and 3.3 minutes. We expect to do as well with the ambulance service. When we get into the black, we'll be able to pay back the original startup costs of the service and lower the city's subsidy to the service.

Currently the city pays AMT about $80,000 a year as a subsidy.

The City Council is will continue to look at the level of insurance the ambulance service will maintain.

Anderson said he expects it to be somewhere between $1 million and $5 million dollars.

As for why the BSFD wanted to take on the ambulance service, Anderson said, "I've made thousands and thousands of emergency calls in 40 years of service. It excites me as to how this will benefit us."

Trash

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Mess with Texas" campaign with 95,000 volunteers picking up more than five million gallons of litter across the state.

St. Clair is asking people to contact her or Milli Cunningham to report blighted areas or street signs needing replacement. You can contact St. Clair at 264-7107 or Cunningham at 263-7484 or the Public WorksDepartment.

Meanwhile, around 100 people turned out at the Catholic cemetery cleanup March 19.

Those in attendance were: Tim Blackshear, Chuck and Renae Carr, Jay and Milli Cunningham, Rudy DeLeon, Pat DeAnda, Joe Fierro, Jesse Flores, Mike Flores, Armando Franco, Gary Fuqua, Brad and Shasta Fuqua, Belen Gonzales, Cathy Green, Mary Ann and Perry Hall, Perry D. Hall, Amy Hernandez, Clara Hernandez, Jesse F. Hernandez, Louis Hernandez, Manuel Hilario, Henry Holguin, Luz M. Juarez, Helen S. Martez, Jason Martinez, Machelle Medina and Edward G. Mendz.

John G. Morales, Robert Munoz, Sandra Munoz, Sally and Sammy Munoz, Albert Paredez, Augustin Paredez, Chaga Paredez, Larry Paredez, Lupe Paredez, J.R. Piper, Janie and Pascual Porras Jr., Olevia Porras, Nacho Rodriquez, Flora Salazar, Frank G. Salazar, Mary Salazar, Inez Salazar, R.C. Santellan, Jerry Saucedo, Marisela and Christina Saucedo, Pat Simmons, Polly St. Clair, Don and Sandy Smith, J.D. and Jake Smith, Patsy Terceo, Pablo Tovar and Debbye Valverde.

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ing Act. Prohibits unposted work sessions.

•H.B 620/S.B. 389 - No Dig Bill. Requires a county to provide 48 hours notice before performing any work on county roads. Utility company bill. Creates county and district attorney slush fund.

•H.B. 808 - Requires all precinct and county officials to file financial disclosure.

•H.B. 1002 - Adds district attorney to Juvenile Board.

•S.B. 140 - Bail Bond Bill. Exempts bail bonds from forfeiture. Prohibits personal bonds. Creates Sheriff's slush fund.

The Howard County Commissioners' Court opposes the following mandates:

•S.B. 512/H.B. 1306 - Requires a county to furnish transcripts for parent/child relationship appeals.

•H.B. 327/S.B. 6 - Juvenile Justice Reform. Requires new juvenile programs that are not funded by the state.

•S.B. 127 - Requires a county to notify victims and denies personal bond to persons charged with family violence.

•S.B. 303 - Requires interpreter and telecommunication devices for arrested deaf persons within one hour of arrest.

•H.B. 3 - Requires a county to provide additional attorney for capital crime defendants.

•H.B. 409 - mandates salaries for district clerk, county clerk, and tax assessor/collector.

•H.B. 551 - Requires a county to furnish all constables and deputy constables with a radio, bullet proof vests, a telephone, and a vehicle or mileage reimbursement.

•H.B. 1678 - Supplements county attorney salary. Prohibits commissioners' court from reducing budget.

•H.B. 1091 - Requires county to furnish information to workers' compensation agency.

Appeal

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court should overturn the decision.

Two other reasons for filing the appeal include trying to reduce the damages awarded to Wallace and the question of statue of limitations.

The jury awarded Wallace $100,433 in back pay from the day he was placed on unpaid administrative leave although they said he was not terminated until June. The defense wants to appeal this because they say Wallace should not have received back pay for the months of January through May and should have started in June, when he was officially fired.

The other part of the appeal is based on a law stating a person can file a lawsuit up to two years after an adverse employment situation arises. The adverse employment, according to the defense, would be January 1992 and the lawsuit was not filed until March 1994, thus the statue of limitations had expired.

Bass adds he expects the appeals court to have a final decision by this time next year. During the appeals process, Wallace will not receive any of the money awarded to him and it will collect interest at a rate of about $1,200 a month.

If the county loses the appeal, they will have to pay the $180,433 plus the amount of interest accrued during the process. If the decision is overturned, the county will not have to pay anything.

Because the county has already met its $5,000 deductible paying attorney fees for the trial, the insurance company will pick up the tab for the appeal. It is taxpayers money that pays the premium through the county's general fund.

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POLICE

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

•**THEFTS** in the 800 block of Gregg and 200 block of West Marcy.

•**SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS** in the 400 block of Johnson, 1700 block of Gregg, 500 block of Hillside, 3200 block of Drexel and 200 block of N.W. Ninth.

•**MINOR ACCIDENT** at 600 North service road of Interstate 20. A citation for failure to control speed was issued.

•**THEFT OF SERVICE** in the 1800 block of Owens.

•**FORGERY** in the 500 block of Birdwell.

•**LOUD PARTY** in the 800 block of West Eighth.

•**CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** issued in the 200 block of West Marcy.

•**BURGLARY OF A COIN-OPERATED MACHINE** in the 200 block of West Marcy.

•**WALKAWAY** from the Big Spring State Hospital.

•**ABANDONING A CHILD** in the 1500 block of Bluebird.

SHERIFF

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

•**STEVE ALAN HANNABASS**, 37 of 1501 Tucson, pled guilty to three counts of driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 30 days, fined $200 and ordered to pay $205 in court costs for each charge.

•**CARL GENE BURLESON**, 33 of 610 Steakley, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested for assault/family violence and a theft charge from Taylor County. He was released after posting a $500 bond.

•**JOHNNY WEST REID**, 46 of 1302 Ridgeroad, was transferred to Callahan County after pleading guilty to a theft charge.

•**MELVIN JOHNSON**, 47 of 707 Wyoming, pled guilty to driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, fined $200 and ordered to pay $205 in court costs.

•**TIMOTHY JOSEPH MAJOR JR.**, 21 of Lubbock, pled guilty to two counts of driving while license suspended. He was sentenced to 15 days in jail, fined $200 and ordered to pay $205 in court costs on each charge.

•**RICHARD WAYNE RAINS**, 28 of Coahoma, pled guilty to two counts of possession of marijuana under two ounces and unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was fined $100 and ordered to pay $200 in court costs on each charge.

•**DISPUTE** at a residence in Sand Springs.

•**POSSIBLE RABID CAT** at a residence on Loop Road.

IN BRIEF

Forsan kindergarten registration set April 3

The Forsan Independent School District is having a kindergarten preregistration night on April 3 at 7 p.m. in the Elbow Elementary school cafeteria.

If you live in the Forsan district and have a child who will be five years of age on or before Sept. 1, 1995, please register your child and meet the teachers.

To preregister your child, you must bring their social security card, birth certificate and immunization records. If you have any questions call the school office

Fox

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The most recent animal bite in Big Spring happened last Thursday, just two days after the police K-9 Unit dog was attacked by a fox.

The case in question is that of a Big Spring boy who was bitten by a grey fox that darted out of a wooded area in the Monmouth Avenue area Thursday shortly after 5 p.m.

Chamness said the boy was taken to Midland by his parents to begin the series of rabies shots. As for the fox being determined rabid, Animal Control officials were not able to catch the animal.

Because officials are not sure when and where each case will pop up, they are still urging area residents to have all of their animals, including livestock, vaccinated against the disease. Officials say it will protect people's domestic animals and livestock as well as help stop the spread of the disease.

State officials with the Texas Department of Health are optimistic that their request for $4 million to begin a bait drop vaccination program will be granted.

The program would include dropping bait filled with the rabies vaccine into open fox populated areas. When an animal takes the bait and the vaccine reaches the tonsils the animal is vaccinated.

If TDH is able to get the necessary funding, the statewide bait program could begin later this year.

Chamness was in Austin last week and said one official told him that the possibility of the bait program being approved is looking good so far and the bait drop vaccinations for the grey fox could begin in October if the proposal continues to pass.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

•Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill, 7 p.m., The Corral. Call 267-7220.

•Howard County Mental Health Center, support and educational group for families living with mental illness, 6 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.


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Tainted aquifer linked to Pantex

AMARILLO (AP) — Technicians have detected their first case of off-site contamination of the Ogallala Aquifer linked to the Pantex plant, officials said Tuesday.

The initial sampling found low levels of HMX, a type of high explosive used at Pantex, in a private well near the plant, Energy Department and state officials said.

Pantex, located about 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, is the nation's primary assembly and disassembly plant for nuclear weapons.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission officials stressed that any ground water contamination was minimal and the test results were preliminary.

Lee Cockrell, who has ranched near Pantex for more than 40 years, said the Energy Department had contacted him about the results from his well. He said he has a good relationship with DOE officials and was not concerned about his water supply.

"I am for a strong national defense and this deal about the water over here is just a bunch of hogwash," he said.

Energy Department spokesman Tom Walton said officials received the results on Tuesday.

"We are working on the assumption that there is some amount there even though it may be very, very small," Walton said. "It is possible when you're dealing down in that small number, per billion, to get a false positive (result), but we're not discounting it. We're just going to take some more additional samples."



Associated Press photo

Bayou Vista police officer John Overstreet, center, weeps after a jury found him and his fellow officer Greg Trantham, right, innocent of charges they picked up a stray dog and shot it to death Tuesday in Galveston.

Officers found innocent of shooting dog

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Two police officers, targets of hate mail from animal lovers from coast to coast after they were charged with using a stray dog for target practice, say they're relieved that the truth is out.

"We finally got to tell our side of the story after the rumors exploded to nationwide proportions," said Greg Trantham, one of the Bayou Vista patrolmen acquitted Tuesday on animal cruelty charges.

"The bottom line is, no animal was killed," he said.

Six Galveston County jurors found Trantham, 27, and John Overstreet, 32, innocent on the Class A misdemeanor charge after a week of testimony and a full day of deliberations.

The two were accused of torturing and killing a stray Lhasa apso and leaving its carcass on a remote road while on duty last April. The officers insisted the dog escaped from them as they attempted to transport it to an animal shelter.

The case drew nationwide attention after police and prosecutors were deluged with letters, faxes and telephone calls — many asking for harsh punishment for the officers. A number referred to a posting on the Internet.

Trantham and Overstreet, who testified last week that they picked up the dog but did not harm it, appeared relieved when the verdict was read. Overstreet clenched his fists, hung his head and cried.

"I'm still surprised and a little disappointed that it even had to come to this. A lot of rumors fly around in Galveston County," Trantham said. "I was very, very surprised that a rumor made it to court."

Throughout the trial, defense lawyers contended there was no evidence to suggest the dog shooting even took place.

Prosecutors only had testimony from witnesses who said they saw the dog's bullet-riddled carcass and others who said the officers bragged and laughed about shooting the animal. The defendants claimed prosecution witnesses made up the story.

Among those witnesses was the former Bayou Vista police chief, who said the officers talked about the shooting at a convenience store.

Senate passes bill that would castrate sexual offenders

AUSTIN (AP) — A prison inmate who has repeatedly been convicted of molesting children could choose to be surgically castrated under a bill that has been passed by the Texas Senate.

"Those people oftentimes are victims of uncontrollable urges. Many have asked that they be able to undergo this treatment so they can end those urges and live a normal life," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, sponsor of the measure.

The procedure currently isn't performed in Texas prisons because officials are unsure about their legal authority and concerned about potential liability, said Bivins' press secretary, James Hoard.

No other state performs surgical castration of inmates, Bivins said. Other states have experimented with chemical castration programs, according to medical ethics expert Arthur Caplan, who predicted a court challenge if the bill becomes law.

Bivins said studies of castration in European countries suggest it dramatically lowers the likelihood of men repeating their crimes. But others say those studies aren't conclusive and there's no guarantee a castrated man wouldn't hurt children.

The bill was passed 27-2 on Tuesday, with Sens. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, voting against it. Ellis initially was recorded as voting for the measure, but the tally was changed after he said he intended to vote no.

The bill now goes to the House, where Bivins said he is lining up a sponsor.

No one spoke against the proposal on the Senate floor, but West later called it "barbaric."

"We give now an individual under this bill ... the right to castration," said West. "What's the next step? If we have a habitual thief, do we give that person the right to cut off their hands?"

Bivins emphasized that he views surgical castration as treatment, not punishment.

HIGHLIGHTS

AUSTIN (AP) — Key provisions of a bill by Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, providing for voluntary surgical castration of inmates who are repeat child molesters:

— The orchiectomy, or removal of the testicles, would be performed by a physician employed by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The physician would receive the inmate's informed, written consent.

— The inmate would have to have been convicted at least twice of indecency with a child, sexual assault of a child or aggravated sexual assault of a child; be at least 21 years old; request the procedure in writing; and sign a statement admitting he committed the offenses of which he was convicted.

— The inmate would have to be evaluated and counseled before the procedure by a psychiatrist and a psychologist with previous experience treating sex offenders.

— The inmate could change his mind at any time before the procedure is performed.

— A monitor from outside the prison system would consult with the inmate to ensure he is not being coerced and is fully informed.

— The doctor who performs the procedure would be granted immunity from liability unless it constitutes negligence.



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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Everybody gets so much information all day long that they lose their common sense."

Gertrude Stein, writer, 1946

Appeal is throwing good money after bad

Howard County Commissioners have decided to appeal the decision in the Jimmy Wallace vs. Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard.

The jury found the sheriff in violation of Wallace's civil rights when he was terminated from the Sheriff's Office after announced his intention to run against Standard for the position of sheriff. The jury awarded Wallace nearly $200,000 in back pay and past mental anguish, plus attorney fees.

The trial for the county cost $5,000 plus $400 in travel expenses. The $5,000 only covered the county's insurance deductible.

Now, the county has hired a new law firm, this one out of Austin, to handle the appeal, an appeal based on the assumption the jury's verdict was wrong in determining there was a violation of Wallace's civil rights.

While the appeal is going on, the $200,000 awarded Wallace will be set aside, earning 6.7 interest, about $1,200 a month. Wallace will receive the interest should the jury's verdict be upheld. Of course, if the verdict is overturned, the county does not have to pay anything.

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Charles C. Williams Publisher
DD Turner Managing Editor

What needs to be considered here is if this is simply throwing good money after bad. The county needs to take its lumps, with our money, and move on to correcting the problems such as "unwritten policies."

It is these unwritten policies that have gotten the Sheriff's Office into trouble before, not only with the employees but with other agencies.

Unwritten policies are bothersome, simply because they can be changed to fit the whim of whoever is making them up at the time. Unwritten polices can also be manipulated to fit the circumstances at the time.

Had there been a written policy covering officers running for election, this lawsuit might have been avoided.

Instead of appealing the verdict, the county needs to spend time and money developing polices to avoid, as much as possible, litigation.

■ Letters to the Editor

Group working toward trash off

Editor:

Proud Citizens of Big Spring announce the April 1 Texas Trash day. Big Spring will join other "Keep Texas Beautiful" communities in cleaning up.

We ask all citizens to clean their property from street to alley. Join forces with your neighbors, get to know them, make it a fun day and make your neighborhood sparkling clean.

If there are areas that are particularly bad, get a group and pitch in and clean them. Proud Citizens will concentrate their efforts on Third and Fourth streets. That is is a big task! Come help, meet others who care and clean Big Spring. It is important for visitors to get a good impression of Big Spring. Gregg Street is looking good from north to south Third and Fourth need to come up to standard of appearance as entrances to our town. All entrances into town should be clean and attractive.

Take a look around, are there sofas, refrigerators or other large items in yards, alleys or vacant lots? They are ugly and junky and there are ordinances against this kind of litter. These items may be taken to the landfill by homeowners without charge.

Businesses are charge a fee. During the month of April the city will pick up large items. Please call 264-2376 for large item pick-up. Please report blighted areas street sign replacements etc. to Polly St. Clair, 264-7107 or Milli Cunningham, 263-7484 or the Public Works Department. Progress has been made, our town looks better. A clean, well maintained town is an inviting place to live and visit. Lets all work together to clean, and maintain forever the natural beauty of Big Spring.

Polly St. Clair
Big Spring

Hard to do or say what is right, wrong

Editor:

I am writing you this letter in reference to the April 8, Bond Election for the new jail and renovation of the present County Court House.

Many times it is so easy to say or do the wrong thing, and just as equally, many times it is so hard to say or do the right thing.

We are so fortunate to live in Big Spring and in Howard County where we will always have pro and cons on everything that our community does. I agree that this is a good thing if not a blessing.

I believe that most citizens of this county know me and would agree with me on what I am about to share with you. If I had young children and had the luxury and privilege of moving to this community or any other community I would look for these things.

First; the schools of that community, Second; the churches of that community, Third; the local and county governments of that community, Fourth; the chamber of commerce-businesses of that community, Fifth; the social and health services, Sixth; the recreational services. Etc., Etc.,...

By putting all ill feelings and attitudes to one side I believe that one does not have to say much nor do much to convince any one that our jail and court house facilities are desperately needed.

In my opinion, all sectors of the community should come together and pull together for a positive, constructive, and progressive attitude and vote YES on the April 8, Bond Election.

Let us always work together for the betterment of our community and let us all get behind this sector of our community and perhaps down the road in a couple of years or so we can all come together once more for the improvements of another sector of our community such as some of the facilities of the education community.

Rudy Gutierrez
Big Spring

Thanks for working for the Ranger lights

Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those involved in trying to make the installation of the Texas Rangers lights for the Big Spring American Little League a reality.

We'd like to thank the Do It Center, Stan Partee, Fiberflex and Dr. Neal Tindol of Sierra Animal Clinic for their generous financial donations to this endeavor.

Additionally, our utmost appreciation is extended to Eddie Garcia and Cap Rock Electric for their generous offer to donate poles and Cain Electrical Supply Company for offering to discount the reflectors needed to make the lights work.

Finally, we'd like to thank Mike Sanders, a Dallas-based General Electric sports lighting manufacturing specialist, who has installed the same lights in several Little League ballparks in metropolitan areas, for donating his time and energy to study and architecturally design a lighting system which would work with the purchased lights.

We truly appreciate the efforts of each of these individuals in trying to make some little boys' dreams come true. And, while the lights may not become a reality, the same cannot be said of their kindness and generosity.

Marty Tindol and other league parents and friends

Individuals need thanks for efforts

Editor:

Several individuals have invested a considerable amount of time and effort on behalf of the American Little League with regards to securing a new lighting system for our park. Steve Jeter of the Equitable, and John Toone of TU Electric, arranged for a feasibility study conducted by a lighting specialist engineer from Dallas. Since this study recommended that the Ranger Stadium lights not be used, another individual has offered his expertise to help us secure a grant to help fund this costly project. The behind-the-scenes efforts of these men and others must not go unrecognized, for it will be with the help of experts in various fields that our lighting project will eventually become a reality.

We sincerely thank the ones who have worked on our behalf, and are very grateful to those who have so generously donated towards the purchase of the Ranger Stadium lights. Your support in this endeavor is much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Robert Wegner and
American Little League
Board of Directors

Officials commended for quick clean-up

Editor:

I want to commend Mayor Tim Blackshear, Tom Decell and the City Council for allocating the money for the clean-up work by the prisoners. Two weeks ago, my dogs had to be destroyed due to contact with a rabid fox in my backyard. Targeting areas such as around Moss Elementary and the ball parks where children are at risk is much appreciated. Thanks for a job well done.

Richard T. Wright
Big Spring

TEXAS

Whooper strays from flight pattern

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — One wayward whooping crane has strayed from a group of the endangered birds that flew south from Canada to the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge late last year.

The bird, separated from its parents, has spent the winter with sandhill cranes traveling around Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

Steve Anschutz, a Nebraska official with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department, says the bird is lost.

The number of whooping cranes that wintered at the refuge about 50 miles north of Corpus Christi this year numbered 132. They are expected to begin returning to Canada during the first two weeks of April.

There are only 162 whooping cranes known to be alive in the wild, while 96 are in captivity.

The missing whooper is believed to have hatched in June and begun its trip south a few months later, said Jim Lewis, national whooping crane coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, N.M.

While young cranes normally travel with their parents, no one knows exactly how the crane became separated. But Lewis said it likely happened by accident, possibly during a storm.

Tom Stehn, a biologist at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, said the bird possibly decided to wing it on its own.

The whooper was spotted Jan. 2 near Hydro, Okla. with a flock of about 3,000 sandhill cranes, which Lewis said are "kind of a close cousin."

"In the absence of whooping cranes, that would be the bird species he would feel most comfortable with," he said.

Since then, it has been spotted in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

While the errant crane could link up with whooping cranes summering at Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada, it may not.

"If this bird stays with sandhill cranes, which I believe it will, it could very well end up somewhere in Alaska," Anschutz said.

Auto insurance rates going up

AUSTIN (AP) — The benchmark rate for personal auto insurance will rise 3 percent statewide effective June 1, State Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has announced.

The benchmark rate increase is about half of the 5 percent to 7 percent increase recommended by two administrative law judges, who studied the rate case.

Rate-regulated insurance companies in the state can charge 30 percent above or below the benchmark rate.

"If the car insurance industry were one big insurance company, it would need a 3 percent rate increase to cover its projected claims and expenses and earn a reasonable profit," Bomer said Tuesday.

But he indicated that the bump in benchmark would not necessarily translate to a rise in consumer premiums.

"This is a competitive system. It's a flexible system. Some companies will raise their rates, some companies won't do anything," he said, indicating company rate decisions are based on location, age, gender, driving record and other factors.

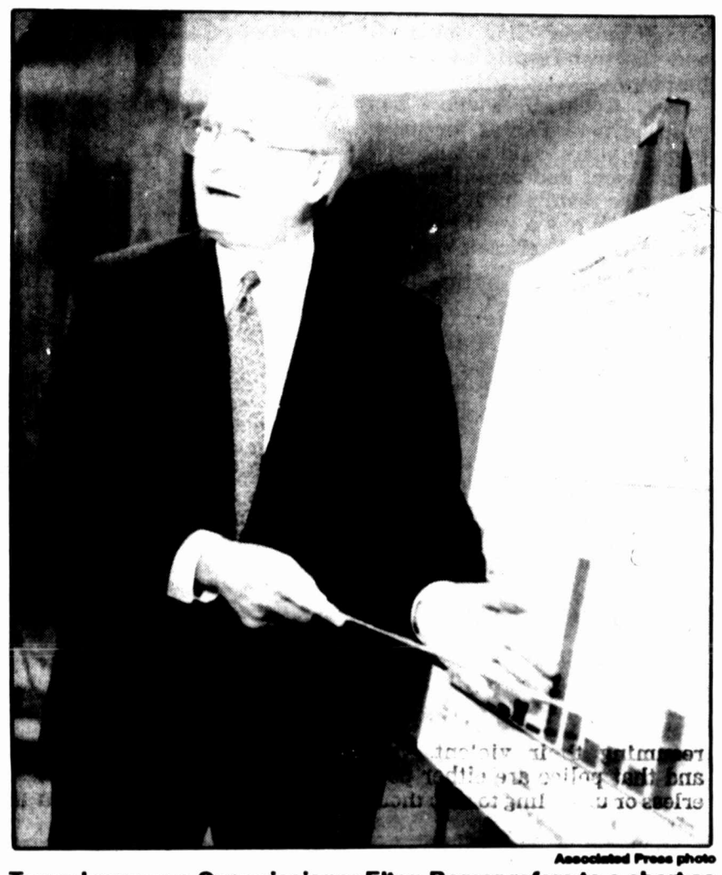
"My job is to make a fair decision based on the evidence. I think I've made a fair decision," Bomer said.

Bomer also raised the commercial benchmark rate 11.5 percent, compared with the 19.2 percent recommendation by the administrative law judges.

Insurance companies were pushing for higher increases in both benchmarks, but they were split Tuesday on Bomer's announcement.

Industry spokesman Jerry Johns of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service endorsed the increase, saying it will make coverage more available to all Texas drivers.

"Whenever we have artificially suppressed rates, as has been the case over the past few years, insurance becomes less available to the average driver because companies are reluctant to offer their products at a financial loss," Johns said.



Associated Press photo

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer refers to a chart as he announces new benchmark rates for automobile insurance during a news conference Tuesday. Rates are expected to rise as much as 3 percent.

Susan Slivinske, spokeswoman for the Insurance Information Institute, however, said the group was "disappointed" with the decision.

"We believe a greater increase in benchmark auto rates would have done more to enhance competition," Ms. Slivinske said.

Consumer advocates had called for a decrease in benchmark rates, which haven't been changed since 1991. But one group characterized the increase as "fairly modest."

Robert Schneider, spokesman for Consumers Union, said his group was more concerned about large increases in the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association premiums.

Bomer, who has sole authority in setting the TAIPA premiums, increased rates in the program between 33 percent and 48 percent, depending on the coverage.

The program exists for drivers who cannot get insurance in the standard market.

"The data clearly shows that the losses have outstripped the (TAIPA) premiums in a dramatic fashion over a period of time. The losses are real," said Bomer, who added that the industry paid out $3.50 in claims for every dollar it took in for uninsured bodily injury coverage.

Ex-girlfriends stalked, murdered through Caller ID service

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 23-year-old man has been charged with murder in the death of a former girlfriend, accused of using a Caller ID service to track her down.

Kevin Roberson was charged Monday with the shooting death of Kerisha Harps, 21. A magistrate set bond of $200,000 on the charge, but also ordered Roberson held without bond on motions to revoke his probation.

Ms. Harps apparently had called Roberson, and he discovered her location through Caller ID, which reveals a caller's telephone number.

Police said Tuesday that Roberson recognized the telephone number disclosed by the Caller ID and knew the corresponding address. Roberson told police a gun went off, striking Ms. Harps in the chest during a struggle.

At the time of his arrest, Roberson was free on bonds totaling $100,000. Since 1991, he had been convicted in 14 previous cases, including vehicle theft, evading arrest, possession of marijuana and burglary of a habitation.

Prosecutors had filed motions to revoke probation in four of the cases, and he was awaiting trial in five more cases, including attempted murder charges stemming from a shooting incident last year involving two people.

"All we can do is file the motions to revoke. It's the judge's prerogative to set bonds," District Attorney Steve Hilbig said. "We did everything we could do."

Roberson posted bond in February after he was jailed for violating terms of an earlier release, which also required him to wear an electronic monitoring device.

District Judge Terry McDonald said a relative and friend had pleaded for Roberson's release.

"They said he had violated his electronic monitoring because his baby was sick."

Hunting, fishing fees raised

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Some people who depend on the outdoors for a living are concerned about proposed price increases for state hunting and fishing licenses and stamps.

The Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife has outlined proposed increases ranging from $2 to $7 for Texas residents and $25 to $50 for out-of-state residents.

The proposal would increase resident fishing or hunting licenses from $13 to anywhere from $16 to $18. The combination hunting-fishing license and Conservation Passport would go from $25 to either $28 or $30.

The general non-resident hunting license would jump from $200 to $250 and nonresident 5-day temporary hunting license would rise from $25 to $50.

The last time regular resident hunting and fishing licenses were increased was in 1991.



Associated Press photo

The body of Mireille Durocher Bertin is removed by U.S. soldier Tuesday from a downtown Port-au-Prince street. Bertin, a key supporter of Haiti's 1991 military coup, and a companion were assassinated by gunmen as they rode in their car. Last week Bertin announced the formation of a new opposition political party.

Coup supporter assassinated

■ *Haitian soldiers resuming violent ways*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Rising crime has raised fears former Haitian soldiers are resuming their violent ways and that police are either powerless or unwilling to stop them.

In the latest violence, a former top official of Haiti's 1991 military coup government was killed Tuesday in downtown Port-au-Prince when men with machine-guns fired on her car then escaped.

Mireille Durocher Bertin, chief of staff in the previous government, was assassinated as the United States plans to turn over the international mission in Haiti to a smaller, U.N.-led force.

Critics say while the United States restored President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power, it failed to ensure enough security for democracy to flourish.

A human rights report due out today says Washington erred from the start by creating a police force largely from men unlikely to uphold democracy — soldiers who helped oust Aristide in 1991, then butchered as many as 4,000 of his supporters over three years.

The report by Human Rights Watch-Americas and the National Coalition for Haitian Refugees also accuses the United States of preferring ex-soldiers partly because they could be a check on Aristide, a man Washington has been wary of in the past.

The U.S. Embassy denied the allegation.

About 7,500 Haitian soldiers were left behind when their military leaders went into exile just before Aristide's return in October. About 3,500 are members of the interim police force that is to stay on for at least a year. Six hundred others have been promised positions in Haitian government ministries.

About 3,000 troops are receiving training from the U.S.-led multinational force in trades like electricity, carpentry and auto mechanics.

"It has been very successful in dampening down some of the potential resentment in the demobilized army because it has given them another alternative," U.S. Embassy spokesman Stan Schrager said.

But as many as three-quarters of Haitians are unemployed or underemployed, so it's unlikely many former soldiers will find jobs.

Some vetted soldiers have managed to stay on the payroll. But hundreds of disenfranchised soldiers and a large amount of weapons remain unaccounted for, leaving Haiti ripe for retaliatory violence.

As many as 1,000 soldiers and officers, including some considered the most dangerous, have disappeared. Although the U.S. force has confiscated or bought tens of thousands of weapons, an untold number is still stashed away.

Port-au-Prince has been hit by a wave of brutal armed robberies and homicides in recent months, and former soldiers and thousands of attaches are the only Haitians believed to still have weapons.

The Aristide government last month released a list of 12 men sought on suspicion of plotting against national security, and it included three former soldiers.

Japanese police testing cult's chemicals to see if sarin could be made

TOKYO (AP) — Police are reportedly planning a chemistry experiment: They want to test whether a doomsday cult's labs and chemicals could have been used to make the deadly nerve gas released in the Tokyo subway attack.

A report today in the Mainichi newspaper said police experts would use the secret chemical laboratory discovered at a cult compound at the foot of Mount Fuji, where they suspect the nerve gas sarin was manufactured.

The report said they would use chemicals recovered at the site in their tests, but it was not known whether they would try to make sarin itself or only its compounds. Police would not comment on the report.

The group Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth, has denied involvement in the March 20 subway attack, which killed 10 people and sickened more than 5,000. No arrests have been made.

Japanese authorities were moving against the cult on other fronts.

The National Public Security Commission could disband the church under the Anti-subversive Activities Law, a commission official said.

Under the 1952 law, authorities can ban activities of a group or person engaged in violence. It would be the first time for the law, originally aimed at radical political groups, to be used against a religious group.

Tax authorities are taking an interest in the case as well. Japanese news reports said today that police were asking the national tax agency to look into the cult's finances.

Education Ministry officials, meanwhile, said they were considering legal steps against cult members who keep their children out of school. The ministry has asked for police help in determining how many such children there might be, the Asahi newspaper reported.

Also today, the Foreign Ministry said five U.S. government medical experts were to arrive in Tokyo to help treat victims of the subway attack.

Japan's soliciting of U.S. assistance marked a departure from its attitude during the Kobe earthquake earlier this year. Then, the government only reluctantly accepted help from outside search-and-rescue teams and foreign doctors.

The gas attack and its aftermath have transfixed Japan, and more and more information about the cult has come to light as its previous publications come under scrutiny.

Elements of the subway attack figured in a book by the group called "Catastrophe Approaches the Nation of Rising Sun," released less than three weeks before the subway gassing. But in it, the cult is portrayed as a victim, not an attacker.

One chapter involves a discussion among the sect's leader, Shoko Asahara, and associates, all of whom are said to have university degrees in medicine, biochemistry and architecture.

"Today, we have no other

Evacuation from Burundi stepped up

BUJUMBURA, Burundi (AP) — The United States and other foreign governments stepped up the evacuation of their nationals from Burundi today following ethnic violence.

Neighborhoods in the capital, Bujumbura, where minority Tutsis last week fought to drive out ethnic Hutus, were mostly quiet today, a day after reported looting.

Dozens, perhaps hundreds of people were killed last week before the fighting trailed off Sunday in the latest flare-up in an 18-month ethnic war.

About 500,000 people died in ethnic violence last year in Rwanda, Burundi's northern neighbor.

Although diplomats do not expect a blood bath on that scale in Burundi, the Organization for African Unity has decided to send a delegation to investigate the fighting.

Foreign embassies and the United Nations were taking no chances.

Fifteen dependents of U.S. diplomats and 130 Belgian citizens took a flight this morning to Brussels. About 150 French women and children, along with 40 people from other countries, left Tuesday. Some Spanish and Italian citizens left the country in previous days.

The United Nations said it was withdrawing some 45 dependents.

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Losing battle expected on term limits

■ *GOP readies to blame Demos for failure*

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans forced a historic floor debate today on whether the Constitution should limit terms in Congress. They expected to fail and prepared to blame Democrats.

The first-ever House vote on term limits, scheduled for tonight, also was turning into a major defeat for the Republican majority that took control in January. On the eve of the landmark vote, supporters were well short of the two-thirds majority — 290 votes — needed to pass a constitutional amendment, but they hoped to score political points for airing the popular cause.

"Passage is far from certain. But the mere fact that we are having this debate ... suggests just how much change really has taken place at the United States Capitol," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., said Tuesday.

Pass or fail, Goss said, "we will establish some clear accountability and our constituents, I know, will appreciate that."

Americans overwhelmingly support term limits, and they were a cornerstone of the House GOP's campaign-season "Contract With America." Congressional supporters, most of them Republicans, say a cap on congressional tenure would restore the citizen-legislature envisioned by the founding fathers.

"If we get half the Democrats, we will pass the term limits constitutional amendment," House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., declared in a partisan jab as debate opened. He said more than 85 percent of GOP lawmakers would vote for the measure and "it ought to be possible to get half the Democrats to side with the country that elects them."

In their first chance to go on record, House members were choosing among four alternatives. All would set a two-term, 12-year limit on senators. Options for the House were a 12-year national limit, a 12-year limit states could shorten, a six-year limit, and — the Democratic alternative — a 12-year retroactive limit.

Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., sponsor of a national 12-year limit, said longtime legislators engage in "rather poor decision-making" as a result of trying to stay popular with interest groups.

"That's why we've had such trouble balancing the budget and getting some common sense around here," he said.

But there are deep fissures within the House GOP leadership on term limits, and most Democrats are against them. Opponents say they are a bad idea for a myriad of reasons — from limiting voter choices, to robbing Congress of expertise, to ceding power to bureaucrats, aides, lobbyists and the White House.

The senior Republican critics include Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who calls term limits a "dumb idea" that would rob Congress of needed expertise, and Texas Rep. Tom DeLay, the party's whip, who says they would enhance the power of unelected bureaucrats.

Some critics say the real problem is a campaign-finance system that encourages dependence on special interests and puts challengers at a disadvantage. Many point to recent elections — including the 1994 GOP landslide — as proof that turnover occurs without term limits.

"I know that I am better, I'm smarter, I'm more experienced, than I was when I was first elected," said veteran Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio. "In whose interests is it to have juvenile representation here? ... In whose interest is it to have this place in constant upheaval?"

Rep. Anthony Beilenson, D-Calif., said term-limited California state legislators are using their short stints to line up the jobs they'll need when they leave. "The citizens of California are being poorly served ... and it would be a grave error to extend this failing system to our national legislature as well," he said.

Twenty-two states already have approved term limits for members of Congress. The Supreme Court is due to rule this summer on whether such limits are constitutional.

Some term limits groups and their allies in Congress, looking beyond the House vote, are promoting House and Senate bills that would authorize states to set limits on federal lawmakers. The bills would require a simple majority for approval and would not have to go to states for ratification, as a constitutional amendment does.

Others have suggested capping congressional pensions at 12 years to encourage voluntary departures.

Legislators risk voters if don't change stands

HOUSTON (AP) — Fred Soifer voted to re-elect Rep. Tom DeLay last year and thinks the Republican generally does a good job.

But DeLay, the GOP's House whip, could be risking the votes of people like Soifer if he maintains his long-time opposition to term limits — a key element in the "Contract With America."

"Unless there were awfully mitigating circumstances, I would have to feel that it was a betrayal of sorts," said Soifer, a 63-year-old Houston veterinarian.

There are four proposed constitutional amendments before the House that would limit representatives to either three or six two-year terms. All the bills would limit senators to two six-year terms.

But all four measures are expected to fail, since as constitutional amendments they need a two-thirds majority. Although the vote will probably break along party lines, some key Republicans oppose it — including DeLay and Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois, the Judiciary Committee chairman.

DeLay, who is in his sixth term, argues that term limits enhance the power of unelected bureaucrats. Hyde, in his 11th term, calls them a "dumb idea" that would rob Congress of needed expertise.

But Soifer said there is another issue at stake: Trust.

"You should say, 'OK I'll bury my disagreements. This is what the electorate wanted. Therefore, we better do it,'" said Soifer, a Republican who has no firm position on term limits. "I think this is what it's all about. People are getting disgusted with their representatives not representing them."

In Illinois, Bill Parker, a camera store salesman who favors term limits, said he might vote for someone other than Hyde in 1996 because of his opposition.

"I would consider it," Parker said. "Some of these guys overstay their welcome and get power happy."

DeLay recognizes his stance is "probably not the politically correct position," said press secretary Trish Brink. But "he can't in good conscience sacrifice his commitment."

Brink said DeLay had received few calls on the issue by Tuesday, and many of his constituents said term limits wasn't a do-or-die issue with them.

"He may get some backlash," said Harris County GOP chairwoman Betsy Lake, one of DeLay's constituents and a term limits supporter. "I don't think it's going to be that they won't re-elect him."

Joyce Schachner, a manager of a thrift shop in Des Plaines, Ill., views the debate with the same skepticism that made term limits a popular issue in the first place.

"Nowadays they all tell you one thing and then they do another," Schachner said. "Do I sound cynical? I guess I do."

Resolution approved condemning Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved a resolution Tuesday condemning Iraq's imprisonment of two Americans and urged President Clinton to "take all appropriate action to assure their prompt release."

The resolution, which passed 99-0, said the arrest of the two civilians after they entered Iraqi territory from Kuwait, "worsens already strained relations" between Iraq and the United States.

The two Americans, David Daliberti, 41, of Jacksonville, Fla., and William Barloon, 39, of New Hampton, Iowa, were sentenced last Saturday by an Iraqi court to eight years in prison for entering the country without permission.

They had been arrested 12 days earlier.

U.S. officials have dismissed as preposterous suggestions by Iraqi officials that the two Americans may have been "spies or saboteurs." The State Department has said that the Americans' entry into Iraq was inadvertent and that the two committed no offense justifying imprisonment.

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Supreme Court divided over mandatory drug testing in schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — A lively debate about students' privacy rights and the war on drugs seemed to leave the Supreme Court deeply divided Tuesday over mandatory drug tests in public schools.

In a case closely watched by educators nationwide, an Oregon school district and the Clinton administration urged the justices to allow such tests for all student athletes in schools where drug use is deemed a problem.

But a teen-ager's lawyer said his client wrongly was barred from his junior high football team for refusing to undergo urinalysis because such tests amount to unreasonable searches.

"This is being compelled by the government. They're watching you do it. They're taking your urine. They're testing it to see what secrets are therein," Portland lawyer Thomas Christ contended.

The court's decision, expected by late June, could deal with student athletes only. But, depending on how broadly the justices rule, the decision conceivably could affect all schoolchildren — even those in elementary school.

Justice Department lawyer Richard Seamon, when pressed on the scope of his argument, said, "It is not our position that drug-testing of all students would be invalid under all circumstances."

From the courtroom audience, 15-year-old James Acton watched silently.

James was a star seventh-grader at Washington Grade School in the small logging town of Vernonia in 1991 when he was confronted by the drug-test requirement.

Vernonia officials since 1989 had used drug tests for all student athletes because they suspected some of being leaders in an "out-of-control" drug culture.

The Actons sued, and eventually the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the drug-testing policy. James, now a sophomore at Vernonia High School, joined his school's basketball team after the school district was forced to make drug-testing voluntary.

Past high court rulings have established that schoolchildren have privacy rights, but also have upheld warrantless searches by teachers and school administrators who have a "reasonable suspicion" a student has violated school rules.

Many of the justices' questions and comments Tuesday focused on whether drug tests for some of a school's student athletes would be more intrusive than randomly testing all.

"The accusation would alter the teacher-student relationship," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said at one point.

He later voiced concern about turning teachers into police officers and about the nationwide importance of "solving the problem of drugs in the schools."

TOXIC PURCHASE



Associated Press photo

Members of the environmental law society at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor walk across the law quad on the UM campus Tuesday. The society has collected $1,000 in small donations to buy the right to spew about 5 tones of sulphur dioxide fumes into the air. The society doesn't intend to become a polluter, but instead will "retire" the right to spew those 5 tons of pollution. From left are Kris Vezner, K.C. Brown, Rebecca Rokos, Susan Miller, Joel Smith and Timothy MacDonald, law society president.

Record pace set in new voter registration method

WASHINGTON (AP) — The voter registration clerk in Chilton County, Ala., is suddenly very popular.

Only three people registered to vote in the county in January 1993. This January, 163 people signed up.

Similar stories are popping up in counties across the country as Americans are taking advantage of a simplified registration law and signing up to vote at a record pace.

At least 637,429 people in 27 states registered at motor vehicle departments, public assistance agencies, libraries and military recruiting offices between Jan. 1 and the end of February, according to an Associated Press survey of state election officials and a separate study conducted by a coalition of groups that track voters.

The actual number will be much higher. Some states had figures for only one month, some had numbers from only one or two counties and some had not yet compiled figures.

But two trends are clear:

—A significant percentage of the new voters are snubbing the major parties in favor of third parties or independent status.

—Republicans are making strong gains in the South, contrary to the GOP theory that the Democratic Party would be the beneficiary of the federal "motor voter" law.

Not since the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which guaranteed blacks the right to vote, have so many new voters signed up.

"The figures go a long way toward showing that convenience counts," said Becky Cain, president of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Officials in Georgia expect to add 1 million voters by the presidential election in November 1996. The number might hit 2 million in Florida.

"We're registering them by the carload down here," said Andy Bowen, a voting official in Georgia.

In all of 1994, which featured a high-profile governor's race, 85,000 people registered to vote for the first time in Georgia or signed up in a new district after moving. Between Jan. 1, 1995 — when the law took effect — and March 13, 128,322 registrations or address changes were filed. Most of the change came in Republican strongholds.

In New Mexico, where a normal month used to include 200 or 300 registrations, nearly 11,000 new voters signed up through February.



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Family, business tax cuts gaining momentum

WASHINGTON (AP) — The push for family and business tax cuts is gaining momentum in the Senate, where a pair of rival presidential hopefuls and a cadre of conservatives are pursuing the idea.

"We can reduce taxes. We can address the capital-gains rate. We can address family credits," Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Tuesday, embracing the key elements of a similar House package.

GOP Sens. Phil Gramm of Texas, Trent Lott of Mississippi and other conservatives said they were drafting a package of tax cuts resembling the House's personal and corporate reductions. They said they believed most Republican senators favored the tax cuts, despite a preference by some senior Senate Republicans to focus instead on eliminating the federal deficit.

"There is a clear consensus in the Republican Party that we're going to have a tax cut," Gramm told reporters.

Dole and Gramm are both hoping to be their party's presidential nominee next year. Their support for tax reductions comes as many lawmakers and public opinion polls say voters would rather see Congress slash spending and use the savings to balance the budget, not to cut taxes.

Lott, Gramm and other conservatives said the measure they are writing would probably be smaller than the $189 billion, five-year tax reduction bill the House plans to vote on next week, but bigger than President Clinton's $63 billion proposal.

They said that like the House measure, theirs would probably:

—Provide a $500-per-child tax credit.

—Reduce taxes on capital gains, which are profits from the sale of investments.

—Ease the marriage penalty, which sometimes means higher taxes when two single workers marry.

—Raise the amount Social Security recipients between the ages of 65 and 70 may earn without giving up part of their benefit.

Gramm and Lott said they would also produce spending cuts that would pay for the revenue lost by their tax cut. Gramm said he preferred savings including elimination of the Department of Education and about 20 subsidies the Commerce Department and Small Business Administration give to companies.

Among senior senators who prefer deficit reduction are Finance Committee Chairman Bob Packwood, R-Ore., and Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Carroll O'Connor's son committs suicide

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A tearful Carroll O'Connor said his son's long history of drug use led to his apparent decision to kill himself with a gunshot to the head.

"My son Hugh, a beautiful boy, has been an addict of various drugs and substances for about 16 years," O'Connor told reporters late Tuesday. "He called me today and told me, he said he was going to shoot himself."

O'Connor called police, and a crisis negotiator and a special weapons team went to his 33-year-old son's house. They found him dead about 6:30 p.m.

"It's more than likely a suicide but we always have to do an investigation," said Officer Arthur Holmes.

Hugh O'Connor played Deputy Lonnie Jamison on the TV show "In the Heat of the Night," which stars his father as Chief Bill Gillespie.

Hugh O'Connor was born in Rome, Italy. After graduating from Beverly Hills Preparatory school, he worked as a courier.

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Steers open district with 10-0 whitewash

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

A bitterly cold wind kept most folks away from Steer Park Tuesday, and those that showed up likely hoped for a fast game.

The Big Spring Steers obliged, blasting Fort Stockton 10-0 to open the District 4-4A season with a win. The game lasted just six innings because of the 10-run rule, and the Steers sent the fans home in just two hours.

Zac Leslie made it quick. The Big Spring junior pitcher threw a complete-game one-hitter and struck out eight Panthers to up his record to 5-3. Big Spring (11-7-1) will play at Monahans Friday night.

Leslie started the season 0-3, but his record has come around just as the Steers have.

"At the beginning of the season, we weren't really making a lot of smart plays," Leslie said. "We were making some errors and not hitting as well, but we've come around and started playing more as a team, I think. They've started backing me up, and now we're getting the job done."

"Zac started 0-3, but he threw really good games," said BSHS coach Bobby Doe. "He was on - we just didn't get him the run support the first of the year, and we made a lot of errors behind him. Of those 0-3 games, he probably should have been 2-1, but he's thrown the ball well for us."

At first, Fort Stockton starter Chad Reeves looked nearly as effective as Leslie, though the Steers scored in the bottom of the first on John Oliva's two-out RBI single. In the third, however, Big Spring built some breathing room.

Marc Baker led off with an infield single, then the bases filled when Mike Sizenbach bunted for a single and Ben

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COLD? WHAT COLD?



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Members of the Big Spring girls' softball team huddle against the cold in their dugout Tuesday while watching the Lady Steers' 10-8 win over San Angelo Lake View. More details can be found on page 9A.

Howard sweeps twinbill with ACU

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

The Howard College baseball team needed a tuneup against a junior varsity team, and it used one to its advantage Tuesday.

Howard had a little too much for Abilene Christian University's junior varsity to handle. The Hawks beat ACU 5-2, getting a fine pitching effort from Brett Wood and Brian Thompson. Howard won the second game of the doubleheader, 13-3.

The only odd thing was the order of the pitchers. Wood (1-1) made his third start of the season and spaced six hits over 5 2/3 innings, striking out five 'Cats in the process. Thompson, an all-conference starter last season, came on in relief this time and held ACU hitless for the final 1 1/3 innings.

Howard coach Brian Roper hasn't been a happy man since his team blew a two-run lead Sunday at Frank Phillips College, but Tuesday gave him a smile - even in the cold weather.

"Wood pitched a pretty good ball game, we didn't make any errors, and we had some timely hitting on a tough day to play, a tough day to hit," Roper said. "That left-hander for ACU was a pretty good pitcher - I was impressed."

The ACU southpaw, Stacey Pierson, kept the 'Cats in the game until Howard started to rough him up in the middle innings. Dustin Bratlien, Howard's shortstop, smacked an opposite-field homer to right to break a 1-1 tie in the fourth, and the Hawks scored twice more in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead.

In that fifth, Howard leadoff hitter Ryan Merritt led off with a double. Pierson hit Brian Ogle with a pitch and walked Kent Holland to load the bases. Hawk first baseman Tyson Lindekugel smacked a two-run single down the left-field line to score Merritt and Ogle.

Meanwhile, Wood was cruising. His only early trouble came in the second, but that inning also showcased his key success of the game. With the bases loaded, two out and the score tied, Wood threw five straight 3-2 pitches to ACU's Matt Miller. Miller fouled off each one, but Wood kept throwing strikes until Miller flied out to left.



WOOD

"I felt pretty good. My curve ball wasn't working too well, but I fought through it," said Wood, who was a little bit accustomed to bad weather. "I started at Texas Tech in 40-mile-an-hour winds, so I'm getting used to it I guess."

Finally, in the sixth, Wood found more trouble before Thompson bailed him out. With the score 4-2 in Howard's favor, ACU had runners on second and third - Cody Salyers had just hit an RBI double. Wood struck out the next batter and was one out from escaping the jam, but Roper brought in Thompson. Thompson walked

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Cocaine not factor in Lewis' death

BOSTON (AP) — Reggie Lewis did not die as a result of cocaine use, according to an official review of the Celtic star's autopsy. But authorities stopped short of saying Lewis didn't use drugs.

"The purpose of the review was to establish the cause of death, not to establish whether Reggie Lewis ever used cocaine," state Public Safety Secretary Kathleen M. O'Toole told a news conference late Tuesday.

Lewis died July 27, 1993, after he collapsed while shooting baskets. Recent reports have questioned whether drug use weakened his heart, contrary to the public finding of the medical examiner.

Doctors who reviewed the case concluded that the Celtics captain did not die as a result of cocaine use, according to a summary of their findings disclosed by the state's chief medical examiner, Dr. Richard Evans.

"Reggie Lewis' death was not caused by cocaine ingestion, nor was the damage to the heart at all typical of that known to be caused by cocaine usage," said Evans.

He said Lewis died when several different problems caused his heart to beat irregularly, the same finding that was on his death certificate. However, Evans gave three other medical conditions leading to the defect in addition to the adenovirus listed prominently on the death certificate, including cardiac hypertrophy or the enlargement of the heart.



Associated Press photo

Oakland catcher Terry Steinbach speaks to reporters Tuesday in New York as baseball players began a series of meeting to ponder the owners' latest proposal.

Players consider proposal; more talks set

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball players are mulling the owners' new offer and plan to make a counterproposal by the end of the week.

"I assume there's room for negotiation," union head Donald Fehr said Tuesday night before the union's executive board began a two-day meeting. "If there isn't, we're in trouble."

With the season scheduled to start in four days with replacement players, it appeared a final decision to begin play wouldn't be made until the weekend.

Fehr, who had a 90-minute meeting with acting commissioner Bud Selig, said the union will respond to owners Wednesday or Thursday, and he expected talks to resume then.

"Something's going to happen," Kansas City Royals pitcher David Cone said. "It's going to be real hairy the next few days."

Selig won't say whether opening day could be pushed back, but some teams — just in case — began planning for an extra three weeks of spring training.

Management's new proposal offered to keep the system of salary arbitration and free agency that was in effect during the expired collective bargaining agreement.

"I think it is fair to say that the series of suggestions we have received represents some movement by the clubs," Fehr said. "I think it would be incorrect of me to suggest that we thought it was substantial."

Management's plan called for a 50 percent luxury tax on the portions of payrolls above $44 million, which was 108 percent of the average in 1994. The sides would play this season under the old rules and the tax would start in 1996.

"This proposal is much less than the clubs hoped to achieve, and I'm sure it will not thrill you either," Selig said in a letter sent Tuesday to all major league players. "But both the clubs and the players are at the point in this dispute where they must swallow hard and make an agreement. Otherwise, we will continue to do damage to this industry, which ultimately will cost the clubs and players far more than the amount at stake in this negotiating."

Fehr, who described the plan as "some good, some not so good," said it would result in "paying players less than they are worth" and called the 50 percent tax "whopping."

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Back in form
Chicago guard Michael Jordan, right, shoots for two of his 55 points against the New York Knicks Tuesday in New York. For more details, see page 9A.

TEXAS SPORTS

Mavs win fifth straight

DALLAS (AP) — Jamal Mashburn scored 21 points to lead five Dallas players in double figures Tuesday night as the Mavericks stretched their winning streak to five games with a 114-93 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

Dallas, which hadn't won five straight games since 1990, has won eight of its last nine games overall.

Lakers down Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Cedric Ceballos scored 17 points, including a 3-point basket with 1:54 to play that ended Houston's final comeback attempt, leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 106-96 victory Tuesday night, their fifth in a row.

NATION/WORLD

Fan sues Maxwell

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers fan punched in the face by Vernon Maxwell during a game last month filed a $4.5 million lawsuit against Maxwell and the Houston Rockets.

Steve George contends Maxwell's actions at the Feb. 7 game were "willful, wanton, malicious, excessive, unlawful and done with total disregard to the safety" of George and other fans.

Walker released

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles released running back Herschel Walker, the team's offensive MVP the last two seasons, after he refused a pay cut.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

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Marquette vs. Virginia Tech, 7:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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Atlanta at Houston, 7 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

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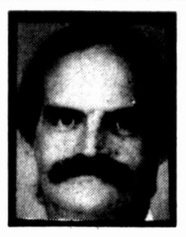
Girls

Discus – Martinez, Big Spring, 101-9; Cooley, Borden Co., 93-6; Armstrong, Borden Co., 92-3; Newell, Sands, 86-5; Hart, Borden Co., 78-4; Johnson, Forsan 71-1.
Shot Put – McKnight, C-City, 34-4 7/8; Cooley, Borden Co., 32-7; Cole, Big Spring, 32-7; Newell, Sands, 32-0 1/2; Kinnear, Klondike, 28-5.
High Jump – Crawford, C-City, 5-3; Harp, Garden City, 5-0; Webb, Klondike, 5-0; Gillespie, Sands, 4-10; McWherter, Big Spring, 4-10.
Long Jump – Lott, Big Spring, 16-9 1/2; McKnight, C-City, 16-5; K. Smith, Big Spring, 16-2; Bumbulis, Big Spring, 16-0; Madison, Grady, 15-4.
Triple Jump – Lott, Big Spring, 35-10; McWherter, Big Spring, 34-0; K. Smith, Big Spring, 33-10; M. Light, Forsan, 33-0 1/4.
400 Relay – Big Spring, 51.3; Stanton, 51.46; C-City, 54.17.
800 Relay – Stanton, 1:47.65; Big Spring, 1:48.8; Garden City, 1:57.09.
1,600 Relay – Stanton, 4:11.76; Big Spring, 4:15.55.
100 Dash – Wilbert, Big Spring, 12.78; Madison, Grady, 12.79; K. Smith, Big Spring, 12.99; Voss, Borden Co., 13.41.
200 Dash – Lott, Big Spring, 26.82; McKnight, C-City, 28.94; Voss, Borden Co., 29.04; Batla, Garden City, 30.20.
100 Hurdles – Hill, Big Spring, 16.69; Issacs, Borden Co., 17.52; Sterling, Coahoma, 17.65; Harp, Garden City, 17.91.
300 Hurdles – Issacs, Borden Co., 52.13; Maxie, Garden City, 52.24; Harp, Garden City, 53.88.
400 Run – Cline, Big Spring, 61.9; Carnero, Big Spring, 63.1; Hall, Big Spring, 64.7.
800 Run – Henderson, Forsan, 2:36.11; Adkins, Stanton, 2:36.6; Phifer, Big Spring, 2:37.4; Hensley, Big Spring, 2:37.7.
1,600 Run – Welsh, Grady, 6:00.27; Phifer, Big Spring, 6:12.0; Hinojos, Big Spring, 6:24.6; Carnero, Big Spring, 6:24.8.
3,200 Run – Welsh, Grady, 12:40.04; Merrell, C-City, 14:14.68; Ceballos, C-City, 14:20.91; Hassman, Garden City, 14:42.34.

Boys

Discus – Roberts, Big Spring, 144-6; Grigg, Sands, 140-10; Parras, C-City, 133-5; Allen, Sands, 126-9.
Shot Put – Roberts, Big Spring, 50-6; Parras, C-City, 43-9 1/8; Grigg, Sands, 42-9; Allen, Sands, 41-7.
High Jump – Owusu, Big Spring, 6-2; Barr, Coahoma, 6-2; Beall, Sands, 6-0; Etheredge, Forsan, 5-6
Long Jump – Owusu, Big Spring, 22-1 1/2; Etheredge, Forsan, 20-10; Etheredge, Klondike, 20-5; Munoz, Forsan, 20-0 3/4.
Triple Jump – Owusu, Big Spring, 47-5 1/2; Kerby, Coahoma, 41-0; Richter, Sands, 39-8 3/4.
Pole Vault – McHugh, Coahoma, 10-6; Hopper, Sands, 10-6.
400 Relay – Big Spring, 43.62; Stanton, 43.88; Garden City, 45.97.
1,600 Relay – Big Spring, 3:21.11; Stanton, 3:40.39; Garden City, 3:41.5.
100 Dash – Farr, Big Spring, 10.86; McVae, Big Spring, 10.91; Waters, Big Spring, 10.97; Burchett, Big Spring, 10.99; Lee, Stanton, 11.1.
200 Dash – Farr, Big Spring, 21.87; Martel, Stanton, 22.22; Seidenberger, Garden City, 23.16; T. Hewtty, Grady, 24.88.
110 Hurdles – Ochoa, Big Spring, 14.83; Eddington, Big Spring, 14.99; Etheredge, Klondike, 15.94; Roberts, Stanton, 16.74.
300 Hurdles – Eddington, Big Spring, 40.15; Ochoa, Big Spring, 41.6; Sanchez, Stanton, 43.56.
400 Run – Burchett, Big Spring, 51.20; B. Seidenberger, Garden City, 52.49; Franklin, Big Spring, 54.1; Castro, Stanton, 55.90.
800 Run – Franklin, Big Spring, 1:59.78; Harrison, Forsan, 2:15.81.
1,600 Run – Franklin, Big Spring, 4:40.46; Phillips, Coahoma, 5:09.75.
3,200 Run – Franklin, Big Spring, 10:38.32; Roberts, Klondike, 11:43.16; Fryar, Sands, 11:52; Ramirez, C-City, 12:05.57.

The strike: Enough, already!



Steve Reagan
Sports Writer

Before the sport of major league baseball gets crushed by a wave of apathy, before the last die-hard fans throw up their hands and walk away, all parties concerned need to declare victory and reach a settlement.

The baseball strike, sport's version of the Never-Ending Story, has gone on too long and has hurt way too many feelings for anyone to really care about the issues anymore.

Salary cap? So what?

Replacement players? Who cares?

Arbitration? What's that?

In case anyone out there really gives a flip about who has won or lost this spitting contest between players and owners, allow me to clue you in:

The owners have won. They are going to eventually get some form of salary cap put in place, whether it's by settlement with the real players or by using replacements.

Donald Fehr and the players have fought a dandy of a fight, but they need to cut a deal, and soon. Any more stonewalling, and two things are going to happen: A) The owners, already smelling blood, are going to go for the jugular; and B) even more fans are going to walk away from the sport.

The owners waved an olive branch at the players Monday, offering to play the 1995 season under the old business rules and holding off on their luxury tax (salary cap) idea until 1996.

Furthermore, owners said they would allow salary arbitration – a major sticking point in negotiations – to remain.

I'm no labor expert, but even I can see that this is just about the best deal the players can hope for. Whether some form of salary cap is needed is no longer the issue: It's going to happen, so the players need to concentrate on just getting the best deal they can.

If the players continue this "death before dishonor" stand, the owners are just going to tighten the screws, field their replacements, eventually bust the union and end up with everything they wanted.

Also, further hemming and hawing by the union will alienate the few fans still in the players' corner, which would be another nail in the sport's coffin.

Be a pal, guys. Nothing lasts forever, including unlimited salaries. Yes, a salary cap is a horrid idea. No, the owners never were as poverty-stricken as they wanted everyone to believe.

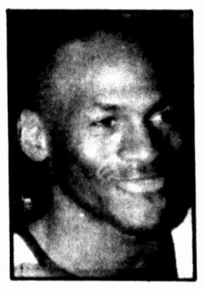
But you want to know something? You've lost.

Raise the white flag, folks. A negotiated surrender beats a massacre any old day.

Jordan shows old form, scores 55 in Bulls' win

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls came into Madison Square Garden with so much to prove.

Inconsistent in the first four games of his comeback, could Michael have another Jordanesque Broadway show at the New York Knicks' expense?



JORDAN

And could the Bulls, who might meet the Knicks in the opening round of the playoffs, make a statement?

In Tuesday night's 113-111 victory over New York, Chicago provided the answers:

Yes.

And, if one is to believe the principal performers, not really.

"I forgot how to make a statement," said Jordan, a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. "I'm just trying to get myself in a rhythm. I was shooting the ball well. I had a pretty good game."

Pretty good, indeed. Jordan scored 55 points on 21-of-37 shooting and assisted on Bill Wennington's winning dunk with 3.1 seconds to play.

"As far as a statement game, I wouldn't go so far as to say that. It's a statement that Michael is back to play basketball," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "But I don't know if it's a statement of how well we can play or how good a team we are."

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Said Bulls guard B.J. Armstrong: "A couple of weeks from now, this will be just another win."

Whether he intended to make a statement or not, Jordan certainly proved that neither John Starks nor any other mere human can defend him one-on-one.

Asked if he thought the Knicks were similar to the team the Bulls beat en route to NBA titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993, Jordan said: "Starks looked a little bit different to me. I think he forgot how to play me. I got a lot of easy shots off him."

While it appeared Starks usually had his hands in Jordan's face, Starks actually was well away from the ball most of the time. And Jordan, who gets up extremely high for his jump shot, almost always had good looks at the basket.

Starks' inability to contain Jordan made Knicks coach Pat Riley resort to double-teaming the Bulls' star with center Patrick Ewing. Riley hates double-teaming anyone.

It worked a few times, with Ewing even blocking a couple of Jordan's shots. But Jordan capitalized in the closing seconds, feeding Ewing's man, Wennington, for the decisive jam. The Knicks' final chance to win or tie ended when Starks fumbled the ball after receiving the inbound pass.

Starks, who had only 14 points and missed six of seven 3-pointers, tried to shrug off his failure.

"That's Michael Jordan. That's why he's the best," Starks said. "I tried to throw everything I had at him. It was a matter of time before he played one of those games like you're just not there."

"Michael is the best player in the game and he proved it," Ewing said. "But it's not the biggest night of the year."

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Lady Steers earn first home win

Big Spring's club softball team earned its first home win Tuesday, beating Lake View 10-8.

Heather James picked up the win for the Lady Steers, striking out six.

Big Spring scored two runs in the first inning on singles by Ann Marie Scott and Jessica Cobos.

In the third, the Lady Steers exploded for eight runs thanks to two-run singles from Melisa Martinez and Amanda Hale, and RBI singles from Erica Lanspery and James.

Michelle Steward and Jodi Lelek supplied good baserunning for the Lady Steers. Playing well defensively were Cobos, Martinez, James, Lanspery, Hale, Lisa Hernandez and Mandi Morrow.

Big Spring's next game is 5:30 p.m. at home Friday against Coahoma.

JV Steers grab first win

SWEETWATER – The Big Spring Steers junior varsity baseball team notched its first win of the season Monday, downing Sweetwater 5-3.

Luis Lopez (1-2) struck out 10 in picking up the victory, while Blake Hull collected a save.

Top hitters for the Steers included Wes Mouton (3-for-4, a double, two RBIs), Blake Wright (2-for-3, a double and RBI) and Clint Caudill (2-for-4, a double and RBI).

The only down note for Big Spring, coach Wes Overton said, is that the Steers left 13 runners stranded on base.

The JV Steers (1-5) return to action Saturday when they host a doubleheader with Snyder.

TABC releases all-region teams

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches released its all-region teams, and four area players have been recognized.

Garden City's Melinda Braden, a 6-foot senior post player, was named to the Class 1A Region II girls' Second Team. Braden scored 17 points per game this season.

Stanton's Jason Hopper and Coahoma's Henry DeLaRosa made the Class 2A Region I boys' Second Team.

Forsan point guard Deborah Light made the Class 2A Region I girls' Third Team.

Stanton running back makes all-star team

Stanton High School running back Jerele Lee will represent the Buffaloes in the McDonald's All-Star Football Game.



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The game, held in conjunction with the Texas High School Coaches Association's summer coaching school, will be played 7:30 p.m. August 1 at Texas Christian University's Amon Carter Stadium in Fort Worth.

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BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Orlando	52	18	.743	—
x-New York	44	24	.647	7
Boston	27	42	.391	24 1/2
Miami	27	43	.386	25
New Jersey	27	43	.386	25
Philadelphia	18	50	.265	33
Washington	18	50	.265	33
Central Division				
x-Indiana	44	25	.638	—
x-Charlotte	42	26	.618	1 1/2
Cleveland	38	30	.559	5 1/2
Chicago	37	33	.529	7 1/2
Atlanta	34	35	.493	10
Milwaukee	27	43	.386	17 1/2
Detroit	25	44	.362	19
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Utah	52	19	.732	—
x-San Antonio	**49**	**18**	**.731**	**1**
Houston	**41**	**28**	**.594**	**10**
Denver	33	36	.478	18
Dallas	**30**	**37**	**.448**	**20**
Minnesota	19	50	.275	32
Pacific Division				
x-Phoenix	49	20	.710	—
x-Seattle	48	20	.706	1/2
L.A. Lakers	43	25	.632	5 1/2
Portland	36	32	.529	12 1/2
Sacramento	34	35	.493	15
Golden State	22	47	.319	27
L.A. Clippers	14	57	.197	36

x-clinched playoff berth.
Tuesday's Games
Golden State 127, New Jersey 113
Boston 126, Miami 115
Chicago 113, New York 111
Dallas 114, Milwaukee 93
L.A. Lakers 106, Houston 96
Utah 111, Phoenix 102
Atlanta 102, Portland 91
Sacramento 117, Orlando 106
Wednesday's Games
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Portland at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's

FINAL FOUR
At The Kingdome
Seattle
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Oklahoma State (27-9) vs. UCLA (29-2), 4:42 p.m.
North Carolina (28-5) vs. Arkansas (31-6), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Monday, April 3
Semifinal winners, 7:40 p.m.

NCAA Women's

All Times EST
FINAL FOUR
At The Target Center
Minneapolis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 1
Tennessee (33-2) vs. Georgia (28-4), 12:15 p.m.
Connecticut (33-0) vs. Stanford (30-2), 30 minutes after first game
National Championship
Sunday, April 2
Semifinal winners, 3:45 p.m.

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All Times EST
Wednesday, March 29
At New York
Championship
Virginia Tech (24-10) vs. Marquette (21-11), 8:30 p.m.
Third Place
Canisius (21-13) vs. Penn State (20-11), 6:30 p.m.

NHL Standings

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	11	4	38	104	92
Washington	12	12	7	31	77	73
New Jersey	12	13	6	30	88	87
N.Y. Rangers	13	15	3	29	81	82
Florida	13	16	3	29	78	86
Tampa Bay	12	16	2	26	79	86
N.Y. Islanders	10	17	4	24	78	101
Northeast Division						
Quebec	22	7	3	47	129	84
Pittsburgh	22	9	2	46	133	107
Boston	16	12	2	34	92	75
Buffalo	13	12	5	31	74	74
Hartford	13	14	4	30	81	86
Montreal	11	15	5	27	79	102
Ottawa	4	21	4	12	63	101
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	21	7	2	44	116	68
Chicago	19	9	2	40	117	72
St. Louis	17	10	2	36	107	81
Toronto	15	12	6	36	92	92
Dallas	**11**	**14**	**5**	**27**	**91**	**82**
Winnipeg	9	17	5	23	91	117
Pacific Division						
Calgary	15	13	5	35	105	94
Los Angeles	11	14	6	28	100	116
Edmonton	12	16	3	27	89	108
San Jose	12	16	2	26	77	106
Vancouver	9	13	8	26	87	100
Anaheim	8	18	4	20	76	112

Tuesday's Games
Boston 5, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Buffalo 5, Quebec 3
Detroit 6, Anaheim 4
Los Angeles 5, Calgary 3
San Jose 6, Winnipeg 5, OT
Wednesday's Games
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Hartford at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Ottawa at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Quebec at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

Spring Training

Exhibition Baseball
All Times EST
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Texas	16	6	.727
Oakland	14	9	.609
Chicago	14	10	.583
Milwaukee	15	11	.577
California	12	10	.545
Boston	14	13	.519
Minnesota	15	14	.517
Cleveland	14	14	.500
Seattle	10	13	.435
New York	11	15	.423
Detroit	9	16	.360
Kansas City	8	15	.348
Toronto	7	17	.292
x-Baltimore	0	0	.000

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Houston	18	6	.750
Los Angeles	19	7	.731
Colorado	16	9	.640
Pittsburgh	14	9	.609
Chicago	13	11	.542
Atlanta	12	12	.500
Cincinnati	12	12	.500
St. Louis	11	13	.458
Montreal	10	12	.455
Philadelphia	10	12	.455
Florida	9	13	.409
San Diego	9	16	.360
New York	7	14	.333
San Francisco	7	17	.292

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings. Ties or college games do not. (x-Baltimore is not participating)
Tuesday's Games
New York Mets 3, New York Yankees 1
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 2
Montreal 9, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 0
Toronto 7, Cincinnati 3
Cleveland 5, Houston 4
Boston 7, Chicago White Sox 5
Detroit 5, Kansas City 4
Texas 9, Minnesota 3
Colorado 10, San Diego 2
California 13, Chicago Cubs 7
San Francisco 14, Seattle 9
Milwaukee 11, Oakland 1

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Rick Wise pitching coach for Pawtucket of the International League and Bill Maloney pitching coach for Battle Creek of the Midwest League.
SEATTLE MARINERS—Named Joaquin Contreras coach for Wisconsin of the Midwest League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Tim Lang major league and organizational conditioning coach.
National League
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Traded Ted Williams, outfielder, to the Kansas City Royals for future considerations. Sent Edwin Rosado, catcher; Terry Lee, first baseman; and Tom Mitchell, third baseman; to their minor league camp for reassignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Traded Marc Ronan, catcher, to Milwaukee for Glenn Sutko, catcher.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Atlanta Hawks forward Ken Norman $4,000 for his actions after he was ejected during Saturday's game against the Chicago Bulls.
BOSTON CELTICS—Placed Rick Fox, forward, on the injured list. Signed Tony Dawson, forward, to a 10-day contract.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed Gerald Williams, defensive end.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed Darrell Thompson, running back, to a two-year contract.
HOUSTON OILERS—Signed Chris Chandler, quarterback. Released Bubba McDowell, safety.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed Ed West, tight end.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed Timm Rosenbach, quarterback, to a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Agreed to terms with Raleigh McKenzie, guard. Released Herschel Walker, running back.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed Rohn Stark, punter.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed Anthony Lynn and Troy Mills, running backs, and Rod Milstead, guard.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed Matt Vanderbeek, linebacker. Re-signed Tyrone Rush, running back; Lamar Mills, defensive end; Erick Anderson, linebacker; and Sebastian Savage, safety.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended New Jersey Devils right wing Claude Lemieux for three games and fined him $500 for an incident in Sunday's game against the New York Islanders, and Winnipeg Jets right wing Teemu Selanne for two games and fined him $500 for an incident in Saturday's game against the Toronto Maple Leafs.
BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled John Blue, goaltender, from Providence of the American Hockey League.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Sent Markus Naslund, forward, to Cleveland of the International Hockey League. Reassigned Steve Bancroft, defenseman, from Detroit of the International Hockey League to Saint John of the American Hockey League.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Sent Shean Donovan, right wing, to Kansas City of the International Hockey League.

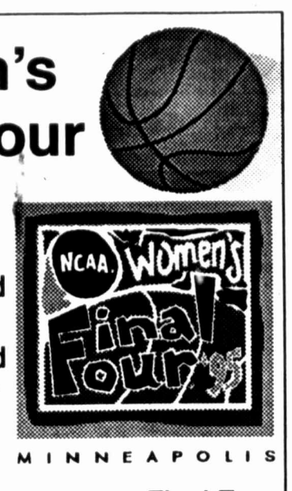
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PRCA Standings

Through March 27
ALL AROUND COWBOY
1. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, $41,624. 2. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $36,073. 3, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, $32,389. 4, Joe Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta, $18,143. 5, Bubba Paschal, Lake Charles, La., $18,143. 6, Scott Selland, Bismarck, N.D., $15,550. 7, Mark Simon, Florence, Ariz., $14,489. 8, Spunk Sasser, Lacoochee, Fla., $10,806.
SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1, Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., $29,372. 2, Dan Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla., $28,821. 3, Red Lemmel, Mud Butte, S.D., $23,087. 4, Skeeter Thurston, Hyannis, Neb., $19,611. 5, Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., $18,608. 6, Toby Adams, Red Bluff, Calif., $17,467. 7, Chance Dixon, Lagrande, Ore., $15,830. 8, Rod Hay, Alberta, Canada, $15,579. 9, Denny Hay, Alberta, Canada, $15,006. 10, Tom Reeves, Stephenville, Texas, $14,768. 11, Derek Clark, Colcord, Okla., $14,419. 12, Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., $12,875. 13, Billy Etbauer, Edmond, Okla., $12,125. 14, Craig Latham, Texhoma, Texas, $12,053. 15, Bud Longbrake, Dupree, S.D., $11,839.
BAREBACK RIDING
1, Jeffrey Collins, Fort Scott, Kan., $24,317. 2, Wayne Herman, Dickinson, N.D., $21,559. 3, Marvin Garrett, Belle Fourche, S.D., $20,552. 4, Lance Crump, Cooper, Texas, $20,108. 5, Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., $18,284. 6, Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, $18,205. 7, Clint Corey, Kennewick, Wash., $16,947. 8, Shawn Vant, Great Falls, Mont., $16,656. 9, Brian Hawk, Azle, Texas, $15,872. 10, Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., $15,091. 11, Randy Slaughter, Gallup, N.M., $12,932. 12, Billy Laye, Bashaw, Alberta, $11,561. 13, Eric Swenson, Denison, Texas, $10,686. 14, Scott Lund, Cohagen, Mont., $8,838. 15, Bill Boyd, Olds, Alberta, $8,123.
BULL RIDING
1, Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, $29,597. 2, Clint Branger, Roscoe, Mont., $25,851. 3, David Fournier, Bowie, Texas, $24,038. 4, Scott Breding, Edgar, Mont., $21,949. 5, Terry West, Henryetta, Okla., $21,239. 6, Tuff Hedeman, Bowie, Texas, $18,294. 7, Brian Herman, Victoria, Texas, $16,163. 8, Gilbert Carrillo, Stephenville, Texas, $15,303. 9, Brent Gluck, Greenville, Texas, $15,262. 10, Adriano Moraes, Keller, Texas, $14,812. 11, Cody Custer, Wickenburg, Ariz., $14,786. 12, Jerome Davis, Archdale, N.C., $14,550. 13, Jim Sharp, Stephenville, Texas, $13,999. 14, Royd Doyal, Kountze, Texas, $12,212. 15, Cory Turnbow, Cleburne, Texas., $12,165.
CALF ROPING
1, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $27,712. 2, Jim Bob Mayes, Manor, Texas, $22,273. 3, Ricky Canton, Cleveland, Texas, $19,627. 4, Jerry Jetton, Stephenville, Texas, $18,616. 5, Shawn McMullan, Iraan, Texas, $17,944. 6, Mike Johnson, Henryetta, Okla., $15,996. 7, Stran Smith, Tell, Texas, $15,945. 8, Tony Reina, Boling, Texas, $15,282. 9, Brent Lewis, Pinon, N.M., $14,249. 10, Keith Hudson, Sonora, Texas, $14,205. 11, Roy Cooper, Childress, Texas, $13,831. 12, Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., $13,449. 13, James Zant, Harper, Texas, $13,385. 14, Bud Ford, Fort Worth, Texas, $12,413. 15, Bill Huber, Albia, Iowa, $11,949.
STEER WRESTLING
1, Butch Myers, Athens, Texas, $27,200. 2, Chad Bedell, Jensen, Utah, $19,625. 3, Sam Duvall, Checotah, Okla., $17,929. 4, Ricky Huddleston, McAlester, Okla., $16,673. 5, Rick Bradley, Burkburnett, Texas, $16,528. 6, Rope Myers, Athens, Texas, $15,086. 7, Bubba Paschal, Lake Charles, La, $13,643. 8, Rooster Reynolds, Dillon, Mont., $13,576. 9, Tommy Cook, Hockley, Texas, $13,154. 10, Bob Lummus, West Point, Miss., $12,594. 11, Mike Smith, Jerome, Idaho, $12,548. 12, Shane Paschal, La Porte, Texas, $11,843. 13, Shawn Johnson, Checotah, Okla., $11,506. 14, Robbin Peterson, Checotah, Okla., $11,386. 15, Ivan Teigen, Camp Crook, S.D., $10,578.
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1, Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, $21,403. 2, Doyle Gellerman, Nampa, Idaho, $17,557. 3, Kermit Maass, Snook, Texas, $13,050. 4, Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., $11,573. 5, Matt Tyler, Corsicana, Texas, $11,384. 6, Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, $11,054. 7, David Motes, Fresno, Calif., $10,306. 8, Mark Simon, Florence, Ariz., $9,894. 9, Bryan Anderson, Tucson, Ariz., $9,876. 10, Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., $9,765. 11, Randy Polich, Aztec, N.M., $9,759. 12, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $9,154. 13, Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $8,361. 14, Joe Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta, $8,014. 15, Speedy Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., $7,692.
TEAM ROPING (HEALING)
1, Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, $21,403. 2, Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., $17,557. 3, Tyler Magnus, Austin, Texas, $13,050. 4, Clay O'Brien Cooper, Higley, Ariz., $11,573. 5, Cody Cowden, Legrand, Calif., $11,384. 6, Martin Lucero, Villanueva, N.M., $11,054. 7, Mike Beers, Powell Butte, Ore., $10,306. 8, Chad Smith, Chino Valley, Ariz., $10,290. 9, Shad Chadwick, Queen Creek, Ariz., $10,043. 10, Brian Adams, Chandler, Ariz., $9,894. 11, Bret Tonozzi, Fruita, Colo., $9,154. 12, Joe Burk Higgins, Mayer, Ariz., $8,361. 13, Scott Selland, Bismarck, N.D., $8,014. 14, Brad Culpepper, Poulan, Ga., $7,692. 15, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., $7,448.
STEER ROPING
1, Jim Davis, Abilene, Texas, $5,797. 2, Guy Allen, Lovington, N.M., $4,897. 3, Gary Armitage, Elida, N.M., $3,494. 4, Arnold Felts, Sonora, Texas, $3,250. 5, Mike Thompson, Wayne, Okla., $2,521. 6, Bucky Hefner, Chelsea, Okla., $2,256. 7, Wade Lewis, Hereford, Texas, $1,603. 8, Jack Purchase, Pendleton, Ore, $1,548. 9, Dan Fisher, Andrews, Texas, $1,465. Jimmy Hodge, Lometa, Texas, $1,465. 11, Mack Altizer, Del Rio, Texas, $1,327. Mark Milner, Elida, N.M., $1,327. 13, Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $1,213. 14, Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo, $1,189. Marty Jones, Hobbs, N.M., $1,189.

Women's Final Four

How the teams in this year's semifinals fared in last year's tournament and their Final Four appearances:



School	Finish	Final Four appearances
Connecticut	Regional finals, lost to North Carolina	2nd
Georgia	Not selected	3rd
Stanford	Regional finals, lost to Purdue	4th
Tennessee	Regional semifinals, lost to Louisiana Tech	8th

Source: NCAA AP/Ed De Gasero

Steers

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Inman walked. Reeves walked Trey Terrazas to force in a run, then Oliva struck again - this time with a two-run single. The Steers squandered a chance to score more in that inning but still had a 4-0 lead.

That was more than enough for Leslie, who seemed to grow stronger in the middle innings. The lone hit he allowed was Orry Armendariz's opposite-field single to right in the fourth. During one span, Leslie fanned six of nine batters.

The Steers blew the game open, and ended it, with a six-run sixth. The Steers led 5-0 when Cody Tredaway smacked a two-run single down the left-field line, and Terrazas followed with a two-run double. Terrazas, a senior first baseman, was 2 for 3 with three RBIs, a double and a triple.

Oliva, who was 3 for 4 with three RBIs, smacked a single, but Terrazas stopped at third. When J.T. Rios struck out, it looked like the fans would have to stay in the cold a bit longer, but after Frankie Flores walked, catcher Rogelio Cervantes singled home Terrazas for the 10th run.

Fort Stockton	000	000	-	0	1	4
Big Spring	103	006	-	10	13	2

Reeves and Parker, Leslie and Cervantes. W - Leslie (5-3), L - Reeves. 2B - Terrazas (B). 3B - Terrazas (B).

Hawks

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the first batter he faced but retired the next four to earn his first save of the season.

In the second game, Merritt had three hits and three players - Lindekugel, Bratlien and Matt Brosseau - had two hits. The highlight, however, may have been Howard's defense. The Hawks, error-prone lately, played an error-free doubleheader while getting fine play from the left side of the infield - shortstop Bratlien and third baseman Mitch Ries.

Jeff Lewis (2-1) earned the win in the second game. The Hawks resume conference play Saturday at home against New Mexico Military.

Game 1

ACU JV	010	001	0	-	2	7	1
Howard	100	121	x	-	5	8	0

Pierson and Bears, Wood, Thompson (6) and Holland. W - Wood (1-1), L - Pierson, SV - Thompson. 2B - ACU: Salyers; Howard: Merritt. 3B - Howard: Ries. HR - Howard: Bratlien (1).

Game 2

ACU JV	001	020	-	3	8	2
Howard	430	204	-	13	15	0

Thorn, Conway (4) and Shelby, Lewis, Ames (5) and Schuldt. W - Lewis (2-1), L - Thorn. 2B - ACU: Pleasant; Howard: Merritt, Davis, Lindekugel 2. 3B-ACU: Schmidt.

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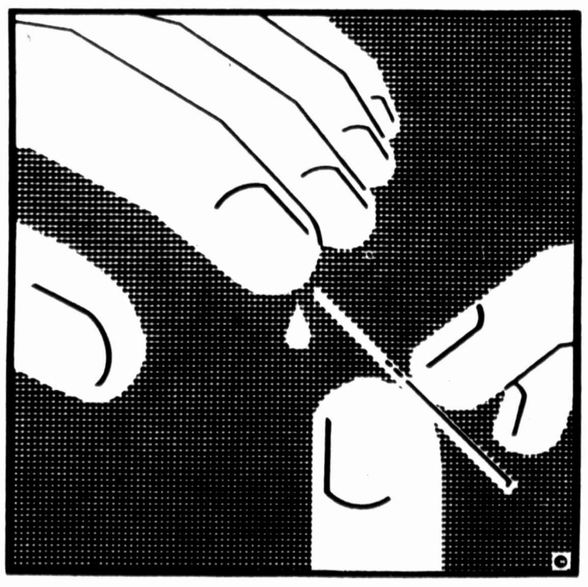
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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, March 29, 1995

Lost and found

■ Six years after loss, necklace is discovered

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

Betty Findley's amazing story of lost and found began in 1953. Her husband, James, sent her some pearl earrings from Korea.

He was serving with the military there, and the presents he sent were one of the few ways the newlyweds kept in touch.

But in time, the earrings began to fall apart, and 20 years later, Findley had the pearls made into a necklace. That was during the popularity of the add-a-bead style, so she bought a chain and alternated the Korean pearls with gold beads.

Many people commented on the attractive necklace, and Findley wore it often. She was wearing it the Sunday about six years ago that her grandson came to visit.

She took him out to look for pecans under a tree in the backyard and then got ready for church. Suddenly Findley realized her necklace was gone.

"I looked under the tree, in the yard, everywhere I could think of, and we had to go on to church," she said. "I tore the house up later that day, and for weeks I looked for it every day."

She finally decided a bird had taken it. With a feeder and water trough among several trees, the Findley backyard is a popular stopover for traveling flocks.

But little did Findley know how long the feathered thief would keep its prize.

About two weeks ago, Findley's grandson, Stefen, and James's grandniece, Tina, found the necklace in a backyard shed.

The two 8-year-olds, who had been playing, came running to the house holding a crumpled, tangled mass of gold and pearls.

"I couldn't believe it," said Findley."I called everybody I knew. I had given up on ever finding it."

She had the children show her the exact place they found the necklace, which was in plain sight on the shed floor.

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Herald photo by Tim Appel

Betty Findley shows the necklace she had given up for lost six years ago. Her grandson recently discovered the necklace, made from Korean pearls her husband gave her, on her shed floor. The pearls were still in good shape.

Beware the grill that makes you ill

Spring and summer seasons bring out the backyard chef in all of us. However, cooking out requires an extra measure of care to prevent foodborne illness.

Grilling carefully also can prevent excessive smoke and charring that may be unhealthy. To keep your cookouts both safe and fun, follow these simple tips about proper food preparation and grilling.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

For best results in outdoor grilling, select high-quality fresh meat, poultry or seafood. Always refrigerate meat products at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or less until immediately before grilling.

Thaw frozen meat products in the refrigerator. Do not thaw meats on the kitchen counter. The outer layers of meat may reach temperatures that promote the growth of harmful bacteria before the inner layers are thawed.

If grilling calls for marinating, keep the foods in the refrigerator. Never use leftover marinade as a basting sauce on cooked meats. Marinade may contain bacteria from raw meat that could contaminate cooked meat.

As with cooking any time, always wash hands with hot soapy water. Was hands thoroughly before and after handling raw meat or poultry. Handle raw foods and cooked foods separately. Keep work surfaces clean.

Use separate cutting boards for meats and raw vegetables and fruits. To sanitize cutting boards, use a solution of 1 1/2 to 2 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water; rinse thoroughly.

After placing foods on the grill, wash utensils and platters before using them to serve cooked foods. Cooking kills bacteria but food can be recontaminated with unwashed utensils.

Keep serving time after cooking to a maximum of two hours and refrigerate leftovers immediately. Cook all meat products thoroughly to kill bacteria.

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IN THE BAG

Anyone not in a cave for the past decade knows that low-fat milk is the way to reduce fat in the diet without losing the benefit of calcium. But drinking 2 percent milk may not go far enough to reduce butterfat: That type of milk is still 38 percent of calories from fat.

If you can't get used to drinking skim milk, then 1 percent milk is a good choice, according to many nutritionists.

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Cookie math — handy equivalents:

— 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs equals 19 wafers.

— 1 cup fine vanilla-wafer crumbs equals 22 wafers.

— 1 cup fine graham-cracker crumbs equals 14 square crackers.

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The Weber Grill-Line, the nation's only consumer barbecue hotline, is returning. From April 10 through Labor Day (Sept. 4), consumers can dial 1-800-474-5568 for answers to all grilling queries and receive a free barbecue booklet to boot.

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— A carrot recipe contest (use 2 cups or more of fresh carrots) with diamonds as prices. Entries must be in by May 10. For a copy of the contest rules call 1-800-769-6323.

— Order Florida fruit gifts, with prices starting at $20. Phone 1-800-428-4423.

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A Harris survey for the Paperboard Packaging Council finds 70 percent of women surveyed say their families drink low-fat milk, but 41 percent choose 2 percent milk, which isn't really a low-fat choice.

Workshop looks at child behavior problems

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Taking care of children is never an easy task, whether the caregiver is a parent, day care worker, group home leader or other guardian of young people.

Some children require more or different attention than others. Some may be difficult to handle. The proper way to deal with children's behavior doesn't have to be a mystery, however.

"Behavior Management Marathon Workshop: The Sequel," a continuation of last year's behavior management workshop, will be presented 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. April 8 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room.

Tish Long, coordinator of children's services with the Howard County Mental Health Center and an instructor of child care and development at Howard College, has been the driving force behind both workshops.

One of the topics presented, "The Hyperactivity over ADD," will be presented by Cliff Chapman. Long said this course is particularly important because attention deficit disorder (ADD) is a popular diagnosis that may be hurting more children than it helps.

"So many kids are being identified as ADD, and we don't agree," Long explained. "A lot of the symptoms are the same as you'd see in any kid who suffered a trauma. It's difficult to separate them out. Everyone's giving them Ritalin."

Ritalin, a stimulant, acts as a sedative in children. All too often children are being medicated when they don't need to be, Long explained, and the underlying problems are not being diagnosed or treated.

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> **Tish Long**

Topics to be presented during the morning half of the workshop are "Lunch and Learn: How Life Changes Affect Children's Behavior," presented by Shannon Nabors and "Too Much Pressure: Blow Off Steam With Exercise," presented by Laurie Churchwell.

The afternoon will feature concurrent sessions of "Accentuate the Positive," presented by Cheryl Gaines; "Preparing Kids for the Real World," presented by Long; "Time Out: First Response or Last Resort?" presented by Becky Moughon; and "Why Don't You Like Me? How Our Biases Affect Kids," presented by Connie Edgemon.

The workshop is targeted toward children's caregivers, primarily day care workers, teachers, state agencies and those who deal with children professionally, as well as parents.

"We want to give parents tools to pick and choose from that they can use with their children," said Long.

Registration fee for the workshop is $20, due to the Howard College Department of Continuing Education by noon Friday. Continuing Education Units and Big Spring Independent School District in-service credits are available to those attending the workshop.

Long hopes to keep the workshop going yearly. "We are very committed to doing this on a regular basis," she said. Workshop topics are chosen based on what she and other Children's Services staff see in the community, and also on concerns children's caregivers bring to them.

"We're willing to do special topics if the community brings those to us," she added.

For more information on the workshop, contact Long at 263-0027 or the Howard College Continuing Education Department at 264-5131.

Notorious highway turnaround closed

By PATTI MUCK
Houston Chronicle

SUGAR LAND — For murderers, it was the ideal dumping ground. The Brazos River Turnaround, just minutes south of Houston on U.S. 59, offered the isolation, darkness and convenience that criminals bank on.

Now the spot notorious for murders, rapes, animal sacrifices, drownings and other law enforcement nightmares, is closing forever.

Sugar Land police, backed with crime statistics, persuaded the Texas Department of Transportation to permanently seal off the Turnaround, considered one of the most dangerous locales in Fort Bend County.

It had been temporarily closed to most traffic since October flooding.

"It was always a real hot issue for us," said Pat Whitty, the Sugar Land police community services coordinator. "Anytime there was a rape, murder or dead body, it was usually in that location, and there were gunshots left and right there."

In a letter to highway officials late last year, police cited 86 emergency calls at the Turnaround during a three-month period in 1994. They ranged from chemical waste dumping and abandoned autos to drownings and sexual assaults.

"I can't count the numerous bodies that have been dumped there," said sheriff's Lt. Mike Lorenz.

"It's had a stigma in law enforcement for years as the dumping ground for Harris County murders," Lorenz said.

Built in the early 1960s, the Turnaround was supposed to be a highway convenience — an area for motorists to turn around without crossing a grassy median and for emergency vehicles to make quick U-turns.

When the river was low, the Turnaround attracted fishermen, all-terrain vehicle enthusiasts, swimmers, target shooters and picnickers.

But the river at that spot is "not a friendly body of water with a nice friendly beach," said Sugar Land Police Chief Earnest Taylor.

"It's dangerous. There are steep banks and the water is swift," he said.

"The fact it's closed down hopefully will keep people out of there. I don't think anybody, including the state, intended for that to be a park."

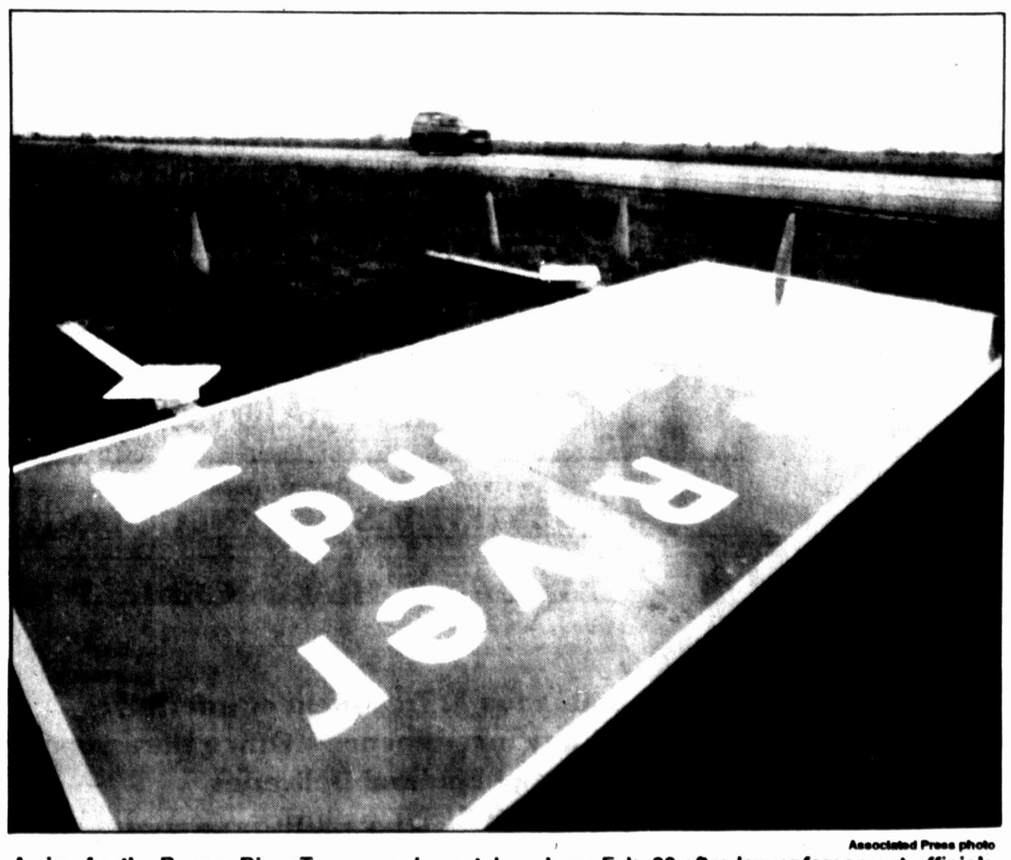
Jesse Garcia, area highway department engineer agreed. "The purpose of it was not a recreational area, and most of the people going back there were not fishing," he said.

The Texas Department of Trans portation will keep a maintenance area under the bridge, but it will be fenced and locked. Garcia said the area can be used for stockpiling materials and storing equipment.

Temporary barriers shut down the Turnaround after October floods sent the Brazos River spilling into the adjoining property and filled the roadway with silt and mud.

"We're glad it's gone," said sheriff's Detective Charles Gasser.

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Associated Press photo

A sign for the Brazos River Turnaround was taken down Feb. 28 after law enforcement officials persuaded the state to shut down the Turnaround because it was a magnet for criminal activity. The Turnaround was considered one of the most dangerous locales in Fort Bend County.

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Found

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She decided it fell out of one of the nests in the ceiling rafters.

Findley said she didn't care about the gold beads, which were crushed during the necklace's six-year disappearance. All she wanted were the pearls her husband sent her from Korea.

She gave the kids each a piece of jewelry - a bracelet and hat pin - as a reward.

"That was the only thing I every really lost," said Findley. "I mean, I've misplaced things, but not for six years.

"I don't have a lot of jewelry and those pearls meant something to me."

Tarter

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Grill until the juice runs clear and the center is no longer pink.

These additional tips will keep your food from becoming to heavily smoked or charred. Smoke and flare-ups are caused by dripping fat. For this reason, choose lean meats to grill and trim any excess fat. Avoid marinades our basting sauces that contain a lot of fat.

Another way to keep foods from being heavily smoked is to cover the grill with aluminum foil and punch holes between the grids to let the juice drip out. Learn to control the fire and cook meat until it is done but not charred. It is wise to trim any charred or burned material that has formed on the food surface. Do not eat it.

Fish and vegetables can be wrapped in foil to protect them from excessive smoke. If you would like to reduce grilling time, pre-cook foods such as poultry and ribs by boiling or cooking them in the microwave and then grill them briefly to add that cookout flavor.

It is important that you immediately place partially cooked foods on the grill to complete cooking. Partially cooked foods may develop bacterial growth that causes foodborne illness.

Cookouts are an ever-popular family and social activity. Keep them consistently safe by following common-sense rules of cleanliness, food safety and healthful cooking.



Associated Press photo

Richard Senasac, Raymond Mathis and Danial Lisarelli look over photos of what they believe was a cemetery for Union prisoners of war held by the confederacy in a stockade called Camp Groce, east of Hempstead, Texas.

Memorial sought for Union soldiers

By TERRY KLIEWER
Houston Chronicle

HEMPSTEAD, Texas — As Danial Lisarelli sees it, he has a solemn duty to account for the men buried here beneath the prairie grass.

Never mind that those to whom this 33-year-old schoolteacher feels so obligated died a century before he was born.

Never mind that their bones may now be mostly dust mixed with the sandy soil east of Hempstead and at other nearby sites north of the Houston area.

What matters, he says, is that these are the remains of Yankees who died in Waller, Austin and Washington counties during the Civil War. And more important, they await discovery today.

Lisarelli is a key figure in a new project to find and memorialize the graves of Union prisoners of war who did not survive their stay at Camp Groce, a minor Confederate stockade in this out-of-the-way corner of the war.

"This is an almost unknown chapter in the story of the Civil War," he says. "These are MIAs from 1865, and they're here."

Lisarelli isn't alone in his quest. He is joined by another Civil War buff — Charles Weigel, 62, a professor at South Texas College of Law — who has been pursuing the same goal off and on for longer than Lisarelli.

"I first got interested 30 years ago," says Weigel. "But it wasn't until more recently that I decided something needs to be done. I wondered if we can't rebury the remains in the (Houston) national cemetery."

There's precedent for that, although Weigel is also open to leaving the remains in place, provided they are permanently protected.

For now, the Camp Groce site, just off U.S. 290 east of here, is denoted by a state historical marker.

The spot itself is an ordinary looking piece of privately owned pasture in the distance. The other related sites are also in private hands.

At the least, Lisarelli would like to see a roll of prisoner names added to the Camp Groce marker. He prefers to leave the remains in place.

What happens next will be up to Lisarelli and a team of archeologists, academicians and law students assembled by Weigel.

In a recent meeting to map strategy, the group learned that their project will be expensive; however, it proceeds.

Ken Brown, a University of Houston anthropologist, warned that excavating and reburying the remains could cost up to $6,000 per grave.

"My question: Why move them?" he asked. "Even if the land had to be bought at an exorbitant price, it ought to be considered."

By Lisarelli's reckoning, about 220 Union soldiers, sailors and civilian workers died in Confederate custody at

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Sight, sound of birds perks us up



Christina Ferchalk
Columnist

Even people who aren't really bothered by winter enjoyed seeing these first signs of emerging spring. As the temperatures soared, so did our spirits.

There wasn't much snow around this year, but for some reason there was an abundance of snowbirds.

I don't know their proper name, but they were big, noisy and as aggressive as all get out. I didn't care for those birds, they intimidated me.

Then, it seemed like overnight, they were gone. In their place, the songbirds had returned. I remember the first morning I heard them. I was stunned. At first I thought the sound was coming from the TV, but it wasn't.

This was the genuine article! It was still late winter but already there were robin sightings. In the evenings, the bunnies came out to play leap frog in the fields. It was glorious.

Even people who aren't really bothered by winter enjoyed seeing these first signs of emerging spring. As the temperatures soared, so did our spirits. Eventually there wasn't one bit of snow left to be seen.

People started cleaning their yards and porches. Young girls dug out last summer's shorts from the backs of closets. Kids rode bikes and roller skated in the streets.

I had my personal landmark moment when I hung the wash outdoors. That evening a few of the rugs were still damp so I left them on the line. The rest of the laundry I brought inside and buried my face in the overflowing basket.

It wasn't there, that great smell wasn't there.

That's when I knew the ugly truth. It may have looked like spring and felt like spring but without that certain fragrance in my laundry, I knew without a shadow of a doubt that our chains were being yanked.

We were only being given a taste of spring, just enough to whet our appetites, and then it would be taken away.

Unfortunately, I was right. The very day after I had hung my wash outside it happened. The sky, the ground, and everything in between returned to a whiter shade of pale.

Voices on the radio warned us of hazardous driving conditions. Some schools were canceled.

Up and down the street, I heard the sound of ice being scraped from windshields and the grind of cold car engines reluctant to turn over.

Icicles hung from my awning, and in my back yard, the rugs I had left on the line overnight were frozen boards blanketed in white.

I could have cried. In fact, maybe I did, just a little.

Only the songbirds, bless 'em, kept the faith. In the beautiful chorus, I could hear the words of their song, "We gotta get out of this place, if it's the last thing we ever do."

The fact that these same species of birds keep returning to this climate generation after generation — only to get their tail feathers frostbitten — goes to show that they have beautiful hearts, but they're not exactly the sharpest pencils in the box!

As I wrote this column, my carpets were still hanging frozen on the line. I couldn't even bear to look at them. I understood that this sort of thing happens every year.

It's normal. It's to be expected. But somehow that doesn't make it any less painful, does it.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

•Howard County Mental Health Center family education meeting 6 p.m., last Thursday of each month. Followed by Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting 7 p.m., last Thursday of each month following the TXMHMR family support meeting. Call 267-7220 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 6:30 p.m. women open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Monthly meetings during September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, second Thursday of these months at the Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

•Sober Living Skills educational group, which focuses on relapse prevention, problem solving/conflict resolution and support group orientation, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920. Newcomers welcome.

SATURDAY

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

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Soldiers

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Camp Groce and its related sites.

The primary villain was disease, although the toll from yellow fever and malaria might have been lower if the Confederates had provided better food and medical care, he says.

Lisarelli is not sure how many graves can be found, but already he has come up with the names of 104 Union prisoners who failed to return from southeast Texas at war's end.

His enthusiasm for the project is partly sentimental. Though Texas-born and Texas-bred, Lisarelli is a Union man through and through. "I've just always loved the Grand Army of the Republic," he explains.

He says his great-great-grandfather, Daniel Bigelow from Pennsylvania, was wounded but survived while fighting for the Union in two battles back east.

Lisarelli heads the local chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans, a venerable organization up north but a virtual nonentity here. In fact, the only Southern SUV groups in existence are in Texas — one in Arlington and one in Houston. Between them they count just 41 members.

His campaign to memorialize Union dead in the South may have some awkward moments. For some Southerners, the historical hangover from defeat lingers.

Lisarelli says he and colleagues have occasionally run into blunt anti-Yankee sentiment at Civil War battle re-enactments.

"I say the war is over," he shrugs. "I guess a lot of people say it's not."

So far, no one has objected locally to his Camp Groce project. "I see this as part of Confederate history, too, so we should work together so everyone can benefit," he says.

Lisarelli says the camp was started by the Confederates in early 1862 as a training facility. The land was provided by Col. Leonard Waller Groce, who owned the landmark Liendo Plantation just east of here.

In mid-1863, Camp Groce was transformed into a makeshift prison, its four barracks and buildings re-assigned to some 120 Union soldiers and sailors taken prisoner in the battle of Galveston on New Year's Day.

Soon came another 120 prisoners from the first battle of Sabine Pass, along with some civilians who had worked for the Union army in Louisiana. In September, the second battle of Sabine Pass netted 300 more prisoners.

As the crowding increased, security was tightened by a 12-foot-tall stockade fence around the camp. But sanitary conditions deteriorated, and dysentery and malaria spread.

In late 1863, the Confederates decided to abandon the disease-ridden camp, sending the POWs to Camp Ford, a prison near Tyler.

Subsequently, the enlisted men of the group were sent to Louisiana for a POW exchange with Union forces.

But the camp's abandonment was short-lived. In May, the facility was re-activated for 166 Union prisoners from the battle of Calcasieu Pass in Louisiana.

In August, 506 "trouble-making" prisoners from Camp Ford were sent to join them.

As disease returned in the fall of 1864, the Confederates closed Camp Groce again. They first moved the prisoners en masse to a site west of Hempstead near Austin Branch Road, then to another spot east of Bellville and finally to a location north of Chappell Hill.

The fatigue of moving, coupled with illness, decimated the POW ranks, killing an average of three men daily through autumn. The dead were buried at each temporary camp site.

By November, plans were under way to ship the remaining prisoners — down from more than 700 to 450 or fewer — back through Camp Groce to Galveston and then to New Orleans for another POW swap with the Union army to the north.

Thus ended the saga of Camp Groce. Its barracks and walls long since fallen and its dead mostly forgotten, the prison camp became what it is today — a footnote in Civil War history.

Raymond Mathis, 62, Waller County's flood plain administrator, has spent his life here and finds the Camp Groce reclamation project fascinating.

Mathis is helping Lisarelli track down folks who may recall Camp Groce stories from long ago. He's also scouting for maps and surveys of the camp locales.

"I grew up not far from here," he says. "All the time I was out here as a boy, I never knew any of this history. I really regret that. I only wish I knew more of it now."

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Murders

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Most recently, he investigated the sacrifices of several chickens and a goat under the bridge. It turned out to be part of a religious ceremony, but the passer-by who discovered the gruesome leftovers — mixed in with women's clothing — panicked, thinking she had stumbled on human remains.

In July 1982, officers found the decomposing bodies of four Salvadorans under the Brazos River Bridge. A dozen Mexican nationals — members of an alien smuggling ring — were charged with murder and kidnapping.

Another case that stands out in the minds of many Sugar Land officers is the April 1992 stalking, kidnapping and rape of a young waitress. She left her job at a Southwest Freeway restaurant at 1 a.m. and was on the highway home when she felt a movement behind her seat.

A former security officer at the restaurant — his face disguised with camouflage paint — forced her to drive to the Turnaround, where he handcuffed her, struck her, sodomized her with a wooden hammer handle and raped her before two Sugar Land officers caught him in the act.

The victim testified she is sure she would have been murdered and thrown in the river if not for patrol Officers Stuart Denton and Dee Warren, who arrested her attacker. Ernest Everett Taylor III, 23, of Houston, was sentenced to 50 years in prison in the attack.

For motorists who need to change direction on U.S. 59, there are two other exits with turnaround capabilities within a mile or two of the bridge. And Whitty said the department hopes to construct an emergency vehicle turnaround somewhere in between.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be sensitive to a boss or a partner. You might not be able to continue as you have. You need some time off before tackling a situation. Instincts are right when dealing with bosses. Do nothing halfway. Excitement and change merge at work. Tonight: Hightail it home.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your more playful side emerges. You need to stay focused on friendship, group events and long-term goals. The unexpected occurs with another. Be aware of what you are asking. You cannot continue pushing someone this hard. Tonight: Be with friends.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Responsibilities call. You make resolutions about work. Do not hesitate to ask for a partner's support. A partner might say something that sounds weird; it is. Consider the comment in a different way. Also, think about a vacation. Tonight: Work late, as needed.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): New insights flash. A partner wants to relate to you on a new and much more meaningful level. Be aware of the sincerity here. REach out, be clear about what you want and don't waffle. Your intuition is right on. Tonight: Accept an unusual invitation.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): One-to-one relating is highlighted. The way you handle a situation makes a difference. Financial leverage is possible with discussion. New financial resolutions with a partner permit better understanding. Have a little fun. Tonight: Be with the one you love.*****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Defer to another, be clear about your choices and listen to new information. Let your creativity flow. A loved one acts in an unexpected way. Be sure of what you want. A direct approach opens up more options than you expected. Tonight: Defer to a loved one.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are more centered. Be aware of what you want from work. Dig in your heels, put your best foot forward and be ready to tackle a situation differently. The unexpected occurs with a family member. Tonight: Work late.****.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your creativity emerges. Be aware of how others view you. Communications are important in solving a problem. Follow instincts with money and love. A family member means well. Stay secure. Consider a new hobby. Tonight: Enjoy your naughty side.*****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Another appreciates your communications and needs to resolve a problem. Your way of visualizing, then tackling problems opens new understanding. New beginnings at home with real estate or your emotional security are possible. Tonight: Stay home.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Talk through a problem, and understand your choices. Evaluate which way you need to go. Instincts are right about money. You are on top of a situation. Be clear about what you want. A friend comes through in a big way. Just ask. Tonight: Hang out with friends.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Curb spending while you are ahead. Resolve to deal with a situation more appropriately. New beginnings are possible because of a boss or parent. Stay sensitive to your options. Be aware of what another is offering you. Tonight: Do not overspend.**

IF MARCH 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is an unusual year with new beginnings. You might want to handle your life differently. Make resolutions, and stick to what works. Creativity, travel and openness bring professional and personal opportunities. If you are single: Be open to an exotic foreigner who is likely to appear; be aware of how much you give and your limits in a relationship. If attached: Guard against being selfabsorbed; be sensitive to others, and listen to feedback; focus on long-term goals. ARIES is a soul mate.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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Friend needs to put lid on chatterbox



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: Help me, please! I have a friend whom I have known for many years. She's my age (mid-40s) and lives on the East Coast. I live on the West Coast, but she thinks of me as her best friend.

This woman calls me a minimum of four times a week --and talks for at least an hour each time. She goes on and on about her family, friends and co-workers.

I make my living talking to the public eight hours a day, and the last thing I want to do when I get home is talk on the phone.

Abby, I can't get rid of her. When I tell her I have to say goodbye, she says, "There's just one more thing I have to tell you," then she rattles on for another 10 or 15 minutes.

I hate to hurt her feelings, but I am angry with myself for putting up with this insensitive pest. It's gotten so I hate to answer my own telephone. It would be very inconvenient for me to change my telephone number. How can I put an end to this annoying waste of time without hurting her feelings? -- FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: The next time she calls you, say, "I'm sorry, I can't talk to you now. I'll call you later." Then hang up.

"Later" can be tomorrow, next week or next month.

Get an answering machine so that you can screen your calls, and commit this to memory: "Nobody can walk all over me unless I lie down first."

DEAR ABBY: I sympathize with all the people who wrote about their unfortunate wedding experiences. Here's mine:

My fiance and I decided to get married in San Antonio. At the time, I lived in Boston, as did most of my family. We planned to fly down a few days earlier, but due to a snowstorm, we barely made it the day before the wedding. However, our luggage -- including my wedding gown and those of my bridesmaids -- did not!

The hotel where we had reservations burned down the day before, and all of the hotels were overbooked, so we slept at my fiance's house, already filled with relatives -- six and seven in a room. Some slept on the floor!

My cousin, who slept in the same room with me, awakened thirsty in the middle of the night. Not wanting to disturb the rest of us, she drank a nearby glass of water instead of getting up to get her own. Well -- that glass of water contained my contact lenses!

The next day, I was married in a white skirt, yellow sweater, ugly thick glasses and a veil!

My bridesmaids wore jeans, as did many of the guests from my side of the family. Meanwhile, the groom's family was dressed to kill.

We had to postpone our honeymoon because the temperature dropped from 70 to 30. The wings on the plane iced up and the airport had no de-icing equipment, because "it never gets that cold in San Antonio." -- STILL MARRIED 10 YEARS LATER

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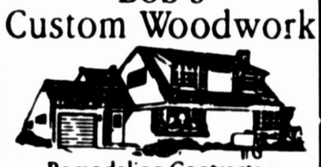
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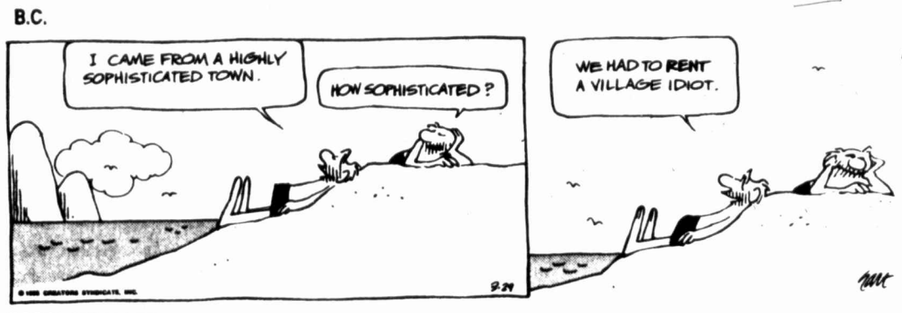
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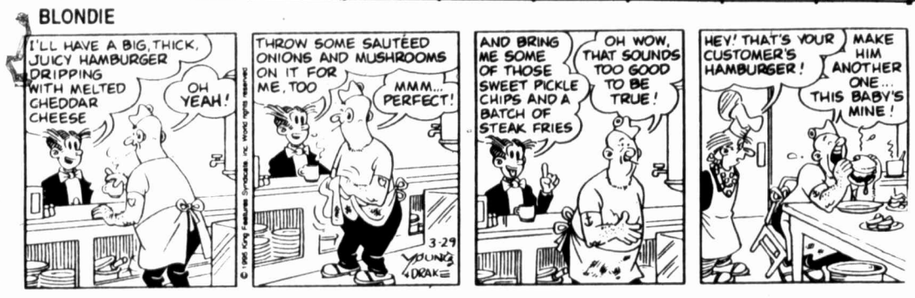
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6 :PM :30	News Wh. Fortune	Full House Simpsons	C. Sandiego Science Guy	Waltons (228417)	News (6691) Ent. Tonight	News Wh. Fortune	News (2097) Coach	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Volver a Empezar	Chronicles of Narnia II	American Sky News	(:15) Twilight Zone: The	(34671184)	Duty: Waco	Prime Time Praise	Rockford Files	Beyond 2000 Next Step	In the Heat of the Night	ATP Tour Press Box	(889523) Up Close	for Tomorrow	Happen. Now Out All Night
7 :PM :30	Roseanne Ellen	Beverly Hills, 90210	Sci. Frontiers	Shade Shade	GWendt Double Rush	Roseanne Ellen	National Geographic	(:05) Cats & Dogs (CC)	Agujetas Rosa	Polly -- Comin	Country in the Rockies	Movie (CC) (49419900)	Movie: The Paper (CC)	Movie: Indecent Pro-	(233788) Creflo Dollar	Biography (707349)	World of Discovery	Kingfish: A Story of	IHL Hockey: Atlanta	Special College Bas-	(:05) The Ox-Bow Incident	Roc Comicview
8 :PM :30	Grace Under Bringing Up	Sliders (CC) (47368)	Discovering Women (CC)	Rescue 911	Movie: A Stranger in	Grace Under Bringing Up	Dateline (CC) (41504)	(5287813)	Prisionera de Amor	Home Beauty-Beast	Music City Tonight	Movie: Dangerous	(941981)	posal (CC) (858267)	Mario Murillo Van Impe	American Justice	Invention Next Step	Huey P. Long	Knights at Houston	ketball: NIT Champion-	(18130894) Movie:	Video Soul (793707)
9 :PM :30	Primetime Live	Star Trek: Next Gener.	(69504)	700 Club (881900)	Town (CC) (27900)	Primetime Live	Andy Kaufman	(:05) Cats & Dogs (CC)	Fuera Sensacional	Martin & Lewis	(853813) Club Dance	Game (CC) (6064610)	Movie: Untamed Heart	Dream On Sanders	Praise the Lord (15707)	20th Century (796233)	Fighting Machines	Movie: Marlowe	Aeros (832349)	ship Baseball	Murder, Inc. (144097)	
10 :PM :30	News Cheers	Fresh Prince In the Heat of	MacNeil-Lehrer	Father Dowling	News Late Show	News Nightline	News (73252) Tonight Show	(3861165)	Noticiero Uni. P. Impacto	The Old Curiosity	(835829) News	(9:50) Black Rainbow	(3870813) Mommies	Crypt Tales Movie: In		Law & Order (799320)	World of Discovery	(712287)	NBA Action Press Box	Sportscenter	Movie: This	Roc Jazz Central
11 :PM :30	Roseanne Nightline	the Night Northern	Road Scholar (CC) (61146)	Bonanza	Married...	Ent. Tonight (:35) Rolonda	(CC) (37894) Late Night	(:05) Movie: Absence of	Pelicula (952436)	Shop Hardy Boys	Country in the Rockies	(59115908) (:35) Movie:	(:15) Movie: The Cool	Pursuit of Honor (CC)	Jerry Savelle Duplantis	Biography (396417)	Invention Next Step	Movie: Deadly	Sneaux Zone (138894)	March Madness: Finals	Earth Is Mine	(601707)
12 :AM :30	Rush L. Dennis P.	Exposure Newz (69634)	First Born (445585)	Paid Program Paid Program	Jon Stewart	(8088542) Last Call	(99418) Extra	Malice (6809542)		Zorro Elfego Baca	Music City Tonight	The Silencer (62638542)	Surface (90662097)	(905320) Movie: 8	Munroe Prime Time	American Justice	Fighting Machines	Game (281707)		Motorcycle Racing	(2297469) (:45) The Ox-	Comicview

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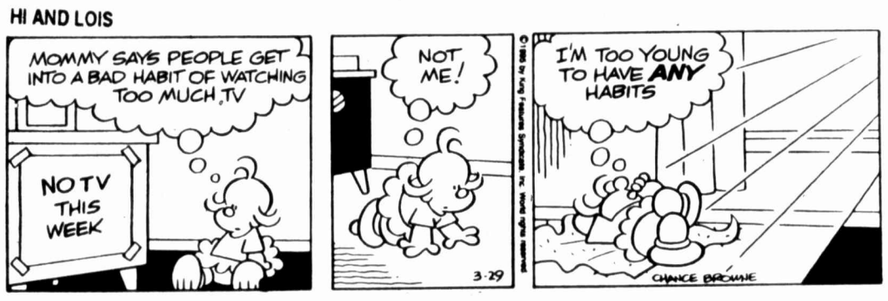


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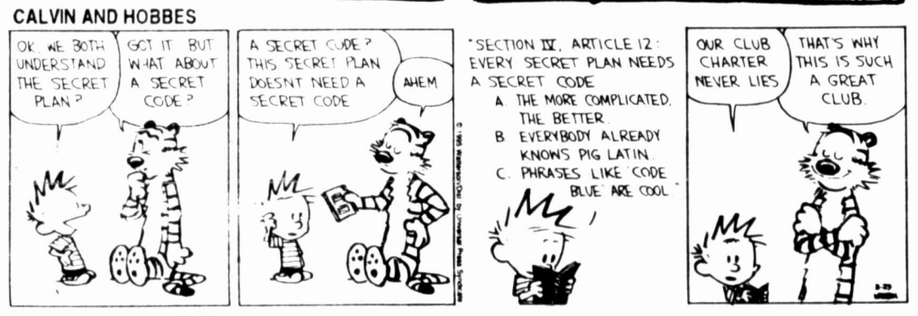




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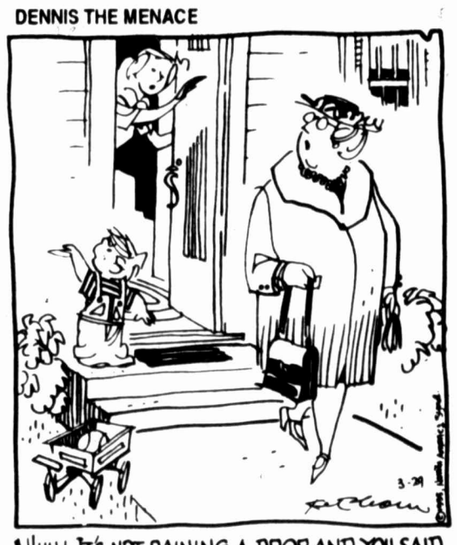


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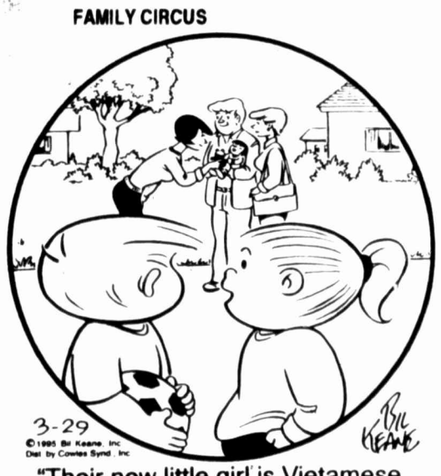


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All shows before 6 pm "2"
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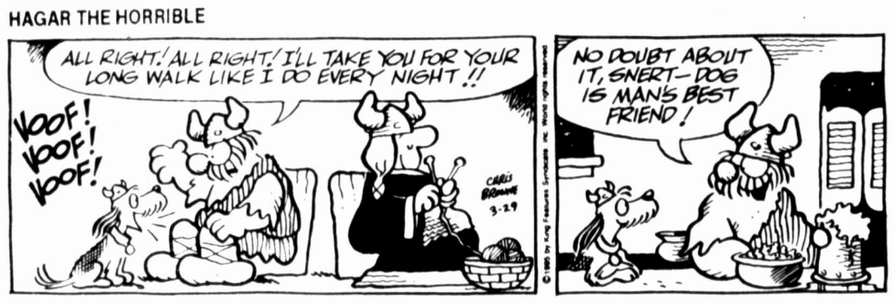


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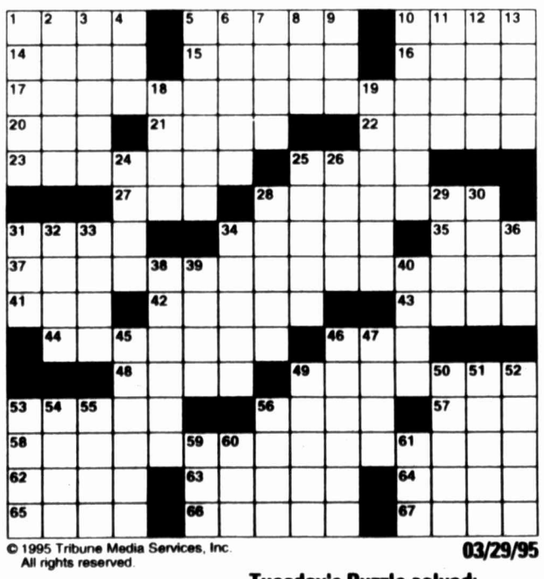


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03/29/95

This date in history

Today is Wednesday, March 29, the 88th day of 1995. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last United States troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War. That same day, President Nixon announced that "all of our American POWs are on their way home."

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1867, the British Parliament passed the North America Act to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1932, a vaudeville comedian made his radio debut with the words, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is Jack Benny talking. There will be a slight pause while you say, 'Who cares?'"

In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of espionage charges. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering at least 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.)

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University (The guardsmen were acquitted.)

Ten years ago: The body of Army Maj. Arthur D. Nicholson, who'd been slain by a Soviet sentry in East Germany on March 24, arrived at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington for burial at Arlington National Cemetery.

Five years ago: President Bush, addressing the National Leadership Coalition on AIDS, declared his administration "on a wartime footing" against the disease, and called for compassion, not discrimination, toward those infected with the virus.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Sen. Eugene McCarthy is 79. Actress Eileen Heckart is 76. Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., is 53. British Prime Minister John Major is 52.

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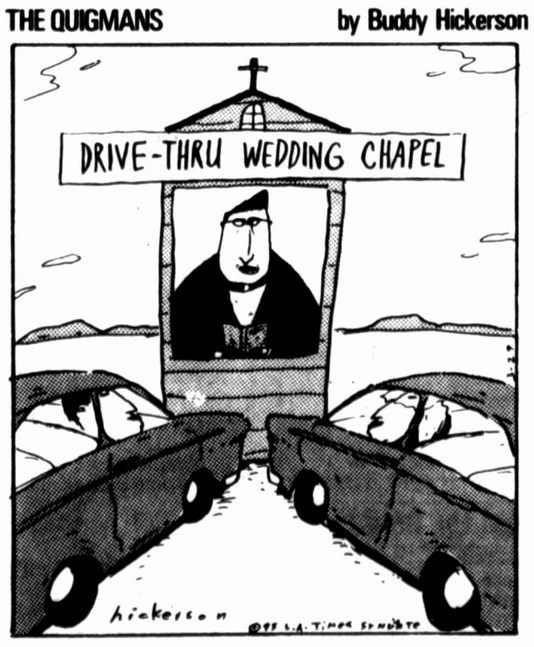
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The 1995 Caldecott Winner

Meet David Diaz



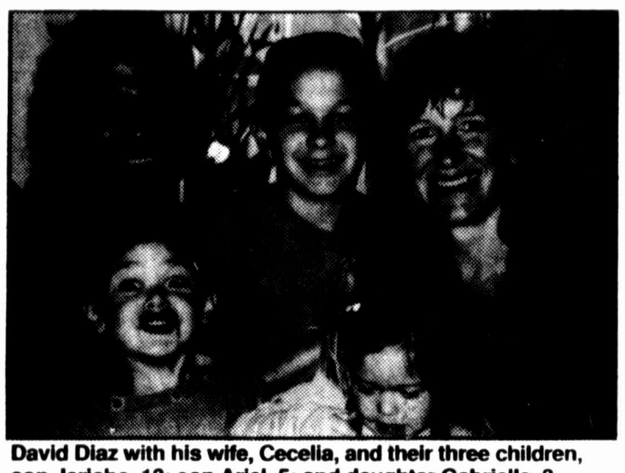
The Caldecott Medal is presented each year to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book for children. This year's winner was David Diaz for the book "Smoky Night."

"Smoky Night" is the story of a boy, his cat and his mother. It takes place during a big-city riot. Cats and the riots bring neighbors from different backgrounds together.

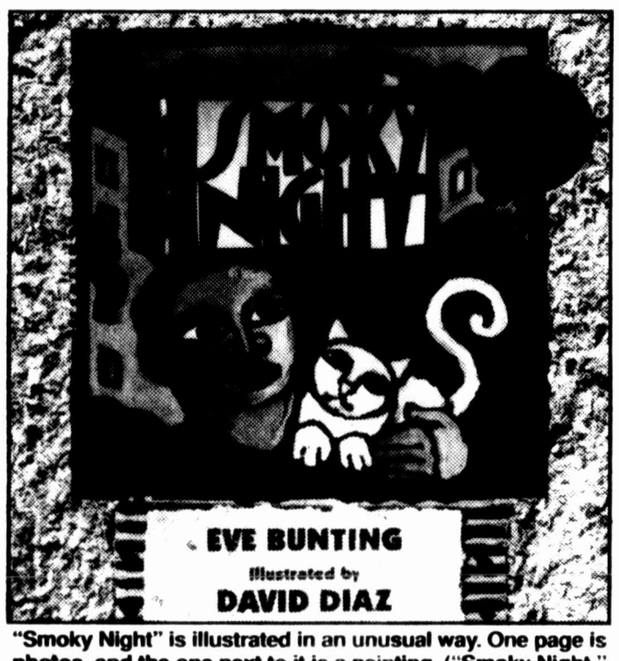
When David Diaz was in the first grade, he was asked to fill in the letters for the word "nose." He also drew a nose — and the face. It was at that moment he decided to become an artist.

David grew up in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He studied at the Art Institute there. Then he moved to California, where he now lives.

"Smoky Night" is the first children's book David Diaz has illustrated. However, he is not new to the field of art. For the past 15 years, he has run a very busy studio.



David Diaz with his wife, Cecelia, and their three children, son Jericho, 12; son Ariel, 5; and daughter Gabrielle, 3.



"Smoky Night" is illustrated in an unusual way. One page is photos, and the one next to it is a painting. ("Smoky Night," by Eve Bunting, illustrated by David Diaz, published by Harcourt Brace & Co., 1994.)

It took David Diaz about a year to finish "Smoky Night." During that time he was working on dozens of other things.

"I work with ad agencies, design studios, magazines and newspapers," he told us. His studio is in his home, but he is planning to get another place soon. He has one assistant who helps him with the bills and filing.

His advice to kids who want to become artists: "Begin to look at as much art as possible. Begin to draw as much as possible. The more you draw, the better you are. There are lots of careers in the graphic arts" (drawing, painting and photography, for instance).

Some of his favorite things:

Food: Japanese

Children's illustrator: William Steig

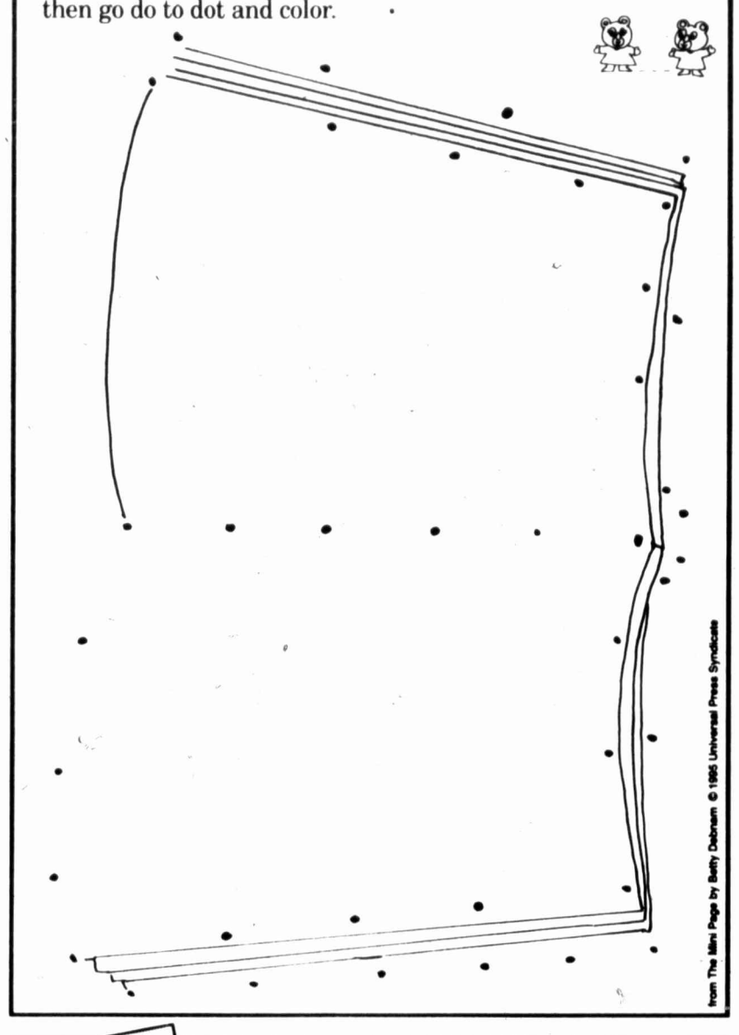
Vacation spot: Seaside, a town in Florida

Hobbies: ceramics (making pottery)

Music: all kinds. He always listens to music while he works.

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For use with issue: Meet David Diaz

Main idea: This issue is about National Library Week and award-winners among children's authors and illustrators. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Look through your newspaper for pictures that might make a good plot for a book.
2. If possible, go to the library and get as many past Caldecott award-winners as possible. Compare the ways they are illustrated. Which do you like best? Why? How is "Smoky Night" different from the others?
3. Design a National Library Week poster.
4. Discuss the following: What were some good books you have read recently? Which was your favorite? Have you read any of the award-winning books mentioned in this issue? What do you think makes a book a Newbery or Caldecott winner? Would you like to be a children's book author or illustrator? What training do you think is needed? Who is your favorite author and why?
5. Write a report on your favorite book. Draw a picture to illustrate the book.
6. If you were to interview your favorite author, what questions would you ask him or her?

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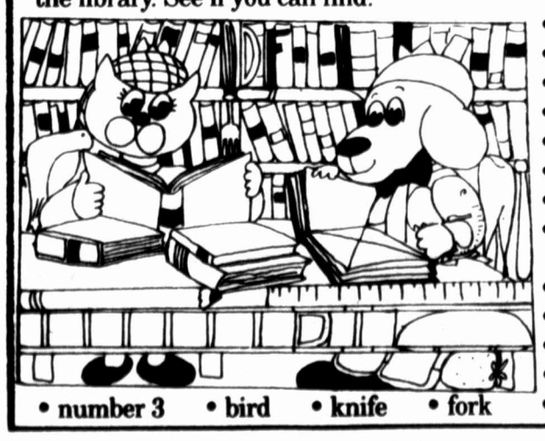


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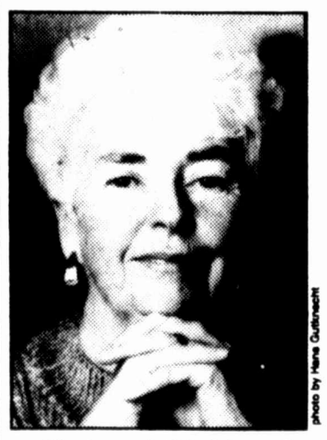
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- baseball bat
- ladder
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- tooth
- kite
- letter A
- elephant's head
- pencil
- strawberry
- canoe
- ruler
- letter F
- number 3
- bird
- knife
- fork
- letter F

Meet Eve Bunting



David Diaz won the Caldecott Medal as the illustrator of "Smoky Night." Eve Bunting is the author of this book.

photo by Hans Gutknecht

"I started thinking about the book the very day after the riots" (nearby Los Angeles had a bad riot in 1993), Eve Bunting said.

Ms. Bunting grew up in Ireland. She and her family moved to this country 36 years ago. They settled in California.

After her children were in high school, she took a writing course at a nearby college. She sold her first story to a children's magazine. Since that time she has written about 160 books!

Her books are written for preschool kids all the way up to adults.

In an interview with her, we found out that she has turned one bedroom of her house into a studio where she does her writing.

Thinking is the biggest part of her work, she told us. "I don't start a book until I've thought it out quite carefully."

Favorite things

Music: light classical

Hobbies: golf, walking, reading, watching TV, going out shopping with friends, and writing (her favorite)

Color: blue

Time and place to read: in the evening, in bed or in the bathtub

Food: chocolate cake, Italian or Mexican food

Family: husband, three children and four grandchildren

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Other award-winners

Here are some more award-winners announced by the American Library Association.

National Library Week is April 6-15. Visit a library. Read a good book!



The John Newbery Medal is awarded each year to the author of the most outstanding children's book.



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The 1995 winner is Sharon Creech for "Walk Two Moons." She has written three novels that were published in England. She is from this country, but lives nine months each year in England. Her husband is a headmaster at a school there.



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"Walk Two Moons" is the story of 13-year-old Salamanca, of Native American background. She sets out with her grandparents to visit her mother, who has not returned from a trip to Idaho.

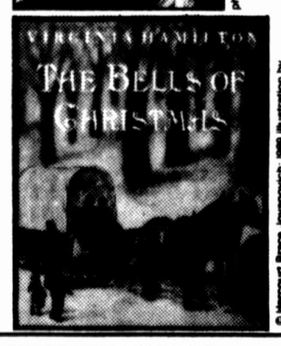


The Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal honors an author or illustrator whose books have made a lasting contribution to children's literature. It is based not on one book, but on all of the books a person has written or illustrated. The award is presented every three years.



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Virginia Hamilton is the 1995 winner. One of her many previous awards was the 1975 Newbery Award for "M.C. Higgins, the Great."



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"The Bells of Christmas" was a King honor book in 1990. Ms. Hamilton has won many awards, including two King Author Awards.



Coretta Scott King Awards are given each year to an outstanding black author and an outstanding black illustrator.

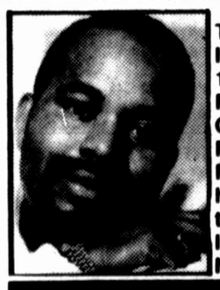


The Coretta Scott King Author Award for 1995 was awarded to Patricia C. and Frederick L. McKissack for "Christmas in the Big House, Christmas in the Quarters." The McKissacks, who have been married for more than 20 years, have written more than 20 books for children. This is their second King Award.

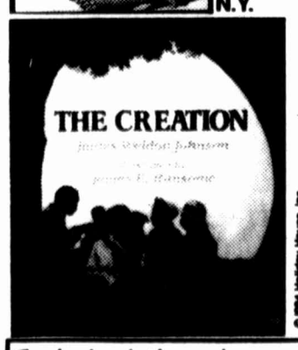


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The book is set in 1859 on a plantation in Virginia. It compares how people in the big house and those in the slave quarters celebrated Christmas just before the Civil War.



The Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award for 1995 went to James E. Ransome for "The Creation." Mr. Ransome was born in Rich Square, N.C. He has illustrated more than 10 books. He now lives in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.



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"The Creation" was written by James Weldon Johnson in 1919. It tells a biblical story of God's creation of the world.

To do: Look through your newspaper for a story you think would make a good book. Design a book jacket for it.

Next week, find out how to dye eggs the natural way. Also, enjoy an Easter read-aloud story.