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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 40°-43°
THURSDAY 73°-77°

Big Spring ISD to discuss grant writer Thursday

Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will meet at noon Thursday to discuss several items, including the approval of a grant writer for the district.

Deb Ward is seeking a contract with the school district in the position of grant writer. The board will also hear the TEA Report.

Other items on the agenda include a resolution to claim liquidated damages and a report on the state insurance initiative.

Trustees are also expected to act on a retirement.

Kiwanis Club pancake supper planned Friday

Big Spring Kiwanis Club will hold its annual pancake supper from 5-8 p.m. Friday in the Big Spring Junior High cafeteria.

The all-you-can-eat pancakes and ham supper is by donation. Proceeds go to help youth organizations in Howard County.

For more information, call 267-6479 or 264-1813.

WHAT'S UP...

WEDNESDAY

□ Youth With a Mission presents free drama, music, dance and video, 7 p.m., Municipal Auditorium.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International. Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 588, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Big Spring Kiwanis Club

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Big Spring ISD trustee election draws contested race in District 2

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Trustee candidate filing is under way at local and area public school districts and the Big Spring ISD already has one contested race.

Two local businessmen, insurance agency owner Tommy Churchwell and auto parts dealership owner Terry Wegman, have filed for District 2 on the board. Incumbent Larry Hollar has not filed.

Also submitting the necessary paperwork since the filing period



CHURCHWELL



WEGMAN



LONG

od began Monday has been District 4 incumbent Frank A. Long. As yet, he is unopposed. Filing continues through March 22 for the May 6 election.

Churchwell said he is running because he wants to make a positive impact on the district. "I'd like the school district to be as good as it can be. I like change, and I think I have some talents I could add to the board and make some positive changes for the school district," said Churchwell, who has two

sons enrolled in Big Spring schools.

"We are academically unacceptable and that alarms me. We have to ask ourselves, what do we do to get ourselves in a position to get on the other end of the scale? I don't have all of the answers and I don't know all of the problems. But with the good experience I have learned from serving on other boards, I think you find out what the answers are and you come up with solutions and implement

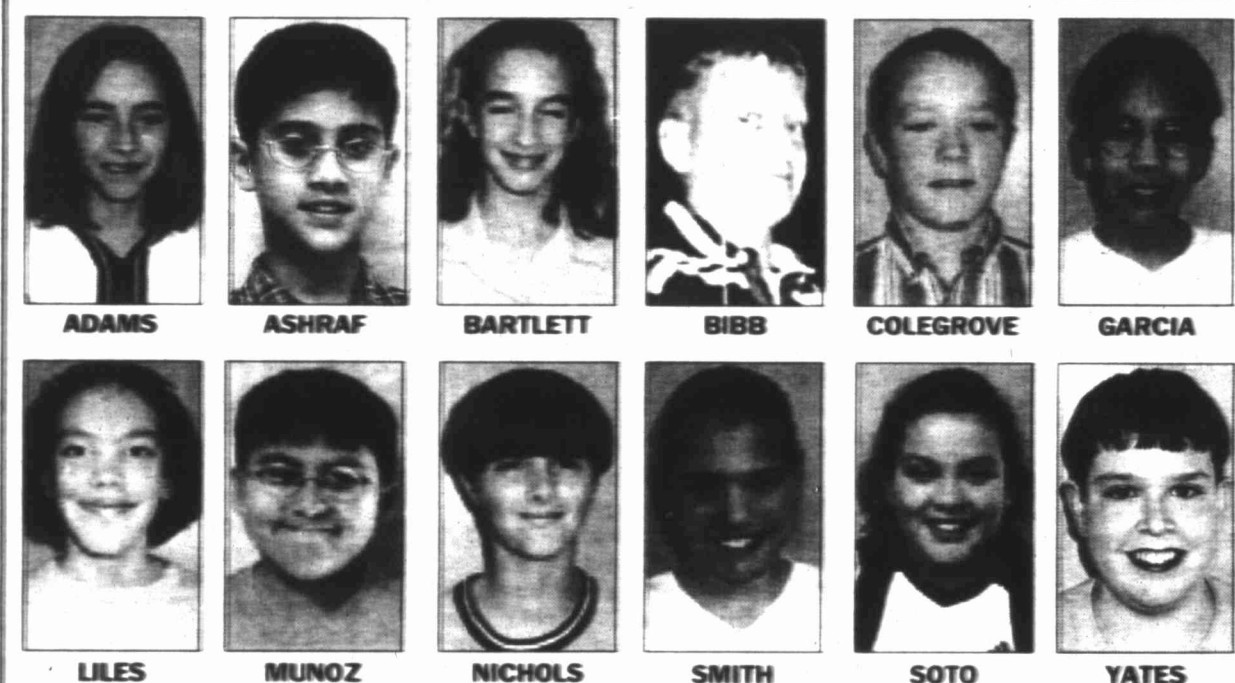
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414 ballots cast in mayoral race

Some 414 ballots have been cast so far during the early voting period of the Big Spring mayor's race.

Candidates are current councilmen Greg Biddison and Oscar Garcia, and former councilman Russ McEwen.

Early voting continues through Feb. 29 at the city secretary's office. Election day is March 4.



Students set for Howard County bee

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Two former champions will take on 10 other school winners Thursday in the Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

The event begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria. Twelve winners from local schools will compete for a share of \$900 in prizes and the chance to represent Howard County at the regional bee in Lubbock.

Kacy Liles, 1998 county champion, and Trevor Bibb, 1999 champ, are back to seek a new title this year. Kacy, now an eighth grader at Forsan Junior High, won her school bee by correctly spelling the word, "vulgar."

Trevor, in the eighth grade at Coahoma Junior High, won his

bee on the word "bailey."

Joining them in competition are, from Bauer Magnet Elementary, fifth grader Christina Soto, who correctly spelled "knowledge" to win her school bee; and Ryan Yates, seventh grader from Big Spring Junior High, who won with "piebald."

From Coahoma Elementary, Sarah Bartlett, a sixth grader, earned the chance to compete by correctly spelling "gazelle." Forsan Elementary is sending Derrick Colegrove, a fifth grader who knew how to spell "fain."

Jacob Nichols will represent Goliad Elementary. The sixth grader won the school bee with "condemn." Jason Garcia will represent Marcy Elementary, a privilege he won with the correct spelling of "bruise."

Moss Elementary is sending Mustafa Ashraf, a fifth grader

who won the school bee with "devouring." Meagan Smith will represent Kentwood Elementary since she won the bee there with "potion."

St. Mary's Episcopal School winner is Haley Adams, a fifth grader who correctly spelled "radioactive." Washington Elementary will be represented by Erik Munoz, a fifth grader who won with "horrible."

The competitors are vying for the chance to represent Howard County at the Lubbock *Avalanche Journal's* Regional Spelling Bee March 4. But they also have a chance to win gift certificates, savings bonds, free meals and haircuts, movie passes and gifts donated by local merchants.

The local event is only the first step for students as they try to reach the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C.

More than 29 vendors lined up for Gem & Mineral Show

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Prospectors Club will be sponsoring the 31st annual Gem and Mineral Show the weekend of March 4-5 and this year's event is attracting more than 29 vendors from five states.

The event will be held at the Howard County Fair Barn and according to club member Jerald Wilson there will something for everyone, with spinning wheels, hourly door prizes and a grand prize drawing. A snack bar will also be available.

"We are really excited about this year's show," said Wilson. "We have vendors coming from Colorado, Wisconsin, Nevada, New Mexico, and of course all over Texas. There will be a big cross-section of dealers and a good variety as well."

Wilson said there will be someone setting up a teaching class for anyone wanting to learn about silversmithing.

"We will have an American Indian called 'Big Eagle' from Colorado with us this year,"

said Wilson. "He plans on coming about a week in advance of the show to offer classes in wire wrapping, which is bending wire, usually square wire, in making jewelry."

The cost for the classes will be a set fee and will depend on the number of people interested.

"If someone or a group is interested in taking these classes they can contact me at 263-7641 and I will take care of getting them enrolled," said Wilson.

According to Wilson, one of the vendors coming will be Southwest Rock and Gem from Hico. They are one of the few dealers who handle opal. Also there will be a wire wrapper here from Lubbock as well as several other gem and mineral dealers.

"We are expecting a good turnout and looking forward to having a really great show this year," said Wilson.

On Saturday, the show will be from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m. while the Sunday show will run from 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. There is no cost to attend.



Ruth Robinson, member of the Big Spring Prospectors' Club, is using a machine to polish work she is doing for the 31st annual Gem and Mineral Show. The show will be held March 4-5 at the Howard County Fair Barn.

Public invited to see TWC's One-Stop Center during Thursday reception

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

The Texas Workforce Commission is inviting the public to attend the official grand opening reception for the TWC One-Stop Center at 310 Owens.



The event will

take place on Thursday, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Virginia Below, TWC area manager, is hoping the entire community will attend.

"Those who come out will see some remarkable changes that have been made," said Below. "With our one-stop center you can access any information on prospective employers and this concept allows you to meet all of your employment needs in one convenient location."

Those services include job

seeker services, state of the art resource centers, classroom training, employment services for seniors, supportive services, trade readjustment act services, employer services, veteran's services, Project Rio, welfare to work program and dislocated worker services.

According to Below, TWC had to meet strict state requirements.

"It wasn't easy to meet all the requirements because TEC (Texas Employment Commi-

ssion) was dramatically reduced, causing us to do more with less people," she said. "One of the requirements was this unique concept must meet the needs of the local community and we do that."

Below wants the community to know she is proud of the accomplishments made at TWC.

"The unemployment rate is the lowest it has been in a long time," said Below, who noted it was 5.1 percent in December.

Below said sometimes there is

a downside to having a low unemployment rate.

"Prospective employers are looking for a labor pool and if we have low unemployment our labor pool may not be strong enough to attract employers, causing them to go elsewhere," she said.

Below said TWC will have cake, cookies, punch, and other goodies on hand. Everyone is invited.

For further information, call the TWC at 263-8373.

Council

Energas request denied; upgrade of golf course sprinkler system gets OK

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

As anticipated, Big Spring City Council members rejected a rate increase request from Energas on Tuesday, setting the stage for the natural gas provider to take its case to the Texas Railroad Commission.

Energas had requested two weeks ago that the city council officially refuse the rate request, after talks with the company and a consultant hired by a 67-member coalition of cities was unable to reach an agreement. Energas had originally proposed a system-wide, \$19.8 million rate increase in August, a hike that would amount to about 8.4 percent to its customers.

The request will now go before the Railroad Commission, which will make a ruling in the case.

In other business, council members accepted a bid of \$31,304 from Pipe n Head of Plano to upgrade the automated sprinkler system at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

"We were able to go with some alternates that made their bid the low bid," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager. "We were able to go with a smaller, 17-inch computer mon-

itor which saved some money, and we were able to use our existing clay valve which saved about \$1,400."

The sprinkler system at the course had been automated, but over the years that system has failed.

"This will bring it up to where we can put it on automatic control. Right now they are having to water manually, which takes time and manpower," said Bogard. "We think this will save in labor, plus we think it will be better for water conservation. We'll be able to water more in the places where the water needs to go, and so we feel it will cut down on waste."

Some \$36,000 had been budgeted for the upgrades, which will be paid for out of the golf course fund. Pipe n Head has 45 days to complete the work.

Council members approved a request to hire an engineer to assist with the Cape Hart sewer line replacement project. The city is replacing about 5,100 feet of old concrete sewer line in phase one of the project.

The city received a grant of \$350,000 for the first portion, and added \$70,000 in matching funds, said Todd Darden, director of public works. The council

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Unusual weather prompts area tornado reports

HERALD Staff Report

Some unusual weather activities were reported around the West Texas area Tuesday, but none impacted Howard County.

An unconfirmed report of a tornado was made 31 miles northwest of Big Lake between 1:19 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. There were also reports of a tornado in southern Glasscock County. The National Weather Service said those tornadoes occurred in rural areas and no damage was reported.

There was also reports of dime-sized hail in Upton County as well as reports of rain from a trace around Howard County to .07 of an inch reported in Colorado City. Snyder reported .01 of an inch.

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OBITUARIES

Billy Ray Pitcock

Billy Ray "Bill" Pitcock, 69, of Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2000, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.

Graveside service will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating.

Mr. Pitcock was born on Oct. 11, 1930, in Paris, Texas. He moved to Howard County in 1953 from Paris.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army from 1947 to 1948 and then from 1950 to 1951. He was employed by Cosden and later Fina, from 1953 until retiring in 1988.

He is survived by: his wife, Irene Pitcock of Big Spring; four sons, Graham Pitcock and his wife, Linda of Blossom, Paul Pitcock and his wife, Jackie of Honey Grove, Danny Pitcock and his wife, Penny of Roton, David Pitcock and his wife, Vicky of Blossom; one stepdaughter, Kimberly Naumann and her husband, Kevin of Austin, one stepson, Jim Tow of Detroit Lakes, Minn.; and a sister, Nedelene Speegle and her husband, Wayne of Cisco.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Bennie Pitcock, in 1959, and his father, L. A. Pitcock, in 1962, and one brother, Harold Pitcock, in 1994.

Pallbearers are Bill Davis, Bill Brooks, Joe Clark, Roy Ray, Dickie Partlow and Wayne Speegle.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, or the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Paid obituary

Joe D. Reed Sr.

Private graveside service for Joe D. "Papa Joe" Reed Sr., 75, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25, 2000, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Reed died on Monday, Feb. 21, at the VA Medical Center.

He was born on Feb. 17, 1925, in Corsicana. He married Violet Reed on Aug. 15, 1951, in Phoenix, Ariz., and she preceded him in death on April 10, 1991. He was a member of the Church of Christ, the Masonic Lodge at Grafard and Alpine. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard, serving during World War II in the Pacific Theater from June 1942 to Dec. 1945. He was a minister at the

Church of Christ in Alpine from 1965 to 1972 and in 1974 to 1976 at the First Christian Church. During his working career he held many different jobs, including as a disc jockey at KBYG Radio.

He is survived by: his son, Joe D. Reed Jr. of Midland; one sister, Jackie Walker of Grafard; one granddaughter; two great granddaughters; one niece and one nephew.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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them.

"We have good teachers. We have good people throughout the school district but I don't know that we are getting the best results," he said. "I have no axe to grind, I just feel like I can be part of a team and help lead us in a better direction."

Churchwell is chairman of the Friends of the Settles, serves on the board of directors for the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Big Spring Main Street Inc., Cosden Federal Credit Union, Big Spring Junior High School Site-Based Committee, and the First United Methodist Church Finance Committee, and is chairman of Junior Achievement.

He has previously served as chairman of the Big Spring Master Plan Committee, was president of the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Salvation Army advisory chairman, was a member of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Allocations Committee and the Big Spring Symphony Board. He is also a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club and has served as president.

In addition, he has coached Little League Baseball, basketball and football.

Wegman is past president of the Moore Development for Big Spring board, chairman of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission, and serves of the board of directors of the Texas Workforce Commission. He is also a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and has coached soccer and Little League for 16 years.

He also serves on the BSISD site-based decision-making committee.

"Having served on the Moore Board and Workforce Commission, I see the need to prepare our students for careers in technology development," said Wegman, who has been owner of Autotrend since the mid 1980s. "The labor force is driven by technology and I think that the current board and current administration is going in the right direction. I want to see that continue and help direct our resources to meet those future needs."

"Our kids are our future, and while that sounds trite, it's true. And I think even more so than in the past we have to train our kids for the future," Wegman said, while noting that he has a son in junior high here and two others who have graduated from Big Spring High. "Another part of that is keeping kids in school. We have a certain percent of kids going on to college, a certain percent going to work right out of high school, and those kids need to be equipped. And those who aren't making it out, we need to keep them in school and get them prepared for the future, too."

Wegman was born in Big Spring and returned here after graduating from Texas Tech University in 1972.

Long is seeking a second term in District 4. "I have an interest in the kids. I want to see them have the best possible education," he said. "We have good teachers and need to maintain their support as much as we can, both financially and by encouragement. They have a great responsibility on their shoulders."

Long is a farmer, who has lived in Big Spring most of his life. He has two children in

high school and one at Texas Tech University. He is on the deacon board at Trinity Baptist Church and on the Texas Farm Bureau board.

"The first term is a lot of information gathering, I think," said Long. "There is so much to learn. Once you've been on the board for a term, I think you can really get down and begin working, and I'd like the opportunity to do that."

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cil also gave its go-ahead on advertising for bids for a gradall hydraulic excavator for use to clean up Beal's Creek. The excavator will be paid for out of Beal's Creek funds, officials noted.

In other business, the council:

- Authorized the police department to apply for a Safe and Sober Wave Grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. The grant pays for overtime and mileage when the department puts out extra officers during five holiday periods.

- Authorized submission of an application to the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for a regional solid waste grants program. The grant, not to exceed \$19,100, would be to purchase a bagging machine, log splitter, bagging supplies, classroom materials and advertising for a master composting class for the city compost facility.

- Approved an ordinance to rezone Spring Creek subdivision from office to light commercial. The location is a plot of land along FM 700 where the new Culligan store will be located.

- Okayed retroactive retirement benefits for a clerk in the amount of \$2,936.61 due to an error.

On second reading the council approved a grant application for the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force through the Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$1,439,355. Big Spring agrees to provide matching funds of \$18,799 and Ector County has agreed to fund \$185,000, for a total in matching monies of \$203,799.

Council members also agreed to suspend the effective date of a TXU Electric tariff filing. According to TXU, the filing does not propose to increase or decrease any charges or rates, but better positions the utility company in a competitive retail market. However, a coalition of cities has suggested suspending the measure in order to study it.

WEATHER

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An employee with the National Weather Service in Midland said the reason for the unusual weather disturbance was the combination of an upper level storm system crossing the area, a dry line moving eastward at the surface and an unstable atmosphere ahead of the dry line was conducive for strong to severe thunderstorms to move ahead of the dry line.

The Glasscock County Sheriff's Office reported that the stormy weather there could only be seen to the south in Glasscock County and beyond to Reagan County. Some winds as high as 50 mph were reported in Sterling County as well as pea-sized hail and heavy rains for about 20 minutes.

On a local level, no reportable moisture was reported in the past 24 hours and only .013 of an inch has been reported thus far this month.

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BRIEFS

A BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER is planned Saturday for cancer patient Bertina DeLeon.

Meals are \$5 a plate for dine in, carry out or delivered. The dinner is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at La Vadera Club, 1100 W. I-20. Call 267-2200 for more information.

PUPPY AND DOG OBEDIENCE classes are starting Thursday, sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club.

Thursday classes begin at 6:30 p.m. with puppy kindergarten. At 7:30 p.m., obedience training for dogs at least 6 months old is offered. Those classes both take place in the livestock barn at the Howard County Fairbarns. Use the back entrance.

Also, a general obedience class will be offered on Saturdays beginning March 4, at the same location. It is for dogs at least 6 months old.

Cost for either group of classes is \$40 for six weeks, and owners can sign up at the first class. Call Trellis Lucas for more information, 267-4194, or Rusty at 264-6427.

A TRAINING SESSION IS planned Saturday for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m.-noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

Tutors who attend the session will learn how to use the Laubach Method, a curriculum that is designed for one-on-one teaching of adults.

Literacy council programs are offered free of charge to area residents.

Those interested in joining the tutor program should call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session. Anyone with a referral for a student in the reading program should contact Redman at the same number.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE is available each Monday through March 27, 9 a.m.-noon at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

All citizens are eligible to receive this free assistance. On Monday, the trained volunteers will offer electronic filing at no charge.

Interested persons should bring their tax booklet, all W-2 and 1099 forms, as well as anything else received showing 1999 income and their 1998 tax return. Please call Dorothy Kennemur, 398-5522, or the center, 267-1628, for more information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4501 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

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

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

•Nurse Hospice and Canterbury are sponsoring a

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 3,7,3

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

new grief support group. It will meet the second Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. in the community room at Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

March cotton 58.40, down 40 points; April crude 29.03, up 11 points; cash hogs steady at \$1 higher at 42 even; cash steers steady at 70 even; April lean hog futures 56.85, down 80 points; April live cattle futures 69.95, up 7 points.

courtesy: Delta Corporation. Other markets not available by press time.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Saturday through 8 a.m. today:

TRACY TODD STALCUP, 31, was arrested on a charge of terroristic threat. (Cass County)

NOEL ORTEGA, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended. (BSPD)

KIMBERLY ANN RANDEL, 36, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (BSPD)

MARCIANA GRACIA, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

JODY WAYNE DOWDY, 35, was arrested on a charge of theft. (Howard County)

JASON MAURICE THREATS, 22, was arrested on a charge of theft from person. (Dist.)

DAVID ARTHUR WITREIN, 20, was arrested on a charge of driving under influence of alcohol (minor) and a charge of possession of marijuana. (DPS/DPS)

BILLY WAYNE HALLFORD, 24, was arrested on a charge of public intoxica-

tion/possession of marijuana. (DPS/DPS)

CECILIA MENDEZ, 23, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/driving while license invalid/bond forfeiture. (District Court)

STANLEY LYNN FRALEY, 35, was arrested on a charge of robbery/attempted burglary of a habitation. (Dist court/BSPD)

CHEYENNE ARGUELLO, 18, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. (DPS)

JEREMY RYAN MINTER, 20, was arrested on a charge of forgery of financial instrument. (HCSO)

JASON CHRISTOPHER BEARD, 19, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. (DPS)

WOODSON LOYAL McEWEN, 17, was arrested on a charge of carrying a prohibited weapon. (BSPD)

BOBBY FRANCO, 18, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass. (BSPD)

JACKIE EUGENE LANG, 25, was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of vehicle/non-payment of child support. (HCSO)

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Tuesday through 8 a.m. today:

DANIEL GONZALES, 23, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

PHILLIP GARCIA, 23, was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct/language.

PHILLIP BERRY, 19, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

CLARENCE YANEZ, 23, was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

ALBERT AGUILAR, 55, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

BONNIE WRIGHT, 45, was arrested on a charge of driving without valid license.

BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of McEwen.

CLASS B THEFT, was reported in the 400 block of E. 4th.

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Florida takes key step toward affirmative action ban

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's state government has become the nation's first to voluntarily ban race and gender preferences in college admissions.

Gov. Jeb Bush and the independently elected Cabinet approved the ban in a 4-2 vote on Tuesday. The step is a major part of the Republican governor's plan to end affirmative action.

Bush's new "One Florida" plan promises that students who graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class and complete a college preparatory curriculum will get into at least one of the 10 state universities.

The changes, which take effect immediately, were approved last week by the Board of Regents, the governing body of the state's public

universities.

"Students will know they were admitted not because of their race or gender, but because of their academic performance," Chancellor Adam Herbert said.

Another portion of the plan prohibits consideration of race and gender in the awarding of state contracts by departments that report to the governor. Such agencies include the departments of Veterans Affairs and Transportation. That aspect of the plan was implemented by Bush's executive order last fall.

The plan also streamlines the application process for state contracts and encourages businesses owned by women and minorities to enter bids.

Bans on affirmative action are in force in Texas by federal court order and Washington

state under a ballot measure. In California, voters banned affirmative action in state contracts after the state's Board of Regents did the same for university admissions.

Opponents of One Florida promised to keep fighting. Several provisions still require legislative approval, including adding \$20 million in financial aid for college students and other funds to make sure high school sophomores can take preparatory college entrance exams.

State Sen. Kendrick Meek, one of two black Democrats who staged a 25-hour sit-in in the lieutenant governor's office last month to protest One Florida, warned he would amend the bills to make sure they don't pass.

"I'm convinced this is no time to dismantle policies that

seek to protect minorities and women," said Insurance Commissioner Bill Nelson, one of the Cabinet members who voted against the ban Tuesday. "The One Florida initiative is creating two Floridas that divide people by racial lines."

But Bush contended that racial preferences are not necessary to expand opportunity and diversity.

"By September, what you will see is an increased number of African-Americans and Hispanics attending the state university system," he said.

Senate officials expect 50 buses carrying as many as 2,200 protesters to descend on Tallahassee on March 7, the first day of the legislative session. The date also was chosen in part because it is the 35th anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s march.

McCain claims victories in Michigan and Arizona

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain, rearmed by a double victory over Gov. George W. Bush, claimed "a new majority" for his presidential cause and urged Republican regulars to join him. An unflinching Bush said he will still win the nomination.

Bush tried to ease the blow of his defeat in battleground Michigan by noting he "won overwhelmingly" among Republican voters, who were narrowly outnumbered in their own primary, which McCain captured with votes from independents and Democrats.

McCain also won at home in Arizona by a landslide.

On ABC's "Good Morning America" today, McCain said he was "a bit awed" by the Michigan turnout and now will concentrate on convincing fellow Republicans he is conservative and electable.

Bush declared, "I'm going to be the Republican nominee," and said independents who voted for McCain would support him in November.

"The real question is when I'm the nominee will I be able to pick those independents up?" Bush said on NBC's "Today." "And I believe I will be. There's a lot of people that are sick and tired of what's going on in Washington, D.C. They want something different."

The victorious challenger and the hobbled front-runner turned today to the West Coast contests just ahead.

McCain was campaigning in Washington state, which holds

another open-to-all GOP primary next Tuesday.

Bush was in California, the biggest prize of the March 7 primaries.

At an airport rally in Burbank, Calif., late Tuesday, Bush said that while he didn't win, the good news is that he dominated the Republican vote in Michigan. He suggested his popularity among the party faithful would spell trouble for McCain in the contests still to come.

"I want to congratulate my opponent for a race well run, but he's going to learn in the long run that it's Republicans and like-minded independents who are going to make the decision in the Republican primaries," Bush said.

Celebrating his victories, McCain set about rebutting Bush's argument that he's building his victories outside the GOP, among voters who likely will abandon him in November.

"I am a proud Reagan conservative," McCain said. "I love the Republican Party. It is my home ... We are creating a new majority, my friends. A McCain majority."

"As I look more electable, we'll start drawing more Republicans," McCain said.

McCain's victories earned him all 30 delegates from Arizona and at least 46 of the 58 at stake in Michigan.

Although Bush gained at least six delegates Tuesday, he only had 67 delegates to date; McCain had 90.

United States worried about new Chinese stand on Taiwan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration expressed concern Tuesday over a warning by China that it could use force if Taiwan delays indefinitely reunification talks with Beijing.

U.S. diplomats relayed the administration's concerns to Chinese authorities in Beijing and Washington just a day after China issued the threat in an 11,000-word position paper.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Joe Lockhart recalled that the United States sent two aircraft carriers and other warships to the region to calm a crisis four years ago.

"We reject any use of force or any threat of force in this situation," Lockhart said.

"We believe that peaceful dialogue and bilateral engagement between the sides is the way to move forward," he said. "We have repeated, I think, in both actions and words that we view any threat to Taiwan with grave concern."

Meanwhile, Stanley O. Roth, assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the Chinese position paper appeared to be contrary to "the policy that is the bedrock of our relations" with China and Taiwan.

Members of Congress, where support for Taiwan runs strong, suggested the administration was not repudiating the

Chinese with enough force.

"We need to articulate more clearly where we are," said Sen. Craig Thomas, R-Wyo., chairman of the East Asian and Pacific subcommittee.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., said China's statement "is unacceptable" and that the administration had the responsibility to make sure that China "not misinterpret where we are — in one way or the other."

At the State Department, spokesman James P. Rubin said it would be a mistake to exaggerate the significance of the Chinese statement.

"We've had much worse periods on this question in the past," he said. He added that the administration is not consider-

ing any change in its opposition to legislation before Congress to strengthen U.S.-Taiwanese military relations.

Rubin said military ties with Taiwan, authorized under the Taiwan Relations Act, has enabled the United States to be "second-to-none" in its support of the anti-communist bastion. He said that arrangement has served U.S. interests extremely well.

"Nobody should doubt our willingness to act in our own national interest," Rubin said.

In 1996, China fired nuclear-capable missiles near Taiwan's two largest ports, prompting the United States to send two aircraft carriers and other warships to the region.

Six-year-old dragged to his death during carjacking

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Motorists watched in horror as a stolen vehicle sped down a highway, dragging to death a little boy who was entangled in a seat belt outside one of the doors.

Six-year-old Jake D. Robel of Blue Springs died Tuesday before the driver of the Chevrolet Blazer could be stopped by pursuing motorists. Witnesses said the chase reached speeds of 80 mph.

"He came flying around us and we saw the kid hanging out the side of the car bouncing," said Fred Byam, who chased the Blazer.

"I was honking my horn and flashing my lights."

Police said the vehicle was stolen when Jake's mother left it running while she went inside a sandwich shop.

The carjacker jumped into the Blazer and pushed the boy out of the car, police said. Either he was unaware or did not care that the boy was tangled outside the driver's side rear door, police Sgt. Gregg Wilkinson said.

Motorists along Interstate 70 east of Kansas City flashed their lights and honked horns in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The driver, who was not identified

by police and had not been charged Tuesday night, was stopped when four men in two trucks and a car surrounded the Blazer at a stoplight.

The driver allegedly got out of the vehicle, saw Jake's body, then jumped back in and tried to drive away.

Witnesses said the men wrestled the suspect to the ground and waited for police to arrive; they also tied the suspect's legs with a rope when he tried to flee.

"He was going to leave, he was going to run off," said John Rodgers. "They sat on him and held him until police got there."

Texas parole board rejects woman's reprieve request

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — The fate of a 62-year-old woman on death row now rests with Gov. George W. Bush, a death penalty supporter who has permitted 119 executions since taking office five years ago.

The state parole board Tuesday refused to halt the planned execution of Betty Lou Beets for the shooting death of her husband, a Dallas fire captain.

Since the parole board did not recommend that Beets' sentence be commuted, Bush's only option under Texas law is to grant a one-time, 30-day stay of execution. Beets is to die by injection Thursday.

She would be only the second woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the fourth in the nation since the Supreme Court allowed capital punishment to resume in 1976.

Death penalty opponents have said cases like Beets' are a test of Bush's "compassionate conservatism." Since Bush took office in 1995, he has spared only one prisoner, citing flimsy evidence.

Beets was convicted of murder for the 1983 shooting death of Jimmy Don Beets, her fifth husband, in what prosecutors said was a scheme to collect his life insurance and pension. She also was convicted of shooting

and wounding husband No. 2, and charged — but never tried — in the 1981 shooting death of her fourth husband.

Her lawyer, Joe Margulies, said that while there wasn't evidence of physical abuse by Jimmy Don Beets, there was severe "emotional torment" in their relationship.

"All my momma's life, she's been abused," Beets' daughter Faye Lane told the parole board Tuesday. "I've seen it with my own eyes. And I know that if the jury heard the truth about my momma, she only could have done something like this if she'd been very scared or threatened."

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OUR VIEWS

Our top spellers deserve support for job well done

Before Howard College basketball action begins Thursday night, a dozen or so rounds of fierce competition are on tap at the Howard County Spelling Bee.

The event, sponsored by the *Herald*, will feature the top spellers from 12 local schools vying for the chance to become county spelling champion. The winner will represent Howard County at Lubbock's regional bee March 4, and all of the competitors will take home a share of the \$900 in prizes donated by local merchants.

The competition begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High Cafeteria, and we invite you to join the action. Park either along Owens Street, or in the south parking lot. Enter the school's southeast doors near the gym, and the cafeteria is down the stairs on the right.

This year, two former champs are back to seek a new title. But they face a challenge from 10 other school bee winners.

This year's competitors are: Haley Adams, Mustafa Ashraf, Sarah Bartlett, Trevor Bibb, Derrick Colegrove, Jason Garcia, Kacy Liles, Erik Munoz, Jacob Nichols, Meagan Smith, Christian Soto and Ryan Yates. Before the contest even begins, they are all winners.

It takes courage to stand in front of a crowd and test your skills. It can be embarrassing to be knocked out of the competition for a simple mistake.

But it takes more than guts to win this game. It also takes practice. And these competitors have no doubt spent hours learning and practicing word lists in preparation for the big day.

We applaud all of our spellers, and hope you will join them Thursday for the "battle of the best."

OTHER VIEWS

The detainment in Great Britain of Gen. Augusto Pinochet, former dictator of Chile, resurrected questions about U.S. involvement in the coup that brought Pinochet to power. President Clinton has ordered the declassification of relevant government documents.

Until those documents are fully disclosed, and until the Central Intelligence Agency makes a clean breast of what it knows, doubts will fester. The 1982 film *Missing* raised questions concerning the role of U.S. intelligence agents in the deaths of two Americans at the hands of Pinochet's security thugs. In the face of CIA stonewalling ever since, many U.S. citizens have been tempted to assume the worst.

The passage of more than 25 years since the coup alleviates the danger that U.S. security would be impaired or presidential privilege breached by the release of classified material from the time of the coup that resulted in the murder of Chilean

President Salvador Allende. State Department diplomats concluded at the time that Chilean security forces were responsible for the deaths of the two young American men, and suspected that the CIA had given a green light to their deaths.

Later inquiries found circumstantial evidence of CIA involvement. That evidence included lists, drawn up by U.S. spies, of leftists to be rounded up by Chilean forces.

The coup in Chile took place at the height of the Cold War, and must be judged in light of that time and its circumstances. That is why full disclosure by U.S. agencies is essential to set this matter at rest.

Even during the Cold War, few Americans approved of the murder of countrymen who had committed no crime and represented no threat to U.S. security. Americans today deserve to know whether agents of their government did.

HOUSTON CHRONICLE

It is important that we remember Kasserine

There is a difference between "green troops" and untested but "well-trained troops," a fact that is critical when we analyze America's military readiness and why a call-up of reserve and National Guard troops only works if the training has been sufficient. Here is an example of what otherwise can happen:



JACK
ANDERSON

Stalingrad, Casablanca, Kasserine — these intertwined place names have shared the haze of history and its spotlight for 45 years. From late February to late March, 1943, the course of World War II was set, partly through inevitability and partly through design.

Germany and its allies had already been defeated on the Russian front at Stalingrad and in Egypt at El Alamein in 1942. So the surrender of Germany's surrounded Sixth Panzer Army at Stalingrad on Feb. 2, 1943, seemed inevitable, as had the Allied landings in North Africa in the previous winter.

But what came next was not

so inevitable. President Franklin Roosevelt and Prime Minister Winston Churchill met in newly liberated Casablanca.

Eisenhower had just made a daring attempt to take Tunis before Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces, retreating after their defeat at El Alamein, could reach there in force. Eisenhower's attempt, however, failed, and he was preparing to receive a German-Italian counterattack.

Under the circumstances, Eisenhower only attended one meeting, and only later was he informed of the Casablanca Conference's primary decision: unconditional surrender.

There was nothing inevitable in this, and there was probably much wrong with it. Wanting to avoid a World War I-type armistice, Roosevelt and Churchill insisted upon the doctrine of unconditional surrender.

What they failed to take into account was that not all Germans were Nazis or Nazi sympathizers, and clearly, few Italians were fascists. Yet such a doctrine undermined the potentially dissident elements and turned the war into a crusade, a fight to the death.

Americans fighting in the Pacific had already been tested, but not so those in the ETO (European Theater of Operations). The landings in

North Africa had been made against Vichy French resistance, which quickly collapsed. This had not tested the Americans, and the British, who had been fighting since 1939, knew it.

Now, with Eisenhower's forces having gone over to the defensive in Tunisia while awaiting the victorious British Eighth Army's arrival on the heels of Rommel, the stage was set for the test.

Eisenhower's allied forces were deployed in Tunisia with the British V Corps on the north flank, the Free French XIX Corps in the center and the American II Corps on the south flank.

Intelligence sources indicated that the German thrust would come in the center. However, reconnaissance patrols disputed this assessment.

In any event, the main attack fell entirely on the American II Corps in the Kasserine Pass area. And although the American units were thinly spread and lacked sufficient reserves, by all accounts they did not do as well as could have been expected.

Eisenhower said, "The American divisions involved had not had the benefit of intensive training... and although there was no lack of gallantry and fortitude, their initial effectiveness did not compare with that of the

American divisions later brought into action after a full year's intensive training."

Even German prisoners expressed disdain for American fighting qualities, and British Gen. Sir John Crocker, referring to a subsequent operation, publicly concurred with German opinions.

Under such circumstances it would not have been a leap of logic for the Germans and their allies to conclude that: a. the unconditional surrender doctrine compelled a fight to the finish; b. the British were too weak in strength and the Americans were too weak in will to pose a major threat; c. American supplies and Russian manpower posed the major threat.

Actually, the American "troops were at last angry," Eisenhower said. They would never again give the Germans cause to dismiss them.

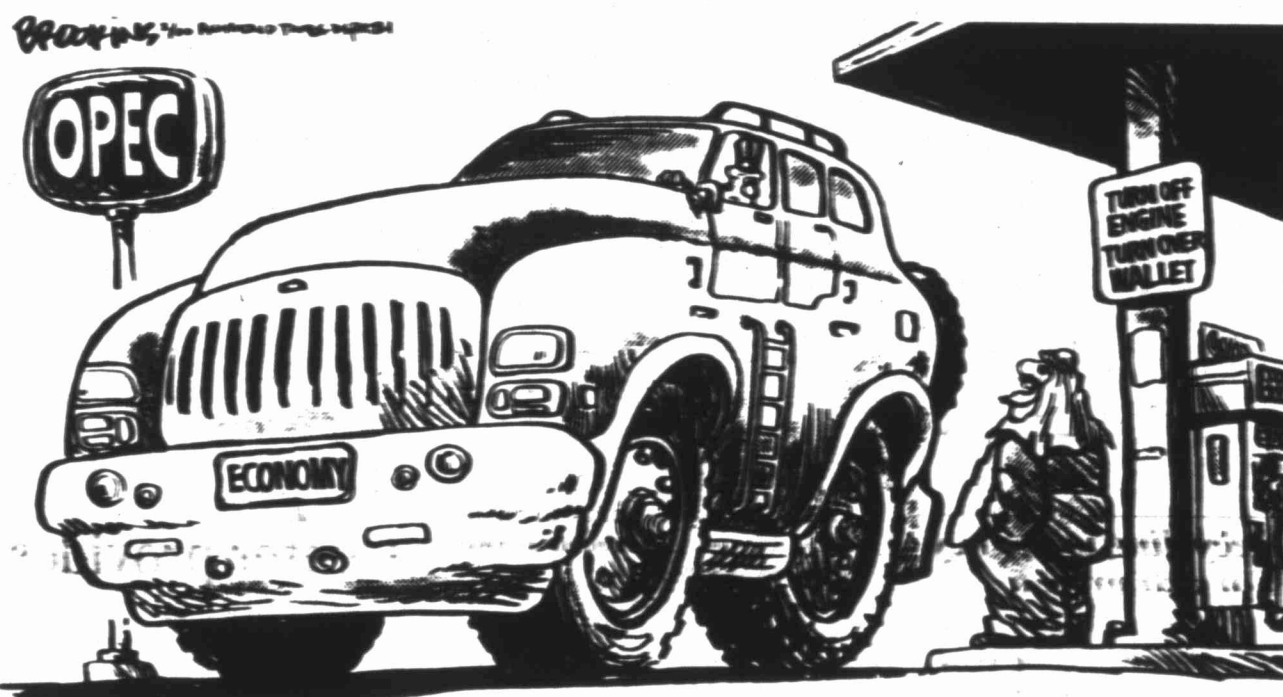
On the other hand, the Germans did commit most of their resources to the Eastern (Russian) Front, and the fighting there completely dwarfed that in the West even after D-Day.

The events of March 1943 truly set the stage for the balance of the war in Europe. And although the American baptism of fire was less than it could have been, it was the Americans who learned most from the ordeal.

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"IF YOU HAVE TO ASK HOW MUCH, YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT ..."

Getting money for the picture show

Myron Crawford of Mineral Wells had a career as a teacher and school administrator. He calls himself a child of the depression. "I grew up poor," says Myron. "My father died when I was seven and my mother had to raise three sons by herself. We were always hungry, went barefooted most of the time and wore clothes with patches. We missed a lot of school because we had to work on the farm."



MYRON
CRAWFORD

He says one Saturday morning a friend named Buster Byrd came by and wanted Myron and his older brother Josh to go to the movies with him. Myron asked how much it would cost. Buster replied, "A dime." "We don't have a dime," said Myron, "much less two." "Won't your mama give you a dime each to go to the show?"

inquired Buster. "They've got a swell western serial on. You can hear them talk now."

Myron and Josh had never seen a talking movie.

"Show starts at one o'clock. Maybe you could find some work from somebody this morning."

"Aw, we can't," replied Myron. "People we work for usually pay us in buttermilk or potatoes."

Myron's mother was listening to the conversation through a crack in the wall. When Josh asked her if they could go to the show, she told him she didn't have the money.

She then got some cornbread and crumbled it up and let the pieces fall to the ground.

She picked up two young roosters who had come to feast, handed them to the two boys and said, "Here's your picture show money. Take these to the produce house and sell them."

They took off about 11:30 to walk the three miles to town. When they got to the produce house, the man said "I'll give you 40 cents for the pair of them."

Josh almost gasped and said, "Forty cents!" thinking that was all the money in the world. The man said, "OK, I'll give you 45."

They saw the show twice. They debated about spending a nickel for popcorn, then decided to do it. They had some from Buster's bag and it tasted real good.

After the movie they went to the grocery store. Myron and Josh asked Mr. Green, the owner, how much flour cost. He told them 10 pounds for 19 cents.

"OK," says Josh. "We'll take ten pounds."

Mr. Green put in an extra five pounds of flour at no extra charge. Buster chided them for buying flour when they could have bought candy.

"We're buying this for our mama," said Myron. "We've been out of flour for a long time and those biscuits are gonna taste good in the morning."

When they got home they gave their mama the flour and the penny they had left.

"She tried to hold back the tears as she hugged us and told us how much she loved us," says Myron. She said she was proud of us for buying the flour."

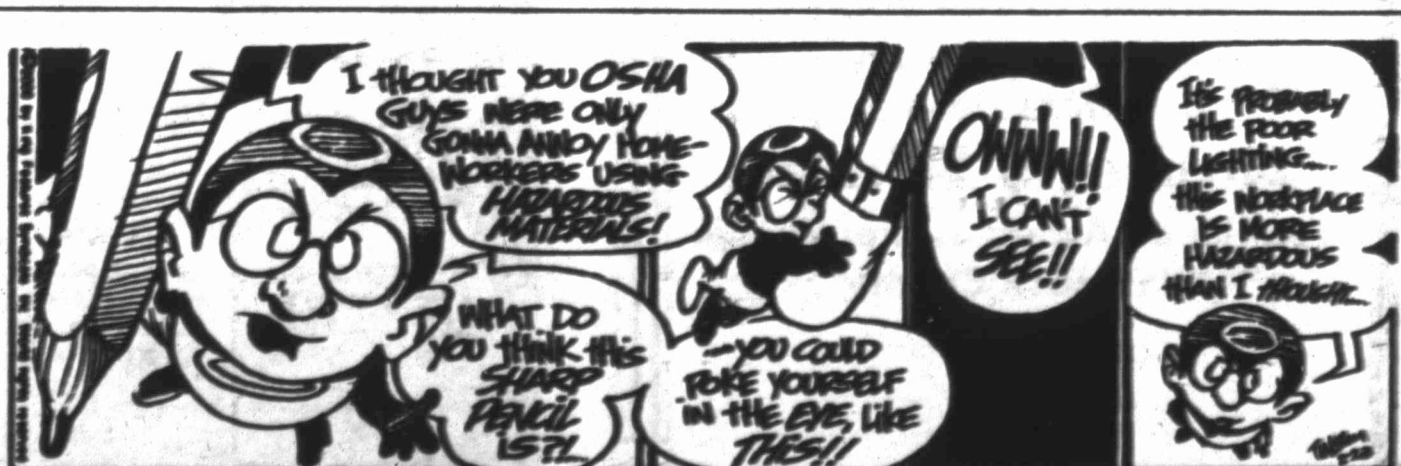
She made her boys cookies right away. There was no sugar, so she used syrup. Myron said they were delicious.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Fish don't drink. When they take in water, it passes through their gills so they can extract oxygen.

◆If the fat on a piece of beef is tinged with yellow, it usually indicates the steer was grass-fed.

Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, February 23, 2000

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

5A

No more tears: 1015 onions are coming

As many of you already know, I've been promoted to staff writer, so, this means this is my last column.

I want to thank all of you who have given me positive feedback! I have really enjoyed doing this.

How many of you love onions? I do! In fact, I try to cook with them as much as possible.

One problem I do find with onions is they make me cry.

Well, that won't be a problem this spring because Texas 1015s are very mild and will be available by the end of March.

The Texas 1015 is a globe-shaped yellow Grano onion bred to have a consistently sweet, mild flavor and symmetrical rings. The largest 1015s can be as big as softballs. They're great in salads and on top of burgers, and their size and

shape make 1015s perfect for deep-fried onion rings.

Here is a recipe for making the batter and onion rings.

Basic Tempura Batter
1 egg
1 cup cold water
1 cup flour
Beat ingredients together. The mixture will be slightly lumpy.

Dip items to be fried and let them rest a few minutes. Fry until golden; drain on absorbent paper. Makes enough batter to coat 1 large onion or 2 cups of other vegeta-

They're great in salads and on top of burgers, and their size and shape make 1015s perfect for deep-fried onion rings.

GINA GARZA

This batter is also great for frying mushrooms, bell pepper, summer squash and tender broccoli and cauliflower.

Crispy Texas Onion Rings
6-8 lg. sweet fresh onions
4-6 cups buttermilk
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 T baking powder
1 1/3 cups water
2 beaten eggs

2 T vegetable oil
2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
Vegetable oil for frying
Salt, if desired
Peel and slice onions. Separate into rings. Pour buttermilk into large shallow pan. Add onion rings and soak 30 minutes. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, water, eggs, 2 T. oil, lemon juice and cayenne pepper.

Stir until smooth. Heat oil to 375 degrees F. Remove onion rings from buttermilk and dip into batter. Fry in hot oil until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle with salt. Makes 6 large or 12 small servings.

Once again, I want to say thank you for your comments on my column.

Gina Garza is a staff writer of the Big Spring Herald.

Making choices

You can save money, plan for your family's future needs

When you make choices, you are exercising power over your financial future. The term "choices" reminds us that cents add up to dollars with each consumer choice we make. It is easy to feel we have no choice about saving — there is barely enough money to meet our needs.

Follow the steps in this article for at least three months to discover how spending choices

can quickly help build savings. Empower your family to make informed consumer choices in the next millennium.

List things your family uses each week — paper goods, food items, gasoline, entertainment activities, and utilities are the starting points.

Focus on one item. Explore the options you have for buying the product. Example: If you use tomatoes every week, what are your choices — canned, fresh, and several brands or varieties of each?

Buy one of each and do a taste test and a cost test. After tasting each type of tomato, share the cost per ounce for each choice.

Let the family choose the one that costs the least while still

meeting their taste test. No one choice is best for every family. Changing the form or brand that you eat may save 10 to 75 cents per week on that one choice.

Put the money saved by purchasing your new choice into your savings. You have not missed it in the past by spending it on another brand, so you can begin saving money without making any major change.

Make choices a weekly family event. Focus on a different product each week. You do not have to be a fanatic. Keep the activity fun. Involve family members who are affected by the choices. Together, weight the options, and decide the best choice. Each person in the family might take a week to make a change in something they alone buy or do to add to family savings.

Track the savings you build from making the changes in your consumer choices. If you do not want to do the math, use the Texas Agricultural Extension Service web page, <http://fcs.tamu.edu/monman/choices.htm>.

To help your family stay with your new choices, have a goal for your savings. It could be to pay off a debt or buy something for the family. When the impulse to buy something hits you, your first response can be "what are the choices?"

Dana Tarter is the Howard County Extension Agent—family and consumer science.



DANA TARTER

Honeymoon ends early for Fox 'multimillionaire'

ENCINITAS, Calif. (AP) — The groom from "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" returned to his house alone after his Caribbean honeymoon and angrily denied Monday that he had abused an ex-girlfriend.

Fox TV canceled a rebroadcast of the show after learning that a restraining order was issued in 1991 against Rick Rockwell because an ex-girlfriend accused him of hitting and threatening to kill her.

"At no time have I ever struck any of my girlfriends, ever, for any reason," Rockwell, 42, told KGTV outside his home in Encinitas, a coastal city 25 miles north of San Diego.

"I don't condone it under any circumstances. It goes against my core beliefs and I was not raised that way," he said. "You know, relationships have ups and downs, but getting physical for me is not an

option."

The whereabouts of Rockwell's bride, Darva Conger, 34, were unclear. Rockwell said she was "doing well" and was not with him because "she's getting some much needed rest right now." Conger has an unlisted phone number and could not be reached for comment.

More than 22 million people tuned in to "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire?" on Feb. 15. Fifty women competed as if they were in a combination of "The Dating Game" and a beauty pageant, parading in bathing suits and wedding gowns and answering questions about their tastes.

After the group was pared down to five finalists, Rockwell selected Conger, a Gulf War veteran and emergency room nurse from Santa Monica. A Las Vegas judge married them on the spot.

In the ensuing week, critics have blasted

the show as tasteless and demeaning. Also, people who know Rockwell, a real estate investor and former stand-up comedian, have questioned just how rich he is and whether the whole thing was a publicity stunt.

Fox executives denied that the groom and bride were acquainted before the program. Rockwell also denied to KGTV that he knew Conger and that the marriage was a stunt.

"False rumors," he said.

Abuse allegations were leveled in a 1991 restraining order application filed in Los Angeles County by Debbie Goynes.

She described herself as his former fiancée and said she lived with Rockwell for 18 months. Goynes accused Rockwell of shoving and slapping her, twice entering her home without permission and vandalizing her car.

Need to give a quick gift? Bag it

LUBBOCK (AP) — Today's hectic schedules leave little or no time for the personal touch when it comes to giving gifts to family or friends.

Ordering the gift by telephone, having it gift-wrapped and delivered without ever having seen the gift seems a bit cold and impersonal.

Maybe we can't knit a sweater, sew a quilt or provide other homemade items for those we love, but we can at least wrap our own gifts, especially for a romantic holiday such as St. Valentine's Day.

Granted, it may lack the elegance and polish of the generic specialty-store wrap, but it can speak volumes about caring enough to package the gift for a loved one.

Think about it. Which card is more beautiful to a mother? The fancy, shiny card or the homemade version that a child has labored over with love?

Nothing wrong with either, but it is the homemade card that is most likely to land in a scrapbook somewhere.

Now that we've convinced you that it is OK to wrap a gift yourself, stay with us for some quick, easy packaging that is as inexpensive as it is fun to do.

The single most practical idea in the gift-packaging world was the production of the decorative paper bag, but those pretty containers can get expensive. Sometimes, the container costs more than the gift.

You can purchase inexpensive bags and decorate them yourself out of things you find around the house. Borrow ideas from old greeting cards or leftover wrapping papers that you couldn't bear to throw away.

Recycling is the key. For example, a white bag imprinted with hearts may be recycled with leftover red and white curling ribbon purchased for Christmas gift wraps.

Once you get started, it gets easier and easier to come up with designs.

If you have one of those beautiful jewelry-store or perfume-bar gift wraps, consider nesting it inside a bag that you have decorated.

Keep the design simple. Remember, this is supposed to be quick and easy. Look through your odds and ends of wrapping paper for ideas.

Recycling is the key. For example, a white bag imprinted with hearts may be recycled with leftover red and white curling ribbon purchased for Christmas gift wraps.

With a hole punch, make a series of holes around the top edge of the bag and thread three to five ribbons through as if you are sewing. You can put the gift in the bag and ribbon-sew it shut or use the traditional tissue paper topping.

Pull both ends of the ribbons through the hole on the side where you want the ribbon to dangle. Tie the ribbon in a knot and curl by pulling the blade of your scissors along the length of the ribbon.

Trim up and down the curled ribbon with a few hearts, glue

ing two small hearts back to back around the ribbon at two or three intervals.

Cut the hearts from red, regular weight paper to keep it light so the curl will not be pulled out of the ribbon. Or, use sticker hearts, eliminating the need for cutting and gluing.

For the bag in the photo, we cut hearts from a piece of old gift wrap. The cost? A tiny bit of glue and ribbon and about 5 cents and 15 minutes.

If you have no gift bags on hand to recycle, purchase the brown or solid color bags. When you select a card for your special valentine, think about decorating a bag to coordinate with the card design.

That gives you the benefit of the artist's design skills. Don't try to make a copy of the card. Just use it for inspiration.

For example, brown bags and natural materials go well together. A card with a handmade paper look fits nicely.

We used brown paper ribbon, a piece of textured paper torn from an old, art-themed calendar book and hearts cut from that same scrap of wrapping paper to create a simple design in harmony with the card.

Half the end-sheet paper from the calendar was just the right size for this bag.

Watercolor paper also could be used.

Also in the odds and ends of the gift wrap drawer, we found a shiny-surface purple bag and a package of foil reinforcement labels. Bingo.

Glue three blocks of the shiny, multicolored labels and you have an interesting gift bag. No labor, and the recipient can remove the labels for use.

A place like home

Center provides familiar environment, memory stimulation for patients with Alzheimer's Disease

WACO (AP) — Two silver-haired women in wheelchairs sit in the park and watch brightly-colored birds chirp and fly from one end of a cage to the other.

It's not an unusual scene, but for these women, there are unusual circumstances. They have advanced Alzheimer's disease and require constant care, so the birds and the park have been brought indoors.

The park setting, which also includes a street lamp, garden and park benches, is an oasis on the fourth floor of the St. Elizabeth Center in downtown Waco. It is part of the "Crossroads" floor, designed to provide its 52 residents with advanced Alzheimer's disease an active, familiar environment while helping to stimulate pleasant personal memories.

"These are individuals that have a keen past memory ... whereas, they really don't know where they are," said Joe Long, co-manager of Crossroads and manager of social work services for Christus The Regis/St. Elizabeth Centers.

"The goal is to increase the quality of life and help them maintain their self-respect and dignity. To keep them humanized."

Crossroads is on the cutting edge of Alzheimer's care, part of a nationwide shift from a medical to a social model for patients. Doug Wuenschel,

president and chief executive officer of Christus The Regis/St. Elizabeth Centers, got the idea for Crossroads from a national convention 1 year ago, and staff members visited nursing facilities in Abilene and Pittsburgh that had already developed the idea. St. Elizabeth started incorporating aspects of Crossroads six months ago.

The floor itself is divided into sections depicting different aspects of life for the residents. A restaurant is decorated with an antique radio, a washboard and old poster advertisements. Future plans include an ice cream parlor, general store, barber shop, gym, chapel and theater.

The Crossroads program only accepts patients in stage three, or advanced Alzheimer's. Patients stay in semiprivate or private rooms starting at a rate of \$88 a day, and they usually live there for the rest of their lives.

Besides the physical layout of the program, its daily activities provide patients with a sense of normalcy, something that can become rare for people with Alzheimer's. Each day a beautician fixes residents' hair. Staff members lead exercise classes, cooking sessions, worship services, sing-alongs and makeup and nail appointments.

"The goal is introducing choices for the residents, allowing them freedom to par-

ticipate in whatever they're capable of," Wuenschel said.

Freedom isn't a word usually associated with Alzheimer's Disease.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 19 percent of Americans ages 75 to 84 have Alzheimer's, a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain and the most common form of dementia. It is a costly disease, both monetarily and emotionally.

Seventy percent of people with Alzheimer's live at home. Patients can live from 8 to 20 years with Alzheimer's, and the average cost of caring for a patient throughout the disease is \$174,000.

Until recently, little was known about the disease, which was named for a German psychiatrist who discovered it in 1906. But in the last year, scientists have made several key discoveries about how the disease destroys the brain.

Despite its nickname, "Old Timer's Disease," Alzheimer's patients suffer from much more than forgetfulness. They may have difficulty thinking logically.

Treatment facilities have traditionally used "reality orientation" techniques to try to correct confused patients' thinking. But new programs like Crossroads emphasize "validation," being more accepting of the person's own version of reality.

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CLUB NEWS

Puppy and dog obedience classes are starting Thursday, sponsored by the Big Spring Kennel Club.

Thursday classes begin at 6:30 p.m. with puppy kindergarten. At 7:30 p.m., obedience training for dogs at least 6 months old is offered. Those classes both take place in the livestock barn at the Howard County Fairbarns. Use the back entrance.

Also, a general obedience class will be offered on Saturdays beginning March 4, at the same location. It is for dogs at least 6 months old.

Cost for either group of classes is \$40 for six weeks, and owners can sign up at the first class. Call Trellis Lucas for more information, 267-4194, or Rusty at 264-6427.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A TRAINING SESSION IS PLANNED Saturday for tutors through the Howard County Literacy Council.

Volunteers who are interested in teaching adults to read are asked to attend the three-hour session, 9 a.m. - noon at the Howard County Library's Community Room.

Call the library, 264-2260, to register for the training session.

A BENEFIT TURKEY DINNER is planned Saturday for cancer patient Bertina DeLeon. Meals are \$5 a plate, dine in, carry out or delivered. The dinner is from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at La Vadera Club, 1100 W. I-20. Call 267-2200 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

When you are in Rome, live in the Roman style; when you are elsewhere, live as they live elsewhere.

St. Ambrose, advising St. Augustine

Do not offer advice that has not been seasoned with your own performance.

Harry S. Haskins

Ask advice only of your equals.

Danish proverb

School at home

Families find success in growing practice

LA MARQUE (AP) — Inside a small green clapboard house on Austin Street, one woman has taken education reform into her own hands. From the outside, her house looks like any other in La Marque — a modest family home surrounded with trees and a spacious lawn. But what goes on inside the diminutive house is far from ordinary.

Every day, more than 30 children pour into the homey facilities supported by a small army of volunteers and parents.

Brought together by an unwillingness to settle for the standards set by their public-school districts, these parents and children have become part of a coup d'état taking place in education: home schooling.

Though it is far from a new concept, home schooling has become increasingly popular in recent years with parents concerned about their children's safety and educators dismayed by what they call a lack of standards in the public school system.

Both groups have begun to join forces in what today seems the unlikely of locations, the home. And nowhere is that trend more evident than in La Marque's little green schoolhouse.

Megan Bankston, known to kids and parents simply as Ms. B., started the Solid Foundations school less than two years ago in response to parents' concerns that their children weren't learning basic lessons in area schools and weren't getting the attention they deserved.

In that short time, enrollment has increased five times over, and Ms. Bankston said she had found her calling in life.

"I feel like this is God's plan for my life," she said. "I really feel like God wanted me to bring my children home."

More than four years ago, Ms. Bankston began teaching in a local private school.

She said students performed well in her class as she customized her lesson plans to their individual needs.

But as time wore on, she began to notice that the children she promoted to higher grade levels failed to excel the way they had in her classroom.

She said her teaching style tailored lessons to the specific needs of each child, but when the pupils began to advance to higher levels and other teachers, they were not receiving the same attention she had given them.

Instead, she said, schools began to homogenize their lessons, teaching to an entire class of children instead of individual students.

"Every single one that I have taught in has not taught to the individual — they taught to the whole class," she said. "They were all on the same page. I feel like children are cheated when they do that."

As a result, Ms. Bankston said, some students became discouraged when they fell behind on the lessons while other students finished their work more quickly and became bored with the instruction.

The result: unhappy students and unhappy parents. Seeing what she described as a basic failure of the education system and spurred on by the parents of children she had taught, Ms. Bankston decided to begin her own education program.

"I saw students who were really bright and had so much potential just losing it," she said. "I think children are really a prized possession. I didn't feel like they were giving the children what they needed."

For some, the idea of a home school might seem unnatural. The place for education is in a school building, they say.

Students also get lessons on the role God plays in their lives, with a Bible reading course that Ms. Bankston said helps to teach the kids important Christian values not taught in the public schools.

But the Solid Foundations program follows much of the same rigor and scheduling as traditional schools.

The school day begins promptly at 8:30 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and morning prayer. Teachers then put their pupils through the traditional rigors of spelling, math, grammar and history.

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"We give them more by telling them God made them, he made them unique and special and has a plan for their lives," she said. "We give them worth. I think that's what the Christianity does. It gives them worth."

Those Christian values of acceptance and dedication to God's plan are woven throughout the teachers' lessons.

In recent weeks, students here have studied the tumultuous decade of the 1960s, its culture, the famous and the infamous.

One day's history lesson takes students along the storied road of Roger Maris' pursuit of Babe Ruth's record for the number of home runs in a season.

Using library books, pictures and handouts, the teacher takes students through the ups and downs of Maris' career, his personal struggles and his triumphant victory. Throughout the lesson, the teacher reminds students of Maris' dedication to both his ailing wife and to the team.

"He never forgot about his wife and family," the teacher tells the class.

Also included on the '60s lesson plan: a presidential assassination, a president caught in the middle of an unpopular war and a president who would later be forced out of office.

What sets her program apart, she says, is the dedication teachers bring to the job. It's the one-on-one care that students receive that makes them want to excel, she said.

And because teachers constantly challenge the students to excel, the pupils are not bored with the material presented to them, Ms. Bankston said.

That involvement on the students' part also helps to cut down on discipline problems caused by students not paying attention to their classwork, she said.

"If a child is not getting something, we don't move on with that child," she said. "Because they're working at their own pace, there's not that boredom."

According to statistics provided by the National Home Education Research Institute, nearly 1.5 million students in kindergarten through grade 12 will attend a home school this academic year.

Researchers expect that number to increase steadily between 15 percent and 40 percent each year.

"It certainly has been getting a lot more press, and people are paying more attention," said institute spokesman Bill Lloyd.

ODDS-N-ENDS

LOVES PARK, ILL. (AP) — After several delays, balloonist Kevin Uliassi finally hit the cloudless Illinois sky, his hopes high of becoming the first to circle the world alone.

Uliassi, 36, lifted off in his 160-foot hot air balloon from a quarry about a mile northeast of Rockford just before 1 a.m. on Tuesday. He hopes to complete the journey in 14 to 20 days.

For Uliassi, a mechanical engineer and architect, completing the trip is simply an experience he doesn't want to miss.

"It's not so much why I want to do it again," he said, "but if I didn't do it, how could I live with myself?"

Uliassi was sidelined a year ago by bad health, bad weather and international politics when Bertrand Piccard of Switzerland and Brian Jones of Britain circled the globe in 19 days. He also was foiled in 1997 and 1998.

This year, Uliassi said, he's received clearance to fly over every country likely to be on his route. He plans to cross the Atlantic Ocean, fly over Europe and then head south over north Africa before continuing east.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — A former employee caused a stir at his old office by dropping off a box of pastries for his ex-boss.

For a while on Monday, the box of sticky buns was mistaken for a possible bomb.

Officials said the man had been fired from the Lunaire Ltd. factory, and took no chances by clearing the area for two hours as a bomb squad rolled to the scene.

When police located the man, he told them his mother was starting a bakery business. No ill will was intended, he explained; he was just trying to give some free samples to his former employer.

Officers took him back to the factory and had him open the box. The man's name was not released.

Lunaire, which makes environmental testing chambers, sent its factory workers home for the day and also called off its night shift due to the scare.

VICKSBURG, Miss. (AP) — Taking a cue from a recent social studies lesson, a fifth-grader started a petition to campaign for playground equipment.

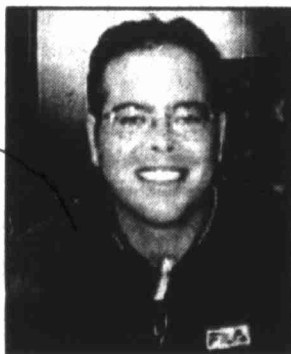
Tyler Barrett went from class to class last week at Warren Central Intermediate School with notebook paper in hand. "We the people" was scrawled in pencil atop each page.

The school opened in August without any playground equipment because construction ran behind schedule. Six months later, children are still playing on a few barren yards of dirt and brown grass.

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Odds against home ownership, decent housing on reservation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. (AP) — Wanda Segina and her four young children moved to the capital of the nation's largest American Indian nation and promptly made one home improvement.

The family has no electricity, no running water and no sewer. They cook over an open fire and bathe in water hauled in by relatives. And though the trailer the family shares has three bedrooms, they sleep in one, huddling together in the cold winter nights.

"It's a living hell. It's a disaster for me as a mom," said Segina, whose children attend the local elementary school.

Segina's living conditions are shared by thousands on the 4.8 million-acre Navajo Reservation, which sprawls across portions of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, and throughout America's Indian reservations, where housing is in desperately short supply and often substandard.

The National American Indian Housing Council estimates U.S. reservations need 200,000 houses to alleviate overcrowding and replace inadequate dwellings.

More than half of the Navajo Reservation's 56,372 homes lack complete plumbing and a large percentage still use wood as the primary heating source, according to 1990 census figures.

"The country is moving so rapidly, we're losing the chance to catch up," said Navajo community development director Benjamin Jones.

What keeps many American Indians from being able to buy or live in adequate homes is a head-spinning host of problems: high unemployment, few willing lenders, almost no private land and bureaucratic red tape.

Even basic knowledge about establishing good credit and applying for mortgages can trip up many would-be buyers, said Ernest Goatson, director of the Navajo Housing Service Department.

"The (federal) housing program is more of a subsidy program than a home ownership program," he said. "They see a house more as a giveaway."

Tradition can also prove a major obstacle to modern housing, Jones said.

Navajos have historically lived far apart, with the rugged northern Arizona hills separating their corn crops and sheep from their neighbors. Their hogans, round dwellings built from native trees, were constructed by individual families.

"The way they saw their homes was spiritual, more of a cathedral, not property," Jones said. Building a home, he said, was a measure of manhood.

For Navajos like Segina, for whom traditional dwellings are less important, money is an

insurmountable obstacle.

Like Segina, roughly half of the Navajo Reservation's 151,105 residents are unemployed.

The single mother's only sources of income are child support and the odd auto-repair job, making it almost impossible for her to raise the \$6,000 it would cost to connect her to the closest power line and the \$8,000 it would cost for a water connection.

So instead, her children Maxine, Keevin, Marita and Thurman do their homework by the daylight that seeps through the living room window or by a Coleman lantern at night. They drink canned milk and eat canned meat.

Even Navajos with steady jobs face obstacles to home ownership.

Jones holds a position in Navajo government roughly equivalent to a Cabinet post, yet he lives in government housing he calls a "stall."

"I'd be happy to buy a place if

there was a place to buy, but there's not," he said.

Indian reservations are generally made up of trust land controlled by the federal government or family allotments, which can have dozens or even hundreds of owners. Such allotments create so much red tape and uncertainty for lending institutions that conventional mortgages are rarely granted.

Between 1992 and 1996, just 90 conventional loans were made in Indian country, and half of those came from a tribally owned bank, said Christopher Boesen, executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington.

Reservations sorely lack private financing because many lenders don't see reservations as viable home loan markets.

"This is the land America has forgotten," said Scott Bray, who works with the Navajo community development division.

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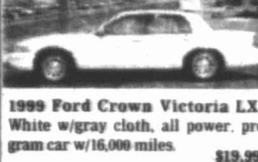
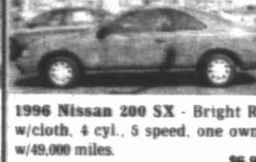
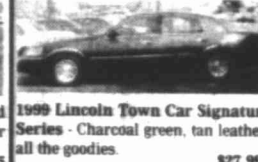
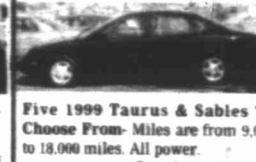
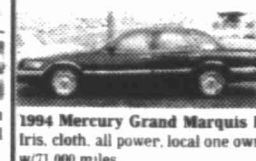
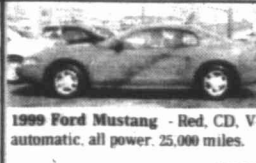
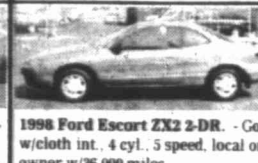
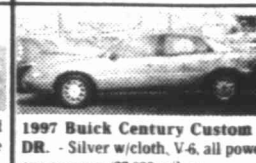
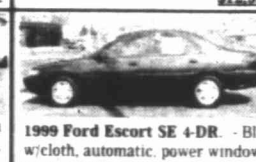
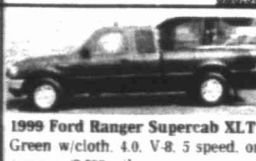
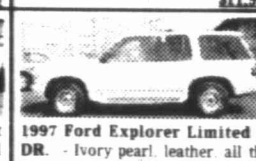
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Your imagination knows no limits this year. Though your fantasy life often provides an endless source of amusement, it can get you in trouble when facing the here and now. You also cannot always share your ideas and visions easily. Do needed research; check out information carefully. The written word carries an important message for you this year. Be open to travel and intellectual growth. If you are single, you fall in love easily. Still, scan your potential suitors carefully. Someone very special could enter your life. If attached, romance blossoms. Plan that special getaway. **SCORPIO** understands you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Your high ideals can occasionally lead you astray. It seems you see people as you would like to see them, rather than as they are. Be realistic, and you might find yourself less disappointed. Take a stern look at finances; revamp if need be. Tonight: Meet another's requests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Others mean well, but they distract you from your various projects. A boss might spout many ideas, but he might not be looking at some bottom lines. Don't burst his bubble; ultimately, you will only upset one person. Tonight: Don't go along unless you really want to.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Face facts. Take a hard look at possibilities before launching into action. You could easily overlook certain key facts in an effort to be optimistic and positive. Recognize your limits. You could get tired and miss the mark. Tonight: Early to bed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You trust another, but even you must shake your head at certain facts. Others simply do not seem realistic. Listen to your inner voice. Make sure you know what is right for you. Your ingenuity emerges when dealing with an obstacle. Tonight: Why not enjoy yourself?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Another might really be able to pull the wool over your eyes if you don't keep them open. Caring taints your perspective when dealing with this person. Check out an investment carefully. Be aware of the time you are spending on a project. Tonight: Do not do anything you don't want to do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Understanding between you and a co-worker reaches a new high. Talk about goals and aspirations, and you'll speak the same language. Listen carefully to another. Be sensitive to your professional options.

Rearrange plans if you don't feel comfortable. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Someone might be testing you, but you don't see it. Recognize your tendency to put people on a pedestal. Don't let another coerce you into taking a risk that feels uncomfortable. Financial disagreements run rampant. Tonight: Be captain of your checkbook.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Claim your power as others waver with uncertainty. Your sense of humor comes out because of a child or loved one. Indulging him doesn't have to hurt you. Another's negativity has more to do with him than with you. Tonight: Do exactly what you want!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Relax. Take time to observe without reacting. Another doesn't see eye to eye with you at work. Decide to do more for yourself. Schedule a medical checkup. Getting back into an exercise pattern and healthy eating habits will help you feel better. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Establish what you want. Network, touch base with friends and make that additional effort. You could be low on creativity now, but you more than make up for it with your strong, ambitious drive. Don't kid yourself about a money matter. Tonight: Where are your friends?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** You refuse to see certain issues clearly. A family member wants to throw his hands in the air out of pure frustration. Brainstorm with co-workers. Put more energy into your work. Establish a stronger professional presence. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** What you feel and think could be substantially different than what is realistic. Others attempt to point this out to you, but you simply avoid the conversation. Choosing to play ostrich could have long-term implications. Tonight: Off to the movies.

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Woman wonders how to turn office attraction into a date

DEAR ABBY: I never married, but I have a 5-year-old daughter. It has been two years since I moved from my hometown and I haven't had a single date here.

I started a new job last August, where I met a man I'll call "Tony." I have not stopped thinking about him since the day we met. Call me crazy, but I think he may be attracted to me as well. He has flirted with me on many occasions, and I see something in his eyes every time he looks at me. I am no fool, Abby. I know when a man is interested.

The problem is, he has not asked me out except for a few lunches. In the five months I've known him, he has been out of the country for 2 1/2 months.

I am usually shy, but I confess I did flirt a little to let him know I was interested. However, I didn't want to appear desperate. He is very shy, too, but I feel deep in my heart that he cares. I have grown fond of him and would like to get to know him better. I know that I can't just ask him out, but I feel there is something special between us. What should I do? — **FEELING AWKWARD IN ONTARIO**

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: Unless there is a company policy that forbids co-workers from dating, I see no reason why you shouldn't ask him to join you for lunch on a weekend or dinner one evening. It's leap year — so go for broke!

DEAR ABBY: Will you please answer a simple question? Why do grooms (husbands) always think it is the responsibility of the bride (wife) to write the thank-you notes? Moreover, why do they not know how to write thank-you notes?

I love my husband, but I'm about to wring his neck. By the way, he sees himself as a writing expert and a master of the English language, so it's not because he's illiterate; he just seems lost when it comes to doing this chore. I have heard that this is the case with most men. — **CURIOUS**

DEAR CURIOUS: There is absolutely no excuse for someone who is literate not to be able to write a simple thank-you note. Your husband may have been raised in a male-dominated household where writing thank-you notes was considered "women's work." However, this is the year 2000 and times have changed.

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