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Tuesday

Area Weather: Fair tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday. Low tonight near 60. High Wednesday in the upper 90s. The high yesterday was 86, the low was 60.

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On the side



Confiscated

KEELUNG, Taiwan — Officials examine some of the confiscated ivory and lion skins before they were burned at a crematory in Keelung, northern Taiwan, Tuesday as part of the Nationalist government's policy to protect wildlife. The destroyed stock of ivory and lion furs was estimated at about \$3.7 million (U.S.).

Accident blocks Highway 87

HOWARD COUNTY — A truck-trailer rig broke apart and blocked Highway 87 at the Knott turnoff yesterday morning.

The 1979 Freightliner was heading northbound on Highway 87 at 11:15 a.m., pulling a trailer laden with a front-end loader, when the trailer broke and damaged the pavement, said the Department of Public Safety spokeswoman.

The rig's driver, Ronald Wayne Irwin of Snyder, was not hurt in the accident.

Death toll at 68 in ship sinking

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The death toll reached 68 in the sinking of a passenger ship 1,000 miles northeast of Jakarta, a report said today.

The official Antara news agency said it was unclear how many people had been aboard the vessel, the Macoli, which sank Sunday night in heavy seas off East Kalimantan province.

The report said at least 141 people were rescued, including some infants.

Investigation continues

Area law enforcement authorities are continuing their investigation into the death of 25-year-old Midland resident Virginia Espinosa Montoya.

A Department of Public Safety spokesman said that officials are interviewing friends and relatives of Montoya, but there are no new developments in the case.

Montoya was last seen early Sunday with her husband and brother, officials said. She was killed when she was apparently struck from behind by an unknown vehicle on Highway 137 between Stanton and Garden City.

"There's no word on the results of the autopsy as of yet, but that is not unusual because the judge will have to release the information," said DPS Trooper Victor Taylor.

Officials are still seeking information from anyone who may have heard or seen anything in connection with the incident Sunday between the hours of 4 and 6:45 a.m.

Anyone wishing to report any information can call the highway patrol in Stanton at 756-3448 or the Martin County Sheriff's Department at 756-3336.

Clements vetos school bill as promised

By MICHAEL HOLMES and PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writers

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements today vetoed the Legislature's school finance reform bill, an act some lawmakers said raised the possibility that a court-appointed special master might wind up overhauling the system of state aid for public schools.

Clements, a Republican, said he vetoed the bill because the Democratic-controlled Legislature wanted to raise the 6 percent state sales tax by one-half cent to help pay its \$555 million first-year cost.

Clements said that during negotiations he bent his no-new-taxes pledge to consider so-called sin taxes — such as levies on alcohol and cigarettes — but he blamed lawmakers for demanding a sales tax increase.

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raise our state sales tax to the second-highest in America when alternatives exist to do the job," the governor said.

Many Democratic lawmakers

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said they were ready to try to override the Republican governor's veto, which came after 2½ months of special sessions that failed to produce a bill that Clements would approve.

"The governor can veto it and we can try to override it — or let the court draw it up," said Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont.

Legislative leaders said they would try to muster the two-thirds majority required in both the House and Senate to override

Clements' veto.

But with Republicans holding more than one-third of the 150 House seats, Speaker Gib Lewis said he wasn't certain whether the

Courts ruling, the state is required to make more money available to poor school districts. If lawmakers and the governor fail to write a plan, a court-appointed special

master will do it for them. "We're frustrated. We're tired. No more negotiations... If he vetoes it, let the master do it," said Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, echoing sentiments of many of his colleagues.

Clements had withheld his veto while negotiations continued into the night Monday.

But Speaker Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said many lawmakers were tired of talking.

"If the governor feels compelled

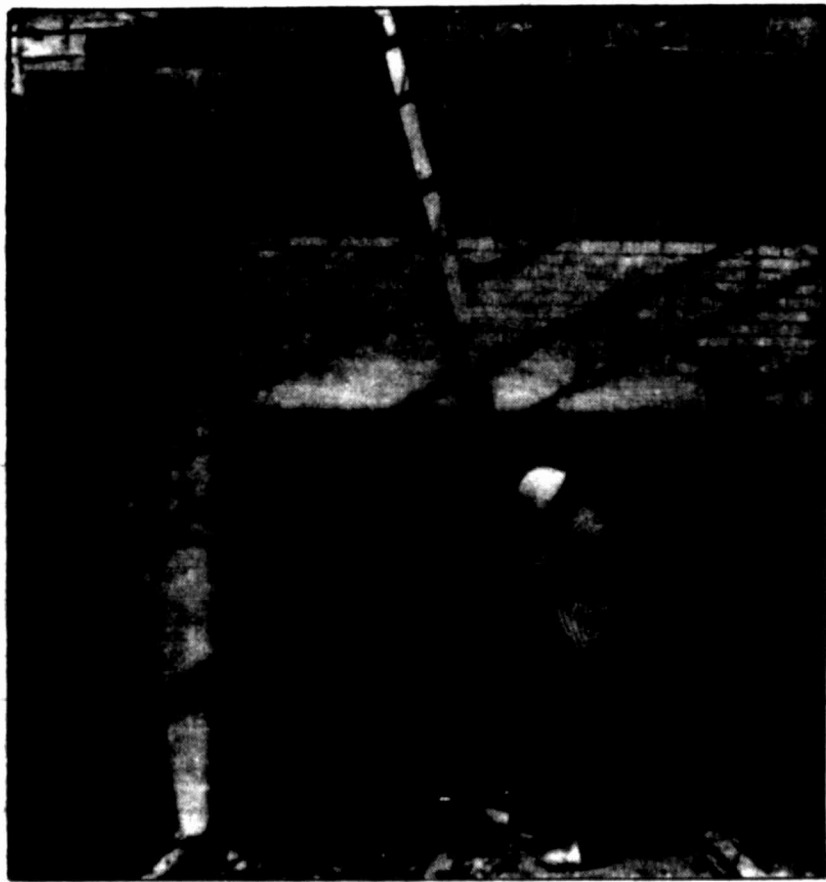
to veto the bill, he'll have to do that, and we'll have to make an attempt to override," Lewis said before the governor made his decision this morning.

Hobby said if the required two-thirds of House and Senate members won't vote to override a Clements veto, the court-appointed master's plan likely will go into effect.

"It will be devastating," Hobby said of a no-new-money court plan. He estimated that such a scheme would strip \$70 million to \$75 million from Dallas schools and \$40 million from the Houston Independent School District.

"It will be a real tragedy for this state," Hobby said.

Court master William Kilgartin has said that because he can't order new taxes, his plan could shift state aid from wealthy to poor school districts.



Going up

BIG SPRING — With the first floor of the new women's dorm at Howard College nearly complete, workers began to pour concrete that will make up the floor on the second level of the building Tuesday morning.

In the above photo, a large pump is used to shuttle concrete from waiting trucks to the workers waiting to lay the substance down. In another part of the building, Freddy Rodriguez keeps his head lowered to avoid sparks from a welding torch as he uses a board to steady a bar in the photo at left.

Herald photos by Tim Appel

Rap message an all-around winner

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — The Rap Boys are on the air to keep kids off drugs.

A group of seven fifth graders from Kentwood Elementary School chose the name for themselves when they designed and performed in a video with a substance abuse prevention message. Familiar nursery rhymes were slightly altered, with verses added to warn other kids, and even adults, about the dangers of using drugs.

Marcus Balderach, Jason Ball, Derek Hobbs, Aaron Bristow, Rusty Sumpter, Todd Lancaster and Nick Psilas "rapped" their way to fame in the prize-winning anti-drug video. For the unfamiliar, "rapping" is a very popular style of rhythmic talking performed to a beat, in this case, finger snaps.

The Kentwood students' creative ideas and rapping skills were a strong combination, said teacher Glenda Hendrickson. So strong the resulting video took a first place in the Region 18 Media Fair sponsored by the Education Service Center in Midland.

The four-minute message will go on to compete at the state level soon, she said.

Hendrickson said the video idea began when she asked her class to think of special projects on different topics during Texas Public Schools Week in March. The seven students brainstormed the video idea for their anti-drug assignment and chose the name all on their own, she said.

The students must have been naturals, Hendrickson said, as they operated so well as a team. "They



BIG SPRING — The Rap Boys from Kentwood Elementary School pose next to the camera that captured them in the video song and dance that won first place in the Region 18 Substance Abuse

Prevention Media Fair. The fifth graders from left to right: Rusty Sumpter, Derek Hobbs, Aaron Bristow, Jason Ball, Todd Lancaster, Marcus Balderach and Nick Psilas.

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Inside Texas

Damage minimal in lab fire

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators worked Monday to determine the origin of a fire in a laboratory run by Nobel Prize-winning scientists that forced evacuations and released hazardous materials where radioactive substances are used.

Officials said Monday that a short in a ventilator hood may have caused the Sunday night blaze in one of several labs run by Michael S. Brown and Joseph L. Goldstein at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Ventilator hoods are used to store chemicals that could be hazardous if spilled or inhaled, said Tommy Bosler, UT director of medical information.

About a cup of hydrazine burned in the fire, Ms. Bosler said. A dozen firefighters and eight building employees were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, where they were taken for observation after precautionary decontamination.

Sharp addresses clean-air meeting

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Railroad Commissioner John Sharp says Texas natural gas producers are ready to meet an increased demand for their product should Midwestern consumers want it.

"The Midwest needs cleaner air, and Texas needs more customers to sell its natural gas to. This is a partnership both sides realize they need and can't afford to ignore," Sharp said in remarks prepared for delivery to a clean air conference Monday at Kent State University in Ohio.

Sharp was invited to attend the conference because of his efforts to promote sales of Texas natural gas, a commodity he said is becoming increasingly important.

"Every day, more and more gas is being produced in Texas, even to the point that today, the state's economy is more dependent on revenues from gas than oil," Sharp said.

French officials tout rail service

AUSTIN (AP) — A 186-mph train linking Texas' largest cities could move people more quickly and at lower cost than airplane travel, say French transportation officials.

France and Japan currently have high-speed rail service, and a French delegation is visiting with Texas officials who are considering such a train for the state.

Based on the experience in France, passenger fares would run about two-thirds of airline prices, said Paul Monferrier, vice president of the international department of the French National Railroad.

Jean-Marie Delarue, deputy director of the French government ministry overseeing transportation, said several countries are considering building such trains and that Texas could become a leader by building one.

Suspects in phony killing released

DAINGERFIELD, Texas (AP) — Authorities believe Douglas and Cynthia Lawrence came to this northeast Texas town to commit murder.

But since the intended victim was an undercover police officer using a fake identity, charges against the Kentucky couple were dismissed, say angry investigators.

According to state District Judge B.D. Moyer, it isn't a crime in Texas to conspire to kill a non-existent person.

Texas Ranger Brantley Foster and prosecutor Richard Townsend think the law needs to be changed.

"I will never believe that what the Lawrences did was right," said Foster. "The Lawrences were not contracting to kill a fictitious person. They believed the case was real."

Stormie responding to treatment

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Changes in Stormie Jones' experimental anti-rejection medication quieted doctors' fears the world's longest surviving heart-liver transplant patient was rejecting her second donor liver.

"Her condition's excellent. She just needed an adjustment in her medication," said Dr. Robert D. Gordon, transplant surgeon at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

"When you're using a new drug you're a little sensitive to toxicity, over-sensitive perhaps. We now realize we lowered our dosages a little too much," he said Monday.

The 12-year-old from White Settlement, Texas, returned to Pittsburgh Sunday after routine tests showed she had high liver enzyme levels — a sign of possible organ rejection — despite taking the Japanese drug FK-506 since her last operation on Feb. 20.

Stormie will receive higher doses of FK-506 intravenously until she is discharged, hopefully within a few days, and will take the drug orally when she goes home, Gordon said.

Modifications in dosages also will be made for many of the 400 transplant patients currently taking FK-506. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the drug for use only at Children's and nearby Presbyterian-University Hospital.

"I think we've been making that error systematically over the last few months. We've made a correction now in all our treatment," Gordon said.

"Every transplant patient is always walking a fine balance. In general, as patients get further out they tend to require less medication to maintain the graft. But they almost all require some" medication, he said.

The surgeon called Stormie's latest medical bout a "mild rejection episode," which he said was not uncommon within the first few months of a transplant.

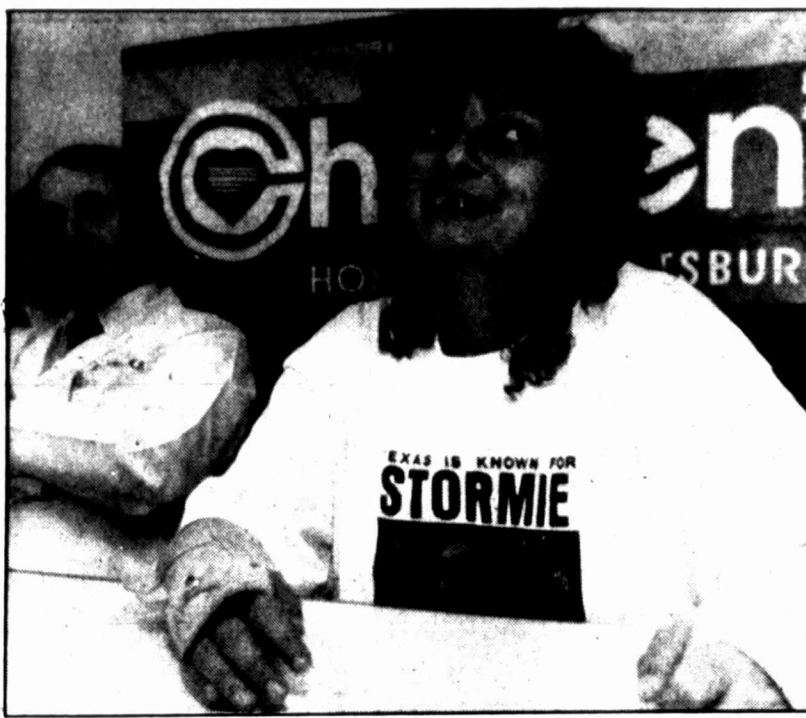
"We're not alarmed," said Gordon, who performed Stormie's historic heart-liver transplant on Feb. 14, 1984. "We don't think this liver is in jeopardy or that she's looking at another transplant."

That's good news for Stormie, who has been eagerly awaiting a party for her 13th birthday on May 31, said her mother, Lois "Suzie" Purcell.

"Thirteen is a very special time in someone's life. So she's looking forward to that," she said. "She's excited. She's running around all over the place."

National attention has been focused on Stormie since she received her double transplant to control a congenital condition that left her cholesterol levels 10 times higher than normal.

She returned to Pittsburgh in November 1989 after hepatitis damaged her first donor liver. Up until that time, she had been taking cyclosporine, an anti-rejection medication that lowers the body's ability to fight infection.



PITTSBURGH — Lois Purcell tells reporters that her 12-year-old daughter, Stormie Jones, is responding well to added medication Monday. Stormie's doctor, Robert D. Gordon, is at left.

Hospital.

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Mystery disease may be statewide

TEMPLE (AP) — A mystery disease originally thought to affect rural East and Central Texas children may be showing up in other areas of the state, says a doctor treating the ailment.

The disease, which has caused the hospitalization of a number of children, may have broken out in Houston and other urban areas, said Dr. Jeffrey W. Jundt, an arthritis specialist at Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple.

Jundt said Houston may have 24 cases, based on phone calls he received after a newspaper article on the disease appeared Sunday.

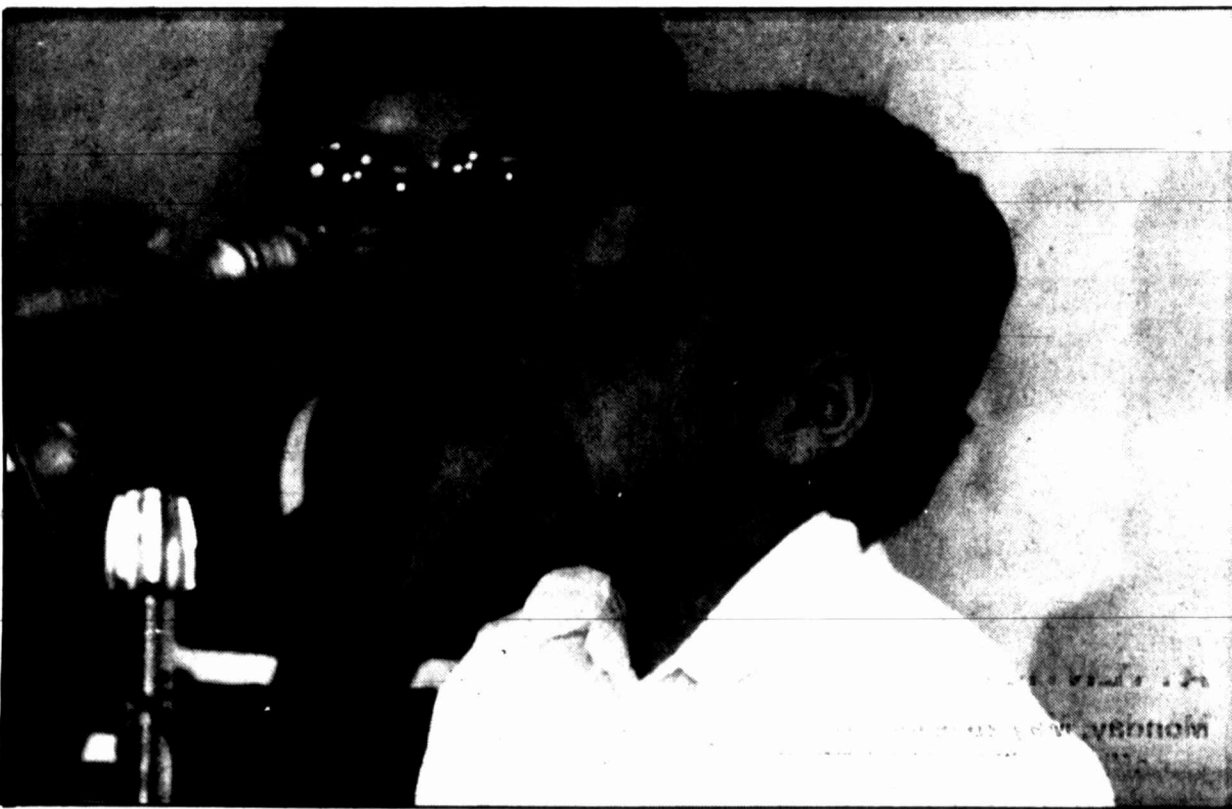
As news of the disease spreads, so may reports from other cities, he said Monday.

In addition to the Houston cases, doctors from the Texas Department of Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta are investigating 50 to 60 other reported cases, primarily in rural areas of Texas, Jundt said.

The disease, dubbed "Palestine Fever," because three of the seven cases confirmed since March have been in children from Palestine, can incapacitate its victims for several weeks, causing high fevers, vomiting, debilitating joint pain, well-like rashes and seizures.

Although the symptoms can force hospitalization for prolonged periods, "None of the children has died from this disease," Jundt said. "The majority of the kids are doing quite well."

The condition can be mistaken for other diseases because it causes symptoms similar to strep throat, rheumatoid arthritis, Lyme disease or systemic lupus.



TEMPLE — Michael Sharp, 11, right, tells of his experiences with a mystery illness while his mother, Linda, looks on at Scott & White Memorial Hospital Monday. There have been seven confirmed cases and more than 50 are under investigation by the state health department.

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Dallas pastor recovers from scandal

DALLAS (AP) — The Rev. Bill Weber, who resigned as pastor of one of the nation's fastest-growing churches in 1988 amid controversy, is starting over with a new, non-denominational church.

Weber said the church has grown from his search for an answer to the question, "Can God use Bill Weber again?"

The first church Weber built was the Prestonwood Baptist Church, founded in Dallas in 1977. It grew to 11,000 members before Weber resigned after admitting to an extramarital affair.

Weber said his call came in the form of a Bible study group he and his wife Robin started last year. The group met weekly, first in the Weber home, then in the Richard-

son Civic Center.

The growing congregation, called the New Hope Community Church, now meets at a Plano movie theater.

"We don't own any property yet," Weber said. "So we are meeting in the theater until we can acquire property and build a new church."

The congregation has grown to more than 500 people registered as showing "some level of interest in what we're doing," Weber said. "We had 431 people at the Easter service," he added.

Sunday school classes meet in the theater hall and in a pizza restaurant next door. A baptism service was recently held in the

pool at the Cosmopolitan Lady health club adjacent to the theater.

Some former members of the Prestonwood church have joined Weber's new congregation, including Virginia King, a 10-year member of the Prestonwood church and its choir.

Ms. King said the scandal that prompted Weber to leave Prestonwood is in the past.

"I enjoyed Billy's ministry," she said. "He and his family are very special. I felt like God had walked him through some tough, tough times, but he came out with a sweet spirit and has so much to offer."

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Business

Floods clouding oyster outlook

SMITH POINT (AP) — The murky fresh rain water funneling into salty Galveston Bay from the flooding Trinity River is muddying the outlook for the \$12 million Texas oyster industry.

"What I'm looking at out there is that 90 percent of Trinity Bay will be killed," said Ben Nelson, president of Jeri's Seafood, an oyster harvester and exporter. "Then again it could be 100 percent. When you get to June or July and the water's running that long ... Time will tell."

Doris Nelson, who with her husband operates The Fishermen's Harvest, a seafood business that ships oysters as far away as the East Coast, said, "It was already kind of bleak and we're just struggling to come back from last year's flood."

"Now it looks like this year is going to be taken away too. We don't hurt physically, but we do economically."

Officials are expecting large releases of fresh water to continue down the Trinity River well into the summer as the torrential rains of several weeks ago more than 200 miles to the north continue to drain into Galveston Bay.

The high waters that have inundated thousands of acres of cropland and displaced hundreds of river bottom residents now threaten the livelihoods of the oyster harvesters.

"They have lots to fear, based on the amount of water that's projected to come," says Sammy Ray, professor emeritus of marine biology at Texas A&M University in Galveston. "With this coming down, probably a large number of oysters will be lost. When the water warms up and when they open, they lose whatever body salt content they have."

"And when they get completely fresh, they blow up like a balloon. They're dead."

What's become known as the Flood of 1990 is not the first recent setback for oyster harvesters on Galveston Bay. Last year, hurricanes and a tropical storm kept the Trinity River flooding as well, ruining last year's oyster crop.

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Taxpayer

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Taxpayers will pay Noriega's bills

MIAMI (AP) — U.S. taxpayers will foot Manuel Noriega's legal bills until \$20 million of his frozen assets are confiscated or released, under a deal that averts disclosure of secret U.S. payments to the fallen dictator.

Before the deal was reached Monday, Noriega's lawyers had threatened to quit the drug trafficking case because they hadn't been paid. Prosecutors froze the former Panamanian leader's assets, contending they were illegally obtained.

In agreeing to cover Noriega's legal fees, the government headed off a confrontation over \$11 million in U.S. intelligence agency payments he claims to have received over several decades.

Noriega's lawyers had been trying to force the government to produce secret records of those payments to show Noriega had legitimate sources of income other than drugs. But on Monday, the defense agreed to drop the subpoenas when the deal involving Noriega's legal fees is formally approved.

New York to host Grammy Awards

NEW YORK (AP) — New York has won back next year's Grammy Awards from Los Angeles and plans four days of musical events surrounding the ceremony in February at Radio City Music Hall.

"You can be sure that we will roll out the red carpet, sound the trumpets and have the bands playing to welcome each and every member to the Big Apple," Mayor David Dinkins said Monday at a news conference at City Hall.

"New York City certainly

knows how to put on a party," he said.

The Grammys honor the top performers in the recording field.

Los Angeles, which played host to the awards this year, was competing with New York for the 33rd annual ceremony, which Dinkins estimated will give a \$30 million boost to New York's economy.

Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which sponsors the Grammys, said New York City "feels like the place you would like to award excellence."

Residents want to meet Gorbachev

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The T-shirts are out, the vodka billboards are coming down and the bids to take Mikhail Gorbachev fishing or bear-watching don't seem to stop.

"Everybody's got an angle. No doubt about that," says Vern Freeh, vice president of international affairs for Minnesota-based Land 'O Lakes Inc., a food processing and farm supply cooperative. "We all want to meet him."

Since it was announced last week that Gorbachev will spend six hours in Minnesota on June 3, Gov. Rudy Perpich's office has been swamped with requests to meet the Soviet leader.



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Fire's wake

CARLSBAD, N.M. — Ed Wood, fire information officer for the Lincoln National Forest, tours burned over are left by the fire near Carlsbad Caverns National Park. The fire has consumed 27,590 acres and has crossed into the national park.

Bush extends favored trade status to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is expected to grant China a one-year extension of most-favored-nation trading status, even though the action could provoke a new China policy confrontation with Congress, administration officials say.

Bush may outline his decision during a weekly leadership meeting with congressional Republicans.

The president was expected to formally notify Congress of the move before the end of the week, said officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Bush was planning to make the extension provisional, based on China's human-rights performance over the coming months, said the officials.

Bush went over details of his decision with national security adviser Brent Scowcroft on their flight back to Washington Monday night from California. Bush had

been on a four-day speaking tour of Texas and the West Coast.

Sen. Pete Wilson, R-Calif., who accompanied Bush on the flight, said that he did not expect Congress to react as negatively to the move as it had last winter when Bush vetoed legislation extending the visas of Chinese students.

Most-favored-nation (MFN) trading status guarantees China the same treatment as this nation's best trading partners, including lowest possible tariffs.

This benefit has provided preferential tariffs for about \$12 billion in Chinese products shipped to the United States each year, mostly textiles and toys.

Bush is required under law to act one way or another by June 3. But sources said he would rather deal with the issue — sure to touch off another round of criticism in Congress — now rather than wait until the deadline.

World

Kremlin to double food prices

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet authorities are proposing radical reforms starting next year in an effort to salvage an economy beset by massive shortages, strikes and ethnic conflicts, a government report says.

Under the proposed reforms, the government would double food prices but continue to regulate the cost of staple items, the report says.

A preliminary draft of the economic program, released to Supreme Soviet deputies and ob-

tained by The Associated Press, ended weeks of speculation over whether the government would introduce Polish-style "shock therapy" or choose a more gradual transition to a market economy.

Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov's 70-page report to the Supreme Soviet legislature said the government wants to stagger the reforms over five years to cushion the blow, rather than suddenly introduce changes in a previously discussed two-year period.

Communists must give up property

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — The government has announced it will strip the Communist Party of all the property it was granted use of during the past four decades.

The decision Monday followed a move three days earlier to freeze ownership of all buildings and other fixed assets owned by the Communists, who were ousted from power in a peaceful revolution last year.

The moves were likely to be

highly popular in Czechoslovakia, where up to 100,000 people have attended recent street rallies calling for the Communists to give up their property and urging a ban on the party in upcoming free elections.

Kvestoslava Korinkova, head of the government's Inspection Commission, said all contracts for property used by the Communists will be declared null and void on June 1, a week before the country's first free elections in more than 40 years.

Radicals vow additional protests



RIOT POLICEMAN

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Hundreds of radical students yelling "Drive out Yankees!" clashed with police today at two universities in the southern city of Kwangju.

Police in Kwangju also fired tear gas to disperse dozens of students who burned a U.S. flag.

In Seoul, radicals vowed to stage a week of anti-American protests, and eight militant students were arrested after unfurling an anti-American banner in front of the U.S. Embassy.

In another development, union workers at Hyundai Motor Co. rejected a proposed new labor contract today, dashing hopes for a quick end to a 7-day-old strike at South Korea's largest automaker.



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What price for bases to stay?

The negotiations over retaining American military bases in the Philippines opened on two ominous notes Monday. In Angeles City near the huge Clark Air Base, two unarmed, off-duty U.S. servicemen were murdered, almost certainly by hit men of the Communist New People's Army (NPA). And in Manila, hundreds of leftist demonstrators clashed violently with Philippine police outside the Central Bank compound, where the negotiations are being conducted.

The signal these actions were meant to send was that America's air and naval bases are no longer wanted in the Philippines, and that Americans themselves may no longer be safe there.

But does the terrorism of the NPA and the street theater of its sympathizers in Manila reflect any wider antipathy to a continued American presence in the Philippines? The confusing answer at the moment is yes, and no.

Among the Philippine intelligentsia, the press, and within the government of President Corason Aquino, there is indeed a nationalist sentiment that wishes the Americans gone. But among ordinary Filipinos, the prevailing mood remains generally pro-American and, if public opinion polls are any guide, pro-bases.

More significantly, perhaps, the shaky Aquino government may be deciding that this is no time to sever the American connection and the aid it brings to a chronically hard-pressed economy.

Mrs. Aquino's government has been the target of no fewer than eight military coup attempts since her non-violent, people-power revolution ousted the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986. The most recent coup, last December, would likely have succeeded but for a military demonstration of American support. The F-4 fighter bombers that flew symbolic cover for Aquino's faltering regime came from Clark.

The American military presence also pumps \$1 billion a year into the Philippines' depressed economy. Another \$400 million per year comes in the form of American economic and military aid. The Aquino government, like its predecessor, views the aid as rent for the bases. Aquino and her ministers know that most of this aid would vanish if they refuse to renew the bases agreement, or impose demands that Washington would consider exorbitant.

Thus, despite terrorism, street demonstrations, and nationalist sentiment, there is an undercurrent of optimism that the negotiations, however difficult and protracted, may end in success.

Certainly, Washington should hope so. Sprawling Clark and the superb Subic Bay Naval Base remain linchpins of a still-necessary American defense perimeter that runs thousands of miles from the Bering Sea to the Indian Ocean. Alternative sites — Singapore or the Marianas, for example — could not provide the full training, logistical, and support services available at Clark and Subic. Moreover, the cost of relocating would be enormous.

But it is also true, as chief U.S. negotiator Richard Armitage noted Monday in Manila, that the United States should stay in the Philippines only as long as an American presence there is wanted. The price cannot be endlessly escalating demands for aid, or, worse yet, sliding into involvement in the counterinsurgency war against the NPA. The 20-year old Communist insurgency has lost ground during the last two years, but it remains a chronic problem. Filipinos, not Americans, should solve it.

The Bush administration is right to try keeping the Philippine bases, but not at any price.

Mailbag

The kindness of strangers

To the editor:

Returning from San Angelo early on (May 13), our automobile decided it would go no further as we coasted into the Chevron Station at Third and Gregg in your town.

From 7:30-10:30 a.m. we had the pleasant experience of witnessing the concern and caring of other people by two of your citizens. Unfortunately, we failed to get their names to thank them properly.

We met a young man inside the station who upon hearing our story said he would try and locate a part for our car and fix it himself. His wife came to the station at 8:30 a.m. to tell us he was still trying to find a part and that if he couldn't

find one she would drive us to Lubbock herself.

She remained with us from that time until 10:30 a.m., leaving only once to return to her home for battery cables so that we could get the windows up on our car. We rented a car to come home in at that time. This young lady was so concerned about our getting home safely, she gave us her telephone number and said if we had any more trouble to call her and she would come after us.

She refused the money we offered her for all her trouble, saying it would make her feel "bad" to take it. I hope she knows how "good" she made us feel!

Rejoice citizens of Big Spring — you have among you two outstanding, kind and caring people. We only know his name is Stanley and he owns a machine shop there. You are indeed lucky to have these people.

MRS. CLYDE TATUM
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What President Bush really said about lips and taxes

By THOMAS TASCHINGER
Port Arthur News

PORT ARTHUR — Picture the following scenario at a White House news conference in Washington:

A spokesman comes to the podium and begins his remarks.

"Good morning, ladies and gentlemen of the press. We've invited you to the White House to get the real story about this administration's position on new taxes. There's been a lot of speculation in the news media that President Bush has broken his pro-

Guest column

mise from the 1988 campaign. "Well, let me make one thing perfectly clear: That idea is so far off base it can't even be spotted with the Hubble Space Telescope. That's why we've brought in White

House chief of staff John Sununu to clear up this confusion once and for all. Mr. Sununu, give 'em heck." "Thanks," Sununu says with a strained smile on his face. "The biggest misconception seems to be that George Bush actually said during the presidential campaign, 'Read my lips: no new taxes.' It's time to debunk that myth." "Mr. Sununu! Are you saying President Bush never uttered those words?" "No, no," Sununu quickly replied. "I'm saying that President Bush said something very similar

to that phrase, but due to a slight mixup, his actual intent was misinterpreted. I've researched this issue with the president's speechwriters during the campaign, and we've come up with several intriguing theories that could explain this apparent contradiction." "For instance," Sununu said, "as all of you know, the president is a true-blue Texan. Shoot, he's even maintained a voting residence in a Houston hotel room all these years he's lived elsewhere. Now, he might have meant to say during the

'88 campaign, 'No new Texas.' Get it? Not 'taxes' but 'Texas.' "You see, because Texas is so large, there is a move afoot to split it into two states. Being the conservative that he is and almost a native Texan, George Bush is adamantly opposed to this idea. "He's against more government and upsetting the status quo, and he could have been trying to convey this to other Americans who might not share his special feeling for the land that Davy Crockett died for in that Walt Disney movie."

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Hearing the cold-hearted beep

By ART BUCHWALD

Not since Alexander Graham Bell invented the whatchamacallit has the phone system gone through so many gyrations. The big breakthrough recently is that companies are installing direct dialing so that you never get to speak to a live operator. Every employee has his or her own line and it's up to the caller to figure out how to get through.

The other day I needed to talk to Dumphries at my favorite utility company. This is how it went:

The recorded voice said, "You have reached the Darkness Unlimited Telephone Company. If you know the extension of the party you wish to speak to, you may key it in at any time. If you do not have that number, dial 233-5570 or 554-6784. If you wish to talk to the service department, ring 312-6789 or if you have questions regarding a bill, dial 908-7654 or 345-7890."

If you prefer to speak to the advertising department, or public relations, then ring (800) 234-5670. If you get a busy signal, drop the 800 and add area code 301 instead.

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I wasn't having much luck finding Dumphries, so I telephoned his wife at home. She gave me his direct line at work, 897-6550.

My problem was far from solved. When I dialed his extension I



Art Buchwald

got the recorded voice of Dumphries, "This is Harcourt Dumphries. I am sorry I am not at my desk right now. If you wish to leave a message, you may do so at the sound of the beep, and I will get back to you. If you don't hear from me within three days, call my secretary at 456-7800. If she's not there, you can leave a message with the receptionist at 403-4557. You'll know you have reached the correct number because she always plays 'Ride of the Valkyries' on her line when she asks you to wait."

Dumphries did not get back to me, so I called him again. He told me that he had received my call on his answering service but he could not return it because the tape jammed up.

"What gives with the direct dialing?" I asked.

"The company installed it for 10,000 employees because it enabled Darkness to lay off two telephone operators and save \$1,200 a year."

"But it's so impersonal," I protested. "A caller feels a terrible loss trying to get through to the person he wants to contact."

"That's because you don't pay

enough attention when you phone us. We give you the choice of every telephone number in the system. Next month we're going to put out a company phone book which you can buy for \$9.95. Direct dialing is the wave of the future. The more live people a company eliminates from its telephone system payroll, the more efficient that company will become."

"No doubt, but I'm old-fashioned and I feel a lot less helpless when I hear a human voice at the other end of the line. Why couldn't customers have a choice the same as in restaurants? Instead of 'Smoking' or 'Non-Smoking' we could choose 'Human' voice or 'Recorded' one. It would be wonderful for your clients."

Dumphries said, "We are not going to placate customers who are against computer technology. Direct dialing has been a breakthrough comparable to man landing on the moon. Just because the public is confused doesn't mean that the system is unworkable. The money saved is channeled into research to find better ways of dialing people without having to go through the switchboard."

"We try very hard to make our recorded voices sound human. We auditioned 200 applicants before we found a woman who could give us the perfect, 'All our lines are busy, please do not hang up.'"

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Beyond the realm



Those darned animals

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Random thoughts while wondering whatever happened to the penny postcard:

Here's an item to file under the "so you think your pet is smart" department.

Ginger, a Lhasa apso from Arlington, is not making any friends with the police department there. The reason? It seems that Ginger twice managed to place 911 phone calls from her residence recently.

Well, let me rephrase that a bit. Police suspect Ginger made the calls because she was the only one at home when they responded to the second call.

The dog's owner finds the whole episode quite hard to believe, especially since 911 isn't programmed into her phone's automatic dialing system.

Still, it does make for an interesting scenario, don't you think? Ginger, the resourceful Lhasa apso, becomes lonely one day and decides to have some company over. She finds the solution to her problem by dialing 911 with her delicate little paws.

Hmmmm, if there's anyone who thought the Howard County 911 system was going to the dogs, perhaps there's more to it than we realized.

And while we're on the subject of adorable pets:

Augusta, Maine residents have been doing their best to let Max attend a Republican political dinner with President Bush later this year.

The kicker is that Max just happens to be a two-year-old cat.

It all began when, for some reason or another, Max received an invitation to the dinner, according to his owner, Brian Woodbury.

After learning that Max had to secure \$1,500 before he could attend the June 12 fund-raiser, an Augusta radio station immediately embraced the kitty's cause as its own, holding a "Maxathon" to raise enough money.

By noon of the first day, the station had received \$400 in pledges.

A spokeswoman for the National Republican Congressional Committee thought the whole thing was basically a joke, but added that Max could hang out with the other "fat cats" — if he shelled out the \$1,500.

Max's owner did not why his kitty was invited to the dinner. What makes the invitation ironic is that the Woodburys are faithful Democrats.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if Max raised enough money to hang out with the president and all those other big-money GOP types?

Would Puss'n'Boots be on the menu?

Would a bag of kitty litter be on hand just in case?

Would the reporters covering the dinner ham up the story for all it's worth?

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Inside Texas

DEA seizes wrong \$25 million in cash

DALLAS (AP) — Federal and local narcotics agents mistakenly seized \$25 million during what they believed was one of the Dallas area's largest ever drug tainted cash shipments.

The Dallas Times Herald reported today that the agents converged on an American Airlines jetliner arriving at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport at about 6 p.m. Wednesday.

An anonymous tip led them to the baggage compartment where they found eight canvas bags filled with \$25 million \$20 million in \$100 bills and \$5 million in \$50 bills.

But the agents later learned that the transfer of cash was legitimate. A commercial New York bank, which authorities declined to name, was transporting currency from the San Antonio branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, said Phil Jordan, special agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration office in Dallas.

"Money is transferred in cargo holds all the time," said Robert Boykin, Dallas federal reserve bank president. "There's nothing unusual about that."

But DEA officials said they disagree with Boykin and plan to continue investigating the transfer.

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Texas touts tourism as a top industry

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — One of the brightest spots on Texas' economic horizon is tourism, and Big Spring is doing its best to grab a piece of the sky.

Tourism is now the state's fourth largest industry and is experiencing an explosive growth, according to the Texas Department of Commerce. The most recent figures show that annual spending of almost \$17 billion has currently resulted in jobs for 274,000 Texans and a payroll of almost \$3.6 billion.

Tourism has become so important to the Texas economy that both President Bush and Governor Bill Clements proclaimed May 13-19 as National and Texas Tourism Week.

A local official says Big Spring's

tourism industry isn't exactly booming, but it's not dwindling either. Linda Roger of the Convention/Visitor's Bureau said the city could attract more of the tourism dollar with a few improvements.

"We're holding our own," said Roger. "If we could get a convention center where we could bring people in and seat 2,000 people, that would increase tourism."

"We overuse the college because it's the only facility we have — and it is a good facility. But we need another."

Roger said the city doesn't lack for hotel rooms, but it doesn't have any in the luxury price range — a fact that encourages some tourists to visit Big Spring but stay somewhere else.

"We need the deluxe," she said.

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— Linda Roger, Convention Visitor's Bureau

"I'm talking \$120 night. To bring a convention in town you have to have enough deluxe rooms plus moderate rooms."

Tourism generated \$712 million in Texas taxes and almost \$220 million in local collections, in 1988. Vacationers, conventioners and

other visitors paid \$105 million in hotel/motel taxes during 1989, in the 10 largest cities.

Roger said Big Spring had gross hotel receipts in 1989 of \$2.3 million, earning the city \$159,450 in occupancy taxes. The city hosted 66 events and 77,000 visitors last year, which had a serious economic impact on the city, she said. Those visitors spent about \$4.04 million — an average of \$61,000 per event.

Roger maintains Big Spring has what it takes to attract tourists; the city features some of the best scenery in West Texas. Improvements at Moss Creek Lake have made it a viable attraction, she said, and the city's two golf courses, as well as the historic springs, attract many visitors.

The trick to attracting even more

people, she said, is to give them what they want.

"The top four things in tourism are... number one, people come to Texas because it's friendly," Roger said. "They come for good food. They come for scenery, and they come for highways."

Big Spring can meet all those needs she said. The people are friendly and the city has a number of restaurants, she said. Scenic Mountain, Signal Mountain, Moss Creek Lake and Comanche Trail Park ensure beautiful scenery, she said, and improvements to Gregg Street have given the city good thoroughfares when coupled with Interstate 20.

Big Spring's surge in positive attitude has been noticed by surrounding cities, Roger said.

Brainy residents have special club

By ERIN BLAIR
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — Brainy people needn't feel existential in the Permian Basin; there's an exclusive social club for the large-lobed set right here in Big Spring.

The group is Mensa and it's been in West Texas for 22 years. Big Spring businessman Mike Craddock, the chapter's president, said the organization has 130 members here and 55,000 nationwide.

"We're a well-spread group — we've got engineers, doctors, mechanics, an unemployed person — just like in life," Craddock said. "We run the gamut of accomplishments."

The only requirement of membership is intelligence. Mensa people all score in the upper 2 percent of the population on any of several standardized intelligence tests, including Stanford Binet, Wechsler Adult and Children Scales, Scholastic Aptitude Test and Graduate Record Examination. A 1250 on the SAT or GRE or an IQ of 132 or better will do. If you haven't already taken a test, Mensa can direct you to its local psychologist, who can administer one.

In answer to the question "What can Mensa offer me?" the club explains in its brochure:

"You'll be assured of meeting people at your own intellectual level. In a world where social and intellectual contacts are often limited to people with whom you work, neighbors and members of the usual civic organizations, Mensa has a lot to offer."

"In Mensa you won't be thought of as different because you're 'smart.' Mensans do a lot of talking. More to the point, they do a lot of listening to each other. Most of

all, Mensa offers a challenge. Mensa dares you to use, exercise and, ultimately, expand your intellectual potential. That's what it's all about."

Eight Big Springers are Mensans. (WHY NOT NAME THE EIGHT LOCAL MEMBERS?) There are another eight in Abilene, eight in San Angelo, a few in Pecos, Fort Stockton and Andrews, and 14 in Odessa. The balance of the 130 members live in Midland.

Craddock described Mensa as a social, service and scholarship organization that funds research into intelligence and awards scholarships. Laura Hamilton, a student at the University of Texas-Permian Basin, won the local Mensa scholarship, worth about \$200. (WHO IS HAMILTON AND WHERE IS SHE FROM?) The national scholarship is worth \$5,000.

Students don't have to have incredibly high test scores or IQs to apply for the scholarship, Craddock said. They simply fill out an application and write a one-page essay on what they want to do with their lives. The scholarship is open to students of any age, from high school and beyond.

Permian Basin Mensa meets once a month for a special program with a speaker and dines as a group each month. There's a Mensa lunch every Wednesday at the Big Spring Country Club and one on Thursdays in Midland. There's also a Saturday brunch.

"Basically the advantage of joining Mensa is it enables people to meet folks of similar interests and backgrounds and it encourages intelligence in general," Craddock said.

"But we try to achieve a minimum of publicity."



Animal blessing

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Mary Beth Hoover of the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota holds Leuc, a bald eagle, during a service to

bless animals at the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Mark on Sunday. Leuc lives at the center and is unable to fly because of a wing injury.

Schools eye campus racism

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Few colleges or universities are taking all the steps experts believe are needed to stamp out campus racism.

Many schools have established committees to address bigotry. Others have offered special scholarships and stepped up recruiting of minority students and faculty. Still others are requiring students to take courses about racism or minority issues or attend orientation sessions on race relations.

But a spot check of schools around the country by The Associated Press found only a handful taking the comprehensive approach experts feel is necessary to quell the recent rise in campus bigotry.

"My greatest criticism of these efforts is that, although they are often genuine, they tend to be piecemeal, not comprehensive. In many instances, campuses that have racial incidents rush to do something immediately to fill a gap," said Reginald Wilson, senior scholar at the American Council on Education and an authority on campus race relations.

He and others said the fault often lies at the top — with college presidents who fail to take the lead in combating racism or even recognize it as a serious problem.

"It has to start from the top with

policy statements that racism and the other 'isms' won't be tolerated," said Barry Beckham, a former English professor at Hampton University in Virginia who started a bi-monthly national newsletter this year, "The Black Student Advisor."

About one-quarter of the nation's college presidents consider racism a problem on their campus, according to a study published last month by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Too many campuses have "sought to sidestep rather than confront the issue," that report concluded.

The University of Oregon in Eugene last year strengthened its student conduct code prohibiting racial harassment. It also required students to take a course in race or gender studies.

But Andy Clark, a black senior who is student body president, said courses he's taken on black women writers, black power in the Civil Rights movement, and race, class and ethnic groups in the United States were all taught by whites.

At Indiana University, assistant dean of students Pamela Freeman said several committees formed to deal with racism have helped ease tensions on campus. But last year, the offices of the university's president, Thomas Ehrlich, who is Jewish, and Michael Gordon, the dean of student affairs, who is

black, were spray-painted with anti-Semitic and anti-black slogans.

Other colleges battling racism have met resistance.

University of Wisconsin officials say they have fewer racial incidents with the help of a 3-year-old plan called "design for diversity," providing for the recruitment and retention of minority faculty and students as well as mentor programs for minorities.

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BIG SPRING — Mary Ellen Proctor and husband Don Proctor try a new maneuver during a round dancing workshop as part of the Big Spring Square and Round Dancing Festival at the Big Spring Squares facility Saturday afternoon. The square dancers also had a workshop later in the afternoon, with a dance in the evening.

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Inside style

DAR hosts meeting

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution met May 14 at the Brandin' Iron, with Mrs. John Key, regent, presiding.

Mrs. John Lawson shared a message from the National President General Mrs. A.A. Kelly who reported on her visit to the National DAR Continental Congress in April. She also told of the controversy regarding the type of plane to be used in the future in National Defense.

Mrs. Stanley Reid and Mrs. Charles Cummings presented the book "History of the Texas Society DAR" to the Howard County Library Genealogical Department. Mrs. John Damron told of the four women who were founders of the DAR, the first president general was the wife of President Benjamin Harrison.

New officers are: Mrs. Stanley Reid, regent for a two-year term; Mrs. Charles Cummings, vice regent; Miss Helen Ewing, chaplain; Mrs. Jack Alexander, recording secretary; Mrs. John Cobean, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Damron, treasurer; Mrs. Paul Lawson, registrar; Mrs. Billy Ray Owen, historian; Mrs. Jessie Hopper, librarian; Mrs. Tom Barber, parliamentarian.

The chapter will present the Good Citizen Award to Pete Buske May 31 at Big Spring High School.

Mrs. Ray Owen was hostess. The next meeting will be in September.

TOPS meets

TOPS TX 21, Big Spring, met May 14 at Canterbury South, with Olnee Menges, leader, presiding.

Nathan Menges was weekly best loser with 8 1/4 pounds. For his efforts he received a charm, certificate and a red rose.

Pat Arrod will serve as weight recorder, and Mary Cuthbertson has accepted the assistant weight recorder position.

Aimee Wallace was a visitor. By laws and revisions were discussed. The club's 6-month best loser will receive either a gift with a \$15 value or \$15 cash — their choice.

The same will be given to anyone who reaches 100 status — plus \$100 will be the \$2 registration fee for KOPS.

National rules state no children under seven will be allowed at meetings on a regular basis; the local club has made a concession to allow mothers to bring their nursing babies.

The club chose turquoise colored T-shirts to be worn as a group at ARD to be held in September in Big Spring. Shirley Jenkins, ARD chairwoman, took orders for the shirts.

TOPS meets every Monday at Canterbury South at 1700 Lancaster. Weigh-in is from 6 to 6:30 p.m.

For additional information, please call Olnee Menges at 263-6819, Frank/Laura Sickles, 263-4502, Pat/Susan Aaron, 263-8042, Lillie Hendricks, 267-6899.

Military

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Manuel Tovias, son of Manuel C. Tovias, 2517 Gunter Circle, was graduated from the Navy's Hospital Corps School.

During the 10-week course at Naval School of Health Sciences, San Diego, Tovias received instructions on the basic medical procedures used by hospital corpsmen as they assist Navy doctors and nurses. He was also introduced to all phases of military health services, including x-ray technology, laboratory analysis, general practice and surgery.

A 1989 graduate of Sweetwater High School, he joined the Navy in August.

Airman Jerry D. Huckabee Jr. has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

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BIG SPRING — Mary Hughes, left, and Letha Nixon of the Howard County Association of Retarded Citizens presented a microwave to members of the Big Spring High School self-contained special education class. Pictured are

class members Benji Yanez, left, and Joshua Hughes. The class will use the microwave when cooking some of the meals they eat together, teacher Reba Price said.

Herald photo by Debbie Linccum

Lighters can hold fatal fascination

DEAR ABBY: The headline read: "Child, age 2, dies in house fire." I work as a paramedic firefighter for a small fire department, and although the fire did not occur on my shift, it happened in my fire district.

I became enraged when the facts of the fire became known. Why would any loving parent give a child a cigarette lighter to play with? The excuse the mother offered was that she didn't think the boy would be able to light it. How wrong she was!

The investigation showed that the child had set eight separate areas of their house on fire while others slept. He became frightened and awakened his grandmother, but they became separated in the confusion and smoke. Another needless death due to a parent's carelessness and the lack of a \$10 smoke detector! — A BITTER AND SADDENED FIREFIGHTER, LARGO, FLA.

DEAR BITTER AND SADDENED: Perhaps someone will read this and realize that children as young as 2 years old are fascinated



Dear Abby

with fire and are capable of operating a cigarette lighter.

Also, this can be a reminder to test your smoke alarm — if you have one. And if you haven't, what a wonderful Father's Day gift it would make. All the kids could pitch in and buy Dad one. (It's June 17.)

DEAR ABBY: You really hit a nerve today regarding those who are perpetually late.

All my childhood memories are peppered with, "We have to wait for Peggy." No matter where we went or what the occasion, the family stood at the front door

"waiting for Peggy."

Abby, please don't advise people to lie to those who are always late by telling them the party is half an hour earlier, thus permitting them to perpetuate their tardiness.

I solved my problem one Christmas. I told Peggy's family that I was going to serve dinner at 5 p.m. Peggy was not there at 5 p.m. so we sat down to eat without her. While we were well into our dinner, Peggy and her family arrived. Shocked and hurt, she said, "You didn't wait for us!"

I told her that since the roads were bad and her husband was a volunteer fireman, I wasn't sure if there was a big fire or they had been involved in an accident. I didn't want bad news on an empty stomach, and in any case, the food was ready.

This happened about 30 years ago. She has never again been late for a meal in my home.

It's nice not to have to "wait for Peggy." Perhaps others still do, but not I. Her loving sister, JEAN IN PENNSYLVANIA



Associated Press photo

Headstart

LONDON — A headstart for lady racegoers brimming with cash, this offering called "Somerville Stakes," from the Philip Somerville collection for autumn/winter, was recently on display in London. The cost is 425 pounds, or \$780 in U.S. currency.

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Students receive awards

Coahoma

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The annual All-Vocational Banquet, hosted in honor of parents, friends, and vocational students was conducted May 15 at the school cafeteria. Tara Robertson and Melinda Mitchell received awards for top salespersons during the chapter's September fund-raising event. The Outstanding Student Award was presented to Stacy Rash, and Shele Reid received an award for All-Around Assistant.

Receiving the Diplomat Awards: Melanie Cobb, office assistant, third place; parliamentary procedure, first; proofreading/editing, first; Shele Reid, office specialist, third place; Melinda Mitchell, medical applications, fourth; bulletin board, fifth; Trina Whitaker, employment skills, fifth; Sheree Marr, proofreading/editing, second place.

Receiving the Statesman Award and advancing to state contest — Tessa Henry, information processing, second; business knowledge skills, fourth; Tara Robertson, banking applications, first; Brady Taylor, prepared verbal communications, first place; business math, first place; proofreading/editing, third; Leah Mathison, verbal extemp communications, first place; Stephanie Mauch, employment skills, first place; Tracy Dorton, financial specialist, first place; business knowledge skills, second place; business math, second place; business law, first place; Shawnte Bryant, prepared verbal communications, second place; Stacy Rash, legal applications, second place; business law, third place; economic awareness, third place.

Receiving the Ambassador National Medal Award for advancing to National Competition in Minneapolis, Minn.: Shawnte Bryant placed in top 10 at national; Tessa Henry, information processing; Tracy Dorton, financial specialist; Tara Robertson, banking applications; and Stacy Rash, legal applications.

Certificates were presented to Mary Berry, Lori Hernandez, Sara McMahan, Shelley Roe, Gloria Ruiz, Denise Wagenman, Tiffani Ward, Kelly Williams, Susan Aaron, Dora Cevallos, Rachel Key, Kim Shubert, Angela Thompson, Monica Gonzales, Lori Rich, and Lupita Urias for participation in the activities of the Coahoma Chapter of BPA.

Honorary life memberships awards were presented to Beverly Martin and Gina McEndree.

Vocational home economics and FHA awards were presented by Barbara Justiss, home economics instructor and FHA chapter ad-

visor. Tessa Henry was presented with a plaque for her two years as club president, Ginger Atkinson received a plaque for her willingness to do whatever was needed to help the chapter. Rachele Phillips was honored with a plaque for outstanding 1989-90 member. Other awards presented were: Comprehensive home economics, Amy McIntosh; housing and interior design, Kevin Bryant; first semester individual family life, Rachel Key; parenting/child development, Jennifer Smith; gourmet cook, Sheree Marr; and apparel class, Krista Thomas. Speak Out for FHA Award Rachele Phillips, Kristen Marr, Becky Walker, Kerri Turner, Amy McIntosh, Shane Sayles, Brandon Bishop. Take the Lead Award, Brenda Grant, Amy McIntosh, Janet Sherman, Kim Hall, Becky Walker, Vida Wright, Kerri Turner, Mandy Bayes. A Better You Award, Kim Hall, Teana Barber, Susan Aaron, Kristy Carlile, Jennifer Smith, Brandy Taylor, Rachele Phillips, Sonja Overton, Lee Ann Reid. Illustrated Talks Award, Becky Walker. Becky also won second place at region conference and fourth place at state conference. A certificate of appreciation was presented to Pam Walker for her assistance to the chapter and her willingness to accompany the group to region and state conference.

FHA awards were presented by Wayne Ivey, FFA Advisor. Awards were presented for senior lamb, Sam Justiss; senior hogs, Darrel Spears; senior steers, Daron Ray; senior capons, Rusty Gianetti; junior lambs, Marcus Williams; junior hogs, Jason Henry; junior capons, Cash Berry. Creed speaking — first place district, Kirby Brown. Quiz — second place district, Brandon McMurray, Melanie Cobb and Greg Atkinson. Bad luck award, Dutch Barr; most improved feeder, Jason Grigg. Eighth grade star, Kraig Walker; star officer; judging team, Melanie Cobb. Chapter farmer, Lee Coleman, Dutch Barr, Cody Wells, Katie Cobb, Star, Jason Grigg. Lone Star district, Jody Carper, Pat Justiss, Cory Anderson, Star, Mandi Walling. Honorary Chapter Farmers Awards were presented to Ace Berry and Freddie Williams. Katie Cobb was named FFA Sweetheart and was presented with a Sweetheart jacket. The Rodeo awards were presented by Dois Ray, Darrel Spears, son of Billy and Veta Spears and Melanie Cobb, daughter of Ken and Shirley Cobb were presented the scholarships.

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South African police eye cult activities

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Police say they are investigating allegations that satanic cults sacrificed as many as 11 children in recent years as part of devil-worshipping rituals.

Several people who identified themselves as former members of satanic cults told of incidents in which babies were bred for the purpose of the ritual murders, a police captain was quoted as telling Sunday newspapers.

The ex-cultists told Police Capt. Leonard Solms they knew of 11 instances of child sacrifice in the past five years, the newspapers said.

They alleged the satanic groups also engaged in sexual acts with children and killed animals, Solms said.

Police said Sunday they have been investigating the allegations for months, but no arrests have been made. They said the alleged incidents described by the ex-cultists took place in the Cape Town area.



Long race

AKRON, Ohio — Goergene Johnson, a 42-year-old mother of two, shows the shoes that she wore Sunday in the Revco-Cleveland Marathon, a 26.2 mile race Monday at her home. Johnson went to the race to run a 6.2 mile race that was to start 15 minutes after the marathon started, but she lost track of time and started the race with the marathoners. She did not realize her mistake until she was about 4 miles into the race. Johnson, who normally runs about 20 miles a week, finished in 4 hours and 4 minutes, a time that was good for an unofficial 83rd place in the women's division.

Tuberculosis up among blacks

AUSTIN (AP) — Tuberculosis has declined among whites and Hispanics in Texas but is increasing among blacks, according to the Texas Department of Health.

Last year, there were 530 tuberculosis cases among blacks, compared with 418 in 1980, said John Bybee, director of the department's tuberculosis control division.

Among whites, in the same time period, cases dropped from 711 to 526; and among Hispanics, from 794 to 738.

Tuberculosis "used to be a disease of elderly white people," but that population group is dwindling, he said.

In whites, the disease still occurs mainly in people age 65 and older. But it appears to be most prevalent among blacks and Hispanics who are age 20 to 44, health officials say.

Acquired immune deficiency syndrome and drug abuse are more prevalent in the younger age group and probably are contributing factors to the tuberculosis increase, Bybee said.

Polygamy 'healthy, and alive and well'

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon Church rejected polygamy 100 years ago under federal pressure and still excommunicates known polygamists, but the state ignores the practice that a historian says is "healthy and alive and well."

Practitioners defend polygamy and its roots in Mormon fundamentalism, and have forged alliances they say are stronger than ever before.

"They have to make more sacrifices and learn more about their beliefs to sustain a defense than anyone else does," said Ogden Kraut, a polygamist with five wives said in a telephone interview last week.

"And in doing so, they become stronger in their convictions," he said. "I think it's more rooted in now than it ever was."

With roughly 30,000 men, women and children living in polygamy communities, the practice is "healthy and alive and well — and it's everywhere," said historian Martha Sonntag Bradley.

She estimates the polygamist community is doubling every decade, both from the birthrate and conversion.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the "Manifesto," in which church President Wilford Woodruff advised the faithful to abandon the practice of men taking multiple wives, a practice introduced by church founder Joseph Smith.

The federal government had threatened to seize church property in the Utah Territory if the Mormons failed to observe anti-polygamy laws. Woodruff feared continuing the practice would imperil the Mormons' hopes for statehood.

From then until now, staunch



COLORADO CITY, Ariz. — Don Cox, left, and Cyril Bradshaw are polygamists in this border town where homes are built big to accommodate more than one wife and several children.

believers have rejected the decision to remove polygamy from the doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

It is a stance that has driven many Mormon fundamentalists, to remote enclaves in Utah, Idaho, Montana, Arizona and Mexico.

Others have kept their beliefs and actions secret.

"If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and believe that the prophet Joseph Smith was his representative on earth, how in the world can you go around saying we have to correct their mistakes? This we cannot do," said Owen Allred,

leader of the Salt Lake City-based Apostolic United Brethren, one of the largest fundamentalist groups. Allred's followers and the 5,000 residents of the adjoining towns of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., prefer a communal setting apart from the modern world.

"We know, even according to Christ himself, that if you're friends with the world, you're the enemy of God," Allred said. "Now that's the main point, to be in harmony with the world."

For Cyril Bradshaw, 67, of Colorado City, polygamy has survived not only through faith, but because

"men have done it very secretly." "Men have taken plural wives and kept them in their homes ... and different places because it's a requirement of the Lord," said Bradshaw, the father of 23 children.

At one time, polygamists were hunted down and jailed for flouting laws against cohabitation. Utah authorities haven't undertaken any such raids since the 1950s. Today, they ignore the practice.

Utah Attorney General Paul Van Dam said prosecution isn't worth it.

Polygamist: I would not do it again

HILDALE, Utah (AP) — After more than a quarter century with two wives, Don Cox no longer sees polygamy as the only road to heaven. He and his wives hope their children will have more sense than to share a spouse.

"I don't feel like there are many advantages," said Earlene Cox, Don's first wife. "If you had asked me seven years ago, when I believed that my salvation depended on my living like this, then my answer might have been different."

Cox, 57, is an electrical contractor who grows bedding plants to help support his wives and 19 children. He thinks having more than one adult at home may be the only advantage to plural marriage.

But Earlene, the 54-year-old mother of 11 of the Cox children, said the lifestyle is an unrelenting emotional struggle.

"It gets plain complicated and it's a challenge," she said. "Another wife comes in and wants to do it her way and it's continual give and take."

Don and Earlene were married in 1953. In 1962, he took a second wife, Katy, who is 50. The three have lived in Colorado City for 22 years.

The Coxes are one of a handful of families in the adjacent polygamist communities of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., who have severed their association with the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which is not part of the Mormon Church.

Earlene and Katy, who are often mistaken for sisters, have shed the faith's traditional long skirts and hair in favor of blue jeans and shorter hairstyles.

"We both decided it's not how you look on the outside, but what you are on the inside that matters," Earlene said.

State bans unfair life insurance

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — A state ban on life insurance policies that regulators consider unfair to the elderly could be the start of a national trend if it withstands an industry challenge in court, officials say.

The policies typically are advertised on television with the appeal: "You cannot be canceled. Your premium can never go up and your protection can never go down."

The policies offer immediate protection and are intended for the elderly. But they require high premiums that can amount to more than the benefits at death.

Washington Insurance Commissioner Dick Marquardt adopted a regulation last year that restricts the sale of such policies. Two insurance companies that specialize in the policies challenged the regulation in Superior Court and lost. They appealed, and the state Supreme Court is scheduled to take up the case May 24.

"We're a trailblazer with this regulation," Marquardt said. "Other state regulators are inquiring. And the fact that we're in court points up the fact we're a leader in this type of regulation."

Marquardt said he searched for years for a way to ban the policies. Since he cannot regulate life insurance policies or rates, he came up with a regulation against unfair competition or "deceptive acts or practices."

"We have been concerned because many plans currently on the market literally trap the insured individual in a no-win situation," said David Rodgers, the state's chief deputy insurance commissioner.

"Unless the policyholder dies within a small window of time, the premium will be more than the benefit," Rodgers said. "Even if the policyholder dies within the window of time, the gain for the estate is often so small as to be meaningless even in a modest estate."

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Calendar

Meeting

- TODAY**
- The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 7 p.m. in the BSHS auditorium.
- WEDNESDAY**
- Co-Dependents Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at Seismic Mountain Medical Center, fourth floor. For more information call 263-123.
 - The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Room 102. Child care is available. Enter at back entrance at Gregg St. parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
- THURSDAY**
- The Big Spring Humane Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 307 Washington.
 - There will be a Kentwood Country-Western program at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. Public invited. No dancing.
 - The Forsan 6th, 7th, and high school bands will present their Spring Concert at 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- There will be an American Quarterhorse Association horse show at 9 a.m. at the Howard County Youthman's Horse Club arena on Garden City Highway. For more information call (1) 354-2216.

Tops on TV

MOVIE

- AT&T Presents: Last Flight Out NBC Movie Of The Week. James Earl Jones, Richard Crenna. A small group of Americans risk their lives to take 500 Vietnamese civilians and American citizens to safety aboard the last flight out of Saigon. 8 p.m. Channel 9.
- Killing In A Small Town CBS Tuesday Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 7.
- thirtysomething. 9 p.m. Channel 2.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

- William Ray Stoker, 20, Breckenridge, pleaded guilty in 118th District Court to burglary of an auto and received ten years probation and \$1,500 in fines.
- Avel Ramirez, 41, 1504 W. Cherokee, is in custody after being arrested and charged with parole violation.
- Adam Vela, 29, 2911 W. Highway 80, is in custody after being arrested and charged with parole violation.
- Juan Renteria, 41, 1009 N. Bell, is in custody after being arrested and charged with parole violation.

Message

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all worked together on this. I don't know how they did it, but they really made it work.

"We're very proud of them," she said. Kentwood principal Andre Clark said the students' idea and initiative with it are no surprise.

"All the kids are involved in an anti-drug curriculum," she said. "Though we've never had a problem with it here, we think it's important to get that message to them."

Clark said Kentwood has parents in a "Just Say No" club, high school students and a drug-sniffing dog visit the campus frequently. Students like the Rap Boys, she said, are evidence that the lessons are effective.

A recent PTA program, she said, featured fun and interesting ways the kids can learn at the elementary level. The Rap Boys and other students demonstrated ways they can teach their classmates about subjects like safety and drug abuse prevention, she said.

After the state competition, Hendrickson said, the video will come back to Kentwood and be made available for use in the community. Groups and teachers interested in using the Rap Boys video, she said, can contact Clark.

Rain-swollen Trinity River reaches record levels

LIBERTY (AP) — The rain-swollen Trinity River hit its highest level here in 48 years, but the vast amounts of water being released into the river through the floodgates of Livingston Dam dropped.

After four days of letting a record 100,000 cubic feet per second of water roar through the dam, engineers reduced the amount Monday to 98,400.

The releases, dictated by the rising water, have flooded thousands of acres below the dam. Normally, 8,000 to 9,000 cfs pass through the dam, about 45 miles north of Liberty and 65 miles north of Houston.

The Red Cross planned to open disaster centers today to help victims in the seven Texas counties flooded since the Trinity began

rising. Elsewhere, tornadoes touched down in Kentucky, floodwaters receded in hard-hit Arkansas and Louisiana, and federal emergency workers were assessing storm damage today in Indiana.

Heavy flooding since April 15 has been blamed for 13 deaths in Texas and one in Oklahoma. Flooding and storms elsewhere have killed two people in Illinois and one in Missouri, a woman who apparently was swept away by floodwaters at Jefferson City on Thursday.

In northwestern and central Louisiana, the Red River continued to fall. Gov. Buddy Roemer said he would ask for federal aid for 11 parishes where crops were destroyed by flooding.

In Texas, where 41 counties have

been declared eligible for federal disaster funds, officials said the Trinity appeared to be stabilizing.

Late Monday, the Trinity was at 29.63 feet in Liberty, surpassing the previous record depth of 29.51 feet in 1942, said Jim Mitchum, coordinator of the Liberty County emergency management office.

Rising waters on Monday crested over a 6-foot dike built around the home of Howard Pipkins. In the past two weeks the home, which had been remodeled after it filled with two feet of water last summer, had become an island.

"I hate to see that happen," said Mitchum. "He worked real hard to get that house from getting water. He was talking earlier about jacking up the house in case it broke."

The Red Cross estimated 4,600

homes have been affected by flooding in the seven-county area. Spokesman Bill Barron said 500 people have stayed at Red Cross shelters since the Trinity began rising more than a week ago. The agency also has distributed more than 9,000 meals from shelters and mobile kitchens.

Residents and merchants in Hot Springs, Ark., began cleaning up from a 24-hour deluge of 13 inches of rain over the weekend.

City officials estimated damage to businesses and public works at \$5.3 million. Not counted was damage to 136 homes in the town of 23 hot springs.

Hot Springs National Park Superintendent Roger Giddings said pumps that distribute the thermal waters to seven bath houses

and three hotels were knocked out by the flooding and would not be working for at least a week.

But a rally was planned for Thursday to spread the message the resort is prepared to receive Memorial Day visitors as usual.

Legislation was introduced Monday in Washington to provide emergency disaster payments to farmers hit by flooding in Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

Twisters touched down Monday evening in seven Kentucky counties. The worst damage appeared to be at Richmond, where a bar, a storehouse and several other buildings were destroyed or heavily damaged. One person was reported injured.

Booths available for Heart of the City

By RUTH COCHRAN
City Editor

BIG SPRING — Preparations for the Heart of the City Festival on June 2 are moving at a quick pace with reservations accepted for 50 booths.

Beverly Franklin, downtown coordinator for Big Spring Main Street, Inc., said she expects an additional 50 booths to be reserved within the next two weeks. Big Spring Main Street is again sponsoring the 6-year-old festival, which is designed to raise funds for downtown improvements.

"So far we've got around 50 booths already sold, but you can never have too many," Franklin said. "And we need more — we want it to be successful."

Franklin said she also is reserving booth space in the 100 block of Main specifically for churches and non-profit groups. Five city blocks in the downtown area will be closed during the day-long event.

"We sent out invitations to all the churches in town to try to encourage them to come to the 100 block of Main with garage sales," she said. "It could be any non-profit organization. We'd love to see them do that and be a part of Heart of the City. Tables will be available to them and they can enjoy the festival."

Most of the expected 100 booths will be filled by food vendors and arts and crafts businesses, Franklin said. The festival also will feature entertainment throughout

the day and a free street dance by Big Spring's own Jody Nix.

"People pay a lot of money to listen to Jody," Franklin said. "So it's a pretty nice thing that they get to see him (for free)."

During the day, the Marvin Casey Band, the Bitter Creek Band and Open Ear Production, a two-man band, will perform at the festival, she said. The event also features senior citizens races, a skate board contest, a puppet show, Middle Eastern dancers and more, Franklin said.

For auction lovers, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will auction donated items to raise funds for the chamber. A chamber spokeswoman said donations include a three-quarter page ad in the Big Spring Herald, a Panasonic programmable telephone and a two-family pack at Al's Hickory House. Anyone wanting to donate items can contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Franklin said the festival, which will begin at 9 a.m. and end at midnight when the street dance is over, has grown from year to year. The event has been vital to Big Spring Main Street, Inc., she said.

"I don't think it's grown quite fast enough," she said. "But we hope to change that. It was first designed as a fund raiser for the renovation of the downtown area. The funds that we raise are either through donations or renting the booths."

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- David Glenn Tubb, 42, 538 Westover No. 216, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain a single marked lane.

- A person reported the forgery of a personal check that occurred at a business in the 1100 block of 11th Place on May 12.

A person in the 800 block of West Eighth reported the burglary of a vehicle. Thieves took Craftsman tools valued at \$45.

- A person in the 2900 block of West Highway 80 reported the burglary of a habitation in which an item valued at \$200 was stolen.

From commuting to traveling

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

GRADY — Margaret Melton, 56, who has spent more than half of her career teaching in the same fifth grade classroom at Grady Elementary School, loves to travel. Almost anywhere in the country will do, she says. She just needs room to roam.

Traveling has and will continue to be a favorite adventure for Melton, who retires June 1 after 13 years at Grady and 10 years of teaching sixth grade at Levelland.

Hitting the byways of the nation during three-month summer vacations in the past has proved to be a great escape for her, her husband Don, a previous director of counseling and guidance at Howard College, and their son and daughter, who are now grown and on their own.

"We traveled all summer long. Sometimes we were gone several weeks at a time," Melton said. "It's been fun. I think teaching has a tremendous amount of adventure for a mother."

Even the 60-mile daily round trip between her home in Big Spring and Grady has been a labor of love, she says. "I've enjoyed teaching here very much," she assures. "That's why I've driven 60 miles a day."

Adding in mileage from weekend trips to the family's new home, nestled near four lakes in Graham, between Fort Worth and Abilene, Melton is now traveling 700 miles a week.

"We wanted to go back where there's water and trees. We like to fish a lot," she said of the scenic landscape surrounding the private development where they have chosen to live during retirement.

But traveling remains on their minds. "We plan to get a new travel trailer and just roam the country," she said.

Where? "Oh, all over the United States. Maybe to Alaska, then we may go to Hawaii," she said. "We love mountains. We



LENORAH — Margaret Melton, a fifth-grade teacher at Grady Elementary School, will retire June 1 after more than 20 years of teaching, the last 13 with the Grady ISD. She and her husband plan to do a bit of travelling.

love the lakes."

Melton, who was born in Angus and raised in Brownboro near Tyler, got an associate's degree from Tyler Junior College. She then waited until her two children were in school before she went back to school herself in 1965 at age 31.

Eighteen months later she got her bachelor of science degree from the College of the Southwest at Hobbs, N.M., where her husband was teaching. In 1967, at age 33, she began teaching and in 1970 she got her master of education degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She and her family were then living in

Seminole. Her husband retired from teaching at the college in Hobbs four years ago. Since then he has been at Howard College for three years, was a counselor for two years at Grady High School and worked as a loan officer for the Big Spring Education Credit Agency.

Their son, Greg, is an assistant principal and mayor in Haskell. He also teaches at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Their daughter, Teri Marrow, lives with her family in North Richland Hills near Dallas. The Meltons have four grandchildren.

Co-op members to vote on Cap Rock-Lone Star merger

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

CROSSROADS — Officials recently announced a proposal to combine the electrical cooperatives of Cap Rock Electric Co-Op in Stanton and Lone Wolf Electric Co-Op in Colorado City. Changes must now be voted on by members of both cooperatives.

The merger, approved by both cooperatives' boards of directors in March, follows six years of studies and is expected to save \$1.6 million over the next 10 years. It should also increase the bargaining power and resources of the cooperatives, officials say. No employee layoffs or transfers will occur.

If members approve the plan, Lone Wolf, which has 1,400 miles of lines going to 3,200 meters in six

counties, will transfer their assets and become a division of Cap Rock, which has 5,000 miles of lines going to 17,000 meters in 13 counties. The Cap Rock board of directors will be expanded from nine to 11 members, with the other two elected from the Lone Wolf area.

Lone Wolf members will vote on the plan at a special membership meeting May 29 at 7 p.m. at Colorado City High School.

Cap Rock members, since they would not be transferring any assets, need only vote to amend their articles of incorporation to add two new board members, said a Cap Rock attorney.

Their members will vote on the amendment at a Sept. 8 membership meeting at the Chaparral Center at Midland College. That is

when they will hold their annual election for directors. Precincts 1, 2 and 7 are up for election this year.

"This combining of the two cooperatives will help stabilize rates for Lone Wolf members, as well as place us in a more advantageous position for negotiating future power supply cost," said Kenneth Rogers, general manager of Lone Wolf. "At the same time, it will give our employees advanced technology and equipment we do not have available at the present time, as well as added manpower in times of emergency."

The general manager of Cap Rock, David Pruitt, said the merger will improve the quality and economy of Cap Rock. "This combination is one of those classic combinations where everyone in-

volved wins," he said. "It is good for the co-op, good for the members, good for employees and good for our local communities."

"This combining is a partnership that is simply good business," he said. "The savings to us is more long-term. Their's is more immediate."

Besides stabilizing rates and increasing bargaining power in purchases, officials say combining should help buffer future rate increases, increase ability to attract larger power loads and improve the ability to borrow loans on better terms.

According to the agreement, which was signed March 13, Cap Rock will retain its name while Lone Wolf will be known as Lone Wolf Electric Division of Cap Rock.

Rogers, Lone Wolf's manager for 21 years, will continue to locally manage the Colorado City office. Employees will continue to live in their service area and the division will remain in the local chamber of commerce.

Lone Wolf members will be members of Cap Rock, with full and equal membership rights, according to the agreement. Though assets and liabilities will be transferred to Cap Rock, Lone Wolf's bank deposits will remain in local banks and local purchasing will continue as present.

"In fact," Rogers said, "You will hardly be able to see any difference in Lone Wolf Electric after combining, except for system improvements made possible by combining."

Deaths

Edna Neeley

STANTON — Edna Mansell Neeley, 78, Stanton, died Monday, May 21, 1990, in Physician's and Surgeon's Hospital, Midland, after a lengthy illness.

Services were Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Stanton, officiating. Burial was in Westhaven Memorial Park, Midland, under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born July 11, 1911, in Duncan, Okla. A former resident of Crane, she moved to Stanton in 1972 from Colorado City. She married Leon Neeley in 1933 in McCamey. He preceded her in death in 1980.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Christon, Stanton; one son, Gene Neeley, Odessa; one sister,

Mary Wesberry, Midland; two brothers: Roy Mansell, Glendora, Calif.; and Ernest Mansell, Crane; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Chona Ramirez

BIG SPRING — Chona De Los Santos Ramirez, 66, Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, at Colonial Manor in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Chester McSwain

BIG SPRING — Chester Lee McSwain, 63, Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Lt. Bill Owens, of the Salvation Army, officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 13, 1927, in Knott. He was a Baptist and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving

in World War II. He lived in Big Spring most of his life, and worked in the oil fields.

Survivors include three sons: Mike McSwain, Odessa; and Dewey McSwain and Larry McSwain, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Phillippe, Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army.

Elza Nance

COPPERAS COVE — Elza Corrin Nance, 85, Copperas Cove, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, at her home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring, with Dr. Claude Craven, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home, Lampasas.

She was born Oct. 8, 1904, in Westbrook, and married Errett A. Nance Nov. 14, 1921, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death April 30, 1974. She was a housewife and mother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kemper.

Survivors include three daughters: Juana Lee Moore, Denton; Rexie Jean Kennedy, Copperas Cove; and Dawn Grant, Richland; three sons: Norris Nance, Comanche; and Charles Nance, Denton; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Pallbearers will be Deacons of the Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring.

Terry Harkrider

CORPUS CHRISTI — Terry T. Harkrider, 47, Corpus Christi, died Friday, May 18, 1990, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were Sunday in the Seaside Funeral Home Chapel with Joyce Beville, hospice chaplain, officiating.

MYERS & SMITH
Funeral Home and Chapel

267-8288
301 E. 24th St., Big Spring

He was a graduate of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Previously, he had worked as a buyer for Champlin Refinery for over 12 years. He was a member of the Bay Yacht Club of Corpus Christi.

Survivors include his wife, Linn Harkrider, Corpus Christi; his father, W.L. Harkrider, Burnett; and his twin brother, Gerry G. Harkrider, Ft. Davis.

The family suggests memorials to the Spohn Hospice program, Corpus Christi, Planned Parenthood of South Texas, or the donor's favorite charity.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch

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Chester Lee McSwain, 63, died Monday. Graveside services will be 3:00 P.M. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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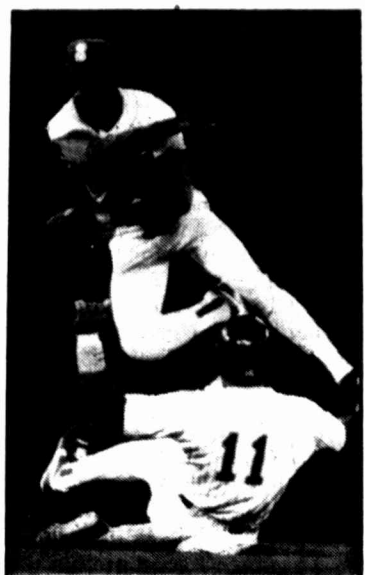
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Turning two

MILWAUKEE — Seattle Mariners second baseman Harold Reynolds (4) flies over the sliding Milwaukee Brewers Gary Sheffield (11) trying to complete a double play Monday.

New Jersey Nets promote Willis

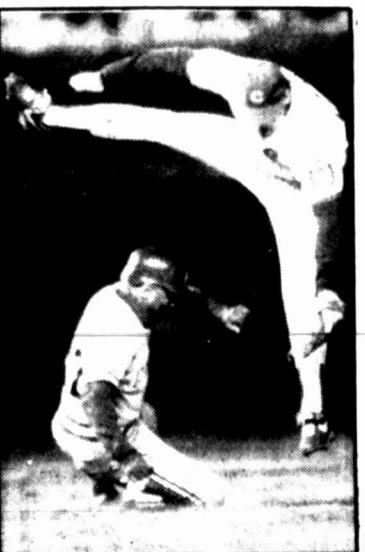
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Nets have promoted Willis Reed to senior vice president, ending speculation that the former New York Knicks star would move to Atlanta to coach the Hawks. Reed served as the Nets' Vice President of Basketball and Business Development during the past season.

Father of 3-point dies at age 69

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Edward Steitz, the father of the 3-point shot and other rule changes in amateur basketball, died at the age of 69. Steitz, director of athletics emeritus at Springfield College, had a heart attack in the driveway of his East Longmeadow home after going out to get the newspaper, school spokesman Ken Cerino said.

Camp funds given to school athletes

ELLENSBURG, Wash. (AP) — Thousands of dollars in public funds from Central Washington University basketball camps were improperly distributed to athletes, the state auditor said in a report. The state report followed an internal auditor's report last month that led to the resignation of long-time coach Dean Nicholson. An earlier CWU audit found Nicholson made improper payments of more than \$65,000 to 49 athletes over three years.



Wide swipe

CHICAGO — Cincinnati Reds Billy Hatcher sneaks under Chicago Cubs second baseman Ryan Sandberg on a steal that turned into a two-base run after Sandberg missed a wide throw during the eighth inning.

NL, AL choose players of week

NEW YORK (AP) — Mickey Tettleton of the Baltimore Orioles and Andre Dawson of the Chicago Cubs were named American League and National League players of the week. Tettleton batted .522 last week with 12 hits in 23 at-bats. He had three doubles, three home runs and drove in a league-high 10 runs. Dawson hit .429 with five home runs and 15 RBIs.

Pistons will try 'pretty'

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Pistons may have to play prettier basketball tonight to beat the Chicago Bulls.

On the other hand, the Pistons might be able to continue winning ugly.

Detroit held opponents to a league-low 98.3 points during the regular season, the sixth-best ever in an 82-game schedule. But defense had little to do with the Pistons' 86-77 victory in the opener of the best-of-7 Eastern Conference final on Sunday.

It was just plain ugly. "That was the game they should have won," Detroit guard Isiah Thomas said. "We played poorly on offense, we missed open shots, which is uncharacteristic for us."

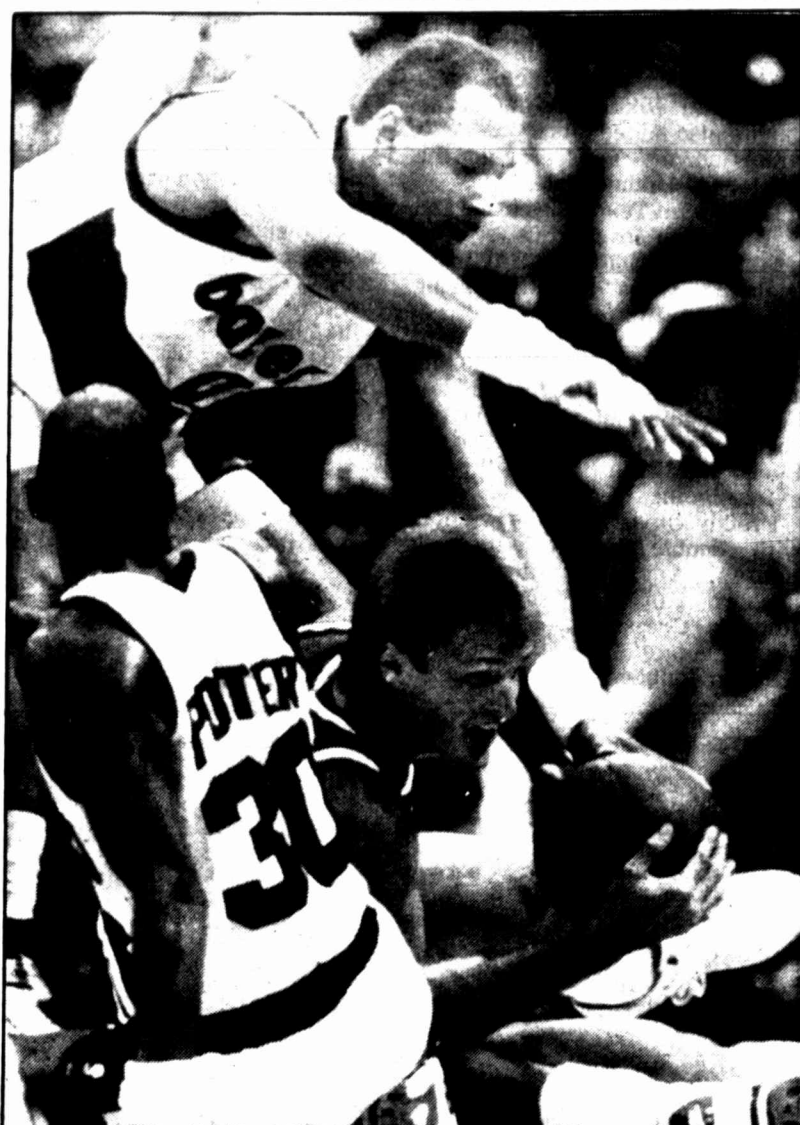
Detroit shot 42.3 percent; Chicago shot 37.8 percent. Detroit missed eight free throws and turned the ball over 16 times; Chicago had only seven offensive rebounds and turned the ball over 10 times in the second half.

It doesn't get much uglier than that.

"We didn't play very well at all and we won pretty convincingly," Thomas said. "I think that's a good sign."

The Pistons, bidding to become only the third franchise in NBA history to repeat as champions,

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PORTLAND, Ore. — Phoenix's Tom Chambers, center, hits the deck as he fights for control of the ball with Trail Blazers Terry Porter, bottom, and Kevin Duckworth, top, during their NBA playoff game Monday night.

Unlikely heroes slip by Phoenix

By **BOB BAUM**
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — They were unlikely heroes.

Kevin Duckworth, who broke his right hand three weeks ago, made the game-winning basket.

Danny Young, a slender, unassuming backup point guard, blocked Phoenix's last shot, giving him five blocks for the season in more than 1,500 minutes.

As a result, the Portland Trail Blazers escaped with a 100-98 victory over the Suns Monday night in the opener of the Western Conference finals.

"We didn't play very smart down the stretch," Portland coach Rick Adelman said. "That's very obvious. We should have controlled the game better than we did."

"But what I liked about it is defensively we did what we had to do and then Duck made the big shot."

It was a matchup between the weary and rusty, and the weary won.

Portland was playing just two days after concluding its emotional seven-game conference semifinal series against San Antonio.

The Suns hadn't played for six days after upsetting the Los Angeles Lakers in the other

semifinal.

"Our execution was rusty. We weren't real sharp," Phoenix coach Cotton Fitzsimmons said. "But give Portland credit. They played hard and they got what they needed to win at the end."

After his team took the home-court advantage away from Utah and the Lakers, Fitzsimmons wasn't shaken by the two-point loss. He looked optimistically to Game 2 Wednesday night.

"We'll be fine," he said. "We've been here before. A man asked me how important is this game? About as important as it was up in Utah when they beat us by 20."

The Suns shot just 41 percent from the field and their big guns, Tom Chambers and Kevin Johnson, were inconsistent.

Chambers scored 29 points but missed several open shots. Johnson scored 20, but made only two of 12 from the field after the first quarter.

"I think we can execute better. I think we can shoot better," Fitzsimmons said. "The opportunities are there for us. We couldn't even execute fast breaks. It was kind of a miracle when we had a fast break."

Portland led most of the game, but never by more than eight

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Good, clean fans

SAN FRANCISCO — Nuns from the Sister Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Los Altos, Calif., wave Philadelphia Phillies pennants from the skybox after the Phillies beat the

San Francisco Giants, 5-2, Monday night. The order, which moved from Philadelphia to Los Altos, are big Phillies fans.

Age, Indy haven't stopped Foyt yet

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — People ridicule 41-year-old Lyle Alzado for trying to make a comeback in pro football, and 43-year-old Nolan Ryan is considered a wonder for continuing to pitch effectively.

The announcement that former swimming superstar Mark Spitz, now 39, will try to make the 1992 Olympic team drew an incredulous response.

But in auto racing, many of the biggest stars are over 40; some over 50; and one of the most recognized drivers just goes on and on.

A.J. Foyt Jr., driving in a fifth decade at Indianapolis, is 55 years old.

Yet, here he is, walking regally through Gasoline Alley and along pit road to the cheers and shouts of "A.J., A.J." and "Super Tex." He smiles and waves to the thousands of fans who look upon him as an icon.

Then he wriggles his stocky body — considerably thicker now than when he first sat in a roadster at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 1958 — into the cockpit of a sleek 1990 Lola-Chevrolet.

The car roars to life, the crowd roars its approval and Foyt goes to

work — at more than 219 mph.

He qualified as a rookie at 143.130 mph. But the world has changed since then.

Speeds have skyrocketed, the engines have moved from front to back, the cars have become — amazingly — a lot safer and Foyt has gone from raw youngster to wily oldtimer.

"People say I should quit because I'm not winning. Well, if I felt like I did not have a shot, I'm not too proud to step aside and run the team and let a young driver take over."

— **A.J. Foyt**

In the intervening years, he became the first driver to win the Indy 500 four times, taking the checkered flag in 1961, 1964, 1967 and 1977. He is the only man to have won the race in both an old front-engine roadster and in a modern rear-engine racer.

On May 27, he will extend his 11-

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Meek inherit AL

By the **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The meek may not inherit the earth, but they're making noise in the American League.

— The Seattle Mariners, who have never had a winning season, scored eight times in the ninth inning, seven off Milwaukee relief ace Dan Plesac, and beat the Brewers 9-4 Monday night.

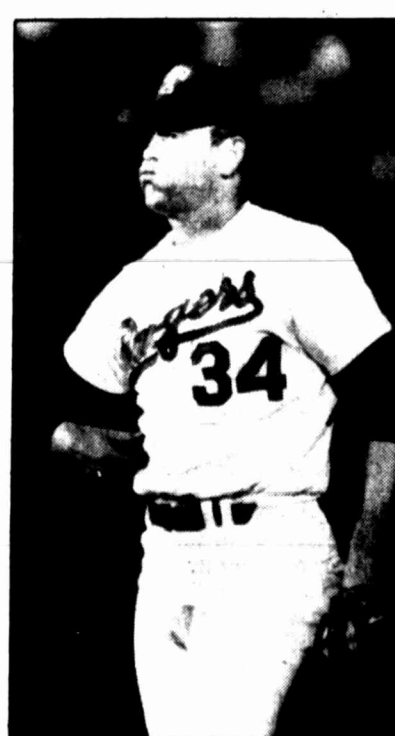
"There is no way obviously this team gave up, no way at all," Seattle manager Jim Lefebvre said. "You just don't pack in the bags. We thought we had a shot at it. We knew we had to go up there and swing the bats because this guy (Plesac) is not going to fool around with you."

— The Detroit Tigers, who finished last in the AL East a year ago with a 59-103 record, didn't wait until the ninth inning. They scored eight times in the second, including home runs by Lou Whitaker and Lloyd Moseby, and withstood three Kansas City homers to defeat the Royals 11-6 for their seventh straight victory.

"We've got some power," Manager Sparky Anderson said. "We'll hit a lot of home runs, but we have to keep the other guys from hitting so many."

— The Chicago White Sox, last in the AL West a year ago at 69-92, re-

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HOUSTON — The Astros' Eric Anthony, center of left photo, gets a high five after hitting the winning home run in the eleventh inning Monday night. Anthony's solo blast beat the Pittsburgh Pirates, 3-2. Things weren't as happy in Arlington. The Rangers announced that super-pitcher Nolan Ryan, above, was placed on the 15-day disabled list with back problems.

Meeting moves Mets

By the **ASSOCIATED PRESS**

After Howard Johnson held his meeting in the clubhouse, Kevin McReynolds assembled one at home plate.

Before Monday night's game at Los Angeles, Johnson called a players-only meeting to discuss why the New York Mets had won only one of their first six games on the West Coast.

"Some of these teams are going to pay because we're going to start playing much better," Johnson said after the meeting.

The Dodgers were the first team to pay up.

McReynolds hit a grand slam to highlight an eight-run third inning as the Mets routed the Dodgers 12-3.

"I believe in meetings if it produces that," Manager Davey Johnson said after his offense recorded season highs in runs and hits with 14. "They have my permission to have one any time they want."

The Mets, who trail first-place Pittsburgh by 4½ games in the NL East, held a number of meetings last season while unsuccessfully chasing Chicago.

"We had a lot of this last year, where two or three guys talked about their dissatisfaction, and

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On the side



Muscle beach

INDIANAPOLIS — Defending Indy 500 champ Emerson Fittipaldi of Brazil clowns during the front row photo session at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday. Fittipaldi will start Sunday's race from the pole position.

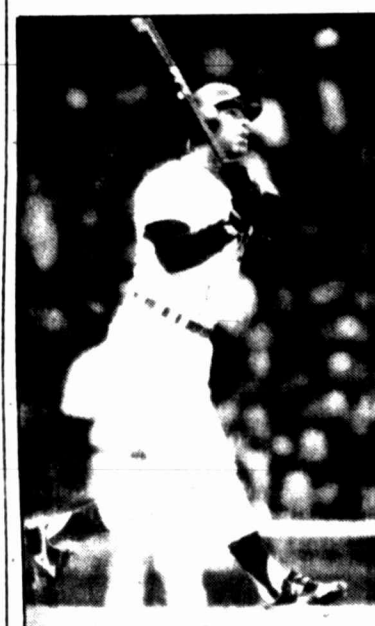
College baseball tournament teams

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The Atlantic Coast Conference and the Pac-10 South each had four members selected for the 48-team NCAA Division I tournament.

North Carolina was the only ACC team chosen as a top seed. The Pac-10 had Stanford and Arizona State selected as No. 1 teams in the eight regional, double-elimination tournament.

Conference winners got 26 automatic bids to the regional tournaments, which will be played May 24-28.

The eight top seeds with region are: North Carolina, Northeast; Miami, Fla., Atlantic; Louisiana State, South I; Florida State, South II; Arkansas, Midwest; Texas, Central; Stanford, West I; Arizona State, West II.



Things to come

DETROIT — Lou Whitaker of the Detroit Tigers watches his three-run homer off Kansas City Royals pitcher Kevin Appier seal toward the seats in the second inning of the Tigers' 11-6 win Monday night.

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always seem to bring out the worst in Chicago.

"I don't think there will be many beautiful offensive games in this series," Thomas said. "We're just too accustomed to each other for things to break clean and easy for either team."

During the regular season the Bulls averaged 109.5 points per game, but just 97.8 points against the Pistons. Michael Jordan, who won his fourth consecutive NBA scoring title with an average of 33.6 points, could manage only a 26-point average in five games, four of them losses, against the Pistons.

"We play them five times a year in the season. We've met them the last three years in the playoffs," Thomas said. "We aren't going to fool or trick each other. We've seen their plays and know them, same as they know ours."

Chicago coach Phil Jackson said the first game resembled a rugby match more than a basketball game. It was hard to argue with him.

Each team was called three times for illegal defense and there were long periods when neither club could score. The game was 2-0 old before the first points were registered. Detroit went scoreless for a 3-0 stretch of the second quarter. Chicago went dry for the first 3:23 of the third.

"Man, we're already tired of each other," Detroit's John Salley said. "One game and I don't want to see them again. But we will. It's a drag, but we'll go hanging with them again."

More wins send Dream Team to top

UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION Division I

Dream Team 6, Black Panthers 4 Heather James and Nikki Mills outdueled Kathy Green as the Dream Team nipped the Black Panthers.

James went the first three and one-third innings and got the win, allowing one run. Green pitched the full six innings for the Black Panthers, and tossed a five-hitter, striking out 14. The Dream Team scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning to secure the win. Defensively they were aided by a good catch by left fielder Stacia Loftin in the bottom of the sixth.

Amanda Eggleston led the Dream Team with two singles. Mandy Morrow, Tisa Sevy and Mills all added singles.

Green led the Black Panthers with a homer. Stephanie Talbot and Tracie Castillo also added hits.

The Black Panthers fall to 2-4.

Dream Team 7, Untouchables 5

In a battle of unbeaten, the Dream Team won another close

contest as Heather James picked up the win, pitching a two-hitter. Melissa Martinez and Jessica Cobos pitched for the Untouchables, only allowing four hits.

Teri Gonzales led the Dream Team with two hits, including a grand slam. Nikki Mills and Sarah Fannin also added hits.

Martinez and Lanspergy got the hits for the Untouchables.

The Dream Team goes to 5-0 and the Untouchables fall to 3-1.

COAHOMA LITTLE LEAGUE

Coahoma Lions 13, Big Spring Astros 7

The Coahoma Lions stayed perfect as they pounded out 13 hits against Big Spring Astros pitcher Colby Wegman. Chris Arguello pitched the first two innings for the Lions, and Brian Ruiz got the win in four innings of relief.

Freddy Olivas led the winners with a double and an inside-the-park homer. Arguello added two doubles, Ruiz two singles and Rodney Gressett a triple and single. Adam Tindol and Calvin King hit doubles; Isaac Martinez a

triple and Jeremy Meeks a single.

For the Astros, Wegman singled and doubled. John Smith tripled, and Clint Faulker, Wesley Platt, Jason Laseter and Jeff Suggs singled.

The Coahoma Lions are now 8-0.

INTERNATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

Rebels 17, Royals 5

Toby Henderson was the winning pitcher for the Rebels, who improve their record to 8-2. Maurice Martinez added in relief. Darrell LeGrand took the loss for the Royals.

Rogelio Cervantes and Manuel Cervantes led the Rebels with three hits apiece. Joe Montes got two hits. Cervantes and Montes hit homers.

Nick Arguello led the Royals with two hits. Brandon Cline hit a double for the Royals.

The Royals fall to 0-10 for the year.

BABE RUTH LEAGUE

Odessa West 7, Big Spring Outlaws 6

A.J. Madero got the win and

Michael Paul Martinez got the loss for the Outlaws.

Joe Bitolas and Aaron Gallegos got two hits each for Odessa West. Gabriel Aguilar went four-for-four and David Patterson went two-for-three.

Big Spring Outlaws 18, Odessa West 5

The Outlaws rebounded in the second game as Jason Henderson fired a one-hitter. Despite six Outlaw errors, the game was called after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Aguilar led the Outlaw bats with a three-for-three performance at the plate. Patterson drove in three runs.

The Outlaws are now 3-3 for the season.

NATIONAL LL STANDINGS

Lions	6-3
Panthers	6-3-1
Rangers	5-4-1
Yankees	4-4-2
Cardinals	1-8

Last Week

Rangers 18, Cardinals 12; Lions 12, Yankees 6; Ponies 8, Cardinals 7; Rangers 5, Lions 4; Ponies 19, Yankees 7.

This week
Ponies vs. Lions; Yankees vs. Rangers; Cardinals vs. Lions; (make-up); Cardinals vs. Lions; Rangers vs. Ponies; Cardinals vs. Yankees.

COAHOMA LITTLE LEAGUE

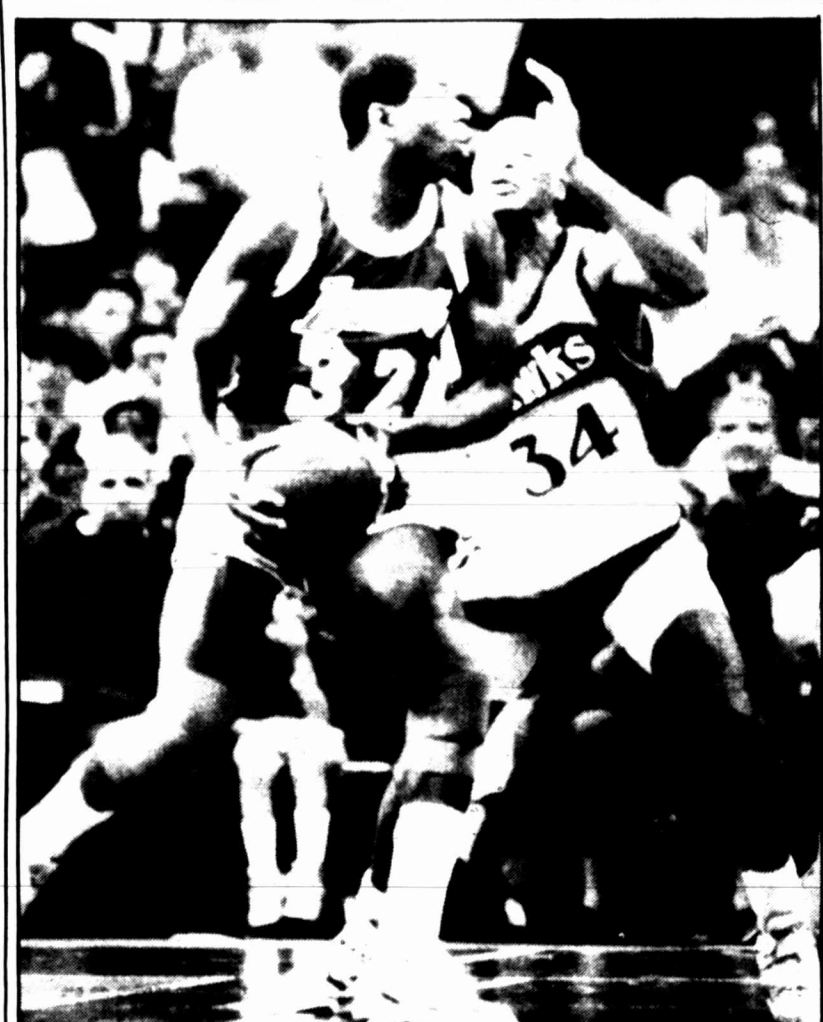
Coahoma Lions 19, Big Spring Hawks 9

The Coahoma Lions scored 10 runs in the first inning and never looked back as they pushed their record to 9-0 for the season.

Brian Ruiz went the distance for the Lions, allowing five hits, striking out four and walking 12. Kris Pirkle was the loser for the Hawks.

Top hitters for the Lions were Freddy Olivas, with an inside-the-park homer, two doubles and a single, and Adam Tindol who hit a double and two singles. Ruiz, Isaac Martinez and Rodney Gressett all singled and doubled; Chris Arguello tripled and Steven Rivera and Harold Ott singled.

For the Hawks, Kendall Davis tripled and Jason Williams, Damien Puentes, Jerrod Helms and Jay Sherrill all singled.



INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The Los Angeles Lakers' Earvin "Magic" Johnson was voted the NBA's most valuable player for the second straight year and the third time in his pro career.

Laker's Johnson is triple valuable

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Lunch? A news conference?

Sure, Magic will be able to make it.

He's a man with lots of free time, much to his displeasure.

The Los Angeles Lakers' Magic Johnson, his basketball playing over for the season, was officially to be named the NBA's Most Valuable Player today.

David Stern, the league's commissioner, will present Johnson the trophy for the second consecutive year — and third time in four years — at a news conference at the otherwise quiet Forum.

The award will be given to Johnson between the first and second games of the Western Conference final, same as last year. But unlike last year, Johnson and the Lakers aren't involved.

Although the Lakers had the league's best regular-season record this year (63-19), they were eliminated in five games by the Phoenix Suns in the conference semifinals.

Johnson said he didn't know what he was going to do for the next month, since he hadn't plan-

ned to be off work so early.

Ironically, Lakers coach Pat Riley earlier received the NBA's Coach of the Year honor for the first time. So the Lakers had the league's coach and MVP of the 1989-90 season, yet were eliminated from the playoffs the earliest since 1981.

Johnson, however, did have an MVP-type season, as recognized in the voting by 92 media representatives in 27 cities.

The Lakers announced Monday that he had won the award, but results of the balloting were not immediately released by the league. The deadline for turning in media ballots was the final day of the regular season.

Charles Barkley of the Philadelphia 76ers, Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls, Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz, Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks, Akeem Olajuwon of the Houston Rockets and David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs were expected to be among the other top vote-getters.

Johnson averaged 22.3 points, 11.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds per game this season.

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points.

The Suns, who lost in Portland for the 18th straight time, took an 87-86 lead early in the fourth quarter on Jeff Hornacek's 10-footer.

The Blazers regained the lead and were up 98-93 on Clyde Drexler's soaring, one-handed rebound basket with 2:59 to play.

Two Portland turnovers opened the door for Phoenix. Hornacek scored on a drive, then Chambers tied the score at 98-98 by converting a three-point play with 1:09 remaining.

After another Portland turnover, the Suns had a chance for the go-ahead basket, but Johnson missed a layup.

For its game-winner, Portland went to a pick-and-roll play it has used "a zillion" times, Duckworth said.

Terry Porter drove to the basket, and Duckworth headed for the baseline. When Duckworth's defender, Mark West, moved to stop Porter, the Portland playmaker got the ball to the 7-foot center, who sank a wide-open eight-footer with 17.3 seconds to go.

"He's phenomenal," Portland's Buck Williams said. "The man came back with a broken bone in his hand. He's playing on a lot of courage right now. That's all he's playing on."

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that can be a distraction," Davey Johnson said. "It's better any time you have something like this on your chest to just get it out in the open, talk about it and work it out. Meetings can be beneficial, but if a lot of guys don't participate, then it's not."

Dwight Gooden (3-3) was the beneficiary of the Mets' biggest offensive showing of the season. Gooden allowed three hits and two runs in five innings to improve to 11-1 lifetime against the Dodgers.

Reds 4, Cubs 3

Cincinnati made five errors but managed to beat Chicago at Wrigley Field as Todd Benzinger drove in two runs. It was the first-place Reds' eighth victory in the last 11 games and their 14th in 17 road contests.

Braves 6, Cardinals 5

Jim Presley's RBI double with two out in the ninth inning lifted Atlanta over visiting St. Louis. The Braves have won three straight.

The Braves hit four home runs, including solo shots in the sixth inning by Dale Murphy, Ernie Whitt and rookie Francisco Cabrera.

Ron Gant opened the ninth with a

single off Scott Terry (0-3) and moved to second on a sacrifice. After Lonnie Smith struck out, Presley won the game.

Joe Boever (1-2) earned the victory with one scoreless inning as the Braves won for the seventh time in nine games.

Astros 3, Pirates 2

Houston rookie Eric Anthony hit a home run off reliever Ted Power (0-2) with one out in the 11th inning to send Pittsburgh to its third straight loss. It was Anthony's third homer in the last five games.

Juan Agosto (2-1) pitched two innings for the victory after replacing Jim Deshaies.

The Astros tied the score 2-2 in the bottom of the seventh when Franklin Stubbs hit his fifth home run on a pitch from starter Doug Drabek.

Phillies 5, Giants 2

Lenny Dykstra had three hits to hike his major-league leading average to .405 and scored the game-winning run as Philadelphia beat San Francisco at Candlestick Park.

Terry Mulholland (3-1), a former Giant, allowed two runs in 5-2-3 innings.

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maintained 2½ games behind the world champion Oakland Athletics with a 6-5 victory over the New York Yankees, scoring all their runs on homers by Dan Pasqua, Robin Ventura and 42-year-old Carlton Fisk.

"We're trying to go with young people here," Manager Jeff Torborg said. "But Carlton Fisk is a special player."

Elsewhere, it was Oakland 4, Toronto 1; Minnesota 7, Baltimore 3; Boston 4, Texas 2; and California 5, Cleveland 3.

Tigers 11, Royals 6

The Royals led 2-0 on Gerald Perry's first-inning homer and Jim Eisenreich's RBI double in the second. But Moseby walked to start the bottom of the second, took third on Larry Sheets' single and scored on Tom Gordon's wild pitch.

The Tigers had only three hits in the inning but took advantage of five walks and a hit batsman. They added two more runs in the third on Matt Nokes' leadoff homer and an RBI single by Whitaker.

White Sox 6, Yankees 5

Fisk greeted Lance McCullers

with a three-run homer in the seventh inning to erase a 4-3 deficit. It was Fisk's second home run of the season and 338th of his career, tying him for 46th place on the all-time list with Don Baylor. Fisk has hit 317 home runs as a catcher, 10 short of Johnny Bench's record.

Pasqua's solo homer in the third and Ventura's two-run shot in the fourth, both off Andy Hawkins, helped Chicago wipe out a 3-0 deficit. Rookie Scott Radinsky (3-0) went 1-2-3 innings in relief of Jeff Kutzler for the victory. Lee Guetterman (2-2), who walked the only batter he faced, was the loser.

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 1

Jose Canseco hit a three-run homer in a game featuring a bench-clearing incident. The A's and Blue Jays have had several altercations during the past year, including a fight between George Bell and Gene Nelson last May. This time, Todd Stottlemyre (4-5) came inside to Rickey Henderson on the second pitch of the game, causing both benches and bullpens to empty. No punches were thrown.

Twins 7, Orioles 3

Kent Hrbek and Dan Gladden homered as Minnesota notched its 14th victory in 18 games this month after a 7-12 April. The Twins got all the runs they needed in the first inning off Bob Milacki (1-3), who threw only 21 pitches but was touched for four runs and four hits.

Gladden drew a leadoff walk and stole second. Al Newman followed with an RBI single and also stole second. After Kirby Puckett reached on an infield hit, Hrbek hit an RBI double. Gary Gaetti followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0 and Gene Larkin scored Hrbek with a single.

Red Sox 4, Rangers 2

Wade Boggs capped a three-run seventh inning with a two-run, two-out single as Boston handed Texas its 12th loss in 15 games. Mike Boddicker (6-3) allowed only three hits, including a two-run homer by Julio Franco in the first inning, in eight innings for his fifth consecutive victory. Jeff Reardon got his third save.

Texas rookie Brian Bohannon allowed just three hits, including a solo homer by Ellis Burks in the fifth. The Red Sox loaded the bases in the seventh.

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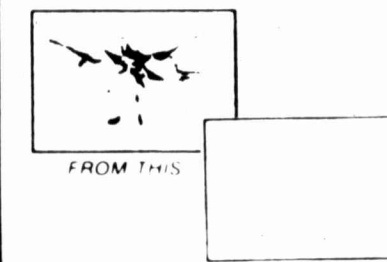
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AIR CONDITIONER, refrigerator, desk, couch, chest, bed, scooters, skateboards, tools, miscellaneous. 3417 West Highway 80.

THREE FAMILY garage sale, back of 2007 Nolan, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Adult and childrens books, lamps, Frankoma pottery, furniture, clothes, electrical appliances, lots of miscellaneous.

Misc. For Sale 537

FOR CLEAN guaranteed used refrigerators, ranges, washer & dryers, see Branham Furniture I & II, 2004 West 4th, 263-1469 & 1008 East 3rd, 263-3066.

RENT TO own furniture & appliances. 90 days, same as cash. (Subject to approval). CIG, 406 Runnels, 263-7338.

Misc. For Sale 537

HAVE SOMETHING to sell for less than \$100? Put a "BIG 3 AD" in the Big Spring Herald. Classified! Requirements: One item per ad, 15 words or less, 3 days for \$3.00! Come by and see Debby or Elizabeth!!

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Houses For Sale 601

THREE BEDROOM, two bath brick, carpet. Good condition. New roof. Liveable and pleasant. 267-2070.

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FOR SALE

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LIVING IS carefree and so is buying this 3 bedroom, 2 bath, remodeled home. Low equity and a non-qualifying assumption couldn't be easier. Call Becky Knight for details. 263-8540 or South Mountain, 263-8419.

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Acreage For Sale 605

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Farms & Ranches 607

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Cemetery Lots For Sale 620

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Furnished Apartments 651

HOUSES APARTMENTS Duplexes. 1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267-2655.

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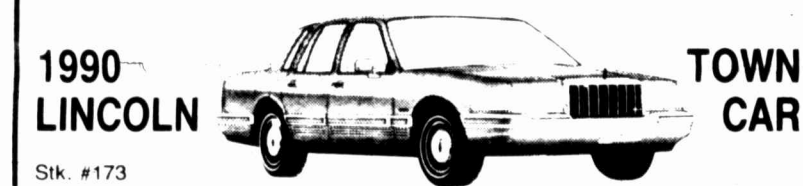
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KENTWOOD, THREE bedroom, two bath brick. Fenced yard, dishwasher. \$375 per month. Call 267-7884.

FOR RENT, 4 bedroom duplex with furnished appliances only. Fenced yard. \$300 month. Deluxe. \$350. 448 A & B Armstrong. References checked. 267-7123.

Business Buildings 678

FOR RENT: Car lot at 810 East 4th. \$150 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-5000.

FOR LEASE, country store on Snyder Hwy. Walk in cooler, complete kitchen \$150 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-5000.

Office Space 680

12 ROOM OFFICE building with large shop and fenced acre on US 87 South. Call 267-7900.

Mobile Home Spaces 683

FOR RENT, mobile home space, Forsan School, city water, electricity available. 263-7961 or 263-8456.

Lodges 686

STATED MEETING, Big Spring Lodge No. 1340, A.F. & A.M. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 2102 Lancaster. Charlie Lewis, W.M., Richard Knous, Sec.

STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30 p.m., 219 Main, W.H. McDonald W.M., T.R. Morris, Sec.

Special Notices 688

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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The Herald will be responsible for only one incorrect insertion of an advertisement, and we will adjust the one incorrect publication. Advertisers should make claims for such adjustments within 30 days of invoice in event of an error, please call 263-7331, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to correct for next insertion.

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Special Notices 688

Integra Hospitality, Inc. has made application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Mixed Beverage Permit and Mixed Beverage Late Hours Permit for the location of 300 Tulane Ave., Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, to be operated under the trade name of Doc Holiday's Saloon. Frances Arlene Davis, President, Secretary/Treasurer, 205 Bandit Trail, Colleyville, TX 76034.

Happy Ads 691

WISH YOUR favorite person a Happy Birthday, Anniversary, or Just say "Hi" by putting a HAPPY AD in the Big Spring Herald Classified Section. For more information call Debby or Elizabeth, 263-7331.

Personal 692

ADOPTION: DOCTOR DADDY and full time mommy awaits your baby with hugs, kisses and a lifestyle you want your precious newborn to have. A loving financially secure family with a large country home and much more. Your gift of life can make our family complete. Expenses paid. Call collect Lynn and Sam, (203)221-7553.

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ATTENTION ALL Garage Sale Customers, let's keep Big Spring Beautiful by removing garage sale signs after your sale. Thank you!

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YARD SALE, Wednesday, 9:00 - 6:00. Baby bed, office chair, air conditioner, drill, CB's, miscellaneous. 1908 11th Place.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for the purchase of Fan-Cool Units and Unit Ventilators. Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on June 11, 1990, at the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly marked in the lower left corner, "Sealed Bid: Fan-Cool Units Unit Ventilators", along with the time and date of opening.

The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, and to waive formalities.

Specifications and bid forms are available from the Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Business, Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m., June 14, 1990, for their consideration.

The bid proposal forms are requesting bids on equipment only. Please utilize the specifications and quotation form provided to complete your bid. Also, indicate the delivery date on which you anticipate the equipment shall be delivered.

6889 May 22 & 29, 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 25.046 miles of polymer seal on IH 20 from near IH 10 to 8.93 mile E. on US 80 from near Midland County Line to near Hancock Street in Odessa, on IH 20 from US 80 East of Stanton to Howard County Line, on IH 10 from 1.8 mile W. of RM 2886 to 1.4 mile E. on IH 10 from 0.4 mile W. of RM 2886 to 1.6 mile E. of RM 2886 and on Loop 250 from US 80 to IH 20 covered by CPM 3-5-40, CPM 5-1-80, CPM 5-4-52, CPM 140-3-31, CPM 140-4-32 & CPM 1188-2-39 in Reeves, Ector, Martin, Pecos and Midland Counties will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., June 12, 1990, and then publicly opened and read.

Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Thomas Schlegel, Resident Engineer, Odessa, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas.

Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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6886 May 22 & 29, 1990

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Bruins dispelling any, all doubts

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — After dispelling their own doubts about winning, the Boston Bruins believe they can knot up their best-of-7 Stanley Cup series with the Edmonton Oilers in Game 4 tonight.

"I think everyone's more excited about (tonight), to go out there and tie this thing up," center Bobby Carpenter said.

The Bruins were hardly in that mood following losses to the Oilers in the first two games of the series in Boston.

"I think there was some doubt (the Bruins could win)," Boston coach Mike Milbury said. "We played mostly well enough to win either of those games."

"But I thought the team did a pretty good job of regrouping psychologically, and they came back (Sunday night) and eliminated some of their doubts."

With some of their lesser lights contributing, the 2-1 victory at the Northlands Coliseum was typical of the Bruins this year under Milbury. Dave Poulin was out of the lineup with an injury suffered in Game 2, so Milbury had to make some adjustments.

The patchwork lineup included a "hunch" by the rookie coach to insert little-used John Byce as well as Greg Johnston and Andy Brickley into the game. The move had a look of genius to it after Byce and Johnston scored Boston's

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goals.

"With injuries, we had to move a few lines around and try something," Brian Propp said. "But he's (Milbury) done that all year. We're pros and we have to adjust to that."

Byce played center on a line with Cam Neely and Craig Janney, who was moved over to left wing from his customary center spot.

"We really needed to score some goals," Milbury said. "John Byce was a noted goal-scorer at the college level. That doesn't make him a goal-scorer in the National Hockey League, but it was worth the risk, and with Poulin's injury it was the logical choice to make."

There was really no rhyme or reason to Milbury's patchwork lineup Sunday night.

"As far as the line combinations were concerned," he said, "we decided to go with whoever was go-

ing good."

It has been part of the Bruins' scheme all year, and the main reason they won the NHL's overall points championship.

"We all have specific roles," Carpenter said. "We play a team game. We know what each player has to do, so if you get changed to another position like Craig got changed to left wing, he knows exactly what he has to do as a left winger."

"We have been very disciplined in our system. We haven't gotten too far away from it at all. We have stuck to our system all year long."

The talk in the Oilers' dressing room, meanwhile, was mostly about captain Mark Messier, who has been pretty much held off the board for the first three games of the finals. The player who led the Oilers in scoring this year and was such a factor in the first three playoff series only has one assist in Edmonton's total of 11 goals

against the Bruins.

"I don't think Mark has played up to his capabilities," Oilers coach John Muckler said. "I'm sure Mark will be the first to tell you that."

"But that's when you have to start worrying about Mark Messier. He's going to pop loose one of these nights and have an awesome game."

The Bruins have kept a close eye on Messier in this series. He was first shadowed by Poulin and later defended by Carpenter after Poulin got hurt.

"I have to play better," Messier said. "They've been paying attention to me more, but that's to be expected. I have to find a way to break through."

Sunday night's result assured the teams that there would be at least a Game 5 in Boston on Thursday night.

"I guess we anticipated from the start it wasn't going to be a short series, and to ever envision it would be four straight is not realistic," Oilers defenseman Kevin Lowe said.

"But we're sitting (with a 2-1 lead), and the way we finished in the third period Sunday night (out-shooting the Bruins 14-2) is a good sign. If we can get out of the gate (tonight) the same way, we'll be in good shape."

SCOREBOARD

HOME	2:00	GUEST
106	PERIOD	53
BONUS	1 2 3 4	BONUS

Transactions

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Sent Sam Horn, first baseman, to Rochester of the International League, on a 20-day rehabilitation assignment.

CALIFORNIA ANGELS—Placed Kent Anderson, infielder, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 20. Recalled Gary Disarcina, infielder, from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Recalled Deion Sanders, outfielder, from Columbus of the International League. Sent Alan Mills, pitcher, to Columbus.

TEXAS RANGERS—Placed Nolan Ryan, pitcher, on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to May 18.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW JERSEY NETS—Promoted Willis Reed to senior vice president of basketball operations.

HOCKEY
Canadian Amateur Hockey Association
CANADIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR TEAM—Retained Guy Charbon, head coach. Named Ken Hitchcock and Terry Simpson assistant coaches.

HORSE RACING
TURFWAY PARK—Named Steven Ford associate vice president.

COLLEGE

TRANS AMERICA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named David Wagner, president; Bobby Thompson, vice president, and Bobby Pope, secretary.

BIOLA—Announced the retirement of Betty Norman, women's basketball coach.

CARNEGIE-MELLON—Named Tony Wingen men's head basketball coach.

CLEVELAND STATE—Named John Konstantinos athletic director.

HARTFORD—Named Mark Schmidt women's head basketball coach.

KINGS POINT—Announced the resignations of Dick Hogan, men's head coach, and Tom Harrigan, women's head volleyball coach.

LORAIN—Named Connie Yori women's head basketball coach.

MISSISSIPPI—Announced that Jake Gibbs, head baseball coach, has resigned and will become an assistant athletic director.

NORTH CAROLINA—Named Joe Sagula women's head volleyball coach.

TROY STATE—Announced the resignation of Chase Riddle, head baseball coach, effective Aug. 31.

TULANE—Named Candi Harvey women's head basketball coach.

NL Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	23	15	.605	—
Philadelphia	21	16	.568	1 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Oakland	25	12	.676	—
Chicago	21	13	.618	2 1/2
Minnesota	20	16	.558	4
Seattle	20	20	.500	6 1/2
Texas	16	22	.421	9 1/2
California	16	23	.410	10
Kansas City	13	23	.361	11 1/2

Monday's Games

Oakland 4, Toronto 1	Chicago 6, New York 5
Minnesota 7, Baltimore 3	Boston 4, Texas 2
California 5, Cleveland 3	Detroit 11, Kansas City 6
Seattle 9, Milwaukee 4	

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 11,241
ESTATE OF B. W. CONDRON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of B. W. Condron, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 5th day of March, 1990, in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county below named, are hereby required to present the same to me, respectfully, at the address below given, before suit upon same is barred by the general statute of limitations, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

My post office address is Route 4, Box 75, Cuero, Texas 77854.
DATED this 5th day of March, 1990
SIGNED: WILLIAM DEAN CONDRON,
Independent Executor of the Estate of B. W. Condron, Deceased, In the County of Howard, Texas
Court of Howard County, Texas
6886 May 22 1990

Montreal	20	18	.526	3
New York	18	19	.486	4 1/2
Chicago	18	20	.474	5
St. Louis	17	21	.447	6

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	26	9	.743	—
Los Angeles	19	19	.500	8 1/2
San Diego	18	19	.486	9
Atlanta	15	21	.417	11 1/2
San Francisco	15	23	.395	12 1/2
Houston	14	24	.368	13 1/2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta 6, St. Louis 5				
Cincinnati 4, Chicago 3				
Houston 3, Pittsburgh 2, 11 innings				
Philadelphia 5, San Francisco 2				
New York 12, Los Angeles 3				

Only games scheduled

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati at Chicago, 2:20 p.m.				
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:35 p.m.				
New York at Los Angeles, 4:05 p.m.				
San Diego at Montreal, 7:35 p.m.				
St. Louis at Atlanta, 7:40 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at Houston, 8:35 p.m.				

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles (Belcher 3-3) at Chicago (Harkey 4-1), 2:20 p.m.				
San Diego (Hurst 3-4) at Montreal (Boyd 2-2), 7:35 p.m.				
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Names in the news

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Bill Cosby told University of Notre Dame graduates to be grateful to their parents.

"How did you come to live so long?" the 52-year-old comedian asked on Sunday.

"Because they let you live," he answered to applause and laughter from the 2,400 students, parents and faculty members.

Cosby, who has a doctorate in education, received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the university.

"With all of my heart and soul, I want all of you to understand that what you call the world out there is rough," he said.



BILL COSBY JOAN COLLINS

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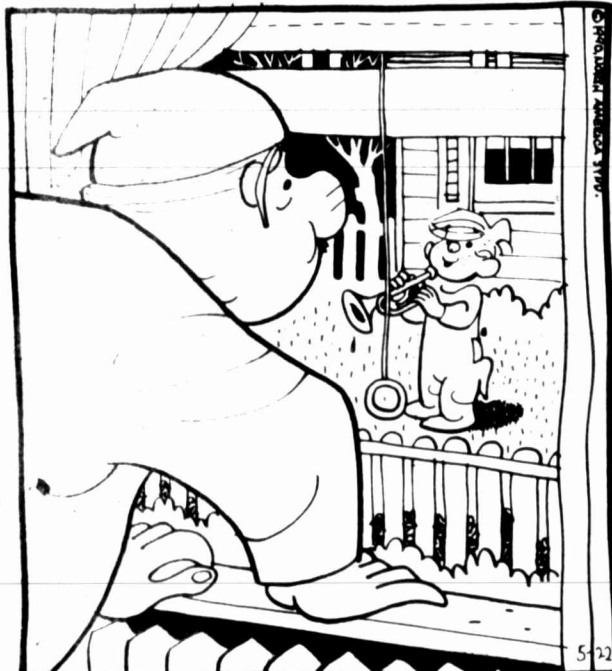
NEW YORK (AP) — Joan Collins was to have starred in a film version of her 1988 novel "Prime Time," but Ion Pictures say it has abandoned the project because she tinkered with the script and ran up huge expenses.

Co-producer Roy Medawar said Ms. Collins, 57, charged \$40,000 worth of clothes to the movie without approval and "made script changes without telling the director."

"They're amateurs, and they never came up with the money," Lazar added.

"It's rough not only in terms of your job but in terms of your personal relationships. You'll have many, many friends, but if your relationship with your mate is 100 percent of your heart, you'll never

DENNIS THE MENACE



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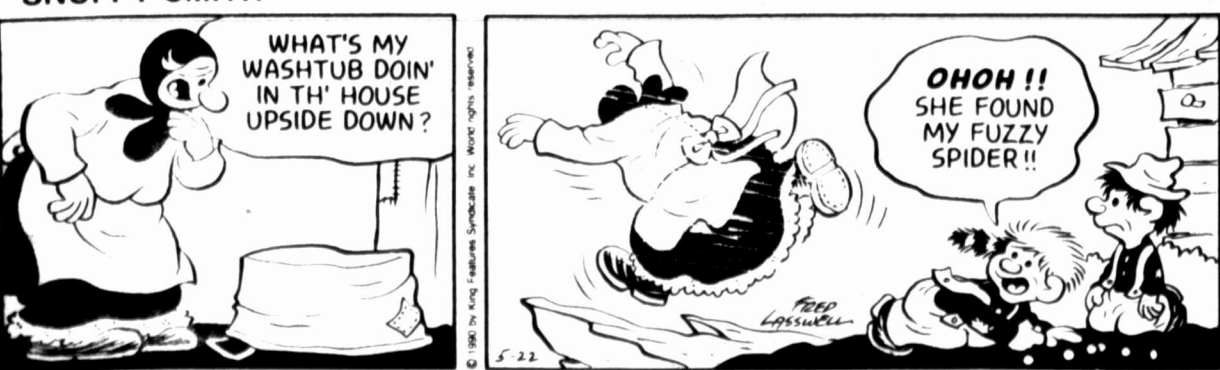
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Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 1990

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NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

Business and career momentum will build in the months just ahead. By July, you will be reaping big financial gains. Take advantage of a golden investment opportunity in October. An unexpected visitor in December will bring romance back into your life. Devote more time and attention to your personal relationships. Travel enjoys favorable influences. Renew your passport. Check the references of anyone who offers to baby-sit your children or pets.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A project finally bears fruit. Reward those allies instrumental in your success. Financial negotiations go well. Draw closer to your colleagues and loved ones.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your co-workers and other business associates can help you achieve success now. Appearances count big today; make the most of your looks. You may strike it lucky! Love is CALVIN AND HOBES

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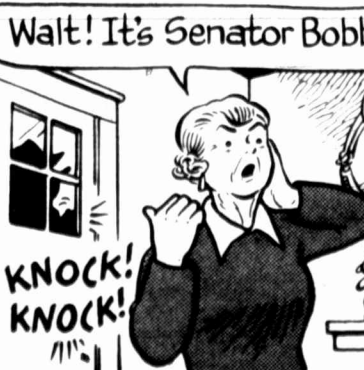
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Play it safe with your money. Follow experts' advice. Discussions and study projects move along smoothly. Set your sights on cultivating new business and social contacts. Romance looks promising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not take "no" for an answer — you will get your way. Be receptive to new ideas; they could bring financial solutions. Domestic issues require tactful handling. Consider mate's point of view.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A great day for both buying and selling. Your quick thinking will serve you well. Improve your financial status through talks, letters and pacts. Being part of a large social gathering is appealing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do not think for a minute that you should shy away from close relationships. New alliances can be very successful; cultivate them in both business and social circles. Your friends admire your thrift!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Communicating with people far away or new to you holds special promise. Expect a lucky break for your long-range plans. Renew contracts and sign agreements. Romance is in

bloom. Your home is a haven.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Solitude could wilt your spirits today. Take part in a group event. Become a better team player and you will make new friends. It is time to mend your fences with family members.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make contact by phone or letter or meet face-to-face. Those who are in a position to help you will do so. Move forward with confidence. Make intelligent concessions to your mate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A cooperative venture or an expert's advice can help you solve a personal problem. Use coupons to save on grocery costs. Establish certain ground rules at home. A pact may need "the quick sell."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Good sense prevails today. Co-workers recognize your true worth. Timely communications bring results. A hunch is right on target. Assert yourself when you are right. A good day to make car repairs.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Getting an early start today will give you the jump on the competition. Buy or sell real estate. You have a sixth sense about others' motives; put it to good use.

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Area weather: Fair tonight. Mostly sunny Wednesday. Low tonight near 60. High Wednesday in the upper 90s. The high yesterday was 86, the low was 60.

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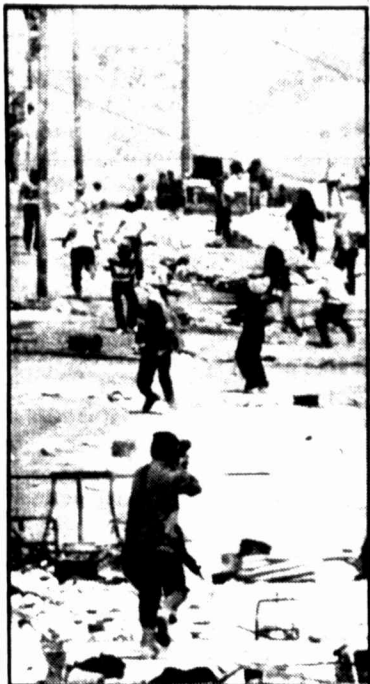
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On the side



Opens fire

JERUSALEM — An Israeli trooper, foreground, fires his grenade launcher at a group of demonstrators in a Jerusalem suburb this afternoon. The protest was part of a continuing demonstrations against the killing of seven Arab workers by an Israeli gunman in Tel Aviv.

Recital set for Thursday

Students of Debby Averitt will conduct a piano recital Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Stanton high school auditorium.

The 27 members of the recital will perform a variety of musical styles from the Jazz Festival, Knox competition and the National Guild piano adjudications. The recital is based on pieces prepared by the studio for competition in January, February and May, respectively.

Students who will perform at the recital are: Laurie Adams, Bill Joe Averitt, Sally Averitt, Dustin Brantley, Justin Burch, Shauna Butler, Sheila Butler, Joshua Carson, Stacy Cole, Kaycie Cox, Dana Fryar, Amy Graves, Bobby Haislip and Will Harris.

Also: Jan Holland, Sonja Hopper, Krissy Kotasek, Misty Madison, Tiffany Madison, Belinda Martinez, Amy Moore, Traci Moore, Dianna Pruett, Kelly Riddle, Kari Ruth, Suzi Ruth and Amanda Wise.

Investigation continues

Area law enforcement authorities are continuing their investigation into the death of 25-year-old Midland resident Virginia Espinosa Montoya. A Department of Public Safety spokesman said that officials are interviewing friends and relatives of Montoya, but there are no new developments in the case.

Montoya was last seen early Sunday with her husband and brother, officials said. She was killed when she was apparently struck from behind by an unknown vehicle on Highway 137 between Stanton and Garden City.

An autopsy was ordered by Justice of the Peace Veneda Moore. It was performed in Dallas Monday, and results are pending.

"There's no word on the results of the autopsy as of yet, but that is not unusual because the judge will have to release the information," said DPS Trooper Victor Taylor.

Officials are still seeking information from anyone who may have heard or seen anything in connection with the incident Sunday between the hours of 4 and 6:45 a.m. Anyone wishing to report any information can call the highway patrol in Stanton at 756-3448 or the Martin County Sheriff's Department at 756-3336.

Clements vetoes school reform bill

By MICHAEL HOLMES and PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writers

AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements today vetoed the Legislature's school finance reform bill, an act some lawmakers said raised the possibility that a court-appointed special master might wind up overhauling the system of state aid for public schools.

Clements, a Republican, said he vetoed the bill because the Democratic-controlled Legislature

wanted to raise the 6 percent state sales tax by one-half cent to help pay its \$555 million first-year cost.

"They insist on raising the sales tax when other options exist," Clements said.

Clements said that during negotiations he bent his no-new-taxes pledge to consider so-called sin taxes — such as levies on alcohol and cigarettes — but he blamed lawmakers for demanding a sales tax increase.

"Clearly, it is unnecessary to

raise our state sales tax to the second-highest in America when alternatives exist to do the job," the governor said.

Many Democratic lawmakers said they were ready to try to override the Republican governor's veto, which came after 2½ months of special sessions that failed to produce a bill that Clements would approve.

"The governor can veto it and we can try to override it — or let the court draw it up," said Rep. Mark

Stiles, D-Beaumont.

Legislative leaders said they would try to muster the two-thirds majority required in both the House and Senate to override Clements' veto.

But with Republicans holding more than one-third of the 150 House seats, Speaker Gib Lewis said he wasn't certain whether the governor could be overridden in that chamber.

"We haven't got a really good head count yet," said Lewis, D-

Fort Worth. "I don't know at this point whether we do (have a two-thirds majority) or not."

The Legislature has been in special session since Feb. 27 trying to overhaul the \$13.5 billion-a-year school finance system to meet a June 1 court-ordered deadline for action.

Under a 9-0 Texas Supreme Court ruling, the state is required to make more money available to poor school districts. If lawmakers

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Retiring teacher has travel on her mind

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

GRADY — Margaret Melton, 56, who has spent more than half of her career teaching in the same fifth grade classroom at Grady Elemen-



tary School, loves to travel. Almost anywhere in the country will do, she says — she just needs room to roam.

Traveling has and will continue to be a favorite adventure for Melton, who retires June 1 after 13 years at Grady and 10 years of teaching sixth grade at Levelland.

Hitting the nation's byways during summer vacations in the past has proved to be a great escape for her, her husband Don (a former director of counseling and guidance at Howard College), and their son and daughter, who are now grown and on their own.

"We traveled all summer long. Sometimes we were gone several weeks at a time," Melton said. "It's been fun. I think teaching has a tremendous amount of adventure for a mother."

Even the 60-mile daily round trip between her home in Big Spring and Grady has been a labor of love, she says. "I've enjoyed teaching



LENORAH — Margeret Melton, a fifth-grade teacher at Grady Elementary School, will retire June 1 after more than 20 years of teaching, the

last 13 with the Grady ISD. She and her husband plan to do a bit of travelling.

here very much," she assures. "That's why I've driven 60 miles a day."

Adding in mileage from weekend trips to her and Don's new home nestled near four lakes in Graham, between Fort Worth and Abilene, Melton is now traveling 700 miles a

week.

"We wanted to go back where there's water and trees. We like to fish a lot," she said of the scenic landscape surrounding the private development where they have chosen to live during retirement. But traveling remains on their

minds. "We plan to get a new travel trailer and just roam the country," she said.

Where? "Oh, all over the United States. Maybe to Alaska, then we may go to Hawaii," she said. "We love mountains. We love the

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3 indicted in videotape rape case

HOUSTON (AP) — Three Houston high school students have been indicted in connection with a sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl videotaped during Cinco de Mayo festivities at their school.

Cecil Charles Lewis, 20, and Jerel Brown and Edgardo Nunez, both 17, were indicted by the 209th District Court grand jury Monday on a charge of conspiracy to commit sexual assault, said Harris County prosecutor Chuck Rosenthal. They were expected to be arrested today.

Nunez and Lewis allegedly held down the girl in a vacant classroom at the Contemporary Learning Center on May 4 while Brown videotaped a 16-year-old boy raping her, Rosenthal said. The three students, legally classified as adults, allegedly cheered on the alleged attacker, who was a juvenile.

According to police, the victim was lured to the classroom by some male students, partially disrobed, assaulted and videotaped. The

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No big deal

SAN ANGELO — Rojelio Medina Jr., 4, takes a nap as other classmates anxiously wait for the

Head Start Program commencement to begin here Friday.

Brandon making painstaking recovery from hunting accident

By VALERIE ULLMAN-AVERY
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — A freshman golf letter embossed on silver paper — delivered recently by friends from

Stanton High School — sits on the crowded shelf in Brandon McNally's hospital room.

The sport that earned Brandon his first high school letter is beyond his reach now. He can barely remember the name of the game.

His speech pathologist at Methodist Hospital patiently asks Brandon during one of their 30-minute sessions what sport begins with the letter "G"?

The only answer Julie Buzzard receives is a blank stare as 15-year-old Brandon searches his once-vast memory bank. Patiently, Mrs. Buzzard prods him. "What game do dads like to play on a Saturday afternoon?"

Finally, Brandon remembers the word, breaks into a smile and clearly says, "Golf."

Rebuilding his memory has been

a tedious and sometimes tiring process for Brandon, who was injured in a hunting accident in February near his grandparents' farm near Aspermont.

Brandon and a friend from Stanton, Timmy Hull, had taken advantage of the unseasonably warm Sunday morning on Feb. 25 to hunt coyotes. Timmy tripped and fell as the two boys went down a slope about 100 yards from the house.

The 22-caliber rifle Timmy had cradled in his hands fired and hit his best friend in the side of the head. Brandon's mother, Pam, found her oldest son lying among a grove of trees — blood running down the side of his head.

Her husband, Billy, arrived at

her heels and pressed his hand against the gaping wound to stop the flow of blood — sustaining Brandon's life until he reached the small hospital in Aspermont 14 miles away.

The community hospital was not equipped for such a serious injury and transferred Brandon to Abilene, where he underwent four and a half hours of surgery. The bullet was not removed and remains lodged in his brain.

It always will be, his father says. The neurosurgeon emerged from the operating room with tears in his eyes, the McNallys later learned. He told the family that Brandon had less than 72 hours to live; the nurses on duty were informed that

Brandon wouldn't live 24 hours. "A lot of prayers were said," Pam remembers. "We didn't expect him to live."

Remembering the torment that was heaved on this simple, close West Texas family brings tears to the eyes of Brandon's mother and two grandmothers. "Pam told someone that God would let her keep Brandon because he let her keep him after the first 72 hours," said Sue McNally, Brandon's paternal grandmother.

"He wasn't going to let us keep him halfway," said Pam. "I had faith and hope that Brandon would be back."

Brandon remained in a drug-

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. From where did the tradition of graduation caps and gowns originate?

A. The standards and symbols we use today for graduation attire were set back in 1894 by the Intercollegiate Commission, according to North American Precise Syndicate, Inc.

Calendar

Meeting

- TODAY**
- The Noon Lions Club will meet at noon at the Community Center.
 - Masons Lodge number 951 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Highway 137.
 - The Martin County Historical Commission will meet at 7 p.m. at the museum.
 - There will be an AA meeting at 8 p.m. at 102 Highway 80 (old hotel).
 - The census bureau will be taking applications for temporary workers at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the county courthouse. Applicants must be 18 years old, or 17 if graduating this year.
 - A band concert featuring the 5th grade music class, the best 2-AA band in the state, will be in the high school auditorium.
- WEDNESDAY**
- There will be a Grady boy scouts meeting at 3:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. The brownie scouts meeting will be in the home economics room.
- THURSDAY**
- Old Timer Day will start at 1 p.m. in the Community Center.
 - The Martin County Senior Citizens Center, also known as "the Depot" will celebrate "Older Texan Day" at the community center.
 - A piano recital set by Debby Averitt will be at the auditorium.
 - The Grady High School government class will go on a field trip to the District Courthouse in Midland.
- FRIDAY**
- Hospice of West Texas will host a Pee Wee Basketball Tournament at 4 p.m. at Grady High School.
- SATURDAY**
- The Pee Wee Basketball Tournament will start at 8 a.m. at Grady high school.

Tops on TV

MOVIE

- AT&T Presents: Last Flight Out NBC Movie Of The Week James Earl Jones, Richard Crenna. A small group of Americans risk their lives to take 500 Vietnamese civilians and American citizens to safety aboard the last flight out of Saigon. 8 p.m. Channel 9.
- Killing In A Small Town CBS Tuesday Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 7.
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Melton

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Melton, who was born in Angus and raised in Brownsboro near Tyler, got an associate's degree from Tyler Junior College. She then waited until her two children were in school before she went back to school herself in 1965 at age 31.

Eighteen months later she received her bachelor of science degree from the College of the Southwest at Hobbs, N.M., where her husband was teaching. In 1967, at age 33, she began teaching and in 1970 she received her master of education degree from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She and her family were then living in

Her husband retired from teaching at the college in Hobbs four years ago. Since then he was at Howard College for three years, a counselor for two years at Grady High School and worked as a loan officer for the Big Spring Education Credit Agency.

Their son, Greg, is an assistant principal and mayor in Haskell. He also teaches at Western Texas College in Snyder.

Their daughter, Teri Marrow, lives with her family in North Richland Hills near Dallas.

The Meltons have four grandchildren.

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Brandon

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induced coma for weeks. The family kept a constant vigil at the hospital and would talk to him every hour, not knowing whether he could understand a word they had said.

Several weeks after the accident, Brandon's grandfather, Dean McAnally, left his grandson's room smiling. "When I saw his face, I knew something had happened," said Sue. "(Dean) was talking to (Brandon) and (Brandon) had squeezed his hand. We knew then that he was going to be all right."

"It was just a happy moment," said Doyleen Jones, Brandon's maternal grandmother.

A letter written on yellow legal paper that has been handled countless times is brought out and passed around. It is kept in a photo album of pictures of Brandon's home, his friends and his cat, "Fats," — compiled to spur Brandon's memory. The letter is from a nurse in Abilene who wanted the McAnallys to know how much their son loved them.

Although Brandon couldn't talk at the time, the nurse wrote that she was telling Brandon how lucky he was that his parents loved him so much. The 15-year-old's eyes began to well up with tears. It was

something that the nurse said she had to tell them.

That letter was a bright spot in the McAnallys' long trail toward an emotional recovery.

Soon after, Brandon was surpassing everyone's expectations. But to receive the rehabilitation he needed he had to transfer to Lubbock's Methodist Hospital. The Abilene hospital did not provide therapy.

Since then, his mental and cognitive skills have improved every day.

Last week he ran on the treadmill and used the stairmaster — a stair climbing machine — for 15 minutes. From 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the therapists have his day mapped out for him.

"His attitude has been outstanding," said McAnally, who carries a picture of Brandon in his football uniform in his wallet. "He knows he's got to work to get better. He knows that this is what it's going to take to get him back."

Brandon can converse, but his responses are slow. "Sometimes he has to think about what he's going to say," said McAnally.

"He's always remembering the past," said Pam. "The day-to-day is what he has trouble with."

Brandon has come a long way

from the first time he said "bye-bye" to his parents when they left his hospital room in Abilene one day. "That was a real tear-jerker," said McAnally, a pumper for an energy company. "I don't cry real easily. But small things mean a whole lot to us. Every step of improvement is a giant step."

McAnally said Brandon never

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has been depressed. "He just skipped all five of the grieving processes. He knows how bad a shape that he was in. He's proud of his accomplishments."

Mrs. Buzzard said Brandon has improved tremendously since his first day in rehabilitation. "We started out pulling out objects and saying 'What is this?' Then I'd put

them behind my back and ask him if he remembered what he had just identified."

"He's 15 and he's got a lot of learning to do. We'd like to even get him back into some type of classroom."

His parents are encouraged by his progress and expect him to make a full recovery. "We're hoping he'll be like the Brandon he always has been," said Pam. "I really think he is going to be. He may always be slow with his right hand, though."

Mrs. Buzzard said Brandon's right hand is still uncoordinated and he is learning to write with his left hand. Remembering what the letters of the alphabet look like and then attempting to write them with his left hand has been difficult.

"She tells him to spell the word 'cat.' 'How does the 'C' look?' she asks Brandon. 'How does the 'A' look? You're close,' she says, as he attempts the spelling. 'But you've got a little more to go.'"

At this point in his rehabilitation, Mrs. Buzzard said, Brandon is best at tracing the letters. And instead of doing arithmetic, the two exchange money to retrain his number skills.

"I think his prognosis for recovery is good," said Mrs. Buz-

zard. "He still has a long way to go." When Brandon is discharged from the hospital within the month, he will need continued therapy, she said.

"He asks if he will have a full recovery," said McAnally. "I tell him, 'Yes.' I believe it. There's not a doubt."

And there's not a doubt that the bullet will always stay lodged in Brandon's brain. McAnally said it must be a life-and-death situation before surgeons will attempt to remove it.

"The doctors said they know hundreds of people who live normal lives with the bullet still in the brain. I don't think it should be any concern. If there's any problem it would've shown up by now."

Brandon spends most of his time in a wheelchair — his blue Nike high-top tennis shoes tapping impatiently. He's looking forward to growing back his thick hair, said his mother, and going home.

The McAnallys know that the boy they take home from the hospital will be much different than the boy who went hunting in February. But he's much stronger and alert than the boy they transferred from an Abilene hospital.

And they say they couldn't ask for anything more.

Clements

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and the governor fail to write a plan, a court-appointed special master will do it for them.

"We're frustrated. We're tired. No more negotiations ... If he vetoes it, let the master do it," said Rep. Eddie Cavazos, D-Corpus Christi, echoing sentiments of many of his colleagues.

Clements had withheld his veto while negotiations continued into the night Monday.

But Speaker Lewis and Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby said many lawmakers were tired of talking.

"If the governor feels compelled to veto the bill, he'll have to do that, and we'll have to make an attempt to override," Lewis said before the governor made his decision this morning.

Hobby said if the required two-thirds of House and Senate members won't vote to override a Clements veto, the court-appointed master's plan likely will go into effect.

"It will be devastating," Hobby said of a no-new-money court plan. He estimated that such a scheme would strip \$70 million to \$75 million from Dallas schools and \$40 million from the Houston Independent School District.

"It will be a real tragedy for this state," Hobby said.

Court master William Kilgarlin has said that because he can't order new taxes, his plan could shift state aid from wealthy to poor school districts.

Deaths

Chona Ramirez

BIG SPRING — Chona De Los Santos Ramirez, 66, Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, at Colonial Manor in Lubbock after a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Chester McSwain

BIG SPRING — Chester Lee McSwain, 63, Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, in a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Wednesday in Mount Olive Memorial Park with Lt. Bill Owens, of the Salvation Army, officiating, and under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 13, 1927, in Knott. He was a Baptist, and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving in World War II. He lived in Big Spring most of his life, and worked in the oil fields.

Survivors include three sons: Mike McSwain, Odessa; Dewey McSwain, and Larry McSwain, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Phillippe, Big Spring; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army.

Terry Harkrider

CORPUS CHRISTI — Terry T. Harkrider, 47, Corpus Christi, died Friday, May 18, 1990, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Memorial services were Sunday, May 20, in the Seaside Funeral Home Chapel with Joyce Bevil, hospice chaplain, officiating.

He was a graduate of Sul Ross State University in Alpine, and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Previously, he had worked as a buyer for Champlin Refinery for over 12 years. He was a member of the Bay Yacht Club of Corpus Christi.

Survivors include his wife, Linn Harkrider, Corpus Christi; his father, W.L. Harkrider, Burnett; and his twin brother, Gerry G. Harkrider, Ft. Davis.

The family suggests memorials to the Spohn Hospice program, Corpus Christi, Planned Paren-

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thood of South Texas, or the donor's favorite charity.

Edna Neeley

STANTON — Edna Mansell Neeley, 78, Stanton, died Monday, May 21, 1990, in Physician's and Surgeon's Hospital, in Midland, after a lengthy illness.

Services were Tuesday in the First Baptist Church in Stanton, with the Rev. Tim Swihart, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Westhaven Memorial Park, Midland, under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born July 11, 1911, in Duncan, Okla. A former resident of Crane, she moved to Stanton in 1972, from Colorado City. She was married to Leon Neeley in 1933, in McCamey. He preceded her in death in 1960.

Survivors include one daughter, Sue Christon, Stanton; one son, Gene Neeley, Odessa; one sister, Mary Wesberry, Midland; two brothers, Roy Mansell, Glendora, Calif., and Ernest Mansell, Crane; four grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Elza Nance

COPPERAS COVE — Elza Corrin Nance, 85, Copperas Cove, formerly of Big Spring, died Monday, May 21, 1990, at her home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring, with Dr. Claude Craven, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home, Lampasas.

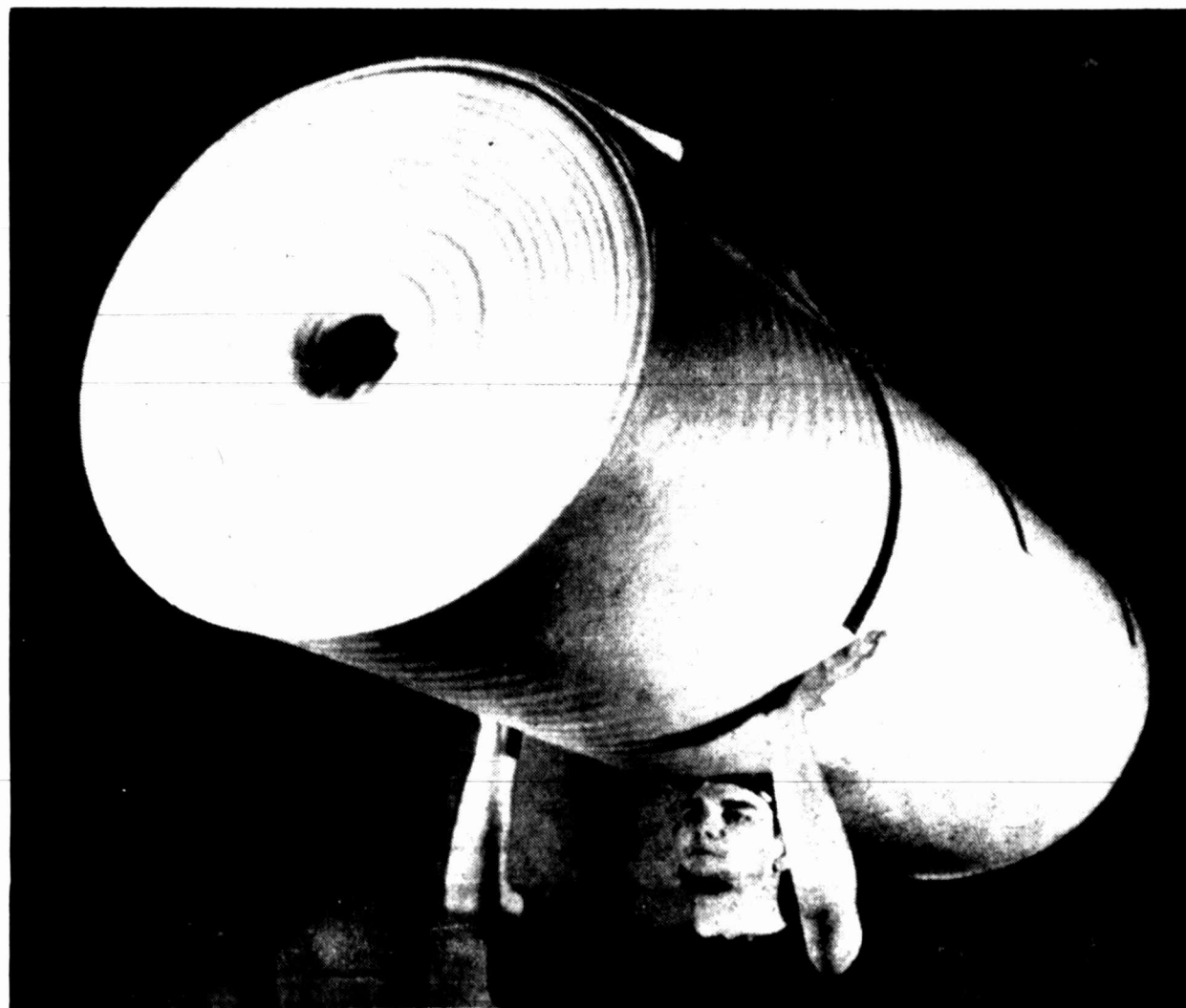
She was born Oct. 8, 1904, in Westbrook. She married Errett A. Nance Nov. 14, 1921, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death April 30, 1974. She was a housewife and mother. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Kempner.

Survivors include three daughters: Juana Lee Moore, Denton; Rexie Jean Kennedy, Copperas Cove; and Dawn Grant, Richland; three sons: Norris Nance, Comanche; Richard Nance, Comanche; and Charles Nance, Denton; 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Deacons of the Trinity Baptist Church, Big Spring.

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BIG SPRING

Chester Lee McSwain, 63, died Monday. Graveside services will be 3:00 P.M. Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



Associated Press photo

Friendly foam

ALSTIP, Ill. — Lonnie Bope, a saw operator at Astro-Valcour, Inc., carries a roll of chlorofluorocarbon (CFC)-free polyethylene foam

sheet at the company's plant recently. The CFC-free foam is produced in response to environmental concerns over the depletion of the ozone layer.

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which includes footage of the school's Cinco de Mayo festival, was recovered by authorities.

Houston school officials suspended 10 students after the victim

reported the rape to a police officer working a security job at the school. Rosenthal would not say how many students actually watched the attack, but said "at least two others" are now state witnesses.

Houston Independent School District spokeswoman Ria Griffin said six of the 10 students had been reinstated last week after a school district investigation.

Cowboy myth differs from reality

BY LESLIE BARKER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — People — lots of people — permeate Pam Barker's memories of growing up on her family's Hill Country ranch. Some helped round up cattle or fix fences. Others picked pecans from the 1,000-tree orchard or plucked watermelons from the sandy soil.

Life at Hill Spring Ranch is quieter now. Since their mother died last year, Pam's brother, Greg, lives alone in the family home on 700 acres. He only recently hired someone to help with the day-to-day chores. Someone he was lucky to find. Not many people want to be cowboys these days.

"I think the reason I got the hand I did," Barker says, "is that he still thinks it's romantic."

For generations, Americans have vicariously lived the cowboy life. Western movies shone on the silent screen even before John Wayne drewled his way into our lives. Novels by Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour nestled on bedside tables. The Marlboro man and the Cartwrights of Virginia City galloped their way into our dreams.

"There's a little bit of cowboy in everybody, whether they were raised on a ranch or raised in the Bronx," says John Painter of the Mesquite Rodeo.

In recent years, cowboy even became chic. People who had never seen the livestock barn at the state fair had their names stenciled onto the backs of belts. They donned cowboy boots. They danced the Cotton Eyed Joe at country Westerns.

But eventually, greenhorns dreams of being a cowboy succumb to greenback reality. A cowboy gets paid about \$500 a month to — among other things — shear sheep, fix fences, castrate cattle, shoe horses, clear cactus, be on call 24

hours a day and live miles from the nearest town, probably away from family.

"It's more work than romance," says Butch Strunk, who, with his two brothers, works on the South Texas ranch their family has owned for a century. "There's not that much romance when you get manure all over you."

Gone is the era of which Willie Newbury Lewis wrote in her 1930s book, "Between Sun and Sod": "Those were the days when people expected to work for a living, and big pay and short hours were unknown ... and life was truly hard but rich."

"As one old-timer put it, 'Even if it was tough and lonely, there was something about the feel of a good horse under you ... or the thrill that came over you when you were standing guard alone in a storm, watching the lightning play on the cattle's horns, that got you. And if you happened to like that kind of life, you never found anything else to take its place.'"

There is always work to do on a ranch. A 24-hour day just isn't enough for fixing every fence, protecting every calf from coyotes, tending every sick animal. Because not enough people will work as ranch hands, some projects these days must be put on perennial hold.

Many ranchers used to rely on undocumented workers. These Mexicans, whose ancestors were the original vaqueros, whom American cowboys emulate, were hard working. Most grew up on ranches or in rural areas. They knew what to do without being told. And they worked cheap.

Then the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 passed. Many illegal immigrants who became citizens sought higher-paying jobs. Ranchers were forbidden to hire those who didn't qualify

for amnesty.

"Nobody around here will do the work any more," Strunk says. "It's manual labor. Nobody likes to build fences, that kind of thing. It's hard work, is what it is. There's more to it than working cattle."

Barker says: "I wouldn't expect to hire an American. An American just won't do this kind of work. They can make more money elsewhere."

And money, says Melvin Cribb, who works for the Texas Employment Commission in San Angelo, is the problem.

"Ranchers say there are no cowboys," Cribb says. "That's not true. U.S. workers don't want to work for the wages ranchers are willing to pay."

Now, though, through a program called H2A, some ranchers — particularly in Wyoming, but a growing trickle in Texas — will soon be able to hire non-Americans on a temporary basis.

"Only if there isn't a qualified U.S. worker who wants the job will the Department of Labor permit an alien to take the job," says Allen Moody, director of Texas' H2A program. "We go through a great effort to get U.S. workers. We advertise in three major newspapers, radio spots and through the Texas Employment Commission."

Recent results: For 33 job openings at Texas ranches, Moody interviewed 100 U.S. workers. He offered jobs to 60, 10 accepted. The first day of work six showed up. A few weeks later, all but two had left.

"Why do they leave?" Well, Moody says, it usually starts out with their saying their grandmother is sick. "They leave Friday, say they'll be back Monday. They call Wednesday and say their car broke down. Next time they leave, they don't come back."