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President Clinton sends \$1.64 trillion election-year budget to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton today sent Congress a \$1.64 trillion election-year budget that would provide modest tax relief to the middle class while reaffirming his commitment to balancing the budget "the right way."

The proposed spending in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1 is 4 percent higher than the estimated \$1.57 trillion the government will spend this year.

The president's proposals, outlined in six volumes totaling 2,196 pages, provide the first program-by-program look at a budget plan he has been pushing since January.

The formal submission of the budget is six weeks late this year due to the protracted deadlock with the Republican-controlled Congress, a dispute that has twice shut down major portions of the government. The current fiscal year is half gone without resolution of spending disputes for many agencies.

Republicans have already dismissed the fiscal 1997 proposal as doing too little to curb the government's expensive benefit programs such as Medicare and providing too little in tax relief.

Clinton signaled that he planned to

use his detailed proposals as a major campaign document, hoping to paint the Republicans as too extreme in their proposed government cutbacks.

In his budget message, Clinton called on Congress to "balance the budget the right way" by cutting unnecessary programs while protecting "senior citizens, working families, children and other vulnerable Americans."

He challenged Republicans to return to the negotiating table and quickly complete work toward reaching a balanced budget by 2002. The president is scheduled to meet Wednesday with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"In our negotiations with congressional leaders, we have made great progress toward reaching an agreement," the president said. "We have simply come too far to let this opportunity slip away."

Dole, Clinton's Republican rival for the presidency, said on the campaign stump Monday in Illinois that he and Clinton should do what is right for the American people and reach an agreement on a balanced budget.

In his budget message, Clinton signaled that he would continue to resist

what he considers GOP efforts to cut back too sharply on the growth in Medicare, the huge health care program for the elderly, and Medicaid, the federal-state program that provides health services to the poor.

The goal, he said, should be "a government that is leaner, but not meaner."

Clinton unveiled his spending plans as Congress continued slow-moving efforts to complete work on agency budgets for fiscal 1996. The budgets for nine Cabinet departments and scores of other federal agencies remain mired in partisan disputes.

Clinton's budget today restated his "Middle Class Bill of Rights" tax cut proposals he first outlined in December 1994 after Republicans captured control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years.

The president would cut taxes by \$100 billion over seven years by offering, when fully phased in, a \$500 tax credit for each child younger than 13. He also would allow deductions of up to \$10,000 per family for college expenses and expand the availability of Individual Retirement Accounts.

His plan does not include the long-cherished Republican goal of cutting

taxes on capital gains, profits made from the sale of stocks and other assets. The president would go the other way, increasing taxes by \$4.1 billion over seven years on some investors by introducing a new method of calculating capital gains.

The increase in this area was seen as a response to assertions by GOP presidential contender Pat Buchanan that "fat cats" on Wall Street are reaping huge rewards while the middle class faces growing economic insecurity.

Constrained by the need to eliminate massive deficits, Clinton's proposals for new government spending were modest, certainly in comparison to the packages put together in election years by previous presidents.

Clinton did offer to give \$1,000 scholarships to the top 5 percent of high school seniors, provide seed money aimed at wiring every school in America to a nationwide computer network by 2000 and give tax incentives to companies to clean up abandoned inner-city industrial sites.

Clinton's budget projects the deficit for 1997 will rise to \$164.2 billion, up from \$158 billion in the current year, but then decline steadily until reach-

ing a surplus of \$7.6 billion in 2002. If achieved, that would be the first time the government's books have balanced since 1969.

These calculations use economic assumptions of the Congressional Budget Office, a Republican demand Clinton accepted as part of the price for reopening the government after a partial shutdown in January. Using more optimistic assumptions of his own Office of Management and Budget, Clinton would achieve a balanced budget one year earlier, in 2001.

To achieve the balanced budget, the president proposes savings of \$593 billion from 1996 through 2002. Clinton is counting on gaining \$15.9 billion in savings in fiscal 1996, which ends Sept. 30. He also assumes there will be \$3.3 billion in tax cuts this year.

That means Clinton would have to reach a pact with the GOP soon.

Half the savings — \$297.2 billion — would come in reductions in defense and other regular government programs. Another \$124.2 billion would occur in Medicare, and \$59.1 billion would come in reductions in projected spending in Medicaid.

Settlement reached in \$12.87 million lottery suit

HERALD staff report

Carol Rains and R.C. Mills have reached an agreement.

Rains, a former waitress at Herman's Restaurant, was sued by Mills after she won \$12,870,420 last May playing the Texas Lottery. Mills claimed the two had played the lottery together and had always split their winnings 50/50.

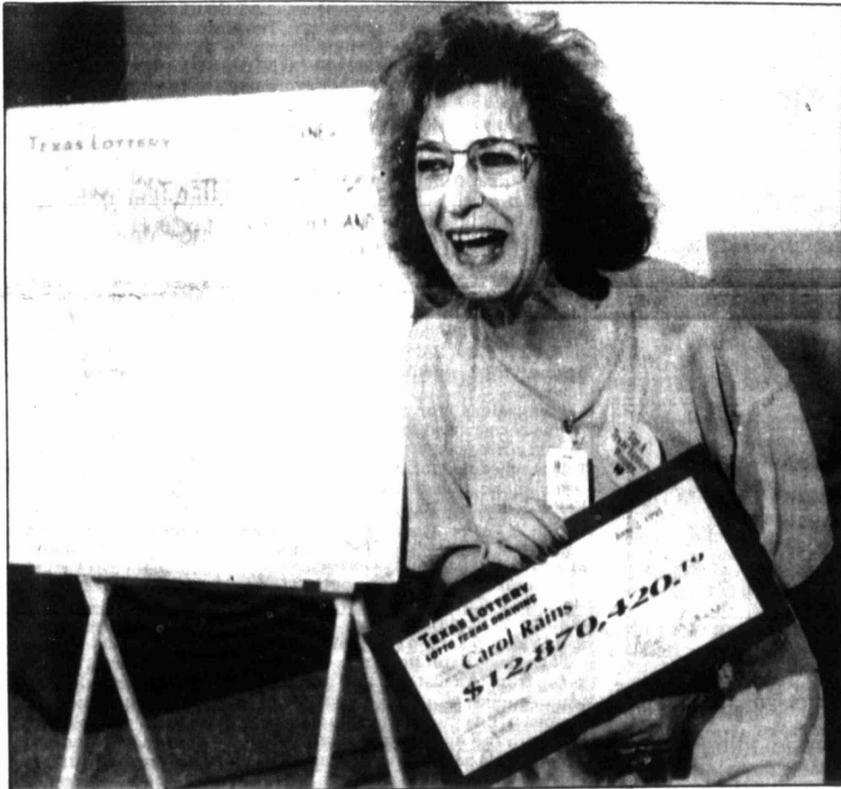
In a settlement signed by attorneys for the two, they have agreed to split 50/50 the remaining 19 payments of \$643,521 each. According to court records, each will be responsible for taxes, attorney's fees and court costs.

Mills, through Big Spring attorney Drew Mouton, sued for half the winnings plus \$3 million in mental anguish, \$3 million in punitive damages and \$4.7 million in attorney's fees.

Mills said he purchased two quick pick tickets May 29, 1995 at the East Fourth Fast Stop. Mills said he retained one ticket while giving Rains what turned out to be the winner.

He said since he had retired from the Fina Refinery, he had stopped daily at Herman's for coffee. Rains always waited on him and the pair had always split their winnings.

According to Mills, he was given \$50,000 by Rains shortly after she received her share of the winnings of what was a \$55 million jackpot.



Carol Rains is shown after picking up her check for her \$12.87 million share of a Texas Lottery jackpot. Rains, a former waitress at Herman's, and R.C. Mills reached a settlement in Mills' lawsuit over the winnings.

Police report: Major traffic crashes, some criminal activity up

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Records at the Big Spring Police Department for the month of February indicate an increase in major traffic accidents and some areas of criminal activity.

According to the February monthly report, eight more major accidents were investigated in February of 1996 than there were last year, with a total of 22 for the month. Year-to-date, there were 42 major accidents reported as of February 29, 1996, and only 25 reported by the end of February 1995. There were 34 minor accidents reported for the month, down five from February 1995 totals.

Reports of driving while intoxicated were up for the month as well as for the year, with 30 reports by February's end compared to 21 at the same time last year.

Some good news for Big Spring residents is that reports of sexual assault and robbery are down from last year's totals, sexual assaults: year-to-date February 1995, 10; year-to-date February 1996, 2; robbery reports: year-to-

date February 1995, 6; year-to-date February 1996, 1.

However, some bad news is that reports of burglaries and thefts have increased dramatically, with a total of 78 burglary reports by the end of February 1996, up 31 from the same time last year. The monthly report also reflects an increase in theft for the area, with 77 more reports of theft by the end of February 1996 than there were in 1995. Property value losses as of Feb. 29, 1996 totaled, \$134,239, while 1995 totals were \$89,290.

The Big Spring Police Department arrested 213 adults in the month of February, up 58 from the same month in 1995.

Sgt. Victor Brake said, "There's really no reason why crime goes up and down." Typically, when crime goes down, people say, the police are more proactive, and when it goes up they say they need more police officers patrolling the streets, Brake said. He said between 1995 and 1996 there have been no major changes to the department's staff complement. The police department employs 68 employees, 44 of which are police officers, he said.

Gusty winds hamper Galveston oil cleanup

GALVESTON (AP) — Recovery crews were poised to attack a gooey oil slick stretching at least 5 miles from the mouth of Galveston Bay early today after a barge buckled, ran aground and spilled a fourth of its cargo.

The barge began gushing intermediate fuel oil just outside the Houston Ship Channel on Monday. Wind and current carried the ribbon of oil several miles into the Gulf of Mexico, where it began flowing south.

Workers were able to place protective booms around the

barge and along nearby environmentally sensitive shorelines, but steady 40 mph winds and gusts to 50 mph severely hampered recovery efforts.

U.S. Coast Guard Cmdr. Dean Kutz said two of 12 compartments in the barge were ruptured. The two compartments held about 4,200 barrels, or 176,400 gallons, of the heavy oil.

The last sections appeared to be intact, and Kutz was hopeful no more oil would spill. An empty barge stood by to begin emptying the damaged vessel of some 12,500 barrels of oil.

Chamber's first "Business After Hours" set for today

HERALD staff report

Big Spring and Howard County business owners and operators and residents will have the opportunity to visit about a variety of issues during the community's first-ever Business After Hours today.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event will be held from 5:15-7 p.m. at the Best Western Mid-Continent Inn, located just

east of the Rip Griffin Truck Stop on the north service road of I-20.

"Business After Hours will give persons the opportunity to visit with one another in a non-business environment," explained chamber executive vice president Linda Walker.

"The program, which has been popular around the country for a number of years, was developed to allow people to talk and network with one

another in a non-business atmosphere that was also not as relaxed as a totally social atmosphere," she added.

Walker said chamber officials made the decision to hold the Business After Hours sessions this year after a number of persons asked about them and also as an additional way in which the chamber can make the community more aware of the things it does and services it provides.

Specifically, Business After Hours is designed to allow for networking and the showcasing of the sponsor. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be given away to persons registering with their business card.

Walker said the chamber plans to hold Business After Hours on a regular basis. For more information, call 263-7641.

Texas Trivia

What is the origin of the name Texas?

The Caddo Indian word "taushas."

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Banker says he warned of deal
A former bank official says he warned of the deal that has become known as Whitewater, but was ordered to process the loan. Page 3.

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Super greenhouse
A \$23 million, computerized greenhouse is under construction south of Fort Davis in the Davis Mountains. Page 3.

Former school official sentenced
A former school board member in Meridian has been sentenced following her conviction for terrorizing another woman. Page 3.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today **70** ▲ Highs **29**
Lows ▼

Today
Partly cloudy, highs near 70, lows in upper 20s and fair.

Tonight
Permian Basin Forecast
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, highs in 60s, lows in upper 20s.
Thursday: Partly cloudy, highs in 70s, lows in 30s.

OBITUARIES

Chris Smith

After a life long battle with diabetes, James Chrisman "Chris" Smith, 34, of Big Spring, passed away suddenly at his home on Sunday, March 17, 1996.

Chris was born on Nov. 23, 1961, in Big Spring, Texas. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1980. He was best known for his sense of humor, ventriloquism and ability to make others laugh.



SMITH

He is survived by his mother and step-father, Clea and Bill Satterwhite of Odessa; father and step-mother, Bob and Mel Smith of Granbury; his grandmothers, Eddie Yancey of Odessa and Etta Smith of White Salmon, Wash.; two brothers: Robert Smith of Big Spring and Terry Smith of Odessa; nieces, Nicole and Chesnel Smith of Lubbock and Stormi and Reba Smith of Big Spring; also several aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

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

(Paid obituary)

Yvonne Poe

Funeral service for Yvonne Poe, Stanton, were 1 p.m. today at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Rev. Waymon Swopes, of Greenwood Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Mrs. Poe died Monday, March 18, 1996, at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

She was born on April 23, 1938, in Stonewall County. She attended Midland schools and graduated from Midland High School. She married David Poe in Las Vegas, Nev., in 1975. They had lived in Big Spring and Stanton.

Survivors include her husband: David Poe, Stanton; two sons: Rick O'Donnell, Fort Worth, and Rusty O'Donnell, Midland; her mother: Johnnie Bert Jones, Midland; a brother: Don Jones, Odessa; five grandchildren; and two nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Leola Ivy

Service for Leola Ivy, 75, of Sweetwater, was 2 p.m. today at the McCoy Chapel of Memories, with Rev. Jay Simpson officiating. Burial followed in the Sweetwater Cemetery.

Mrs. Ivy died Sunday, March 17, 1996, in the Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1920, in Athens, Texas. She married

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Juan Alvarez, 47, died Sunday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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James Chrisman "Chris" Smith, 34, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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P.T. Gartman. He preceded her in death. She then married Spohn L. Ivy on May 23, 1964, in Seminole. He also preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and had worked in a Sweetwater laundry for many years and in the restaurant business. She had lived in Sweetwater since 1954.

Survivors include four daughters: Lena Bell Thomas, of Athens, Minnie Pearl Green, of Tyler, Sue Dooley, of Alto, N.M., and Joy Worsham, of Sweetwater; five sons: Thurman Gartman, of Athens, Hodge Lee Gartman, of Lubbock, Eugene Gartman, of Lubbock, Buster Dean Gartman, of Big Spring, and John Franklin Gartman, of San Angelo; three sisters: Inez Smith, of Sweetwater, Leona Harper, of Brownwood, and Nadine Gillispie, of Abilene; four brothers: John Gandy, of Sweetwater; Bill Gandy, of Post; Jack Gandy, of Texas City; and Henry Gandy, of DeSoto; 25 grandchildren including Dean and Tommy Gartman, of Big Spring; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Bobby Gartman; her parents, John and Carrie Gandy; one sister, Gertrude Patrick; three grandsons, Big Boy, David, and Don Grissom; and one great-grandson, Jonathan Gartman.

Palbearers were Robert Worsham, Dewayne Webb, Randall Cunningham, Don McDorman, Arthur Wright, and Bo Brown.

Arrangements under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

(Paid obituary)

Juan Alvarez

Graveside service for Juan Alvarez, 47, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, 1996, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Horace Yanez, deacon of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating.

Mr. Alvarez died Sunday, March 17, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

He was born on May 20, 1948, in Austin. He had lived in Big Spring for the last 14 years, moving here from Austin. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include six brothers: Pablo Alvarez, Freddie Alvarez, Jessie Alvarez, Felix Alvarez, and Manuel Alvarez, all of Austin, and Henry Alvarez, Big Spring; one sister: Maria Zubiate, Austin; and a number of nieces and nephews. Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Juries selected in cases involving offenses against minors

HERALD Staff Report

Juries were chosen Monday for the trials of two local men, both charged with offenses involving a minor.

Gerardo Trevino, Sr., 38, of Big Spring, will be tried in 118th District Court under Judge Robert H. Moore for sexual assault of a child. According to Big Spring Police Department records, Trevino was indicted in May 1995 for the offense which occurred on Oct. 31, 1994 with a female child at a central address in Big Spring. The offense is punishable as a second degree felony resulting in imprisonment of not more than 20 years or less than two years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Steven Strickland, 19, of Big Spring, will be tried in 118th District Court under Judge Moore, as well, for indecency with a child. According to the Big Spring Police Department, Detective Stowers received information that a white female, 14, and a relative of Strickland, was touched by him in a manner that was against the law and offensive to her. If proven guilty, Strickland will also be facing sentencing under the charge of second degree felony. Strickland's trial will begin after Trevino's trial is concluded.

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ON THE RUN

POLICE

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

•GEORGE ROBBINS, 24, of 803 1/2 E. 14th, was released after probation violation charges were dropped and he paid a fine for local warrants.

•RICHARD LYNN ROBERTSON, 49, of no known address, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•DONALD RAY VANDERBILT, 21, of 1002 Main, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•CECELIA MENDEZ, 19, of 601 E. 18th, was arrested for outstanding local warrants.

•LOUD PARTY in the 100 block of E. 16th.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 300 block of Gregg, 300 block of Johnson, 1400 block of Pennsylvania and 600 block of Benton.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING on Avenue C and in the 2100 block of Sixth Avenue.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1300 block of Interstate 20 and 400 block of B Armstrong.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 800 block of Caprock Drive and 2500 block of Kentucky.

•THEFTS in the 1100 block of North Lamesa and 900 block of North Lamesa.

•ASSAULT in the 500 block of Lancaster.

•JUVENILE PROBLEMS in the 700 block of Gollad and 100 block of Northeast Eighth.

•MAJOR ACCIDENT in the 3800 block of Conally.

•MINOR ACCIDENT in the 1600 block of Lincoln.

SHERIFF

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

•LISA JEANINE ARISPE RUBIO, 28, of 101 Northwest 12th, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving with a suspended license. She was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•ANTHONY GARCIA ARISTA, 36, of 306 Northeast 10th, was arrested for violating his probation. He pleaded guilty in 118th District Court, was sentenced to 45 days in County Jail and fined \$435.

•GABRIEL PROVENCIO, 40, of El Paso, was transferred from the Big Spring Police Department and arrested for driving with a suspended license. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.

•CHRISTOPHER MYRICK, 19, of 1013 Nolan, was released on \$4,000 bond.

•JAMES WENDELL TUBBS, 17, of 1013 Nolan, was released on \$4,000 bond.

•RICHARD RUIZ, JR., 22, of 1107 Stanford, was arrested for violating his probation.

•LOOSE LIVESTOCK on South Highway 87, Oasis Road and Hilltop Road.

•VANDALISM at Coahoma Independent School District.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 1700 block of Young.

•WELFARE CONCERN on Hooser Road.

MARKETS

May cotton futures 84.60 cents a pound, down 4 points; April crude oil 23.82, up 55 points; Cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 50 cents; slaughter steers steady at 63 cents even; April live hog futures 49.45, down 52 points; April live cattle futures 64.90, down 35 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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IN BRIEF

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS will be from 5:15 to 7 p.m. today at the Best Western Mid Continent Inn on the North Service Road of I-20.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. Bring a guest and your business cards.

Business After Hours is a program of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is specifically designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors. There is no charge to attend. This is the first of many for 1996, with a different sponsor and location each time.

THE HERALD IS currently seeking input from our readers to begin a recipe page scheduled to be published the second Wednesday of each month, beginning in April.

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721, attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the first recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 1. It is scheduled for April 10.

For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331.

THE AG EXPO will be March 21 and 22 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It is open to the public. Times for this event is as follows: Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday: Exhibitors are to set up from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 25th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner will be held in conjunction with the Ag Expo at 6 p.m. This is held to honor all local and area farmers and ranchers. Admission is free to all farmers and ranchers, but a ticket will need to be picked up at the chamber office in order to have approximate count for food. Exhibits will be opened to the public from 6 to 9 p.m. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be providing the entertainment.

Friday: Marcy Weir with Creative Memories will be having a demonstration at 10:30 a.m. She will be showing you how you can create a family scrapbook and how to preserve it with the different supplies she uses.

Thelma Carille, author of Mealtime and Memories, will be having a cooking demonstra-

TEXAS LOTTERY

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tion. She will be cooking recipes from her famous cookbook and sharing a few family secrets.

Different guest speakers will be conducting workshops through the day on Friday.

A BENEFIT AUCTION, barbecue, and shuffle board tournament is being held for Don Ellis satring at noon Saturday at the American Legion Post 506, 3202 W. Hwy. 80. A barbecue dinner is being served from 1 to 4 p.m. at \$5 per plate and carry out is available. The auction will start at 6 p.m. All proceeds and donations go directly to Don Ellis.

THERE HAS BEEN AN Alice Haynes Scholarship Fund established at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Attn: Cheri Sparks, President.

The Alice B. Haynes Dental Hygiene Scholarship will be awarded each year at Howard College to a deserving dental hygiene student, in honor of Dr. Haynes.

A BLOOD DRIVE has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Donors must schedule by appointment and present ID at the time of donations. Appointments may be made by contacting either Deborah Pierce or Debra Wallace at 263-1211.

THE BIG SPRING Mall will hold an Easter Bonnet Contest and Parade at 2 p.m. Saturday at Center Court of the mall.

The Easter Bonnet contest is open to all ages. The contest will be divided into two age groups. The two age groups will be adult and children. Prizes will be given for prettiest, funniest, best decorated, biggest and smallest.

Teens injured in Monday night vehicle crash

HERALD Staff Report

An accident Monday night on Conally Street sent a local teenager to the hospital.

Alisha Brewer, 17, of Big Spring, was traveling west bound in the 2000 block of Alamesa when her brakes failed and she struck a tree in the front yard of 3800 Conally St.

Police officers measured approximately 120 feet of skid marks leading from Alamesa up to the curb of 3800 Conally St. The vehicle then traveled another 39 feet before coming to stop against a tree.

Two passengers were traveling with Brewer: Linda Foster, 18, and Tasha Wilbert, 17, both of Big Spring. Wilbert, who was riding in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for minor injuries. Brewer and Foster were not injured.

The police report attributed the wreck to driver inattention and failure to control speed. Brewer was charged with failure to control speed to avoid an accident.

The vehicle, a late-model Ford door, sustained over \$500 damage and was towed from the scene.

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Bank officer says he questioned deal at heart of Whitewater

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan officer who balked at a loan now at the center of the Whitewater case testified owner James McDougal told him, "Stop questioning the loan and put it together."
The \$825,000 real estate loan to sawmill operator Dean Paul is key to the criminal fraud and conspiracy charges against McDougal, his ex-wife, Susan, and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker. Prosecutors claim Paul was

the front man for a deal to infuse money into financier David Hale's small business investment company so that Hale could qualify for more federally backed money.
The government contends that \$500,000 of the money went to Hale's Capital Management Services Inc. and was used to gain about \$1.5 million in matching federal money.
The trial resumes today. Don Denton, a former loan officer who was given immunity

from prosecution, testified Monday that he was skeptical of the loan because the value of the property was inflated and Paul himself said he didn't know why he was asking for it.
"He said he was accommodating his friend, David Hale," Denton said. He said Hale accompanied Paul to the meeting but left before it began.
Denton first brought his concerns to Madison president John Latham, then directly to McDougal, he said.

"Jim, in his very clever, cavalier way, comforted me and assured me not to worry about it, that he knew what he was doing," Denton said.
Denton said when he persisted with his objections, McDougal told him to, "Stop questioning the loan and put it together."
The deal closed in February 1986, after Denton demanded that Paul personally guarantee the note.
Denton said McDougal told him the loan was to enable Hale

to increase his firm's lending limit and join Madison in future deals. However, at the start of cross-examination by McDougal's attorney, Denton said McDougal never told him the purpose of the loan.
Hale, the prosecution's chief witness, pleaded guilty to separate charges of defrauding the federal Small Business Administration. His sentencing is set for Monday.
Tucker and the McDougals are accused in a 21-count federal

indictment of fraudulently obtaining \$3 million in loans from Madison and Capital Management Services.
Hale claims Tucker pressured him to make bad loans and that then-Gov. Bill Clinton specifically pressed him to make a \$300,000 business loan to Mrs. McDougal.
Clinton and Tucker have denied the allegations, and the McDougals have subpoenaed the president to testify at the trial to rebut Hale.

Former school official pleads no-contest

MERIDIAN (AP) — A former member of the Clifton school board has been fined \$1,000 and ordered to pay \$13,000 restitution in connection she traumatized another trustee and his wife last year after the end of a close friendship.
Kimberly Joann Dahl of Clifton pleaded no contest in February to a charge of felony criminal mischief. As part of the plea bargain, Bosque County prosecutors decided against pursuing 10 charges of burglary of a habitation.
She testified Monday that she went into the home of Robert

and Debbie Payne while they were gone, that she had put a cleaning material with bleach on their carpet, poured bleach in the washing machine, reopened a repaired slit in a recliner and sprayed her perfume on the chair.
District Judge James Morgan said Ms. Dahl owes \$8,004 for property damage to the residence, \$628 for past medical expenses, \$1,435 in past counseling expenses and \$2,935 for future medical expenses for Mrs. Payne.
On the stand, Ms. Dahl characterized her interaction with

the Paynes as "an emotional relationship that was beyond a friendship but less than sexual intercourse," said Ms. Dahl's attorney, Garry Lewellen.
"I'm not real sure what that is," he said.
The Paynes testified that from summer until fall 1995, when Ms. Dahl was arrested, they used surveillance cameras to videotape her in their home numerous times and that they then believed she was using a key to enter.
Ms. Dahl resigned from the school board after her arrest.

Nelson Mandela granted divorce

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President Nelson Mandela was granted a divorce today, ending a 38-year marriage that survived the darkest days of apartheid but collapsed because of allegations of adultery.
In a nation where Mrs. Mandela has a political following of her own, the breakup of the couple had importance beyond the family.
The judge said Winnie Mandela, who contested her 77-year-old husband's divorce request, failed to counter his most serious accusations: that she had cheated on him, and that, since they separated in 1992, they have had a marriage in name only.
"On evidence which was not challenged and the reliability of which can be accepted with confidence, the plaintiff is entitled to a divorce," Judge Frikkie Eloff said.
"Divorce is granted."
Neither of the Mandelas showed any visible reaction, and they did not look at one another. They left without speaking to the dozens of reporters in the courtroom.
The couple wed in 1958 after Mandela divorced his first wife. The marriage quickly came under strain as Mandela was arrested in 1962 and imprisoned until 1990, when he was freed to negotiate an end to apartheid. He later was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize and

elects president.
During his imprisonment, Mrs. Mandela, now 60, became an anti-apartheid leader in her own right, popular with the African National Congress's radical wing. She lost influence as Mandela pushed the ANC along a moderate course.
Mandela fired her early last year as deputy minister of arts, culture, science and technology after a series of controversies.
The judge's decision came just minutes after Mrs. Mandela fired her lawyer, Ismail Semanya, in court. Eloff said the gesture was nothing more than an attempt to buy time, and ordered Mrs. Mandela to defend herself.
"I do not now know what to do my lord," Mrs. Mandela told Eloff. "I am not the state president. I'm an ordinary person."
Eloff insisted that Mrs. Mandela sum up, and she offered a plaintive: "This is no ordinary case."
A hearing to determine the divorce settlement was scheduled Wednesday. Weekend press reports claimed that Mrs. Mandela would seek about \$5 million, which she says is half of Mandela's worth.
In an affidavit supporting his divorce request, Mandela said his earning were "not of consequence," but did not specify a figure. His salary as president is about \$142,000 a year. He also has income from a best-selling autobiography, but most of

those funds go to charity.
The couple separated two years after Mandela was released from prison in 1990, and Mandela filed for divorce last year. During his first day on the stand Monday, the president said his belief that his wife had been unfaithful to him convinced him that the marriage should end.
For the second day, the contentious divorce trial of the country's first couple drew crowds outside the Johannesburg courthouse. The courtroom was packed with journalists and bodyguards, with no room for members of the public eager to watch the proceedings.
Before his dismissal, Semanya had taken Mandela step by step through the arrests, bannings and financial and personal difficulties Mrs. Mandela suffered during their marriage. Mandela had to acknowledge several times that he was unaware of certain incidents, because he had been in prison for 27 years.
"She was subjected to very cruel persecution by the security police of the day," Mandela said from the witness stand. He added: "There were many women in this country who did that. There were many women in this country who suffered far more than she did."
After a lunch break, Semanya asked for more time to bring in witnesses to support Mrs. Mandela's arguments.

\$23 million high-tech greenhouse in works

FORT DAVIS (AP) — A \$23 million computerized greenhouse that could increase Texas' tomato production by two-thirds is under construction south of Fort Davis, 175 miles southeast of El Paso.
The giant greenhouse, being built by New Jersey-based Agro-Power Development Inc., will be capable of producing 18 million pounds of beefsteak tomatoes a year.
The greenhouse will use computerized environmental control systems and the latest technology in hydroponics — culti-

vating plants in materials containing minerals rather than in soil.
The complex is on a 43-acre tract. Water use could reach 87 million gallons annually, and employment at full capacity could reach 120 people, with an annual payroll of \$4.1 million, officials said.
The business also will include a 63,000-square-foot grading and packing operation complete with offices.
Tomatoes grown at the greenhouse will be sold under the "Village of Texas Farms" label

in markets stretching from Texas to the northeastern United States.
"Agro-Power Development has recognized what we have known for a long time — that Texas is an excellent location for high-tech, high-production agriculture," state Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.
Agro-Power's greenhouse will include a high-tech watering and fertilization system, robotic glass-cleaning machines, and an insect-control operation that uses no chemical pesticides or insecticides.

VA deaths

Cleaning process could have contributed

TEMPLE (AP) — A Houston rubber and gasket company used a routine cleaning process that may have contributed to the deaths of four men at a veterans' hospital.
Ram Agrawal, owner of Precision Valve Modification, Inc. of Houston, on Monday said a 50-foot hose sold to the company that provides oxygen service to the Olin E. Teague Veterans Center was cleaned with a solution of trichloroethylene.
A trace amount of that chemical was found in oxygen that was distributed through the hose to 89 patients here last week, said Laura Custer, a spokeswoman for the Houston oxygen company, Air Liquide.
Three patients died within hours of the hose being connected between their room and a large outside oxygen tank. One other man exposed to the oxygen died Sunday.
VA officials and Dallas County medical examiners are investigating whether the deaths were related to the contaminated oxygen.
U.S. Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., chairman of the House subcommittee on VA Hospitals

and Health Care, will meet with senior officials from the Veterans Hospital Administration to look into the deaths.
"It is absolutely essential that we thoroughly investigate this case and prevent this type of situation from ever happening again," Hutchinson said in a statement.
A spokeswoman for the hospital said the remaining 85 patients exposed to the tainted oxygen were put on bottled oxygen shortly after Air Liquide installed its equipment.
Those patients remain on bottled oxygen and appear to be doing well.
Donna St. John, a spokeswoman for the Department of Veterans Affairs, said 12 other veterans' hospitals across the country have had no problems since switching over to equipment provided by Air Liquide.
Air Liquide recently won a one-year contract to provide oxygen services to 17 veterans' hospitals. Four of them have been told to delay conversion to the new contractor's equipment until further notice.
"Right now we're not trying to find fault," she said. "We're

stressing that there's no evidence of any connection between any deaths and this oxygen supply, and that's what we know at this time."
Three of the patients who died were being treated in the intensive care unit and were very ill before they received the oxygen, hospital and county officials said. Stephen Hodges, 46; Edwin Sladek, 74; and Douglas Saunders, 79, all died within hours of exposure to the oxygen.
Davis Salazar, 71, of Waco was not in intensive care. Salazar's daughter, Mary, said her father suffered from diabetes and high blood pressure. He was chatting with his wife and sitting up on Saturday night; by Sunday morning he was dead.
"When this is all over with, we really don't believe that the oxygen will play a major part, if any, at all in the death of these individuals," said Bell County Justice of the Peace Eddie Lange, who is conducting the inquest.
The hospital's central oxygen system moves oxygen from storage tanks outside the hospital, through air hoses into the center.

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Quote of the Day

"Is it progress if a cannibal uses a knife and fork?"

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Managing EditorRumors of war
in Taiwan Straits

All the ingredients are in place for a ghastly mistake in the Taiwan Strait. China conducts missile practice in Taiwanese fishing grounds, then intimidates even more by holding military exercises with live ammunition. The United States sends several warships to "monitor" the situation. The United States makes no overt pledge to defend Taiwan, but Secretary of State Warren Christopher warns that the consequences of an attack would be "grave."

As of Monday afternoon, U.S. Armed Forces are on DEFCON 3. Should the state of readiness be escalated to DEFCON 2, the Commander-in-Chief would be immediately dispatched to an airborne command post. Consider these items:

- CNN has confirmed China says if the U.S. intervenes, the U.S. mainland may face attacks. (Los Angeles was named specifically.)

- The largest armada of U.S. warships since Vietnam is currently enroute to the Taiwan Straits.

Read between the lines, Jiang Zemin. No one believes war is imminent, but into this brinkmanship, a fatal miscalculation could fall. Meanwhile, Taiwan is in the final throes of a presidential campaign that China views as a provocation. More democracy and cries for independence are not what China's rulers want from an island they consider part of their own country.

Officially, the Taiwanese government supports eventual reunification with China, but China's leaders fear this may just be lip service. There is a strong independence movement in Taiwan, and President Lee Teng-hui — who is virtually certain to win the first direct democratic election for president on March 23 — has taken steps to bolster Taiwan as an independent country. Under its "one China policy," the United States favors Taiwan's reunification with China — as long as it's achieved without coercion and without the use of military force. Out of deference to China, the United States doesn't recognize Taiwan. Still, the United States is Taiwan's biggest trading partner and supplies its air force with modern jet fighters.

As far as China is concerned, the United States walks a tightrope on Taiwan. Oddly, the trigger for the current tension was the visit a year ago of Lee to his Cornell University reunion. The Chinese were furious at even this scant recognition by the United States of a Taiwanese leader.

As a suitor both to Taiwan and the world, China has embarked on a foolhardy course. Instead of presenting a benign face, the Chinese rulers rattle sabers — hardly an invitation to partnership. Membership in the World Trade Organization and anointment as host of the Olympic Games are not likely to come to a bellicose country. Taiwan has an excuse for putting resources into more guns to defend itself from a neighbor rather than trying to create stronger ties across the Taiwan Strait.

One misfired missile could precipitate a conflict that would stall China's opportunities both for reunion with Taiwan and full inclusion in the world community.

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Finishing the job with the Republicans

By CHARLES McDOWELL
Richmond Times-Dispatch

WASHINGTON — So the Republican nominee for president, less than a month after the first primary and four months before the party nominating convention, is Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas. Another way of saying this is whew! It's not Pat Buchanan, Steve Forbes or Lamar Alexander.

Even a Republican could say whew without intending a personal insult to a populist protectionist, a populist flat-taxer or a populist pushing plaid shirts. Dole had his own troubles at the start of the primaries, and his salvation encourages many to believe that a familiar, fairly conventional Republican is a better bet than the New Wave, whatever exactly it is.

Dole lost the first primary, in New Hampshire, to Buchanan. In the era of politics on television, the momentum coming out of New Hampshire often is crucial. Bill Clinton is the only president elected since Harry

Truman who did not win the primary in that little state.

Political junkies will not forget that Dole also lost Delaware and Arizona to Forbes in the first week. Some pretty good politics-watchers actually counted him out. Then something happened. Dole's huge band of endorsers woke up, went to work and rallied moderates and many conservatives, including some religious conservatives. So 14 days after near-disaster in New Hampshire, Dole had carried South Carolina big and swept eight states as different as Georgia and Massachusetts.

Newt Gingrich then endorsed him, but some of Dole's allies could not help saying to reporters that he was still campaigning badly. He seemed ill at ease, defensive. Sometimes he was downright grim. And sometimes whimsical, which has never been a mood to reassure Republicans.

Tommy Thompson, governor of Wisconsin and a Dole man, went beyond the candidate's mood when he said, "He has to

develop a better vision of where he wants to take America."

He had no really neat motto or zinger, perhaps, for his spots on television and, in debate, his experience as a legislative leader often kept him from taking a simplistic, bold position before he fully understood what kind of deal might have to be made.

Anyway, the party had pulled itself together around Dole and probably improved its prospects against the Democrats. A Wall Street Journal poll in early March put Clinton ahead of him 53 percent to 34 percent, but 60 percent or more of the sample had reservations about Clinton's "personal qualities." Dole, in any case, is a tough campaigner whose skill is in adjusting to the project at hand.

But as The Almanac of American Politics noted ten years ago, Republicans are inclined to "a candidate who will rail against government, not one who is proud that he has served in it for many years." Dole might well be urged to campaign as an anti-government Republican. He would likely

remind his party pretty briskly that the excesses of the new Republican majority in the House played into President Clinton's hands.

Strategically, what seems important now is choosing a running mate. The name of Colin Powell already dominates the debate. History says vice-presidential candidates actually have had little effect on voters, but Dole would be in character saying out loud that having a 73-year-old candidate for president could make the running mate a much bigger deal.

People do listen to Dole. Even Democrats do it, and he knows having Democratic friends makes government work better. He leads Washington in relevant experience: after four years in hospitals with war wounds, elected to the Kansas House before finishing law school in 1951; county attorney for 10 years; U.S. House for eight; Senate since 1968, party leader since 1984.

He rarely speaks at Republican term-limits rallies.

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Politics: The last refuge of poor quality

By ALAN EHRENHALT
Governing Magazine

Just a few years ago, coffee in America tasted terrible. It woke you up in the morning and kept you warm on cold winter afternoons, but as far as flavor was concerned, it was the rough equivalent of the water in your bathtub.

There was a reason for that. The giant consumer products companies that sold coffee to supermarkets knew that they could make their best profit on cheap beans that had a high caffeine content but hardly any taste. As far as they were concerned, the customers couldn't tell the difference.

Then some mom-and-pop entrepreneurs in San Francisco and Seattle came up with a breathtakingly simple discovery: If you offered people coffee that really tasted like something, they would stand in line to get it. Many of them would never drink the tasteless stuff again. The result is a Starbucks practically everywhere you turn around in every metropolitan area.

Something similar can be said about beer. Until recently, the big breweries didn't see much point in giving us anything better than Schlitz or Old Milwaukee, since we drank what they gave us without complaining. Then came microbrewing, and all of a sudden it was clear that Americans were smart enough to appreciate something better, once somebody made it available. And so now there are more than 500 brewpubs in the United States, and the giants are hiring consultants to teach them to make something that doesn't taste as if it came out of a car wash.

I don't mean for this to sound like a commercial. My point is that, when it comes to familiar

consumer goods in America, there can be such a thing as a flight to quality.

My question is this: If it can happen to beer and coffee, could it happen to the most tasteless, low-quality product currently being foisted on the American consumer? Could it happen to politics?

Adlai Stevenson understood this better than anybody. In his 1952 presidential campaign, after one of his typically eloquent speeches, a supporter rushed up to congratulate him. "You're bound to win," she said. "Every thinking American will vote for you."

"That's not enough," Stevenson replied. "I need a majority." On the other hand, the fact that Stevenson made it as far as he did in his public career testifies that there is such a thing as a flight to quality in politics, and that, when the time is ripe, it can be a powerful force indeed.

It was in 1948 that the leaders of the Illinois Democratic Party, beset by scandal and incompetence and seemingly doomed to statewide defeat, decided to try a desperation tactic: Forget the usual gang of office-seekers and give the people candidates of such commanding excellence that only a fool could fail to notice. They nominated Steven-

son for governor and Paul Douglas — scholar, reformer and war hero — for the U.S. Senate.

Jacob Arvey, the Cook County Democratic boss, made it clear he was doing it to save the party, not the world. "The precinct captains have a better line to sell," Arvey explained, "when they've got a good man on the ticket."

Thus was launched a four-year gubernatorial career that set new standards for the state in honesty, efficiency and candor, and propelled Stevenson to the 1952 presidential nomination even though he didn't seek it and insisted he didn't want it.

You might argue that Stevenson's story, more than anything else, points to the virtues of bossism.

Well, maybe so. I would still argue, however, that under the right circumstances, the electorate displays a clear preference for simple human quality, even in the absence of demonstrated political or governmental skill. As evidence, I would offer the ongoing saga of Angus King, the current governor of Maine.

King was elected as an Independent in 1994 at a time when the state's Republican governor and Democratic House speaker had spent years calling each other names and showing rela-

tively little regard for the truth when it came to maneuvering for political position.

Both parties produced conventionally respectable nominees for governor in 1994, but the state's voters instead turned to King, a millionaire manufacturer of energy conservation equipment who also had hosted discussion programs on public TV.

King didn't offer anything unusual in the way of pledges or promises. What he did was communicate that he was a different sort of person — above all the squabbling and pettiness and partisanship. And the people decided to take a chance and try it.

During his first year in office, it's fair to say that King had his troubles with the legislature. But on a personal level, King has impressed people as exactly the quality product they hoped they were getting: decent, candid, well-meaning and unwilling to posture or play the sorts of games the whole state had gotten tired of.

The Maine Sunday Telegram reported at the end of the first year that "the public, far from focusing on his legislative mishaps, loves the guy." Polls show that voter confidence in Maine government as a whole is nearly twice as high as before he took office.

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By Bruce Tinsley



Look What Texas Shippers and Businesses are saying about the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroad Merger-



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An Open Letter to Texas Officials

We, the undersigned, fully support Union Pacific's application to the Surface Transportation Board at the United States Department of Transportation to purchase the Southern Pacific Railroad and call upon all elected Texas officials to support the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger as conditioned by the Burlington Northern Railroad and Santa Fe Railroad agreement.

Union Pacific Railroad has agreed to purchase the Southern Pacific Railroad in a \$5.4 billion dollar transaction. The benefits of merging Union Pacific and Southern Pacific are substantial. Although the Southern Pacific is not in good financial shape, Union Pacific is the only entity that has come forward to purchase the Southern Pacific in total and, at the same time, has committed to spending \$1.3 billion to improve the combined system. Almost half of that money would be spent in Texas or on lines connecting Texas to the rest of the country.

- Texas may be the biggest beneficiary of a Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger. The Union Pacific/Southern Pacific merger will dramatically improve service and strengthen competition. The merged system will meet the competitive challenge of the new Burlington Northern/Santa Fe system and other rail and modal competitors.
- Many shippers will benefit from the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific agreement with Burlington Northern and Santa Fe that will provide Burlington Northern and Santa Fe with access to various routes and points in Texas.
- Problems of Southern Pacific service, finances and capital constraints will be overcome, and Southern Pacific customers will have the assurance of long-term, top quality service from a financially strong railroad.

Because of these advantages, support for the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific merger is wide-ranging. More than 135 rail users headquartered in Texas have sent verified statements of support to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Also included in the 1,500 verified statements with the Interstate Commerce Commission application are supporting comments from many companies who employ thousands of Texans. The Texas Railroad Commission has received more than 2,500 letters and phone calls of support from interested Texans. Twenty-eight Texas state legislators have also endorsed the merger, along with various Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development organizations and other public officials.

Unfortunately, other railroads have come forward with proposals to either buy pieces or operate on trackage rights over the Southern Pacific in hopes of cherry-picking Southern Pacific's best traffic. This could result in the Union Pacific's offer being thwarted, and Southern Pacific being broken up. Indeed, Union Pacific has indicated that the merger benefits would be gutted if additional conditions are imposed over and above Union Pacific and Southern Pacific's grant of 3,800 miles of trackage rights to Burlington Northern and Santa Fe. The impact of businesses from such a break up and the impact of Texas' economy would have devastating consequences for all of us.

The Railroad Commission of Texas has held hearings on these issues and heard from all of the parties involved, including many of us who have a real stake in the continuation of a viable Southern Pacific. This merger is clearly in Texas' interest, proposals by others that could result in denial of this merger should be rejected.

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Cline a linchpin for up-and-coming track team

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

Junior track runner Kandl Cline takes on all comers when it comes to competition — especially her own Lady Steer teammates.

That's what make her so well respected.

"I like to compete," said Cline. "This sport has good competition; mainly from our team until we get to regionals."

Cline was part of last year's state 1600-meter relay team. This year, Cline runs in the

800-meter and 1600-meter relay teams. Cline started the season running the 400-meter dash but says she may return to that event in the district meet.



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she excels in.

But Cline is happy staying part of the 1600-meter relay team, because that is the event

"I like the mile relay the best," said Cline, "because it's a team event. It's something to push yourself harder for your teammates, and it's the most competitive event in this area."

The Lady Steers amazed many people last year when their young team won the District 4-4A meet. With only member left from that team, Cline is confident that Big Spring will win district again.

"This year's [team] is a lot better," said Cline. "We have more people to put in more events. It'll just make us

stronger."

Cline admits that she is surprised by her team's quick start (Big Spring has won three straight meets). But she credits the determination of her teammates.

"I knew we were strong, but not that strong," said Cline. "I thought we would have to build up like last year."

"[The team] is strong. They try to push themselves to win. They try no matter how good the other schools are. That's what makes our team good; we all try to get better."

Girls track coach Jay Kennedy is pleased with Cline's achievements, and looks for more to come.

"This is her third year with us," said Kennedy. "We're expecting a lot of big things from her. She's been solid in everything we put her in."

"She is a good kid. She's done well, and she is dependable. She grew up from a silly freshman to a mature athlete."

There is more to being a star track athlete than running, and sophomore Keesha Lott says Cline handles those responsibilities

as well.

"[Cline] is a good leader," said Lott. "She pushes us — especially when you have to run against her."

Kennedy said Cline has been preparing for the season since August. To Kennedy, that shows dedication, but Cline said it simply means she wants to get started.

"Last year, I started off pretty slow," said Cline. "This year, I'm better. This time I'm starting where I left off last year, and I hope to run faster before the end of the year."

NBA levels suspension, fine on Bulls' Rodman

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Chicago Bulls may be able to win without Dennis Rodman's rebounds. They certainly can do without his antics.

Rodman, the NBA's resident loose cannon, was suspended for six games and fined \$20,000 for his latest outburst Saturday, when he head-butted ref Ted Bernhardt, knocked over a cooler, stripped off his jersey and shouted obscenities before leaving the court.

The NBA, whose file on Rodman must now be as thick as a city phone book, said it imposed the severe punishment Monday to let players know that such boorish behavior will not be tolerated.

"The suspension and fine reflect not only the head-butting, but the totality of his actions on the court," said NBA vice president Rod Thorn, who saw the tirade in person. "Physical assaults on referees cannot and will not be tolerated under any circumstances."

Rodman emerged from his Philadelphia hotel room a half hour before the start of the Bulls game with the 76ers, but declined to comment on the suspension. Without Rodman, Chicago struggled before winning 98-94.

The Bulls have tolerated Rodman's free-spirited behavior and dyed hair because of what he brings to the court.

Sports Illustrated magazine recently called him the best rebounder for his size in NBA history, and he currently leads the NBA with an average of 15.1 rebounds.

But Michael Jordan hinted that the team's patience is wearing thin. The Bulls superstar said Rodman's image is getting in the way of Chicago's goal of winning a title and becoming the first NBA team to record 70 regular-season wins.

"A lot of what you see in Dennis is his image and persona," Jordan said. "He has continued to feed off that, and that's very dangerous to this team's success."

The Bulls, Jordan said, "were asked to absorb his whole repertoire, his skills as well as ... his image, and we did that."

In return, Rodman played within the system, up until now.

"No matter how you look at it, if he wants to be a part of this team, he's going to have to be there when we really need him," Jordan said. "Right now, he's not there when we need him."

Coach Phil Jackson said he will "probably weep a little bit about" the suspension, but he also criticized Rodman's inability to control his emotions on the court.

Please see RODMAN, page 7

HARD-HITTING HAWKS



Dustin Bratlien, right, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a home run for the Howard College Hawks in this file photo from recent action. Bratlien and the Hawks were back to their home run-hitting ways Monday against Galveston. For more information, see page 7.

Raiders basking in slam's afterglow

LUBBOCK (AP) — With one monster slam dunk, Texas Tech's Darvin Ham captured the national attention and respect that the Red Raiders had sought all season.

Ham's destruction of a Richmond Coliseum backboard during Sunday's 92-73 victory over North Carolina in a second-round NCAA East Regional contest has been featured by virtually every sports media outlet in the country.

Enlarged photos of the shattered backboard, shards of glass covering the court, graced the sports pages and front pages of numerous newspapers.

"It was a heckuva play to go up and dunk over two guys who are, like, 6-foot-10," Ham said. "But I wonder what would have happened had the backboard not shattered. If the backboard didn't shatter, no exposure."

"It just makes me want to do something else exciting, but I don't know if I can top that. Maybe I'll have to make the ball explode."

Ham and the Red Raiders are guaranteed a marquee spot in the 1996 Men's NCAA Division I Championship highlight reel, regardless of what happens from here on out.

But for Ham, who pushed his school-record dunk total to 115 with four "Ham Slams" against the Tar Heels, it was only one of many.

"People are really excited," Ham said Monday as he gathered for practice in Lubbock. "I'm excited, too, but to me it's just another dunk."

"I know it will go down in the history of the tournament because of the setting, North Carolina, getting into the Sweet 16 and all that. But I'm not too excited. The season's not over, yet."

Ham signed a portion of the shattered backboard that reportedly will be placed in the Richmond Coliseum trophy case. Dickey said he was told the ill-fated rim — which has seen its last shot — will be sent to Tech as a memento of the occasion.

The next obstacle for the eighth-ranked and third-seeded

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Ladyjacks' OT win gives them host role in Midwest regional

The Associated Press

Stephen F. Austin should feel right at home after winning two road games in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, even though the Ladyjacks have never advanced this far before.

Because that's exactly where they're going to play next — at home.

Stephen F. Austin, a No. 11 seed, earned a trip to the Midwest Regional semifinals on its own court in Nagogdoches, Texas, with an upset at third-seeded Clemson on Monday night.

Trailing by four points with a minute left in regulation, Stephen F. Austin rallied to win 93-88 in overtime.

This is Stephen F. Austin's 11th appearance in the NCAA tournament, but the first time it has won more than one game.

"When we took the job, we wanted to take it as high as we

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possibly could," second-year coach Royce Chadwick said. "We're just excited about the opportunities in front of us."

Those opportunities will be quite a challenge. Stephen F. Austin (27-3) plays second-seeded Georgia (25-4) next Saturday. Georgia advanced with an 83-55 victory over Oklahoma State on Sunday.

It's arguably the toughest regional because the other half of the bracket has top-seeded Louisiana Tech (30-1), ranked No. 1, against fourth-seeded Texas Tech (27-4).

Louisiana Tech coach Leon Barmore has complained about being in the same regional as Georgia, which was the only team other than Tech to be ranked No. 1 once the season started. But Barmore wasn't in the mood to discuss Georgia

after his team walloped Southern Mississippi 84-46 Monday night.

"I don't want any sports writer asking me about Georgia," Barmore said. "We've got to worry about Texas Tech, one of the best teams in America. I didn't say they had the greatest athletes. Georgia has all of them."

"But Texas Tech is playing as well as any team in the country right now, and that's enough to worry about."

Thirteen of the top 16 seeds in the tournament made it to round of 16. The lowest seed to advance was No. 12 San Francisco in the Midwest. The Lady Dons won at fourth-seeded Duke 64-60 Monday. Sixth-seeded Auburn advanced with a 68-61 overtime victory at third-seeded Colorado on

Sunday night.

All regional semifinal games are Saturday, and the finals are Monday night.

The East Regional at Charlottesville, Va., has top-seeded Tennessee (28-4) against fourth-seeded Kansas (22-9) and second-seeded Old Dominion (29-2) against third-seeded Virginia (25-6).

In the Midwest at Rosemont, Ill., outside Chicago, it's top-seeded Connecticut (32-3) against San Francisco (24-7) and second-seeded Iowa (27-3) against third-seeded Vanderbilt (22-7). And in the West at Seattle, top-seeded Stanford (27-2) plays fourth-seeded Alabama (24-7) and Auburn (22-8) meets second-seeded Penn State (27-6).

In the other games Monday night, Tennessee beat Ohio State 97-65, Kansas downed Texas 77-70, Old Dominion defeated Toledo 72-66, Connecticut beat Michigan State 88-68 and Stanford rolled

over Colorado State 94-63.

Stephen F. Austin, which trailed 82-78 in the final minute of regulation, beat Clemson (23-8) by staying cool.

"When we get down, we don't get riled," said LaTosha Lewis, who scored 18 points. "We say we're still in it, keep each other going and keep each other positive."

Stephen F. Austin's Katrina Price hit a 3-pointer to send the game into overtime, then scored the first four points of the extra session to put the Ladyjacks in front to stay. She finished with 21 points. Amy Geren led Clemson with 28 points.

With the tournament entering its next round, the Southeastern Conference remains the dominant league — just as it was in the national rankings during the season. Seven SEC teams made the NCAA tournament and five are still playing.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Today
Baseball

Howard College at Galveston (DH), 10 a.m.

Big Spring at Sweetwater, 6 p.m.

Softball

Midland Christian at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

STATE/NATION

Johnson powers Spurs to win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of the biggest reasons for the San Antonio Spurs' 10-game winning streak also is the smallest — point guard Avery Johnson.

The 5-foot-11 Johnson had a season-high 17 assists Monday night as the Spurs defeated the Golden State Warriors 104-98.

"Tonight was our toughest game over the last 10," said Johnson, who has led San Antonio to a 21-5 record this season when he has double figures in assists.

"We didn't have much energy and it showed late in the game," Johnson added. "This was definitely not one of our better outings, but we got the win. Our main concern right now is to perform well at this time of year."

Frisco withdraws bid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco withdrew its request to hold the 1999 Super Bowl and will instead concentrate on 2001 or 2002, when it hopes to have a new stadium.

The NFL will meet in October to discuss the 2000 game, as well as a replacement site for the 1999 game.

A's may move games

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics are moving their first six home games — possibly to Las Vegas — because they say a \$100 million renovation of the Oakland Coliseum won't be complete.

New Orleans and Phoenix also are under consideration for the games against Toronto and Detroit.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Basketball

College
NIT second round,
8:30 and 8:30 p.m. ESPN (ch. 30).

NBA
Golden State vs. Houston,
7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).
Cleveland at Dallas,
7:30 p.m., PRIME (ch. 29).

BIG SPRING Tuesday

BASKETBALL

NIT

All Times EST
First Round
Wednesday, March 14
Rhode Island
College of Ct.
Tennessee 49
South Carolina
Michigan St.
Minnesota 66
Missouri 69
Illinois St. 73

Midwest
Wisconsin 54
Tulane 67
A. Vanderbilt 66

Alabama 72
Fresno St. 54
Thursday, March 15
St. Joseph's
Nebraska 91
Washington
Friday, March 16
At New Haven
New Haven, Ct.
Providence 5

Second Round
Monday, March 19
South Carolina
Tulane 84
Illinois St. 77
Alabama 72

Tuesday, March 20
St. Joseph's
Providence 119
Civic Center, 7
Washington
Nebraska 17-1
Michigan St.
State 21-10
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Third Round
Wednesday, March 21
Tulane 20-11
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BASKETBALL

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All Times EST
First Round
Wednesday, March 13
Rhode Island 82, Marist 77
College of Charleston 55, Tennessee 49
South Carolina 100, Davidson 73
Michigan St. 64, Washington 50
Minnesota 68, Saint Louis 52
Missouri 89, Murray St. 85
Illinois St. 73, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 49
Wisconsin 55, Manhattan 42
Tulane 87, Auburn 73, OT
Vanderbilt 86, Arkansas-Little Rock 80

Alabama 72, Illinois 69
Fresno St. 58, Miami, Ohio 57
Thursday, March 14
St. Joseph's 82, Iowa 78
Nebraska 91, Colorado St. 83
Washington St. 92, Gonzaga 73
Friday, March 15
At New Haven Coliseum
New Haven, Conn.
Providence 91, Fairfield 79
Second Round
Monday, March 18
South Carolina 80, Vanderbilt 70
Tulane 84, Minnesota 65
Illinois St. 77, Wisconsin 62
Alabama 72, Missouri 49
Tuesday, March 19
St. Joseph's (16-12) vs. Providence (18-11) at the Providence Civic Center, 7:30 p.m.
Washington State (17-11) at Nebraska (17-14), 8:05 p.m.
Michigan State (16-15) at Fresno State (21-10), 9:30 p.m.
College of Charleston (25-3) vs. Rhode Island (19-13) at the Providence Civic Center, 9:45 p.m.
Third Round
Wednesday, March 20
Tulane (20-9) vs. Illinois St. (22-11), TBA
Alabama (18-11) at South Carolina

(19-11), TBA
Thursday, March 21
Rhode Island-Col. of Charleston winner vs. St. Joseph's-Providence winner
Friday, March 22
Fresno St.-Michigan St. winner vs. Nebraska-Washington St. winner
At Madison Square Garden
New York
Tuesday, March 26
Semifinals
TBA, 7 p.m.
TBA, 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 28
Third Place
Semifinal losers, 7 p.m.
Championship
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

NCAA women

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Friday, March 15
George Washington 83, Maine 67
Virginia 100, Manhattan 55
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Saturday, March 16
Ohio State 97, Memphis 75
Vanderbilt 97, Radford 56
At Allen Field House
Lawrence, Kan.
Saturday, March 16
Texas 73, Southwest Missouri State 55
Kansas 72, Middle Tennessee State 57
Friday, March 15
At ODU Field House
Norfolk, Va.
Saturday, March 16
Toledo 65, Mississippi 53
Old Dominion 83, Holy Cross 66
Second Round
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Sunday, March 17
Virginia 82, George Washington 4

At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.
Monday, March 18
Tennessee 97, Ohio State 65
At Allen Field House
Lawrence, Kan.
Monday, March 18
Kansas 77, Texas 70
At ODU Field House
Norfolk, Va.
Monday, March 18
Old Dominion 72, Toledo 66
Regional Semifinals
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Saturday, March 23
Tennessee (26-4) vs. Kansas (22-9), 11:30 a.m.
Virginia (25-6) vs. Old Dominion (29-2), 2 p.m.
Regional Championship
At University Hall
Charlottesville, Va.
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At Memorial Gymnasium
At Nashville, Tenn.
Friday, March 15
Wisconsin 74, Oregon 60
Vanderbilt 100, Harvard 83
At Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa
Friday, March 15
DePaul 96, Southern Methodist 82
Iowa 72, Butler 67
At Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.
Saturday, March 16
Michigan State 60, Massachusetts 57, OT
Connecticut 94, Howard 63
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.
Saturday, March 16
San Francisco 68, Florida 61
Duke 85, James Madison 53
Second Round
At Memorial Gymnasium
At Nashville, Tenn.
Sunday, March 17
Vanderbilt 96, Wisconsin 83

At Carver-Hawkeye Arena
Iowa City, Iowa
Sunday, March 17
Iowa 72, DePaul 71
At Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.
Monday, March 18
Connecticut 86, Michigan St. 66
At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.
Monday, March 18
San Francisco 64, Duke 60
Regional Semifinals
At Rosemont Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Saturday, March 23
Vanderbilt (22-7) vs. Iowa (27-3), 8 p.m.
Connecticut (32-3) vs. San Francisco (24-7), 10:30 p.m.
Regional Championship
At Rosemont Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At Municipal Coliseum
Lubbock, Texas
Friday, March 15
Notre Dame 73, Purdue 60
Texas Tech 78, Portland 61
At Georgia Coliseum
Athens, Ga.
Friday, March 15
Oklahoma State 90, Rhode Island 82
Georgia 98, St. Francis, Pa. 66
At Thomas Assembly Center
Ruston, La.
Saturday, March 16
Southern Mississippi 74, Utah 66
Louisiana Tech 96, Central Florida 41
At Littlejohn Coliseum
Clemson, S.C.
Saturday, March 16
Stephen F. Austin 67, Oregon State 65
Clemson 79, Austin Peay 52
Second Round
At Municipal Coliseum
Lubbock, Texas

Sunday, March 17
Texas Tech 82, Notre Dame 67
At Georgia Coliseum
Athens, Ga.
Monday, March 17
Georgia 83, Oklahoma State 55
At Thomas Assembly Center
Ruston, La.
Monday, March 18
Louisiana Tech 84, Southern Miss. 46
At Littlejohn Coliseum
Clemson, S.C.
Monday, March 18
Stephen F. Austin 93, Clemson 88, OT
Regional Semifinals
At Johnson Coliseum
Nacogdoches, Texas
Saturday, March 23
Louisiana Tech (30-1) vs. Texas Tech (27-4), TBA
Stephen F. Austin (27-3) vs. Georgia (25-4), TBA
Regional Championship
At Johnson Coliseum
Nacogdoches, Texas
Monday, March 25
Semifinal winners, 9:30 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
At Coleman Coliseum
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Friday, March 15
North Carolina State 77, Montana 68
Alabama 95, Appalachian State 66
At Coors Events Center
Boulder, Colo.
Friday, March 15
Auburn 73, Hawaii 53
Colorado 83, Tulane 75
At Bryce Jordan Center
State College, Pa.
Friday, March 15
Kent 72, Texas A&M 66
Penn State 94, Youngstown State 74
At Maple Pavilion
Stanford, Calif.
Saturday, March 16
Colorado State 66, Nebraska 62
Stanford 82, Grambling State 43

Second Round
At Coleman Coliseum
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Sunday, March 17
Alabama 86, North Carolina State 68
At Coors Events Center
Boulder, Colo.
Sunday, March 17
Auburn 68, Colorado 61, OT
At Bryce Jordan Center
State College, Pa.
Sunday, March 17
Penn State 86, Kent 59
At Maple Pavilion
Stanford, Calif.
Monday, March 18
Stanford 94, Colorado St. 63
Regional Semifinals
At Hec Edmundson Pavilion
Seattle
Saturday, March 23
Stanford (27-2) vs. Alabama (24-7), 10 p.m.
Auburn (22-8) vs. Penn State (26-6), 12:30 a.m.
Regional Championship
At Hec Edmundson Pavilion
Seattle
Monday, March 25
Final winners, midnight

THE FINAL FOUR
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
National Semifinals
Friday, March 29
East champion vs. Midwest champion, TBA
Midwest champion vs. West champion, TBA
National Championship
Sunday, March 31
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

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Arkansas 86, Penn State 80
Marquette 68, Moremouth, N.J. 44
At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.
Friday, March 15
Georgetown 93, Mississippi Valley State 56
New Mexico 69, Kansas State 48
Texas Tech 74, Northern Illinois 73
North Carolina 83, New Orleans 62
Second Round
At The Providence Civic Center
Providence, R.I.
Saturday, March 16
Massachusetts 79, Stanford 74
Arkansas 85, Marquette 56
At Richmond Coliseum
Richmond, Va.
Sunday, March 17
Georgetown 73, New Mexico 62
Texas Tech 92, North Carolina 73
Regional Semifinals
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Thursday, March 21
Georgetown (28-7) vs. Texas Tech (30-1), 7:40 p.m.
Massachusetts (33-1) vs. Arkansas (20-12), 30 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Friday, March 21
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Thursday, March 14
Connecticut 68, Colgate 59
Eastern Michigan 75, Duke 60
Mississippi State 58, Virginia Commonwealth 51
Princeton 43, UCLA 41
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Friday, March 15
Temple 61, Oklahoma 43
Cincinnati 66, North Carolina Greensboro 61
Boston College 64, Indiana 51

Georgia Tech 90, Austin Peay 79
Second Round
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Saturday, March 16
Connecticut 96, Eastern Michigan 81
Mississippi State 63, Princeton 41
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Sunday, March 17
Georgia Tech 103, Boston College 89
Regional Semifinals
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Friday, March 22
Connecticut (32-2) vs. Mississippi State (24-7), 7:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (27-4) vs. Georgia Tech (24-11), 30 minutes after previous game
Regional Championship
At Rupp Arena
Lexington, Ky.
Sunday, March 24
Semifinal winners, 5 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Thursday, March 14
Kentucky 110, San Jose State 72
Virginia Tech 61, Wisconsin-Green Bay 48
Iowa State 74, California 64
Utah 72, Canisius 43
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Friday, March 15
Louisville 82, Tulsa 80, OT
Villanova 92, Portland 58
Wake Forest 62, Northeast Louisiana 50
Texas 60, Michigan 76
Second Round
At Reunion Arena
Dallas
Saturday, March 16
Utah 73, Iowa State 67
Kentucky 84, Virginia Tech 60

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hawks crush Galveston Monday

Any doubts to the validity of the Howard College baseball team's record were laid to rest Monday when the Hawks (23-5) swept national power Galveston 24-0, 13-2, Monday in Galveston.
In the opener, the Hawks cranked out 22 hits, including seven home runs, while Ben Phillips pitched a one-hitter to improve to 6-0 for the season.
Clint Wyrick, Jason Huth, Chad Polk, Wes Davis, Tyson Lindke and Corey Kelley (twice) had round-trippers for Howard in the opener.
The second game was only slightly less dominating from the Hawks' point of view. Howard rapped 12 hits, including homers by Huth, Polk and Nathan Nelson, to give pitcher Caleb Brown his fourth victory of the season against three defeats.
"Galveston is a national power, and that's the worst they've ever been beat at their place," Howard coach Brian

Roper said. "This is great for the program, and great for recognition."
Howard concludes its series with Galveston with a double-header today.

Lady Steers fall to Stockton

The Big Spring Lady Steers lost 16-6 to Fort Stockton in the consolation bracket of the Andrews softball tournament this weekend.
Teri Gonzales was Big Spring's leading batter with three hits, while Michelle Steward added a pair of hits.
The Lady Steers return to action today at 5 p.m. against Midland Christian at Roy Anderson complex.

Bass tournament hosted in Colorado City

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Fisherman Appreciation Black Bass Tournament April 13. The contest will take place at Lake Champion and/or Lake Colorado City.
First place winner is guaranteed \$2,000. Other cash prizes

range from \$500 to \$35 for the top 20 entries if there are 150 entries in the tournament.
For more information, call Ronney Conner at 915-728-8436 after 5:30 p.m.

Softball and T-Ball sign-ups at Coahoma

Coahoma UGSA Softball League and the Coahoma T-Ball League scheduled sign-ups for this season.
Registration dates are today and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.
Sign-ups are also scheduled for March 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coahoma Softball Field.
There will be a T-ball league for any boy or girl ages 4-6. The cost to enter is \$20 for one child and \$35 for two.

Baseball league searches for teams

The West Texas/New Mexico Baseball League is looking for new teams to enter the league. The entry fee is \$150 per team, and the deadline to enter is April 1. For more information call (806) 456-5826 or (915) 335-8699.

With hoops success, SEC now more than just a football league

The Associated Press
Some basketball pundits questioned whether the Southeastern Conference — a.k.a. Kentucky and the 11 Dwarfs — deserved four teams in the NCAA tournament.
Funny how eight straight victories can change perceptions.
Obscured by the glare of Kentucky's brilliance most of the season, Mississippi, Arkansas and Georgia have kept pace with the Wildcats in the postseason, giving the SEC four teams in the round of 16.
No other conference has done as well. The Big East, generally conceded to be the best basketball league in the country, has three teams left in the field. The Atlantic Coast Conference, where the sport is a second religion along Tobacco Road, has only two. And the Big Ten has been the Big Flop for the second year in a row, losing all five of its teams in the first two rounds.
"It would be great to see us all advance (to the Final Four)," Arkansas coach Nolan

Richardson said. "Then maybe some of the East Coast writers, some of the East Coast announcers, would say, 'Hey, basketball is pretty good in the Southeastern Conference.'"
Richardson, whose 12th-seeded team advanced to the East Regional semifinals with a pair of upsets, said television plays a big role in how conferences are perceived. And the SEC continues to be regarded as a league where football is king.
"The Big Ten is great, the Big East is just the greatest conference, that's all you hear," he said. "They hardly ever say anything about the Southeastern Conference. Why? Because we're (supposedly) way down, Florida is playing football, Alabama is playing football."
SEC coaches, after complaining all year there's more to their league than Kentucky, are loving every minute of the post-season prosperity.
"I guess we just had some lucky bounces in this tournament," said Mississippi State

coach Richard Williams, sarcasm dripping from every word after his Bulldogs advanced to the Southeast Regional semifinals. "Our league is so weak with Kentucky and the 11 dwarfs."
Kentucky, top seed in the Midwest, was expected to make it this far after becoming the first SEC team in 40 years to go perfect in league play (16-0). The Wildcats were so dominating, in fact, that people assumed the other conference teams were pushovers.
"You guys who haven't seen Kentucky play just can't realize how good they are," Williams said. "But the coaches in our league have known all along how good Kentucky is and how good our league is."
There was evidence heading into the NCAA tournament that the SEC was more than a one-team phenomenon.
Mississippi State (24-7) was probably the best No. 5 seed in the field. The Bulldogs won the SEC tournament with an upset of Kentucky.

Tech

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Raiders (30-1 overall) is second-seeded Big East power Georgetown (28-7) at 7:40 p.m. EST Thursday at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.
The winner will face the winner of the other regional semifinal, between Massachusetts (33-1) and Arkansas (20-12), at 6 p.m. EST Saturday for a berth in the Final Four.

"Obviously, the past weekend was great for our program," Tech head coach James Dickey said. "I'm proud for our players. After Friday (and a 74-73 squeaker over Northern Illinois), we talked to a lot of players and coaches who had been in the NCAA Tournament, and one thing they all agreed on is the first game is always the most difficult to win. We were happy to get by with a one-point win."
"Sunday, the players went in with tremendous confidence. They were just playing the team on the court. They did not get all caught up in playing a team like North Carolina. That was very important. Now it's on to the Sweet 16. This is a great opportunity for our ball club."

The Raiders, riding the country's longest winning streak at 23 straight, already have advanced farther than they ever have since the tournament field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985. Tech, in fact, never before had won more than one

game during a single NCAA Tourney.
But to keep the dream alive, the Raiders must fell one of the tournament's true Goliaths. The Hoyas are led by sophomore all-American guard Allen Iverson, who poured through a total of 56 points in two games at Richmond, and a collection of massive inside players led by 6-foot-9, 235-pound Othella Harrington, 6-foot-9, 240-pound Jahidi White and 6-foot-9, 206-pound Jerome Williams.
"With Iverson ... you just hope he misses a few shots," Dickey said. "You just try to contain him as best you can. He's a terrific scorer. He puts it

up, and they just go get it when he misses. They're really aggressive on the boards."
"They start Othella Harrington, and then they bring in Jahidi White off the bench. That's two pretty big people to have to push around all night."
The Raiders will counter beefy Georgetown with the rather spindly Tony Battle, Jason Sasser, Gionet Cooper and, of course, Ham, who's strength is now a matter of record.

Rodman

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"I know he doesn't feel like it and he doesn't want to feel put upon, but he's got some responsibility now to the rest of us," Jackson said.
In one respect, the timing of the suspension isn't that bad. Rodman will miss five more games, against two good teams (the Knicks and Hawks) and three sub-.500 teams (the Kings, Raptors and Clippers). All but the Toronto game are at home.
But with Scottie Pippen, one of the NBA's best all-around players, already out with a sore knee, the Bulls will be playing short-handed for a bit.
Pippen might be ready for the Knicks game Thursday, but Jackson said the Bulls "are not going to force Scottie back in the lineup at all."
Rodman's suspension was the third longest levied by the NBA. Kermit Washington was suspended for 26 games in 1977 for punching Rudy Tomjanovich, and Vernon Maxwell received a 10-game suspension last year for going into the stands and hitting a fan.
Several teammates said they sensed Rodman's patience with NBA officials was wearing thin.
"You can see it building slowly because the referees are paying so much attention to him,"

Bulls center Bill Wennington said. "You know with his personality something's going to happen eventually."
Along with his \$20,000 fine and an automatic \$1,000 fine for his ejection, Rodman will lose more than \$30,000 in salary for each game he is suspended. That means the incident will cost him at least \$200,000.
It could also prove costly for the Bulls, who are on pace to break the record of 69 victories in a season by the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers. The Bulls must win 12 of their last 17 games to set the record.
"As far as winning 70, it may hurt us," Bulls said center Luc Longley said. "But as far as down the stretch it may not be a bad thing. Other guys will have to step up and play a lot of minutes."
Even if the Bulls weren't chasing 70 wins, Jordan said the suspension sets Chicago back.
"This is the most crucial part of the season," he said. "This is when we have to start preparing for the playoffs, and now it delays it, because of him not being around for six games."
Doc Rivers of San Antonio, who played with Rodman with the Spurs last season, said his former team is watching the Rodman situation with interest.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are personality-plus and have an effect whatever you do. Remain responsible about what you are doing and how you handle a change. Opportunities crop up; indeed, this is a new beginning. Only you can stop yourself. Tonight: Being your self makes you a winner. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Cut back, and understand what is going on. Remain optimistic about a change. Gather information instead of making judgments. You are very popular right now. Follow your instincts about a loved one. You have an endless supply of ideas. Tonight: Go for fantasy. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Happiness surrounds you. You are starved for success and winning. A unique, exciting offer comes your way. Be willing to push your own cause. You are on a winning path. Make time for a group get-together. Tonight: Be out and about. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take responsibility as you deal with a partner or loved one. You take on a lot right now, and bosses are demanding. Be open to positive possibilities as you take charge. Others admire the way you handle problems and deal with problems. Tonight: Take your bows. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Explore a new possibility. Your creativity is high; so is your need for fun and frolicking. Be in touch with key realities, even though your imagination knows no limits. It may be time to take on a new project or hobby. You have a lot of energy. Tonight: Be a wild thing! *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) One-to-one relating gets a fresh breath of vitality. A partner appreciates your creativity, imagination and spirit. Romance builds in the atmos-

phere of closeness, energy and understanding. Make a point to share your feelings. Tonight: Ask for what you want. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You might be confused by the mixed messages that come to you. A family member has an idea; however, a partner gives you different feedback. You need to consider things before you act. One thing you can be sure of is that others really care. Tonight: Use your charm. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Work seems demanding because you need to get a lot done personally. You must be efficient on this hectic day. Your ability to eliminate pressure and superfluous details makes helps you make necessary choices. You open doors with ease. Tonight: Work late. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your imagination knows no limits as you come up with ideas, enjoy the quality of a relationship and indulge. Be careful about getting carried away with a risk. Question what is motivating you to be so wild. Honesty here is important. Tonight: It's playtime! *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Settle down, and understand what is going on with your family. Instead of reacting, be sure of yourself and speak what is on your mind. Details flow if you are open to expressing raw ideas first. Brainstorming brings positive results. Tonight: Hang out at home. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Reach out to someone, and be willing to discuss what is on your mind. A door opens for you, if you reveal your deeper thoughts. Pace yourself; you are entering a hectic period. Excesses mark the day, so remain calm. Tonight: Be out there. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Expenses go out of whack as you determine what you want and need. A sense of humor takes you far with a friend. You are inspired by news you hear. Make time for a "must" event or meeting. Socializing is inevitable. Exercise caution with finances. Tonight: Take your bows. *****

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF COAHOMA TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM The City of Coahoma will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at City Hall, 122 North 1st in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDF) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the application for street improvements for the City of Coahoma in the amount of \$403,000 and the estimated amount of funds proposed for activities that will benefit low and moderate income persons. The application will be available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. Coahoma City Hall is accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. 6773 March 19, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD DECEASED: WIFE OF EXECUTION ISSUED OUT OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT RENDERED IN 118th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, BY THE DISTRICT CLERK OF SAID COURT, IN THE HEREINAFTER NUMBERED AND STYLED SUITS AND TO ME DIRECTED AND REVISED AS SHERIFF OF SAID COUNTY, I DID ON THE 11th day of March, 1996, at 4:00 o'clock, P.M., levy upon and public auction to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public session on the 2ND day of APRIL, 1996, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas to-wit:

CAUSE NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION T-86-06-3542 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LULA BYRD A (50' x 105.9') tract of land out of the Southeast Quarter of Section Forty-Two (42), Block Thirty-Two (32), Township One North (1N), William B. Currie Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described as follows: A parcel and piece being the S 50' of the North 100' of a certain two acre parcel of land out of and part of section No. 42, Block No. 32, Twp. 1N, Twp. Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, and described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point in the West line of the North 100 feet of the South 400 feet of said 2 acre parcel of land, 100 feet South of its North-West corner; THENCE Eastward parallel with the N & S lines of said North 100 feet of said 400 feet of said 2 acre parcel of land, a distance of 105.9 feet to the East line of said North 100 feet of South 400 feet parcel of land being the NE corner of this tract;

THENCE Westward and along the South line of said North 100 feet of South 400 feet of said parcel of land a distance of 105.9 feet to place of beginning; T-86-06-0354 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ROBERT EARL BYRD Lot Ten (10), Block Four (4), Banks Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.

HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. L.V. BRANHAM, ET AL The South Half (SH) of Lots One and Two (1 & 2), Block Thirty-Eight (38), Bauer Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, with the improvements thereon situated. T-82-10-3088 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. W. S. BIRDWELL Lots Seven, Eight and Nine (7, 8, & 9), Block One Hundred Nine (109), Original Town Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-82-12-4022 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES CORPORATION Lot One (1), Block One (1), Capenhart Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-82-10-0420 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. RODOLFO JAGUES A Parcel of land out of the SE 1/4 of Section Forty-Two (42), Block Thirty-Two (32), Township One-North (1N), Howard County, Texas, more particularly as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the North line of a 6-1/2 acre tract of land out of and a part of Section 42, Block 32, Township 1-North, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, said point being 100 feet East of the Northeast corner of a tract of land hereinafter conveyed by W. I. Broad and R. S. Reader to Earl Castle by deed recorded in volume 156, Pages 156-157, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas; THENCE South and parallel with the West line of said tract for a distance of 100 feet to the SW corner of this tract;

THENCE Eastward and parallel with the North Line of said tract for a distance of 45 feet to a point for the SE corner of this tract; THENCE North and parallel with the West line of said tract, a distance of 100 feet to a point in the North line of said tract for the NE corner of this tract; THENCE Westward along the North line of said tract for a distance of 45 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING T-83-05-0409 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAMES B. ECCLESTON Lots Eighteen, Nineteen and Twenty (18, 19 & 20), Block Two (2), J. T. Price Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-83-06-04110 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. M. L. MARICOR Lots Nine, Eleven, Twelve, 13, 14, 15, 16, Block Five (5), Jones Valley Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-83-08-4128 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. FELIPE T. RAMERIZ Lot Seven (7), Block One (1), Stanford Park Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-85-05-04191 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. UNITED OFFICE COFFEE CO'S, INC. Lot Fifteen (15), Block Three (3), Original Town Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The West Half of Lots Sixteen, Seventeen & Eighteen (16, 17 & 18), Block Three (3), Original Town Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-85-05-04191 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HIRAM M. GLOVER All of Lot C in Block Two (2), in Highland Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Save and except the West Fifty Feet (W50) thereof. T-85-06-04284 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. VICTORIA AGUILAR Lot Five (5), Block Sixteen (16), Monticello Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-85-06-04270 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. VICKI LYNN HULL LECLAIR Lot Fifteen (15), Block Two (2), Sherrod Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-85-06-04271 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARCIANO GARCIA Lots Three and Four (3 & 4), Block Two (2), Wrights Airport Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. T-85-10-04273 HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. KERRY LYNN DAUGHERTY, ET AL A One Third (1/3) interest of One Hundred Seventy Nine feet by One Hundred Twenty Five feet (179' X 125') Section Thirty Two, Block 33, T & P Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly as follows:

BEGINNING From the Northeast Corner of Lot No. One (1), Block No. Five (5), in the N & S Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, South 77 degrees, West a distance of 168.8 feet to a point in the South line of West Fourth Street; THENCE North 13 degrees, West a distance of 70 feet to a point of beginning, said point being the Southeast Corner of this tract; THENCE South 77 degrees, West a distance of 181.7 feet to a point for the Southwest corner of this tract; THENCE North 13 degrees, West a distance of 130 feet to point for Northwest corner of this tract; THENCE North 77 degrees, East a distance of 181.7 feet to a point for the Northeast corner of this tract; THENCE South 13 degrees, East a distance of 130 feet to place of beginning. A One Third (1/3) interest of Lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block Two (2), Price Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. A One Third (1/3) interest of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Two (2), Price Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered judgments, together with the interest thereon, and the proceeds of said sales to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs. Witness my hand this 11th day of March, 1996. H. B. STAFFORD, Sheriff of HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS BY: ROBERT FUENTE, Deputy 6780 March 12, 18, 25, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION Sealed proposals for 8.532 miles of milling, fabric underseal and surf on US 83 from Radium to California Creek covered by CBR 33-4-51 in Jones County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., April 9, 1996, 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 Joe Higgins, Area Engineer, Hamlin, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will receive all bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Usual right reserved. 6775 March 19 & 25, 1996

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REQUEST FOR BIDS Sealed bids addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the District's Post Office Box 669, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0669, or at the District's office at 400 East 34th Street, Big Spring, Texas, until 11:00 a.m., March 28, 1996, for the following items: SIX (6) 1996 PICKUP TRUCKS Copies of the minimum specifications for these vehicles are on file at the office of the District and may be obtained by calling 915-267-8941. COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT JOHN GRANT, President 6781 March 19, 1996

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REAL ESTATE

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Buildings For Sale 506

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FOR SALE 2 spaces at Trinity Memorial Park in the Garden of Oldset section. Asking \$900. Contact DeWayne W. Haynes, 10321 Ranch Wood Manor Dr. Oklahoma City, OK 73139. Phone 405-789-7683.

Commercial Real Estate 511

FOR SALE: Established Business. Convenience store & Cafe. Call 267-2125 or 399-4868. Ask for DeLore.

Houses for Sale 513

3-2 BRICK, KENTWOOD area. Remodeled, including new A/C. \$42,500. Call 267-7884.

4716 CENTRAL: 3-bedroom, 2-bath, car garage, central heat/air, fireplace, fenced yard, across school. \$700/monthly, \$350/deposit. Credit check required. Call 915-520-8948/Midland.

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Mobile Homes 517

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Unfurnished Houses 533

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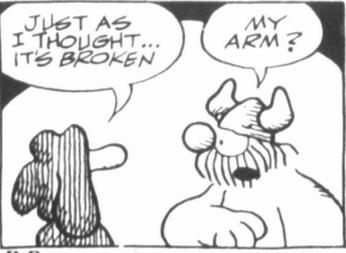
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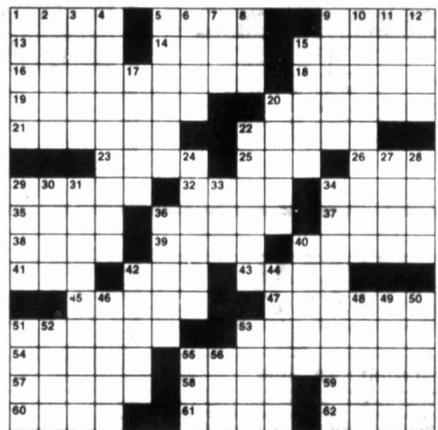
The ASSOCIATED PRESS Today is Tuesday, March 19, the 79th day of 1996. There are

287 days left in the year. This is the date the swallows traditionally return to the San Juan Capistrano Mission in California. Today's Highlight in History: In 1920, the U.S. Senate rejected for the second time the Treaty of Versailles by a vote of 49 in favor, 35 against, falling

short of the two-thirds majority needed for approval. On this date: In 1687, French explorer Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle - the first European to navigate the length of the Mississippi River - was murdered by mutineers in present-day Texas. In 1859, the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod premiered in Paris. In 1917, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the eight-hour workday for railroads. In 1918, Congress approved daylight-saving time. In 1931, Nevada legalized gambling. In 1945, about 800 people were killed as kamikaze planes attacked the U.S. carrier Franklin off Japan; the ship, however, was saved. In 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his so-called Nero Decree, ordering the destruction of German facilities that could fall into Allied hands. In 1976, Buckingham Palace announced the separation of Princess Margaret and her husband, the Earl of Snowdon, after 16 years of marriage. In 1979, the U.S. House of Representatives began televising its day-to-day business. In 1985, in a legislative victory for President Reagan, the Senate voted, 55-45, to authorize production of the MX missile. Today's Birthdays: Former White House national security adviser Brent Scowcroft is 71. Actor-director Patrick McGeehan is 68. Theologian Hans Kung is 68. Author Philip Roth is 63. Actress-singer Phyllis Newman is 61.

THE Daily Crossword by William Canine

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Monday's Puzzle solved:



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RITZ advertisement for 'BED OF ROSES PG' and 'DOWN PERISCOPE PG-13' with showtimes and prices.

CINEMARK THEATRES advertisement for 'MOVIES 1' listing shows like 'EXECUTIVE DECISION (R)', 'WHITE SQUALL (PG-13)', etc.