

Concienne moving up

Refinery manager accepts senior VP position with Alon

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

After five years as manager of the Big Spring Alon Refinery, Joe Concienne is stepping aside — or, more aptly, stepping up.

Concienne announced Tuesday that Alon USA has named David L. Foster, a technical manager for Lyondell-Citgo Refining since 1995, as the new manager for the Big Spring refinery, effective April 2.

Foster joined LCR in 1993 as manager of information technology. He has served in the refining business in a number of capacities, including operations, financial planning and technical.

Concienne will stay in Big Spring long enough to ensure a smooth transition for the new manager, then will accept new

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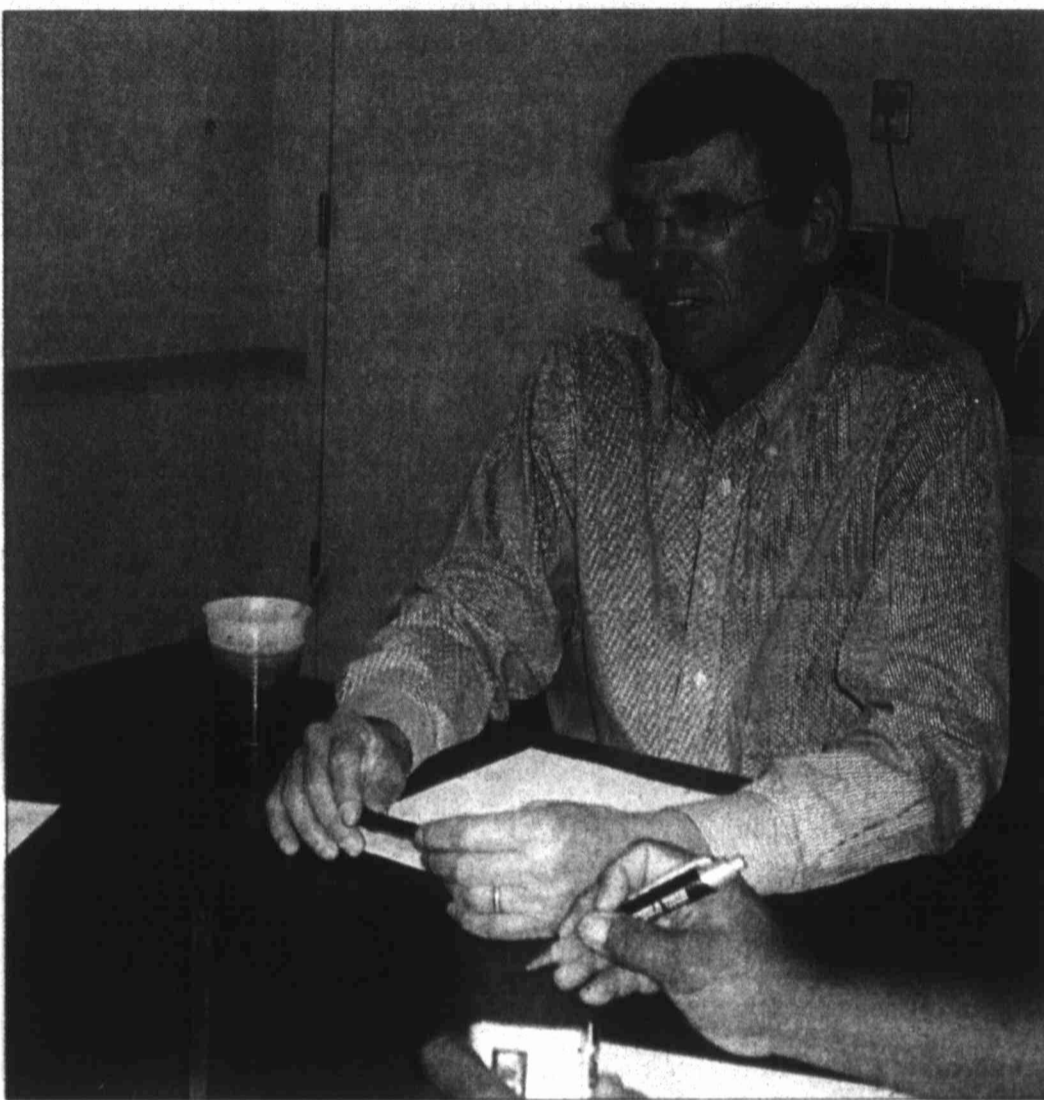
—Joe Concienne

duties as senior vice president for refinery operations at Alon USA's headquarters in Dallas.

There, he will oversee operations, not only at Big Spring, but at refineries in California that the company recently acquired.

Since the position is a new one, Concienne said

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Joe Concienne, plant manager for the Big Spring Alon Refinery since 2001, announced Tuesday that David L. Foster will assume plant manager duties here effective April 2. Concienne will become Alon USA's senior vice president for refinery operations.

Plea nets local man 3-year sentence

Aggravated sexual assault charges are dismissed

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man received a three-year sentence after pleading guilty to one count of indecency with a child Tuesday morning in 118th District Court, bringing an ongoing trial to an abrupt close.

Daniel Ray Jones, 38, of 2507 Peach St., pleaded guilty to indecency with a child, a second-degree felony punishable by two to 20 years in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr said other charges facing Jones — two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, a first-degree felony punishable by five to 99 years to life in prison — were dismissed as a condition of the plea bargain.

"I had presented four witnesses and had more to call when the plea agreement was reached," said Orr. "We talked about it and agreed to what he would take."

"Personally, I prefer to get a decision from the jury in a situation like this, but (defense attorney Trey) Keith had to consider what was best for his client, and I had to consider what was best for the state."

Jones was indicted last November on charges of indecency with a child and two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jones was arrested and taken into custody in January by the Howard County Sheriff's Office after having been detained by Midland law

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Snakes in a fairbarn, rated Sss

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

The "rattle-rattle-rattle" alone can inflict panic into the heart of the manliest of men. But it's the rest of the snake that has most people running. A good deal of them will be running toward, and not from, the reptiles this weekend, however.

It's time for the Big Spring AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup — the 44th roundup, in fact. And it's set once again at the Howard County Fairbarns off FM 700.

"It's a lot of fun and quite an educational experience," said Ray Alexander, American Business Club secretary/treasur-



Alexander

Don't wait until next year's Rattlesnake Roundup, go now

If you are having "maybe, maybe not" thoughts about attending this weekend's Big Spring AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup, here's something to mull over — there won't be a show in 2008.

That's because dates set aside for the annual event — held the fourth weekend in March — coincide with the Easter week-

end next year. "We've decided not to have it because of the conflict," said Ray Alexander, longtime member of the organization. "So if you want to see it, don't put it off. Be sure and go this year."

For roundup diehards, Alexander assured that the AMBUCS are planning a roundup return for 2009.

ical research, the meat for food, the skin for the making of various items like key chains, bill-folds and the like. Or they freeze-dry the whole snake for use on desks and displays. And the roundup is entertaining.

There are a lot of thrill shows to see."

Those "thrill shows," by the way, are held behind protective glass or other contained areas, so there's no chance of the snakes getting out amongst the roundup fans.

Exhibits include skinning and milking, and the more awe-inspiring "thrill" handling, which includes professional handlers covering themselves with snakes or crawling into a sack loaded with the reptiles.

Speaking of that ... "Jackie Bibby will be here again this year," said Dennis Burns, rattlesnake roundup chairman. "He holds several Guinness Book of World Records for rattlesnake handling."

Bibby holds four world

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Plenty of contested races in ISD elections

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Breaking with recent tradition, school board elections will be the norm rather than the exception this May

For the first time in recent memory, almost every school district will have contested races when they hold trustee elections May 12, officials said.

Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton school dis-

tricts will hold contested elections this year.

In Big Spring, two of the three trustee seats up for election will be contested. Terri Myrick will challenge incumbent Mike Dawson in District 5, while mechanical engineer Jeff Brorman and Tom Ralston will contest incumbent Ricky Robertson for the District 6 position.

District 7 incumbent Phil

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Who filed

- Big Spring ISD**
 - District 5: Mike Dawson (I), Terri Myrick
 - District 6: Jeff Brorman, Tom Ralston, Ricky Robertson (I)
 - District 7: Phil Furqueron (I)
- Coahoma ISD**
 - Two at-large seats: Sissy Franklin (I), Danny Martin, James White (I)
- Forsan ISD**
 - Two at-large seats: Chris Evans, Glenn Graves, Tom Bill Kuykendall (I), Nancy Raney
- Stanton ISD**
 - District 1: Daniel Ramos
 - District 5: Darren Patrick, Dr. Pablo Teveni
- Sands ISD**
 - Two at-large seats: Stan Blagrave (I), Michelle Zant (I)

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Obituaries

Grady L. Cunningham



Grady L. Cunningham, 54, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the Christ's Community Church with Pastor Nick Portocarrero officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 29, 1953, in Big Spring and married Iris Ann Tollett on March 2, 1976, in Big Spring.

Grady was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971 and attended the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He owned and operated Cunningham Oil Company. He was a member of Christ's Community Church.

Survivors include his wife, Iris Ann Cunningham of Big Spring; two sons, Buddy Beach and wife Becky of Lubbock and Kirby Fussell of Dallas; four grandchildren, Fisher Beach, Keaton Beach and Katy Beach, all of Lubbock, and Breanna Beach of San Angelo; two sisters, Linda Beckwith of Enid, Okla., and Nancy Fulgham of Big Spring; an aunt, Marie Hughes of Sulphur Springs; a cousin, Selena Gould of Las Vegas, Nev.; numerous nieces, nephews and other cousins; and close friends Lupe Molina, Mary Montana, Teddy Molina, Anne Merrell and Almus Hill.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

A.A. Cooper



A.A. Cooper, 83, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 19, 2007, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 22, 2007, at the 14th & Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham, minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 3, 1923, in Fife and married Margaret Hazel Newlin on June 7, 1943 in San Angelo. She preceded him in death on March 13, 1992. He then married Tommie Bryans on July 19, 1992 in Nocona.

Mr. Cooper had managed the Sherwin Williams store and then later owned and operated The Color Center until his retirement.

He had served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife, Tommie Cooper of Big Spring; two sisters, Ethel Winslett and Mary Sneed, both of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers and three sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-21-31-32-34.

Number matching five of five: none.

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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-5.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds in the evening. Locally heavy rainfall possible after midnight. Lows around 60. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 70. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Thursday night...Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Friday...Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds. Highs in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Friday night...Mostly cloudy. Numerous showers and thunderstorms. Some thunderstorms may be severe with large hail and damaging winds in the evening. Locally heavy rainfall possible after midnight. Lows around 60. Chance of precipitation 60 percent.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 70. Chance of precipitation 50 percent.

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today:

- **MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ**, 21, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Tuesday on a parole warrant.

- **RANDY RAY MIER**, 29, of 1501 Runnels, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **ERIC WAYNE CEVALLOS**, 24, of Coahoma, was arrested Tuesday on charges of criminal mischief, assault Class C/family violence, terroristic threat and interfering with an emergency phone call.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy.

- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported in the 2600 block of Carleton.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:

- in the 2600 block of Carleton.

- in the 200 block of FM 700.

- **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported:

- in the 600 block of Interstate Highway 20.

- in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

- in the 2600 block of Carleton.

- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 3900 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 57 inmates at the time of this report.

- **JARRETT RYAN REYNA**, 17, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of deadly conduct.

- **JOSE NEGRETE JR.**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **STEVE RODRIQUEZ**, 25, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

- **ADELA JUAREZ HERNANDEZ**, 43, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

- **BRADLEY J. GOOSEN**, 33, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on charges of possession of a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated - second offense and probation violation - failure to pay toll fees.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **TRAUMA** was reported in the 1400 block of N. Highway 87. Service refused.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the area of N. McDonald Road. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 2900 block of W. Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia. One person was transported to SMMC.

- **MEDICAL** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson. One person was transported to SMMC.

Take Note

- **IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH** will have Stations of the Cross Friday at 6 p.m. A fish fry will follow in the church hall. Plates are \$5 per adults and \$2.50 per child.

- **CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS COLLECTING INFANT CAR SEATS AND CARRIERS.** These are given to new mothers who cannot afford them. To donate your old or new car seats and carriers, call Karen Allen at 263-3517 or leave a message at Christ Community Fellowship, 263-love. All donations are appreciated.

- **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

- **NEW LIFE MINISTRIES** Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES** are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

- **ODYSSEY HOSPICE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS** to work in the office and perform patient services. For more information or to volunteer, call 263-5999.

- **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

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TODAY
• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
• Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 221 Main. Meal served. Meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• **AMBUCS** meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
• Spring City Senior Citizens Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. featuring Monroe Casey and the Prowlers. All area seniors are invited.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY
• **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy**, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 264-1213 for more information.

• **Dual Recovery Anonymous (DRA)**, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Howard County Library Basement Community Room. DRA is a 12-step meeting for those who have a desire to stop drinking and/or using drugs and also have a mental or emotional illness. All meetings are non-smoking and coffee is not available but members can bring their own coffee or non-alcoholic beverage. For more information, call Deirdra F. at (432) 816-3033. Leave a message if you get voice mail.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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his job duties would evolve over time. "We'll see how that job evolves," he said. "I'm very happy about it ... I've been a plant manager for 17 years and I think this will be a good transition for me. I'll be involved heavily in refining operations, both in California and here in Big Spring, as well as other duties within the company."

Concienne assumed refinery manager duties here Feb. 5, 2001, and has spent his adult life in the crude oil refining business, as his father and grandfather

did before him.

After graduating with a chemical engineering degree from Lamar University, he began work for Texaco in the 1970s.

"I like to say I've spent 35 years in the business ... almost all of it in crude oil refining," Concienne said.

While he has made many stops in his career, Big Spring will remain special, he said.

"I've worked at four different refineries in four different communities," he said. "But the Big Spring Refinery and its community, they have a relationship far superior to most."

Among the accomplishments he is proudest of during his tenure, Concienne points to the refinery's

efforts toward producing "cleaner" fuels, as well as an increase in throughput from 62,000 barrels a day when he took over to almost 70,000 barrels a day now.

"But my most rewarding accomplishment was being able to fit in with a good working community here at the refinery," he said.

Concienne has been heavily involved in community activities, including having served as president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Business After Hours

Mark your calendar for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event slated for mid-April.

"A Showcase of Airpark businesses" will be hosted by the McMahon-Wrinkle Airport and Industrial Park.

The reception is set from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. April 12 at the air terminal, 3200 Rickabaugh Drive West.

There will be door prizes and refreshments. Merchants are invited to bring their business cards for exchange.

Business After Hours is a program designed to encourage networking and showcase sponsors. There is no charge to attend and the public is welcome.

SNAKES

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records, in fact — all of which are not for the squeamish. They are:

— Eight rattlesnakes suspended by their tails in his mouth.

— Sitting in a bathtub with 81 rattlesnakes.

— Sharing a sleeping bag with 109 rattlesnakes.

— Sacking 10 rattlesnakes in 17.11 seconds.

"We'll also have Ken

Darnell, a snake handler. He milks snakes for their venom and sells it through his company, Bioactive Laboratories," said Burns. "Most of your modern heart and stroke medications are synthetic derivatives of snake venom."

To stage a rattlesnake roundup, it's important to have rattlesnakes, of course, and they are provided by area and regional hunters, who will begin bringing their snakes to the fairbarns at 1 p.m.

Friday.

Anyone can bring rattlesnakes to roundup Friday, but a hunting license is required to go after the critters. Anyone gathering more than 10 snakes has to purchase a collector's stamp from the state. It also helps to be proficient in snake hunting.

"We have some hunters who have been doing this for years," said Alexander.

The roundup runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

and from noon until 6 p.m. Sunday.

During the roundup, an arts and crafts show will be held in main fair barn and it's free to the public. Some 45 vendors have already signed up, said Alexander. They'll be offering everything imaginable — in good taste, anyway.

Speaking of taste, there will be multiple concession areas offering a variety of drinks and food, including — you guessed it — snake meat.

Admission to the rattlesnake roundup, located in an adjacent building, is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 4 through 11. Those entering will have their hand stamped. The stamp is good for the entire day. Organizers will switch colors the following day.

Funds from the roundup help a couple of AMBUCS causes. One is for the organization's scholarship fund for therapists.

The other is for the purchase of AmTrykes, which are therapeutic tricycles for children with disabilities.

For more information about the rattlesnake roundup or AMBUCS, contact Alexander at 267-5277 or Burns at 263-3409.

ELECTIONS

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Furqueron is unopposed.

Coahoma ISD will feature three candidates vying for two at-large positions on its school board. Danny Martin, an engineering technician for the Texas Department of Transportation, will join incumbents Sissy Franklin and James White on the May ballot.

Forsan ISD voters will decide between four candidates for two at-large positions. Incumbent Tom Bill Kuykendall will vie with Lee's Rental Center owner Chris Evans, Heritage Museum director Nancy Raney and Big Spring firefighter Glenn Graves.

Dr. Pablo Teveni and accountant Darren Patrick will vie for the District 5 trustee position

on the Stanton ISD school board.

Daniel Ramos was the only candidate for Stanton's District 1 election, officials said.

Bucking the trend, however, is Sands CISD, where incumbents Michelle Zant and Stan Blagrove were the only candidates to declare for that election.

Because the race drew no challengers, Sands Superintendent Wayne Blount said trustees there will likely cancel the election when they meet Thursday.

Glasscock County and

Grady school districts will not hold trustee elections until November, officials at those schools said.

Early voting for the May 12 election will be held from April 30 until May 8.

Big Spring and Forsan voters can cast early ballots at the Howard County Courthouse, while Coahoma voters can vote early at the Coahoma Community Center.

Early voting hours for those three races are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except for May 1 and May 3, when ballots can be cast from 7

a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting for the Stanton ISD election begins April 30 at the Martin County Courthouse.

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Opening lead — three of hearts.
No one could possibly memorize the best way of dealing with every card combination that can arise to plague a declarer. Fortunately, the answer to most such problems can be figured out at the table. Simple logic will provide the right solution in almost every case.
Consider this deal where West leads a heart against six spades. East takes the ace and returns a heart to dummy's queen.
South must avoid a trump loser to make the slam. There is no good reason to postpone playing trumps, so declarer leads one from dummy, planning to finesse.
But which spade should he lead from dummy? The proper play is the deuce, not the ten. This is because East might have the singleton king, in which case the ten lead would establish West's nine as a trick.
After South leads the deuce and wins with the queen, presumably marking East with the king, he returns to dummy with a club in order to repeat the spade finesse.
But this time South should lead the ten from dummy, not the five. The ten is led in order to guard against the possibility that East might have started with four trumps instead of just two or three.
Once South leads the ten, he makes the slam whether East covers with the king or not. But if South makes the mistake of leading the five from dummy and finessing the jack, he will then have to lose a trump trick to East's K-9 and go down one.

Tomorrow: How to capture a knave.
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enforcement officials approximately two months after being indicted by a grand jury.

According to law enforcement officials, the offenses — which allegedly involved two female victims, ages 10 years and 7 years of age — had taken place over an extended period of time during 2006.

Jury selection in the trial began Monday, with a five-man and seven-woman jury seated.

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OUR VIEWS

Rattlesnake roundup is a 'must see'

Rattlesnakes may make some people's skin crawl, but for members of Big Spring Chapter of the American Business Club (AMBUCS), they play a pivotal role in the group's ability to offer scholarships for students training to become therapists.

What's more, they'll bring a fair number of visitors to Big Spring each year when the AMBUCS stage their annual Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fairbarns.

The 44th annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup will be held Saturday and Sunday, but snake hunters from throughout the region will begin weighing in their snakes at 1 p.m. Friday. Hunters are expected to continue arriving with new catches throughout the event, which officially begins with a 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. session Saturday with handling demonstrations; educational exhibits featuring the Western diamond-back rattlesnake; a thrills show featuring snake handlers; venom milking demonstrations; and snake races.

The roundup continues at noon on Sunday and continues through 6 p.m. that day.

During both days of the roundup, visitors will be attracted to an arts and crafts show in the nearby Dora Roberts Building and an outdoor flea market nearby.

Tickets for the roundup are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Those entering will have their hand stamped and that stamp will be good for the entire day. The stamp will change colors the second day.

Funds from the roundup help a couple of AMBUCS causes — one is for the organization's scholarship fund for therapists; the other for the purchase of AmTrykes, which are therapeutic tricycles for children with disabilities.

It will be a weekend of thrills, chills, food and fun — all for very worthwhile causes.

We'll see you there.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we adapt our plans Lord, to Your heavenly wishes.
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Gonzalez must tell truth or say adios

The lynch mob is out to get U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez, and his survival may depend on whether he can tell the truth — the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

If he had something to do with the politically motivated dismissal of eight U.S. attorneys, as alleged by his accusers, he should admit it and say adios.

But if he was kept in the dark while the White House ordered the firings by dealing directly with his subordinates, he should tell all he knows and let the chips fall where they may.

He should not allow President Bush make him the fall guy for the Machiavellian maneuvers of Karl Rove and other White House political strategists. Those who ordered the dismissals should be the ones who are fired or forced to resign.

Of course, if Gonzalez was in on it, he should also resign. All of our 93 U.S. attorneys should be free to function without fear of losing their jobs because their investigations may not please the politicians in power. Without that, our whole system of checks and balances would vanish.

Although federal prosecutors serve at the pleasure of the president, their jobs should not be based on how loyal they are to White House politics. They should have the freedom to investigate all crooks, even those who belong to the party in power.

Gonzales initially denied the White House was involved in the dismissals. He insisted they were

performance related. But then he had to apologize when it was revealed that the issue was discussed through e-mails between the Justice Department and the White House.

The e-mails showed that White House officials, particularly political strategist Rove and counsel Harriet Miers, worked with Gonzalez' chief of staff, Kyle Sampson, to get some prosecutors dismissed.

Sampson, who resigned as the e-mails became public, released a statement noting that other senior Justice Department officials were aware of the dismissal discussions with the White House "since the election" of 2004.

In his e-mails to the White House, Sampson suggested that U.S. attorneys who have "exhibited loyalty to the president and the attorney general" should be retained, while those who "chafed against administration initiatives" should be removed.

He also clearly understood that those actions could have serious political repercussions.

In a Nov. 15 memo, Sampson urged Miers to run the dismissal plan by Rove's office, as a "pre-execution necessity I would recommend." He added, "I am concerned that to execute this plan properly we must all be on the same page and be steered to withstand any political upheaval that might result."

Nevertheless, Gonzalez has insisted that he was kept in the dark about these e-mail talks. Either way, he doesn't look too good. It means that he is either trying to save his skin or he can't smell the stink under his own nose.

If he was involved, he might as well give up now. Congress plans

to hold hearings where Sampson, Rove and Miers could be forced to testify, by subpoena if necessary, and the details of Gonzalez' involvement will be revealed.

But if he was truly kept in the dark, if his subordinates were given marching orders based on political considerations while he was kept out of the loop, Gonzalez should not allow himself to be used as the fall guy. He should come out and name those who took him for a patsy.

Gonzales, the first Hispanic attorney general, has a lot riding on what happens during the next few days. It's not only his personal reputation that is at stake, but the aspirations of a community that has long sought to prove that they have the talent to play in the major leagues of U.S. politics.

If Gonzalez continues to strike out, the whole Hispanic community will suffer a major setback.

That has led some ill-advised TV pundits to predict that if President Bush fires Gonzalez, Republicans would lose support from Hispanic voters — as if Latinos were going to support one of their own even if he has done wrong.

Well, not necessarily. If Gonzalez is proven to be part of a plot to fire U.S. attorneys based on improper political considerations, Latinos will not blame Republicans for letting him go, or Democrats from seeking his resignation.

In fact, Republicans could really be hurt among Latino voters — but only if we finally determine that the White House used Gonzalez as a patsy and then let him take the fall for the transgressions of others.

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The adventures of a red hatter

When I met Jerry Locke in Gatesville she was wearing a red western hat with sequins all over it. "I have another hat," she said. "It's a Ziegfeld Follies hat with purple feathers all over it. I want you to know I couldn't look more gorgeous if I had been born in that era."

Jerry lives on a ranch just outside Purmela, near Gatesville.

She is a member of the Red Hat Society. "Some ladies just got together and said, 'Hey, let's do something fun, dress up, go places together and have parties,'" Locke explained about the group.

She told me about last year's Halloween party. "I went as a witch," she said.

"Somebody came as a motorcycle mama. Somebody came as a pirate. When you're past 50, you can dress up like you did when you were a child."

That's one requirement to be in the organization. You must be over 50.

The ladies wear certain colors. "You're supposed to wear a purple dress and a red hat," Locke explained.

"If you want to be a member of our group, and you're not 50, then you can wear a lavender dress and a pink hat. And you can just wait for that 50th birthday. Some people may worry about getting older, but it's all in your head and it's all in your attitude. We choose to have fun."

Locke's chapter of the Red Hatters has about 17 members.

"We're the Rediant Royalties," she said. "We have such names as Madame Marvelous, Red Annie, Lady Royalty and I am La-Te-Da

Jerry."

They love to be in parades.

"We're available for parades anytime they want us to come," Locke guaranteed.

While riding on the parade float, the ladies play kazoo.

"I can really play my kazoo," she said. "I wish I had brought it. We have gotten really good at playing the kazoo. We are so talented when it comes to playing the kazoo."

"You know, we haven't done concerts yet, but that's because nobody's asked us."

Locke says when they go to a restaurant wearing their purple dresses and red hats, the people are always glad to see them and give them good seats. She says some of the ladies are good tip-pers.

Lock has some words to live by: "Happiness is a choice," she said. "You can be happy or you can be sad."

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News in brief

Committee to vote on subpoenas for top White House aides

WASHINGTON (AP) — Flexing their political muscle against the White House, Democrats in the House and Senate are insisting that President Bush's top aides describe their roles in the firings of eight federal prosecutors on the record and under oath.

A House committee was to vote Wednesday to authorize subpoenas for political director Karl Rove and other administration officials despite Bush's declaration a day earlier that Democrats must accept his offer to allow the officials to talk privately to the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, but not under oath and not on the record.

Would he fight Democrats in court to protect his aides against congressional subpoenas?

"Absolutely," Bush declared Tuesday in televised remarks from the White House.

Democrats promptly rejected the offer and announced that they would start authorizing subpoenas within 24 hours.

North Korea nuclear talks remain stalled over Macau bank funds

BEIJING (AP) — Delegates at talks on disarming North Korea's nuclear program voiced impatience Wednesday that the negotiations remained stalled for a second day over a dispute on when \$25 million of Pyongyang's funds will be released from a Macau bank.

North Korea said it would not take part in the six-party negotiations in China's capital to meet goals outlined in a landmark Feb. 13 disarmament agreement until the money was transferred.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill said it was upsetting that no talks had taken place while the problem was being resolved.

"While these forms have been filed out and faxes sent, while that is going on, our nuclear talks have not made progress. That has been the real opportunity cost to this," he told reporters.

But he was confident North Korea was still committed to the process, having "made clear on several occasions, including yesterday, that they will live up to the February agreement."

Missing Boy Scout found alive after 4 days in wilderness

McGRADY, N.C. (AP) — A 12-year-old Boy Scout who survived in the North Carolina mountains for four days scarfed down chicken fingers after being reunited with his overjoyed parents and explained that he wandered away from his troop because he missed his family.

"He was homesick," said Kent Auberry, father of Michael, at a hospital news conference Tuesday. "He started walking and at one point when he was walking he thought maybe he'd walk as far as the road and hitchhike home."

"We're going to have our lectures about hitchhiking again," the elder Auberry added. "We've had them in the past, but with a special vigor, we'll go over that again with Michael."

A dog caught Michael's scent less than a mile from the campsite where he had wandered away Saturday. The disappearance touched off an intensive search involving bloodhounds, heat-seeking helicopters and dozens of volunteers on foot.

A 2-year-old Shiloh shepherd called Gandalf picked up the boy's scent, "popped his head three times" and there was Michael, walking along a stream, said Misha Marshall, Gandalf's trainer.

Rain-fueled landslides kill 31 in Kashmir, officials say

MUZAFFARABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Heavy rains triggered landslides that buried three homes in Pakistan's por-

tion of Kashmir, leaving 31 people dead, officials said Wednesday.

At least 21 people died when a landslide hit two homes Tuesday in Doba Sayedan, a remote village in the mountainous Himalayan territory, said Maj. Farooq Nasir, an army spokesman in the regional capital, Muzaffarabad.

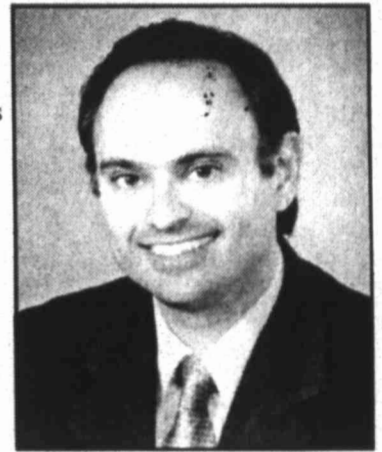
Ten members of one family died when their home collapsed under a landslide in Bagh, a town further south, police officer Mohammed Liaquat said.

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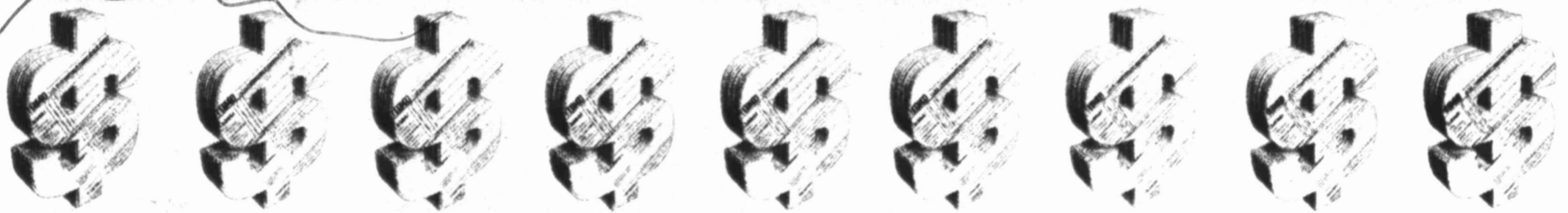


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This week's column is devoted to fiction. Many of the selections are from donations from a long-time "user" and others are brand new. Now while I wish I could spend all day reading, both my eyes and work demands won't allow it. Here are some one- or-two sentence descriptions (some are longer, though).



HOLLIS
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Medieval Italy on the cusp of the modern world serves as the setting for Michael Ennis's second sprawling and colorful historical novel, "Duchess of Milan."

Two giant bats and a whole mess of little ones attack Manhattan in a snappy, old-fashioned horror tale by an author who's a bit of a night creature himself. Check out "Vespers" by Jeff Rovin.

"Pale Battalions," by Robert Goddard, is a prime example of British storytelling. Murder, deceit, family honor and intrigue are intricately woven into a compelling drama of decadent British aristocracy set during World War I.

Stephen Hunter, in "The Day Before Midnight," has written a smoothly believable race-against-time thriller with

frightening plausibility. Unidentified military terrorists kidnap welder Jack Hummel from his Maryland home and direct him to cut through a block of titanium to reach a launch key in the South Mountain MX missile site.

Patty Engleman wrote the following review that appeared in Booklist. "Barbara Delinsky often writes with insight about complex family matters and in 'Family Tree' adds thought-provoking concerns about race in America to the mix in a novel that will stir debate and inspire self-examination. The old and illustrious New England Clarke family has a new member and she is not what the family envisioned. Elizabeth Clarke, a beautiful daughter born to Hugh and Dana, possesses definite African American traits, leaving the parents puzzled and the extended Clarke fami-

ly scandalized. While Dana searches for her father and Hugh's family pressures him to find out for certain if the child is indeed his, Hugh must confront the truth about himself, his family and his own attitude toward his daughter."

A couple of Danielle Steel books are in: "Sisters" and "Impossible." They are up to Danielle's standard.

Susan Isaacs has written "Past Perfect," the story of a fired CIA agent. Despite reinventing herself as the author of the novel "Spy Guys" and the creator of the resultant TV show, Katie Schottland remains wounded by her still-unexplained firing from the CIA, where she wrote intelligence briefs as the Cold War ended, 13 years earlier. When she gets a distress call from an old co-worker, Lisa Golding, who subsequently disappears, Katie plunges back

into the covert world to find out why.

Jeff Shaara takes on World War II in the wonderful first volume of a planned trilogy. As the book begins, Hitler's forces control western Europe, and U.S. troops face off against the Germans in North Africa. Shaara evokes the agony of desert warfare and the utter chaos of an airborne assault through the experiences of Pvt. Jack Logan, a tank gunner, and Sgt. Jesse Adams, a paratrooper. The challenges and frequent frustrations of command are seen through the eyes of such luminaries as generals Dwight Eisenhower, George Patton and Rommel.

"Spinning Dixie," by Eric Dezenhall, brings back pollster and spin doctor Jonah Eastman. Eastman has just resigned from his post as White House press secre-

tary and is thrown for a loop when a beautiful woman turns up bearing a letter that can only be delivered to him. Jonah, with his network of connections on both sides of the law (he was raised by his mobster grandfather), can save the day. Just what he is saving, you will need to read the book to find out.

Another Brian Haig novel with Sean Drummond has arrived. This time, Sean finds himself partnered with an exotic female military police officer, Bian Tran. They investigate Clifford Daniels, a high-ranking Defense Department official, found dead in his Virginia apartment of an apparent suicide. The pair soon learn that Daniels was the U.S.'s main liaison with Mahmoud Charabi, an Iraqi exile who, like the real-life Ahmed Chalabi,

was a leading advocate of military action to topple Saddam Hussein. The discovery that Charabi may have been in the employ of Iranian intelligence raises the stakes for the inquiry, which takes place just weeks before the 2004 presidential election. The action detours to the Iraqi war zone before the predictable windup.

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IN BRIEF

Quarterback Club to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will meet at 6 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

W. Texas Disc Golf Tournament slated

The West Texas Disc Golf Champions Tournament has been scheduled for April 21-22 at Comanche Trail Park.

The tournament will be three rounds of 27 holes.

Trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each division and player packages will be provided for the first 100 entrants.

Entry fees are \$50 for the open division, \$45 for the open master division, \$35 for the amateur master division, \$30 for the women's division, \$40 for the advanced division, \$30 for the amateur division, \$20 for novices and \$10 or juniors (under 16).

On Friday, a random draw doubles event is scheduled, as is a Lake and par 9s event. Entry fees are \$10 per person.

Those wishing to enter the ace pot will pay a \$5 fee.

For more information, contact Greg Brooks at 432-58-5076.

3-person scramble at Big Spring CC

There will be a scramble golf tournament on March 31 and April 1 that includes a practice round on Friday and a barbecue lunch Saturday for all players.

The field will be flighted by first round score and the number of flights will be determined by the number of participants.

There will also be optional cash players pools for each day.

Entry fee is \$60 with cart included.

For additional information, contact Larry Bryan at the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Tim Siegel slates Tennis Camps

Tim Siegel, the Big 12 Tennis Coach of the Year in 2005, will be conducting overnight tennis camps on June 2-6 and June 17-21.

The camp is for children ages 8 to 17 and is open to players with all ability levels.

For additional information, contact Tim Siegel at (806) 742-3355 ext. 277.

Officers for Lady Steers Booster

The Lady Steer Booster Club is currently accepting nominations for officers for the 2007-2008 school year. The following positions are available: president, vice president and secretary. If anyone is interested, please contact Sherre Davis at 264-3635 before 4:30 p.m., or 816-9985 after 4:30 p.m.

Big Spring rips Sweetwater

Steers 15, Mustangs 3

MIKE GRIMES

Sports Editor

As the Sweetwater Mustangs made one error after another, Big Spring's Lance Gross settled down on the mound to go the distance and give the Steers a much needed 15-3 win Tuesday afternoon.

Gross fired only 10 pitches in the top of the first inning and despite giving up one earned run and needing a double play to get out of a jam, the Steers (7-10) outplayed the Mustangs (3-13) from the first to the fifth and final inning. Gross struck out three and seemed to cruise through the game while the Big Spring offense and defense did much of the work.

In the bottom of the first and second inning, BSHS capitalized on nine errors and two wild pitches to hang 12 runs on the error-prone visitors from Sweetwater. For the game, the Mustangs tallied 13 errors and three wild pitches compared to only one error on the Steers.

"Our defense was great today and that's how we need to play this game," Gross said, after the sophomore picked up the win. "Our bats came alive and we got the big hits when we needed them — we really worked as a team today and that's what it is going to take this year."



Lance Tissue, the senior first baseman for the Big Spring Steers, applies a late tag to a Sweetwater baserunner in the fourth inning of the Steers' 15-3 win Tuesday.

Cade Hollandsworth, the clean-up hitter and third baseman for the Steers, went 2-for-3 and had a RBI double in the second inning to break the game open.

"We open district play next Tuesday against Plainview and that's a game we have to win if we're going to make the playoffs this year," Big Spring's coach

Clint Clayton said after the game. "It might be the first district game of the season, but I'm

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Yao leads Rockets as Pacers drop eight straight

By CHRIS DUNCAN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Even with two fingers taped together, Yao Ming showed a deft shooting touch Tuesday night to lead the Houston Rockets past the Indiana Pacers.

His dribbling was another story.

Yao had 32 points and 14 rebounds and went 12-for-13 from the free-throw line to help the Rockets to an 86-76 victory. But he also coughed up six turnovers, most of them Indiana steals coming after Yao tried to put the ball on the floor.

"The way to cut down turnovers is to limit the dribble," said Yao, who hit 10 of 17 shots. "You have to give them (the Pacers) credit. They have a good steal team, particularly stealing from the big guys."

Yao has been wearing tape around the middle and ring fingers on his shooting hand since dislocating his middle finger against Boston on March 7. He dismissed that as a reason for his sloppiness.

"That's not a good excuse," Yao said.

When Yao kept the ball high and simply turned and shot, he was virtually unstoppable. He's expecting a long film session with Houston assistant coach Tom Thibodeau on Wednesday to examine his mistakes.

"If I get the ball in my shooting range, I'm just going to face up and shoot it," Yao

said. "It's hard to block my shot and if I get the offensive rebound, I can easily put it back in."

Jermaine O'Neal scored 25 and grabbed nine rebounds for the Pacers, who have dropped eight straight road games and 12 of 13 overall.

O'Neal took a hard foul in the fourth quarter and had X-rays after the game on his left knee. O'Neal missed three games after an MRI last week revealed a sprain. Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said O'Neal was "very doubtful" to play in San Antonio on Wednesday.

Tracy McGrady added 20 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for the Rockets. McGrady's problem wasn't his ball-handling, but his shooting — he finished 7-for-21 and made only one 3-pointer all night.

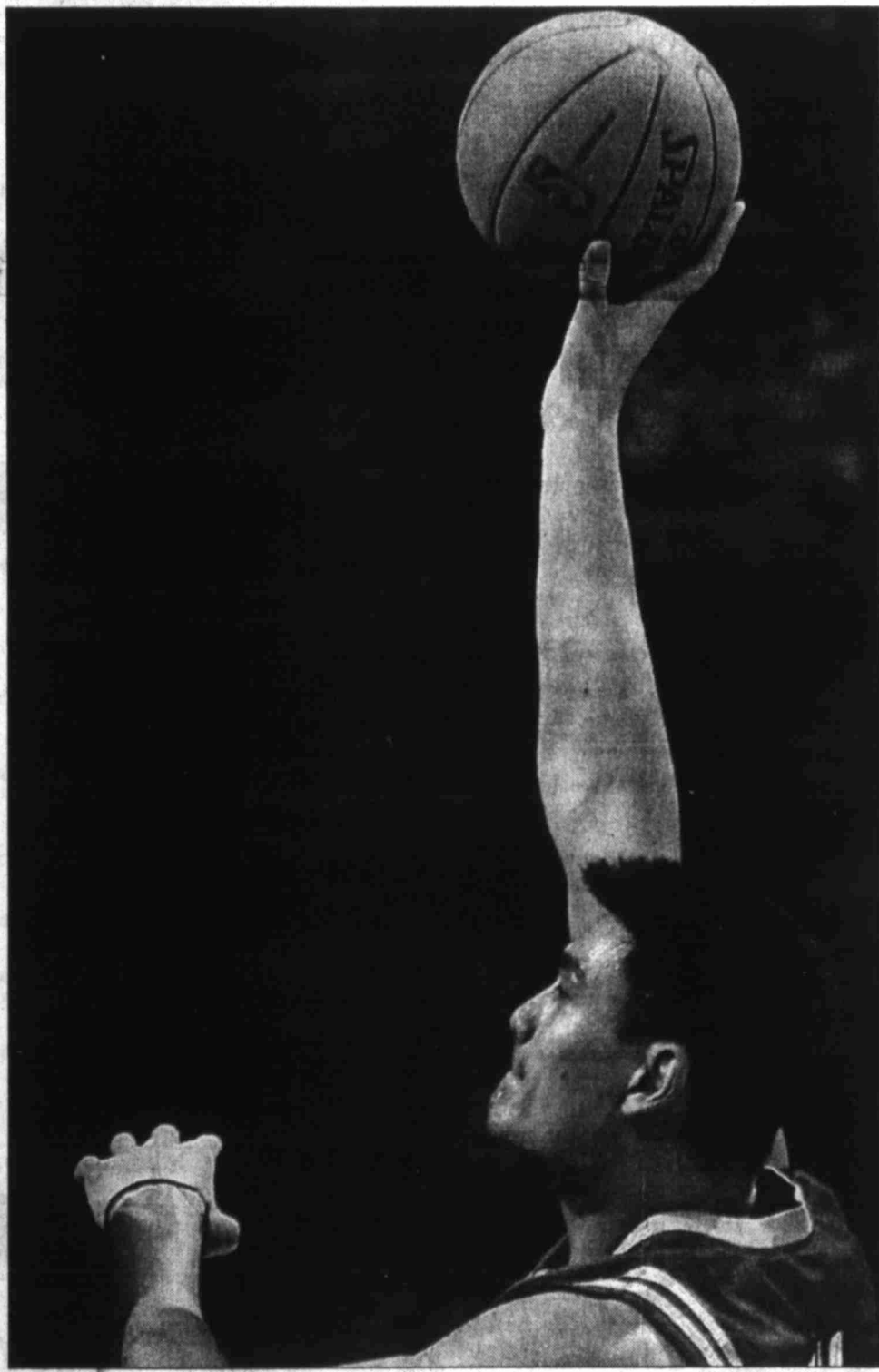
"I was so frustrated on the offensive end," he said. "I couldn't get anything to fall."

The one 3-pointer McGrady did hit was a big one, ending a string of 12 straight misses for Houston in the fourth quarter. The shot gave the Rockets a 70-67 lead with 7:33 to go.

"I told myself in the fourth quarter that if it was going to be close," McGrady said, "it was up to me to really get us easy baskets and try to take over the game."

Yao added two baseline jumpers over the next minute

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Houston Rockets' Yao Ming shows his sky hook. Ming scored 32 points and the Rockets defeated the Indiana Pacers, 86-76, Tuesday night.

Mavericks do the expected, roll past wounded Knicks

By BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The Dallas Mavericks are loaded. The New York Knicks are short-handed.

Not surprisingly, the result was lopsided.

Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard each scored 24 points, and the Mavericks hit the 55-win mark for the third straight season by beating the Knicks 92-77 Tuesday night.

Jason Terry added 15 points for the Mavericks, who pulled away from the banged-up Knicks early in the second half and improved the NBA's best record to 55-11. They have won three in a row after losing consecutive games for first time since starting 0-4.

"I think offensively we're explosive. I think

we can score with the best of them," Nowitzki said. "I think even though we're a slower team now than we used to be with (Don Nelson), defensive-minded, we still have a lot of offense out there."

Erick Dampier had 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Howard grabbed 10 boards as the deeper Mavs wore down the Knicks and shot 53 percent from the field. Reserve Jerry Stackhouse scored 10 points.

"As far as wearing them down, we just stick to our game plan," Howard said. "If they get tired, they get tired. We're going to keep coming."

Dallas improved to 2-0 on a six-game road trip that opened Sunday with a victory at Eastern Conference-leading Detroit. The Mavericks visit Cleveland, right behind the Pistons in the East standings, on Wednesday.

Eddy Curry had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who are playing without the injured Jamal Crawford, David Lee and Quentin Richardson, and have lost three of four.

In addition, New York point guard Stephon Marbury left with about 5 1/2 minutes remaining with what looked like an injury to his left arm; Channing Frye missed most of the second half after getting poked in the right eye; and Curry played through a back problem that forced him to miss the morning shootaround.

"Channing and then Steph, I was just trying to figure out who was I going to put in and how were we going to play," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said.

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telling you that it's that important for us to beat Plainview. We need to win if we expect to make the playoffs."

Big Spring committed only one error and ended the game with two steals. Gross helped himself out by swiping second after an error allowed him to reach base and promptly scored to give BSHS its first lead of the game. Short stop Nathan Deperto got into the act later in the inning when he too stole second and later crossed home plate after a wild pitch.

Raul Aguilar called a good game and did all of the work behind the plate. He had one hit to help his battery mate out. "This was a good win for us and one that we needed," Gross added. "I feel good about the way we're starting to play and we are really looking forward to getting into district and competing. I like our team — we come to play hard each and every game."

The district showdown with Plainview is scheduled for a 7 p.m. first pitch. The next home game for Big Spring will be April 3, when Frenship comes to town for a 4:30 p.m. district battle.

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Frye was diagnosed with a corneal abrasion and will be re-evaluated Wednesday. Marbury said he could have returned.

New York missed a number of shots around the basket and shot only 36 percent as the extra workload some players are facing seemed to be taking its toll. Marbury was 2-of-10 from the field two games after a 3-for-13 showing in a loss to New Orleans.

Nate Robinson was the only other Knicks player in double figures with 19 points. Reserve Renaldo Balkman had 10 rebounds

but was only 3-for-10. Curry was 4-of-12 from the free throw line.

"I don't think it was them, I think it was us tonight," Marbury said. "We were just making mistakes. We had a lot of mistakes tonight."

The Knicks are a half-game behind New Jersey and Orlando for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. The Knicks are 1-2 on a four-game homestand that ends Thursday.

Before the game, Dallas owner Mark Cuban once again talked of how he considered selling the Mavericks last summer. Good thing he didn't, because he would've gotten rid of a team that

looks like a title contender.

The Mavs have won 55 games in five of the last six seasons, and should have no trouble surpassing the franchise-record of 60 victories.

"I think we've got the second highest number of wins since I've taken over," Cuban said, "and that and a quarter leaves me searching for another 50 cents to buy some coffee."

Curry had the first basket of the second half to cut Dallas' lead to 46-45, but Nowitzki and Howard combined for nine straight points. The Mavs stayed comfortably ahead the rest of the period.

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to give Houston a 74-67 lead.

O'Neal dunked with 6:06 left to cut Houston's lead to five. He tried for another dunk with 4:43 to go, but hit the floor hard after he was fouled by Shane Battier. O'Neal limped around for a few seconds before splitting the free throws.

McGrady and Juwan Howard hit long jumpers to stretch Houston's lead to 79-70. Tinsley scored, but Howard answered with another baseline

jumper.

After Tinsley hit a floater, McGrady drew Indiana's defense on a drive and found Battier open in the corner for a 3-pointer that gave Houston its first double-digit lead, 84-74 with 2:20 left.

"Shots were not going down for either team," said Battier, "but we found a way to gut it out and win this game."

Tinsley banked in a runner with 1:13 left, but the Pacers couldn't get closer, committing three turnovers in the last 90 seconds.

The Rockets have now won seven of nine games.

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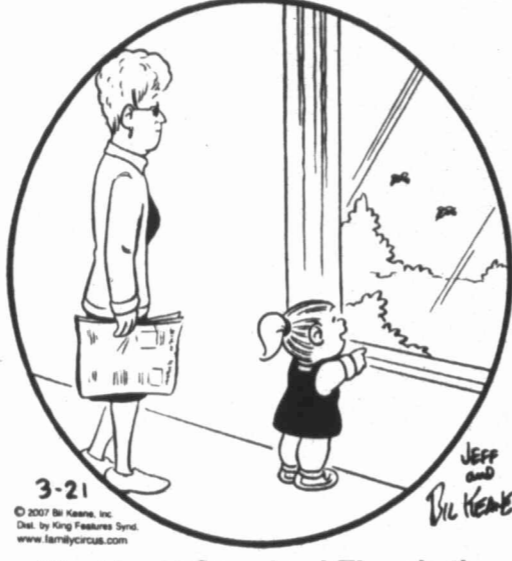
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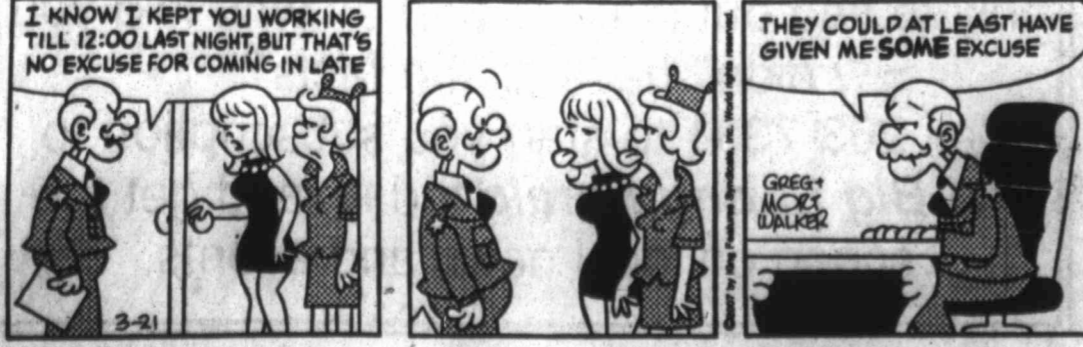
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This Date In History

Today is Wednesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2007. There are 285 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany. On this date: In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted. In 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca. In 1907, U.S. Marines arrived in Honduras to protect American lives and interests in the wake of political violence. In 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York. In 1957, President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold

Macmillan began a four-day conference in Bermuda. In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators. In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala. In 1979, the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel. In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators. Birthdays: Violinist-conductor Joseph Silverstein is 75. Actor Al Freeman Jr. is 73. Actress Kathleen Widdoes is 68. Singer Solomon Burke is 67. Actress Marie-Cristine Barrault is 63. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 62. Actor Timothy Dalton is 61. Singer Eddie Money is 58. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 57.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen L. Johnson is 56. Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Russell Thompkins Jr. (The Stylistics) is 56. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 49. Actress Sabrina LeBeauf is 49. Actor Gary Oldman is 49. Actor Matthew Broderick is 45. Comedian-talk show host Rosie O'Donnell is 45. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 40. Rock M-C Maxim (Prodigy) is 40. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 39.

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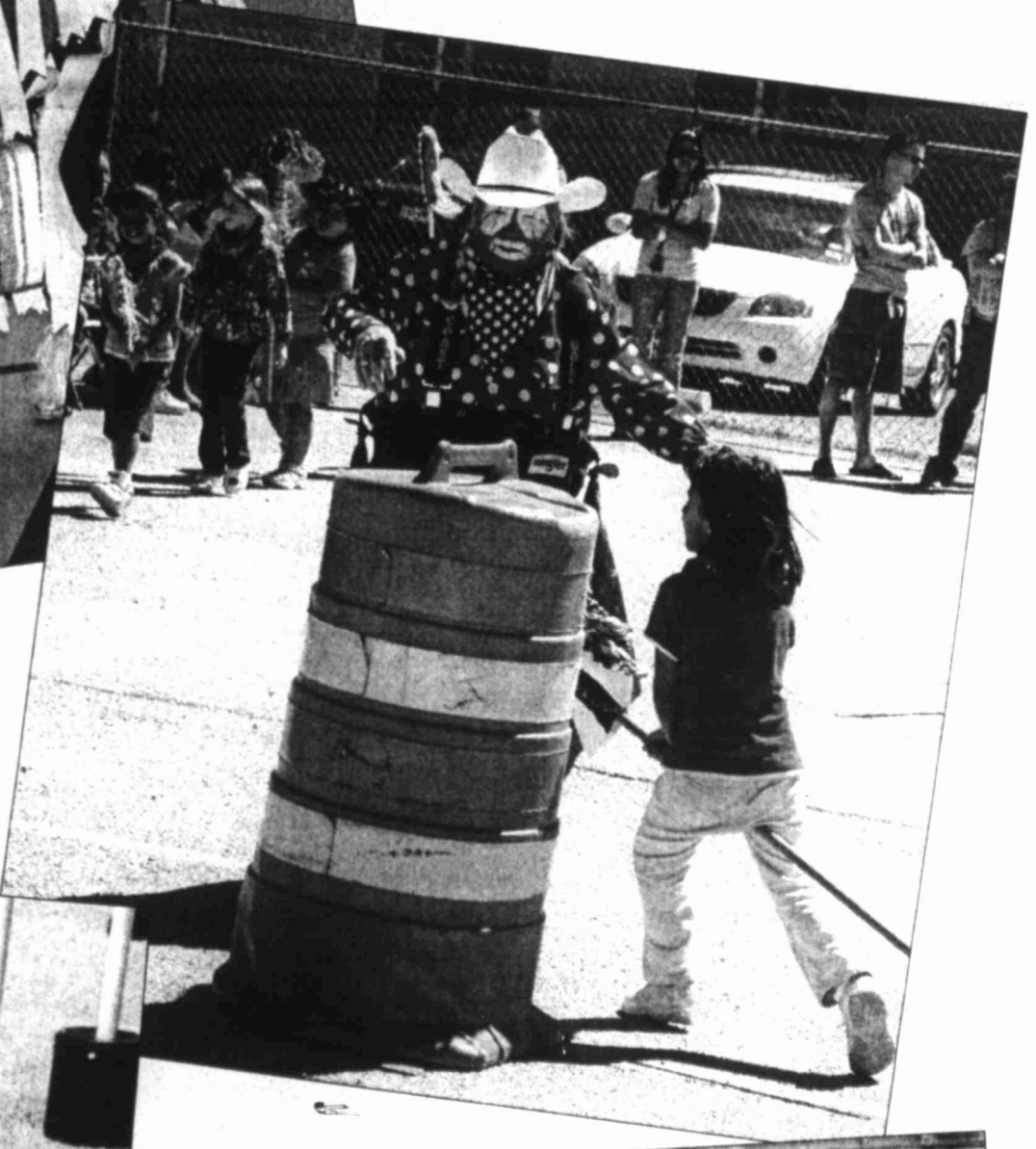
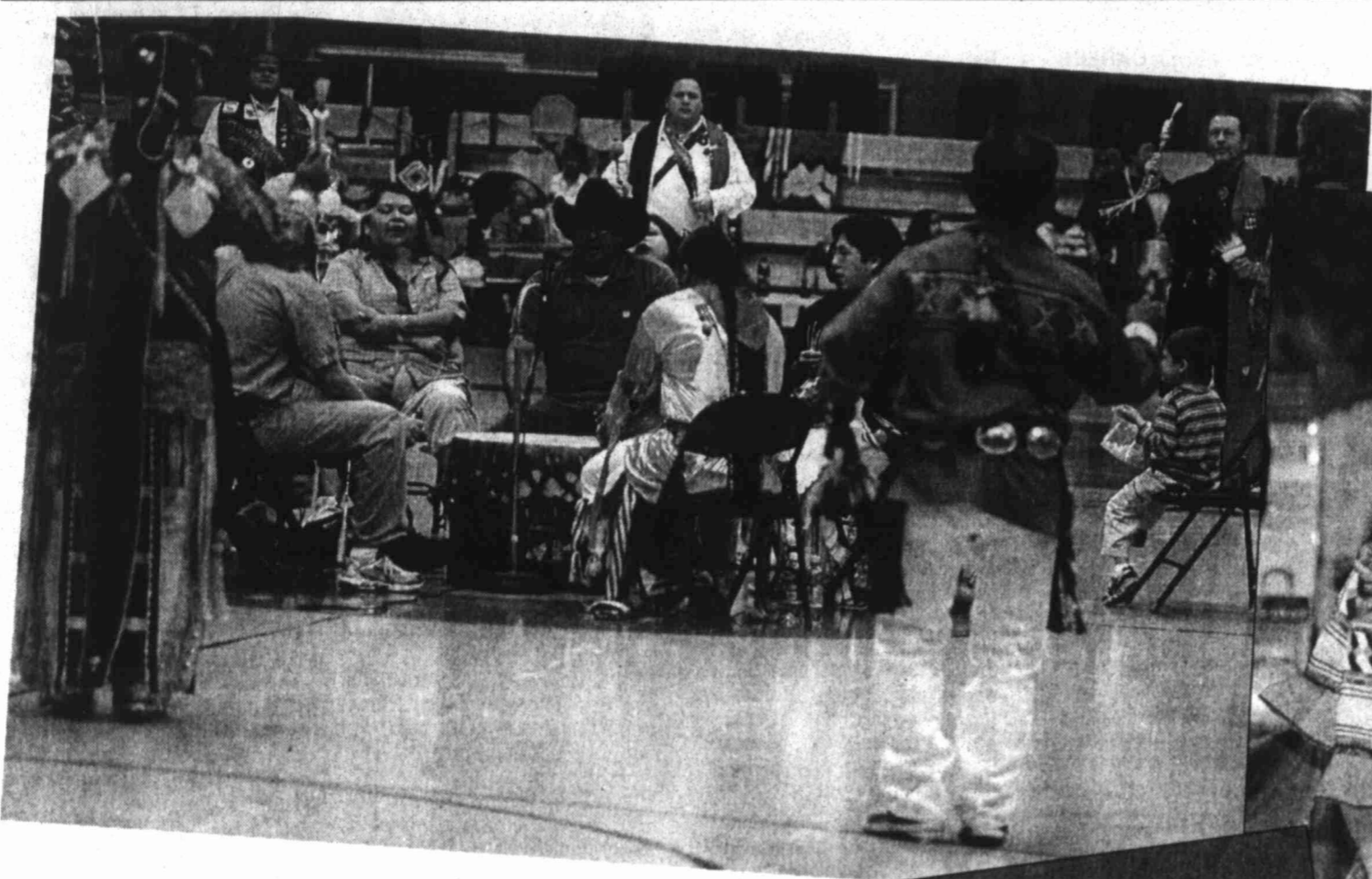
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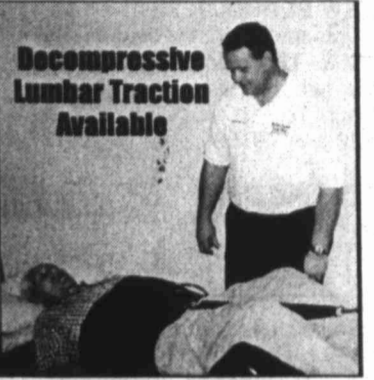
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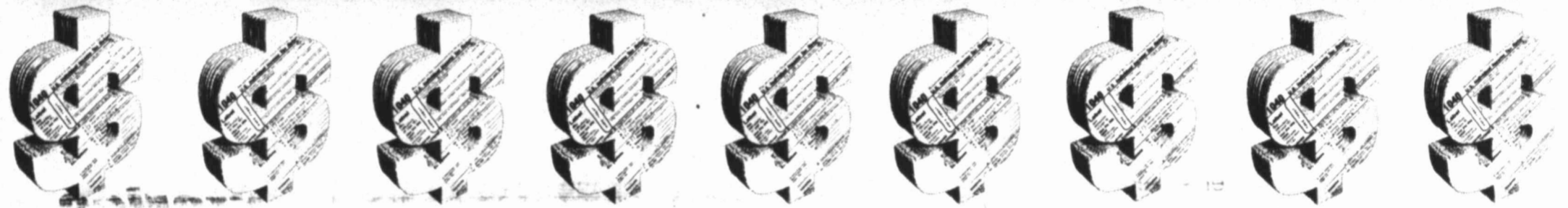
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