

awaits its prince

Room decked out for Charles' visit

By Chris Kelley
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The sixth-floor flag room outside the Dallas City Council chambers — which is used mostly as a place to sit, relax and get away from City Hall business — had a decidedly more formal look Monday.

Twelve dining tables, draped in ironed white tablecloths, were set

■ Prince arrives. 1A

with the city's official blue-and-green china. Plush red chairs, borrowed from the Dallas Convention Center, were strategically placed around the tables in groups of 10. The crystal had been polished, the napkins folded, the three forks per plate set in the order of their expected use.

When Prince Charles sits down to lunch Tuesday with Mayor Starke Taylor, City Council members and members of the British-American Commerce Association, city officials say it will be a reception fit for a future king.

"The visit by the Prince of Wales is an occasion for both joy and pride," said R. Richard Rubottom, director of the city's Office of International Affairs. "We're appreciative that he is accommodating us this much recognition."

The prince, who arrived in Dallas Monday evening for a five-day visit in Texas, will tour three local businesses and on Tuesday bestow the Winston Churchill award on computer magnate H. Ross Perot



The Dallas Morning News: John F. Rhodes

Howard Sherrill, father of missing Christie Dianne Proctor, directs volunteer searchers Monday.



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Search continues for girl

FBI, police check for link to Feb. 12 abduction

By Eliot Kleinberg
Staff Writer of The News

Volunteers on Monday searched wooded areas of North Dallas for Christie Dianne Proctor, while police and FBI agents said they were looking into a possible link between the disappearance of the 9-year-old and the brief abduction last week of another girl.

The girl's grandfather, Ralph Brooks, Monday offered a \$5,000 reward for her safe return, as parents from the girl's school expressed concern about the safety of their

own children.

Christie, a fourth-grader at J. Frank Dobbie Elementary School, disappeared about 6 p.m. Saturday as she walked the few blocks to her apartment complex from a friend's house in the neighborhood, less than a mile from the intersection of LBJ Freeway and North Central Expressway.

She was last seen on Rolling Hills Lane, walking toward her apartment, at Brookgreen Drive and Maham Road.

Police, the girl's father and volunteers Please see SEARCH on Page 14A.

and service questioned

County officials address minorities' treatment

By Melinda Henneberger
Staff Writer of The News

Dallas County commissioners on Monday asked the county's representative to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit board to relay their concerns about the agency's minority hiring practices and its service to minority communities.

"I have a constituency that's being left at the bus stop," Commissioner John Wiley Price told DART board member Tom Unis. Price said nearly empty new buses are serving Dallas' northern suburbs while inner-city riders are relegated to old and overcrowded buses.

"I serve the north end and I agree — serve the ridership we have first," Commissioner Jim Jackson said.

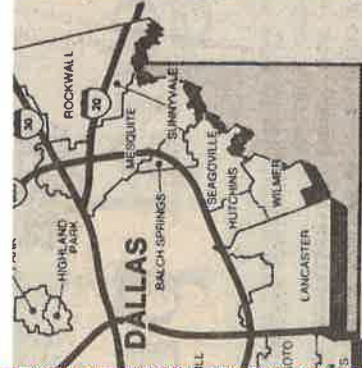
Unis said the suburban runs would continue pending a marketing campaign to increase ridership there.

"You don't have to campaign people who are already there," Unis said. But to attract new riders, "you've got to bait them with a new bus," he said.

Price disagreed, saying that a continued emphasis on new suburban riders at the expense of regular inner-city customers was not acceptable. If minorities don't get improved service within four months, they will boycott the DART system, Price said.

DART spokesman Robin Stringfellow said suburban and downtown buses cannot be interchanged because of separate contractual agreements.

But 192 of 248 old buses are due for replacement, Stringfellow said. By mid-April, about 30 double-long buses and 92 standard coaches will be added to the fleet, "many of which will serve the heavily minority routes in question ... to answer overcrowding problems," he Please see DART on Page 15A.



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City officials announced the reopening of Quorum Drive between Arapaho Road and Westgrove Drive after an 18-month, \$5 million road improvement program. The road, which parallels Dallas Parkway, reopened Monday morning. City Manager Ron Whitehead said. This will open up the north end of the city for development. Whitehead said.

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For more information call Carolyn Jones, Mid-Cities city secretary, at 442-2236.

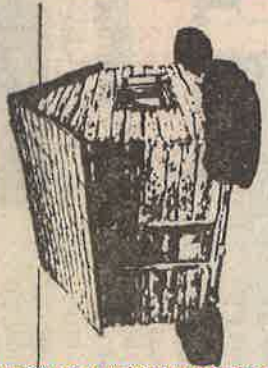
PLANO

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at Williams High School, 1717 17th St. The program is sponsored by the Plano Aggie Glee Club, and proceeds go to the club's scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5. For ticket information, call Suse Powell at 422-4916 or Linda Wilson at 235-7759.

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Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Committee. The committee will meet in Washington, D.C., in March and in San Antonio in November to examine federal regulations affecting waste-water treatment, hazardous waste and drinking water.

A "Meet the Press Night" for students interested in studying journalism is scheduled from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Arlington High School cafeteria. The meeting is sponsored by high school journalists and instructors from Arlington, Sam Houston Martin and Lamar high schools.



ers' mark of identification, but he gives every indication of being capable of taking care of himself in a neck-twisting p. Cox was anxious to know who his opponent would be and when it was Stewart, who tips the beam at 300 pounds, he is not impressed. "Sometimes small men are a lot harder to handle," was his only comment.

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Modern weapons of war may be available, but they can never supplant the rain, brawn and training of Marine Corps regulars or reserves, the Leatherbacks' chief of air reserve said Friday. Gen. Louis B. Robertshaw was here for Saturday's annual inspection of the Dallas Marine Air Reserve Command.

Feb. 18, 1978

The downpour that provided welcome relief for Dallas residents Tuesday pointed out some unexpected problems in the parking garage beneath the new City Hall. City officials said the subsurface garage is leaking along several of the seams. City Mgr. George Schrader is scheduled a meeting with the City Council Monday to discuss the leakage problems and to get a report from the

South Texas earlier this month, a federal investigator said Monday.

On Feb. 7, the Boeing 727 — on its third attempt to land at Harlingen/Rio Grande Valley International Airport — touched down short of the runway and struck a stanchion of approach lights. The plane, which sustained a fist-sized hole from the impact, ultimately made a safe landing at San Antonio, where the 125 passengers disembarked.

The aborted landings and the damage to the plane went unreported until the next day, when another crew in Denver discovered the hole. The plane was taken out of service and the incident reported to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Search continues for girl

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searched Saturday, Sunday and Monday, on foot and using helicopters and autos. But they said the only clue they uncovered was a crushed purple plastic heart with the girl's name on it. The heart was found Saturday night on a street where the girl had been.

Christie is about 4-foot-10, with short brown hair and blue eyes, and was last seen wearing a white sweater with a pink collar, blue jeans and white tennis shoes, relatives said.

Police said Monday a girl who lives in the same neighborhood reported being picked up at 8:45 a.m. Feb. 12 by a man in a van, who ordered her to call her mother from a cellular phone, then released her; saying the next time she walked home alone, he would take her again and not return her.

But youth division investigator David Sanger said, "we have no evidence to connect it with the Proctor case."

Monday morning, the 670 students at Christie's school watched a news clip about the disappearance on closed-circuit television in their classrooms. Speaking on a school public address system, Principal Tom Savay discussed safety and urged anyone who might have seen something Saturday to come forward. He said 35 to 40 children did.

Authorities said they would evaluate the information, but said they would have to be cautious because children may allow their imaginations to interfere with their recollections.

By 5 p.m. Monday, about two dozen people had gathered at the school's back parking lot to search for Christie. The search was called off at dark and will resume about 2 p.m. Tuesday, said the girl's mother, Laura Proctor.

who often accompanies flight crews, reports his findings to supervisors — specifically whether delays were caused by the weather, ground operations, traffic control or other factors, said American spokesman Lowell Duncan.

Duncan said it was the captain's responsibility to report the Harlingen incident to the FAA, not Whitebread's. He said the incident occurred on a Friday, and Whitebread was out of town over the weekend. When he returned on Monday, the FAA already had been notified, Duncan said.

"He (Whitebread) has no responsibility in the incident," Duncan said. "He is not a pilot with the airline. He had talked to them (the



Christie Dianne Proctor

The girl's father, Howard Sherrill, said Monday's search focused on a 5-square-mile area west of Cottonwood Creek, just east of Christie's apartment complex. The creek had been intensively searched since Saturday.

"Our main concern is that she may be somewhere off the main road, where she can't be seen, and she may be injured," he said.

Ms. Proctor said Tuesday's search will focus on unsuspected places in the same area.

At Christie's school, a flier about the missing girl, one of hundreds posted around the neighborhood, was taped to a front window. Nearby, Gail Ibarra clutched her 10-year-old daughter, Tiffany, as she waited for her two other children.

"It happened so close," said Ms. Ibarra. "I don't feel that safe letting them (her children) out of my apartment."

Although up to 75 percent of the students are children of single-parent homes or homes where both parents work, more cars than usual were lined up Monday to pick up children, the principal said.

Later, after school had let out, parents in the school's front hallway organized groups of children to walk home.

Among them was Ms. Proctor, holding the hands of a neighbor's son and of her own 5-year-old son, Adam.

"He's asked, 'When's his sister going to be home?'" she said. "I tell him, 'We're still looking.'"

Grand Jury hearing

By James Ragland
Mid-Cities Bureau of The News

GRAND PRAIRIE — The decision over whether the city should and run its own cemetery is expected to reach a climax Tuesday during a public hearing.

Council member Ron Axt said has received more than 100 from residents concerned about condition of the oldest and largest cemetery in Grand Prairie, St. Land Memorial Park.

The issue came to a head Tuesday when Axt told council members during a pre-council work session that Southland Memorial Park not being properly maintained.

Axt and Mayor Jerry Debo they had received complaints from residents about tall grass, weeds and cracks in the ground at cemetery. Debo also complained that the cemetery is not fenced and is not watered enough.

Candidate sends apology

Funston E. Johnson, arrested recently on an outstanding felony theft warrant, has withdrawn Democratic candidate for justice the peace and has apologized to party officials.

Johnson was indicted by a Dallas County grand jury in February for theft of property over \$10,000, a second-degree felony, court records show. Johnson was accused of fraudulently cashing more than \$21,000 in insurance checks and sent to other people while working for an insurance firm.

After Johnson was arrested, Dallas County authorities discovered that his fingerprints matched those of a man wanted by Los Angeles.

Textbook distribution

