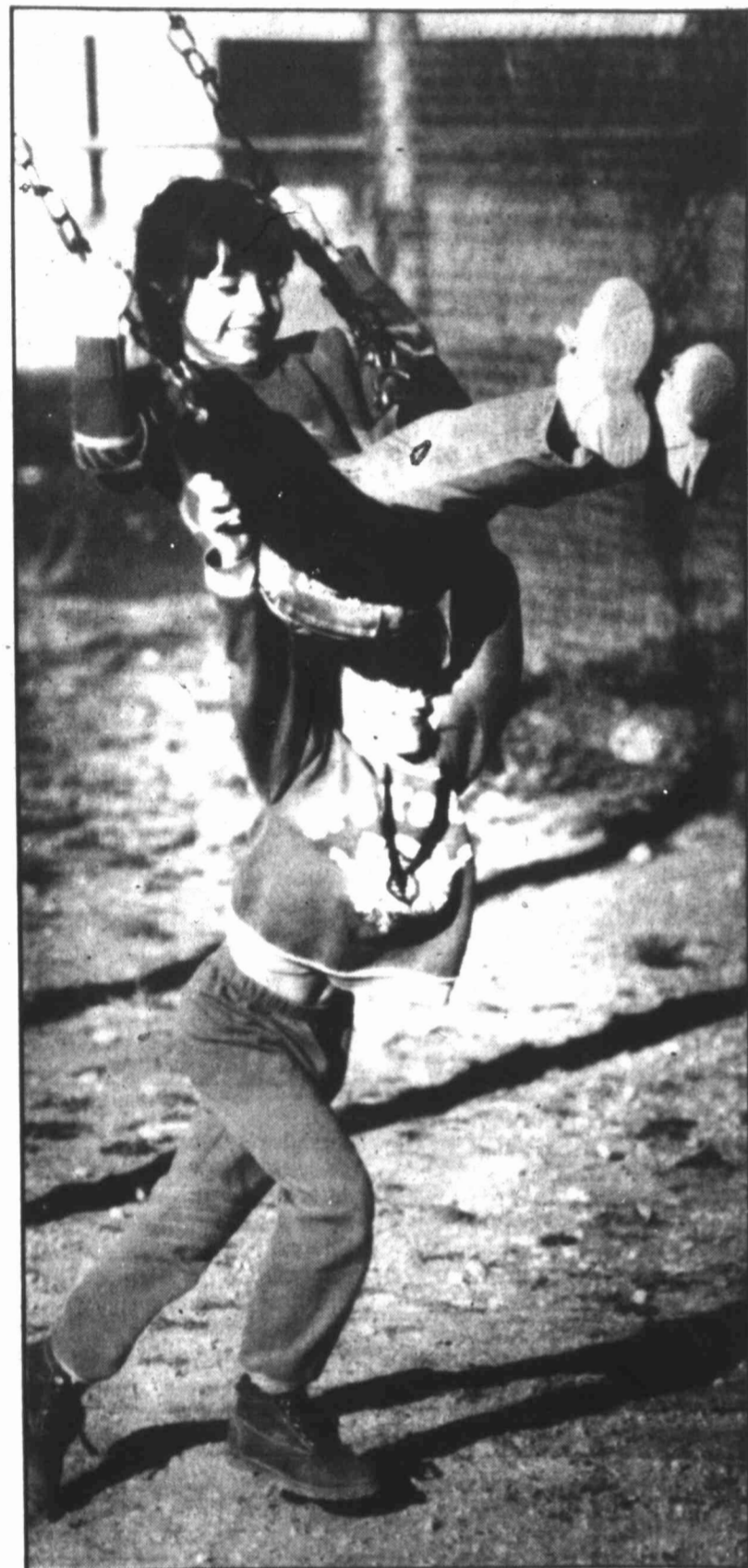


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Cecilia Franco gets a heads-up push from Chelcie Olivlas as the two were playing at the Westside Community Center Tuesday afternoon.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

2 + 2 = What? A way to help out others

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Solving math problems can be both a learning experience and a chance to raise money for a good cause.

How? Students at Washington Elementary are participating in the St. Jude's Research Children's Hospital fund raiser by having sponsors donate money to see how many problems they can solve.

Erika Vela, a volunteer at the school, says this is the third year they have participated in this event.

"The children see a film about the hospital first to see what it is about and how the hospital helps its patients. Then, the students go out and get people to sponsor them. The hospital sends books and the kids solve

the math problems. The sponsors donate so much money for each problem someone solves," explained Vela.

The contest is over but students are still in the process of collecting money and so far \$840 has been raised.

"The kids are really doing well. They are learning to share and they want to help others," Vela added.

The student who raises the most money over \$100 wins a boom box, t-shirt, Six Flags discount and certificate.

Fifth grader Brandon Ferguson is the top winner, raising \$127.50. Third grader John Gonzales raised \$80 and will receive a sports bag, t-shirt, Six Flags discount and certificate. Andrew Viacona, fourth grader, raised \$75 and will receive the

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Jail bond election set

■ Courthouse, jail to be on April 8 ballot

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

April 8 has been selected as the date for a bond election by the Howard County Commissioners at a special meeting Tuesday.

If approved by voters, construction on the jail could begin as early as June and completed within 10 to 12 months. The election also covers renovations and remodeling to the Howard County Courthouse.

Setting the date for a bond election was the easy part.

The commissioners began the meeting by looking at the report presented by Aguirre Associates architects, showing the estimated cost for a new 96-bed jail, courthouse remodeling and renovations, and renovating and remodeling the current library building at \$7.5 million. Commissioners went over the

report, putting the red ink to the proposed courthouse renovation plans and whittled the \$7.5 million figure down to \$4.88 million, less than the \$5.5 million cap commissioners set several meetings ago. Commissioner Bill Crooker was pleased with the \$4.88 million figure because it's about \$620,000 less than what commissioners has anticipated.

Commissioners also voted 4 to 1 in favor of presenting the jail and courthouse projects as separate propositions to voters in the April bond election.

The \$4.88 million figure includes \$3.22 million plus con-

tingencies for the proposed Howard County Detention Center and \$1.66 million plus contingencies for renovating and remodeling the Howard County Courthouse.

Left out of the final figures were remodeling and renovations to the current library building because commissioners decided moving several offices from the courthouse to the library building, once the library is relocated to the old Bluebonnet Savings building, is something that will have to wait.

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Juvenile crime unit under development

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Juvenile crime is up across the state including Big Spring and Howard County.

Last fall, the Big Spring City Council enacted a teen curfew to help curb the problem. The police department is taking it one step further by trying to develop a juvenile offender unit.

Police Chief Jerry Edwards is applying for a \$47,316 grant from the State of Texas Crimi-

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Jerry Edwards

nal Justice Division.

"We applied for the grant last year but did not get it. They gave out only three and we were fourth in line," said Edwards.

At the Jan. 24 city council meeting, council members unanimously approved a measure to pledge up to \$2,250 in matching funds toward developing the unit.

If the department receives the grant, the money will be used for start up costs and salary for a juvenile officer for the first year. During a five year period, the amount of money from the state will decrease with the city picking up the difference. Eventually, the city will pay 100 percent of the costs.

"When we were approved to get two new officers last fall, one of those positions was for a juvenile officer. Det. James Rider will handle crimes involving both juvenile victims and offenders. He will pick up other

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IN WITH THE NEW



Herald photo by Tim Appel

City of Big Spring worker Neil Anderson attaches a bolt onto a new stop sign, one of several that he was erecting at the 11th Place and Washington Blvd. intersection Tuesday afternoon.

Teen court board has first meeting

■ Conway elected president of board

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Linda Conway was elected president of the Teen Court board of directors Tuesday night.

The newly formed board met for the first time last night to elect officers and establish by-laws.

Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks appointed Conway to the board Monday afternoon. Conway serves as Sparks' assistant at the college.

Timothy Green was named vice president, Jackie Olson was elected secretary and Charmaine Bell as treasurer.

Last week, city council members appointed Green, Bell and Allan McGee as representatives for the city. Olson was appointed by county commissioners. The municipal court named Mark Sheedy as their representative and Irene Bustamante was appointed by the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Still working

Lawmakers still trying to find school funding options

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court's decision upholding the share-the-wealth school funding system doesn't end lawmakers' work on public education.

Proposals have been filed to help schools with classroom construction costs, and lawmakers are overhauling education laws with an eye to transferring more authority from the state to local school districts.

Gov. George W. Bush, who supports giving more local control to schools, said the Supreme Court ruling also makes it "more important than

Still looking for funding options - 4A

ever" to relieve pressure on local property taxes by gradually increasing the state's share of education funding.

But changing the local-state funding mix could prove difficult, said Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

The school finance law

upheld by the Supreme Court relies primarily on state aid and local property taxes. It requires school districts with the most property wealth to share with the rest of the system.

Of about \$16.5 billion in state and local funding, about 45 percent currently comes from the state.

"If the local districts raise their taxes ... we (the state) could put a lot more money in and we could still fall behind on a percentage basis because we have no control about what

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Texas Trivia

What city was the birthplace of jazz great Jack Teagarden?

Vernon

The film *Sylvester* was shot on location where?

Marfa

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World: Whole towns in low-lying eastern Netherlands were emptied of people today as flooding continued. See page 4A.

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Enhanced

Rick Krause remembers well the feeling that washed over him after learning his son's stalker had been released from jail. See page 7A.

Looking for new options

The Texas Supreme Court's decision to uphold Senate Bill 7, the state school finance law, has left a bad taste in the mouths of local trustees and superintendents. See page 6A.

Never convicted but in jail

A 70-year-old man who has never been convicted of a serious crime has been arrested in connection with a series of bank robberies. See page 7A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **75** ▲ Highs **35** ▼ Lows

Clear, low upper 30s
Tonight, fair, low upper 30s, light winds.

Permian Basin Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high in the upper 70s, west winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low upper 30s.

Friday: Mostly sunny, high in the upper 70s, west winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low upper 30s.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high in the upper 70s, west winds 5 to 15 mph; fair night, low upper 30s.

Thursday

OBITUARIES

Jesuita Morales

Services for Jesuita Morales, 73, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
Jesuita died Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1995, in a local hospital.

Trella Denton

Graveside services for Trella Denton, 77, Midland, will be 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 1995, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Royce Clay, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Denton died Monday, Jan. 30, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on July 12, 1917, in Long, Okla. and married Ralph Denton on July 12, 1936, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1979. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She was raised in eastern Oklahoma and came to Fort-San in the early 1930's with her family. She lived in California for 25 years and moved to Midland in 1990. She was a housewife.

Survivors include three daughters: Lenna Bradford, Carlsbad, Texas; Teresa Burgin, Arlington, and Diana O'Dwyer, Keller; three sons: Ralph D. Denton, Midland; Jerry Denton and Bobby Denton, both of Carlsbad, Texas; one sister: O'Dell Parker, Sallisaw, Okla.; five brothers: Aquilla Fleetwood, Texarkana; Robert Fleetwood, Pampa; Haskell Fleetwood, Lake Tawakoni; Charles Fleetwood, Stinnett; and Houston Fleetwood, Borger; ten grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Kenneth Denton in 1968; one sister, Mildred Caster and her parents, Oce and Emma Fleetwood.

The family suggests memorials to: American Cancer Society, %Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Norman Webb Sr.

Services for Norman H. Webb, Sr., 71, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Webb died Tuesday, Jan. 31, in a local hospital.

He was born on Nov. 11, 1923, in Rule, Texas and married Lavarice J. Corley on Sept. 28, 1943, in Stamford. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1963. He managed the TYCO service station here for eight years. He had also worked as night manager for the Rip Griffin Truck Stop here for seven years. He retired from the Texas Credit Sales in 1987. He served in the U.S. Navy and was a member of the American Legion. He was also a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Lavarice "Pat" Webb, Big Spring; three daughters: Norma Walker and Patty Tonn, both of San Angelo, and Kathy Kemper, Lamesa; four sons: Larry Webb, James Webb, Bobby Webb and Norman H. Webb, Jr., all of Big Spring; one brother: Davis Webb, Richardson; seven sisters: Emma Glover, Creola Cone, Mary Pylant, Hazel Hindman, and Joan Billings, all of of Abilene; Laverne Lee, Ft. Worth, and Billie Adkins, Crane. He is also survived by nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Bessie Webb, two brothers and one sister.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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Commissioners slice and dice to make cost projection

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

According to Howard County Commissioner Bill Crooker, commissioners cut and sliced architects' proposals on the proposed Howard County Detention Center and renovations and remodeling to the Howard County Courthouse until they were down to the "bare bones" of the issues.

Crooker was pleased with the outcome of Tuesday's special meeting of the Commissioners' Court because a report that had a price tag of \$7.5 million on it was trimmed to less than \$5 million, saving Howard County taxpayers more than half a million dollars if both propositions pass in the April 8 bond election.

Crooker was one of two commissioners who wanted to present the jail and courthouse propositions as one single proposition, but when County Judge Ben Lockhart called for the vote Crooker changed his mind and voted with Lockhart, and Commissioners Brown and Kilgore making the final vote 4 to 1 in favor of present the two issues as separate propositions.

Only slight cuts were made in jail proposal. Those cuts included surveys and soil testing (something that has already been done), recreation equipment, some educational equipment, additional furniture, and an additional expense for accessories and miscellaneous items.

The building construction costs for the 96-bed jail is estimated to be \$2.7 million; services, including architectural

and engineering fees, \$220,000; printing, \$15,000; and bond issue costs, \$30,000.

Food service and laundry equipment is estimated to be \$75,000, bringing the total estimate for the jail to \$3,065,000.

Adding a 5 percent contingency cost for overruns (\$153,250) the total projected budget for the jail is \$3,218,250, but that figure is rounded to the nearest five thousand because bonds are issued in increments of \$5,000.

The courthouse plans saw the severest cuts at Tuesday's meeting because commissioners had to decide what in the proposal had to be implemented and what the courthouse could do without at the present time.

Once commissioners decided what had to stay in the proposal, more than \$783,000 in cosmetic work, architectural and engineering fees, furniture, and accessories was cut from the proposal.

Building construction costs for the project is estimated to be \$1,439,500, which includes code compliance and ADA compliance, building maintenance, and mechanical, plumbing, and electrical construction; services, including architect and engineering fees, \$110,000; printing, \$10,000; and bond issue costs, \$20,000.

The total estimate for the courthouse project is \$1,579,500. Adding a 5 percent contingency fee for cost overruns (\$78,975) the total projected budget for the courthouse project is \$1,658,475 and rounding to the nearest five thousand, the final figure is \$1,660,000.

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During the meeting County Judge Ben Lockhart said, "I don't think we can do a \$7.5 million project at this time. If we're going to keep the project to \$5.5 million, which is what we set out to do, we're going to have to cut."

Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "We have to take care of our mechanical portion of the courthouse because if we don't we're going to damage the physical structure of the building and it will end up looking like the Permain Building."

"I'd like to do the rest of the renovations to the courthouse, but we have to do the mechanical first or we're not taking care of the county's property, which is what we were hired to do."

Choate added, "We need to let the public know that we're doing what we have to do to maintain county property. We're trying to do what is necessary and what is right."

What commissioners cut from the courthouse proposal included \$683,000 in cosmetic costs.

Commissioners were in agreement on the jail proposal from the start, but the important issue according to Choate and Crooker was deciding where to cut costs within the courthouse project.

Help

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Students who raise \$30 to \$74 will receive a t-shirt, \$10 discount to Six Flags and a certificate.

St. Jude's also awards each school who participates by sending students to Six Flags in Arlington. For each \$500 raised,

What commissioners decided was to take care of the mechanical needs of the courthouse and the bring the building into local code compliance and into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Commissioners voted to put the library issue on their next meeting agenda, Feb. 13, so they can finish studying the question of how to finish financing it. The only thing certain at this point about the library project is the county has almost half the needed funds and the project will not be a part of the bond election.

One idea brought up by Choate was to send Howard County Librarian Lorraine Redman to a grant writing school in Lubbock in early March. Choate said he got the idea from officials in Sweetwater during a recent visit.

He said he feels like Howard County can obtain more grants to finance the library project. The county currently has \$664,000 in the bank for the library project and a \$200,000 state grant, which is contingent on the County having a library construction contract signed by Oct. 1.

According to Redman the deadline for having the library project completed, to get the grant, is August 1997.

the school draws a name for the trip.

For example, last year the school raised \$1,500 and were able to send three students to the amusement park. Donations are down this year and the school will only be able to draw one name from the pot of 91 students who participated.

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Unit

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cases as well," Edwards added. Some of the equipment needed to develop the unit include both a portable radio and one installed in the officer's vehicle, filing cabinets as well as other office supplies.

Edwards says the application is due this month and he hopes to hear something from Austin in the near future.

Finance

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they're going to put in," said Ratliff.

"The only way you could guarantee that you'd get ahead of the curve is to limit the amount that the locals could put in ... and I'm sure he (Bush) doesn't propose to do that," he said. "So to a certain extent, it's out of our hands. All we can do is try to put more state money in, and assume ... they're not going to put more local money in."

Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for the Republican governor, said local school boards would be better able to keep a rein on property tax rates if they had more state funding and fewer state regulations.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said his proposal for the state to help school districts pay their construction debt could improve the funding mix.

"This is certainly a place where the state can ratchet that (share of education funding) back up, and in my mind, be a good partner with local school districts," he said.

Bivins said the "starting point" funding figure for his proposed legislation is \$170 million, which he said would fund up to \$2 billion in debt. The amount of help given a school district would depend on its property wealth.

Rep. Robert Junell, D-San Angelo, also has filed a bill to help school districts with their construction needs.

The Supreme Court, in upholding the school finance law, lifted a lower court order requiring lawmakers to devise an equitable way to pay for education projects. But the court ruled that a lack of such funding could make the system unconstitutional.

"I believe that we ... have an obligation to proceed to meet what I believe is our long overdue obligation to assist local school districts in constructing school buildings," Bivins said. "It would be a shame that the take positive action is if there is a court mandate over our heads."

Ratliff, meanwhile, is working on a rewrite of education laws, as is the House Public Education Committee headed by Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

Both chairmen said they envision streamlining the Texas Education Agency and placing more decision-making at the local school district level, rather than with the state.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said his goal is to ensure full funding for the school plan upheld by the court, which would cost an estimated \$2 billion in additional money over the next two years. He said he also supports the bill to help schools with construction.

"Let's educate our children and get on with getting Texas ahead," he said.

Fishermen caught with licenses down at kid fishing hole

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — At least 15 parents who took their children to a stocked pond for a fishing show have been hooked with \$130 fines for fishing without a permit.

Now the lines are crossed between people arguing over whether the punishments were necessary at Saturday's KidFish event at Waldron Park Pond that drew more than 800 children, about three times as many as expected.

Some, including peace justice Larry Cox, think the fines may be foolish.

"From a law enforcement perspective, you have to have good public relations," Cox said. "If you're trying to get out more kids and make them fishermen, what does it help to give their parents tickets?"

Others, including some Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials, say the steps were necessary.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

DID YOU WIN?

PICK 3: 8, 6, 2

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•**DAPHNE CHRANE**, 30 of 1500 Mesquite, was arrested on a grand jury indictment.

•**LINDA RUTH PADGETT**, 40 of Coahoma, was arrested on an outstanding local warrant for theft of service. She was transported to the county jail and released after posting a \$500 bond.

•**RICHARD LOPEZ**, 18 of 907 South Bell, was arrested for theft over \$20. He was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

•**ALONDO JONES**, 32 of 1602B Lincoln, was arrested for assault/family violence.

•**SUSPICIOUS INVESTIGATIONS** in the 600 block of North Warehouse Road, 1500 block of Marjio, 400 block of Abrams, 2300 block of Wesson and 900 block of East 2nd.

•**ASSAULT** in the 1900 block of Scurry.

•**BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** in the 1000 block of Baylor.

•**DOG BITES** in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd. and 1600 block of Donley.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 2600 block of Rebecca.

•**PHONE HARASSMENT** in the 300 block of Veterans Blvd. and 1000 block of Birdwell.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1600 block of Donley.

•**THEFT OF SERVICE** in the 1600 block of Gregg.

•**WALKAWAY** from the Big Spring State Hospital.

SHERIFF

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

•**JOHNNY LEE TURNBOW**, 50 of Andrews, was released after serving time on a driving while intoxicated charge.

•**THEFT OF GAS** at the Town and Country store in Coahoma.

•**911 HANG-UP CALL** in the 100 block of South 6th in Coahoma. The resident told deputies she dialed the wrong number.

•**LOOSE GOATS** on South Highway 87. The owner of the animals was notified.

•**DOG BITE** in the 3000 block of Sterling.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY
•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

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

•West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney, Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

THURSDAY
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permain Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 306 Alford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Tape Study, 615 Settles.

•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m.; Howard County Library Conference room. Enter through West entrance. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542.

•LULAC of Big Spring Chap. No. 4375, 7 p.m., Howard County Courthouse. Call Mina, 267-2740.

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

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FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:

•**VEHICLE FIRE** in the 1700 block of Purdue.

•**CONTROLLED BURN** at Alamesa and Wesson. Firefighters used about 1,500 gallons of water on smoldering piles of trash being burned by the prisoners.

•**ACCIDENT** at Fourth and Gregg. Assisted emergency personnel at the scene.

IN BRIEF

Second rabies clinic Saturday

A second rabies clinic will be Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1 to 5 p.m. Pet owners are encouraged to bring their animals to the north barn at the Howard County Fairgrounds.

Not only will rabies vaccinations be available, but other shots as well.

The cost for the rabies vaccination is \$6 for each animal and \$26 if you want all of the shots.

RECORDS

Tuesday's temp.	68
Tuesday's low	27
Average high	57
Average low	30
Record high	81 in 1963
Record low	1 in 1950
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00
Month to date	0.49
Month's normal	0.62
Year to date	0.49
Normal for year	0.62
**Statistics not available.	

MARKETS

March cotton futures 92.30 cents a pound, down 117 points; March crude oil 18.42 up 3 points; cash hog steady at 40.25 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents lower at 74 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 39.17, down 63 points; Feb. live cattle futures 74.07, down 28 points; according to Delta Commodities.
Other markets are not available.

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Catching welfare fraud

■ Fingerprinting system being tested

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Secret Service wants the federal government to fingerprint welfare applicants to help catch criminals who rip off food stamps and other aid programs. Los Angeles County and New York state are testing a fingerprint identification system with some welfare recipients, but until now the idea had not appeared to be catching on in Washington.

The use of fingerprints to deter welfare fraud, particularly in the \$25 billion food stamp program, is not mentioned in the leading Republican plan to overhaul the welfare system and was not part of President Clinton's reform proposal last year.

The Secret Service, however, believes fingerprinting should be tested as the government moves toward an electronic system of delivering federal benefits, including welfare to single parents, food stamps, unemployment compensation and Social Security.

The law enforcement agency, which investigates food stamp



Norwalk resident John Gutierrez places his index finger on a fingerprinting scanner at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services Tuesday as part of a welfare fraud detection system being tested.

fraud, would ultimately like to see a nationwide system for fingerprinting applicants for federal aid programs, said a Secret Service official who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

But opposition came from a leading civil liberties group. Deborah Lewis, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union's Washington office, said fingerprinting welfare recipients is "a stigmatizing, humiliating approach" to fighting fraud.

The Secret Service's recommendations are outlined in its response to a recent General

Accounting Office study of fraud in the food stamp program, which serves nearly 27 million Americans.

In comments included in the report by the GAO, the congressional watchdog agency, the Secret Service's top lobbyist, William H. Pickle, said efforts to reduce welfare fraud must focus on fraudulent applications for aid.

"The possibility of ineligible applicants obtaining additional benefits by utilizing multiple false identities is of considerable concern," Pickle wrote.

Clinton goes it alone on Mexico loan package

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, with the help of international lending agencies, assembled a rescue package giving Mexico the support it needs to fend off creditors and restore confidence in its battered currency.

The total value of the package is nearly \$50 billion, including almost \$23 billion that had already been committed.

Clinton announced the new aid package, which does not require congressional approval, on Tuesday, after the \$40 billion in loan guarantees he proposed to Congress on Jan. 12 with the backing of its Republican leaders ran into a firestorm of criticism.

The new package depends more on the international agencies and less on U.S. resources than the original proposal.

"We've now gotten other countries to contribute half of what's needed," Clinton told a Democratic fund-raiser Tuesday night in Boston.

The U.S. aid is secured by Mexico's oil revenues. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said it would not be linked to such non-economic issues as immigration and drug-trafficking.

But, he said, "my own judgment is that today's action will enhance our ability to achieve good results in those areas."

Financial markets responded immediately and positively. The peso gained 9 percent Tuesday, after having sunk to a record low Monday, and the Mexican stock exchange surged to its best one-day advance since 1988.

Other Latin American stock markets also posted strong gains. Scraping the effort to have Congress approve a \$40 billion loan guarantee, Clinton signed an executive order granting Mexico a \$20 billion line of credit. That's an increase of \$11 billion over the \$9 billion that had been authorized since the start of Mexico's currency crisis on Dec. 20.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

New Year's fight opens for prosecution

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bruised and hysterical Nicole Brown Simpson told police that a New Year's Eve fight with her husband began soon after he had sex with another woman in their house, an officer testified.

Ms. Simpson said her husband climbed into bed with her after having sex with the woman, Detective John Edwards recalled Tuesday. Although the altercation itself had already been widely reported, Edwards' testimony made the fight look even more damaging to Simpson.

Prosecutors also announced they wanted to call Ronald Shipp, a retired police officer and friend of Simpson. Defense attorney Carl Douglas identified Shipp as the mysterious "Leo" in the opening pages of a "Raging Heart," a new book about the Simpson case.

Another dose isn't what is needed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another dose of Federal Reserve interest rate increases could send the economy into reverse, private economists say.

Congressional Democrats are joining that chorus, insisting that inflation is nowhere in sight and urging Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues to hold off on pushing interest rates any higher.

Nonetheless, with only limited signs the economy is slowing from its strong and steady growth pace, the Federal Reserve was meeting to decide whether to boost short-term interest rates for the seventh time in a year.

George Abbott dies of stroke at 107

MIAMI (AP) — George Abbott, a Broadway legend who earned a Pulitzer Prize and scores of other honors while writing, directing, producing or acting in more than 120 plays, has died of a stroke. He was 107. Abbott died Tuesday night.

Billions needed to upgrade nation's school buildings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 80,000 public schools, many aging and neglected, need \$112 billion for building repairs or upgrades, a report to Congress estimated today.

A nationwide survey of schools found that about 13 million students attend the one-third of schools that reported needing "extensive repair or replacement of one or more buildings."

Schools require regular maintenance and money for the job, but state and local officials over the years have used their limited funds "for more immediately pressing needs," said the report by the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress.

"As a result, public concern is growing that while laws require children to attend school, some school buildings may be unsafe

or even harmful to children's health," the GAO said.

The report cited examples such as a New Orleans elementary school where termites ate books on library shelves and the shelves themselves, and the Montgomery, Ala., elementary school where ceiling weakened by leaking water collapsed 40 minutes after the children had gone for the day.

Crumbling buildings might

mean an inferior education for students, the report suggested.

"Some education reformers say it is unfair ... to hold students to nationwide standards if they do not have an equal opportunity to learn. Wide disparities in the physical condition of school facilities may contribute to such inequalities," it said.

The Education Department has not assessed the condition

of the nation's school facilities in three decades, according to the GAO.

Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Ill., who sponsored legislation last year authorizing \$100 million for school building repairs, requested the GAO study.

But the money in her Education Infrastructure Act is not available until July 1, and is threatened by the GOP takeover of Congress.

GOP looking at second win with unfunded mandate bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House passage of a bill requiring Congress to pay for the regulations and laws it promulgates would give Republicans their second major legislative triumph in a week.

House approval was expected today on the "Unfunded Mandates Reform Act," which the Senate passed last Friday. It and the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which the House approved last Thursday, are essential elements of the Republican "Contract With America" agenda, promising to make Congress more fiscally responsible.

The Senate passed the mandates bill 86-10, and the two chambers are expected to move quickly to iron out differences. President Clinton has indicated he would sign a bill ending future unfunded mandates.

With passage today, the House moves onto another "Contract" item, giving the president line-item veto authority to cut specific spending programs from congressionally approved budgets. The Senate, meanwhile, is settling in for what could be a lengthy debate on the constitutional amendment to balance the budget by 2002.

On Tuesday, the House approved an amendment saying people cannot use lawsuits over mandates to halt implementation of federal regulations.

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Heavy flooding forces people out of eastern Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Whole towns in low-lying eastern Netherlands were emptied of people today, for fear rising river waters would break through soaked dikes in the worst Dutch flooding in 40 years.

No animals or other signs of life were visible on farming areas built on reclaimed land below sea level in the country's east, as tens of thousands of residents fled with livestock on any vehicle they could find.

About 85,000 people have fled their homes since Monday in eastern farming areas. Without the dikes, some towns would be under 16 feet of water.

"The dikes are soaked and weak," said Wijnand van Buuren, a spokesman for the crisis center in the eastern town of Tiel, at the junction of the swollen Maas and Waal rivers.

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Another 100,000 people in the Tiel-en-Culemborgerwaard area around Tiel were ordered to be out by Thursday.

There was only one fatality reported in the Netherlands, a Dutch woman in the Waal River

farmland were under water Tuesday, after the Waal and Maas Rivers overflowed their banks. Flooding triggered by the early melting of Alpine snows combined with heavy rains has been draining into the Netherlands.

Most of the Netherlands lies below sea level, guarded by river and sea dikes. Reclaimed land below sea level is kept dry by a network of dikes, massive earthen humps that extend hundreds of miles through and around the Netherlands.

"At this level the water is pressing against the dike," said Van Buuren. He added that "The water is clear. That's a good sign. There's no sand yet."

Dike seepage isn't necessarily dangerous, until muddy outflow shows that dike foundations are being eaten away.

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War turns to holdout Chechen villages

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russia's war in breakaway Chechnya is spilling more and more outside the rebel capital, Grozny, and into other towns and villages where residents have refused to submit.

As the war approached the two-month mark, Moscow's troops lobbed more artillery shells Tuesday into central Grozny and battled outmanned Chechen fighters for control of the ruined city.

But heavy fighting also erupted in a previously peaceful area of western Chechnya, where Russian forces attacked the town of Samashky with armored vehicles.

At least two others towns outside Grozny were shelled, and word emerged of savage bombing raids on mountain villages in the south.

They will need more than just Grozny. They'll need all of Chechnya.

"They will need more than just Grozny," Ruslan, a bus driver-turned-militant, declared defiantly in Achkhoy-Martan, west of Grozny. "They'll need all of Chechnya."

Russian armored vehicles rolled to the edge of Samashky, 20 miles west of Grozny, and blasted it with heavy fire in apparent revenge for a clash the previous day. Witnesses said there were numerous casualties Tuesday in the town of 8,000.

On Monday, according to fighters on both sides, Russian marines traveling in a column of about 20 armored personnel carriers and trucks spotted Chechens in military fatigues and opened fire. Chechen militia responded with bazooka and gunfire, killing at least five Russian soldiers. Three Samashky women also died in the clash.

Tuesday afternoon, the Russians shelled the towns of Arshty and Bamut, southwest of the capital.

Some of the harshest bombardments, however, reportedly were in isolated southern areas near Chechnya's border with Georgia and the Russian republic of Dagestan. The near-daily bombing raids target areas high in the Caucasus Mountains that the Chechens supposedly could use as bases for future guerrilla attacks.

But a British photographer who visited the region said Tuesday he saw only civilians in the bombed sites. Sukhol bombers pummeled a village and farm with rockets and machine-gun fire Saturday, then returned to destroy them with heavy guns, said Jon Jones of the Sygma photo agency.

He said a woman and four of her children were killed in one attack.


Thousands of people have been killed since Russian troops entered Chechnya on Dec. 11 to end its three years of self-proclaimed independence.

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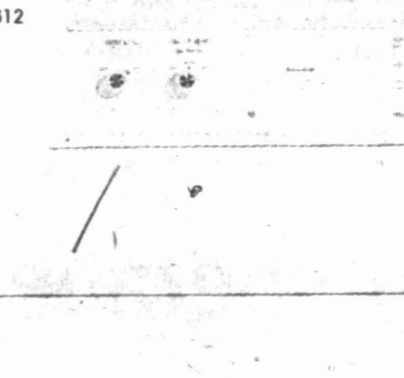
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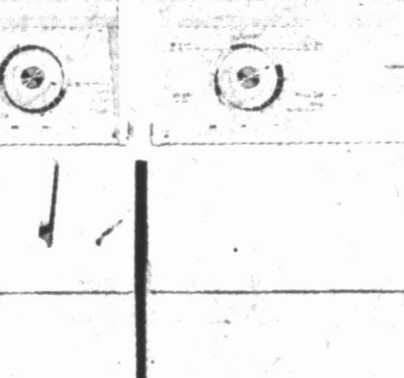
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GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — They may be educated or illiterate, pampered sons or calloused laborers. But they have one thing in common: their readiness to turn themselves into human bombs to kill Israelis in the name of Allah. It is not always clear what

motivates these young men to strap explosives to their bodies and blow themselves up. Some want to avenge the killing of a relative or a friend, others act for purely religious or ideological reasons. Last week's attack — a double suicide bombing that killed 21

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Ariel Merari

Israelis — was an occasion for some Gaza youths to rejoice over the blow dealt to their

enemy. "Did you see how the Jews were crying on television?" said

a 19-year-old laborer, his eyes sparkling with pride, but insisting his name not be published to avoid retribution. "I want to become a martyr like that to scare the Jews, to send them to hell."

Lacking a sophisticated arsenal, the militant Islamic Jihad and Hamas groups have turned

suicide bombing into a major weapon in their fight to kill the Israel-PLO peace agreement and establish an Islamic regime.

In the past four months alone, 54 Israelis died in suicide attacks claimed by the two fundamentalist groups, including last week's attack and an Oct. 19 bus bombing in Tel Aviv that killed 22 people.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday that peace with the Palestinians was at a crossroads because of Islamic terrorism and talks would not be pursued at any price.

Sheik Abdallah Shami, spiritual leader of Islamic Jihad, said religious belief is the key motivation of the bombers.

"It's faith that makes them long for martyrdom," Shami said in an interview before he was detained by Yasser Arafat's PLO police.

Others say it's more complex. "It's a mixture of religion, history and the right personality," said Samir Kouteh, a psychiatrist.

Many Gaza youths found solace in mosques during the six violent years of the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule when they saw family members, neighbors or friends killed by the Israelis.

"In religion, they found the only means to avenge those who died and at the same time score a victory over the Israelis," said Kouteh. "The men who carry out these attacks are usually very bright, zealous and adventurous."

Ariel Merari, head of the political violence center at Tel Aviv University, said the most important factor is personality. He noted that some Arab suicide bombers in Lebanon were not religious.

"He does it because he wants to die for all kinds of personal reasons. Religious belief is just a cover," Merari said. "The charismatic influence of a sheik can sometimes give extra legitimacy for something someone wants to do."

One bomber with a personal motive was Salah Abdel-Rahim Assawi, 21, who carried out the Tel Aviv bus bombing that killed 22 people.

Pressure kept on rebels; refugees still fleeing

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Refugees crossed into Thailand en masse for a sixth day Tuesday while Burmese government troops kept pressure on the last insurgent strongholds along the Thai border.

About 1,200 members of the Karen ethnic minority crossed into Thailand's Kanchanaburi province at Bong Pi Pass, a relief agency worker said. They join up to 15,000 who have crossed since Thursday.

The exodus came after the Karen National Union lost its headquarters at Manerplaw, 150 miles east of the Burmese capital of Rangoon. They evacuated the camp Thursday night as Burmese government forces closed in after a six-day offensive.

Another 5,000 Karen civilians from the Manerplaw area crossed the nearby border into Thailand, and several thousand Karen guerrillas also escaped before Burmese troops overran the camp, the Karen headquarters for 21 years.

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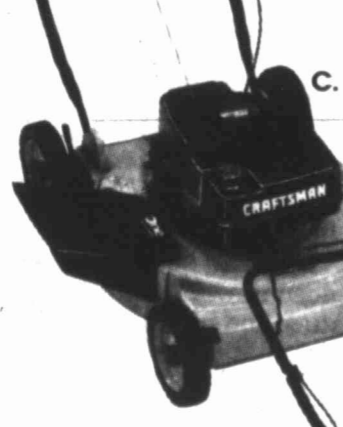


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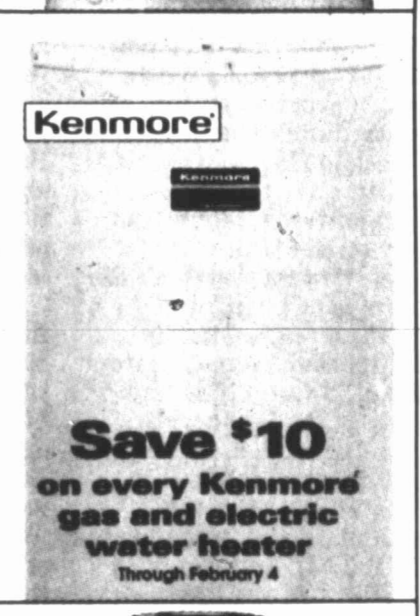
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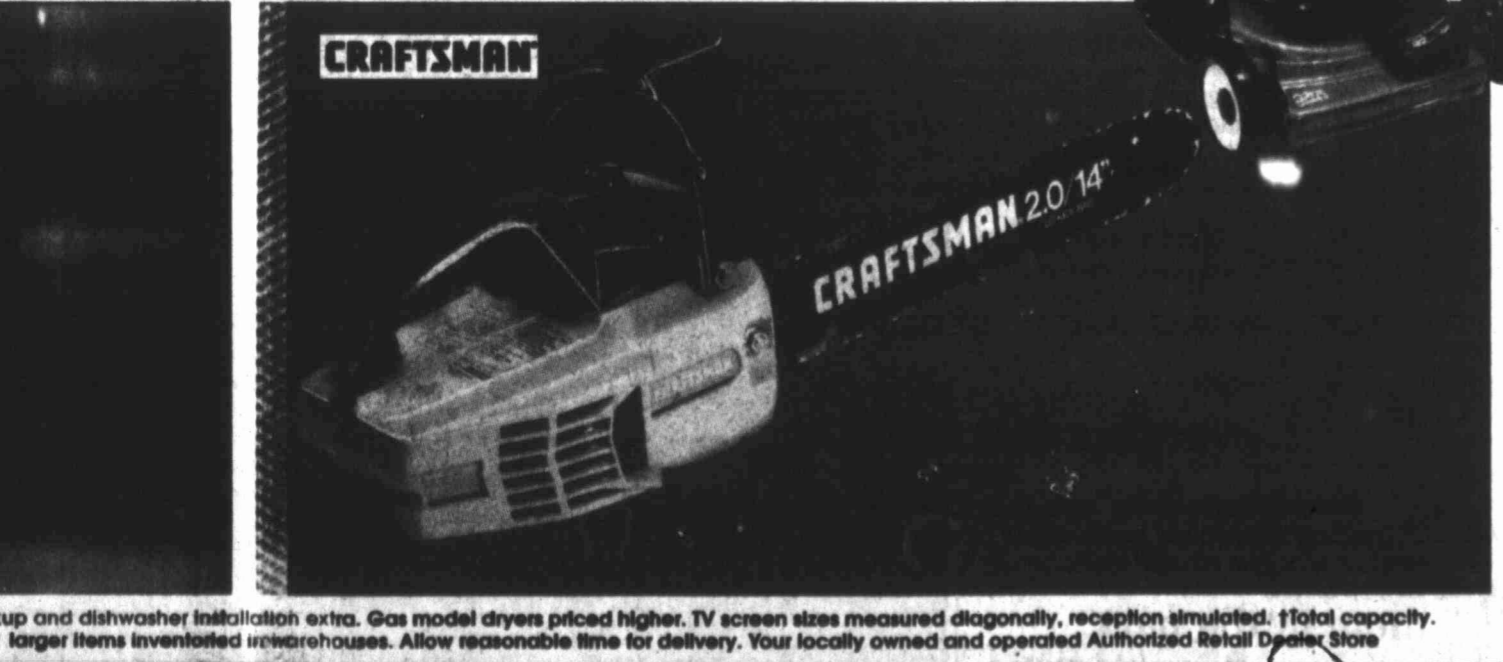
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Parking stripes make events more enjoyable

Event parking, at the best of times, is a hassle. But this is especially true when the parking lot has no stripes to designate where to park as is the case at Howard College. While there is plenty of in the parking lot between the football field and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum there is one thing missing - the yellow stripes. What you have to remember is people will park where it is convenient for them. And, it doesn't matter if they block an entrance or exit or make it impossible for someone else to get out of their parking space. That's why it is important to have the stripes - at least some of the park-

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ing rudeness can be curbed. More importantly, fans are wanted at the games. But parking problems can deter people from attending games. Who wants to be at a place one cannot easily get into or out of? The college and the high school share the use of the football field. The Hawks and Lady Hawks use the coliseum. It would behoove both entities to develop a plan for marking the parking lot. It makes the game better for all.

Go-it-alone - new Clinton strategy

By TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing eroding support in Congress for his proposed \$40 billion Mexican loan-guarantee plan, President Clinton decided to cut his losses and go it alone with a plan not requiring congressional action.

For a president long tormented by criticism for being unfocused and indecisive, it was a step the White House could hold up as a sign of action — and which leaders of Congress of both parties could greet with a sigh of relief.

His move — bypassing Congress completely — was the first example of an emerging White House strategy under which the president intends to make wider use of his executive authority in dead-end confrontations with Congress.

Clinton crafted the Mexican aid package from a combination of executive orders and by persuading the International Monetary Fund and other international lenders to up their stakes.

And while the action provoked congressional criticism — some accused him of panicking, others complained he was misusing a fund designed to defend the dollar — his critics had no immediate vehicle for stopping the president's plan.

For the most part, congressional leaders seemed to be filled with gratitude that Clinton had taken the pressure off them to act.

And Clinton was able to avoid what would have been a bruising battle, particularly with members of his own party who overwhelmingly opposed the Mexican rescue plan.

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"It raises the question of why didn't he do it earlier. But it also shows leadership, which was badly needed. The president was able to force political points," said Lawrence Chimerine, an economic consultant who follows trade issues.

Chimerine and some other economists raised concerns that the new Clinton package puts more U.S. tax dollars at risk than would have the original loan-guarantee package.

But Clinton showed he was able to move — even at a time when his clout on Capitol Hill has never been lower.

His decision to act decisively was a good tonic for a White House still numbed by the November Republican landslide and overshadowed by the energy and the activity of the newly empowered Republican majority on the Hill.

Clinton "went through all the proper steps of trying to involve the (congressional) leadership," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., the new chairman of the Democratic National Committee. "We in my view dropped the ball in not responding to that call."

This time Clinton was able to pick up the ball and run with it. Even so, there are limits to how often he can govern through executive fiat — and how much he can accomplish.

And the steps he took carried some risk and controversy, especially that of encumbering the U.S. Exchange Stabilization Fund by up to \$20 billion to help Mexico. That's the 60-year-old fund used by Treasury to

defend the U.S. dollar at times of currency instability. Never before has it been used to shore up a foreign currency.

"We don't have any illusions," said White House press secretary Mike McCurry. "We know we will have to argue the case that the president had to do this."

And the move did nothing to keep Clinton's harshest critics from keeping up their attack.

"There's no doubt that Clinton's going to look bold. But so did Jesse James," said conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, a 1992 GOP presidential contender, calling the action a "backdoor raid on the American taxpayers."

But his move won the support of two Republican leaders, House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, both of whom had previously accused Clinton of a lack of leadership on the issue.

"We believe that the risks of inaction vastly exceed any risks associated with this action," Gingrich, Dole, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle said in a rare joint statement late Tuesday. "We fully support this effort and we will work to ensure that its purposes are met."

And that enabled Secretary of State Warren Christopher to crow: "This is one of those moments of executive leadership. ... So the president did what presidents often have to do — take the responsibility for protecting American interests."

Tom Raum has covered the White House for The Associated Press since 1989 and frequently reports on economic issues.

Letters to the Editor

Writer unhappy with curandera story

Editor,
As a member of our Big Spring Christian population allow me to take this opportunity to voice a complaint.

The full page coverage on Jan. 22, 1995, "Your future is in the cards," was a poor subject for the general public. It was an affront to truly God fearing Christian believers and a careless entitlement to people who are not strongly established and founded in God's Holy word.

I wonder if that full page was paid for or was that free advertising giving actions, prices and phone number and location?

I, as a subscriber, request that you be more selective with the content of these type articles, instead of featuring practices that can be harmful to people mentally and spiritually.

May God open the eyes and mind of people who are taking this situation casually giving the seriousness of it no thought at all.

I don't appreciate the Hor-

scope column either.

Elaine Waddill
Big Spring

In slight defense of sports editor's opinion

Editor:

In response to Jerry Stricklands letter in the 26th Herald I would like to offer a slight defense for sports editor Dave Hargrave.

Let's not be too hard on Dave, yet. After all, he has just recently acquired the privilege of having a Texas return address on his mail home, so he may not completely understand the way Texans think and fell about anything TEXAS, especially Texas football, from six-man to the Super Bowl.

Now I am sure Mr. Hargrave knows his hoops, coming from the land of the General Coach Bobby Knight and his fine Indiana basketball teams, but does Dave understand the way Texans play football? I think this was answered by his predictions for last years Super Bowl.

Let us just hope that if Mr. Hargrave hopes to survive in Texas he becomes a Texan,

which is not as good as being a native Texan, but the basic beliefs and values can be learned in order to appreciate and to understand the way Texans view anything and everything important to us.

In closing, let me offer these two thoughts:
There is no birthday gift greater than to be born a TEXAN, and a ticket to Alaska beats getting tarred and feathered any day, or you're not gonna beat them, so you might as well join them.

Randy A. McKinney
Native Texan
Big Spring

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OUT FRONT

Looking for new options

Officials left with 'unthinkable' funding options

By DAN CALDERON
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The Texas Supreme Court's decision to uphold Senate Bill 7, the state school finance law, has left a bad taste in the mouths of local trustees and superintendents.

Leonard Gaines, school board vice president in the low-wealth South San Antonio School District, said a state income tax and similar "unthinkable" options are the only way to seriously address equal funding for schools.

"When Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock started floating rumors of a state income tax five or six years ago, I thought he was nuts," Gaines said. "Now, I think we have to do something like that."

The major sticking point for low-wealth districts is that the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision Monday overturned a lower court's ruling that would have required the Legislature to come up with an equitable facilities plan.

Building funds are a key issue for poor districts such as Edgewood, said school board president John Noriega. The court's ruling means they'll have to find another solution.

"Edgewood High School had been without heat for 30 years" before small, sometimes ineffective window units were purchased, Noriega said. He said schools have leaky roofs; air conditioners are outdated; and campuses are overcrowded.

Ray Fenley, interim superintendent of the Harlandale School District, said the ruling leaves his schools facing the same dilemma.

"Any building or any repair we do comes out of local funds or general operating funds," Fenley said. "That takes salary raises or teaching positions away." It also means schools do without computers and other needed technologies.

Added Noriega: "Inadequate facilities do affect the learning process. It's going to hurt us because we won't be able to do the things we need to do."

"The members of the Legislature historically have shown

that they are not going to do anything unless they have a gun to their heads."

Noriega said the board would meet with the school district's attorney in the next week or two to determine their options.

The battle over school funding in Texas dates back 26 years when Edgewood parents filed a class-action lawsuit in federal court claiming the public school funding system was unconstitutional.

The case has since wound its way through the state's legal system, resulting in various funding plans that have been found constitutional and unconstitutional at different times.

The latest court decision was as hard to swallow as previous rulings for Charles Slater, superintendent of the property-rich Alamo Heights School District.

"The state continues to have an extreme over-reliance on property taxes," Slater said. "The state has not paid its share. I am hopeful the new governor will make this a priority."

Alamo Heights forked over \$3.5 million of its money to nine districts this year, and they estimate that figure will jump to \$5 million next year about 25 percent of their property tax money.

They face continued budget cuts and frozen teacher salaries that would be unnecessary without SB 7, he said.

The school board and a special legislative committee made up of residents will examine the district's options.

San Antonio School District trustee Tom Lopez said a state income tax probably would be an unfair burden. Nevertheless, he thinks state lawmakers should have been forced to readdress the issue.

"The Legislature definitely should have had another view of the whole process of how schools are supported and financed by tax efforts," Lopez said. "There is no alternative but to revamp the process, and the Legislature will have to be the catalyst in doing that."

He said schools should not go back through the courts to seek changes.

"A lawsuit would only be detrimental at this point and cause us to be more divisive, and we ought not to be," Lopez said. "We need to work through the Legislature and have change come through that avenue."

San Antonio Express-News staff writer Craig Donagan contributed to this report. Distributed by The Associated Press.

People ponder the whys of school finance

WHITEFACE (AP) — The uncurbed streets and abandoned businesses that line this dusty West Texas oil town don't suggest its status as home to a rich school.

Folks around here wonder why they have to pay higher taxes that get sent to their property-poor counterparts.

These residents aren't impressed with the Texas Supreme Court decision Monday that upheld the state's method of equalizing school finance.

The decision spurred a new chorus of protest from wealthy districts who contend they shouldn't be made to raise taxes that help fund low-wealth schools.

"It's Robin Hood all over again," said Lynn Ellison, the mother of three Whiteface students. "Robin Hood didn't work and it wasn't right."

Ms. Ellison and others called share-the-wealth an unfair taxpayer burden that would diminish education standards and endanger small schools.

"They're trying to turn our country communistic," Ms. Ellison said over lunch Tuesday at the town hot spot, M&M Grocery. "Because that's what this is, is ... socialism."

Whiteface Consolidated Independent School District spans 378 square miles of derrick-dotted landscape in three counties west of Lubbock.

The district offers its 400 students an indoor swimming pool for gym class and computers by first grade.

But the district lost 35 percent of its tax base this year when oil values and drilling dropped. Taxes have soared from 46 cents per \$100 property valuation in 1990 to \$1.45 as the district complied with the state's formula for reducing wealth per student.

Whiteface school officials sent \$4.1 million, or about 60 percent of the taxes they collected last year, to six neighboring school districts.

"There are probably a lot of people in Austin who probably think we're wealthy," said school business manager Delbert Dodds. "There's a misconception that because you live in a wealthy school district that you have money."

Residents say they're not wealthy personally. They resent what many see as an unconstitutional state property tax that has forced some to freeze teacher salaries and drop programs.

Park officials take steps to protect falcon

ODESSA (AP) — Big Bend National Park officials are taking steps to protect nesting peregrine falcons, an endangered bird species.

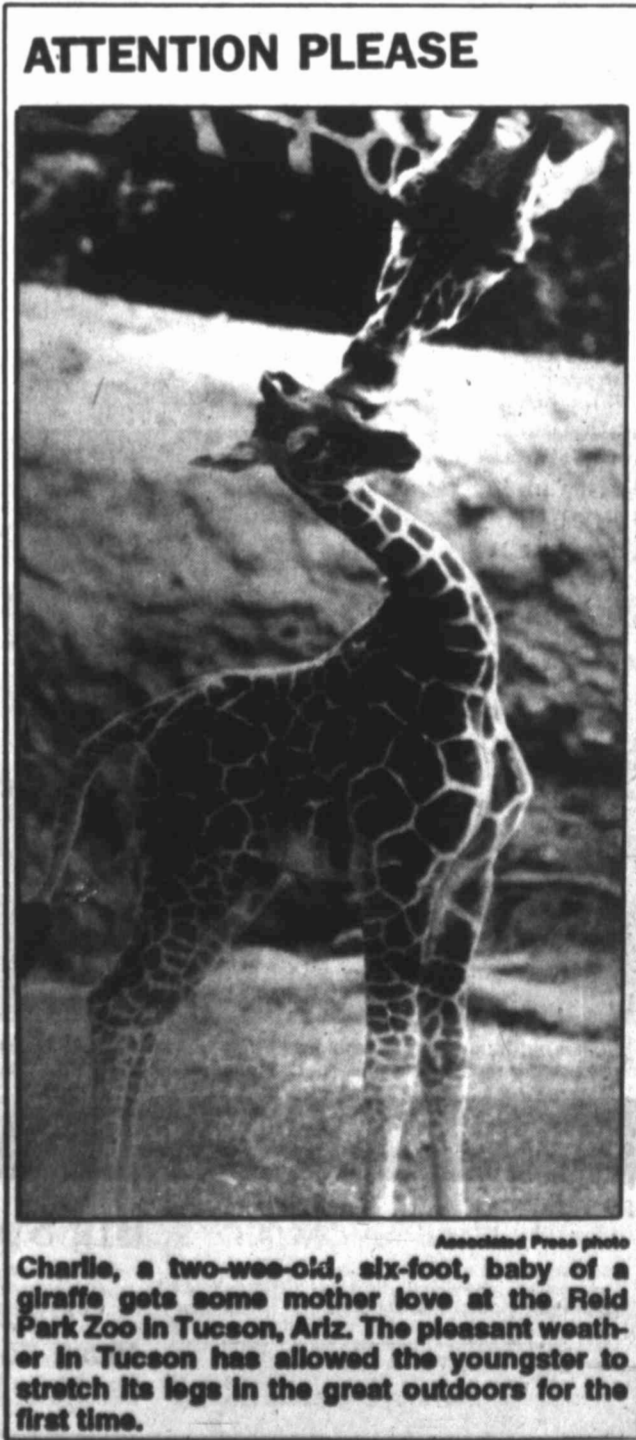
Beginning this month, hiking and climbing in certain cliff areas and use of motorboats in three river canyons will be off-limits through July 15, according to park public information officer Dennis Vasquez.

Last year, the park had 14 nesting pairs of peregrine falcons, but they produced only five young, said park wildlife management specialist Raymond Skiles said. There were six in 1993.

"It was dismal production," he said. "We hope it's a short-term fluctuation." The peregrine falcon population has increased to more than 1,000 nesting pairs nationally, leading to some debate over whether the birds should be upgraded to threatened species status, Skiles said.

But because the population increase includes birds raised in captivity, some scientists fear running into problems once the birds are returned to the wild, Skiles said.

"Legally, because they are an endangered species, we still have to be cautious with them in the park," Skiles said.



ATTENTION PLEASE
Charlie, a two-week-old, six-foot, baby of a giraffe gets some mother love at the Reid Park Zoo in Tucson, Ariz. The pleasant weather in Tucson has allowed the youngster to stretch its legs in the great outdoors for the first time.

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Victim notification added to stalking law

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Krause remembers well the feeling that washed over him after learning his son's stalker had been released from jail.

"It was a sheer moment of panic," he said. So fearful that the man pursuing 15-year-old Eric Krause would be released and no one would know, relatives and friends called police daily to see whether he was still locked up. Their calls were futile.

"He found Eric first," Rick Krause said. "You just cannot possibly imagine the frustration over that."

On May 12, 1994, just four days after his arrest, Dennis Ray Queen gunned down Eric Krause as he stood outside his grandparents' home in Austin, according to police.

Nine months after their son's death, Rick and Karen Krause tearfully asked a Senate committee to approve legislation

that they believe may have saved his life.

"Having lived through what we did and having been part of the process that exists today, it is our incredibly strong belief that these changes are necessary," Rick Krause told members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee.

The committee on Tuesday approved four bills to strengthen the stalking law passed two years ago, including a measure

requiring authorities to notify a stalking victim before the offender's release from jail.

"Every day we wait, more people are affected, more victims are abused, more families are victimized," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

Moncrief, who wrote the reforms, said the bills would strengthen a law that "is not being widely used in Texas."

In addition to victim notification, the bills would:

— remove from the law a requirement that there be at least one previous incident of harassing behavior before a stalking charge can be filed.

— allow authorities to hold defendants charged with stalking for 24 to 48 hours. Moncrief said that time frame would allow victims to take steps to protect themselves when their stalkers are released.

— allow courts to issue emergency protective orders for

stalking victims.

Under the law that went into effect in 1993, a first offense is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$3,000 fine. A repeat offense is a felony with a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Krauses said they'll continue to work to change the law, even as their nightmare continues. The case against Queen is pending in Travis County.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lawmakers plan attack on airport law

DALLAS (AP) — The federal law that restricts nonstop commercial flights from Dallas Love Field to Texas and four adjoining states is once again the target of lawmakers.

Opponents of the Wright amendment will make another bid this week to repeal the 1979 law, named for former House Speaker Jim Wright, D-Fort Worth.

Rep. Jan Meyers and Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, both Kansas Republicans, are scheduled to introduce their legislation today. Opponents of the law have long argued that it leads to higher air fares and burdens travelers.

But Texas advocates of the law are expected to fight for its preservation, which keeps Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport as the region's premier transportation hub but still allows Southwest Airlines to fly out of Love Field.

Consumer groups target tort reform

AUSTIN (AP) — Supporters of civil justice reform bills before the Legislature have misled the public by oversimplifying the issue, according to a government watchdog group.

Most Texans perceive tort reform to mean "stopping greedy lawyers from bringing frivolous lawsuits," Consumers Union spokesman Reggie James said Tuesday.

The package of 11 bills, to be considered by a Senate committee this week, are widely supported by business groups, many lawmakers and Gov. George W. Bush, who has made reforming legal liability an emergency priority in the Legislature.

Texas officials meet about base closings

WASHINGTON (AP) — After meeting with the Pentagon's second-ranking civilian leader, Texas' senators say they feel good about the state's chances as the military prepares for the upcoming round of base closings.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison met Tuesday with Deputy Defense Secretary John Deutch to tout the state's 19 military bases.

The Republican trio's meeting with Deutch came as Bush was wrapping up a four-day visit to Washington for the winter meeting of the National Governors Association.

Bid for Santa Fe ruined by regulations

CHICAGO (AP) — Union Pacific Corp.'s efforts to acquire Santa Fe Pacific Corp. were ruined by a rising tide of regulatory changes and a judge's decision.

Union Pacific scrapped its hostile attempt to buy Santa Fe on Tuesday, clearing the way for rival Burlington Northern Inc. to become the nation's largest railroad and the dominant carrier in the western United States.

The Bethlehem, Pa.-based company bowed out of the four-month bidding war after two setbacks in recent days forced it to consider raising its offer.

REFLECTIONS OF A CITY



A skyscraper is reflected in a polished aluminum arch in Houston. The city purchased 12 of the arches to help beautify the downtown area.

Emissions testing delay is approved

AUSTIN (AP) — Auto emissions tests in four of the state's largest urban areas have been delayed.

Gov. George W. Bush signed a bill into law Tuesday night that delays the testing for three months.

The Senate gave the bill final approval, 27-2, earlier in the day after lawmakers said the emissions tests had created confusion and anger among motorists forced to take part.

"I'm concerned about the citizens back home who are being stuck daily in an unworkable plan," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Whitmire said the 90-day delay already has been OK'd by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The emissions legislation, Senate Bill 19, was the first signed by the new governor, according to a prepared statement from Bush's office.

The legislation, which is effective immediately, also requires the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to work with the EPA to develop alternatives to current testing.

The EPA ordered the tests, beginning Jan. 2, in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston-Galveston, Beaumont-Port Arthur and El Paso. All four areas have been found to have excessive air pollution.

The emissions tests were required as part of the federal Clean Air Act to help clean up pollution.

Motorists renewing auto registrations in the four areas were required to pass the tests before getting new tags.

Whitmire said motorists are complaining loudly that the tests are too costly, too time consuming, too inconvenient and in some cases, unnecessary.

"It makes no more sense than to lock up all of us to get the ones that need to be in jail."

Under the legislation, tests

stop for three months and licenses can be renewed during that period without them.

During the moratorium, Texas will draft a new testing program.

That law says will be easier for motorists to comply with.

However, Whitmire warned, the tests will have to resume unless the federal government changes the law.

"We have no choice whether we have a plan or not. Our federal government, our congressional delegation, have mandated that," he said.

The legislation provides for up to \$8.8 million in loans to companies holding testing contracts with the state.

Whitmire said the bill calls for Tejas Testing Technology to prove its losses before receiving loans to help tide it and subcontractors over until testing resumes.

Good for 70 years, man now in jail for robbery

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 70-year-old man who has never been convicted of a serious crime has been arrested in connection with a series of bank robberies.

Karlton Halbert remained in the Bexar County jail today following a brief court appearance Tuesday. Friends and relatives

were trying to raise his \$50,000 bond.

Halbert is a devoted husband and father and a longtime member of Northside Church of Christ who has dedicated himself to helping troubled teenagers, friends and relatives said.

Halbert, a retired insurance

agent and World War II veteran, had never been accused of a serious crime until Jan. 10 when FBI agents arrested him for robbing three banks in San Antonio and one in Austin during the past 15 months.

"He's never given me any indication of this type of thing, ever," his wife, Mae Halbert.

Texas Baptists fighting UIL on sanctioning Sunday competitions

LONGVIEW (AP) — If Texas Baptists get their way, the University Interscholastic League won't sanction Sunday events.

The state board of education is considering a proposal from the legislative body that would allow regional and state tournament directors to reschedule competitions for Sunday. Currently, both schools must consent for events to be rescheduled for Sundays.

"It's just another crack in the door ... to take away our Sundays," said the Rev. Dr. David Jenkins of First Baptist Church of Gilmer. "We just hate to see the possibility of it becoming a regular thing."

A UIL spokeswoman said the rule change would affect, at most, two Sundays per year for each sport or event and only if the event had to be canceled from its original date.

UIL assistant director for ath-

letics Charles Breithaupt said there were no plans for further scheduling on Sundays, which he said was an off day to give students time to rest and not for religious reasons.

An editorial in the Feb. 1 edition of "Baptist Standard," an official publication of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, criticized the proposal.

Rev. Dr. David Jenkins

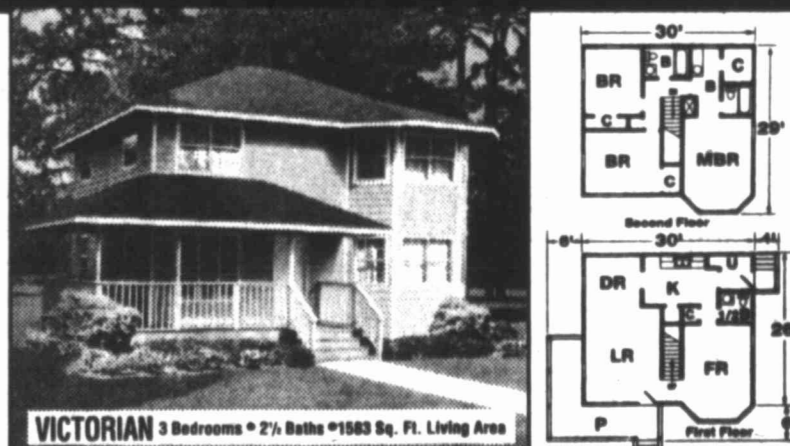
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Coahoma sweeps Forsan

Bulldogettes take Queens, earn first district victory

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - The district doughnut is history.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes (9-18, 1-1 in 6-2A's second half) won their first district game of the season Tuesday, and they did it in impressive fashion over the Forsan Queens (14-11, 0-2).

Where Coahoma was most impressive was on the boards.

The taller Bulldogettes outboarded Forsan 47-36, which helped Coahoma shoot 65 times to Forsan's 50. Coahoma's Terri Kirkpatrick



led Coahoma in points (15) and rebounds (nine). "We kind of have a big height advantage over them, and I think we played like we were supposed to," Kirkpatrick said.

"The thing that killed us in this game was rebounding," said Forsan coach Johnny Schaffer. "Coahoma played well, and they deserved to win."

Forsan's hopes flickered when Coahoma took control late in the third quarter. Leading 42-39

in a nip-and-tuck battle, Coahoma started a rally when Audra Bingham nailed a 10-foot jumper. After a Dianna Coleman free throw, the Bulldogettes stopped the Queens on defense, and Kirkpatrick hit a 10-footer. By the end of the third quarter, Coahoma led 47-39.

Deborah Light led Forsan with 17 points, but the Queens got perhaps an unexpected lift

from freshman Kori Hughes, who scored 15. Hughes helped bring Forsan back - her offensive rebound and score

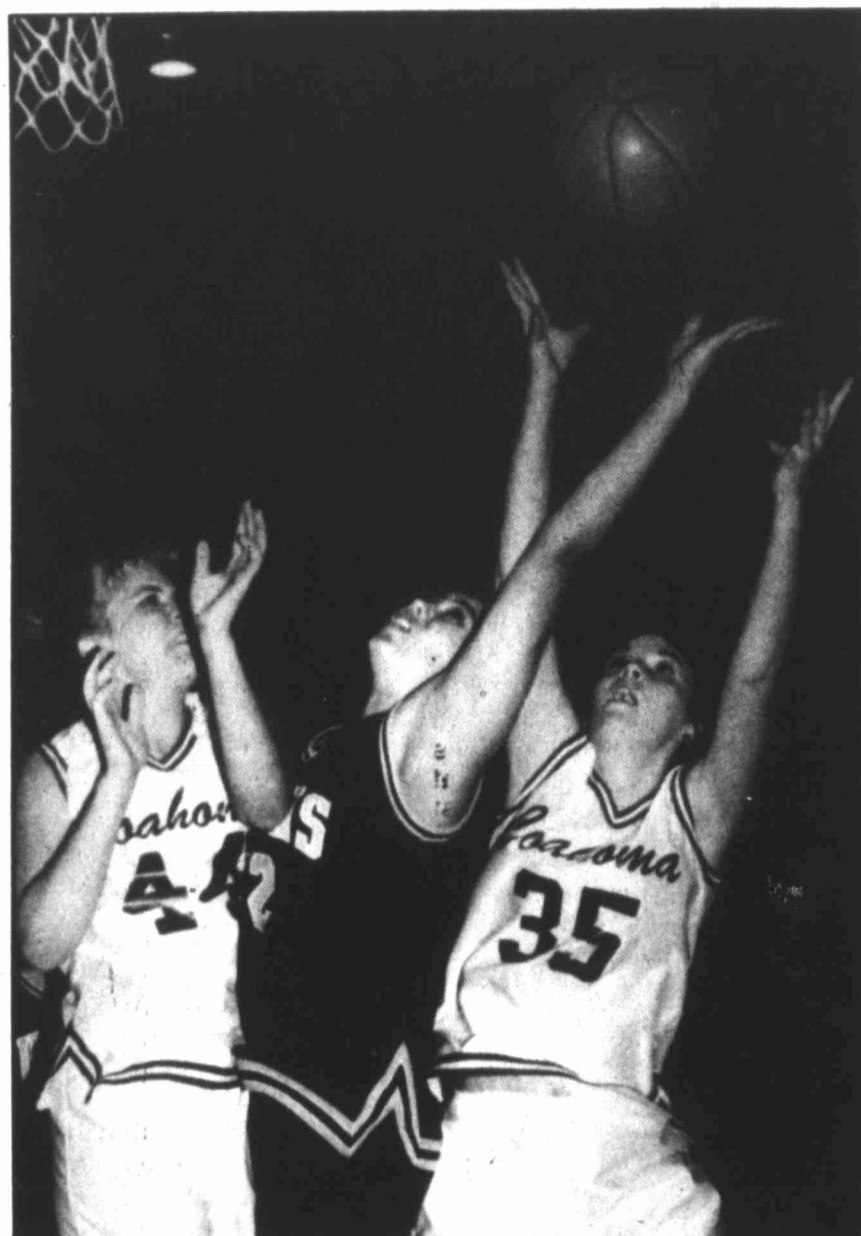
Coahoma's lead to 51-47 with five minutes to go - but the Queens could get no closer.

Coahoma coach David Cox said just because his team had finally won a district game didn't mean it had been playing poorly.

"I'm really proud of all of them - the girls have been playing well, they just haven't been ahead at the end of the ball game. We played Winters extremely close, though the score doesn't indicate that.

David Cox

Extremely close, though the score doesn't indicate that.



Coahoma's Terri Kirkpatrick (44) and Tori Elmore (35) battle Forsan's Nicole Johnson, center, for a rebound Tuesday. Coahoma won the girls' game 59-53.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

"We've got a pretty big height advantage against Forsan, and we used that as much as we could."

"We've improved a lot," said Coahoma's Tori Elmore. "We've cut down on our turnovers, and we've gotten to where we can pretty much play with them."

- Also scoring in double figures

for Coahoma were Tori Elmore (14) and Coleman (11).

Girls
 Forsan 14 15 10 14 - 53
 Coahoma 14 17 16 12 - 59
 Forsan - DeLaGarza 4, Hughes 15, M. Light 4, Hillger 7, D. Light 17, Johnson 4, Bedwell 2, Burton 0.

Coahoma - Sterling 9, Herring 2, Reid 0, Elmore 14, Kirkpatrick 15, Bingham 2, Coleman 11, Hernandez 0, Key 2, Jettcoat 4.
 Three-point goals - D. Light 2, Hillger.

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Bulldogs keeps playoff hopes alive

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

COAHOMA - "People keep wanting to shovel dirt on us, but we're not dead just yet."

Those were Coahoma coach Kim Nichols' words after sweating out a 65-55 win over Forsan Tuesday. Coahoma (1-1 in 6-2A's second half) scored the last seven points of the first half to take a 31-26, and it stayed in control until a Forsan 8-0 tied the game at 51 with four minutes to go.

Coahoma answered with a run of its own.

"I told the kids I was really proud of them, cause we could have just folded our tents right there," Nichols said. "The kids played through some adversity, and just took advantage of a couple of Forsan's missed shots."

Brandon Shifflett started the rally with a textbook drop step and fake, scoring two points to put the 'Dogs up 53-51. Shifflett, a junior, had one of his best games of the season, scoring 15 points.

"He really stepped it up offen-



Forsan's Shane Sims (34) scores Tuesday. Also pictured are Forsan's Rusty Baker (42) and Coahoma's Brandon McGuire (34).

Herald photo by Tim Appel

sively, but he also did some things defensively that some people might not have noticed," Nichols said.

"I was open and they were finding me, and my shots fell," Shifflett said simply.

In fact, Coahoma received 35 points from boys named Brandon - Shifflett's 15 plus 20 from the game's top scorer, senior Brandon McGuire, who hit all four of his second-quarter shots, including two three-pointers. Chris Evans scored 20 for Forsan (0-2).

After Shifflett's go-ahead basket, Henry DeLaRosa added two free throws on Coahoma's next possession, and Chris Arguello followed with a layup. Evans broke Coahoma's scoring streak with an 18-footer, but Coahoma led 57-53 with less than three minutes remaining.

McGuire took a pass from DeLaRosa and scored down low to up Coahoma's lead to six. After a Forsan pass, Coahoma quickly found Shifflett, who scored from the paint to give Coahoma an insurmountable 61-53 lead.

A key for Coahoma was shutting down Forsan's Jacoby Hopper, a senior guard who scored just four points - a low figure for him. Nichols said Coahoma's defense was geared toward stopping Hopper, and Forsan coach Terry McDonald said it did more than that.

"They did a good job of extending their defense and keeping Jacoby from penetrating," McDonald said. "When they stopped his penetration, that stopped us from doing some other things we like to do, too."

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Forsan tied for second in the first half, giving it some playoff leverage. The Buffs still must play Stanton, Winters and Wall. For Coahoma, it's time to move from one must-win game to another, but Friday the 'Dogs will be hosting Jim Ned.

"Jim Ned is a really good team," Shifflett said. "We just have to come out with a positive attitude, and come out and play like we're capable of playing."

Tuesday Night Hoops/Local Briefs

Lake View loss gives Lady Steers District 4-4A title

ANDREWS - The Big Spring Lady Steers won their fourth consecutive District 4-4A basketball title thanks to Andrews' 58-47 overtime win over Lake View Tuesday.

Lake View's loss gives the Lady Steers a three-game lead over Lake View and Andrews with only two district games remaining.

Tara McDonald scored 16 points to lead Andrews.

Lake View 11 6 11 14 5-47
 Andrews 10 7 10 15 16-58
 Lake View - Lee 16, Irvin 15, Shockley 2, Stephens 9, Allen 5; totals 17 10-19 47.
 Andrews - Porter 7, Allen 10, Rampone 6, Boren 1, Renteria 4, McDonald 16, Connally 14; totals 19 16-30 58.

Stanton Buffalos knock off Jim Ned

TUSCOLA - The Stanton Buffalos climbed into the thick of the District 6-2A playoff race with a 67-66 overtime victory over Jim Ned Tuesday night.

The win improved Stanton's second-half district record to 2-0, while Jim Ned, champion of the first half, fell to 1-1.

Leo McCalister led the Buffalos with 27 points, while Jason Hopper chipped in 22.

"In the third quarter, we came out and played as well as we've played all year long. I thought that was the key turning point in the game," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "It's really a big win for us, and it's one of those things that will hopefully carry over for the rest of the season."

Stanton 61 22 15 8 - 67
 Jim Ned 12 24 5 18 7 - 66
 Stanton - Marquez 1, Hill 2, Looney 3, McCalister 27, Lee 4, Martinez 8, Hopper 22.
 Jim Ned - Denson 2, Crose 16, Brown 6, Dacus 13, Melton 2, Warren 5, Peuschel 9, Torrez 11.
 Records - Stanton 14-10, 2-0; Jim Ned 20-4, 1-1.

Area girls scores

Stanton 519 14 11 - 49
 Jim Ned 14 14 16 10 - 64
 Stanton - Herm 7, Moore 2, Wyckoff 1, Chapa 2, Chandler 2, Butler 1, Woodlin 18, Bundas 16.
 Jim Ned - Miller 14, Guffey 6, Gates 6, McClure 9, Brown 9, Saunders 6, Knott 2.
 Records - Stanton 16-9, 0-2; Jim Ned 19-5, 2-0.

Reagan Co. 18 10 15 15 - 58
 Colorado City 14 9 10 8 - 41
 Reagan Co. - Flores 16, Moon 12, Tarvin 10, McReavy 8, Saldívar 7, Ramirez 2, Kohutak 2, Seimon 1.
 C-City - Crawford 11, Galpy 10, Ceballos 6, Bridford 6, Mendoza 4, Sparrman 4.
 Records - C-City 10-11, 2-5.

Westbrook 11 18 22 24 - 75
 Loraine 12 13 10 19 - 54
 Westbrook - Duran 9, Rollins 5, S. Hawkins 14, Hogue 7, Jones 7, C. Hawkins 9, Rich 16, Gutierrez 8.
 Loraine - Butler 15, Gonzalez 23, Trout 7, Rojas 2, Garcia 3, Delosera 4.
 Records - Westbrook 1-2; Loraine 0-3.

Wink 2 8 6 8 - 24
 Garden City 22 10 10 18 - 60
 Wink - Robertson 8, S. Carrillo 3, K. Carrillo 3, Carlton 10.
 Garden City - Eoff 7, Harp 6, Maxie 8, Zachry 12, Fine 8, Hoelscher 6, Braden 10, Blatts 5.
 Records - Wink 0-16, 0-1; Garden City 15-8, 1-0.

Borden Co. 16 22 12 8 - 56
 Grady 10 6 26 18 - 60
 Leading scorers - Borden: Kemp 14, Armstrong 11; Grady: Cooper 24, Tubb 13, Schustle 11.
 Records - Borden Co. 8-16, 0-3; Grady

14-0, 2-1.

Other 4-4A scores

Monahans 8 22 12 12 - 54
 Pecos 7 9 5 12 - 33
 Leading scorers - Monahans: Williams 13, Dutton 10; Pecos: Nichols 13.
 Records - Monahans 14-12, 4-4; Pecos 4-15, 1-8.

Area boys scores

Reagan Co. 8 17 14 17 - 56
 Colorado City 13 18 3 21 - 55
 Reagan Co. - Morrison 13, Lozano 29, Evan 10, Thompson 4.
 C-City - Lindsey 8, Silva 24, Gutierrez 9, M. Moore 20, Cooper 4, K. Moore 1.
 Boyd 2, Dockery 6, Mays 4, Lynch 5, Parras 4.
 Records - C-City 3-13, 0-6.

Westbrook 18 10 5 15 - 49
 Loraine 11 12 18 21 - 62
 Westbrook - Daniel 9, Hill 13, Mallock 7, Morris 4, White 8, C. Hill 8.
 Loraine - Crawford 24, Woodell 4, Finley 9, M. Moore 20, Cooper 4, K. Moore 1.
 Records - Westbrook 1-2, Loraine 3-0.

Wink 17 23 18 22 - 80
 Garden City 13 14 12 9 - 48
 Wink - Gray 12, Hamm 18, Green 12, Mendoza 2, Gunn 2, Moya 3, Watts 11, Ramirez 12, Warriner 8.
 Garden City - Balla 8, Schwartz 7, Cox 2, Hillger 6, Lanford 19, Harp 4, Daulton 1, Blacklock 1.
 Records - Garden City 4-20, 1-3; Wink 8-5, 3-1.

Borden Co. 8 7 11 7 - 33
 Grady 7 11 22 21 - 61
 Leading scorers - Borden: Hess 15, Cogley 11; Grady: Cox 15, V. McMories 10.
 Records - Borden 3-20, 0-3; Grady 9-14, 1-2.

Other 4-4A scores

Monahans 19 13 16 11 - 59
 Pecos 6 25 15 16 - 62
 Lake View 10 14 15 22 - 61
 Andrews 22 21 25 19 - 87

Local Briefs

Freshmen Lady Steers maintain winning ways

The Big Spring freshman girls' basketball team defeated Greenwood 39-25 Monday.

Krissi McWherter scored 13 for Big Spring (15-2), while Melissa Martinez scored seven and Keesha Lott six.

Two weekends ago at the Sweetwater Tourney, the Lady Steers earned a third-place finish. They beat Merkel 47-28 in the opening game - Lott scored 11 and Trisha Trevino nine - but lost 42-36 to Snyder in the semifinals. Traci Bellinghausen scored 16 in that game.

Big Spring won the third-place game 42-28 over Sweetwater. Bellinghausen and Martinez scored 10 each.

Big Spring's final game is Monday in Sweetwater.

Stanton eighth-graders one win from perfection

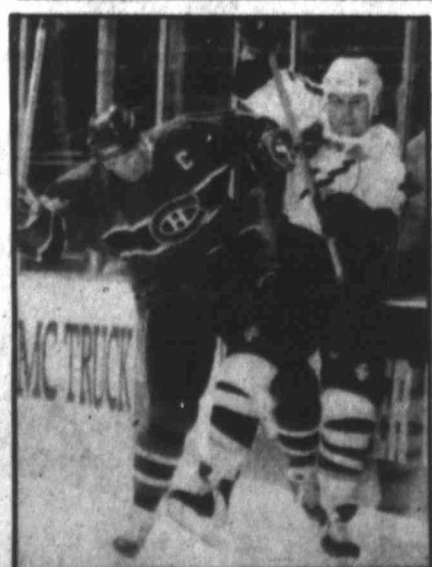
The Stanton eighth-grade boys' basketball team defeated Colorado City 45-38 Monday.

Kyle Herm scored 34 points for Stanton (15-0). The Buffs' last game is Monday at Midland Christian.

Colorado City won the 'B' game 37-30. Maurice Martinez scored 11 for Stanton.

BOTTOM OF THE ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Body slam
 Montreal's Kirk Muller, left, lifts Tampa Bay's Shawn Chambers off the ice and into the boards Tuesday. Tampa Bay won 4-1. For NHL standings, see page 10A.

TEXAS SPORTS

Ex-Oilers coach goes north

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Jack Pardee finally is going to a league where they won't carp about the run-and-shoot.

Pardee, fired in the midst of a dismal fifth season with the Houston Oilers, was named Tuesday as head coach of the Canadian Football League expansion team in Birmingham.

The voice of Baylor retires

WACO (AP) - The familiar voice of Frank Fallon is going off the air after 42 years of broadcasting Baylor athletics. Fallon's last basketball game will be March 4 when the Bears face Texas A&M, ending a play-by-play tradition that began with Baylor basketball in 1953 and football in 1955.

NATION/WORLD

Denver nabs new coach

DENVER (AP) - Mike Shanahan, who grew up in Illinois and made nine coaching stops around the country, always considered Denver home. Late Tuesday night, the San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator came home, signing a 7-year contract with the Denver Broncos as their head coach.

Shell won't be back with LA

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis has informed Art Shell that he will not coach the team next season, KNBC-TV reported. The Daily News of Los Angeles said Monday that assistant coach Mike White was expected to replace Shell. KNBC and the Los Angeles Times also said White would take over for Shell.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
 Virginia at Maryland, 6 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
 St. Joseph's at Massachusetts, 7 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).
 Villanova at St. John's, 8 p.m., ESPN.
 SMU at Texas A&M (women), 11 p.m., HSE.

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Hawks looking for an encore

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

You thought Monday's game was big? Thursday's game is even more important. The Howard College men's basketball team earned its most important and most impressive win of the year Monday, beating conference-leading Midland College 78-69. If Howard loses Thursday, however, all of the gains it made Monday will be lost.

Howard (15-8, 3-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) is tied for third with Odessa in the league standings. South Plains (15-7, 2-4) faces the real possibility of falling two games out of fourth place, which is also two games out of a playoff berth.

"A loss to us down here would really put them behind the 8-ball," said Howard coach Tommy Collins. "But we have to win, too. We have to take care of the ball, and we have to have the same kind of defensive intensity that we had against Midland."

Howard's next two games are crucial to its playoff possibilities. South Plains and Howard's following opponent, New Mexico Military, are tied for fifth. Should Howard win Thursday, then Monday at NMMI, that might be enough of a cushion for the Hawks to fly into the regional tournament at



Photo by Bruce Schooler

Howard shooting guard Kavossy Franklin (30, with ball) looks for an opening in the Midland defense Monday. Howard beat Midland 78-69, and its next game is Thursday, 8 p.m., against South Plains College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Waco in March. Losses, however, would open the door for one or both teams.

South Plains beat Howard 93-76 at Levelland in the WJCAC opener for both teams Jan. 9. Collins said of Howard's three conference road losses - South Plains, New Mexico JC and Odessa - the South Plains loss nags at him most.

"We committed 27 turnovers in that game, and we really just self-destructed," Collins said. "In the other losses, I could point to some positive things that we did, but in that one I really couldn't. I thought Tony Brown played really well that

game, but that was about it." Brown, a 5-foot-9 sophomore guard from Oxford, Ohio, scored 21 points in that game.

Howard's prime concern will be keeping turnovers to a minimum. The Hawks continue to lead the league in defense and free-throw shooting, but they also lead the league in turnovers by a wide margin.

Howard must contend with a boatload of South Plains scorers. In the Texans' win Jan. 9, Richard Brown led with 18 points. Richard Batiste and Marcus Williams - each scored 17, while Kelvin Wilford scored 12.

Lady Hawks try to keep positive momentum

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

At the midpoint of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball race, the Howard College Lady Hawks are nationally ranked and in first place.

If you expect the Lady Hawks to start celebrating, however, think again. They realize there's still a ways to go before they can hoist their fourth straight conference championship banner at Garrett Coliseum.

The No. 5 Lady Hawks (21-2 overall, 5-1 in conference) begin the second half of WJCAC play Thursday when they host the South Plains Lady Texans at 6 p.m. in Garrett.

While Howard coach Terry Gray admits Monday's win over Midland College - which gave Howard sole possession of the conference lead - was its most important to date, he is quick to add that there's more where that came from.

"Losing at home (Monday) would have been a big step backward," Gray said. "But now, we need to concentrate on South Plains, because that game is just as important as Midland was."

Gray's statement is verified by looking at the conference standings: With Midland just one game back, Howard can ill afford to lose any ground, especially at home.

"You could say that the win over Midland was our biggest of the season so far," Gray said. "But as the season progresses, the games keep getting bigger and bigger for us."

Thursday will mark the third meeting of the season between Howard and fourth-place South Plains (15-9 overall, 3-3 in conference). The Lady Hawks have won both previous meetings,



HODNETT

Sands star set to sign with Howard

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

ACKERLY - Howard College women's basketball coach Terry Gray made sure at least one area hoops star didn't get away. Gray confirmed Tuesday night he has received a verbal commitment from Sands' Mandy Hodnett to play basketball next season at Howard.

Hodnett, a 5-foot-6 guard for the Lady Mustangs, leads the team in scoring with a 20-point average, is tops in assists and steals and is the team's second-leading rebounder. Hodnett has attended summer basketball

camp at Howard College, and it was there she first impressed Gray.

"The work ethic she showed at the summer camps was the clincher, and she's carried that over into her senior season," Gray said.

Hodnett said she had no desire to take her show on the road.

"I chose them because I want to be near to home," she said. "They've got a good team, and I'm looking forward to playing for them."

Hodnett's commitment is non-binding until she signs a national letter of intent in April.

including a 68-59 win over the Lady Texans in the conference opener Jan. 9.

Of course, Gray is drawing no conclusions from either win.

"It's always tough to beat a team three times in a season," he said. "Playing strong half-court defense will definitely be something that we need to do. It'll be a whole new game - definitely it'll be different from the first two games."

The Lady Texans opened conference play by dropping their first two games but have since won two of three. They are averaging 73 points on offense while

allowing an average of 65 points on defense.

Their leading scorer is forward Emily Fowler, who averages 12 points a game, but they've received a recent boost from someone recognizable to area basketball fans.

Forsan graduate Jenny Conaway was pressed into service Monday against New Mexico Junior College because of an injury to regular post player Tabitha Shewmake. Conaway responded with a season-high 18 points and is expected to see plenty of playing time against Howard.

Lady Hawks learned when going gets tough, do your own thing

How can a team about as low as it could get on a Thursday turn that situation around in a few days?

Answer: Go its own way. The Howard College women's basketball team learned that lesson following Thursday night's loss to Odessa College. The loss to OC, last in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, was galling enough by itself, but it

also dropped the Lady Hawks out of sole possession of first place in the conference. You could look at the team's record (21-2 after Monday) and say it was winning like it normally does, but this has not been a normal year at Howard.

First, the Lady Hawks had to adjust to a new coach, Terry Gray, who took over when Royce Chadwick departed for Stephen F. Austin. Secondly, Howard had to endure a road trip that would make Machiavelli cringe: Two months without a home game. And, most important, a strength of the team when the season started - its post players - almost vanished with the departure of sophomores Joy Bass and Susan Orsak and freshman Vicki Miller. That left starter Amber Lacey and reserve Amy Earnst as the only Lady Hawks taller than six feet.

In hindsight, maybe it was inevitable the team would suffer some sort of letdown, and it happened in Odessa Thursday. The Lady Wranglers rallied in the final few minutes to take a 68-59 win over the Lady Hawks. Needless to say, the team was shocked by the loss.

"We were upset and disappointed," sophomore guard Tiffany Johnson said. "We weren't mentally prepared for that game."

Surveying the wreckage - and seeing that conference co-leader Midland was coming to town Monday - Gray decided the team needed a good dose of togetherness, something to foster team unity, and he settled on an unusual tactic to accomplish that feat. When the players gathered for Friday practice, Gray told them to go home and essentially do whatever they wanted over the weekend. He fervently hoped the team would draw inward, would come closer together.

Without any supervision or prodding from Gray or assistant coach Matt Corkery, the Lady Hawks held team practices over the weekend. Gray's hope became a reality.

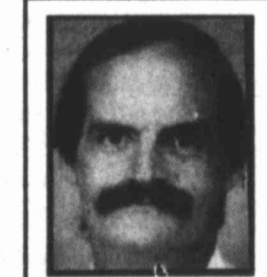
"What (Gray) did after the Odessa game taught us we could do things on our own," post player Amber Lacey said.

Whatever you want to credit it to, the Lady Hawks definitely looked better Monday night, rallying from a first-half deficit to take a 76-59 win over Midland to regain sole possession of first place in the WJCAC.

"We were more into the game (Monday)," Johnson said. "That kind of got us through what happened in Odessa. The intensity just wasn't there that night."

Does Monday's win mean the Lady Hawks are now a lock to win the WJCAC for the fourth straight year? Not necessarily. Gray conceded the win was the team's biggest of the year, but added that a tough conference race makes every game important from here on.

Considering what the team has overcome this year, however, merely being masters of their own fate again seems like quite an accomplishment.



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BASKETBALL

District 4-4A Girls

Team	District	Overall
Big Spring	8 0	18 4
Lake View	6 3	16 6
Andrews	5 3	15 11
Monahans	4 4	14 12
Fort Stockton	1 7	13 13
Pecos	1 8	4 15

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring open; Andrews 58, Lake View 47 (OT); Monahans 54, Pecos 33; Fort Stockton 64, Fort Davis 60 (2OT).

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Monahans at Big Spring; Andrews at Pecos; Fort Stockton at Lake View.

District 4-4A Boys

Team	District	Overall
Andrews	7 0	21 7
Pecos	5 2	15 11
Big Spring	4 2	9 18
Lake View	2 5	8 12
Fort Stockton	1 5	9 15
Monahans	1 6	10 9

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Big Spring open; Andrews 57, Lake View 61; Pecos 62, Monahans 59; Fort Stockton open.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Monahans at Big Spring; Andrews at Pecos; Fort Stockton at Lake View.

District 6-2A Girls

Team	District	Overall
x-Winters	2 0	21 5
Jim Ned	2 0	19 5
Wall	1 1	12 13
Coahoma	1 1	9 18
Stanton	0 2	16 9
Forsan	0 2	14 11

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Coahoma 59, Forsan 53; Jim Ned 54, Stanton 49; Winters 53, Wall 45.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Winters at Forsan; Jim Ned at Coahoma; Wall at Stanton.

District 6-2A Boys

Team	District	Overall
Stanton	2 0	14 10
Wall	2 0	13 10
Coahoma	1 1	17 10
x-Jim Ned	1 1	20 4
Forsan	0 2	15 10
Winters	0 2	4 15

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Stanton 67, Jim Ned 66; Coahoma 65, Forsan 55; Wall 41, Winters 33.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Winters at Forsan; Jim Ned at Coahoma; Wall at Stanton.

District 25-A Girls

Team	District	Overall
Garden City	4 0	15 8
Sanderson	2 2	14 8
Ranlin	2 2	16 9
Wink	0 4	0 16

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Garden City 60, Wink 24; Ranlin 71, Sanderson 50.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Wink vs. Ranlin; Sanderson at Garden City.

District 25-A Boys

Team	District	Overall
Ranlin	4 0	24 2
Wink	3 1	8 5

TUESDAY'S SCORES
Ranlin 40, Wink 18.

District 25-A Boys

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Ranlin	4 0	24 2
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Sanderson	0 4	3 18

TUESDAY'S SCORES

Wink 80, Garden City 48; Ranlin 88, Sanderson 41.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Sanderson at Garden City; Wink vs. Ranlin.

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	35	8	.814	—
New York	28	14	.667	6 1/2
Boston	16	26	.381	18 1/2
New Jersey	17	29	.370	19 1/2
Miami	14	28	.333	20 1/2
Philadelphia	12	31	.279	23
Washington	11	29	.275	22 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charlotte	27	16	.628	—
Cleveland	26	16	.619	1/2
Chicago	22	21	.512	5
Atlanta	19	24	.442	8
Milwaukee	17	26	.395	10
Detroit	14	26	.350	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	33	10	.767	—
San Antonio	28	14	.659	5 1/2
Houston	26	15	.634	6
Denver	19	23	.452	13 1/2
Dallas	16	25	.390	16
Minnesota	10	32	.238	22 1/2

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	34	9	.791	—
Seattle	29	11	.725	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	26	14	.650	6 1/2
Sacramento	24	18	.571	9 1/2
Portland	22	19	.537	11
Golden State	12	28	.300	20 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	37	.159	27 1/2

Tuesday's Games

New York 90, Golden State 87; Charlotte 97, Washington 88; Milwaukee 107, Dallas 105; Houston 88, Denver 74; Chicago 119, L.A. Lakers 115; San Antonio 87, Sacramento 86.

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.; Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.; Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.; Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.; Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.; Cleveland at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.; Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.; Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.; L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9 p.m.; San Antonio at Portland, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cleveland at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.; Detroit at Orlando, 8 p.m.; Utah at Houston, 8:30 p.m.; Chicago at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

College Scores

Men
Tuesday

EAST

Boston College 74, Pittsburgh 69; Canisius 80, Niagara 75; Connecticut 82, Miami 67; Maine 71, Dartmouth 60; New Hampshire 73, Harvard 64; Rider 77, Fairleigh Dickinson 66; St. Francis, NY 87, Yale 77.

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 92, Tougaloo 84; Old Dominion 69, East Carolina 66.

MIDWEST

Bradley 73, Drake 55; Kansas 90, Colorado 77; Purdue 76, Indiana 66.

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 105, LSU 81; Grambling St. 78, Ark.-Pine Bluff 77; Texas A&M 79, Southern Meth. 60.

FAR WEST

Boise St. 77, Cal Poly-SLO 66.

HOCKEY

NHL Standings

National Hockey League
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	3	2	1	7	17	17
Florida	3	4	0	6	17	20
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	6	18	18

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	5	14	21
N.Y. Rangers	2	4	0	4	15	13
New Jersey	1	3	1	3	11	11
Washington	1	3	1	3	8	14

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	10	23	15
Quebec	5	0	0	10	22	7
Buffalo	3	2	1	7	15	15
Boston	3	2	0	6	9	6
Montreal	2	2	1	5	12	12
Hartford	2	2	0	4	10	9
Ottawa	0	3	2	2	12	20

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	5	0	0	10	25	13
St. Louis	4	0	0	8	27	15
Toronto	3	2	1	7	16	14
Chicago	3	3	0	6	20	16
Dallas	2	2	1	5	12	9
Winnipeg	1	4	1	3	15	21

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	4	1	0	8	14	10
Anaheim	3	3	0	6	12	22
Calgary	2	2	1	5	15	15
Edmonton	2	4	0	4	15	23
Vancouver	1	3	1	3	10	21
Los Angeles	1	4	1	3	15	22

Tuesday's Games

Quebec 5, Philadelphia 2; New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1; Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 1; N.Y. Islanders 5, Florida 1; St. Louis 7, Anaheim 2.

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.; Hartford at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.; Anaheim at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.; Detroit at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.; Chicago at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.; Toronto at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 7:30 p.m.; San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.; St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.

Transactions

Tuesday

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Mike Rojas manager of Hickory of the South Atlantic League. Bill Ballou pitching coach and Dave Keller hitting coach.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Sold the contract of Troy Neal, first baseman, to the Orix Blue Wave of the Japanese Pacific League.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Signed George McClellan, guard-forward, to a 10-day contract.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS

Suspended Clifford Rozier, forward-center, for one game for missing practice.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS

Activated Sedale Threatt, guard, from the injured list. Placed Sam Bowie, center, on the injured list. Signed Kurt Rambis, forward, to a 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

DENVER BRONCOS

Named Mike Shanahan coach.

DETROIT LIONS

Named Frank Novak special teams coach. Reassigned Steve Kazar, special teams coach, to tight ends coach and offensive assistant.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Named Steve Sidwell linebackers coach. Reassigned Bob Valesente, linebackers coach, to defensive backs coach.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Named Jim Haslett linebacker coach.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

DALLAS STARS—Acquired Iain Fraser, left wing, from the Quebec Nordiques for an undrafted 1995 draft choice.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS

Signed Viacheslav Fetisov, defenseman, and John MacLean, Randy McKay, and Tom Chorske, right wings.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

Assigned Justin Duberman, right wing, to Johnstown of the East Coast Hockey League.

ST. LOUIS BLUES

Recalled Ian Laperriere, center, from Peoria of the International Hockey League.

ASSIGNED CRAIG JOHNSON, CENTER, AND JEFF BELLERS, DEFENSEMAN, TO PEORIA.

SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled Andrei Nazarov, left wing, from Kansas City of the International Hockey League.

Sands girls, Klondike boys step closer to playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

PATRICIA - Two teams got big-time performances from their star players Tuesday - and it almost wasn't enough.

The Sands Lady Mustangs received 38 points from guard Mandy Hodnett but still had to sweat out a Klondike rally - and overtime - before edging the Lady Cougars 84-78.

Then, in the nightcap, Tanner Etheredge pumped in 36 points as Klondike took the boy's game, 81-74.

The wins kept Sands' girls and Klondike's boys atop their respective districts.

Boys' game

It's not often you see two happy coaches after a hard-fought game, but that was the case after Etheredge and the 22-2 Cougars held off Sands.

Klondike coach Jim Kinnear was happy with the win, of course. What was sort of surprising, however, was Sands coach Jerry Gooch's reaction to his team's narrow loss.

"I'm proud with a capital P, capital R, capital O" Gooch said. "We played our best game all year - we didn't do anything wrong. It was a one-possession game. If a shot had fallen here, or if we had gotten a call there, we could have won. You can't ask for more than that."

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, February 1, 1995



Along with Big Spring Police officer Javier Becerra and D-FY-IT Vice President Wendy Mayes, President Chris Beserra receives a \$1,000 check from Letha Nixon, representing the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens.

Donation boosts D-FY-IT's plans

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

The circumstances surrounding the death of DPS Trooper Troy Hogue last month are sad indeed, with the specters of drunken driving, a 17-year-old boy and a gun swirling around the hard fact that Hogue is gone.

However, many area individuals and groups have sought to turn this loss into a chance to do good. Among these groups is the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens (HCARC), which recently donated \$1,000 to the Big Spring Police Department's D-FY-IT program.

The HCARC had wanted to donate to a worthy cause, explains Letha Nixon, who belongs to the organization and runs its Bingo nights at the Evening Lions Club building on Third Street.

"The community has supported the HCARC, so we would

The community has supported the HCARC, so we would like to give back to the community.

Letha Nixon

like to give back to the community," she says. Because Hogue's death involved an underage drinker, the group decided it was especially appropriate to give to D-FY-IT.

"There are so many alcohol and drug-related crimes," Nixon says. D-FY-IT's mission is to keep young people away from alcohol and drugs.

Det. Javier Becerra, who coordinates the D-FY-IT program, says the group is already planning how to allocate the donation. They have decided to put \$100 into the Troy Hogue

memorial scholarship for Howard College.

"The rest of the money will be put to use in areas such as recognizing and rewarding members in the D-FY-IT program," Becerra adds.

D-FY-IT planned a pizza party as just such a reward.

These parties offer D-FY-IT an opportunity to bring students together to have drug-free and alcohol-free fun, which, Becerra says, helps reinforce the group's message.

Becerra and group members are also working on improving and increasing the program.

"We'd like to join in with Coahoma," he says. "We're working toward new goals. We hit Forsan and got them rolling. The program is improving."

Nixon credits area residents for the donation. "The money came from Bingo funds, so the people who support our Bingo are a part of this," she says.

Control your finances - don't let them control you

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to take control of your financial situation. You can do just that by learning how to manage your current



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

income and set goals for the future. The first step in developing a money management plan is to evaluate your current situation.

When developing a money management plan you must

first determine your net worth. Net worth is your assets minus your liabilities. To determine the value of your assets, start with cash available, including checking account, savings and cash money you have on hand.

Add to this all of your investments including life insurance cash values, mutual funds, bonds and the like. List additional assets, market value of your home, any real estate you own, automobiles, other equipment, jewelry, antiques and other personal items.

Once you have determined your assets, you must determine your liabilities. Liabilities include the amount you owe to creditors and lenders. This will be current bills, mortgage, credit card balances, other charge accounts and any other expenses you owe.

After you have determined your liabilities, subtract that amount from your assets and you have your net worth. Look closely at your final figure.

Do you owe more than you are worth? Decide what you would like that figure to be this time next year. What do you have to do to achieve that goal?

Prepare a net worth statement at the same time each year. Be sure to reflect any changes in your assets or liabilities.

A net worth statement prepared each year will help you determine if your money management plan is helping you obtain your financial goals each year.

The next important step to developing your money management plan is setting goals. Goals are wants or needs of the entire household or individu-

als. There are three types of goals: long-term, intermediate and immediate.

Long-term goals are those that will be reached in 10 to 20 years or maybe even longer. Long-term goals should take into consideration life cycle changes, growth of children, change lifestyle, income and inflation. A long-term goal might be putting a child through college.

Next determine intermediate goals, which are those which will be reached within the next five years.

Intermediate goals take into consideration additions to your family and increased income. An intermediate goal might be saving for a new car or a down payment on a home.

Immediate goals are the third type of goal that you will need to set. Immediate goals are

those that will be met, today, this week, this month and this year.

Immediate goals may include buying food, paying rent or a house payment, car payment, medical bills and the like.

Most of us would like to be financially secure, own a big house, drive a fancy car, take long vacations to far off places. If we are realistic we know that some of these things are just not possible.

We must select and work toward goals that are important to us and can be reasonably obtained.

Goals are not always easily set. The following process may help simplify goal setting:

- List goals as long-term, intermediate or immediate.
- Rank goals according to their importance to you and other household members.

• Assign a dollar value to goals.

• Re-evaluate goals every so often. Are there some that no longer apply, or some that will require a change you are not willing to make?

Use your goal sheets to assess your financial needs for now and in the future. What changes will you need to make to achieve the goals you have set for yourself?

You will probably also notice that as you re-evaluate your goals, some will require some adjustments, especially long-term goals which will change as your lifestyle changes.

The information contained in this article was adapted from "Managing Your Personal Finances," a United States Department of Agriculture, Home and Garden bulletin.

Coahoma's 'First Lady' turns 103

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Herald Correspondent

She was born before the invention of many things we take for granted. But, like all of us, she endured the difficult times and celebrated good times.

Her personality, love of others and dedication to her church are why many people love her.

Now Susie Brown, Coahoma's "First Lady," is marking another milestone. She turned 103 Tuesday.

Her century-plus of life was made even more noteworthy by the fact that only a few months ago, she underwent surgery and a difficult recovery.

Brown was recently released



BROWN

said, longtime friend Nan McKinney. "She's always had, and still has, a sharp mind and wonderful sense of humor."

"There's not many days that I don't have somebody come see me," Brown said in a recent interview. She has few living relatives, but many friends.

Brown never married, but adopted a son who has passed away. Her grandson, however, lives in California.

She has attended Coahoma's First Methodist Church since 1920, two years after she and her parents arrived in the area.

She joined the congregation a few years later and taught Sunday school for 50 years.

"She attends church every time the doors are open," said McKinney. Her other activities included the 1941 Study Club and she was once named Lady of the Year by the Coahoma Lions Club.

For 10 years, Brown worked at the school lunchroom.

"They weren't run by the school then," she explained. "It was a separate thing."

McKinney said that is where Brown made many of her friends.

"All the kids knew her, and she's kept up with them," McKinney said.

Friends say she enjoys following current events.

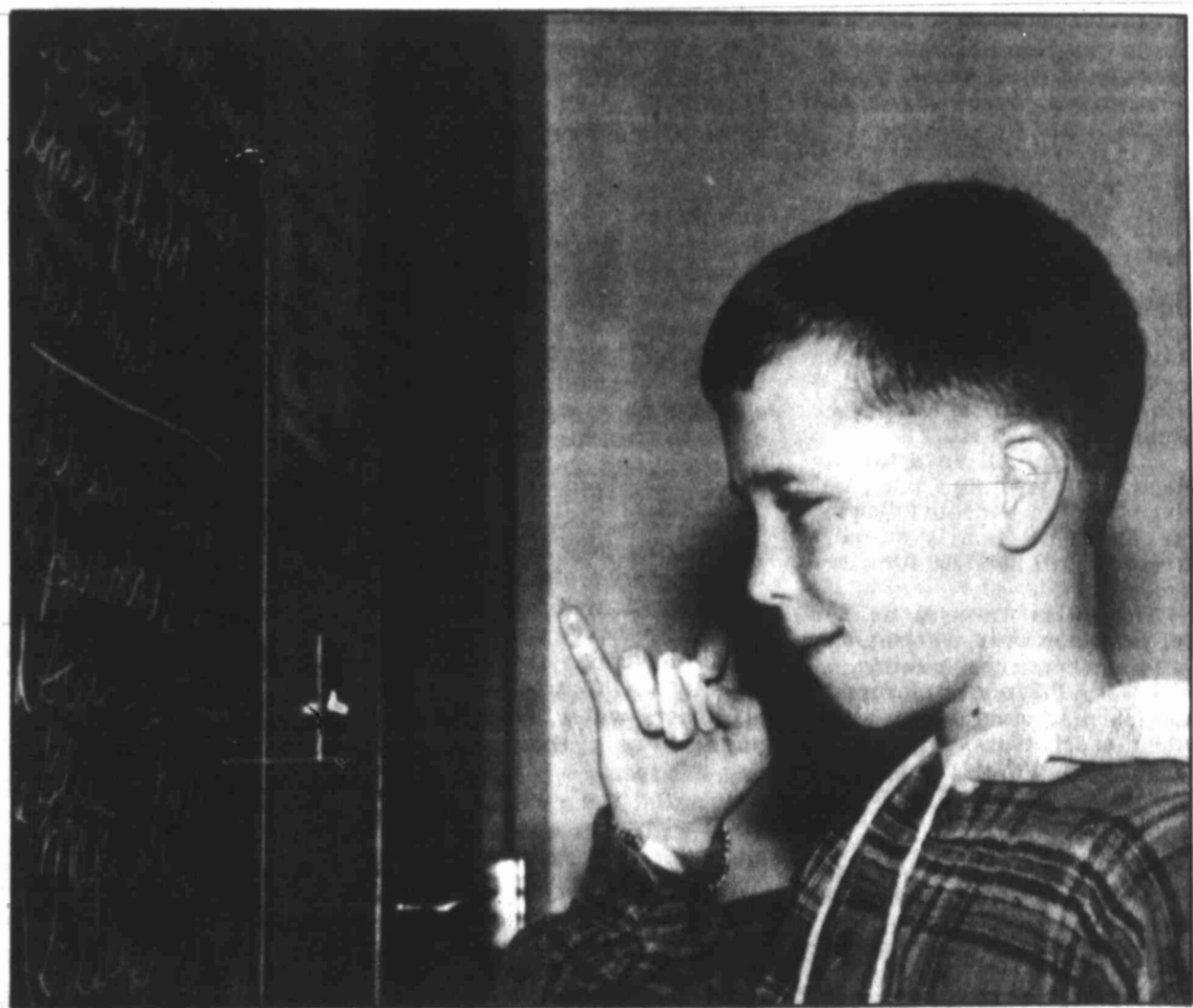
"I don't see like I used to," Brown explained. "But I like to keep up with what things are going on."

"She remembers things better than I do," said McKinney, 66.

Friends hosted a big celebration for Brown's 100th, but wanted to do something this year also because their friend was recovering from the surgery, McKinney explained. They celebrated Sunday at the church.

"She's an amazing lady," McKinney said. "She knows a lot of people and is very well-loved."

THINKING IT THROUGH



Cody Lefever, a fifth grader at Elbow Elementary School, examines his decimal number to compare it to another number during a math exercise one afternoon.

Displaced Bosnian doctor finds job, friends in Texas

By JOHN YEARWOOD
The Dallas Morning News

GARLAND, Texas — Bosnian surgeon Bakir Ajanovic is still fascinated with the tools of modern medicine.

"Look at that!" Ajanovic said, pointing at a tiny camera and television monitor used to show internal organs during surgery.

"In Bosnia, I always see out-

side. I never see inside. For me, that's interesting."

If Ajanovic is fascinated by American medical technology, he is equally impressed with the country's people.

He and his family escaped the carnage of the Bosnian conflict seven months ago. And, he said quite emphatically, "The best day in my life was when I arrived in America."

Ajanovic, 41, was hired at

Baylor Medical Center at Garland three months ago as a lab technician to assist doctors during surgery. He was immediately embraced by his co-workers.

Kelly Byrd, who hired Ajanovic, said employees pitched in when they learned that he did not have many household appliances or supplies.

Such generosity is welcome to

an immigrant from the former Yugoslavia, where Serb forces are bent on "cleansing" Muslims from Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.

The war is about to enter its fourth spring, despite dozens of cease-fires.

Ajanovic and his family lived in Banja Luka, a city now occupied by Serb forces. He said he worked at a Serb hospital where he often performed 17

operations a day, mostly on war victims.

Ajanovic said he decided to leave Bosnia to protect his family and to find a better life for his children. Daniel has cerebral palsy.

He lived in a Euless apartment for three months and now lives in Arlington. Although he spoke little English, Ajanovic began looking for work almost immediately after arriving in

the Dallas area.

He said he was turned away from several hospitals before he landed at Baylor. Mrs. Byrd said she didn't take long to decide to hire Ajanovic.

"I'm glad to be in America. I won't return to my country, ever," Ajanovic said. "My country was Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia is destroyed."

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•TOPS weight support group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Weigh-in, 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency. 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.

•The Most Excellent Way drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gregg. For more information, please call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.

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

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-6920.

•Survivors support group for survivors of sexual abuse, 10:11-30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

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

THURSDAY

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on the first floor.

•Howard County Mental Health Center family education meeting 6 p.m., last Thursday of each month. Followed by Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.

•Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting 7 p.m., last Thursday of each month following the TXMHMR family support meeting. Call 267-7220 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8:30 p.m. women open meeting.

•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Monthly meetings during September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, second Thursday of these months at the Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Attention Deficit Disorder Seminar, Feb. 2, San Jacinto Junior High Auditorium, 1400 North "N" Street, Midland. Registration is from 8:30 to 9 p.m. Admission \$5 per person, \$7.50 per couple. Call 697-6536

FRIDAY

•Survivors, 5:15-7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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

SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

Woven wonders get to root of hair's beauty

By KEALA GRIFFIN
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — In search of healthy hair, women have begun to try a variety of treatments and styles.

Recently, cosmetologists say, women of all races have begun wearing African braids, hoping to improve the condition of their hair, encourage growth and look good at the same time.

"The majority of what I hear, women are tired of chemicals, hot curling irons and electric rollers," said Paula Shaffer, a licensed cosmetologist at Salon 3104 in Arlington, who has specialized in braids for the past 10 years.

Deldre Cunningham, 32, an office assistant at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, sought braids as a healthy alternative three months ago.

"I went to braids because of a bad perm," said Cunningham, who wears her braids in a medium-length bob.

"The braids were a real easy alternative to knowing what my hair would look like on a daily basis."

The most popular braiding method is cornrows, in which the hair is held flat against the scalp and then braided. Cornrows are the most requested because the price is cheaper, Shaffer said, but the style isn't versatile. The cost for cornrows starts at about \$75.

Cunningham's braids are called single braids, formed by lifting the hair away from the scalp and then braiding. Single braids can be arranged in various styles, from casual to dressy. For instance, the braids can be put in a bun, pulled loose. The cost for single braiding averages about \$150.

The mobility of single braids is a plus for women who like to change styles often, Shaffer said. In the movie "Poetic Justice," Janet Jackson wore her long, single braids in several styles.

Jackson's look, on the average, could take 12 hours to do. At most local salons, the price would be around \$250.

According to the book "African Hairstyles" by Esí Sagay (Heinemann Educational Books Inc.), actress Cicely

Tyson shocked viewers (and started the braid trend) when she wore cornrow braids on a TV show in the late 1970s. Although she caused a stir, she also created cultural awareness among African-Americans.

Certain braid styles in African culture have different meanings, Sagay says in his book. One style would signify age, while another would represent a ceremonial occasion.

Shaffer, the cosmetologist, began wearing braids in the 1970s to prove a point.

"You had to have attitude to wear braids," said Shaffer, 36. "It was for those people who dared to be different."

Braids grew in popularity in the early 1980s but were still fairly new to the general public. Today, braids have gained more acceptance and expanded to more than just cornrows.

Some beauty schools report a rising number of students and customers who are interested in doing and getting braids.

"The demand has risen for braids," said Linda Vicer, an instructor at the Fort Worth Beauty School.

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Braid specialist Paula Shaffer, left, poses with her sister Brenda Toombs showing off their braids. Paula just finished braiding Brenda's hair in an hour-long session.

IN THE BAG

food news and views

Wake up your winter oatmeal with colorful cranberries. Frozen is fine, and lots cheaper than using hyper-trendy dried cherries or cranberries. If you were provident enough to bring home an extra bag or two of cranberries with your Thanksgiving purchases, all you need do is reach into your freezer.

Shake as many as you like directly from the freezer bag into the simmering porridge for the last 10 or 15 minutes of cooking. You might think they'd be too tart, but a good sprinkling of brown sugar will smooth things out. Maple syrup would be good too, if you're splurging.

Top with toasted pecans or almonds — whatever kind of unsalted nuts you prefer or have on hand. Crunchy toasted coconut would be a lovely addition too. If you want, you can warm the milk briefly on a low burner to take the chill off before adding it to your porridge.

A bouquet of parsley stored in the refrigerator is a triple bonus: It's a healthy green vegetable; a plate garnish, always; and a natural breath freshener. Go ahead and chew a sprig. It's more effective than breath mints.

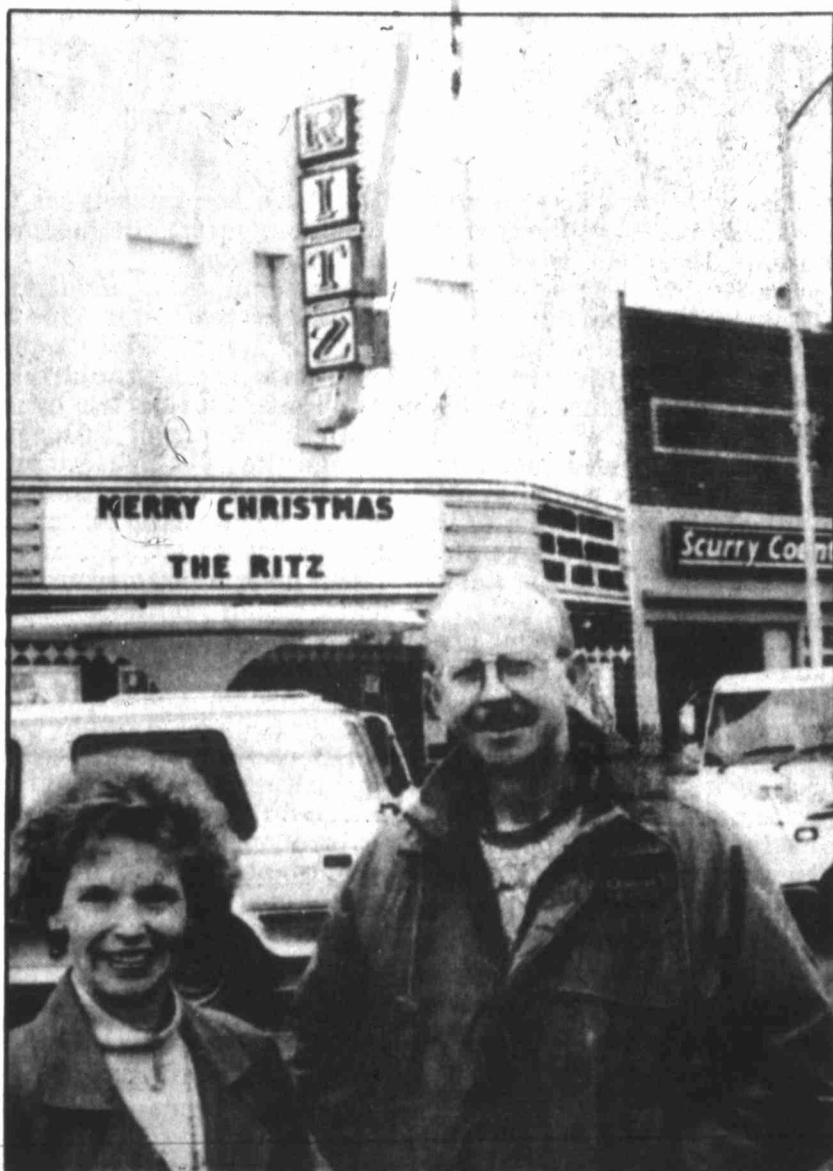
The problem is that parsley is under-appreciated. Bunches, three for \$1, wilt away in dark hydrator drawers. Keep the perk in parsley a week to 10 days by washing well, shaking off excess water, wrapping in paper towels, then a plastic bag, left open.

Or stand the sprigs in a tall glass with cool water to cover an inch of the stems and pop a plastic bag loosely on top. Place in the refrigerator and re-check your temperature control. If it is set too cold, the parsley leaves may freeze, then go limp the instant it thaws. Change water every two days.

Jolly Time tells of a popcorn discussion among computer-nerds on the Internet. The question was "When do you eat popcorn?" Answers popped up from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia and even Sweden.

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PANDORA'S CLOSET



Ellie Dryden and Mike Thornton stand in front of the Ritz Theatre in Snyder. Dryden and Thornton have helped initiate efforts to restore the 1920s theatre. The theatre, which closed in 1970, will be used for live theater and musical productions.

Snyder residents hope to revive old theater

By BRIAN COFER
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

SNYDER — The people of Snyder gathered expectantly on the square on a warm June night in 1992, waiting for the stroke of 10 p.m. At that time, the sign and marquee on the Ritz Theatre came on, flashing in multicolored neon.

Watching a sign light up might not seem terribly exciting to many, but for Snyder residents, it was the first signs of life from the Ritz, which had closed in 1970.

"It was quite a thrill," said Ellie Dryden, a retired school teacher.

That event represented the first step in community efforts to bring the entire theater back

to life. Eventually, Dryden and others hope to turn the 1920s structure into a forum for live theater and music performances.

"This is going to be something for the whole community," she said.

In the almost three years that have passed since the marquee was restored, the Ritz Community Theatre Inc. has made several strides in making that dream a reality.

Just making the building safe enough to walk through was a feat in itself, recalls Mike Thornton, one of the first to see the Ritz in its rawest form.

"There were huge holes in the ceiling, and water was coming in," said Thornton.

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Do you have or know of someone who suffers from EMPHYSEMA, ASTHMA, or CHRONIC BRONCHITIS? If the answer is yes, the PULMONARY REHAB PROGRAM at PERMIAN GENERAL HOSPITAL in Andrews is here to help. Studies have shown that pulmonary rehabilitation, which is defined as a program consisting of health education and exercise, does decrease the incidence of hospital readmissions, improve the individual's ability to physically exercise, and improve the quality of life. Classes are forming now, call (915) 523-2200, ext. 223 or 225 for more information.



Football? I see all, I know nothing

I was talking to my dad about the Miami-San Diego game on Jan. 8. It was wild and woolly but San Diego won in spite of the fact that the officials tried to hand the game to Miami on a silver platter.



Christina Ferchalk
Columnist

I begged to differ.

Oh sure, Miami's good, and Marino is top of the line, but it's my considered opinion that San Diego has one of the best defenses in the country.

Anyone reading this would probably think, "Hey, she knows her football." Well think again, because she doesn't. I know exactly four things about football:

- (1) I know what a touchdown is.
- (2) I know what a field goal is.
- (3) I know if there is 7 minutes left in the game it means it will last for at least another half-hour, screwing up

the rest of the night; and (4) I know Rod Woodson is a major babe.

That's it, the entire extent of my football knowledge.

It just so happens that I live under the same roof with a large group of floor stomping, coffee-table thumping, terrible towel waving, radical football fans.

When the game is about to commence they gather together in the living room with their drinks and their munchies. Smaller TV sets are stacked on top of larger ones, so as not to limit their viewing pleasure to merely one game at a time. Radios are set about the room tuned to games not being televised.

This is where I make my exit...stage right.

I shut myself in my bedroom and turn the old portable black and white to American Movie Classics.

When it comes to choosing between some lame football game and "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," there's no contest, but my family doesn't seem to grasp this concept.

They continually pop in and out of my room to deliver game highlights. They assume I want to know this stuff. I don't.

Days later, if someone should mention the big game I can actually hold up my end of the conversation.

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By ANTHONY
The Browns

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Braids

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"I would say by 30 percent within the last year or two." Many braiders also work at home. In the past few years there has been a push to establish certification for braiders. Marlon Sears, an instructor and braid specialist at Aladdin Beauty College in Arlington, said many beauty schools have begun offering braids classes. "Most of the students want to know braids," she said. "Since

it's becoming so popular in the cosmetology field, it's being taught now. Braiding wasn't really that popular probably up until about five or six years ago, especially in Texas. "It's a class that we have to put out there. Because that's what our students have a request for." The cost and time it takes to do braids have increased since the 1980s, when only the simpler styles were popular in the United States. At the time, braiding took only a couple of hours and cost about \$50. Today, styles can

take 12 hours and cost \$400. The most commonly requested style is the bob, cosmetologists said, in which the hair is cut to one length and braided all around from ear to ear. The braiding time depends on the length of the hair, but the average cost for a medium-length bob is \$150. Shaffer said braids can be worn for three to six months, depending on the style and personal upkeep of the hair, although other braiders advise wearing them for only two months at a time. The key to longevity is to

wear a silk or satin scarf while sleeping. For maintenance it is important to use deep-cleansing shampoo and moisturizing conditioner at least every two weeks, cosmetologists said. To keep moisture in the hair, they suggest using a light oil on the scalp. Oil sheen can be used to impart shine, but only two or three times a week. "Although braids are better for your hair, they won't help if your hair is not taken care of properly," Shaffer said. Distributed by The Associated Press

Ritz

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It was a sad state, he said, for a building that had held such a prominent place in the community for 50 years. Originally called the Cozy Theatre, T.L. Lollar bought the structure and renamed it the Ritz in the late 1920s. It became part of a chain of movie theaters in Snyder, owned by the Lollars, which also included the Palace and Aztec theaters. Of those three, the Palace burned and the Aztec now houses a furniture store, leaving only the Ritz appearing as it did when it was remodeled with stucco, tile and neon

about 1950. The Ritz was in its last years of operation when Dryden moved to Snyder. "My kids used to come here on Friday nights to the show," she said. "A lot of people did." When the building was donated to the Ritz Community Theater in 1991, the first stages of demolition had begun. "They were tearing down the balcony," Thornton said. "It would have just left a big gap in the square." Seeing this, Dryden, Thornton and several others organized the community theater to save the building. Not content to wait until the Ritz has been renovated, the group already has put on several

stage productions at various locations around Snyder. "We're kind of transient right now," Thornton said. Maybe so, but after spending about \$100,000 to restore the sign and facade and install a new roof, the group is getting closer to having a new home. The interior is still empty, but after consulting with Texas Tech's College of Architecture, a vision now exists for how the theater eventually will appear. The theater's floor will have a steeper slope, rising from the stage to where the balcony was located. The lobby will feature a vintage art-deco soda fountain rescued from a drugstore on the square that recently closed.

Members of the theater organization plan to have the Ritz prepared for use by October. A second phase will include more extensive interior renovations. Dryden and Thornton agree that the organization has been fortunate. Unable to get grants from various foundations, members took matters into their own hands and began raising money in the community. Seating for the theater already has been donated, and donations were used to buy the soda fountain at an auction. "We decided to raise for ourselves what we could, and then show what we've done when we apply for grants," Dryden said. Distributed by The Associated Press

Train travels through other lives, worlds

By ANTHONY GRAY
The Brownsville Herald

MATAMOROS, Mexico — The Reynosa-bound locomotive rolls out of the train station as 62-year-old Jaime Rodriguez shuffles alongside. Grabbing the vertical metal bar welded to the blue first-class train car, he begins to skip. Then, with a light, bounding leap, the rotund ticket taker lands on the car step, a blue-collar ballet he's practiced for 42 years. It's a ritual that repeats itself daily at 9:20 a.m., just a few blocks up from the Drive Inn on Avenida Alvaro Obregon, the main drag that leads from the Gateway International Bridge. For a fraction more than \$2, a first-class ticket to Reynosa can be bought at the station for a two-hour luxury ride through the rural backwaters of northern Tamaulipas; an intimate look at life in another world. Arriving in Reynosa at 11:20 a.m., the train continues on to Monterrey. Then, about four hours later at 3:45 p.m., a separate Matamoros-bound train originating in Monterrey passes through Reynosa placing passengers back in Matamoros around 5:30 p.m. Travel options to other destinations also abound from Matamoros via train. The first-class, seven-hour journey to Monterrey is \$10. But for time-pressed travelers in search of a one-day excursion, the Reynosa getaway, at \$4 round-trip, first-class, is an ideal way to get acquainted with both the teeming city of Reynosa and the off-the-beaten path frontier land that hugs the Tamaulipas border. After passing through the industrial outskirts of Matamoros, the train chugs through sorghum and corn fields past the exotic sounding hamlets of Limones, Control, Charco Azul, Celulosa and Alarcrales. In all, the train makes 15 stops, including Rio Bravo, before arriving in Reynosa. Banana, papaya and riotous shades of bougainvillea weave around even the most humble shanty as small children chasing livestock run amuck at nearly every stop. Nearby, abandoned trackside rail cars have been adapted as family homes. But the Matamoros-Reynosa railway getaway isn't all about the scenery outside the train. Life aboard is a microcosm of life on the street. Just as for many the train is their sole source of transportation, it is also the source of their livelihood. And while coffee, soft drinks, candy and beer are offered by the train's steward, countless vendors hop on and off with chicharrones, chewing gum, tacos and tamales. Distributed by The Associated Press



From his home office in his den, in Houston, currency expert Craig Wilkinson is competing with some of the nation's banking giants. Wilkinson left a corporate job to become an entrepreneur. He once ran the Bank of New Zealand's trading floor.

Former New Zealand native becomes Texas entrepreneur

By DEBRA BEACHY
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Just a few years back, Craig Wilkinson ran the Bank of New Zealand's spacious trading floor overlooking Wellington Harbor as senior vice president. He traded that for a coveted office on the 12th floor of Texas Commerce Tower, where he managed foreign risk for Houston's largest bank. Now Wilkinson's office is the den of his west Houston home, also the headquarters of his company, Treasury Management Services, a currency hedging and financial markets advisory firm that opened for business in December and competes with some of America's most powerful financial institutions. Wilkinson has spent more than a year acquiring the necessary licenses (four), registrations (six), and computer equipment (\$25,000 worth) to start the business. He's had to take courses to upgrade his computer skills and learned to do things he once depended on his staff to do for him — such as pulling a simple spreadsheet or creating a brochure. So what compels someone who has scaled the heights of international finance to leave gleaming corporate towers and assume the risk of starting a business, much less the kind of risky business that depends on how good you are at guessing what the peso and the yen will do? Wilkinson said he left Texas Commerce Bank to start his own company because he wanted to work for himself. "Starting your own business is tremendously high risk," Wilkinson says. "But it also is

America has been downsizing aggressively for five years. Those who wish to survive and prosper in America of the '90s have to make their own way. Craig Wilkinson

are doing a lot of exporting. Especially now, with Mexico's peso crisis, many companies are looking for ways to hedge their exposure in pesos. "The Mexican peso crisis brings home to roost that if you take wrong risks, there are severe consequences," Wilkinson says. "In Houston, there is tremendous interest in the Mexican peso because of proximity. I have a half dozen meetings with clients in the next few weeks that have an interest in managing their peso exposure." Wilkinson's giant competitors won't talk about their upstart rival, but one person who sees a bright future for the company is Ian Bishop, a consultant at the University of Houston International Trade Center who helped Wilkinson put the company together. "The idea is viable," Bishop says. In addition to the experience that gives Wilkinson access to New York financial institutions, Bishop says, the entrepreneur can provide services at a discount. Since Wilkinson has no secretarial or maintenance staff to pay, no huge rental fees or electric bills and no need to plan for big executive bonuses, he has competitive pricing edge against large financial institutions. He can work on a retainer instead of charging a markup for every transaction. Others who know him say his past should go a long way in building his future. "Craig Wilkinson has a good reputation in the international financial community," says Victor Polco, vice president and manager in the New York branch of Commerzbank.

HOROSCOPE

FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 1995
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your instinctive reactions are right on target, especially in professional matters. Others respect your judgment. A boss admires how you handle a situation. Be clear about your direction, and be aware of your image. Tonight: Talk with a boss or co-worker. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Know what you want and keep moving ahead. Focus on success. Friends chip in. Good news arrives, especially involving those at a distance. A creative opportunity baffles you, startles you and makes you happy. Go for it. Tonight: Hang out with friends. *****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stay secure. A partnership is developing on a much deeper level. Knowing which way you need to go and what's important will help you. Understanding elevates you. Know what you want. Communications are excellent. You feel good. Tonight: Out and about. ****
CANCER (June 21-July 22): New insights come your way. You can make a big difference in a situation. Reach out for another, and understand what you want. Listen carefully, and follow through. A partner is there for you. Follow your intuition. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil. *****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting together with a partner will help you. One-to-one relating flourishes and bolsters your confidence. Express your thinking and your limits clearly. Another responds to your energy. Your ideas are right on target. Tonight: Sorry, work late. *****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Defer to another's ideas. The two of you can cook up novel approaches. Be decisive about what you are looking for. Opportunities for growth help you. Creativity is high. Permit your mind to roam. Tonight: Be with the one you love. *****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A family issue is very important. You decide to pull in close and get involved. You will get ahead because of how you deal with a situation. Listen carefully, and know what you need. Be sure of yourself and what you want. Tonight: Get plenty of exercise. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put your essence into your dealings. Creativity is high. Others respond to your energy. You are intuitive in choosing a course; it couldn't be stronger. Communications are confused. Tonight: Share a special idea with a loved one. *****
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money matters are highlighted. You are building to a greater level of security. Heed your instincts. You are in a period of change and understanding. You get ahead because of how you deal with others. Focus on security. Tonight: Take the night off. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are more talkative. Others respond to your energy and want to get close. Listening to your inner voice will help you. Be willing to talk through a problem and handle a situation differently. Communications are excellent. Tonight: Visit with friends. *****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are instinctive right now. Follow through on your dreams and ideas and you'll go down a correct path. Creativity is unusually high. Options are unusual. Know your priorities. Expenses are high. Tonight: Check out an investment. ***
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IF FEB. 2, 1995 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Your intuition is keen this extraordinary year. Dreams can give you insight. You will need frequent periods of meditation to sort it all through. You might want to keep a dream notebook. If you are single: You can meet someone very important who could be soul mate from a past lifetime; relating with this person is intuitive and pleasurable. If attached: This is a banner year in which you share dreams and intimacy; your relationship expands as your circle of friends grow. PISCES makes you feel good. THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. ©1995 by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Sibling babysitters resent parenting

DEAR ABBY: I agree with you that, traditionally, older children have been expected to look after their younger siblings — as well as shovel snow, mow the lawn and rake the leaves. However, just because it's traditional doesn't make it right. It's not fair to the older child. My husband has been involved with a teen youth group for many years. Meetings are held on Fridays. All too often, a youngster will phone my husband on Friday night and say, "Sorry, I can't make it tonight. I have to baby-sit my little brother (or sister)." Abby, it is very unfair to the teen-agers. The parents just assume that their own plans are more important than their children's. Naturally, the kids end up being resentful. — A SCOUTER'S WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Yours is the majority opinion — and did I ever get letters about my answer! Read on: DEAR ABBY: You certainly missed the point. The 9-year-old who was taken to Mom's beauty parlor and had to watch his baby brother while Mom got a manicure didn't need a lesson in parenthood. He is not learning parenting skills — he is learning how it feels to be used, and is probably developing a huge dose of resentment. If a child assumes the role of baby sitter, Mom should pay him/her accordingly. That way, both sides win! — KIDS ARE PEOPLE, TOO DEAR ABBY: I disagree with your response to "Firstborn, California," the 34-year-old who had always been saddled with looking after her younger siblings.

I am the youngest of seven children and, along with my two brothers, I was cared for by our older sisters. Mother gave them almost full responsibility for our preschool care. The feelings of rejection and confusion have left scars. Helping to make a family a close working unit is good. It's a must for future life, but the parent needs to be in control. At the age of 70, I still have to work at not letting my sisters boss me around. It seems to have gotten worse with age — theirs and mine — along with the deaths of our two brothers. Abby, this is what "Firstborn" was trying to say: You missed the boat! Don't you think that a mom who can afford a manicure should have made better arrangements to amuse and care for her children while she was there? I do! — LAST BORN IN MINNESOTA DEAR ABBY: I was the oldest of 10 children. I had to take care of my younger brothers and sisters. I had to feed, bathe and dress them. In fact, that's all I did. My only "freedom" was school, but right after school, I had to go straight home to take care of my little sisters and brothers. I couldn't get involved in any school activities — sports, choir, the class play — anything that would require my staying after school was out for me. Naturally, I couldn't accept a date (not that the boys were breaking my door down), but when a boy did take a liking to me, I couldn't let him come to the house because it was full of kids who needed my services. Naturally, I was resentful and angry, and a chronically angry person isn't very good company, so to make a long story short — guess who never got married? — ME IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

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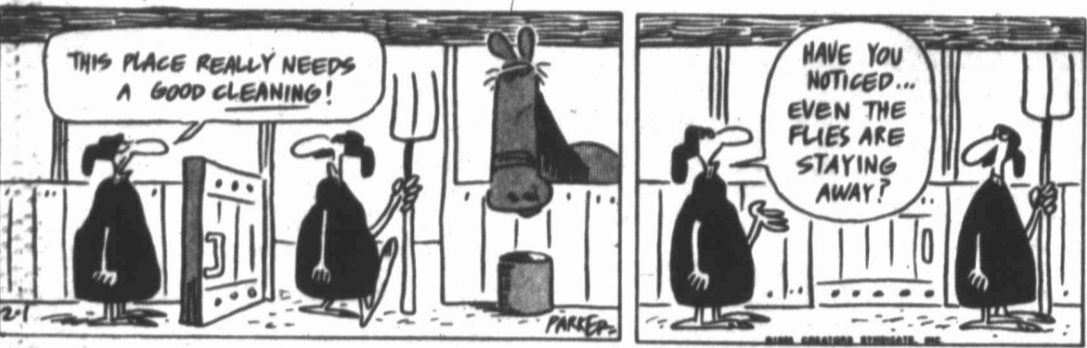
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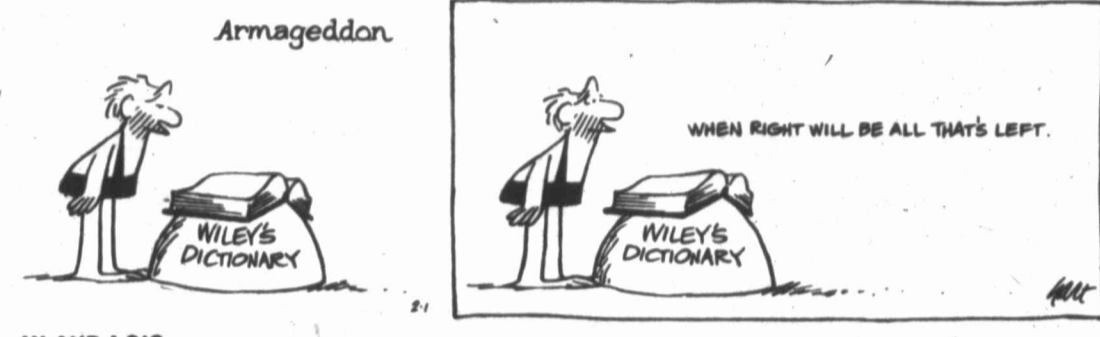
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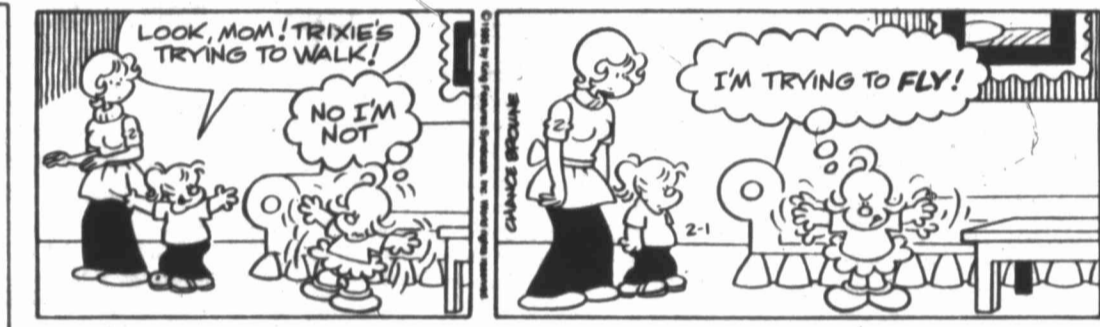
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This date in history

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 1995. There are 333 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 1, 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J. On this date: In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time, at the Royal Exchange...

Building in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.) In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union. In 1893, the opera "Manon Lescaut," by Giacomo Puccini, premiered in Turin, Italy. In 1896, the Puccini opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin. In 1898, the Travelers Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., issued the first auto insurance policy. In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence as the Royal Northwest Mounted Police merged with the Dominion Police. In 1943, one of America's most time, at the Royal Exchange...

of World War II, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized. In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations. In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service. In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a now-famous photograph, taken by Eddie Adams for The Associated Press. Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Renata Tebaldi is 73. Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin is 64. Singer Don Everly is 58. Actor Garrett Morris is 58.

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JOB TITLE: General Engineering Technician II

NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 2

SALARY: \$1612.00

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from high school or equivalent plus two (2) years experience in roadway engineering work. Related college education or technical training may be substituted for experience on a year for year basis.

LOCATION: S.H. 350, Big Spring, Texas

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 5 08 E194 002

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under general supervision, performs work related to roadway engineering activities such as construction, inspection, plant inspection, maintenance contract inspection, drafting, laboratory work, surveying, construction recordkeeping or engineering data collection. Work requires contact with the public.

JOB TITLE: Roadway Maintenance Technician II

NUMBER OF OPENINGS: 4

SALARY: \$7.27

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One (1) year roadway maintenance work or related field.

LOCATION: U.S. 84, Snyder, Texas

JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 5 08 K510 003

JOB DESCRIPTION: Under supervision of a crew chief, performs maintenance work on a specialized or routine maintenance crew. Performs some duties independently. Work requires contact with the public.

ADDRESS: Applications may be mailed to P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 or returned to any TxDOT office.

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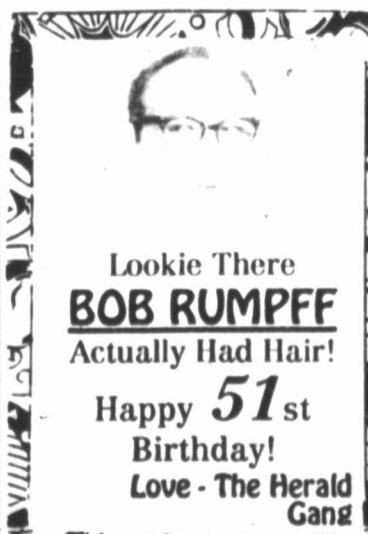
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Fall Is A Popular Time For Home Decorating



Fall is one of the most popular times of the year for home changes, report interior designers. As homeowners prepare for holiday entertaining, many of them also choose to give their homes a new look. October is the biggest single month for carpet deliveries, according to the industry publication *Floor Covering Weekly*.

Before planning your own home improvements this fall, ask yourself what you want to accomplish. If you want a new look for the holidays, interior designers say extensive changes are not a wise idea.

"Seasonal projects are more focused than long-term projects—you simply can't do a whole home in time for Christmas. Many homeowners will focus on changing one room for family gatherings, like their dining room," explains B.J. Peterson, a 25-year veteran

of interior design and a Fellow of the American Society of Interior Designers.

This fall, the homeowner with an urge to decorate will find helpful advice and tips from an unexpected source—characters from the TV series *Designing Women*. They're appearing in an informational brochure from Monsanto Wear-Dated Carpet that is filled with common-sense suggestions for home decorating. Free copies of the brochure "Design Tips. *Designing Women*," are available by calling 1-800-322-6327 or writing to: Design Tips, *Designing Women*, Wear-Dated Carpet, 3960 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108.

Fall and winter are traditional "at home" seasons, so updating your home's appearance now is an investment which will pay off immediately in terms of comfort and beauty.

Doing Things Together

When families do things together it not only brings them closer together and makes them stronger, sometimes it can even save them money. A growing number of families are discovering one such form of entertainment—home theater.

If you consider the cost of taking a family to the movies these days, a home theater system really begins to make sense. The average theater charges more than seven dollars per person, and when you factor in traffic, dinner, refreshments and parking—or, if you leave the kids at home, a sitter—it's hardly worth it.

Home theater brings together the latest advancements in both audio and video technology to recreate the theater experience right in your home. It consists of a TV of at least 25 inches or larger, a Hi-Fi stereo VCR and/or a laser disc player and, most importantly, a component for producing surround sound. Most American families already own a television and VCR. Fortunately, one company is manufacturing a surround sound system that not only sounds great, but is relatively inexpensive and doesn't require an engineering degree to operate.

"Consumers typically use equipment they already own to assemble a home theater that will match, and often exceed, what movie theaters offer," said Robin Holland, manager of Mitsubishi Electronics' Consumer Relations Department. "By adding an



Families are finding that staying home for entertainment can be just as fun as going out—and a lot less expensive.

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Mitsubishi Electronics' Instant Home Theater system, the HTS-100 is easy to operate and provides Dolby Pro Logic Surround Sound for under \$600. This system brings theater-like, 360-degree sound right into your living room and, all you need to do is connect one cable to your existing TV's audio output, set up a few satellite speakers and push one button—voila, Instant Home Theater.

"Whatever a family likes to watch together—movies, sports or home videos—a home theater may be the right ticket, and a perfect family gift for the holidays.

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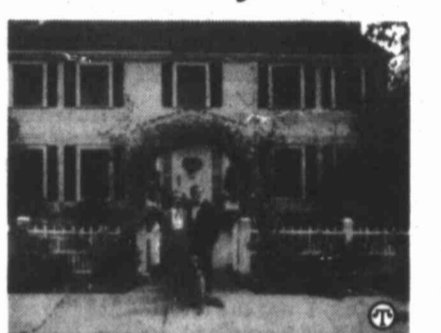
If you're over 62 and own a home with a lending value of \$75,000 or more that is essentially debt-free, you can put your equity to work for you as a source of monthly cash and security, financial experts say.

A relatively new financial option lets senior homeowners get cash each month from the equity in their homes, without selling the homes or moving out. It's a reverse mortgage and, as the name implies, it's a traditional mortgage in reverse. With a reverse mortgage, the lender sends monthly advances to the homeowner, based on his or her age and the home's lending value.

"Since the payments are considered proceeds of a loan, the monthly advances are tax-free," says Doug Kronenberg, chief marketing officer for the HomecomingsSM Reverse Mortgage, the largest privately funded reverse mortgage provider in the country. Capital Holding Corporation offers the program.

"With our reverse mortgage, the homeowner receives monthly advances for as long as he or she lives in the home, no matter how long that is," Kronenberg says, "and there is no obligation to repay the loan as long as the homeowner lives there."

Only when the homeowner elects to move out of the house or dies does the loan become due. Even then, the HomecomingsSM Reverse Mortgage guarantees that the homeowner would never owe more than the mar-



Reverse mortgages give many seniors the financial freedom to travel, make special purchases and enjoy life to the fullest.

ket value of the home—no matter how large the total loan balance.

"Qualified homeowners also have the option of establishing a reserve account, similar to a line of credit, along with their monthly advances," says Kronenberg. Customers can draw on this money at any time during the loan.

"Many senior homeowners find that having a reverse mortgage gives them the freedom to go places and do things without the worry of financial considerations. For a free booklet that can tell you more about reverse mortgages and eligibility requirements, call toll-free 1-800-677-1895, to request a free copy of *The Homecomings Money Book*SM."

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Pointers For Parents

Parents Ask Pediatricians' Advice On Children's Nutrition And Behavior

Parents today need all the help they can get. In fact, parents ask pediatricians' advice about their children's tantrums, TV watching, education and how to encourage kids to eat a healthful diet. As reported in a national survey of pediatricians, nearly two-thirds of parents ask pediatricians about non-medical issues, especially nutrition and behavior, the survey revealed.

Pediatricians said that parents most frequently ask them about nutrition (89%) followed by behavior problems (80%). The most asked nutritional question is how parents can encourage children to eat more (61%), the doctors report. Nearly one-third (29%) of parents seek advice on snacking and nearly all (94%) of pediatricians said snacking can have a role in a healthy diet.

Why are parents looking for advice? "Issues of eating and behavior can be a daily battle for many parents," said Nancy Samalin, founder of Parent Guidance Workshops and author of award-winning parenting books. "The demands facing parents to raise healthy and well-adjusted children are prompting parents to seek more advice than ever about child rearing," she said.

The key to improving daily cooperation between children and parents is to open lines of communication to help build better relationships. Samalin offers the following suggestions.

Offer Choices and Encourage Decision-Making

Give children choices and allow them to participate in decisions that affect their lives, such as food choices or snacks. When children are part of the decision, they are more apt to agreeably follow through than when the solution is superimposed by the parent. Instead of saying "eat your vegetables," try "would you like cooked or raw carrots?"

Describe Rather Than Command

When children are asked to help,



they sometimes need a description of how a task is accomplished. For example, say "your jacket belongs in the closet" instead of "hang up your coat."

Avoid Criticism

Positive comments accomplish far more than negative remarks. Find time to observe behavior that pleases you and make a clear statement about it. You might say to children who are eating a snack, "I noticed how well you share your snack." Remember, children always want their parents' approval.

Use "I" Not "You" When Displeased

You cannot ignore your child's unpleasant behavior nor pretend it doesn't exist. Express your dissatisfaction by talking about yourself, not the child. Instead of "you drive me crazy when you dawdle in the morning" tell a child how you are affected—"I worry that you won't eat a good breakfast and you'll be hungry at school."

Take "Adult Time Out"

Leave the room when you're angry. Leaving the room gives parents time to cool off and formulate an action or response to children that can be constructive, not destructive.

The pediatricians' survey was conducted by an independent research firm Impulse Research on behalf of M&M/MARS. Two hundred pediatricians were randomly selected from across the country and interviewed by phone in September 1992.

TIPS ON TRIPS

CostaAllegra: A Tradition in Cruising

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Knowing what to look for when booking a cruise can help you get the most for your travel dollar—and help you have the travel experience of a lifetime.

When it comes to a truly superb cruise experience, many travel experts point to the amenities offered on a cruise ship that, by some estimates, is one of the most beautiful cruise ships ever built. Called the CostaAllegra, the newest ship in the Costa Cruise Lines fleet has been called a modern masterpiece of color, light and water with an Italian spirit. It's making its inaugural voyage in December 1992 and will sail a seven-day regular Caribbean itinerary out of San Juan beginning January 9 after sailing special Christmas and New Year's cruises.

This coming Spring, travelers will have the opportunity to experience a grand tradition in cruising aboard the CostaAllegra on her transatlantic cruise sailing from San Juan to Venice, April 17-May 4, 1993. The itinerary includes stops at St. Thomas; Funchal, Madeira; Barcelona, Spain; Ibiza, Spain; Palma de Mallorca, Spain; Tunis, Tunisia; Malta; and Corfu, Greece. Rates range from \$5,000 to \$14,000.

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—John Tillotson

NEWS IN PICTURES

Patriot's Performance Draws Rave Reviews



(NAPS)—Though it's been more than a year now since the air-raid sirens wailed in Saudi Arabia and Israel, the Patriot is still getting rave reviews for saving lives, preventing damage and thwarting Iraq's attempt to draw Israel into the Gulf War and disrupt the coalition. Responding to claims that the missile did not perform well, Congressman Frank Horton of New York, ranking Republican on the House Government Operations Committee said, "I want to state in the strongest terms...that I believe the Patriot's performance was superb. I believe it saved lives. I believe its psychological and actual impact on the enemy was immense."

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