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While this winsome kitten probably has found a home, there are many others, including a litter of kittens found abandoned, at the Big Spring Humane Society that are desperate need of a home.

Waiting for love

Animals on standby for a home

By Amy Osmulski
Herald Correspondent

In a warm, dark corner at the Big Spring Humane Society lies a litter of kittens that were found stuffed in a plastic bag and thrown into a dumpster.

"They are okay now," said Betty Cox, caretaker of the Big Spring Humane Society. "Somebody actually left them in a dumpster."

Cox said the kittens were found by two boys taking out the trash, and brought in by their mother. Although most cases are not this extreme, pets all over Big Spring are abandoned, because nobody wants them.

"The problem is pet overpopulation," Cox said. "People are just letting their pets run wild, without having them spayed or neutered."

When people complain about the high cost of spaying or neutering their pet, they fail to take into account the expenses involved in caring for the pet's offspring, she said.

According to the Humane Society, as many as 3,000 dogs and cats are born in the United States every hour. Out of the 123 million animals brought to shelters each year, eight million are eventually put to death.

"The three main reasons to have your pet spayed or neutered are population control, disease control and behavior," said Neal Tindol, a veterinarian at Sierra Animal Clinic. "It is a relatively safe procedure done under anesthesia."

The procedure involves surgically removing all reproductive organs for the female and the testicles for the male, Tindol said. It helps reduce the risk of cancer, and controls hormonal behavior, he said.

Spaying or neutering a pet also helps keep them closer to home and reduces the risk of exposure to disease.

"The more unattended pets out there, the greater chance of exposure to a disease like rabies," Tindol said. "And the greater chance the disease can spread into the domestic pet population."

Fact: Did you know?
Two uncontrolled breeding cats can yield, over 10 years, more than 80 million cats.

Source: Humane Society.

Special meeting to explain bond issue

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Early voting begins Monday for the April 8 bond election for a new Howard County jail and renovations to the Howard County Courthouse.

A special meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 21, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed bond election.

With the failed 1991 school bond election still on the mind's of several residents, County Commissioners are wondering if people are confusing the two

issues.

In September 1991 voters turned down an \$11.745 million bond issue that would have allowed for a new junior high school in Big Spring, a new College Heights elementary school, roof repairs to two buildings, upgrades to the Big Spring High School air conditioning system, and the demolition of Runnels Junior High School.

That bond issue failed by 499 votes in an election that saw only a 34 percent voter turnout.

School officials were disappointed at the results because prior to the 1991 bond election, which many people considered long overdue, the last bond

issuance in Big Spring was in 1964.

Aside from new buildings included in the 1991 bond issue, overcrowded conditions, racial imbalances and much needed repairs were also reasons school officials called the bond election.

The upcoming April 8 bond election for a new jail and improvements to the courthouse is stirring just as much controversy, if not more.

Many residents are looking at the current proposed election in much the same way, they viewed the school bond election in 1991 and commissioners say the issues are totally different.

Commissioners' plan to blanket their precincts to educate voters as to the specifics of the projects as the April 8 election date approaches.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said this meeting will definitely be open to the public so questions can be asked about the two proposals included in the bond issue.

Commissioner Sonny Choate said he plans to do everything possible to let people know exactly what's involved with the \$4.88 million bond issue.

He said the issues are different because for one thing you're talking about a much smaller

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Tempers fly over late changes to gun bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators confronted with last-minute changes to a bill that would allow Texans to carry concealed handguns have put off debate on the emotional issue.

"I believe the Senate deserves the time to examine each (proposed amendment) and read it," said Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock.

He asked for the debate to be delayed until today after sometimes heated discussion Tuesday concerning amendments offered by Sen. Jerry Patterson, sponsor of the bill.

"I for one want something respectable to pass the Texas Senate, not a hodgepodge of Band-Aids on the floor," Montford said. He later told reporters it was "slipshod" to give lawmakers the proposed amendments just "a few minutes before the session."

Montford said he supports the bill as approved earlier by a Senate committee. Lawmakers heard testimony from those who fear the measure would endanger their lives and others who say they'd feel safer with a concealed gun.

But he said he would be turned against it by at least one proposed amendment, which he said would "shackle the DPS (Department of Public Safety) on the background checks" of handgun permit applicants.

Patterson, who agreed to the delay, said he knew of 11 proposed amendments to his bill. He said he was offering eight, and half of those stemmed from other senators' concerns.

"I don't mind people disagreeing with me. I just don't like people screaming at me," he said when asked about Montford's objections.

Patterson, R-Pasadena, said he still has enough votes to pass his measure in the Senate. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the Senate, agreed.

"I don't see anything to set this bill back at all. I predict to you it will pass," Bullock said.

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LEARNING ABOUT SAFETY



Conoco representative Carla Adair shows students from Kentwood Elementary School how to check the walls for a fire on the other side as part of a safety course taught to the youths in the safety house last Friday morning.

Possible victims of domestic violence unable to get insurance

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — An abusive husband struck Jody in the face with a soda can and a shoe in separate 1990 attacks.

Four years later, she received another blow: Her insurance company denied her a life insurance policy. It had found out about the past abuse through medical records.

"I was 32 years old and wasn't worth insuring," Jody said. She and other victims of domestic violence told their stories by telephone Tuesday to a panel of the National Association of Insurance Commission-

ers, which is drafting model legislation to prohibit insurers from discriminating against such victims.

One advocate, testifying in person, told the panel that the insurance refusals will discourage victims from reporting and documenting abuse.

"If victims have to come forward at the risk of losing their insurance ... they won't come forward and we will be set back 25 years," said Terry Fromson of the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia.

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Jury awards Wallace \$200,000

Expert refutes testimony given by former deputy

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

ABILENE — A four-woman, two-man jury found for Jimmy Wallace Wednesday in his civil suit against Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard.

The jury awarded Wallace nearly \$200,000. He was seeking nearly \$1 million in wage loss as well as mental anguish.

Wallace sued Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard claiming he was wrongfully fired after announcing he was running for sheriff in 1992.

The jury deliberated for 90 minutes Tuesday night before being dismissed for the evening. They reconvened at nine this morning coming back with a verdict around 11:30 a.m. Jurors are charged with determining if Wallace was fired and if so, how much money he should be awarded. His attorney, Cindy Weir-Ervin, is asking for \$115,500 in back wages, just over \$300,000 for front pay and \$500,000 for past and future mental anguish.

The second day of the trial was dominated by testimony from former deputy Woodie Howell and defense witnesses called to refute his statements.

Howell stated he was directed by Sheriff A.N. Standard to contact Big Spring Police Lt. Pam Jordan who was conducting a background investigation of Wallace. Wallace was seeking employment at the department in February 1993.

"Standard instructed the deputies to try and find anything they could to keep Jimmy from getting a job. I went to the police department when Standard instructed me to. I was told to tell Lt. Jordan of any rumors I had heard or to make them up. After the lawsuit was filed, Standard told me to write a letter stating I went to see her as

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Texas Trivia
What Garland company provided hats for J.R. Ewing?
Reestol Hat Factory
Where was Larry Hagman born?
Weatherford

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: The torrential rains gave California a brief break, leaving behind dark, oozing mud and the potential for continued disaster as runoff threatened already swollen streams and reservoirs. See page 6A.

World: The European Union threatened sanctions against Canada on Tuesday unless it releases a Spanish trawler and its crew, while Ottawa claimed to have evidence justifying the boat's seizure. See page 4a.

STATE

Pleading
Former Gov. Mark White, who signed the no pass, no play rule into law, says the rule is doing what it was designed for — keeping kids in class. See page 3A.

Murder at parole office
Murder charges have been filed against a grandmother who shot and killed a pregnant woman, thought to be her romantic rival, in front of a state parole office. See page 3A.

Lucas wins stay
Henry Lee Lucas, who once claimed he killed hundreds of people but later recanted, has won a stay of execution. See page 3a.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight **65** ▲ Highs **38**
▲ Highs **38**
▼ Lows **38**

Mostly clear
Tonight, Mostly clear, patchy fog, low upper 30s, light north-east winds.

Permian Basin Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny, morning fog, high upper 60s, light winds; mostly clear night, low upper 30s.
Friday: Mostly sunny, morning fog, high upper 60s, light winds; mostly clear night, low upper 30s.

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an individual and that he didn't tell me to but I told him no," he stated.

During cross examination defense attorney Malcolm Schulz presented Howell with a document that appeared to be the letter Howell claimed he did not write. He testified the signature on the document was forged. Later, Schulz called an Abilene Police Officer with 22 years experience as an identification and handwriting expert to the stand.

Officer Glen Lawrence was asked to compare the letter with two other documents bearing Howell's signature. "The first two documents were signed by the same person and it is highly probable the same person signed (the third) one as well. It is one step below a positive identification. The third document is not a forgery," Lawrence stated.

The first two documents he was referring to were an advertisement placed in the newspa-

per with signatures of deputies who supported Standard, and the second one was a letter to Standard signed by deputies. The third document was the letter Howell claimed he did not write.

Howell also testified Standard instructed deputies who saw vehicles with Wallace bumper stickers on them to write down their license plate numbers so Junior Trevino could run them through the computer to find out their names.

Howell also stated they were told to write down addresses of people who had signs supporting Wallace in their yards. He stipulated Standard was keeping a "list of enemies" he would get back later for not supporting him.

The former deputy also testified he was instructed by Standard the night of the primary to call Wallace and congratulate him on receiving 62 percent of the votes, when in fact Standard had won the race.

He stated he and Standard

were at the sheriff's office at 7 p.m. the night of the race and the call was placed from there. Howell also testified he was a witness to a conversation between Standard and Sgt. Barney Edens, who were discussing ways to ruin Wallace's emu business. "They said they would catch a bobcat and put it in a cage for several days to get hungry, then turn it loose to see if bobcats liked emus."

Jordan was later called to the stand to testify about her role in conducting the background investigation.

She stated Standard told her he could not comment on Wallace because the two had run against each other, but she was free to call his supervisors or other employees at the department.

Defense attorney Malcolm Schulz asked Jordan if her transcript of her conversation with Howell was correct, and she said yes. Earlier, Howell had said she made mistakes because she did not acknowledge he told her the information he was passing on were incidents Standard told him about.

Schulz then asked, "At any time did Mr. Howell relate to you he didn't have personal knowledge of these statements or if he was instructed by Standard to tell you anything?" Jordan said no.

Schulz asked, "If Mr. Howell ever told you the information was not based on personal knowledge, would you have acknowledged that in your report?" Jordan said yes.

She was then asked if the reason Wallace was not hired by the police department was in any way related to Standard; she said no. She added Howell did not tell her he was talking to her as an individual instead of as an employee with the sheriff's office.

Deputies Ed Covington, Bennie Green and Junior Trevino testified they had no personal knowledge of Standard directing any one to write down or check out license plate numbers to form this alleged enemy list. Green and Covington testified they did sign a political ad showing their support for Standard while in the sheriff's office.

Green and Narcotics Investigator for the Permian Basin Drug Task Force Jack Howard testified they were at the courthouse the night of the election and saw Howell there but did not see Standard.

Dr. John Farquhar testified he was Wallace's physician and treated him for headaches, stress and depression after Wallace was placed on unpaid administrative leave. He also testified he witnessed a person driving through his lawn one night and destroying a "Wallace for Sheriff" sign.

He stated he believed the adult white male and his companion were supporters of Standard. Dr. Farquhar also stated he contacted the sheriff's department

and told the person who answered to leave him alone and he didn't like people driving through his yard.

During cross-examination, Schulz asked why he didn't report the incident to the police department since the doctor lived in the city limits. He said he called the sheriff's office because he felt he knew who was responsible and wanted to tell them to stop.

Former deputy Robert Stapp testified he was told by Edens and Chief Deputy Robert Puente if he did not sign a letter showing his support for Standard, he would lose his job.

Schulz attempted to discredit him by asking when he left the department, to which Stapp answered February 1992, and if so, why was he signing something later if he no longer worked there. Stapp said he had trouble remembering dates because of a stroke he had suffered.

In redirect, Ervin was able to establish Stapp left in 1993. Stapp also stated he was forced to donate money to Standard's campaign.

Standard later testified he did not instruct anyone to sign any letter or advertisement in support of him. He stated two women who had filed a lawsuit against him and lost returned to the department and retired some years later. Both women had signed the newspaper ad in support of the sheriff as well.

Schulz asked, "Did you ever instruct Mr. Howell the night of the election to call Wallace?" Standard replied, "Definitely not. I didn't nor would I. I was not at the courthouse as is my customary practice not to be there. I was with my wife and children."

Schulz continued, "Did you ever instruct Mr. Howell to follow Wallace or anyone to harass him?" Standard said, "No, that is completely out of my character." The sheriff also testified he witnessed Howell signing the letter explaining why he went to talk to Jordan during Wallace's background investigation.

Howell had also testified Standard told him the sheriff was just going through the motions for legal purposes, and that was why he kept putting Wallace's reinstatement off.

Howell also said Standard told him he would not fill Wallace's position for two years in case Wallace sued him and he was forced by a judge to reinstate him.

Howell claims the sheriff said his explanation would be after those two years. Standard would tell the judge the position was no longer open because of budget constraints.

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dollar amount than in 1991 and another reason is that the county is currently spending approximately \$600 a day (and probably will through the end of the year) farming prisoners out to Limestone County because of the lack of space in the current Howard County jail.

The current jail is located on the fourth floor of the courthouse and is causing plumbing problems on the floors beneath it.

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OBITUARIES

John Haney Sr.

Services for John Oliver Haney, Sr., 89, San Antonio, will be 11 a.m. Thursday, March 16, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Tommy Williams, of Fort Worth, and Lanny Hamby, of Big Spring, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Haney died Monday, March 13, in San Antonio.

He was born on Nov. 2, 1905, in Lillian and married Hester Weems on June 2, 1928, in Big Spring. His church affiliation was Interdenominational. He was an elder of Christ Fellowship which is now a part of Living Water Christian Fellowship. A longtime Big Spring and Howard County resident, he came to Howard County in early 1925 from Johnson County. He farmed in the Luther community for many years. Along with farming and ranching, he built and operated the service station and store, near the Luther Gin, from 1936-1946. He moved to Big Spring in 1946 and continued with stockfarming until moving to San Antonio in late 1992.

Survivors include his wife: Hester Haney, San Antonio; two sons: J.O. Haney, Jr., Bulverde, and Don Hal Haney, Seattle, Wash.; three brothers: Edward Haney, Carlsbad, N.M., R.E. Haney and S.M. Haney, both of Big Spring; three sisters: Edna Cook, Opal Barber and Vera Peterson, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one step-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother.

Palbearers will be Rob Haney, Stanley Haney, Larry

Peterson, Johnnie Clanton, Eugene Clanton and Sonny Anderson.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Paid obituary

Gertrude Fish

Funeral services for Gertrude Elizabeth Fish, 88, Snyder, will be 10 a.m. Friday, March 17, 1995, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home with Rev. Miller Robinson, of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Fish died Monday, March 13, at Turner Care Center in Galveston.

She was born Feb. 14, 1907, in Snyder and married Joe Collie Fish on Jan. 1, 1929, in Snyder. He preceded her in death on June 20, 1978. Mrs. Fish was a lifetime resident of Snyder. She and her husband owned and operated Fish and Newton Hardware and Sporting Good in Snyder for many years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons: Don Fish, Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Jay Fish, Galveston; one daughter: Ann Falls, Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister: Farena Harris, Muleshoe; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Rev. Cone Merritt

Services for Rev. Cone J. Merritt, 85, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. today at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Miller Robinson, pastor, the Rev. Monroe Teeters, of Berea Baptist in Big Spring, and the Rev. Darold Baldwin, pastor of Area Missionaries, officiating. Burial will be in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Rev. Merritt died Monday, March 13, 1995, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

He was born March 6, 1910, in Snyder and married Florine Bullard on Sept. 3, 1935, in Snyder. Rev. Merritt was a lifetime resident of Scurry County. He was a Baptist minister and farmer. He was a member of Scurry County Masonic Lodge #706. He was a pastor for 61 years, helping organize Avenue D Baptist Church in Snyder. He also pastored churches in Gall, Plains, Muleshoe, Slaton, Post, Hermleigh, Big Spring, Buford, Payne Chapel, Justiceburg, Salem, Wells, Sardis, Union and Fluvanna. He also served as Justice of the Peace in Snyder from 1963 to 1967. Rev. Merritt had attended Wayland Baptist College, Hardin-Simmons and Southwest Seminary in Fort Worth.

Survivors include his wife: Florine Merritt, Snyder; three sons: Dwaine Merritt, Craig Merritt, both of Snyder, and Charles Thomas Merritt, Denver, Colo.; one daughter: Jane Hammond, Big Spring; one brother: C.T. Merritt, Snyder; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Unable

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Fromson represents a 25-year-old Carlisle, Pa., woman who was instrumental in bringing the problem to light last year. The woman was denied medical, life and mortgage disability insurance.

Her story prompted Washington Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn to look at companies in her state. At first, it appeared no such discrimination existed. But then her office discovered that other excuses, such as alcoholism, were being used.

"It was very subtle," said Senn, who chairs the NAIC panel. "This is further victimizing victims, punishing victims for being beaten."

In another case, a Seattle woman said her homeowner's insurance policy was canceled after the late ex-wife of her boyfriend's brother damaged a door. The insurance company said she had "too much trouble with people."

The discrimination in other states was more blatant, Senn

said — one company even denied insurance to battered women under the rationale that it would encourage spouses to kill in order to collect.

Senn said the model legislation, which the panel is expected to approve in June and send to the full NAIC, will have great weight when commissioners present it to state legislatures.

"When you are in the middle of a legislative session and you tell the legislators this is a NAIC model, then they know it's been through a hearing process and has had the industry testifying on it," Senn said.

Last week, two bills were introduced in Congress to prohibit discrimination of domestic violence victims.

"I feel domestic violence is a crime," said Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., who sponsored the House bill. "It's not a disease or a pre-existing condition or accidental injury. What about stab wounds or muggings, are they going to call this a pre-existing condition?"

Some insurance companies are trying to catch up as the issue gains momentum.

Gun

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Texas is one of 12 states that prohibit carrying handguns in most circumstances. Current law restricts citizens to keeping handguns at home or on other premises under their control and while hunting, fishing or traveling. A handgun may be in an automobile only in the trunk.

Montford, a former prosecutor, and others raised concerns about two amendments proposed by Patterson.

One would limit criminal history record information to offenses for which a person had been convicted or was currently charged. Another would restrict a background inquiry to records "directly related to determining the applicant's eligibility for a license."

"I don't think it's appropriate for them to go on a fishing expedition" and have access to, for example, a person's credit history or scholastic records, Patterson said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Former governor pleads for no pass, no play

Yale Alum withdraws donation to school

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — The plans for a Western Civilization program at Yale University crumbled as the sponsor asked the school to return his \$20 million donation.

Yale University said Tuesday it has agreed to return the donation for a program on Western civilization because the sponsor demanded the right to approve faculty appointments in the program.

Texas philanthropist Lee M. Bass had asked that his 1991 gift be returned, the school said.

The proposed program — which had come under attack from liberals and others who wanted a multicultural curriculum instead of one devoted to "dead white males" — was never established.

Former prosecutor's money seized

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal officials have seized from a Houston bank \$9 million they believe belongs to Mexico's former top drug prosecutor, Mario Ruiz Massieu, who is alleged to have covered up a plot to kill a top ruling party official, the Houston Chronicle reported today.

U.S. Customs spokesman Steve Duchesne confirmed the seizure Tuesday night, while another federal official, speaking on condition of anonymity, supplied the amount, the Chronicle reports in today's editions. The official said the money had been found in several accounts at Texas Commerce Bank.

Duchesne said that "money identified as Mario Ruiz Massieu's was seized as part of our investigation in Houston" that began earlier this month. He did not know if it represents all of Ruiz Massieu's assets in the United States and said an investigation is ongoing.

Vote short on open meetings bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators are wrangling over a bill that would require governmental bodies to open briefing sessions to the public.

The bill by Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, was tentatively passed with an 18-12 vote Tuesday by the Senate. Another vote is required for final passage.

Wentworth said the measure stems from his "real life experience" as a county commissioner and university regent.

He said he has seen a briefing evolve "into a debate or a deliberation on matters of public policy, including ... the expenditure of public money."

Wentworth's bill would require a briefing session to be subject to the same open government requirements — including posting notice — as other meetings if it met certain conditions.

Religious freedom law declared unconstitutional

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A federal judge has declared unconstitutional the 1993 Religious Freedom Restoration Act, which limits government intrusion in religious practices.

U.S. District Judge Lucius D. Bunton III issued the ruling Monday in Midland in a case pitting San Antonio Archbishop Patrick Flores against the city of Boerne.

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Gov. Mark White, who signed the no pass, no play rule into law, says the rule is doing what it was designed for — keeping kids in class.

"The dropout theory was — 'Oh, if you do this, more kids will drop out.' Well, we've been doing it for 10 years, and fewer kids are dropping out than before we had the rule," he said.

White, a Democrat whose one term ended in 1987, was governor when the Legislature passed the sweeping school reform measure called House Bill 72.

One of its many provisions was the rule barring students from extracurricular activities for six weeks if they fall any class.

The rule has been in effect for a decade, but some law enforcement officers now blame it for increased membership in urban gangs. Lawmakers are looking at proposals to shorten the suspension or repeal the rule.

White told House Public Education Committee members Tuesday that they should ask for facts.

"The suggestion that no pass, no play is causing the problem

— please, don't listen to anecdotal information," White said.

"I can give you all the anecdotes about people coming up and saying, 'I didn't like you, governor, because you had that no pass, no play ... I couldn't play in the band.'"

"And I say what are you doing now? 'Oh, I graduated, now I'm going to nursing school.' That's what we wanted," he said.

White said the facts prove that the rule helps parents and teachers keep children in school.

"The evidence we have is that

this has been an incentive for performance as opposed to the anecdotal remarks," White said.

"Today ... we have declining dropout rates and improving test scores. In 1983, we had increasing dropout rates and declining test scores. ... We have changed the course and direction we were going. That's what we wanted. We are now moving in the right direction."

White said a good education is something the state owes its children.

"If we'll teach a child how to read, write and count at the

very earliest opportunity, then we will have freed that child from the bondage that occurs from ignorance for the rest of his life," White said.

"If we provide the finest educational support and product ... you will find Texas will be a vibrant, dynamic, positive community with jobs being bountiful."

He also said it's wrong to focus only on those who miss extracurricular activities because of the no pass, no play rule.



Medical personnel move Kathryn Williams Duncan, 49, after a shooting in front of a state parole office Tuesday in Houston. Duncan shot and killed a 41-year-old pregnant woman whose baby was delivered by Caesarian section and is in extremely critical condition.

Lucas receives stay of execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas, who once claimed that he killed hundreds of people in at least 22 states but later recanted, has won a stay of execution.

Less than 10 hours before he was to have been put to death by injection, the one-eyed drifter got a reprieve Tuesday from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

The court said the prosecution had suppressed evidence in the 1985 trial in which Lucas was convicted and sentenced to die. A new trial might be ordered.

The victim was a woman, never identified, who was known as "Orange Socks" because that was the only cloth-

ing she wore when her body was found in 1979 in a culvert near Georgetown, about 25 miles north of Austin.

When Lucas was first arrested, he generated enormous publicity by confessing to nearly 600 murders in at least 22 states. He finally recanted all of them, including that of his mother in 1960 in Michigan, the one slaying he consistently had acknowledged.

Lucas, now 58, has been convicted of 12 other murders in Texas and Florida.

Among the slayings he confessed to was "Orange Socks," a woman he said he picked up while she was hitchhiking on Interstate 35. However, he later

contended he was in Florida on Halloween night of 1979 and could not have killed her.

"The prosecution suppressed evidence of another suspect in the case that they were pursuing at the time Mr. Lucas confessed," according to Richard Wetzel, executive administrator of the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

"Despite a request by defense counsel, they never told the defense about the other suspect," Wetzel said.

The appeals court granted the stay Tuesday in order to send the case back to trial court in Williamson County for a review. That court could order a new trial.

Ambulance service quits in Hidalgo County

McALLEN (AP) — An ambulance company that served McAllen, Mission and other western Hidalgo County towns has quit abruptly, forcing the cities to seek other options for emergency medical service.

City and county leaders said Tuesday plans were being developed to ensure that such service continues uninterrupted. In the meantime, they have enlisted temporary help from Emergency Medical Services in Edinburg.

Catalina Ambulance Co. presi-

dent Lupita Weiner could not be reached for comment Tuesday by The Associated Press. Her telephone number is unpublished.

"We were informed that Catalina is folding up," said McAllen City Commissioner Leo Montaño. "We took some action yesterday in an emergency situation to contract with an ambulance company for 60 days."

Said McAllen City Attorney Jim Darling: "They historically have had problems with insur-

ance." Hidalgo County Commissioner Juan Rosel said the ambulance service sent a notice Monday evening stating that services in the area would end after 11:30 p.m.

The cities of Alton, La Joya and Palmview also were notified Monday night about the company's financial predicament.

Mission city officials said they had no notice of Catalina's folding. They paid Catalina \$9,500 annually.

Woman shoots and kills her pregnant rival

Baby delivered by c-section; in critical condition

HOUSTON (AP) — Murder charges have been filed against a grandmother who shot and killed a pregnant woman, thought to be her romantic rival, in front of a state parole office.

Evelyn Miller Crosby's infant daughter was delivered by Caesarian section and was in extremely critical condition early today. The 1 1/2-pound baby was born nine to 10 weeks prematurely, said Roger Widmeyer, a spokesman for Ben Taub Hospital.

A security guard shot the 49-year-old suspect, Kathryn Williams Duncan, in the thigh. Ms. Duncan, who was the former live-in girlfriend of the infant's father, was in fair condition at Ben Taub Hospital. She had her 9-year-old grandson with her at the time of the shooting.

Ms. Duncan was charged with murder late Tuesday and bail set at \$20,000.

The shooting occurred about 1:30 p.m. in the parking lot of the Texas Department of Pardons and Paroles office, where

the infant's 47-year-old father, Tommy Lee Williams, was reporting to his parole officer, police said. Williams was Ms. Crosby's fiance.

Ms. Duncan, who apparently knew Williams would be at the parole office Tuesday, began firing into the car because Williams had broken off their relationship to be with Ms. Crosby, police said.

The 42-year-old pregnant woman was shot five times after begging her assailant not to shoot.

When the security guard ordered Duncan to stop shooting, she briefly pointed the gun at him before aiming it back at Ms. Crosby and telling the guard she was going to kill her, Ms. Darejean said.

The guard then shot Duncan. At first, police believed the shooting resulted from a traffic dispute.

The white Buick driven by Williams, who was released from jail Tuesday morning after his parole was reinstated, appeared to have been blocked by Ms. Duncan's red Oldsmobile as the couple tried to leave the parking lot.



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Clutter, smells greet first American on Mir space station

RUSSIAN SPACE CENTER (AP) — NASA astronaut Norman Thagard, circling Earth in a Russian capsule, can expect clutter and the smell of antiseptics when he arrives at the Mir space station Thursday as its first American guest.

The shower doesn't work; it's used as a sauna instead. It's hot up there and noisy, and the food is so-so. Maybe that's why Thagard, the first American to fly

on a Russian rocket, took along so many NASA-issued meals — not that they're anything to brag about.

How do dehydrated spaghetti and barbecued beef sound for three months?

"It's not French cuisine," warned German astronaut Ulf Merbold, who spent a month aboard the orbiting Mir station last fall. He said NASA's space shuttle fare is only slightly bet-

ter.

"Let's say you're not going up to space to have gourmet food," agreed Austrian astronaut Franz Viehboeck, who flew on Mir in 1991.

At least there's something to wash the food down with — vodka.

"Sure, they have some vodka on hand for long flights," said the European Space Agency's Sigmund Jaehn, who helps to

arrange European astronaut flights to Mir. He flew on Russia's former space station, Salyut.

"Nobody abuses it," Jaehn added. "They are much too serious for that."

The good news is that there are lots more windows and lots more room on the modular Mir station than on NASA's space shuttles, and the work pace is far more relaxed — important for a three-month stay.

Thagard and Russian cosmonauts Vladimir Dezhnev and Gennady Strekalov spent today checking their Soyuz spacecraft systems. They blasted off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Tuesday and, with each passing orbit, closed in on the Mir station. Docking is scheduled for Thursday.

Thagard will be the 44th person to visit Mir and the 13th foreigner — but the Ameri-

can.

The living area is equal to the size of a small, 3-bedroom house, but the four modules are jammed with equipment and supplies, not leaving much room for the crew.

It will be especially crowded aboard the space station for almost a week. The three Russian cosmonauts currently there don't return to Earth until March 22.

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Sanctions threatened against Canada

■ EU wants boat Canada claims overfishing to be released

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union threatened sanctions against Canada on Tuesday unless it releases a Spanish trawler and its crew, while Ottawa claimed to have evidence justifying the boat's seizure.

EU Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan promised talks on the fishing dispute as early as Wednesday morning, on condition the ship and crew were released.

If not, he said, the EU would consider sanctions. The 15-nation union has already broken off official meetings and postponed signing research and education agreements with Canada.

The captain of the trawler Estai, Enrique Davila Gonzalez, appeared in court in St. John's, Newfoundland, on Tuesday, and an April 20 hearing was set. He faces charges that include unlawful fishing.

A bond for release of the ship, seized Thursday in international waters off Newfoundland while fishing for turbot, has not been negotiated.

Jacques Roy, Canada's ambassador to the EU, claimed the Estai held far too many undersized fish — which could only be caught with illegal nets. Spain denied the charge.

The EU accused Canada of hiding behind the ecological argument of protecting dwindling fish stocks to secure as big a catch of turbot as possible for its own fishermen.

All nations with boats operating in the area have agreed to an overall limit of 27,000 tons of turbot this year — less than half of last year's catch.

But the EU wants two-thirds of the catch, while Canada demands 60 percent, officials said.

Pope to visit Poland

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II will return to his native Poland in May after visiting the Czech Republic.

The Vatican said today that the pope will cross the border into southern Poland on May 22, and is expected to celebrate a Mass and meet with Polish political leaders before returning to Rome that night.

The trip will begin May 20 with a stop in Prague, which John Paul also visited in 1990.

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Nine French soldiers killed; cease-fire in critical danger

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The United Nations suffered its largest loss of life in any single incident during its nearly three-year presence in Bosnia when nine French soldiers died in a road accident.

The deaths Tuesday brought French Defense Minister Francois Leotard to Sarajevo, and helped highlight the interna-

tional peacekeeping mission's myriad frustrations.

The top U.N. official for former Yugoslavia acknowledged after talks with Bosnian Serbs and the Sarajevo government that a cease-fire agreement was in critical danger. U.N. operations also were hampered by Serb restrictions on fuel convoys.

The nine French soldiers

were killed, and four others injured, when the large mountain truck carrying them plunged more than 100 feet down a precipice on Mount Igman, just southwest of Sarajevo.

Their deaths brought the number of peacekeepers killed in the former Yugoslavia since 1992 to 148, including 94 who died in accidents.

France alone has lost 30 soldiers, more than half by accident. With some 4,600 troops, the French contingent is the largest in Bosnia.

Mount Igman is a frontline between Bosnian Serbs and the Sarajevo government, traversed by a perilous, government-held road leading to suburbs near the airport.

Yasushi Akashi, the highest-

ranking U.N. official for the former Yugoslavia, ended talks with the Muslim-led government and Serbs Tuesday with no progress on efforts to strengthen truce agreement.

The four-month agreement brokered by former President Jimmy Carter is to last until May 1, and international mediators had hoped to use a pause in the war to restart talks.

Evidence shows cardinal was target

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A government source says new evidence indicates that the gunfire that killed a Roman Catholic cardinal last year was meant for him.

The source, who asked not to be named, told The Associated Press late Tuesday the break in the case would be announced within days.

Many Mexicans didn't believe the government's initial theory: that Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo was caught in the crossfire of rival drug traffickers.

"We have always treated this as an open case," said Mexico City Cardinal Ramon Gomez Flores, declining to comment further.

Footage of the cardinal's bullet-riddled body shocked this predominantly Catholic nation. His chauffeur and five other bystanders also were slain during the shootout at the Guadalajara airport on May 24, 1993.

The death of Posadas, Mexico's second-ranking Catholic cleric, was the first of three high-profile killings that have shaken faith — at home and abroad — in the nation's ruling party.

The source said new leads suggested the clergyman was assassinated. He did not elaborate on whether a motive or masterminds had been found, but said the attorney general's office would elaborate with an announcement by some time next week.

Until now the government contended the outspoken clergyman was mistaken for a drug trafficker because he was in a white 1993 Gran Marquis and dressed in black, as is common among traffickers.

His slaying was followed in March 1994 by that of Luis Donaldo Colosio, a ruling party presidential candidate, and September's shooting of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, secretary general of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party.

New President Ernesto Zedillo, who began a six-year term Dec. 1 after replacing the slain Colosio, vowed to satisfy a public clamor that the cases be solved.

Last month Raul Salinas, brother of former president Carlos Salinas de Gortari, was arrested on charges of masterminding the Massieu murder. The ex-president was not implicated.

A second gunman in the Colosio killing also was arrested.

Former dictator returns to Bolivia to serve sentence

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP) — A bloody chapter in Bolivia's history ended today with the transfer of former dictator Luis Garcia Meza from a prison in Brazil to one in Bolivia where he began serving a 30-year term.

Garcia Meza was met by hundreds of heavily armed police at La Paz airport and taken to the Chonchocoro high security jail 30 miles away.

"I'm innocent," he said as he boarded a Bolivian jet Tuesday night at an air force base in Brasilia, Brazil.

Garcia Meza, a fugitive since 1989, was arrested in Brazil a year ago. Brazil's Supreme Court ordered his extradition on Oct. 19 but his lawyers delayed it.

Garcia Meza, 64, headed the 1980 military coup that overthrew a democratically elected government, dissolved Congress and outlawed political parties.

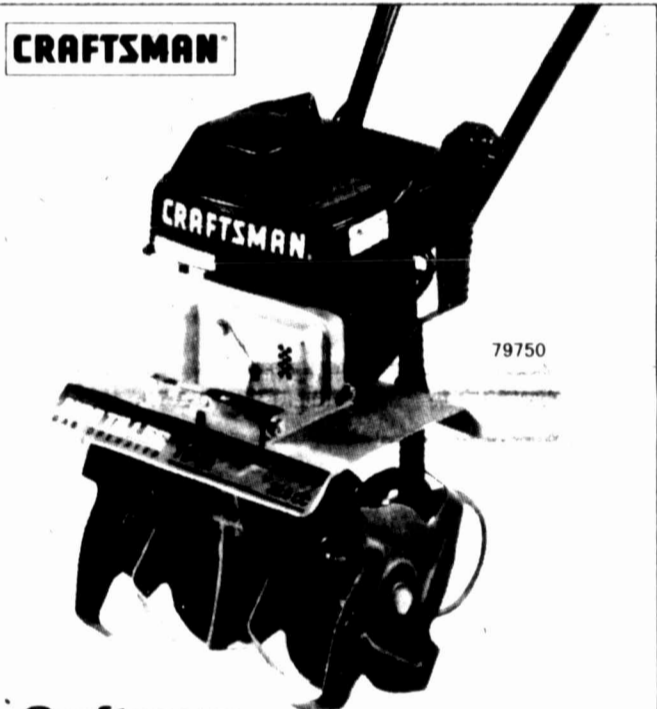
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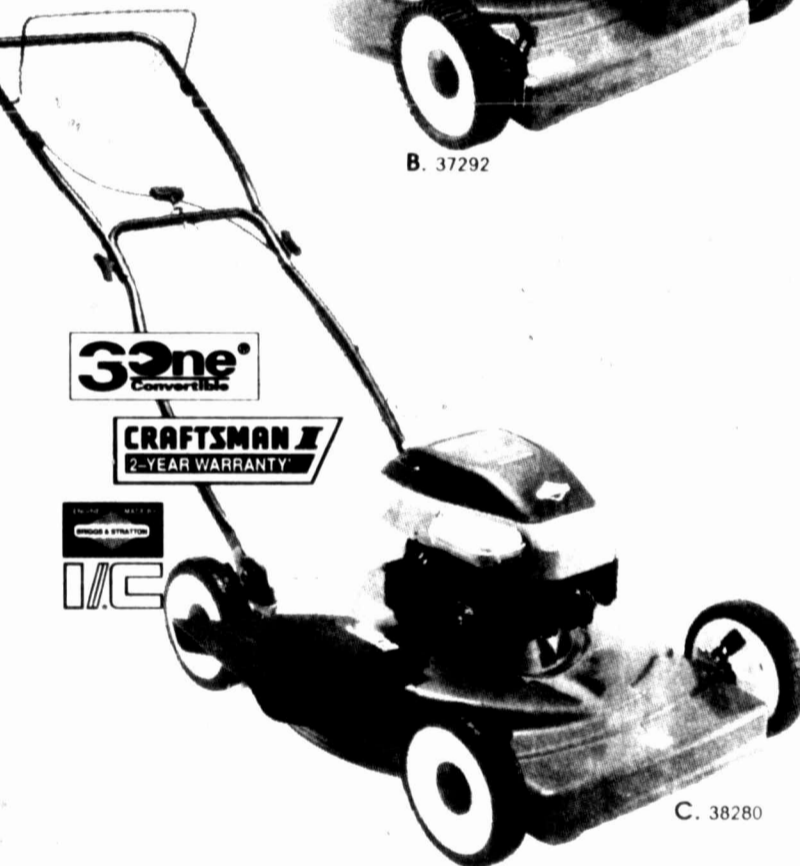
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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"People love the unvarnished truth if it's about others, and hate it when it's about themselves."

Warren Rogers, author, editor, 1994

Hiring, firing policy must be in place and followed

Jimmy Wallace vs. Howard County and Sheriff A.N. Standard is drawing to a close in federal court in Abilene.

Wallace has sued the county and Standard for wrongful firing during the 1992 election when he decided to run against Standard for the Sheriff's office.

If the jury finds for Wallace, who is seeking damages, back pay and front pay, the county could be out at least \$700,000 and possibly more.

And, we all know who will be paying for it.

However, Wallace has the right to sue for redress if he thought he was wrongfully terminated. That is his right as it is our right, should that ever happen to us.

What we will be paying for, should Wallace win, is a lack of procedure and proper following of that procedure.

The county does have a personnel policy. It isn't always followed, as was the case with the county engineer.

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Charles C. Williams DD Turner
Publisher Managing Editor

Therein lies the problem. If there is a policy in place, it should be followed.

It provides protection for both the employer and the employee. In the case of government, it also protects the taxpayer, who is the well paying for our local, state and federal governments.

The county is supposedly working on a new affirmative action policy. It also needs to put procedures in place that would help prevent this type of lawsuit from occurring again. Or, if such procedures are in place, county officials must make sure they are being followed.

Otherwise, we end up with a mess like we are going through right now.

The procedures must be in place and followed by all who are elected by and work for the citizens of Howard County.



A season for everything

Ah, a true harbinger of spring. Streptococcus in the throat. I always make it fine through flu season, waiting until the rest of the world is awash in hyacinths and hope. It's then I contract something vile and hear my mother's accusing voice from out of the past: "You were trying to rush the season."



Rheta Grimsley Johnson
Columnist

She'd say that when she caught us barefoot before Easter, without a sweater on warm February days, washing our hair past 5 p.m., or just looking at pictures of the seashore in World Book. You couldn't shut her up with logic about viruses or bacteria. They had nothing to do with it. Sickness was all about wet feet, cold lunches and wind in the ears. And, most importantly: For everything there is a season. It's in the Bible, and we were brought up on it. So it doesn't surprise me to get caught red-

throated. I have been trying to rush the season.

There's a stack of seed catalogs under the edge of the bed. The ugly, rutabaga-sized elephant's ear bulbs are out of the refrigerator and in a garden basket near the door. I have phoned the canoe factory in Winder, Ga., 32 times, trying to catch someone who can sell me a boat. (In my next life, I want to work in a canoe factory; the hours must be great.)

I even sneaked a peek at swimsuits in the Victoria's Secret catalog, though it's been almost 10 years since I've had the courage or body to wear one. (Sports Illustrated has covered up a lot more women than it has unveiled. No woman I know can compete with SI's annual crop of flesh-pots.)

Worst of all, I called my dear friend and Mississippi neighbor Annie Louise Laxson and asked about the frogs. That is not the way it's supposed to happen. That is the most grievous way to rush the season.

She is supposed to tell me when the frogs crank up. Whenever I am, Annie Louise finds me. "I heard the frogs today," she'll say, with maddening nonchalance. I suspect she thinks it's funny that the sound of frogs has such power over me. One year I cradled the phone,

jumped in the car and drove eight hours to hear for myself.

All her life Annie Louise has lived in that cool hollow, had benefit of its many and primal pleasures. She knows things. Forget some Yankee groundhog. When you hear the frogs in Fishtrap Hollow, it's spring.

"Have you heard the frogs?" I asked last week, blurring it right out, not even waiting to see if the subject would come up. "Not yet," she said. I could tell she found my breach of protocol unseemly. Then, taking pity, "You have a few daffodils up, though."

Daffodils are nice, but I have seen their hardy yellow cups holding snow. The frogs are more careful. They never, ever rush the season. So I sit cold and pouting, feeling sorry for myself. To paraphrase Kristofferson, the Brillo pad for breakfast wasn't bad, so I had one more for dessert. The fever comes and goes. When I close my eyes I see paintings of bullfighters on black velvet. The only thing that tastes good is brown and made with spring water in Lynchburg, Tenn.

I rushed the season and now must pay. Instead of hearing the frogs or hearing about them, I sound like one myself. Copyright 1995, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Distributed by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

Letters to the Editor

Throw money at the system

Editor: I think a vast majority of Big Spring residents (not to mention the rest of the state) are missing the point entirely. Somehow they have imagined that new bricks and tiles and

desks will help solve the problems now facing our educational institutions. A very wise man said many years ago that cleaning the outside of a drinking glass is great for appearances, but if you truly want it clean, you must clean the inside - pardon my paraphrase. If taxpayers must throw

money at something, let's throw money at the system, not the physical plant. Let's try alternative schools, vocational training, boot camps, etc. Even our prisons can be thought of as "Educational Institutions," where inmates "learn their lessons." D.M. Green Big Spring

NATION



Jamie Walker sweeps out the two feet of dog food and mud covering her family's feed store in Pajaro, Calif. Tuesday. Residents were allowed back into Pajaro for the first time since being evacuated early Saturday morning when the Pajaro River broke through its levee and flooded the town and surrounding fields.

No joy in Mudville

Californians begin cleaning up once again

CASTROVILLE, Calif. (AP) — The torrential rains gave California a brief break, leaving behind dark, oozing mud and the potential for continued disaster as runoff threatened already swollen streams and reservoirs.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta and about a dozen other federal and state officials toured the hardest-hit areas of the storm-savaged state Tuesday.

But their presence was little consolation for those who have lost their homes, their businesses and — in some cases — their relatives to a week's worth of storms that have left 14 people dead and three missing, forced the evacuation of 7,000 people and caused billions of dollars worth of damage.

"It's never easy to explain natural disasters to anybody," Panetta said. "All we can do is say to the people that have been impacted by this disaster is that we understand, we support you ... we will stand with you in this time of need."

Gov. Pete Wilson added nine

additional counties to his request for federal disaster assistance, bringing the number to 48. In addition, the state Department of Food and Agriculture estimated \$303 million in crop and livestock losses so far, including \$67 million in lettuce, \$65 million each in cauliflower and broccoli and \$33 million in almonds.

Conditions were expected to improve Wednesday and Thursday, but forecasters said another storm will move into the northern part of the state Saturday and Sunday.

As the rain took a break, officials began to worry that warm weather later this week could melt the snowpack in the Sierra Nevada mountains, sending more water rushing into swollen streams, rivers and reservoirs.

Reservoirs around the state are already at or near capacity and streams are too full to handle the releases. On Tuesday, the East Bay Municipal Utility District began letting small amounts of water out of San

Pablo Dam near Richmond, the largest reservoir in the San Francisco Bay area, to prevent it from spilling over the dam later.

In Lakeport, Clear Lake overflowed, leaving beachfront properties, about a dozen roads and several mobile homes under water. Some 250 residents voluntarily left their homes.

Residents along the Pajaro River in Monterey County were allowed to return home for the first time to survey the damage and retrieve what remains of their possessions — but only if they'd had tetanus shots, because raw sewage spilled into the streets when a sewer pipe broke.

In nearby Castroville, residents of the "Artichoke Capital of the World" surveyed their mudcaked town on Tuesday. Alberta Rivera wept as she tried to salvage belongings in the flooded home she shared with her husband and three children.

"I don't know if we'll come back," she said, "but we don't have any money to move anywhere."

Cisneros won't resign

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros will stay on the job, with President Clinton's support, despite a Justice Department request that an independent counsel be named to determine whether he should face criminal charges for his statements to the FBI about payments to his former mistress.

"I regret any mistakes that I have made, but affirm once again that I have at no point violated the public's trust," Cisneros said Tuesday, hours after Attorney General Janet Reno requested that a special court appoint an independent counsel.

Clinton issued a statement of expressing his confidence in Cisneros.

"I know him to be a man of integrity and character," the president said. "He says he regrets any mistakes he has made. So do I. But that does not

outweigh the excellent work he has been doing and will do as secretary of Housing and Urban Development. I look forward to his continued valuable service."

The three appellate judges on the special court now must select a counsel to decide whether Cisneros' actions constitute a criminal violation that should be prosecuted. The selection may take a week or more.

Cisneros offered to resign from the post Clinton picked him for more than two years ago, but the president "said that would not be necessary in this case," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

"Nothing contained in the statement of the attorney general today would have changed the president's determination to nominate Henry Cisneros" as housing secretary, McCurry added.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Couple plans to give more to Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — In the one of the biggest donations in the history of American higher education, a couple that already has given nearly \$30 million to Harvard University plans to give \$70.5 million more.

Retired investment banker John Loeb and his wife, Frances, were to announce the donation today.

Loeb, 92, graduated from Harvard in 1924 and received an honorary degree in 1971. He was senior partner of Loeb, Rhoades & Company from 1955 to 1977.

Harvard plans to rename its board of overseers' building in honor of the Loebes.

False advertising claims to be settled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Florida-based companies that sell several formulas of diet pills and a stop-smoking patch have agreed to settle false-advertising and other charges with the Federal Trade Commission.

Under the agreement, William Santamaria, owner of the companies, must post a \$300,000 bond for consumer refunds should the FTC find he used deception to sell weight-loss and stop-smoking products in the future.

The proposed agreement announced Tuesday also prohibits making false claims about the products and requires substantiation for all future claims.

Abortion language pulled, package of cuts is passed

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders seem to have dodged a humiliating defeat by yanking divisive anti-abortion language from a \$17-billion package of cuts in housing, environmental and other programs.

The cuts, a down payment on Republican promises to slash \$1 trillion from the federal deficit by 2002, are to be debated by the House today and seem likely to win its approval. The legislation would kill spending already approved for

this year's budget. Included are cuts of \$7.2 billion from housing assistance, mostly for the poor; elimination of summer jobs for youths; and reductions for veterans, clean water projects and public broadcasting.

About 30 moderate Republicans had threatened to oppose the measure — enough to sink it — because it contained new, tighter restrictions on federally financed abortions. But late Tuesday, GOP leaders relented and stripped out the language.

SPORTS

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Lady Hawks fall to Logan

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

TYLER - Talk about bizarre. By his own admission, Logan College's Gary Barton coaches the worst game of his life.

Logan wins. Howard College loses its top scorer to foul trouble but comes from behind to lead by four with two minutes left.

Howard loses.

Logan (32-0), ranked fourth in the country, earned an 84-83 overtime win in the first round of the national junior college women's basketball tournament at Tyler's Wagstaff Gym Tuesday. The No. 9 Lady Hawks (28-5) will face Sullivan, Ky. (27-5) at noon Thursday in the consolation bracket.

The game bore slight resemblance to Howard's win over Grayson in the Region V championship - the Lady Hawks trailed by nine in the second half but fought back to win that one. Ironically, it was a former Grayson player who ruined Howard's hoop dreams.

Yolanda Miller, a 5-foot-7 sophomore transfer from Grayson, scored 22 points and saved her best for last. When Howard led 73-71 in the final minute of regulation, Miller hit a double-pump shot in the paint that made overtime possible. In the overtime, Howard led 81-77,

but a Miller three-pointer erased that deficit moments later.

Logan, which made the trip from Carterville, Ill., led by nine in the second half before Howard made its push. As she did in the Grayson game, Howard sophomore Tiffany Johnson put a trailing team on her shoulders and carried it. Johnson's driving layup started an 8-0 run that put Howard ahead 45-44 with less than 15 minutes remaining.

Logan built another lead - this one six points - but Johnson's three-pointer at 8:48 put Howard up 58-57. Johnson led the Lady Hawks with 20 points.

Later, Amber Lacey's bucket on an assist from Cathy Grice put the Lady Hawks up 70-65 with two minutes to go.

Ah, Lacey. The 6-1 sophomore may have been the key player - because of her absence. She committed her third foul less than 10 minutes into the game, putting her and her 16 points per game on the bench for the remainder of the first half.

When she returned in the second half, her fourth foul came before three minutes had gone by. She sat on the bench again, returned with seven minutes to go to spark the Lady Hawks with six quick points ... until

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KeeKee Black (32) of Howard College attempts to save a ball from going out of bounds as teammate Kyna Cosby (24) and John Logan's Lavitte Henry look on during the first half of their game at Tyler Junior College Tuesday.

Tyler Morning Telegraph photo by John Huseth

Howard's new plan: Regroup

By DAVE HARGRAVE
Sports Editor

TYLER - It's time to show a little class.

The Howard College women's basketball team lost its chance at a national junior college championship Tuesday when it fell 84-83 to Logan College (Ill.) in an overtime thriller. As a result, Howard is in the consolation bracket, where it can finish no better than seventh place.

"It's still a big deal - we're not out of it," said Howard freshman Kyna Cosby. "We might not have a shot at the national title, but at least we can keep our class and play just as hard Thursday. We're not going to roll over and die."

If past Howard teams are any indication, the Lady Hawks will win Thursday when they play Sullivan (Ky.) College in a noon game. Howard has reached nationals the last three seasons, and the previous two trips it has followed early losses with a win.

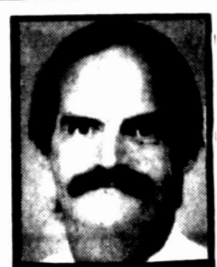
In 1993, Howard lost in the first round but rebounded to win the consolation crown, and last season the Lady Hawks followed a second-round loss with a win before settling for sixth place.

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Life isn't fair, especially for Red Raider fans

Random thoughts while debating whether to wash my car, play video games, take a nap, play with the cats or all of the above:

... I wish I could admit to a bit of rancid pride in correctly predicting that Texas Tech would be



Steve Reagan
Sports Writer

left out of the NCAA men's basketball tournament - but I don't.

I wish I was petty enough to tell you that I told you so - but I'm not.

I wish I could figure out how the NCAA determines the tournament draw - but I don't.

I wish I had an intelligent comment about the whole situation - but I don't.

I wish this filled up my column space - but it doesn't.

... While the Howard College Lady Hawks are at the national junior college women's basketball tournament, former coach Royce Chadwick is preparing his team for postseason action

as well.

Chadwick's Stephen F. Austin Ladyjacks (22-7) qualified for the NCAA women's tournament by winning the Southland Conference tournament last week.

That feat earned them a No. 11 seed in the West region of the bracket, and they'll face No. 6 Seton Hall (23-8) Thursday in Chapel Hill, N.C. in the first round of the tournament.

And no, I have no idea why the powers that be decided to hold a West region game on the East coast of the continent. Some kind of scheduling thing, I guess.

If SFA gets past Seton Hall, their task gets anything but easier: The Ladyjacks, in all probability, would face defending national champion North Carolina in the second round on the Tarheels' home court. I last talked to Chadwick shortly after the season started back in November, when the Ladyjacks were going through a horrendous stretch of their schedule that included games against national powers Colorado, Iowa and Texas Tech. The coach said at the time that SFA would be lucky to finish .500.

Something told me that

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Thrill of tournament dampened by defeat

Tuesday started off kinda late. We had the option to get up and eat breakfast or we could sleep in until 10:30 a.m. We left for shoot-around at John Fyler High School at noon. We did some shooting,



Summer Swoboda
HC Lady Hawks

ran through offenses and defenses as well as Logan's line-up. When all of this was complete we ate lunch at The Black Eyed Pea. After lunch, well pre-game, we returned to the hotel to relax before game time. Before we went to TJC to prepare for the game we had to be completely dressed in both our uniform and warm-up. Everything but our game shoes. We had to do all of this because we weren't going to have much time at the gym. We left for TJC at 5:30 p.m. Just before our game time we had to participate in the opening ceremonies at 6:30. Each team was introduced and entered the gym carrying either their

school flag, state flag or both. The National Anthem was sung and we all filed out. We kept on filing right up to the dressing room to pray just before warm-up. Things were really different than usual. We had to stretch before the opening ceremony and then afterwards finished the rest of our warm-up. So many Howard fans were in the stands and yelling as we ran out on the floor. The whole gym was full as we warmed-up to play Cogan. What an exciting feeling being at the National Tournament! So many eyes were upon us and so many in our place. We began the game and ended the game playing hard. It was quite a game - similar to that of Grayson for the regional final.

It was a hard played, physical game. We made some errors throughout and finished up short by a single point only after a hard fought overtime. Needless to say we were unhappy campers. It was a hard loss, we all wanted the outcome to have been different but we had to go on. At least we played hard and as a team. After the game we got to hang out with our parents, adoptive parents, and friends. Finally back at the hotel, for Wednesday was another day.

O'Bannon leads list of AP All-Americans

In an age when it seems the best college basketball players are leaving school early for the NBA, three stayed and had senior years good enough to make The Associated Press' All-America team.

Ed O'Bannon of UCLA, Shawn Respert of Michigan State and Damon Stoudamire of Arizona led the first team Tuesday. They were joined by sophomores Joe Smith of Maryland and Jerry Stackhouse of North Carolina.

None of last season's first-team selections returned to school.

Grant Hill of Duke was a senior and underclassmen Glenn Robinson of Purdue, Jason Kidd of California,

Donyell Marshall of Connecticut and Clifford Rozier of Louisville applied for early entry to the NBA draft.

Despite the success of the programs represented on the first team, it had been awhile since those schools had an All-American.

Arizona was the most recent to have one with Sean Elliott making it in 1988 and 1989. J.R. Reid was North Carolina's last first-teamer in 1988. Maryland's last was two years earlier, the late Len Bias.

Both UCLA and Michigan State went 16 years without an All-American. David Greenwood of UCLA and Magic Johnson of Michigan State were on the first team in 1979.

Smith, a 6-foot-10 center, was the leading vote-getter this year, being named on all but four first-team ballots from the 66-member national panel that selects the weekly poll. He finished with 313 points in the 5-3-1 voting, two more than O'Bannon.

The ACC player of the year, Smith averaged 20.8 points, 10.4 rebounds and shot 58 percent from the field as the Terrapins finished in a four-way tie for first place in the conference and earned a third seed in the NCAA tournament.

O'Bannon, the Pac-10's co-player of the year with Stoudamire, averaged 20.7 points and 8.2 rebounds for the league champion Bruins, the

No. 1 team in the final regular-season poll and a No. 1 seed in the tournament. The 6-8 forward, named on 60 first-team ballots, shot 54 percent from the field. He matched Reggie Miller's school mark with seven 3-pointers in a game. "In my opinion, throughout the season, game in and game out, Ed O'Bannon has been the most consistent player in the nation," UCLA coach Jim Harrick said. "Our senior leadership has been the most important factor in our success this year, and Ed has been at the forefront of that leadership all season."

Respert, the Big Ten player of the year, received 58 first-team votes and 309 points.

BOTTOM of the ORDER



Put me in, coach
San Antonio assistant coach Dave Cowens, shown in this file photo, may be activated to help out at the post position for the team, Spurs coach Bob Hill said Tuesday.

SHOT OF THE DAY

TEXAS SPORTS

Dallas edges Kings

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - The Sacramento Kings seem to be doing everything they can to make their quest for the final Western Conference playoff berth as hard as possible.

The Kings squandered an opportunity to open a 2 1/2-game lead over the Denver Nuggets for the eighth playoff spot as Dallas pulled out a 91-90 victory Tuesday night.

With the Mavericks leading 91-88 and in possession, Lorenzo Williams was fouled but missed two free throws with 14.1 seconds left for Dallas.

After Brian Grant grabbed the rebound, the Kings worked the ball to Mitch Richmond, whose jumper with four seconds left from the right flank was just inside the 3-point line.

"I thought that was a 3-pointer," said Dallas coach Dick Motta.

NATION/WORLD

Badgers fire coach

MADISON, Wis. (AP) - Wisconsin coach Stan Van Gundy was fired after directing the Badgers to a 13-14 record in his only season.

Irvan back in the race

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) - Ernie Irvan slipped back into his race car for the first time since a crash left his career and future in doubt.

Irvan, unconscious for two days following a near-fatal practice accident Aug. 20 at Michigan Speedway, breezed around Darlington Raceway, even setting an unofficial course record of 30.26 seconds in his Busch Grand National car. He also drove his Winston Cup car for a four-lap run.

ON THE AIR

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Miami at Penn State, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).
DePaul at Iowa, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
Texas Tech at Washington St., 11 p.m., ESPN.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hawks fall to Texas Tech JV

LUBBOCK - The Howard College Hawks fell victim to the big inning as they dropped a 12-8 decision to the Texas Tech JV Tuesday afternoon. Tech scored six runs in the first inning, then added five more in the eighth to hold off the Hawks. Brett Wood (1-1) was the losing pitcher for Howard.

Howard returns to Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Saturday when it hosts a doubleheader with Odessa College. The twin-bill begins at noon.

Bulldogs blast Hawley in twinbill

HAWLEY - The Coahoma Bulldogs unleashed their bats Tuesday, pounding out a total of 26 hits as they took an 18-1, 19-0

doubleheader sweep over Hawley Tuesday afternoon. The Bulldogs (6-3) collected 13 hits in both games, making easy winners of pitchers Brian Ruiz (1-0) and Jon White (2-2).

Coahoma hosts Colorado City Friday afternoon. Registration for the COAHOMA - Registration for the COAHOMA UGSA girls' softball league has begun.

Coahoma sets softball signups

Registration for the COAHOMA UGSA girls' softball league has begun. Signups will be noon-5 p.m. Saturday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Other registration dates are: March 21 and 23, 5-8 p.m. at the softball field; March 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the softball field. Tryouts will follow registration on March 25.

Registration fee is \$20, and players need to provide a copy of their birth certificates. For more information, call 394-4748.

SnakeFest softball tournament returns

SnakeFest V, a softball tour-

ament, will be played March 24-26 in Big Spring.

Entry fees are \$110 per team, and there is a three-game guarantee. Team trophies will be given to first-through sixth-place teams, and first through fourth will receive individual trophies.

For more information, call Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Stanton hosts softball tournament

A men's softball tournament will be played in Stanton March 24-25. There is a \$100 entry fee per team.

For more information, call Freddy Hernandez at 756-2326.

St. Patrick's tourney slated for Andrews

The 10th Annual Merchants Softball Classic will be played Friday through Sunday in Andrews.

Entry deadline is 8 p.m. Wednesday, fees are \$110 per team and there is a 16-team limit.

For more information, call James Senger (1-523-4564) or Mike Erwin (1-362-7146).

Logan

Continued from page 7A fouling out with 1:46 left in regulation.

"I couldn't believe it happened," Lacey said. "The worst-case scenario, when you get to the tournament, is that they look to get out the go-to person, the go-to man."

Lacey could have been talking about the referees, whom she questioned, or Logan, which drove the ball at Lacey at every opportunity. Despite losing Lacey, Howard appeared to be in tall cotton until Logan's Carolyn Dupree hit a layup and drew a foul from KeeKee Black with 1:13 remaining. Dupree's free throw cut Howard's lead to 70-69.

Johnson hit two pressure free throws to give Howard a 73-71 lead, but Miller answered with her double-pump shot. Howard had a chance to win in regulation, but Grice's three-point attempt at the buzzer was off the mark.

In overtime, Howard took an 81-77 lead when freshman Summer Swoboda scored on an offensive rebound and drew a foul. Swoboda missed her free throw, and off the miss Logan quickly found a wide-open Shila Leopold, who nailed a three-point.

"We were supposed to play up in a half-court man, but we had a defensive lapse there," Howard coach Terry Gray said. Lashonda Albert, who led Logan with 25 points, blocked Black's shot to give the ball back to Logan, and Miller wasted no time, hitting another open try to put the Lady Vols up 83-81 with 1:15 left.

Swoboda traveled on Howard's next possession, but a Grice steal gave the Lady Hawks a chance to tie. The tie came when Swoboda hit two free throws - banking in the first - with 32 seconds left. With 17 seconds to go, Howard's Kyna Cosby fouled Albert. Albert swished the first free throw to break the tie, but the second shot never happened because of a lane violation: A Logan player stepped a way from the lane while receiving instructions from Barton.

"It was the worst coaching job I've ever done," Barton said. "In the first half, a girl gets her third foul, and I don't know it, and I leave her in there to get her fourth, and then I pull a girl off the free-throw line. I told the girls after the game - if they lost, they had no one to blame but me."

The gaffe gave Howard the choice to hold for one last shot. The plan was to lob the ball inside to one of the post players, Gray said, but none of the posts could find breathing room. Grice lobbed a pass inside that no one touched as it sailed out of bounds, taking Howard's national-title hopes with it.

"Cathy Grice was to dribble to the elbow and start a set play that we ran quite a lot," Gray said. "But time ran down, the

pressure maybe made us go a little too fast, and those things happen. You can't look at any one play in a game like this.

"Amber just had one of those nights where she couldn't avoid foul trouble, and that was a major factor, but there about 99 other factors," Gray said. "I can find nothing at all negative about this game, other than we lost. I'm very proud of all of our kids. They game it everything they had."

Howard (83): Fort 6-5-6; 17; Henry 1-0-0-2; Miller 8-2-4-22; Albert 5-9-15; Johnson 7-2-2-20; Lacey 5-1-1-11; Black 5-1-2-11; Ray 5-0-0-10; Grice 1-0-1-2; totals 35-74-9-16-83.

Logan (84): Fort 6-5-6; 17; Henry 1-0-0-2; Miller 8-2-4-22; Albert 5-9-15; Johnson 7-2-2-20; Lacey 5-1-1-11; Black 5-1-2-11; Ray 5-0-0-10; Grice 1-0-1-2; totals 35-74-9-16-83.

Halftime - Logan 38, Howard 33; Regulation - Howard 73, Logan 73; Three-point shooting - Howard 4-10 (Howard 0-1, Cosby 0-2, Johnson 4-5, Grice 0-1); Logan 8-14 (Fort 0-1, Miller 4-7, Albert 2-4, Leopold 2-2); Rebounds - Howard 41 (Swoboda 12), Logan 41 (Fort 12); Turnovers - Howard 22, Logan 23; Fouled out - Lacey, Fort, Henry.

Other scores - Independence 79, Gogebic 45; Okaloosa 90, Three Rivers 62; Anderson 101, Vincennes 79; Ricks 9-3-4-3; Leopold 2-0-0-6; Cole 1-0-0-2; Dupree 3-1-2-7; totals 30-62-16-25-64.

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Speaking of the NCAA women's tournament, would someone tell me why Connecticut and Tennessee, both No. 1 seeds, also will have home-court advantage all the way through the regionals? Were these the only gyms the NCAA could find?

Taking nothing away from the two teams, but it kind of defeats the purpose of the tournament to give two powerful teams the extra advantage of having the home crowd on its side.

The men play all their tournament games on neutral sites - why can't the women?

Regroup

Continued from page 7A Sullivan (27-5) reached its first national championship tournament last season and finished third. The Executives won't finish that high this season - Ricks College (Idaho), tied for ninth in the polls with Howard, trounced Sullivan 90-64 Tuesday. Still, Howard assistant coach Matt Corkery, who scouted that game, expects a tough test for the unranked Executives.

"They've got one great player - Tora Darden - who's 5-foot-11 and just a great athlete. She can go inside and out." Darden, a sophomore who made the All-Tournament Team at last year's nationals, scores 18.5 points per game and leads the Executives with a 13.5 rebounding average. Darden was a major reason why Sullivan led the nation in scoring last season - the Executives rolled up 107.6 points per game in 1993-94.

However, Darden is not the leading scorer. That distinction belongs to LaTonya Durham, a sophomore who pours in 18.7 points a game. Ricks contained Durham, holding her to three points while limiting Darden to 10. In the loss to Ricks, 5-6 freshman guard Brandy Hiller led the Executives with 17 points.

Howard coach Terry Gray said he hopes a Wednesday without a game will give his team a chance to regroup. "Every ball club is different, so I don't know how the kids will react," he said. "Sullivan is very athletic, and then you look at two years ago, when we were 32-0 and No. 1, and losing was a huge letdown. It will be interesting to see, but I think when they tip it up we'll be ready."

Ready to show some class, as Cosby would say.

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BASKETBALL

AP All-Americans

NEW YORK (AP) - The 1994-95 AP All-America Team with school, height, weight, class, key statistics and points from a 5-3-1 vote by a national media panel in parentheses: FIRST TEAM Joe Smith, Maryland, 6-10, 220, sophomore, 20.8 ppg, 10.4 rpg, 58.0 lg pct, 2.9 blocks (313 points).

SECOND TEAM Randolph Childress, Wake Forest, 6-11, senior, 20.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 58.1 lg pct, 3.1 blocks (230).

THIRD TEAM Bryant Reeves, Oklahoma State, 7-0, 292, senior, 21.4 ppg, 8.5 rpg, 61.2 lg pct, 1.7 blocks (87).

THIRD TEAM Tim Duncan, Wake Forest, 6-10, 230, sophomore, 16.5 ppg, 12.3 rpg, 58.4 lg pct, 4.1 blocks (72).

Ray Allen, Connecticut, 6-5, 202, sophomore, 20.7 ppg, 6.6 rpg, 44.4 3-pt lg pct (56).

Kurt Thomas, Texas Christian, 6-0, 225, senior, 28.9 ppg, 14.6 rpg, 54.8 lg pct, 2.4 blocks (40).

Lawrence Moten, Syracuse, 6-5, 185, senior, 19.4 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 3.3 apg, 1.9 steals (45).

HONORABLE MENTION Mario Bennett, Arizona State, Travis Best, Georgia Tech; Junior Burrough, Virginia; Marcus Camby, Massachusetts; Dan Cross, Florida.

Erick Dampier, Mississippi State; Tony Dalk, Kentucky; Tyus Edney, U.C. at Riverside; Wisconsin; Alan Henderson, Indiana.

Fred Holberg, Iowa State; Allen Iverson, Georgetown; Tom Kleinschmidt, DePaul; Donny Marshall, Connecticut; Cuonzo Martin, Purdue.

Ryan Minor, Oklahoma; Steve Nash, Santa Clara; Greg Ostertag, Kansas; Cherokee Parks, Duke; Terrence Rencher, Texas.

Bob Sura, Florida State; Scotty Thurman, Arkansas; Gary Trent, Ohio University; Keith Van Horn, Utah; Jacques Vaughn, Kansas.

NCAA pairings

All Times EST EAST REGIONAL First Round At Baltimore Arena Baltimore

WEST REGIONAL First Round At The Jon M. Huntsman Center Salt Lake City

Thursday, March 16 Connecticut (25-4) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (19-10), 2:40 p.m. Cincinnati (21-11) vs. Temple (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game

Thursday, March 16 Wake Forest (24-5) vs. North Carolina A&T (15-14), 12:30 p.m. Minnesota (19-11) vs. Saint Louis (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game

Alabama (22-9) vs. Pennsylvania (22-5), 7:40 p.m. Oklahoma State (23-9) vs. Drake (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game

At Knickerbocker Arena Albany, N.Y. Friday, March 17 North Carolina Charlotte (19-8) vs. Stanford (19-8), 12:30 p.m. Massachusetts (26-4) vs. St. Peter's (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game

Villanova (26-7) vs. Old Dominion (20-11), 7:40 p.m. Tulsa (22-7) vs. Illinois (19-11), 30 minutes after previous game

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL First Round At The Pyramid Memphis, Tenn. Thursday, March 16 Oklahoma (23-8) vs. Manhattan (25-4), 12:25 p.m.

Arizona State (22-8) vs. Ball State (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game Kentucky (25-4) vs. Mount St. Mary's, Md. (17-12), 7:50 p.m.

Brigham Young (22-9) vs. Tulane (22-9), 30 minutes after previous game At Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center Tallahassee, Fla. Friday, March 17 Iowa State (22-10) vs. Florida (17-12), 12:15 p.m.

North Carolina (24-5) vs. Murray State (21-9), 30 minutes after previous game Michigan State (22-5) vs. Weber State (20-8), 7:40 p.m.

Georgetown (19-9) vs. Xavier, Ohio (23-4), 30 minutes after previous game

MIDWEST REGIONAL First Round At University of Dayton Arena Dayton, Ohio Thursday, March 16 Arizona (23-7) vs. Miami, Ohio (22-5), 12:15 p.m.

Virginia (22-8) vs. Nicholls State (24-3), 30 minutes after previous game Kansas (20-8) vs. Colgate (17-12), 7:40 p.m.

Western Kentucky (26-3) vs. Michigan (17-13), 30 minutes after previous game At The Frank Erwin Special Events Center Austin, Texas Friday, March 17 Syracuse (19-7) vs. Southern Illinois (23-8), 12:25 p.m.

Southern (27-8) vs. Texas Memphis (22-9) vs. Louisville (19-13), 8 p.m.

Purdue (24-6) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (22-7), 30 minutes after previous game

WEST REGIONAL First Round At The Jon M. Huntsman Center Salt Lake City Thursday, March 16 Connecticut (25-4) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (19-10), 2:40 p.m. Cincinnati (21-11) vs. Temple (19-10), 30 minutes after previous game

Oregon (19-8) vs. Texas (22-6), 8 p.m.

Maryland (24-7) vs. Gonzaga (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game At BSN Pavilion Boise, Idaho Friday, March 17 Utah (27-5) vs. Long Beach State (20-9), 2:35 p.m.

Mississippi State (20-7) vs. Santa Clara (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game Missouri (19-8) vs. Indiana (19-11), 7:50 p.m.

UCLA (11-18), 30 minutes after previous game

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Joseph's (17-11), 7 p.m. Baton Rouge (16-13) at Canisius (18-17), 7:30 p.m.

Miami, Fla. (15-12) at Penn State (17-10), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) Marquette (17-11) at Auburn (16-12), 8 p.m.

DePaul (17-10) at Iowa (19-11), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN) Colorado (15-12) at New Mexico State (23-8), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Texas Tech (20-8) at Washington State (16-11), 12 a.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, March 16 George Washington (18-13) at Ohio University (23-9), 7 p.m. St. John's (14-13) at South Florida (16-11), 7:30 p.m. College of Charleston (23-5) at Providence (16-12), 7:30 p.m. Southern Mississippi (17-12) at St. Bonaventure (17-12), 7:30 p.m. Georgia (18-9) at Nebraska (17-13), 8:05 p.m.

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Rockets dunk Philly, 136-107

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Houston Rockets are starting to regain the form that made them NBA champions last season and that has coach Rudy Tomjanovich smiling again.

The Rockets got a balanced effort again Tuesday night as eight players scored in double figures and they finished with their highest offensive output of the season in a 136-107 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

"At times it was almost like a highlight film," said Tomjanovich, whose team has won three straight after a five-game skid. Dana Barros was the sole bright spot for Philadelphia, scoring a career-high 50 points on 21-for-26 shooting.

Clyde Drexler, who was traded from Portland on Feb. 14 for Otis Thorpe, led the Rockets with 26 points. The Rockets are 8-7 with Drexler, who is enjoying the reunion with his former University of Houston classmate, Hakeem Olajuwon.

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, March 15, 1995

'Quarantine' fun but not for all ages

By TIM APPEL
Staff Photographer

You've blasted, melted and chain-sawed your way off the Phobos moon base in Doom. Now you just want to relax, drive a taxi cab and get away from it all.


Fat chance. Probably one of the most novel user-point-of-view games on the market is Quarantine, by Gametek. Set some 50 years in the future, you are the driver of a hovercab in Kemo City. This metropolis was once a prosperous city on the east coast, but was ravaged by crime.

In the year 2030, mega-corporation Omnicon starts to build a steel-and-concrete wall around the city. Inhabitants are told the wall is just a defensive measure. But by 2032, when the wall is completed, Kemo becomes a prison city (remember "Escape from New York"?). And you are still plying your trade there.

Ah, the plot thickens. In 2043, Omnicon puts Hydergine 344 into the city water supply. This is supposed to be a neurodrug to eliminate criminal thoughts in patients.

But the drug reacts to bacte-

QUARANTINE
Strategy game of the month



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System requirements: 286 or higher IBM compatible PC (386+ recommended), Sound Blaster or Ultra Sound compatible, 4 meg RAM, 20 meg hard drive.

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ria in the water, forming a psychoreactive virus and making the inhabitants turn into "crazed violent killer lunatics intent on killing anyone who is not a crazed killer lunatic."

And there you are, in your hovercab. You have the plot; now, what is the goal of Quarantine?

Please see **GAME**, page 2B

BUTTERFLY-EYE



Joey Kenney, second-grader at Madge Griffith Elementary School, laughs as a Painted Lady butterfly tickles his face in Lake Jackson, Texas. Students at the school raise the butterflies from caterpillars, then release them as part of a project on animal growth.

Would your kitchen pass a health inspection?

With increasing emphasis on the importance of handling food safely to prevent food-borne illness, consumers may want to ask themselves, "Would my kitchen pass a health inspection?"



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

To answer this question, check for these standards in your kitchen:

- Does your refrigerator maintain a temperature of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below, and the freezer 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below? The only way to verify this is to use an appliance thermometer.
- Are the contents of the refrigerator arranged so cold air can circulate freely throughout?
- Are most perishable foods such as eggs, milk, meats, poultry, fish and other protein foods stored in the coldest areas of the refrigerator, never on the

door? Eggs should be stored in the original carton.

- Are foods covered or wrapped securely? Bacteria in the air and from uncooked meats or their juices can settle and grow on foods.
- Is the refrigerator reasonably clean? Bacteria from bits of food on shelves can contaminate other foods.
- In the pantry, are foods stored in tightly closed containers and is the pantry area clean and preferably in a cool, dry, dark location? Foods stored in dampness, such as under the sink, or close to heat, such as over the range, deteriorate

much more rapidly.

- Are cleaning supplies stored out of reach of children?
- Are work surfaces, your skin, utensils and appliances kept clean? Do you have separate cutting boards for raw meats and foods not to be cooked such as vegetables?
- Bacteria from juices of raw meat can collect in cutting boards and contaminate other foods. Are these boards clean and do you sanitize them?
- Other appliances or equipment to check for cleanliness are the can opener, the blender and any others that can hold food particles in tiny cracks or

crevices.

- Is hand washing convenient and do you have paper towels to dry hands on? Cloth towels can harbor bacteria. They need to be washed frequently.
- Is the oven reasonably clean, and is there an oven thermometer to check for accurate oven temperatures?
- Is the dishwasher free of food particles that could feed bacteria or insects?

By following these clean kitchen standards and safe food handling practices, you can help protect your family from the consequences of food-borne illness.



Central Texas' climate and soil are fine for growing such basic hot sauce items as onions, tomatoes, cilantro and jalapeno peppers shown in this photo taken in Waco.

Salsa: Hot or mild, grow your own

By LoANA M. GONZALES
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — Whether you like salsa hot or not, you don't have to pick up the bottled stuff anymore.

Growing home-grown hot sauce, or salsa, ingredients is possible in many areas of Texas.

Reid Lewis, manager at the Organic Nursery in Waco, says even people with little room for a garden can grow these ingredients. "You can grow as much as you have room for," he said. Onions should be planted now in Central Texas, while the prime time for planting tomatoes and peppers is quickly approaching, Lewis said.

Since tomatoes and peppers require warm weather and a lot of sunlight, it is best to plant these after the last frost date. Lewis added that tomatoes should be evenly watered — never soaked and never too dry. They should also be fed once or twice with fertilizer.

Also important when growing tomatoes is to keep an eye out for bugs.

Fortunately, onions are not as picky, Lewis said. A rich soil is about all onions need to thrive.

The soil's richness is an important factor to keep in mind for any garden plant.

"The more you do to your soil, the better your plants," Lewis said, explaining the need for compost and a good fertilizer.

Butch Tindell with the Homestead Farm near Gholson, said the farm grows the ingredients for picante sauce without the use of man-made additives.

"We grow ours without the use of synthetic insecticides, fertilizers or herbicides," he

said. Tindell, a member of the Koinonia community, said the salsa made at the Homestead Farm is then sold at the Homestead Heritage Visitors Center.

"It's not on the shelf for a long time," he said of the homemade salsa. "You control your product and you know you're putting in premium products."

A variety of peppers can be used when making hot sauce. Tindell and Lewis agreed that the most popular selection for salsa recipes is probably the jalapeno pepper.

It's not on the shelf for a long time. You control your product and you know you're putting in premium products.

Butch Tindell

Cayenne and green chilies are other popular choices.

"People are really interested in peppers," Lewis said, noting their popularity in recent years.

The choice of what peppers to use is probably one of the most important decisions to be made when creating homemade salsa. Lewis said choosing your own peppers is also a benefit.

HOT SAUCE RECIPES

Whether you grow your own ingredients for hot sauce or buy them at the farmers market or grocery store, making salsa yourself allows you to adjust the flavor and spiciness to your own taste.

Following are two salsa

recipes. The first one, provided by Charlotte Talley, home extension agent with the McLennan County Extension Service, features the hotness of jalapeno peppers.

PICANTE SAUCE

- 4 qts. ripe tomatoes
- 1/2 to 1 c. jalapeno peppers
- 2 c. white vinegar
- 2 c. chopped or ground onions
- 1 T. salt
- 1 T. garlic salt
- 1 t. celery salt

Peel, core and chop ripe tomatoes. If tomatoes are juicy, drain in a colander.

Slice, then grind, jalapeno peppers. Place all ingredients in large saucepan and heat to boiling; lower heat and simmer 20 to 30 minutes. Pour into jars, seal and water bath for five or 10 minutes.

— Recipe from Charlotte Talley, home extension agent with the McLennan County Extension Service. For those unfamiliar with the water techniques necessary for this sauce, booklets on home canning are available at most local Extension service offices.

MILD BLENDER SALSA

- 2 large, skinned tomatoes, the juice and seeds pressed from them
- 1 medium onion
- 1 green pepper, seeds and membrane removed
- 3/4 cup celery, or 1 t. celery and/or dill seeds
- 2 T. chopped parsley or chives
- 1/2 t. salt
- 3/4 t. freshly ground pepper
- 2 T. lemon juice

Combine ingredients in blender container and blend. Chill sauce for about half an hour. Makes about 1 cup.

— Recipe adapted from "Joy of Cooking."

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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

- Widow/Widower support group, first and third Tuesdays each month, 5:30 p.m. First Tuesday meetings are at a local restaurant. Third Tuesday meetings are at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels (enter through patio), followed by dinner at a local restaurant. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
- 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, 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. closed meeting.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- 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 6:30 p.m. women open meeting.
- A.D.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. Please see **SUPPORT**, page 3B

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"Boe," a 3-year-old chow chow, owned by Gary Shirey of Cartersville, Ga., sits out a brief shower beneath an umbrella on the back of his master's bike along Main Street in Daytona Beach, Fla., as the 54th annual Bike Week reached its halfway point March 8.

Girls get a kick out of Bradys

The hot topic among college women today isn't the environment, isn't feminist issues, isn't even the goings-on of the fraternity brothers. What all the girls are talking about is a subject near and dear to their hearts...



Christina Ferchalk
Columnist

The Brady Bunch Movie. This particular flick isn't a date movie; the women plan to view it in groups of their own gender. It's strictly for fun, a pure hoot, a girl thing.

I can remember my 21-year-old daughter, as a youngster watching reruns of "The Brady Bunch" television series. She'd roll her eyes at the plot lines, snicker at the fashions and every time someone would say, "Groovy!" "Far out!" or "Out of sight!" she'd fall off the couch in a fit of hysterics.

Now she watches these reruns again with an almost religious fervor. She still giggles at the vocabulary but the clothing is back in style and

the plots make her feel warm and fuzzy. She's seen these programs so many times she can tell me exactly what's going to happen on any given episode within two minutes of the opening scene.

According to her, Mike Brady (the father) is the best of the bunch; the last of the great family men. He's handsome, sweet, sober, sensitive and employed. He doesn't have a problem with making a commitment and even though this is his second marriage, he isn't carrying around a lot of emotional baggage from his first.

He has his faults. He's an architect who designed a fabulous dream house for his family, and yet he has six kids crammed into two bedrooms and sharing one bath.

Mike may not be perfect, but still, a man who looks good in faded jeans and isn't suffering from a Peter Pan complex is considered to be a real plum in today's female society.

On the other hand, Carol Brady, the mother and possibly laziest woman on the face of the Earth, is a total wash. Her only claim to fame is that she landed a guy with a good job.

Carol doesn't work in or out of the house. With so much time on her hands, you'd think she would do something about

her hair. The housekeeper, Alice, is without a doubt the most put-upon member of the household. This woman doesn't have a life. Little is known about Alice's roots but it can be assumed the Brady family bought her at an auction.

She does the cooking, cleaning and laundry for a family of eight. She does yard work. She helps the kids with their personal problems and their class projects.

She does the grocery shopping and carries the bags in from the car. There is no chore that doesn't have her name on it.

The family dog, Tiger, gets more respect.

My daughter says, "They tell Alice she's a member of the family and then they make her wear that cheesy-looking blue polyester uniform year after year. How lame!"

Alice's big dream is to have a meaningful relationship with Sam, the butcher. Believe me, this guy is no prize. Alice can do better. She has a lot more to offer and she's selling herself short.

Maybe my daughter will allow me to watch "The Brady Bunch Movie" with her, and her friends. It's strictly for fun, a pure hoot, a girl thing.

Game

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Good luck finding out, as Gametek refused to divulge that information.

You'll have to do that on your own. And you do that by picking up fares, taking them to their destinations on time and showing you are worthy of certain "tasks."

But I'm neglecting my reviewer duties. Quarantine comes on either five 3.5" disks or one CD-ROM disc. Installation is easy, as the nearly 550 files take 14 megabytes on the hard drive.

Once in the program, your only input is via keyboard (no joystick or mouse is supported by the game). Using your cursor keys to accelerate, brake and turn, you have different segments of the city to find fares.

Against you are other vehicles that fire mines at you, defenses in the wall that shoot missiles at random and hoodlums in ski masks that throw Molotov cocktails at you or simply shoot your taxi with small arms fire.

In your corner are the small machine guns mounted on your taxi, and of course, your taxi itself. As you build up currency by carrying fares, you can buy more powerful weapons for your cab, such as missiles, mines, flamethrowers and even a radial saw for the front bumper.

But be warned, these are not for a Sunday drive. They are for slicing and dicing your opponents, and the visual and audio gore may be objectionable to some.

The graphics are of a far superior quality than Doom. Since most of the game is played at interstate speeds, it is surprising that this much emphasis was spent on the surrounding detail of the buildings.

Second is the scrolling engine

of the program. Whereas Doom is played at a walking pace, your cab, as stated before, can really red-line the speedometer. Yet the surrounding detail is still sharp as you roar by.

There are only two major negatives. The biggest is the lack of a mouse and/or joystick support. Many users hate keyboard commands and strictly use a joystick or mouse.

I also find that, in making tight turns around the edge of a building, the cab will impact the building, though it looks as if the car has clearance.

Overall, Quarantine is an excellent program that will keep even the most experienced gamer challenged for quite some time. However, it must be stressed Quarantine is a violent game and is not for everyone.

A fax from Microsoft came across my desk recently in search of beta testers for their programs. A beta tester receives a program before it is released, puts the program through both normal and extreme usage and documents any bugs found.

When writing to the WPG Beta Group, specify which Microsoft product you are interested in testing.

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Fax your request to (206) 936-7329, Attn: WPG Beta 10/2 (product name). Or, send your request to: Microsoft Corporation, One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Wash., 98052-6399, Attn: WPG Beta 10/2 (product name).

All applications need to include name, physical address (no P.O. box), phone number, fax number, CompuServe ID, Internet address, information about any previous beta testing experience and a brief description of hardware configuration.

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— Cook a bowl of oatmeal; it's a giveaway compared with ready-to-eat cereals. If you don't like the gummy quality of rolled oats, cook up some cross-cut pin oats.

— The Wilton cake-decorating catalog shows an easy idea for moms who can't make decorative squiggles in icing: Encircle a plain frosted birthday cake with bite-size Teddy bear cookies so they're standing around the edge paw-to-paw.

— Then place some teeny bears on top of the cake in a pyramid pattern. Center each bear chest with two squiggles of red-tinted icing to resemble tiny hearts.

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Support

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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.

•Sober Living Skills educational group, which focuses on relapse prevention, problem solving/conflict resolution and support group orientation, 12 noon to 1 p.m., Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920. Newcomers welcome.

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•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Confusion envelopes a project. Your sense of well-being is tested. Be sensitive to your options. Be willing to defer to a higher-up who has a lot of good ideas. The more you understand about this person, the better. Get work done. Tonight: Work late.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A creative endeavor is important. A friend's input isn't negative; this person is trying to tell you what doesn't work and what you need to know. Creative brainstorming brings unexpected solutions. You might be confused about desires. Tonight: Be playful.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Discuss a situation more openly. Get to the bottom of a problem, and do what you need to make a point. Emphasize creative endeavors. A sense of direction with a family member is important. Listen carefully to a partner's feedback. Tonight: Entertain at home.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The unexpected occurs when dealing with another. Communications are excellent. A partner makes a difference in your day. Be aware of the need for change. Be flexible; it will create more excitement in your daily life. Tonight: Change plans when a loved one needs to.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be careful with expenses. A family member or partner could be pressuring you beyond your limits. Be aware of what other possibilities are open to

you. Sensitivity is important in dealing with another. Work is running smoothly. Tonight: Your treat.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wild happenings occur. Your sense of humor is tested. Be more open-minded. Do not be difficult with a partner, who could be testing you. Recognize your limits and what works for you. Flirtation could get out of hand. Tonight: Be your happy self.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Kick back and gain insight. A family member does not view a situation the same way as you do. Understand this person. Tension is high, and you might not choose to comprehend what's happening. Know the importance of a key personality in your life. Tonight: Cocoon.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Handle a situation. Your ability to adapt, flow and understand comes into play. Discuss what is important to you. Focus on communications, ideas and excitement. You get what you want, but in a most unexpected manner. Tonight: Hang out with friends.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take the lead, and be aware of your limits. You need to understand where another is coming from. A box might be difficult, but you could be missing up. Do a better job of listening. There is a message here. Finances will improve. Tonight: Work late.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your creativity impresses another. Seek more information. Be willing

to take a course that can extend your intellectual horizons. Others are impressed by your willingness to learn more and grow. A creative venture is important. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be pushing a partner too hard, and you are getting an adverse reaction. Be more sensitive to pressures involving money and a key deal. You do not have the only point of view. Understand and you will gain as a result. Tonight: Follow your instincts.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The unexpected occurs when dealing with others. Partners are elusive, difficult and cantankerous. You might get defensive. Loosen up, and evaluate your friend and cares about you despite an overreaction. Tonight: Out and about.****

IF MARCH 16 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Often you will think about whether you are giving too much, or not enough, this year. This is a debate within yourself. Partners could be difficult, but you might be overly self-critical. A creative venture is important, and a friendship offers you many options. If you are single: You meet people easily; friends could be more; romance occurs in the office. If attached: There may be disputes about how much time you give; this is a good year to iron out problems. VIRGO can be hard on you.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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'Applied' psychology works wonders on kids

DEAR ABBY: About small children who misbehave in public places: Several years ago, I witnessed this scene in a large supermarket in Iowa. A mother (in her 20s) was at the checkout counter



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with a child who appeared to be about 4 years old. The woman was obviously pregnant, and was being hassled by her little boy who was nagging for a candy bar. After she refused him several times, the little boy hauled off and hit her in the stomach with his fist!

Then she said, "Well, all right." I couldn't believe my eyes when

she actually bought that little brat a candy bar!

I had trouble containing myself, but I turned to her and asked, "How old is your son?"

"He's 4," she answered. I couldn't help myself; I said, "Well, if he were mine, he would never see 5."

She glared at me as if I were some kind of monster, paid for the candy bar and the rest of her groceries, and huffed out the door.

Perhaps I'm more sensitive to poor public behavior in children because of the way my daughter and son-in-law handle their four children at family gatherings at public restaurants. The children are usually very well-behaved, but on those rare occasions when they misbehave, they are taken out of the area, given a little "applied" psychology and returned to the gathering. It may take two or three minutes until the pout turns to a smile, but it does turn!

My hat is off to them and to all parents of youngsters who know

how to apply psychology. Please use my name. —DICK JOHNSON, GREAT FALLS, MONT.

DEAR DICK: You saw a parent in the checkout line who had not only allowed her child to get away with inappropriate behavior, but rewarded it — a mistake that will compound as her son grows larger but not more civilized.

Children do not learn good manners and acceptable behavior by magic or osmosis. These traits must be taught, and the lessons must be constantly reinforced. It takes patience and consistency, as well as love, to be an effective parent.

Children need to know exactly what is expected from them, and this includes the difference between right and wrong, and that unacceptable actions result in certain consequences — and then the parents must follow through.

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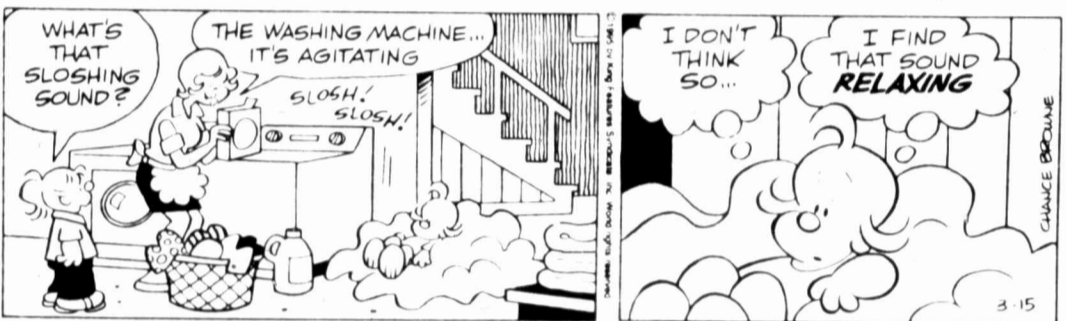
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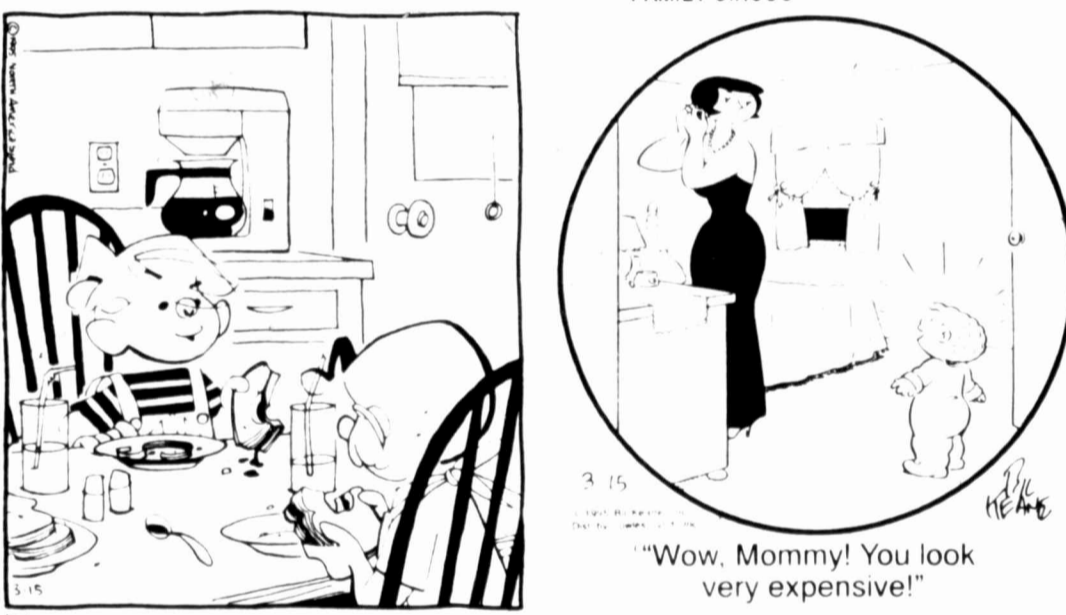
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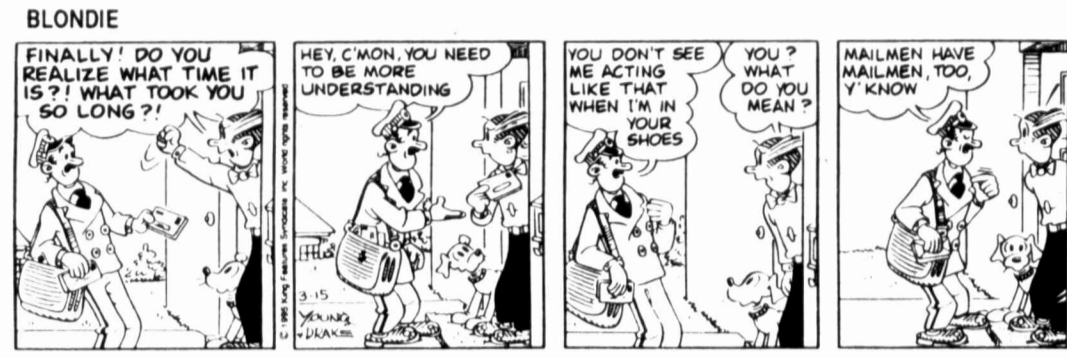


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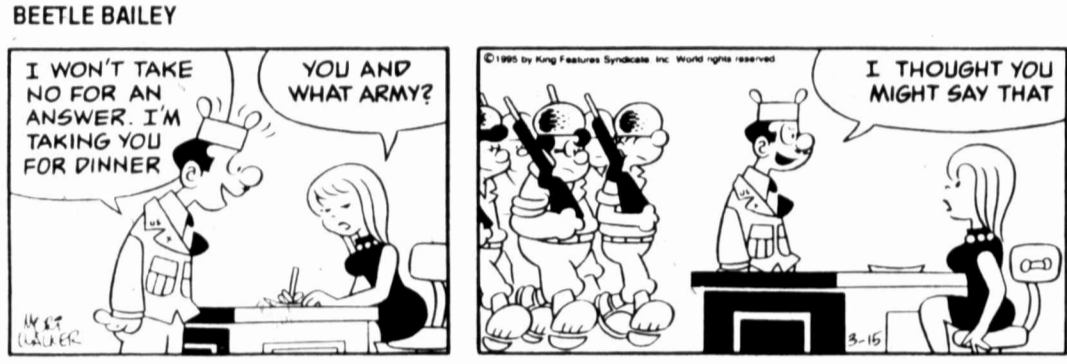


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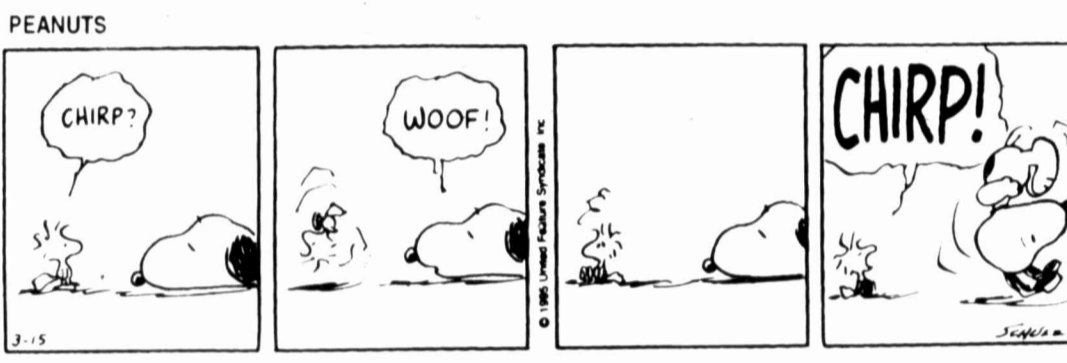
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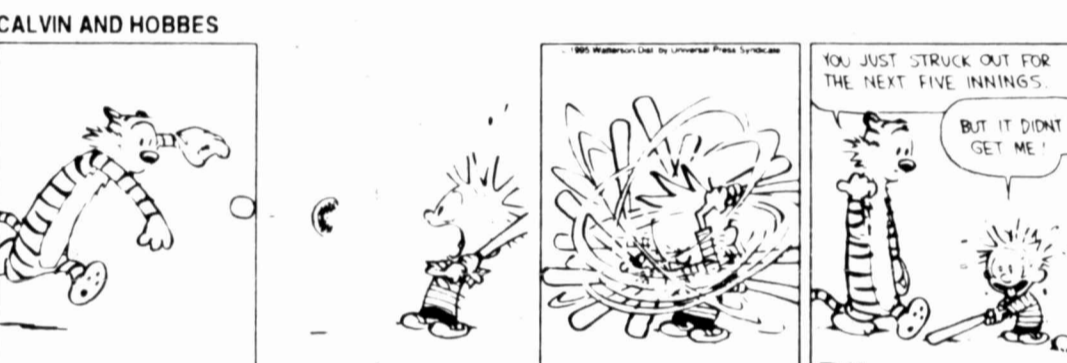
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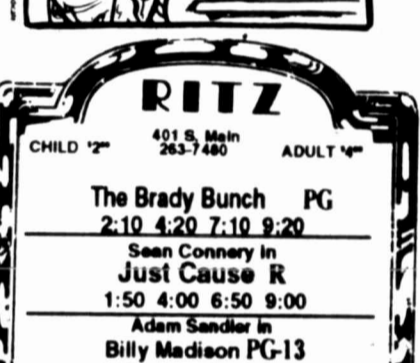
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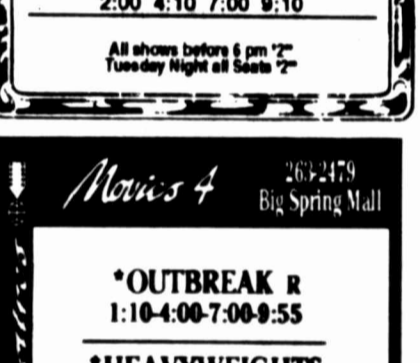
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- Spirited horse
- Infield cover
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- Needle case
- Enjoy your meal, Pierre!
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- It's a mouse!
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- Author Leon
- "To --, and a bone ..."
- Arduous journey
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- Small nail
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- Not productive
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- Out of the wind
- Used to be
- Lamb's pen name
- Bless you, Hans!
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- Deep, audible breath
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- Ruth
- Lotion ingredient
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- "The -- of Spring" (Stravinsky)
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This date in history

of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American cardinal, by Pope Pius IX.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1945, 50 years ago, "Going My Way" won the Academy Award for best picture of 1944, and its star, Bing Crosby, was named best actor; Ingrid Bergman was named best actress for "Gaslight."

In 1966, the Frederick Loewe

Alan Jay Lerner musical "My Fair Lady," starring Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews, opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1965, addressing a joint session of Congress, President Johnson called for new legislation to guarantee every American's right to vote.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test

to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

Ten years ago: The United States Catholic Conference, representing 285 Roman Catholic bishops, sent letters to all members of Congress, urging them to oppose funding for the MX missile.

One year ago: Illinois Congressman Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, defeated four Democratic primary challengers in his bid for re-election.

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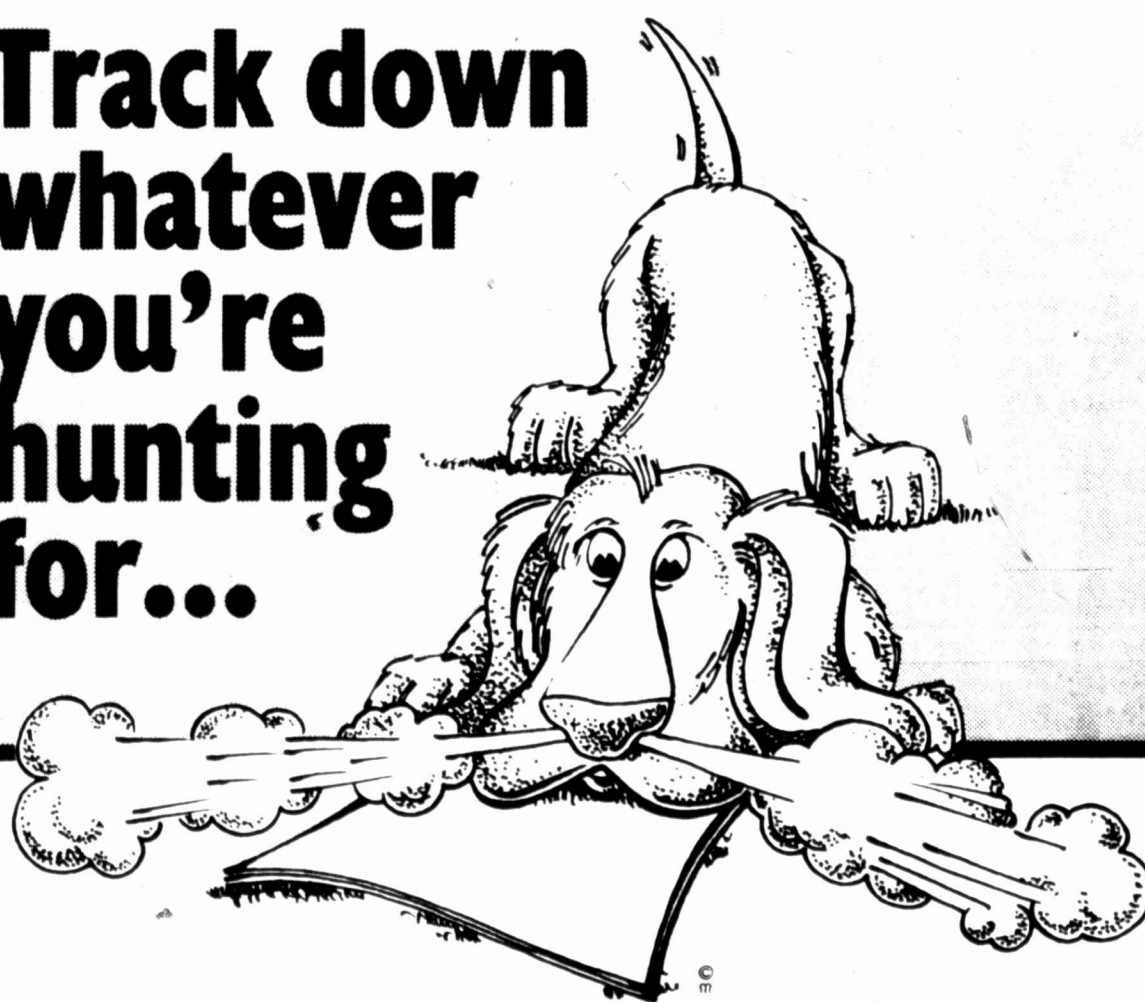
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What's Up With ...

Artificial Satellites



A satellite is something that circles another heavenly body in space. Planets are satellites of the sun. The moon is a satellite of Earth. Some satellites are human-made, or artificial. These satellites have changed the way we live in many ways.

Why space?



Space offers us a better view and a communications path not blocked by earthly things such as mountains or buildings. Since data are beamed up through the air, wires and cables are not needed.

History



With the launching of the first satellite, Sputnik, by the Russians in 1957, the artificial satellite program was up and running. Since then, we have put more than 4,600 satellites into space. Three out of every four have been Russian!

Spot them yourself!

If you were to look up at the sky on a clear night, away from city lights, you might see as many as 20 to 30 satellites in an hour's time. These objects look like faint moving stars. They are so far up that they are lighted by the sun.



Keeping track today



Today we are tracking about 7,000 objects in the sky. Probably about one out of every 10 is doing something

useful. The others are space "trash," including rocket boosters. We sometimes lose track of them after they explode into thousands of pieces because the remaining fuel eats through the metal.

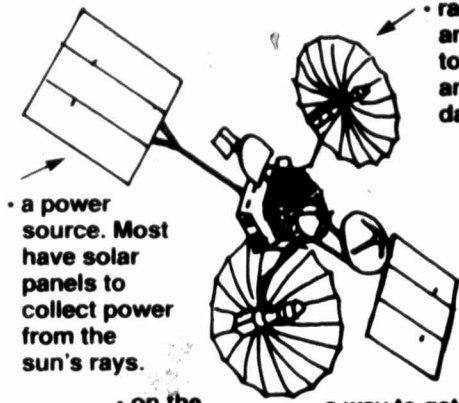
Every time we launch the space shuttle, experts have to take care to avoid hitting satellites and space trash.

Cost

Most satellites are owned by governments, and not every country can afford them. A weather satellite might cost as much as \$70 million to build and another \$30 million to launch. Some satellites are owned by private companies.

Satellites need:

a way to stabilize, or keep in orbit, while also pointing in the right direction.



a power source. Most have solar panels to collect power from the sun's rays.

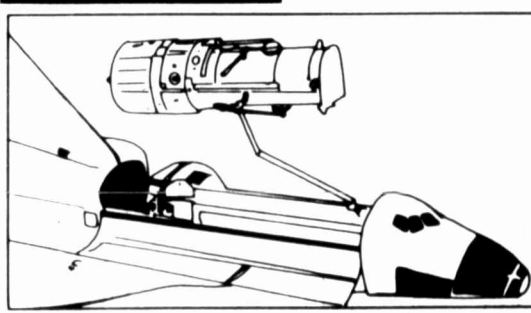
radio antennas to collect and relay data.

on the ground, a way to send data and a way to collect them.

a way to get up in space. Sometimes we use rockets. Other times we use the space shuttle.



An INTELSAT VII communications satellite uses a rocket to reach the high orbit it needs.



The shuttle Discovery was used to launch the Hubble space telescope in 1990.

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PETER PENGUIN'S PUZZLE LE-DO

Fit the names of these things you might see in space into the puzzle.

ACROSS:

1. SUN
2. ASTRONAUT
3. COMET
4. MOON
5. SHUTTLE
6. STARS

DOWN:

1. EARTH
2. ASTRONAUT
3. COMET
4. MOON
5. SHUTTLE
6. STARS

Answers: Across: 1. earth, 2. astronaut, 3. comet, 4. moon, 5. shuttle, 6. stars. Down: 1. earth, 2. astronaut, 3. comet, 4. moon, 5. shuttle, 6. stars.

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Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school. For use with issue: Artificial Satellites

Main idea: This issue is about artificial satellites. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw a picture of the way you think a satellite looks in space.
2. For one day, keep a list of the way satellites may have helped you. (For example, making a phone call or finding out the weather.)
3. Pretend you have been asked to design a satellite to give you information you want. (For example, where the largest playground in the world is.) What information would your satellite provide?
4. Discuss the following: Why are satellites so important? How have they made our lives easier? What do you think satellites of the future will be like? What do you think it would be like to work in the space program?
5. Look through your newspaper for information that might have been received from satellites. (For example, the weather forecast.)
6. Find the following words: communication, data, horizon, tracking, shuttle, orbit. Define and make up a new sentence for each one.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Tuna Tater Casserole

You'll need:

- 2 6-1/2 ounce cans tuna fish, drained
- 3 baking potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted

What to do:

1. Combine tuna fish, potatoes, onion and soup in a casserole. Mix well.
2. Sprinkle bread crumbs evenly on top.
3. Pour melted butter or margarine evenly on top.
4. Bake in a preheated, 375-degree oven for 1 hour. Serves 6 to 8.

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TRY 'N SATELLITES FIND

Words that remind us of satellites are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: SATELLITE, SPACE, EARTH, ORBIT, SIGNALS, RELAY, TRANSMIT, LAUNCH, WEATHER, COMMUNICATION, SKY, INFORMATION, CROPS, EQUATOR, WORLD, PREDICT, ANTENNA.

DO YOU KNOW THESE SATELLITE WORDS?

NOITACINUMMOOSE
SIGNALSTWSIMEAQ
DBWORLDREPECTU
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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Betty are sending a satellite into space. See if you can find:

- ruler
- bird
- olive
- boomerang
- ladder
- banana
- toothbrush
- lamp
- number 7
- heart
- ear of corn
- letter H
- letter L
- candy cane
- book

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Help From High in the Sky

Every day, our lives are touched by satellites. Here are the different kinds of these mighty satellites, where they are, and what they do for us.

23,500 miles up

Satellites ...

- carry half of all our phone calls.
- relay breaking news to newspapers.
- carry live-action shows to TV stations around the world.

Communication satellites travel around the Earth at the same rate as the Earth spins, so they stay in the same position. INTELSAT is a worldwide network of communications satellites that has brought modern communications to more than 140 countries.

500 to 1,000 miles up

Satellites ...

- help protect our country. Military satellites keep up with troop and missile movements and monitor nuclear weapon developments. They are so strong they can read license plates and see footprints!
- save lives by warning us of bad weather.
- help us decide what to wear.

Weather satellites take pictures and send us data about the weather around the world. Weather satellites also help us in search-and-rescue missions. They can locate sinking ships and downed planes. If the ships and planes are carrying special transmitters, the satellites can find them.

Satellites ...

- help farmers know where to plant crops.
- help locate water sources.
- help find oil.

Earth resources satellites study the Earth's natural resources.

12,500 miles up

Navigation satellites, through special receivers, can identify exactly where we are within 100 feet. There are 24 navigation satellites up in space. At any one time, there are five above the horizon at the same time. (Satellites below the horizon can't give us information because the Earth is in the way.)

100 to 500 miles up

Satellites ...

- explore our galaxy and beyond.

The Hubble space telescope is about the size of a bus. At first, it had a problem with a bad mirror. Astronauts had to return to space to fix it. Space research satellites look out into space to find out the mysteries of the universe.

Space shuttles and space stations offer us gravity-free labs. Shuttles also serve as space trucks, placing things into orbit. Space technology has helped us here on Earth in hundreds of ways.

Next week, The Mini Page celebrates National Library Week with a story about award-winning authors.