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Commissioners implement burning ban throughout county

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

Several West Texas counties, in light
of the long dry of the long dry spell that's plagued the
region as well as the recent North region as well as the recent North
Texas grass fires, have imposed Texas grass fires, have imposed
county burning bans until the dry spell is broken.
Martin and Howard Counties are
among these counties. among these counties.
Martin County Judge Bob Davenport
said "It's a touchy issue and I hope said, "II's a touchy issue and I hope
these (dry spells) aren't normal times." these (dry spells) aren't normal times.",
The Martin County Commissioners' Court was unanimous in issuing its
outdoor burning ban.
outaoor burning ban.
Davenport said its not a permanent
thing, but this is an emergency type of burning outside, but not make any
situation because one spark could laws. cause a disaster. cause a disaster.
The Howard County Commissioners'
Court was
direct opposition saying the court Court was not so united in issuing its
outdoor burning ban, despite recommendations from Bie Spring Fire Chief
Frank Anderson and a plea from and Frank Anderson and a plea from a
local resident. local resident.
Several farmers are boll weevil trap
of a dry spell like this. People need to
take a little more time to
 burning and some dust conditions have at least, $\begin{gathered}\text { Anderson said, "Conditions are very } \\ \text { the the } \\ \text { three members of the court a bit ner. }\end{gathered}$ extreme in the county right now and three members of the court a bit ner-
vous. $\begin{aligned} & \text { extreme in the county right now and } \\ & \text { the least little spark culd rave }\end{aligned}$ Commissioners Sonny Choate and the least little spark could ravage the Emma Brown were dead set against entire county. Our vegetation is bone imposing a ban on county residents.
Choate said, "We as a court should
urge people to use their heads when a for supervised targeted burning
when to lanker and fire engine

He added, "Open burning such as
cans, containers and pits is unaccept-
on private property," Choate said.
Crooker said. "I'm in disagreemen cans, containers and pits is unaccept-
able and will end up causing some big losses."
In April 1988, Scenic mountan In April 1988, Scenic mountain went
up in flames because of a spark from a up in flames because of a spark from a
welding torch being used to build a new water tank. Winds blew the sparks into the grass and 150 acres of brush and grassland and the one-million-gallon city water storage tank were destroyed.
Choate still objected to issuing a ban because he said it infringes on the cit-
izens private property rits izens private property rights.
"If we restrict people on their own property, we'll end up having county
crews picking their trash out crews picking their trash out of our
bar ditches. I'm not for making rules
bar ditches. I'm not for making rules Comm
Crooker said, "I'm in disagreemen not to burn. When you lose a home you've lost a lot.
One local citiz
saying he disagreed with Choate Brown ha disagreed with Choate an
that 57 other counties in the state have banned outdoor burnit He said, "At the very least, bannin
outside burning along with a fin utside burning along with a fin
should be sufficient enough to stop th burning. There's no need for people burn trash ."
Choate s. Choate said, "I think were about Comm
ath."
Commissioners' passed the measur .
Commissioners discuss
POWERFUI. UNITS Woodie Howell lawsuit 'threat' by his attorney
Howell blames "dirty" politics; attorney promises not to sue By CARLTON JOHNSON

The Howard County Commis. sioners' Court met in executive session late Monday morning to
disuss discuss pending lawsults and
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litigation with former possible litigation with former
Sherifss deputy and Republican Sheriff candidate Woodie How.
ell Following the executive ses. ston Howard County Judge Ben
Lockhart said the commission. ers' court, after talking with attorneys in Austh, authorized him to make a statement about



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Big Spring police nab two Florida murder suspects
,y, chation Jommon Staff Writer
Two Florida murder suspects turned up in Big Spring this past weekend, but are
now being expedited back to face charges in new eing expedited back to tace charges in
the murder of Bagdad, Fla. resident Calvin
McCuliers.
McCullers was found in his Bagdad Mccualers was found in his Bagdad
Florida home over the weekend His throat Mor been slasherd Authorities believe he
had was killed Feb. 13 . 4 . On Saturday, officers with the Big Spring
Police Department arrested the suspects Poilce Depariment arrested ine suspects
while invetigatmg the homicle after
being contacted by Santa Rosa county ofn
Police arrested 24 year-old Dennis Pen Police arrested 24 year-old Dennis Penn
and 19 year-old Marcus Brian McCullers. $\begin{array}{llll}\text { ATLANTA (AP) - With GOP } & \text { attracting more and more sup- } & \text { sound like Bill Clinton. They } \\ \text { presidential hopefuls making a } & \text { port as we speak. We'll just take } & \begin{array}{l}\text { call me the same names Bill }\end{array} \\ \text { final push to sway votes in Ari. } \\ \text { it from there.". } & \text { Clinton calls them. They look }\end{array}$

GOP hopefuls make final push for support in Arizona
the victim's stepson Saturday.
A female suspect, 17 -year-old Catherine Caudell of Florida, was also taken into cuslody and questioned, but later releas
without charges being filed against her. Florida investigators say Marcus
McCullers' girlfriend was afraid McCullers' girlfriend was afraid Florida
welfare workers would take her child welfare workers would take her child, so
McCullers and Penn allegedly concocted scheme to leave Florida and killed the victim fo steal his car. Detectives Paul Lio and Tom Gunn trav eled to Big Spring Monday to escort the sus. pects back to Florida to face murder and being fugitives from justice. Lio said other motives for the killing are also possible.
The susper for the killing are dso possible.
The suspects and their girlfriends, along when they reached Texas and were staying
at the Mayo Ranch Motel in Big Spring try ing to figure out how to get their ca . New Mexico or California. The child is currently in the care elfare officials.
whe break in the investipation When the estranged husband of Marcu authorities girlfriend implicated him in this case and wSPD was they key break cooperation. The suspectiate their level of mally charged and booked in Florida on put through the legal system.

[^0] Races are also being held South Dakota, followed by "nirst-in-the South" contest
South Carolina on Saturday

Dole, the Senate majority lea
er, reorganizing his staff er, reorganizing his staff and trying to overcome two straigh
loses in New Hampshire and Delaware, disclosed that he'd talked to Bush soon after the
New Hampshire vote New Hampshire vote
Asked if he expected an
endorsement, Dole said "Well endorsement, Dole said, "Well

Tiffany Aloharcle, Ban Richardson and Alyesa Nunez add more dirt onto a plic on the coilege Moights elom class project. Once the mountain was buil high enough, thelr



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much colder tonight with lows fore cast to 25. Daytime winds north-
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Eleno subla Barrera, 30, of Slaton and formerily of BII Spring.
on Tuesday, Web. 27, 1996, at


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Parra. He moved to Staton in
1991 mom
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His father Jose Barrera and one

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Barrera and Ricardo Valde maternal grandmother: Subia, Big Spring. four broth.
ers: Johnny Barrera and IIreal
Barrera, both of Lubbock; Andy Barrera, and Cleto Barcorea, both
of S. Paul Minn. Viola Mendora and Lydia
Yanez, both of Big Spring: Lucy
Yel Ybearra, Kansas, Martha Sorita,
Mary Constancio and Andrea Constancio, all of Minnesota as
well as numerous aunts, uncles. nieces and nephews
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be at Trinnty Memorial Park on Wetnescday. Meb. 28, 1906, at
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clating. He died Sunday. Feb clating. He diled Sunday. Feb
25. 1966 , at St. Mary's af the Plaing Hospttal
He was born in Eofa, Texas and had lived in the Baltrnge area most of hh youth and was
ateteran of he U.S. Army dur ing World War II. He married
Bilue Elis on Sept. 6 . 1945 , in ed a service station and zaraug at the Intersection of Interstate 20 and High way 80 for 30 years.
He had been a Lubbock resident for three years.
Survivors Include his wife Bil
le; one son: Randy Dewee ubbock; two daughters Pam ley, Danville Calif: abrother
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her parents: Ennis and Stella Boyd Wilson, Mudisonville; tw laughters and a son-in-law
Donna Michelle and Tony
Salazar Salazar, Big Spring and Paul
Sue Coleman, Houston; one son and daughter-in-law: Billy and Marie Wilson Jr., Big Spring Maggle Ann and Tony Walker
Cleburne; one brother: Jimmy Wilson, Florida; seven grand
children, two aunts: Locle Wison, Normangee and Maxine
Boyd, Virginia and numerous Arrangemenhews.
dire under the
direction of J.M. Day Funeral Home of Madisonville.
(Pald obituary)
 and was stationed her with the High way Patrol as a state troop
er for 15 years. He then worke er for 15 years. He then worke
for the City of Big Spring Police
Department as a lieutenant fo Department as a lieutenant for
14 years. He then owned and with his way Plumbin husband and father.
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He was a member of Stak Plains Modge No. N 08 , A Fikid A.M., the Suez Shrine, the Suez
Shrine Temple, the Lubbock Scottish Rite and was active in
the Suez Motor Patrol.
Survivors include his wife Survivors include his wife
Colleen Henry. Big Spring; on son, Gary Belew. Big Spring:
one daughter: Sandra Belew
Beckcom. Fayetteville Be Beckcom. Fayetteville, Ark:
one brother: Ed Henry, Denton;
four grandchildren four grandchildren and on
nephew. Tephew
The family suggests memori 610 Texas Ave., Galveston
Texas; 77550 or the America Diabetes Assocation; P.O. Box
621182 ; San Angelo, Texas 76906 .

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## Police

## The Big Spring Police

 Department reported the follow-ing incidents during the 24 -
hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday:
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DO, 43, of 507 W . Fifh, previDo, 43, of 507 W. Fifth, previ-
ously arrested for assault, was released after paying a fine.
-JOE DELGADO, JR., 28 , 1311 Mobile, previously arrest
ed for theft and possession of mariluana, was released after
payng a fine.
-BERLEY SAPP, II, 69, no address given, was arrested for
public intoxication. IINVESTIGATING SUSPIblous activiries in the scurry, at Gregz and
Marcy, 400 block of Northwest Eighth, at Fourth and Goliad,
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block of East Fourth, at the
South Service Road of Interstate 20 and North Owens,
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20 . ANIMAL PROBLEMS a West Interstate 20 and mile
marker 177 and in the 1600
block of Canary. -BURGLARY OF A VEHI
CLE in the 1900 block of
Wasson and 500 block of Wes Fourth. - MINOR ACCIDENTS in the 2400 block of East Marcy, 200
block of East 10th, at 15th and Scurry and at North U.S.
Highway 87 and the city limits. -DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS In the 200 block of East 10th
2000 block of Goliad, 1600 block of Mart in Luther King and 290 block of West 80.
-THEFT OF SERVICE in the sogplock of West Interstate 20.
PHONE HARASSMENT in the 500 block of Westover anfd
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INVESTIGATING CRIMIblock of Martin Luther King
1200 block of East 17th and 1000 1200 block of East 17
 East Fourth.
-THEFTS THEFTS in the 700 block of
West Interstate 20,1100 block of North Lamesa, 500 block of
Washington and 200 block of Runnels.
-FORGERY at a local Big Sheriff The Howard County Sherifrs
Department reported the follow. Department reported the follow-
ing incidents in a 24 -hour peri.
 1507 Lincoln, was transferred
from the Big Spring Police ed for possession of marijuana under two ounces and violation of Ector County probation,
pleaded gullty in county Court
and was and was sentenced to ten days
in county jail and fined $\$ 192$ -PATRICIA YVETTE MIER.

Herald seeks rec/pes from
readers for new page The Herald is currently seek
ing input from our readers to begin a recipe page scheduled to be published the second
Wednesday, of each month,
beginning in April eginning in April
If you have any recipes you would like to see published,
please submitt them to the Her ald office at 710 Scurry or mail
hem to: P.O. Box 1431, Big hem to: P.O. Box 1431, Big
Spring, 79721 , attention: Kellie Submissions for the first
Recipe corner need to be in te recipe corner need to be in the
Herald office no later than April It is scheduled for April 10 .
For more in For more information

HC upcoming events schedule Here is a list of upcomin
vents at Howard College: $\bullet$ Howard County Spelling Bee,


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 the Howard Collewe Auditerntum
at 7 top.m ABWA to hold membershlp tea The Scenic Cactus Chapter of bership Tea Drtve on sunday from 1 to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. A
working women are encourworking women
aged to attend.
Local resident seeks Guiness record entry in tapdancing Big Spring resident and dance
instructor Laurie Churche instructor Laurie Churchwell record in tap dancing. The current record for tap
dancing distance is 13.1 miles and Churchwell will attempt to
tap dance 16 miles on March 9 tap dance 16 miles on March 9 .
She will use the Harold Davis Fitness Center, Dorothy Garrett
Coliseum and the sidewalks in
between.
Blood drive slated for March 9 A community blood drive
sponsored by KBST and the Big Spring Mall will be Saturday, March 9, at the mall from 11
a.m. to 3 p..m. The drive will be conducted by United Blood Services of San Angelo.
Donors are asked
proper identification such as a proper
driver's license, social security card or UBS blood donor card.
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mately 300 units of blood a week mately 300 units of blood a week
to adequately service more than to adequately service more than
20 hospitals across West Texas, including Scenic Mountain
Medical and the VA Hospital. UBS representatives urge any-
one with 0 blood to donate. O one with O blood to donate. O
Negative blood is universal and
can can be transfused to anyone.
For more information, contact For more information, contact
United Blood Services of San Bone marrow drive March 9 for young Megan Stanley
 The drive is set for Saturday,
March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at
the Garrett Hall at Firrst United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry.
The suggested donation for
the drive is $\$ 20$ and is open for anyone ages 18 and is open for Contact Nancy Marshall at 263-8053 for
more information. For informamore information. For informa-
tion about bone marrow transplants in general, oontact Vicky
Turner at $1-800-643-2448$. Chamber's Business After Hours set for March 19
Business After Ho 19, from $5: 15$ to 7 p.m., at the
Best Western Mid Best Western Mid Continent Inn
on the North Service Road of There will be refreshments
and door prizes. Bring a guest and your business, cards. gram of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and is specifically designed to encour-
age network ing and to show case age networking and to showcase
sponsors. There is no charge to sponsors. There is no charge to
attend. This is the first of many for 1996, with a different spo
sor and location each time

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## New wildfire breaks out near Amarillo; 180,000 acres now burned


#### Abstract

fire broke out Monday in rural Potter County near Amarillo, $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { More than } 130 \text { homes and } 115 \\ \text { vehicles have been destroyed by } \\ \text { fre, state figures show. The dol }\end{gathered} \begin{gathered}\text { Also Monal director for the Federal }\end{gathered}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Potter County near Amarillo, } \\ \text { fret state state figures show. The dol } & \text { regional director for the Federal } \\ \text { Emergency Management Agen- }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { prayed for rain to thwart grass } & \text { not been totaled. }\end{array}$ fires like those that ravaged thousands of acres last week acres last week. The 2,00 -acre fire, in Those 180,000 acres $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l}\text { sion grant reimburses } \\ \text { the state for } 70 \text { percent } \\ \text { of the costs of fighting }\end{array}\end{aligned}$ an area of scatted homes some three represent an ar $\begin{aligned} & \text { of the costs of ighting } \\ & \text { the fires. The Potter }\end{aligned}$ homes some three Amarillo, was extinguished about $6: 30$ p.m., but hot p.m., but hot spots con- tinued to flare up. Potter County Sheriffs Potter County Sheriffs Department said at least one nt an area o 281 square miles, about 85 percent the size of Dallas. least one house was destroyed. No malor injurie were reported, although some firefighters suffered smoke inhalation, the spokesman said. Since January, some 3,000 sep. arate blazes have consumed more than 180,000 acres, almos 10 times as much land as all o last year, officials with the State Division of Emergency Manag Those 180,000 acres represent an area of 281 square miles, about 85 percent the size of Dal. $\qquad$ rain Parker where The are eme Tex The for stag tre No decl wou help Whe andion grant where count Th,500 acres burned are in addition to the grants emergency declarations in 21 Texas counties last weekend. The emergency declaration pays for the federal government to tage equipment in areas where No might break out. No Texas counties Neclared disasters areas, which would send federal money to help pay for damage caused by


UN denounces Cu
 insistence Bodies of American students returned home from Israel after bombing attack Sunday
The United States had pressed ment without delay. "It is important to the United
States to get action on this heinous crime, and to have the international community make
clear this is a major breach of clear this is a major breach of
international law,", U.S. Ambassador Madeleine, Albright said.
"It is a criminal act." "It is a criminal act." As current holder of the rotating council presidency,
Albright at one point threatened to keep the council in session
until dawn, if necessary, diplountil dawn, if necessary, diplo-
mats said.
Council members beat that Council members beat that
deadline by just three hours.
China's ambassador Qin Huasun had stalled, staying he
needed to consult his needed to consult his govern-
ment in Beijing. China also ment in Beijing. China also
wanted to wait until the Cuban foreign minister , Robetto Robana, arrivec. to let Rodriguez address the body.
When the council agreed upon the statement, Albright invited
Rodriguez to take a seat at the council table to hear the state ment, as is protocol.
Rodriguez instead.. "I guess he doesn't want to,"
Albright sald. Albright sald.

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TEANECK, N.J. (AP) - Sara who cared for others, and who
 With her boyftiend, Matthew M. Eisenfeld. Early today, nag. araped comins bearing Duker es ouker had been taking class
and Eisenfeld returned home Jebrew University in
in board a plane to teartul famp Jerusalem and working in a les and a planned foint burial school macrobiology lab. She Duker, 22, and Eisenfeld, 25, lege in New York. were among 25 people during Eisenfeld was a second-year early Sunday attacks on buses early Sunday in Jerusalem.
In a letter written Monday, Duker's sisters appealed for $\begin{aligned} & \text { and } \\ & \text { peace and paid tribute to Sora. }\end{aligned}$
"For those who would use her death as an excuse to say that our sister never hated anyone, and would never have wanted to contribute, to the
hate in this world," wrote Tamara, 20, and Ariella; 14. Duker was the "antithesis of
violence"" sald violence," said Rasbi Mena-
hem Meier, the principal of hem Meligious thigh school.
"I remember her as a real
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## E DITORIAL

Quote of the Day

## The impossible is often the untried."

-Jim Goodwin
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ald uniess otherwise noted. Other opinions are those of the respective columnist or writer.

John H. Watker
Managing Edinor

## Making a difference each and every day

Over the past couple of weeks, members of our ference. As you know, we have a tendency to belleve that Howard Countians move to the head of the line when it comes to helping a w
Once again, you've proven us right.
Back on Feb. 18, a catfish fry and auction was held raise monies for Bobby McCormick. McCormick you may recall, is the gentleman who has undergone a half-dozen heart surgeries and, quite simply was out of money and out of insurance coverage.
Because you were given the chance to help, you
chose to do so and nearly $\$ 5,000$ was raised at the benchose to do so and nearly $\$ 5,000$ was raised at the benefit, which was put on by Mel's Catfish, Martha's
Hideaway and H.O.G., the Harley Owner's Group. Hideaway and H.O.G., the Hariey Owner s Group. as they sought to cover a gym floor with coins for the as they sought to cover a gym flo
proposed Kids' Zone Playground.
propased Kids of your support, along, of course, with the enthusiasm that often can only be found in a child, an estimated $\$ 6,000$ was raised.
Because of you, a difference has been made in two areas.
Because of you, we're proud to call Big Spring and Howard County home.
It is said that things change over the years ... that people come and go and that attudes change. One hiven the chance, the residents of Big Spring and given the chance, the residents of Big Spr
Howard County will try to make a difference. Don't ever change that.

## OTHER VIEWS

The North American Free Trade Agreement - as shown by the campalgn-trall success of Republican presiddential candidate Pat
Buchanan - has become a Buchanan - has become a major issue in this po
But it has become one for all the wrong reasons.
But it has become one for all the wrong reasons.
Buchanan uses his "America first" campaign theme to say that
reee trade in general - and NAFTA in particular - are bad for free trade in general - and NAFTA in particular - are bad for
the United States. On what does he base his assumption? On a the United States. On what dico
couple of rocky years in Mexico
couple of rocky years in Mexico.
NAFTA, which is designed to integrate trade among the Unit-
ed States. Mexico and Canada, still holds enormous hope as it ed States, Mexico and Canada, still holds enormous hope as it
enters its third year of existence.
NAFTA seeks to equalize trade restrictions among the nations. NAFTA seeks to equalize trade restrictions among the nations.
U.S. Canadian trade already is virtually tree of tariffs. Not so U.S. Canadian trade already is virtually tree of cariifs. Not so
with the United States and Mexico. The Mexican government
already though, has reduced tariffs sy 5 percent, compared to a with the United, has reduced tariffs by 5 percent, con
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2 percent reduction enacted by the U.S. government.
2 percent reduction enacted by the U.S. government.
Cleariy, the Mexican economy has suffered. The devaluation of
the peso last year came as Mexico sought to deal with a virtual the peso last year came as Mexico sought to deal with a virtual
economic collapse. The buying power of Mexicans has suffered over the short term. The future, however, isn't nearly as bleak,
espectally if Mexico's economy continues to rebound from its dis: especiaily ir Mexico's economy continues in rebound siom its eco-
astrous ispow, Mexico already is showing sins of eco
nomic growth in 1996, a trend that figures to cut significantly into this country's trade deficit.
The impact on Texas of
The impact on Texas, of course, is enormous. Discussions already are underway to extend Interstate 27 north of Amarillo
and south of Lubbock in anticipation of increased truck volume. Yes, that increased traffic has some problems, such as the safety
of Mexico's trucks; the state must ensure that those trucks meet of Mexico's trucks; the state must ensure that those trucks meet stricter safety requirements than they do at the moment.
It is oh, so easy to score cheap political points by singling out
some of the recent difnculties in this still-new trade arrangement. We ought to take the long view in judging the success or tallure of NAFTA.
At the end of its
At the end of its second year, NAF
for Texas and the rest of the nation. The Republican Revolution that was to be led by Speaker Gin-
grich and his band of House disciples has been shoved aside. Make room for the Buchanan Brigade - sweeping across the
Republican primary landscape and coming to Texas next month. Republican primary landscape and coming to Texas next month.
Gingrich and the House Republicans talked of a contract with Gingrich and the House Republicans talked of a contract with
America. Pat Buchanan makes no mention of any such contract, America. Par Buchanan makes no mention of any such of religious,
choosing instead to feature a peculiar but fier blend of
right moral views and economic protectionism borrowed from right moral views and economic protectionism borrowed from
the books of yiberal Democrats.
It's great entertainment to see Buchanan - a mere columnist If's great entertainment to see Buchanan - a mere columnist and commentator - shock the establishment figures of his party.
Bucchanan is the fire and brimstone of his party - the George Wallace of the 1090s who uses a nativist compai
ments against ethnic groups and immigrants.
ments against ethnic groups and immigrants.
Pat is always on the attack. His relentless bashing of Mexion
and the North American Free Trade Agreement adds a strong and the North Amere anten Frie Trade Agreement adds a strong
antiforeigner bent, delighting a constituency which blames out-anti-foreigner bent, delighting a constituency whic
side forces for many of their problems and fears.
-stablisthment Mepublicans are reeling. Their standard bearer - semate Matority Leader Bob Dole - is a listiess and tired ifg. Buchananisms.
In Texas, Repubicican leaders like Cov. George W. Bush and
sen. Kay Balley Hutchison must surely be shuddering. Both are andent iree traders and believe in NAFTA heart and soul. Ir's not hard to see why. Merico is hugely important to the Texas economy. This state leads the mation ins exports to Mexico,

The thought of Buchannan waving the Republican flag in
Wember and in any way threatening an economic cornerstone


Never too young to be on wrong end of a lawsuit Some time back, I I rote about sustanned when Connor alleged
a 9 year-old Lititle Leapue pe player
1 y hit her when he was 4 years
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watching from a blanket on the grasss
The case was interesting
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Most 9-year-olds might twitch a reading a legal document that
accuses them of causing pain accuses them of causing pain,
misery and suffering, as well as
a hus a husband's lack of consortium,
and demanding what and demanding what would
amount to a lifetime of weekly allowance.
all To bring the case up to date, a
judgethis week tossed the suit That meahs the kid is off the hook, although his parents
could still be sued, so I'll keep track of that.
But when I
But when I wrote that column,
I said that the boy was the youngest personal-injury defen youngest personal-injury defen
dant 1 had ever heard of. Which just shows how naive am in underestimating the in
tiative of modern victims and their eager lawyers. I recently heard from Mackie Schaars, of Carrollton, Texas
who wrote: "You said that boy was the youngest defendant you have
heard of. Well, have I got one for you.
"My so
My son Connor, age 6, is
named in a lawsuit, along with my husband and me.

By TERRY PLUMB
Pat Buchanan is
Resident Cint in fond
Buchanan, who may yet
inflict real damage to Bob Dole's campaign for presiden has all but co-opted elements of
the Republican Party that any candidate for the GOP nomina tion must control to prevail. More important, he dominates
the party by sheer force of per. the party
sonality.
Whut most reassuring to the White House incumbent must can't be elected. Buchanan not only won't win his party's nomblood on the floor that no Republican will be able to find the traction or energy needed to
evict Clinton.
Barring a serious downtown in the economy or a disaster in
Bosnia, Clinton will waliz back Bosnia, Clinton will waltz back
into omice. All he has to do is into office. All he has to keep looking presidential.
Expect more trips to place Expect more trips to places
where he can wear a leather
alight jacket and look deter-
mined but empathetic while mined but empathetic while
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surveying iooded houses.
The Whitewater probe won help Clintonater probe won
infict mator, damage. People Who hate the firrst miniliy couldn't be made to think worse of here whe somethitis fishy

## \section*{could really hurt someone if Connor delivered the allege you hit them in the throat.'

 <br> Pat Buchanan is a godsend for Bill Clinton day he has never stabbed any.one in the arm or elsewhere.
Tribune Midna}
the only
tives play deposits. As for Hillary Clinton, she
polarized $\begin{aligned} & \text { polarized } \\ & \text { the nation } \\ & \text { with her }\end{aligned} \square$ OPINION wise and standing by her man. Con-
tinued attacks against her will tinued attacks against
only build sympathy only build sympathy. Clinchanan won't treat the
Cindly, but first he will lay waste to Bob Dole, Lamar Alexander and Steve Forbes. None of them can touct
Buchanan on the stump. He Buchanan on the stump. Fee
dominates the dias. His sound bites have teeth. The other guy come across as nice men who or out on the links. Buchanan, who once wrote
speeches for President Nixon speeches for President Nixon Dick in the scruples area, Dick in the scruples area,
brings more than vitality to the
table. He carties heavy political
baggage. When Pat starts rant-
ing about the evils of immigrathat the richest Americans don barriers, he's tapping a rich expense of the working po vein in American politics: the Buchanan will lose favor with the Religious Right. Sure, they
He is the resurrection of such love his stance on abortion, but political ghosts as George Wal- sooner or later Pat Robertson lace and Father Coughlin. Any and followers are going to fig. moment you expect to hear him ure out that he's not one of and the evil machinations of them. He's not only Cathole Wall Street bankers. For the Republicans, this is a major problem. Big business traditionally has fueled GOP Buchanan's America First cam paign strikes directly at megacorporations, ingly dependent on are increas When he damns NAFTA and rattles the saber at China, Buchanan sends shitvers through the board rooms of
America.
${ }^{7}$ He's even got Dole badmonthing corppoations that lay off thousands of workers while

big-city Irish Catholic. This guy
would be more at home tending bar and breaking faces in a New York speakeasy than dis-
cussing his conversion expert cusse over a plate of fried chick.
en. The Republicans' best hope may rest in Lamar Alexander, a aceless former Tennessee gov.
rnor who reassures less than inspires, and whs over voters by promising to pring common Maybe, his wiffe bakes..

By Bruce Tinsley hey needed our insurance was busy trying to get his older would file suit. classic case of sibling rivalry $\begin{array}{cc}\text { "I notified our insurance com- } & \text { rearing its ugly head. } \\ \text { any, and they offered } \$ 1,000 \text {. Schaars says }\end{array}$ pany, and they offered $\$ 1,000$. $\begin{gathered}\text { Mrs. Schaars says she doesn't } \\ \text { That's what the insurance com- } \\ \text { know how much pain and suf }\end{gathered}$ pany offers if an accident hap- fering her former sitter is curpens on your property and you rently enduring because she is But the lawsuit was filed now living in another commu$\begin{array}{ll}\quad \text { But he } \\ \text { "During her deposition,", Mrs. } & \begin{array}{l}\text { nity. "Maybe she doesn't want } \\ \text { to be seen around town talking }\end{array}\end{array}$ Schaars said, "she couldn't say normally because that might why she needed $\$ 2$ million. She indicate that her pain and suf-

said it was for lost wages, but
fering has subsided." she had never filed an income- The case comes to trial next
shase tax return. She did some detail- mibnth, so we will see how much
ing on cars for her father, but
the family has to pay for little $\begin{array}{ll}\text { ing on cars for her father, but } & \text { the family has to pay for little } \\ \text { she mostly baby-sat and lived at } & \text { Connor's wicked forearm chop. }\end{array}$ home. Actually, she was an This case reminds me of some-
 and watch TV with them." two of my little nephews. One of $\begin{array}{cl}\text { But what about connor? Is he } & \text { them snuck up on me and } \\ \text { a large brute of a child, given to } \\ \text { plunged a ballpoint pen into } m y\end{array}$ delivering potentially lethal froarm, causing me considerdows or kicks, a la Mutant Ninja Tu
Rangers? "No," his mother says, "he's $\begin{aligned} & \text { Had have haven quicke to Casittir, the } \\ & \text { neighborhood le }\end{aligned}$ ordinary in size and strength. And one of his teachers says er-in-law for a million or two. I
he's one of the sweetest children he's one of the sweetest children
she ever worked with." $\begin{aligned} & \text { know blood is thicker than } \\ & \text { water, but a million bucks can }\end{aligned}$ The family's lawyer says that the suit asks for si million for the pain and suffering the baby-
sitter has already experienced sitter has already experienced.
And the other $\$ 1$ million is for the pain and suffering she will experience in the future. Darn, there is so much misery The lawyer says he believes
Connor delivered the allegedly buy a lot of plasma.
Instead, I took the pen and Instead, It took the pen and
Jabbed litte Gus in his arm, causing him a bit of pain and
suffering, as well as wailing and howling. As a result, Casimer the lawyer lost a client. But little Gus grew up to be a
respectable citizen. And to this day he has never stabbed any-




Texas catcher David Valle soaks up the sun during spring trainin
Charlotte, Fla.

## Spurs' owners promise to keep team in San Antonio

Spurs say of the San Aaje Antonio serious bids to buy the NBA franchise because the suitors
refused to promise not refused to promise not to mo
the club to another city Twenty-one businesses a Individuals who own the fran-
chise paid $\$ 85$ million for the Spurs in March 1993. McDermott said Monday that the ownership group rejected
two sericus $\$ 90$ million offers last fall by prospective buyers who would agree only to "do
their best" to keep the franchise in town.
And they didn't even deliber-
ate less formal offers as high as ate less formal offers as high as
$\$ 152.5$ million because they would have ensured the team's
departure, McDermott said It wA\&n't unclear Monday San Antonio Mayor Bill
Thorpfon, once an opponent but now a proponent of providaware of those votes. He was out of town until Friday and
unavailable. unavailable.
The current investor group
has voted down two offers from (serious) prospects who signed confidentiality agreements and submitted plans, but not com-
mitments, to keep the team in mitments, to keep the team in
San Antonio," McDermott said.
He did not San Antonio, McDermet, citing

TThe current investor group has voted down two offers from (serious) prospects who signed confidentiality agreements and submitted plans but not commit ments, to keep the team in San Antonio.

Robert McDermott ments.
The two secret-ballot votes weren't unanimous, but a
majority of the shareholders supported keeping the Spurs in town and under current owner If the team were move
larger market and into a state of-the-art basketball arena could be worth $\$ 150$ million o
more, McDermott estimated. more, McDermott estimated.
The current owners say the bought the Spurs to keep the team in San Antonio. Several owners including McDermot have said they won't sell their
stake to an investor who want

McDermott said they have
eceived as many as four
queries"' about selling the team that weren't taken seriously because they would have ture.
rece qued queries we have be buying the
Spurs and moving them to Spurs and moving them to
another location have been as high as $\$ 152.5$ million,'
McDermott said Owners representatives and
other sources confirmed those events, adding that at least four
brokers from Austin, Houston Dallas and a California city have expressed interest in han-
dling the sale of the Spurs.. One
is believed to have had a New is believed to have had a New
Orleans tie. And more than a year ago,
wo Albuquerque investors nquired about buying the McDermott also declined to ly courted the Spurs, but the quoted one source as saying the investment banking firm Salomon Brothers Inc., appears
o have initiated one of the nquirie
It was Salomon that helped
former Spurs owner B. J. "Red" McCombs sell the team
Officials with Salomon couldn'

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Class 1A area
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## Dixon latest Cowboy to leave for greener pastures

IRV̇ING (AP) - The Sup
Bowl has mean Tiches for Larry Brown. Russell Maryland and Dixon Edwards.
It's also meant a big headache for coach Barry Switzer, who
must find players to replaoe the starters off a championship eam.
Linebacker Dixon Edwards signed a contract for $\$ 10 \mathrm{mil}$ lion over four years, including
$\mathrm{a} \$ 2.5 \mathrm{million}$ signing bonus, with the Minnesota Vikings on Monday
Switzer was disgusted. The Cowboys have lost 21 starters
to free agency in three years.
"It's ridiculous the way
money is being thrown around," Switzer said. "It can certainly fracture the esprit de
corps of a team. The day of loy-
alty to a team is o
play for the dollar." Edwards said he had $n$ n which traditionally has less money on linebackers than other defensive players. , גc like it was tough for Dallas see me leave, so it's not tough for me to leave," Edwards said. Edwards is the third Dallas defensive starter to leave this offseason, following cornerback
Brown, the Super Bowl MVP and defensive lineman Maryland, both of whom signed with the Oakland Raiders. Switzer said he wouldn't be
surprised if linebackers Darrin surprised if linebackers Darrin left.

Dallas would be able to keep
Smith, Switzer said, "I doubt it. Thith, Switzer said, c doubt it.
There's just too much money
out there people are willing to out the
pay."
The The cowboys can match any offers to Smith, and it would
cost another team a first-round cost another team a
draft pick to sign him.
"We'll just have 1 .
Switzer said the Cowboys are paying the price for winning years.
"We're paying for our success
now," the coach said. "We now," the coach said. "We
knew it was going to happen. This is nothing unexpected."

The Cowboys only have about $\$ 2$ million remaining under the salary cap and owner Jerry
Jones likely will renegotiate
running back Emmitt Smith's
contract. Jones paid out $\$ 40$ million in bonuses to keep mos of the offense intact but the famed defensive depth of the "We jud tharerto find some players in the draft or at the
low, bottom dollar of free agency," Switzer said. "This is not a great year for college line backers, either.
Safety Brock Marion and offensive lineman Ron Stone
re two other restricted free agents on the Dallas roster.
Other unrestricted free agents Include quarterback Jason Garrett, punter John Jett, corScott Case, center Dale
Hellestrae and special teams star Bill Bates.


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when a co-worker asked me
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stepfather?" Just? That made him sound positively throwaway!
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THE Daily Crossword by


In 1973, members of the Amerthe hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the
1890 massacre of Siux 1890 massacre of sioux men,
wothen and children. (The occupation lasted until May.) In 1979, Jane M. Byrne con-
founded Chicago's Democratic political machine as emocratic Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral pri-
mary. (Byrne went on to win mary. (Byrne went on to win
the election.) Ten years ago: The U.S. Sen-
ate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis. Five years ago: "President
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Today's Birthdays: Actress
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Elizabeth Taylor is 64. Former Elizabeth Taylor is 64. Former
Senator Malcolm Wallop, RWyo., is 63. Consumer advocate
Ralph Nader is 62 . Actress Barbara Babcock is 59. Actor Howard Hesseman is 56. Actress
Mary Frann is 53. Basketball Mary Frann is 53. Basketball
player James Worthy is 35 . Chelsea Clinton is 16 . Thought for Today: "All that
is human must be retrograde if it does not advance." - Edward
Gibbon, English historian (1737.



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