

Council OKs added severance pay to Fuqua's contract

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

After last Wednesday's special council meeting concerning the employment status of City Manager Gary Fuqua, a meeting which almost didn't have a quorum, a full panel of council members were in attendance at Tuesday's meeting.

The issue of last week's meeting was brought up by Councilman Tom Guess, who was concerned about the additional six months of severance pay added to Fuqua's contract, giving him a total of 18 months severance pay instead of 12 months.

According to Guess, the additional

severance pay will cost the city approximately \$31,750 and, in the event of Fuqua's termination or non-renewal of his contract, would cost the city a total of about \$125,000.

Guess said this is a heavy burden on taxpayers and hard on the city.

"There seems to be a lot of people on the council that it makes them feel good in their hearts to give away other people's money," Guess said.

"I made this motion (at the special meeting) and except for the added severance pay, this is the exact same contract the council unanimously agreed on six months ago," Councilman Jimmy Campbell said.

Responding to Guess' comment, Mayor Tim Blackshear said, "This was

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Tom Guess
City Councilman

not done to feel good in our hearts, but to make sure the city manager can do his job on a day to day basis and not have to worry about his job."

The issue was listed as a final reading item on Tuesday's agenda, and following discussion on the issue, council members Stephanie Horton, Pat

DeAnda, Blackshear and Campbell voted to approve the revised employment agreement with Fuqua.

The "no" votes came from members Chuck Cawthon, Guess and John Paul Anderson, who said he was concerned that council was tying the hands of future councils by agreeing to such a

contract.

Fuqua recently turned down a \$2,000 salary increase, which resulted from last week's special meeting, but did accept the severance pay increase.

"I do, however, appreciate the six months of severance pay added to my contract," Fuqua said. "It gives me and my family the peace of mind in the future should situations like this come up."

Fuqua said he is happy with the outcome of last week's special meeting and now wants to put the situation behind him and continue with the progress the city has made.

"I think the citizens see that the city is going in a good direction," Fuqua said.

HCARC finally gets bingo approval

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The third time became the charm, though not an easy fight, for the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens (HCARC) in their efforts to secure a specific use permit for the purpose of operating a bingo hall in Big Spring.

Prior to the unanimous vote granting the permit, City Engineer Ralph Truskowski told the council the issue had gone through the normal procedures, meaning the Planning and Zoning Commission, and it was the recommendation of the commission that the council grant the permit.

According to Truskowski, there was only one person in attendance at the last commission meeting in opposition to the granting of the permit.

Elrod Furniture owners Dee and Linda Elrod, current occupants of the location where the bingo hall will operate, attended Tuesday's meeting and were in favor of HCARC being granted the permit.

HCARC will have to provide adequate parking for the facility before the certificate of occupancy will be issued, according to Truskowski.

Commission member Bob Taylor addressed the council, saying this is the fourth or fifth time the commission has heard the issue of a specific use permit for HCARC.

"We all (the council and the commission) may have inadvertently placed bingo halls in a bad light," Taylor said. "A specific use permit was requested because at the time the issue



City Manager Gary Fuqua discusses an issue with city council members Stephanie Horton and Pat DeAnda as City Attorney Jim Finley, middle, prepares for Tuesday's council meeting. Mayor Tim Blackshear surveys the crowd, which for the second straight meeting was near capacity. The crowd later watched as the council tackled the issue of granting a "specific use" bingo hall permit to the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens for a third time.

BSISD officials happy, not content with AEIS report

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District officials are happy, but not content with the recent "academically acceptable" accountability rating the district received on its 1995-96 Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report.

"All campuses were rated acceptable with the exception of Kentwood Elementary, which received a rating of 'recognized elementary school,' meaning students at Kentwood maintained at least an 80 percent average on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test," BSISD Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Instruction Murray

Murphy said.

As a group, 81.5 percent of Kentwood students passed all sections of the test; 88.8 percent passed reading; 89.7 percent passed writing; and 87.3 percent passed math.

"Two of our schools, Big Spring High School and Moss Elementary, barely missed being recognized schools," Murphy added. "Moss was a recognized school last year. You have to maintain a higher academic status once you become a recognized campus."

Murphy said the goal of public education in Texas is to show student growth as far as the level of learning is concerned.

"We're happy with the results of the AEIS," Murphy said. "We

have some areas we'd like to improve on and feel like we have some schools that can become recognized campuses and maintain that level."

He added, "Our overall goal in Big Spring is to maintain a district-wide acceptability standard. We can't rest on what we've accomplished, we have to strive to continue to improve."

Test results for BSISD campuses include the following grades (3 through 10, excluding grade nine):

Third Grade - The percentage of BSISD students passing the TAAS (scoring at least 70 percent on all sections) at this level was 69.4 percent, down from a 70.1 percent average in 1995.

The state average for grade three is 70.4 percent, up from

67.4 percent in 1995.

The average for Region XVIII, of which the BSISD is a part, is 68.8 percent, up from 66.3 percent in 1995.

In reading, 83.5 percent of BSISD third grade students passed, compared to the state average of 80.5 percent and the Region XVIII average of 80.1 percent. In 1995, only 81.9 percent of BSISD third graders passed the reading section of the TAAS.

Seventy-three percent of BSISD third graders passed the math section of the test, compared to the state average of 76.7 percent and the Region XVIII average of 74.9 percent. In 1995, 73.8 percent passed.

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Duncan wins runoff despite light turnout

Victory means GOP controls Texas Senate

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

A disappointingly light voter turnout — only 13.3 percent in Howard County — wasn't enough to keep Republican Robert Duncan of Lubbock from claiming an historic win over Democrat David Langston, also of Lubbock, in the race for the Texas Senate 28th District seat.

Duncan polled 32,425 votes to Langston's 24,661 in the election to fill the unexpired term of John T. Montford, who resigned to become chancellor of the Texas University system.



DUNCAN

Duncan captured 19 of the district's 26 counties — one ended in a tie vote — to guarantee the Republican Party control of the Texas Senate for the first time since Reconstruction.

The former Lubbock County state representative won Howard County with 1,389 votes to 1,011 for Langston. He won six of seven boxes, losing only the North Side Fire Station.

The North side of Big Spring had been worked hard on Langston's behalf by members of the Democratic Party and by employees of elected Democrat state officials.

Duncan won four of the district's six largest counties — Lubbock, Howard, Hale and El Paso — while Langston claimed wins in Ector and Tom Green counties.

Duncan also won Borden, Glasscock and Martin counties. "I think West Texas made history, and I'm proud to be part of that," Duncan said. "I'm proud

Senate Dist. 28 Totals	Duncan	Langston
Borden	66	63
Crane	171	101
Crosby	390	603
Culberson	3	3
Dawson	880	550
Ector	1,664	1,755
El Paso	682	494
Garza	363	288
Glasscock	128	33
Hale	1,698	1,339
Hockley	1,157	968
Howard	1,389	1,011
Hudspeth	104	49
Irion	89	62
Lamb	843	978
Loving	22	12
Lubbock	20,171	13,798
Lynn	331	441
Martin	140	60
Reagan	127	60
Reeves	2	2
Sterling	55	76
Terry	748	682
Tom Green	555	796
Upton	213	110
Ward	433	329
TOTALS	32,425	24,661

the people of the 28th District have the confidence in me to go down to Austin to represent them."

While 10 counties voted more than 1,000 voters each, two counties — Culberson (Van Horn) and Reeves (Pecos) — voted just six and five voters each, respectively.

Loving County, the most sparsely populated county in the state, went for Duncan by a 22-12 margin.

"I think we had a clear and positive message that we want to work for positive reforms in education, welfare and juvenile crime," Duncan said.

Duncan said he felt a key in the race was his legislative experience.

Both candidates appeared in a forum a week ago sponsored by Big Spring Cable TV, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Herald.

Democrats turn back Republicans in runoffs

HOUSTON (AP) — Republican Rep. Steve Stockman, a staunch gun-rights supporter who became a lightning rod for anti-militia sentiment, lost a runoff to a former county tax assessor after just one term.

"It's been one long strange trip," Stockman said after losing to Democrat Nick Lampson, 53 percent to 47 percent, in one of three congressional runoffs in Texas on Tuesday.

Another freshman incumbent, Democrat Ken Bentsen, nephew of former Sen. Lloyd Bentsen,

easily won re-election over GOP candidate Dolly Madison McKenna in the 25th District.

In a battle of two Republicans in the 8th District, state Rep. Kevin Brady, supported by the party's establishment, defeated Gene Fontenot, who was backed by Pat Robertson and other religious conservatives.

The elections leave Republicans still in control of the House next year, holding a 227-207 advantage with one independent member. In Texas, Democrats hold a 17-13 edge in the state congressional delega-

tion. The congressional runoffs followed an August ruling by federal judges that some of the state's congressional districts were improperly drawn on the basis of race.

The judges threw out the results of the March primary and ordered the Nov. 5 special election. In three races, no candidate won more than half the vote, so the top two vote-getters advanced to Tuesday's runoff.

The focus was on the predominant. Please see RUNOFFS, page 2A



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TODAY'S WEATHER	
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Today: Partly cloudy with a high in the upper 70s. Low in the lower 40s.
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high in the mid 70s. Low in the 30s.
Extended outlook: Friday, mostly sunny. High in the 60s. Low in the 30s. Saturday and Sunday, mostly clear with highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s. Lows in the 30s.

OBITUARIES

Ruby Blankenship

Graveside service for Ruby Beasley Blankenship, 90, of Dallas and formerly of Big Spring, were Friday, Dec. 6, 1996, at Restland Memorial Park with Rev. Leroy Summers, pastor of Park Cities Baptist Church, officiating. She died Dec. 3, 1996. Mrs. Blankenship was born March 14, 1906, in Mercury. She moved to Dallas in 1967. She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Blankenship who was superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District for 28 years.

She graduated from the University of North Texas with a bachelor's and master's degree. She served as a principal for several years and a classroom teacher during her 25-year tenure with the Big Spring Independent School District.

She was a lifelong Baptist and was a Sunday School teacher.

She is survived by three daughters: Joyce Boswell, Little Rock, Ark.; Ann Clark, McKinney and Sue Harwell, Lubbock and one son: William C. (Buddy) Blankenship Jr., Plano; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Restland Funeral Home in Dallas.

Marge Underwood

Marge Underwood, 60, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996, at her home.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mattie Glenn

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Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Melvin Weaver, 74, died Sunday. Services: 2:00 P.M., Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.
Artie Bell Perdue, 86, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Wednesday at Kimbrough Funeral Home Chapel in Cisco, Texas. Burial: Oakwood Cemetery.

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Report

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Fourth Grade - The percent of BSISD fourth graders passing all sections of the TASS was 61.5 percent, up from 54.6 percent in 1995.

The state average for grade four was 67.2 percent, up from 64.1 percent in 1995, and the Region XVIII average is 64.2 percent.

BSISD fourth graders had a passing average of 76.5 percent on the reading section, compared to 77.6 percent in 1995; 81 percent on the writing section, compared to 78.8 percent in 1995; and 71.7 percent on the math section, compared to 61.1 percent in 1995.

The state average for reading is 78.3 percent; 86.3 percent for writing; and 78.5 percent for math. Region XVIII averages are 75.5 percent, reading; 85.9 percent, writing; and 77.7 percent, math.

Fifth Grade - BSISD fifth graders posted a 65.3 percent overall passing rate on the TAAS, compared to 69.6 percent in 1995. The overall state average is 73.5 percent, and the Region XVIII average is 71.1 percent.

Fifth graders posted a 79 percent passing rate in reading, compared to 81.2 percent in 1995; and a 71.5 percent passing rate in math, compared to 74 percent in 1995.

The state average for reading is 83 percent, and 79 percent for math. The Region XVIII average is 79.9 percent for reading, and 77.3 percent in math.

Sixth Grade - BSISD sixth graders posted a 65.5 percent overall passing average on the TAAS, 56.8 percent in 1995; 75 percent reading, 76.7 percent in 1995; and 71.3 percent in math, 60 percent in 1995.

The overall state average is 70.1 percent; 78.4 percent in reading; and 77.8 percent in math.

Region XVIII averages are 70.5 percent overall; 77.2 percent in reading; and 78.9 percent in math.

Seventh Grade - BSISD seventh graders posted a 63.4 percent overall pass rate on the TASS, compared to 65.5 percent in 1995; 81 percent in reading, compared to 90.7 percent in 1995; 64.7 percent in math, compared to 65.9 percent in 1995.

The overall state average is 68 percent; 82.6 percent in reading; and 71.5 percent in math.

Region XVIII averages are 66.6 percent overall; 81.1 percent in reading; and 70.8 percent in math.

Eighth Grade - BSISD eighth graders were tested in five different subject areas and posted an overall passing average of 61.3 percent, compared to 46.4 percent in 1995; 85.2 percent in reading, compared to 74 percent in 1995; 83.6 percent in writing, compared to 78.7 percent in 1995; 74.3 percent in math, compared to 58.7 percent in 1995; 85.1 percent in science, compared to 79.3 percent in 1995; and 77.3 percent in social studies, compared to 66.3 percent in 1995.

The overall average is 53.7 percent; 78.3 percent in reading; 76.9 percent in writing; 69 percent in math; 78 percent in science; and 70.2 percent in social studies.

Region XVIII averages are 49.5 percent overall; 76.2 percent in reading; 71.9 percent in writing; 67.1 percent in math; 75.8 percent in science; and 66.1 percent in social studies.

Tenth Grade - BSISD had an overall passing rate of 68 percent, compared to 55.4 percent in 1995; 86.5 percent in reading, compared to 74.2 percent in 1995; 87.8 percent in writing, compared to 83 percent in 1995; and 75.1 percent in math, compared to 60.5 percent in 1995.

The state average is 60.7 percent overall; 81.9 percent in reading; 86 percent in writing; and 66.5 percent in math.

Region XVIII averages are 59.8 percent overall; 80 percent in reading; 86.6 percent in writing; and 65.4 percent in math.

Overall, BSISD campuses posted a 65.6 percent passing rate; 80.6 percent in reading; and 71.5 percent in math.

Runoffs

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Incumbent blue-collar 9th District, where Stockman shocked the political establishment two years by defeating 42-year incumbent Democrat Jack Brooks.

The 40-year-old accountant came to Congress two years ago as an avowed tax cutter but won notoriety for his militia-friendly views. He even received a cryptic fax from a militia supporter that seemingly foretold the Oklahoma City bombing. The fax, which others received as well, actually had been sent moments after the bombing.

Recently, a militia activist distributed fliers asking gun owners to "do whatever they can" to help Stockman win the runoff in the district, which stretches from south and east of Houston along the Gulf Coast to Beaumont. Stockman, a strong gun-rights supporter, denied ties to militias.

Lampson, who collected 59,217 votes to Stockman's 52,853, had attracted a steady procession of national party figures to campaign for him in recent weeks, including Vice President Al Gore.

"It's sweet," said Lampson, 51, who runs a home health care agency and is a former Jefferson County tax collector. "We worked hard. There's no question about that."

As for Bentsen, the 37-year-old former investment banker got 29,396 votes, or 57 percent, to McKenna's 21,892 votes, or 43 percent.

McKenna's strong support of abortion rights alienated many in her own party, and many conservatives in the state GOP urged fellow party members to cast blank ballots.

Republicans were assured of keeping the third contested seat in the race to succeed retiring Republican Jack Fields. Brady won easily with 30,368 votes, or 59 percent, to Fontenot's 21,004 votes, or 41 percent.

HCARC

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came up because there was no zoning for bingo halls.

"Bingo is a perfectly legal activity," Taylor added, "and the property will be well lit and well patrolled."

Big Spring resident John Weeks, who received an ovation following his comments to the council, said, "I think now is the time Big Spring is trying to do good by getting people into empty buildings. This (bingo hall) is a business and it's important that we don't have anymore empty buildings in Big Spring."

There was some confusion as to why the opposition to the permit being issued didn't surface at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, which was caused by business owners in the area signing their names in opposition to the permit to just one letter.

According to Truszkowski, letters are sent, by law, to property owners on the tax rolls within 200 feet of the property in question.

Another resident speaking in favor of HCARC said he was upset about the entire process because HCARC was being slammed for trying to do something good.

Issuance of the permit will again be placed on the council's agenda for a second reading, a process Dee Elrod asked the council to consider calling a special meeting for because of time constraints and because the council does not have a second meeting planned for December.

The collective thinking of those in opposition to the permit being issued was that vandalism will become a real threat to the area and to their businesses near the proposed bingo hall.

The same arguments were made in March and in June as HCARC failed in its first and second attempts to persuade the council to grant it a specific use permit to operate a bingo hall across from Big Spring Mall.

The arguments then were from a couple of council members and residents in the proposed area who claimed a bingo hall would be too close to residential areas and the potential for noise, vandalism and unattended children was too great.

HCARC President Debbie Gregory passed out signed letters to the council from resi-

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IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 239, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 3 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY
•Line dance lessons, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center in the Industrial Park.
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

THURSDAY
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147.

TEXAS LOTTERY

CASH 5:9, 12, 17, 33, 35
PICK 3: 6, 4, 2

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Commodity distribution at West Texas Opportunities, 1607 E. Third, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring someone with you to help carry food. Call 267-9536 for appointment if you need transportation.

FRIDAY
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

•Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7 p.m., Howard College Auditorium. Free admission to the special Christmas program.

SATURDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

MARKETS

March cotton 76.20 cents a pound, down 33; January crude oil 23.80, down 62 points; Cash hog 56, down 150; slaughter steers 65, down 1; Dec. live hog futures 58.52, down 27; Dec. live cattle futures 65.90, up 25 points.

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Texas Instruments	66 1/2
Texas Utils. Co	40 1/2
Unocal Corp	40 1/2
Wal-Mart	24 nc
Amcap	14.49-15.37
Euro Pacific	26.42-28.03
I.C.A.	25.67-27.24
New Economy	18.46-19.59
New Perspective	19.08-20.24
Van Kampen	14.57-15.30
Prime Rate	8.25%
Gold	369.60-370.10
Silver	4.79-4.82

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity for the period ending at 9 a.m. today:

•JERRY LIN WHITE, 27, HC 61, Box 444, arrested on local warrants.

•JOSE NICANOR GARFIAS, 20, 1506 Oriole, arrested on local warrants.
•MARCOS LOPEZ, 24, 2500 W. 26th, San Angelo, arrested for DWI.

•TARA PETERSON, 18, 3304 W. Hwy. 80, No. 38, arrested for disorderly conduct-language.

•JOE SANCHEZ, 36, 1307 Mt. Vernon, arrested for assault/family violence.

•CINDY GARZA, 24, 2502 Chanute, arrested on local warrants.

•TRAVIS ALLEN BURCH, 21, 1001 Bluebonnet, arrested on local warrants.

•JEFFREY GLEN CURRY, 25, 528 Westover, No. 202, arrested on warrant from Sweetwater.

•DIANNA LYNN NOBLE, 29, 710 Lorilla, arrested for theft under \$50, evading arrest.

•JAMES LEONARD CURRY, 32, 1307 Goliad, arrested for improper turn, no driver's license.

•MATTHEW STEPHEN VAH, 36, 1708 N. Monticello, arrested for public intoxication.

•THEFT reported in the 300 block of South Main, 2300 block of Wason, 3000 block of West 80, 200 block of Circle, 1700 block of Wason and 2000 block of Gregg.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE reported in the 700 block of Lorilla.

•INVESTIGATION OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES reported in the 2900 block of West 13th, 100 block of Airbase, 100 block of North Goliad, 1200 block of East 11th, 200 block of NW 2nd, 1700 block of Wason and 2500 block of Wason.

IN BRIEF

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN certified through Nov. 30 may pick up their commodities through the West Texas Opportunities, Inc. emergency food assistance program, Thursday at the commodity distribution center. The center is located at 1607 E. Third and the times are from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring someone with you to carry the items because you will be receiving about 30 pounds of food. Transportation will be provided for those who need a ride. Call the WTO office at 267-9536 to make an appointment.

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Tuesday's high 79
Tuesday's low 47
Average high 51
Average low 34
Record high 83 in 1933
Record low 14 in 1917
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Whistleblower told to pay consultant

DALLAS — Whistleblower George Green, who struggled for years to collect a multimillion-dollar jury award against the state, has been told by a jury to pay a consultant who worked to get him the money.

A Travis County civil jury on Monday found that Green committed fraud by not paying consultant Jon Starnes. It voted 10-2 to award Starnes more than \$600,000 in actual and punitive damages.

"I'd have to say, as Green used to say, justice has been served," Starnes said after the verdict. The Dallas Morning News reported.

Green's lawyer, Aaron Jackson, said he was disappointed and plans to appeal.

Prices should drop eventually with Iraq oil exports

DALLAS — It should be a few months before consumers see a drop in prices at the gasoline pump even though Iraq's re-entry into the export market caused an immediate impact on the cost of crude oil.

Crude oil prices tumbled 3 percent Tuesday on the lifting of sanctions against Iraq after Saddam Hussein turned on a pipeline to carry oil to Turkey's Mediterranean coast.

The prospect of Iraq's return had barely dented worldwide oil prices in recent months. The price for January delivery of light, sweet crude oil dropped 88 cents to close at \$24.42 a barrel Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Falling crude prices eventually will be reflected at gas stations, said Mark Mahoney, associate editor of Oil Price Information Service.

Lubbock ISD considers making kindergarten full day

LUBBOCK — Is half a day enough for kindergarten? Lubbock school officials think not. They're discussing the possibility of ending half-day kindergarten programs at a dozen elementary schools. In their place, officials want to set up full-day offerings at all campuses.

Two-thirds of Lubbock's elementary schools offer full-day kindergarten, but 12 do not. Children enrolled in a half-day program attend either a morning class from 8:10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. or an afternoon class from 12:10 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Superintendent Curtis Culwell says full-day kindergarten not only better prepares children for the first grade, it is more convenient for working parents.

Ex-guard sentenced to life in slaying of woman

HOUSTON — A 53-year-old former prison guard has been sentenced to life in prison after admitting she killed the pregnant girlfriend of her former lover.

After Kathryn Duncan Williams pleaded guilty to the 1995 slaying, the jury gave her the maximum sentence.

Evelyn Crosby, 44, was killed outside a parole office in Houston. Her baby was delivered and survived, although it has serious medical problems. She had married Tommy Lee Williams earlier in the day.

Crime victim battles back by helping others

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Jim Weaver was sure he was going to die when a teen-age boy jammed a pistol into the back of his head and pulled back the hammer.

"Blow his brains out," cheered another boy who had just helped beat Weaver.

Doing the only thing he could, Weaver played dead.

It worked.

His three attackers got scared and ran.

All Weaver did was ask the boys to leave. They were standing around his car in front of his house at about 11 p.m. late one summer night.

"August 30, 1993. I'll never forget it," Weaver said.

The attack changed his life drastically, causing psychological and other medical problems that he said stripped him of his business and family. But it also is what drives his volunteer work to help other victims of crime.

"It's really been pretty dramatic. You have no idea how something like that, before it's all over with, can have an impact," said Weaver, 39, of

Corpus Christi. "You don't know if you'll ever be the same person again. A the same, calm person I was before. You don't know how to get there on your own..."

Weaver makes sure others don't have to make it alone through his work in the Crime Victim Advocates volunteer program, a branch of Family Counseling Service.

"I've become quite active in this because this didn't exist when it happened to me," Weaver said.

Crime Victim Advocates, which started in June 1994 and serves about 175 victims, provides assistance and advocacy for crime victims during the period of adjustment following the trauma.

The advocates are volunteers who provide information to the victims about the legal process and how to work within the system, said Pam Melton, the program's volunteer coordinator.

"A lot of times people are just thrust into the system, and they don't have any idea how it works," Melton said. "Most don't know the difference

between an indictment and an arraignment. We basically handle it like a case-management system, where we do follow-up calls and make sure they have everything they need."

Melton said the program's 20 volunteers work with police and prosecutors in the district attorney's and county attorney's offices, inquiring about the status of victims' cases and then relaying the information to the victims. They often sit through trials with victims of crimes from assault and driving-while-intoxicated accidents to robbery, burglary and rape. Even longer after the trials, volunteers help victims get information about the offenders.

One of the program's best features, Melton said, is that it is available for the victim soon after the crime, when a person may not be able to cope with daily activities because they are dealing with the trauma.

Volunteers make referrals to agencies and support groups for possible counseling, and they recommend organizations for emergency financial assistance and other aid, Melton said.

"I think after a person becomes a victim, they just become afraid of everyone and everything for a while. It's nice to have somebody there to help guide you through," she said.

That's especially true for people who have been through similar experiences, she said. The volunteers include a variety of people. Many are college students wanting experience for their criminal justice and psychology majors, but many others are victims, such as Weaver, Melton said.

The program's officials declined to provide names of victims to be interviewed, they pointed to Weaver, who fills both roles.

Weaver said volunteering as a victim's advocate helps him deal with the 1993 assault. He is particularly understanding of the basic problems that arise from being victimized, he said. "I think the hardest thing for victims is that during this problem, it's easy for you to lose your job," he said. "We've had some of our victims have that very thing happen. And it just kind of snowballs from that."

Corporate fight could nix playoff coverage in several cities

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin cable subscribers might have to dig out their "rabbit-ear" antennae for their next Super Bowl if Time Warner and the Fox Network can't settle a contract disagreement.

Time Warner, the parent company of Austin CableVision, on Tuesday said the network is threatening to block some of its cable systems, including Austin CableVision, from carrying local Fox stations. Time Warner claims the move is in retaliation for its decision against carrying Fox's new, all-news station.

If the alleged threat is carried out, some television viewers

around Austin and other U.S. cities could miss NFL football playoffs, the Super Bowl and popular Fox shows like "The X-Files" and the "Simpsons."

"They're holding our viewers in Austin and other cities hostage," said Michael Luftman, a Time Warner spokesman.

Other cities that could be blacked out, according to Time Warner, include Tampa, Fla., Milwaukee, Kansas City, Mo., and Greensboro, N.C.

Cable viewers in those cities may still be able to get the local Fox stations. But they would have to disconnect their cable and reconnect rooftop or "rab-

bit-ear" antennae to do so.

Fox is in the process of buying its local affiliates in those cities from New World Communications Group. As part of the deal, New World has turned over contract issues to Fox.

Network officials said they are trying to renegotiate access deals with Time Warner, but want a "fair deal" for their programming.

"Fox obviously has very valuable programming," said Bill Squadron, a vice president of News Corp., which owns Fox. "We need to have a fair and reasonable agreement."

Luftman said Fox wants Time Warner to pay for access to the local stations, but Squadron wouldn't say whether a fair deal includes payments.

Time Warner has made deals with local stations on advertising and channel space, but has never paid for access, Luftman said. He said paying — and being forced to charge customers — for access to local stations that non-cable subscribers get for free is not an option.

"The whole idea of us paying for a local broadcast signal is a non-starter," Luftman said.

Squadron wouldn't say Fox stations won't be pulled from Time Warner systems, but said no threats have been made.

Cisneros says urban areas mending, are poised for a historic comeback

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — America's cities are mending and can make big strides during President Clinton's second term, outgoing Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros says.

"The cities of America have an historic opportunity to come back and to come back very strongly," Cisneros said Tuesday.

"Now, I'm not saying that they are back. I'm not saying that the recovery is complete," he said. "This is a period in which opportunity presents itself."

Urban areas are on the verge of renewal, Cisneros said, because of favorable economic conditions and a growing emphasis on job creation as welfare reform takes hold.

Cisneros made his remarks during the National League of Cities annual convention in San Antonio, the city where

Cisneros was mayor from 1981-89. This was his first visit to his hometown since announcing last month he is resigning from his Cabinet post.

Cities right now are benefiting from a strong economy in which 10.5 million jobs have been created in the past three years, Cisneros said. Cities also are being helped by low interest rates and the transformation of urban areas as industrial centers turn to other enterprises, he said.

An urban policy for the coming century should include forming new "empowerment zones" in cities and boosting home ownership even further from its current record level, Cisneros said.

"These things can be done at relatively low costs. They do not require breaking the budget, breaking the bank to do it," he said.

With the passage of welfare reform, there will be a push to make sure there are jobs available in cities for those getting off welfare, he said.

"The focus on creating jobs for people on welfare is powerful enough that, I think, it's going to create an impetus for a second-term urban policy."

Speaking with reporters, Cisneros again said family financial obligations led to his decision to leave his post at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He also previously has cited legal bills from the ongoing probe into whether he lied to the FBI about payments to former mistress Linda Medlar.

He declined to discuss specifics of his career plans but said even if his work is not in San Antonio "my personal commitment is to work my way back to San Antonio."

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-Edmund Burke

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OUR VIEW

Voter turnout much less than hoped for

Texas' 28th senate district — read that Big Spring and Howard County — has a new senator today in Robert Duncan.

Duncan's win is an historic one in that it gives the Republican Party control of the state senate for the first time since 1872.

The down side to this election, whether you supported Duncan or his opponent, David Langston, was the poor voter turnout.

We use poor as our adjective of choice because all other words fail us.

In Howard County, only one out of every seven registered voters took the time to vote in an election that was of vital importance to this community.

But the turnout was just as discouraging in other counties in the district ... only six people voted in Culberson County (population 3,403) and only five voted in Reeves County (population 15,852).

True, the special election and subsequent runoff election made a long process even longer, but if we citizens want to have a say in our government, we must have the time to participate in the process.

You can't complain that our government doesn't listen to the voter when the voter doesn't open his or her mouth.

We believe Mr. Duncan will do a good job of representing Big Spring and Howard County, that's why the editorial and elections board of this newspaper endorsed him.

We now encourage you to maintain contact with our elected officials and become involved in our government.

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TxDOT meeting offers chance for your input

It's time for Big Spring and Howard County residents to speak out on issues that have a bearing on this community.

Tonight, for example, is a prime opportunity to voice your opinion.

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and HDR Engineering will hold a public hearing at the Dora Roberts Community Center on Phase 2 of the Interstate 27 study.

Phase 2 will address the three corridor concept that the Texas Transportation Commission approved in late October and tonight's hearing, one of five throughout West Texas, will allow local and area input in regards to what we think should be done with the U.S. 87 corridor.

It does not include any other highway work ... only our corridor, which is U.S. 87. By turning out in numbers, we can show TxDOT and HDR that there is a strong amount of interest and support in our community for the continued upgrading of U.S. 87.

Remember that it was community input to the commission, coupled with the efforts of the Transportation Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN) that helped keep the commission from designating the eastern route, through Sweetwater to San Angelo, as an interstate.

Public input in an important process in the spending of state and federal monies and you can bet there will be a sign-in sheet that will make its way back to the Transportation Commission in Austin when the time comes to weigh all of the spending options.

Speaking of MOTRAN, the Mexican government's efforts to sell its Pacific and northwestern rail lines, formerly the Chihuahua el Pacifico (CP), failed last week when it did not meet the minimum bid on the lines.

The CP's line from Presidio-Ojinaga to Chihuahua and on to Los Mochis-Topolobampo is a primary cog in MOTRAN's planned route to connect the Permian Basin with the Pacific Rim countries.

There are some problems, however, in that the line through the Copper Canyon region is rife with tunnels that cannot be opened any wider to accommodate the type railcars that would need to be used to make the line profitable.

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AARP: Special interest comfort for the comfortable

By JAY AMBROSE
Scripps Howard News Service

The American Association of Retired Persons, which ranks second behind the Catholic church as the nation's largest organization, might want you to think it also ranks only slightly behind religion in the reverence that is its due.

After all, these are old people we are talking about, kindly, gentle, wise old people, maybe our parents or grandparents, those wonderful human beings to whom we owe everything.

Well, if there's a whistle in the house, somebody ought to blow it loud and long, for the AARP is little different in its lobbying rabidity from any other powerful special interest group that would uncaringly chomp on the common good for the sake of enriching its clients.

A recent example of the AARP's insistence that others should suffer so its own 34 million members can continue to do well is its adamant opposition to any reduction in the Consumer Price Index. The word has already gone out to politicians. Tinker with the status quo on this, and you are tinkering with your future.

The index, also known as the CPI, is used as a measure of the cost of living. The rate at which it increases each year is the rate at which benefits to Social Security recipients go up. Just this past week, economists once more demonstrated that the CPI's measurement of prices overstates the cost of living by more than a percentage point. Reduce it to the actual rate of inflation and Social Security recipients would get annual benefit increases to cover their actual living expenses, the national retirement system would more likely endure for future generations and the deficit could more easily be brought under control.

The favor to the economy would assist Americans of all ages. The AARP expresses equal alarm at the recent split decision by a national council that a portion of Social Security should be privatized. Here is another means of helping to salvage the system and of something else besides, of giving the average John and Jane a means of saving money and of retiring to more than they had during their working years and could possibly ever have under the present system. Privatizing, which has to start soon if the funds are going to be there for

the baby boomers in a few decades, is not the risk some make it out to be. Part of the payroll tax would still go into a public fund serving as a safety net, and stock market investments have always done well over the long haul.

By standing athwart these and every other proposed reforms of Social Security, the AARP would have you believe it is protecting the needy from the greedy, which is very nearly the opposite of what's really transpiring. There are certainly poor people among the elderly, and special protections for them are scarcely out of line. Yet as an age group, the elderly are the wealthiest of all Americans, while those contributing to their cause can sometimes barely afford it.

The myth persists that Social Security is an insurance system. That's true in name only. Social Security is a system whereby money is transferred from working taxpayers to people who are retired. The mechanism is the nation's most regressive tax, the payroll tax, under which everyone pays the same rate. Most proposals for a flat income tax exempted the first \$35,000 you earned. The payroll tax does nothing of the sort. Figuring both the employ-

er and employee shares, a minimum-wage earner could be losing \$1,000 a year in payroll taxes, while retired people collecting five or six times as much income through private pensions could be taking in \$1,000 or more a month in Social Security.

The AARP can brag about the fine Americans who constitute its membership and it can argue that it is within its legal rights to petition government for whatever purposes it chooses, but it should try to fool no one about its large public vision or compassion for the afflicted. Its stances are unfair to younger Americans who may never collect Social Security if the group prevails, not to mention the working poor who are now helping to foot the bill. If no significant Social Security reform is enacted over the next several years, the program will survive only if eligibility is reduced by a third or taxes are increased to excruciating levels. And what would something like a CPI adjustment cost present recipients? Why, their annual (ital)increase(ending) in benefits would be about \$8 less than they would otherwise get. (Jay Ambrose is chief editorial writer of the Scripps Howard News Service.)

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Report shows cities increase crack down on homeless people

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated by the homeless who line their streets, more and more cities are cracking down on panhandling and "camping" in public parks, according to a report released today.

It's a dangerous trend, argues the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, an advocacy group for the homeless that focused on the nation's 50 largest cities.

"The bottom line is people are being punished for being homeless," said Maria Foscarinis, the center's executive director. "It's cruel, and it won't achieve the goal."

The analysis found that three out of four cities have anti-panhandling laws, up from 62 percent in the center's last survey two years ago. Fifteen cities have passed new laws over the last four years, the report said.

The report also found:

- Thirty-eight percent of cities initiated crackdowns on homeless people in the past several years.
- More than half recently conducted police sweeps, rounding up homeless people.
- Half the cities prohibit sleeping or camping in some or all public places.
- At the same time, virtually every city has more homeless people than emergency shelter and transitional housing spaces, the report said.
- Five cities were labeled as having the "meanest streets" — Atlanta, San Francisco, New York, Dallas and San Diego.
- In New York, the city's "quality of life" campaign has meant enforcing laws against

"minor offenses," such as sleeping on park benches and public urination. A new law prohibits "aggressive panhandling" or begging near automatic teller machines.

Atlanta and San Diego were particularly aggressive in efforts to displace homeless people when the Olympic Games and Republican National Convention came to town, the report said.

Others argue these efforts are a step in the right direction for cities concerned about maintaining high-quality public space for all citizens.

"No city regardless of numbers (of homeless) should have to sacrifice its public places," said Rob Teir, general counsel of the American Alliance for Rights and Responsibilities, a conservative organization that helps cities draft these laws.

"Most of the communities acting this way are acting with their heads, not their hearts," he added. "It's not unconstitutional for a community to decide that its park is going to be open and accessible to all."

Teir and the National Law Center say courts have been generally more favorable to their own arguments. The Supreme Court has allowed restrictions on panhandling as long as they are not overly broad.

Foscarinis said she understands why cities want to clean up public places, but she said simply kicking the homeless out won't solve the problem.

"People have to be somewhere, and all the criminal laws in the world won't change that," she said.

Belgrade scrambling just for survival

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — For the fourth week, thousands of protesters are lining Belgrade's streets every day, denouncing the Serbian president and calling for political change.

At the same time, thousands of disgruntled Serbs are selling everything from dolls to jackets to ointments in Belgrade's market, struggling to make enough money to survive.

They too hope for change. But they aren't as optimistic.

Petar, a 65-year-old retiree, said he makes about \$170 selling tools in the market, about the same amount as his pension. The money goes to support him, his wife and their daughters, who all have low salaries.

Petar, who would not give his last name, was not happy about the state of Serbia — and he said things would eventually change. "But I won't live to see it."

On Tuesday, the usual 100,000 protesters jammed the center of Belgrade to protest the annulment of Nov. 17 elections the opposition had won.

The Supreme Court on Tuesday turned down yet another appeal to reinstate the opposition's victory. The Belgrade election commission, which had appealed the annulment, gave up and certified the election results giving President Slobodan Milosevic's Socialists a majority. Opposition legislators boycotted the inaugural session of the new Yugoslav parliament.

The opposition — mostly

intellectuals, students and urbanites — has yet to reach merchants, farmers and laborers. Without them, it isn't clear how it will be able to force Milosevic from power.

And judging from the attitude of most people at Belgrade's huge outdoor market, the opposition has its work cut out for it.

Many of the market workers have grievances against Milosevic, president of the Serb republic that makes up most of postwar Yugoslavia. But few want to hear, much less talk, about politics.

Many are afraid to protest, because they fear losing the little they have or because of the danger of outright repression. Furthermore, the outdoor market is illegal but tolerated because it provides an outlet for commerce.

The merchants, who know it could be closed any time, sell just about everything: "Babie" dolls, cheap imitations of "Barbie." Miracle ointments. Bolts and screws. Their jackets sport misspelled slogans like "America — Uinted States" or the names of nonexistent sports teams: the Chicago Tigers or the Indiana Hawks.

Native Belgraders mix with Gypsies and Serb refugees — reminders of the wars Milosevic instigated in Croatia and Bosnia. Among them are people like 48-year-old Mirjana Mandic, whose middle-class life has disintegrated.

Bundled in an orange hat and a multicolored fleece jacket,

Mandic waited Tuesday for customers for her belts. The market was jammed, but — as usual — sales were slow.

On an average day she makes about \$10, her contribution toward supporting her husband and 13-year-old daughter. "It's miserly and demeaning," she said.

She once was a clerk for a machinery company in Belgrade. But when war started in 1991, her job ended because the company's factories were in Yugoslav republics that seceded. She was put on paid leave of \$60 a month.

Her husband was put on paid leave, too. He now does odd jobs. Between them, they bring in about \$400 a month, far below prewar standards but pretty good for today.

"Will things get better?" "Not with this government," she said. "They took everything away from us."

And yet Mandic has not joined the opposition, nor will she talk in detail about politics.

Yugoslavia's economy has been crippled by sanctions imposed as punishment for Milosevic's instigation of the wars in Croatia and Bosnia and by years of Communist mismanagement. More than half the industrial workers here are idle, and Milosevic has shown no interest in privatizing the economy.

The sanctions encouraged smuggling and small-scale trade. It seems that everyone has something to sell — and many sell at the market.

Opposition leader Vuk Draskovic has urged the poor to join the movement to dump Milosevic. All they have to lose, he said Monday, is their miserable incomes.

Union organizers are trying to get workers to join the protests, too.

Insurance Institute finds no overall safety benefits in anti-lock brake systems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Occupants of cars with anti-lock brakes are more likely to be in crashes that kill them than occupants of cars without anti-lock brakes, according to an insurance institute study.

Cars with anti-lock brakes are especially more likely to be in crashes where no other car is involved but a passenger is killed — such as when the car runs off the road, according to the study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The risk of fatality also increases slightly for people in a car with anti-lock brakes that is involved in a crash with other vehicles.

"These findings add to evidence that anti-lock brakes aren't producing overall safety benefits," said Brian O'Neill, president of the Arlington, Va.-based institute, which is backed by insurance companies.

The study found a passenger had a 45 percent greater chance of dying in a single-vehicle car crash in a car with anti-lock brakes.

The increase in risk of death for any passenger in a car with anti-lock brakes during a multiple-vehicle accident is 6 percent, the study said.

The institute based its results on nearly 1,000 fatal crashes from 1986 to 1995 in the government's Fatal Accident Reporting System, which accumulates data on all crashes reported in the United States.

The study involved 41 vehicle models with anti-lock brake systems compared with the same model without anti-lock brakes and no other major design changes in the previous year.

Anti-lock brake systems are designed to prevent a vehicle's wheels from locking to give drivers better control during emergency braking.

When the anti-lock brakes engage, the brake pedal sometimes vibrates as the system works by pumping the brakes faster than is humanly possible. Drivers often grew up learning to pump the brakes themselves, an action that works against the firm step on the pedal required to engage the anti-lock system.

Last year, the head of the

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Dr. Ricardo Martinez, warned that drivers unfamiliar with the anti-lock braking system may think the system is not working and take a foot off the pedal or turn the steering wheel too much if the car starts to slide.

An agency study found drivers with anti-lock brakes were more likely to run off the road, leading to a death inside the car more often than in cars with old-style brakes.

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Follow these food safety tips to ensure a fun, safe holiday season

The holidays are upon us which means lots of parties and invariably lots of food. Therefore, you should take some food safety precautions to ensure your holiday meals and buffets are deliciously safe.

The traditional holiday meal is still very important, but these days not everyone has time to prepare a beautiful



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

home-cooked dinner. Instead, many people are opting to purchase a cooked turkey with all the trimmings, but take some precautions to make sure your prepared dinner is worth the price when you get it home.

"Complete and safe holiday dinners are available from reputable restaurants, caterers and supermarkets," said Dr. Petty Gentry-Van Laanen, nutritionist with the Texas Agricultural Service. "However, as with home-prepared turkey dinners, the safety of a take-out meal depends on proper handling after the dinner is picked up or delivered."

According to Van Laanen, food experts agree the best way to keep your take-out holiday

meal safe is by following these tips:

- Pick up food hot from the oven and keep it hot. Harmful bacteria multiply fastest between 40 degrees and 140 degrees. To keep turkey hot, set oven temperature at 200 degrees or higher - enough to maintain an internal temperature of 140 degrees or more when measured with a meat thermometer.
- Handle turkey dinners safely. It's not a good idea to try keeping the foods hot longer than two hours. If eating much later, turkey and trimmings will be safer and taste better if you remove all stuffing from the turkey cavity immediately and refrigerate. Cut turkey off

the bone, slice breast meat and legs and wings may be left whole. Refrigerate turkey meat, potatoes, gravy and vegetables in small shallow containers with covers.

- Keep cold foods cold. Some turkey dinners are cold when you pick them up or when they're delivered. For turkey and trimmings that were refrigerated after cooking, refrigerate as soon as you get home (always within two hours of pickup). Do not reheat the turkey whole. If you plan to reheat the cold turkey, carve and refrigerate.
- Cooked frozen turkeys with the USDA inspection seal. These turkeys have been processed under controlled con-

ditions. Follow package directions for thawing, reheating and storing.

- Avoid stuffed turkeys. Buying a refrigerated, fully cooked, stuffed turkey is not recommended.
- Store leftovers properly. Perishable foods such as turkey and side dishes should not be out of the refrigerator for more than two hours. Store leftover turkey and side dishes in the refrigerator at 40 degrees or below for three to four days; stuffing and gravy, one to two days.
- Reheat cooked dinners and leftovers as recommended. Always reheat leftovers thoroughly to 165 degrees or until hot and steaming. Bring gravy

to a rolling boil. In the microwave oven, cover food and rotate dish so it heats evenly.

- When preparing food for a buffet, the same basic storage and reheating methods and guidelines should be followed. "The two hour rule should always be observed. Foods should not sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Keep track of how long foods have been sitting on the buffet table and discard anything that has been sitting there two hours or more," said Van Laanen.
- When serving processed products, pay close attention to the "sell by" and "use by" dates on the packages.

Sauces to prepare ahead: An alternative to last-minute gravy

Scrapps Howard News Service

Most merry holiday menus this month will be built around some spectacular meat course. Not that vegetarian lasagna doesn't make a perfectly respectable party showing; but, when the presents are wrapped and the candles lit, many diners will be looking forward to something roasted, ready and waiting on a platter: beef, turkey, ham, pork loin, leg of lamb.

Just for the Dickens of it, provide a continental sauce served in a boat for ladlesful of flavor. It will be especially useful if the designated meat carver turns out less-than-perfect slices for each plate; a pool of savory sauce can hide raggedy edges just fine.

Of course, gravy is the all-American meat topper, but the trouble with gravy is that it's best made at the last minute.

Enduring that hassle just before mealtime may be acceptable on Thanksgiving, but December holiday cooks are already frazzled. Why load on any more stress in the form of lumpy gravy?

Here's a selection of easy do-ahead "anti-gravy" sauces with meat recommendations. One cook's trick is to combine bottled sauces to create a more elegant one, a barbecue sauce served half-and-half with creamy Girard raspberry salad dressing.

Dried-Cherry Sauce With Balsamic Vinegar: Perfect with roast duck, pork, chicken or turkey, smoked poultry or venison. Good with wild rice, bulgur or barley. Just simmer

uncovered over medium heat in a nonstick saucepan 1 cup low-salt beef broth, 1/4 cup red wine, 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar, 2 tablespoons sugar and 2 minced shallots. When reduced to 1-1/4 cups, season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Stir in 1/2 cup dried sweet cherries, chopped coarsely (or dried cranberries). Simmer 3 minutes more. Serve hot or reheated.

Insanely Rich Roquefort Sauce: Drizzle over sliced steak or roast beef and trim with strips of roasted red peppers for a holiday touch; serve broccoli on the side. Melt 2 tablespoons unsalted butter in a large skillet and saute 3 chopped shallots until soft. Add 1 cup whipping cream and 1/4 cup white wine; simmer until reduced to 3/4 cup. Put reduced cream and 4 ounces crumbled Roquefort cheese (room temperature) in a food processor with a good grinding of pepper. Puree. Serve right away or chill and bring to room temperature before serving.

Honey-Mustard Sauce: Wonderful on ham, turkey, cold poached salmon for a holiday brunch. Whisk 1 cup sour cream or light sour cream, 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard, 1-1/2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar and 2 tablespoons honey in a large bowl until smooth. Season with a little salt and a good grinding of pepper. Stir in 2 tablespoons snipped chives or minced green-onion tops. Serve at room temperature or slightly chilled.

The previous recipes are

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SETTING UP THE NATIVITY



From left: Jimmy Long, Dale McGuire and Ron Coker put together one of the 15 Nativity scenes at the First Church of the Nazarene. The 10th annual event kicks off Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. and continues through Sunday. The drive-through Nativity is open each night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and admission is free, although donations will be accepted. The annual Big Spring Christmas tradition is billed as the largest in Texas.

HERALD photo by Jonathan Garrett

Woman logs 15,000 miles walking the mall

Scrapps Howard News Service

Department stores, jewelry shops and restaurants provide Lolita Martorell all the entertainment she needs as she exercises.

Six days a week — come rain or shine — Martorell hoofs it past the stores in the Mt. Shasta Mall in Redding, Calif., where she recently walked her 15,000th mile.

If it's raining outside, we have a nice place to walk — we don't get wet. And it's flat.

Marilyn Dumore

"It's good exercise. It keeps our blood flowing," says the 83-year-old woman. Martorell and her sister, Manuela (who, at 86, is closing in on 14,000 miles), participate in the mall-walking fitness program sponsored by Mercy Healthcare North, which threw a little party in honor of Lolita Martorell's mile-stone.

Martorell didn't start out with such lofty ambitions. She just wanted some exercise.

"I think it was sometime in the end of 1985," Martorell says of her pedestrian beginnings. "I didn't want to walk around the neighborhood alone. I just didn't feel comfortable."

Since then she's walked a distance that would put younger women to shame.

"I used to do six, seven and eight (miles) daily, she says. Now she's scaled back to an average of four miles a day —

eight laps around the mall. "I used to go quite fast. I'm not that speedy anymore. (Still), we walk at a pretty good clip for us," she says.

She's also an inspiration to those who think they have become too lazy to get in shape. Martorell says she was athletic in school. "After that I got a job sitting down as a bookkeeper and it was sit, sit, sit."

She's convinced the exercise

program has helped her health. There are 95 people registered in the mall walking program to which she belongs, which costs \$1 a month. The program tracks the miles walked and provides weekly blood pressure checks. There are also lectures on lifestyle and health topics monthly.

Mall walking is also a social outlet. Once a month, the mall walkers get together for breakfast and some meet daily for coffee and conversation, says Marilyn Dumore, who works for the program.

"Once you get in a routine, you meet these people and they are really nice. There is a lot of sociability to it."

Mall walking has other advantages, she adds.

"If it's raining outside, we have a nice place to walk — we don't get wet. And it's flat," Dumore says.

Certain herbs can weather winter with a little help

Scrapps Howard News Service

Parsley is a fine winter herb, one of several that continue to flourish outdoors with only minimal protection. Others include sage, thyme and oregano.

While they are perennials, parsley is a biennial. It must be re-sown every other year to keep producing.

Once sown, though, it grows quickly into a compact plant whose bright green leaves are either heavily curled or flat and lacy, depending on the variety.

Parsley continues in this merry and carefree fashion for

six or eight months. Indeed, harvesting sprigs continually through the winter will only encourage it to produce more.

In January parsley will die back, its emerald foliage whitening with the arrival of freezes and snows. Then, in March, dense green shoots appear again, topped with clenched leaves, ready to be stolen for a piquant ingredient in late-winter soups.

By May the 2-year-old plants are decked with lacy pale green and white flower clusters. The plant's breath-sweetening leaves are just a memory: The new leaves turn bitter as the

plant goes to seed. Then, the gardener must sow new seeds.

Sage, thyme and oregano continue to produce happily for much of winter.

Thyme is an evergreen in all but the coldest areas. Its foliage color shifts from a green summer hue to a darker, reddish color, and this shade continues to adorn plants until the bright green or lemony new foliage spurts out in the spring. The foliage of sage becomes even grayer than its summer plumage.

Oregano, with its taller growth, withers, but young growth from the base of the

plant continues to push out through much of the cold weather. Old and new foliage alike can be used generously throughout winter.

French tarragon has undertones of anisette — loved by some, unpalatable to others — and can be picked for a few more weeks. It dies back in the winter but only temporarily — it too is a hardy perennial. A gardener I know once made the mistake of bringing in his French tarragon to coax through the winter. Like many hardy perennials, however, tarragon must have its winter-induced dormancy to survive.

Be sure to mark where the tarragon is planted; all trace of it will disappear in winter.

I am annoyed at forgetting to reserve cilantro seeds from the summer to sow now for winter use, but I have raided the spice jar — specifically the coriander — to make up for it. Coriander is the seed of cilantro and will germinate readily and produce adequate plants. Start them in pots indoors and let them flourish under lights. On warm days, they can go outside — they will tolerate temperatures down to about 25 degrees.

Cilantro that still is growing in the garden can be harvested

until stricken by a freeze. Alternately, it can be lifted and potted if it is not showing signs of bolting and flowering. When that process begins, like its cousin parsley, cilantro no longer has much value in the kitchen.

Rosemary, with its pine-filled aroma, is the quintessential herb of winter. It should be harvested fresh through the cold months.

The variety *Arp*, a hardy strain of the Mediterranean perennial, can be left alone outdoors, especially if it is protect

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Out, out darned spot!

(NAPS) - Tips for removing stubborn spills and stains:

- Remember to act quickly. Most carpet has been treated with a stain-resistant treatment, and most spills can be removed if immediate action is taken. The longer the delay, the higher the probability of a spill becoming permanent.
- Blot liquids with a dry, white absorbent cloth or white (no printing) paper towels.
- Do not scrub the area! Scrubbing can cause pile distortion. Continue to blot with a dry cloth or paper towels until the area is completely dry. For semi-solids, gently scrape up with a rounded spoon. Solids should be broken up and vacuumed until completely removed.
- Pretest any spot removal solution in an inconspicuous place to make certain the solution won't damage the fiber or the dye. After applying several drops to the testing area, hold a white cloth on the wet area for 10 seconds. Examine the carpet and cloth for color transfer, color change or damage to the carpet. If a change occurs, select another cleaning solution.
- Apply a small amount of the selected cleaning solution to a white cloth and work in gently. Work from the edges of the spill to the center to prevent the spill from spreading. Blot and repeat if necessary.



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Get your flu shot

The Texas Department of Health administers flu shots Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They moved back to their regular location at College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell. The cost is \$5 and TDH will file on Medicare, if necessary. Call 263-9775 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

A wise man will see to it that his acts always seem voluntary and not done by compulsion, however much he may be compelled by necessity. —Machiavelli

Ask yourself always: How can this be done better? —G.C. Lichtenberg

One is no more master of his impressions than of his coughing or sneezing. —Madame Du Deffand

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Slow down, you are moving too fast

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You've seen her: the "StairMaster Queen" who spends at least two hours a day sweating and climbing, then tops off her workout with a step class; the serious runner who would rather kill himself than miss a day on the track; the weight lifter who pumps iron until he can't lift his car keys, then goes back the next day for more.

They're not super athletes, experts say. They're misguided novices who may be doing themselves more harm than good.

"There is a compulsion among people who train for peak performance, but instead of building themselves up, these people are tearing themselves down," says Linda Burris, assistant general manager of the Athletic Club at Denver Place.

Even professional athletes occasionally fall prey. They find out the hard way training too much can backfire, actually reducing speed and performance levels.

Two seasons ago, one Colorado Avalanche hockey player had trouble finishing his games with gusto, even though he had worked hard to get in shape for the season. Coaches discovered he had reduced his endurance by training too hard.

New research explains why. Overtraining stresses the body beyond its ability to recover, leaving the athlete exhausted, depressed, weak, vulnerable to injury, unable to sleep and susceptible to colds and infections.

Stress researcher Hans Selye, a physician at McGill University in Montreal, first identified the syndrome. He found if rats were stressed, then allowed to recover, they became stronger. If they were stressed, then stressed again

before they recovered, they grew weaker.

The cure is rest — a day or two in mild cases, a month or more if the overtraining is severe. The best way to avoid it is to alternate hard, moderate and easy workouts with rest days.

For serious athletes, that can be harder than it sounds.

"Everyone would like to know the single factor that precedes overtraining, but it's hard to identify," says Jay Kearney, the U.S. Olympic Committee's sport physiologist. He suggests people on serious training programs monitor their heart rate for sharp increases, the first symptom of working too hard.

Take a one-minute reading in the morning before you get out of bed, he says. Then rest a minute and take another one-minute reading. If both are more than five beats higher than your normal resting heart

rate, you may be on the verge of overtraining. Weight loss, insomnia and depression are other red flags.

The only solution is to decrease your training program, Kearney says. For aerobic fans, Etie prescribes 30 to 40 minutes on the StairMaster one day, followed by the same amount of time on a stationary bike or ski machine. Once a week, spend eight to 12 minutes on four different machines, shifting from rowing to skiing to biking to climbing, for example.

Between 3 percent and 5 percent of exercisers are addicts. They feel compelled to work out even when sick or injured, organize their lives around exercise, feel guilty when they miss a day, and slip into depression if forced to stop for more than a week. Many have eating disorders.

Men are just as prone to exercise addiction as women.

Herbs

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ed by a wall or wind-stopping shrubs. Arp has a more open, looser habit than conventional rosemarys, many of which are stiff and shrubby.

Other, tenderer varieties will survive in well-protected gardens in milder winters, and gardeners who are not sure if they have the hardy strain should ask themselves: Is the plant well-protected? Is the garden in a built-up, urban environment? Have other half-hardy or tender perennials survived past winters? Would it be only a minor loss if it should not survive?

A "yes" answer to any of these questions should quell guilt about letting rosemary deal with the coming cold.

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Sauces

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from an excellent little book, "Sweet & Savory Sauces" by Lorraine Bodger (Simon & Schuster).

Grilled Pineapple Salsa: Great with ham, duck, turkey or pork tenderloin. In a medium mixing bowl, combine 1 chopped red onion, 1 minced jalapeno, 1/4 cup chopped cilantro, 1/2 cup unsweetened pineapple juice, 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice and 1 tablespoon red-wine vinegar. Set aside at room temperature.

Meanwhile, grill or broil 3/4 pound fresh pineapple slices (about 1 small pineapple) until lightly charred, about 3 minutes. Rub with oil first, if desired, and a little paprika, dried oregano and thyme. Dice the cooled pineapple and add to salsa; adjust for hotness by adding cayenne.

Recipe from "Low-Fat Grilling" by Melanie Barnard (HarperCollins)

Symptoms of overtraining, working out at home

Scrpps Howard News Service

- Nervousness, depression
- Inability to relax
- Extreme muscle soreness the day after a hard workout
- Weight loss
- Sudden or gradual increases in resting heart rate
- Persistent cold
- Loss of appetite
- Swelling of the lymph nodes in the neck, groin or armpits
- Constipation or diarrhea
- Unexplained drop in athletic performance

Source: National Strength and Conditioning Association Journal
Let's say you work hard, commute about 45 minutes each way and have two kids waiting for you at home. Chances are you can't find the time to hit the gym on a regu-

lar basis. But that doesn't mean you can't exercise.

Edward Jackowski, author of "Hold It! You're Exercising Wrong" (Fireside, \$9.95), suggests equipping your home with a stationary bicycle, an exercise mat, a few hand weights and a jump rope, then putting them to good use with this routine as a base:

EVERY OTHER DAY:
Warm up. Do light aerobic exercise (light jogging, walking in place, biking) for 5 to 10 minutes. It increases circulation through the muscles and raises your heart rate. Stretch. Use a static stretch and hold it 15-30 seconds. Hit all the major muscle groups. Jump rope. Start slowly, jumping between 50 and 200 times. Strengthen and tone. Lift weights for arm and shoulder muscles, do sit ups and leg lifts.

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- 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.
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- port group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
 - 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, 268-5077.
 - "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
 - Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.
 - Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
 - Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.
- ## WEDNESDAY
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
 - Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.
- ## THURSDAY
- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Ayiford.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
 - A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization

about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

•Support Group for Depression meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.
- 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.
- "So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples, first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-

329-4144. Cost is \$15.

- West Texas Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.
- West Texas Gluten Free Awareness Support Group, 1-3 p.m., First Baptist Church in Midland, gluten free traditional Thanksgiving meal. For more information call (915) 520-2119 or 684-4671 or write: Gluten-Free Awareness; HC 51S 46; Midland; 79707.

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Coahoma boys vs. Midland Christian (at Stanton), 4:30 p.m.
Rivals at Stanton (Friday), 9:30 p.m.

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NBA
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m., TBS (ch. 11).
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St. Louis at Dallas, FOX SW (ch. 29).
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Basketball fans can triple their pleasure with three weekend tourneys

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Area basketball fans should be in hog heaven this weekend, as three tournaments will be held within a 45-mile radius of Big Spring.

At Steer Gym, Big Spring's Rotary Club will host its annual boys' basketball tournament, while Stanton will hold its annual Hooptown Classic and Gail kicks off its Coyote Christmas Tournament.

All three tournaments begin Thursday and end Saturday.

Big Spring Rotary Tournament

Six teams — including defending Class 4A state champion Pampa — will vie for the crown at the annual Big Spring Rotary Tournament.

Joining Pampa and host Big Spring at the tournament will be El Paso Austin, Snyder, Merkel and Midland's junior varsity.

Pampa and El Paso Austin will begin the tournament with a 4 p.m. game Thursday. Snyder and Merkel then meet at 5:30 p.m. The winner of the Pampa-Austin game faces Big Spring at 7 p.m., while the Snyder-Merkel winner takes on Midland's JV at 8:30 p.m.

"Everybody wanted all (eight) slots filled ... but with the ones that will be here, there's a measure of quality," BSHS coach Gary Tipton said. "There will be some good basketball here this weekend."

Pampa, coached by Big Spring native Robert Hale, has just cranked up basketball after

its football team made the Class 4A semifinals, but Tipton believes the Harvesters will be as tough as a defending state champion should be.

The tournament, which is double-elimination up to the championship game, will be decided with a title game at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Hooptown '96

For one weekend a year, Stanton calls itself Hooptown. If their tournament field gets any tougher, the moniker might really fit.

Stanton officials have brought in more 3A and 4A competition to the tournament, which automatically toughens the field. And a welcome addition is Stanton's traditional rival Coahoma.

For years, the two schools held their annual tournament the same weekend in December, but talks between school officials resulted in Stanton pushing their tournament back a week, allowing both teams to compete in the other's event.

With Coahoma's addition, and the presence of 3A schools like Brady and Greenwood, Stanton boys' coach Doug Gordon believes this might be a really classic Classic.

"It will be a lot better this year, because we've added onto it," Gordon said. "It had gotten to the point where it was more a 1A or 2A tournament, but we've added enough 3A teams so that it's really better this year."

Joining host Stanton in the

girls' division will be Rankin, Brady, Greenwood, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Midland Christian and Sterling City. The boys' division consists of Stanton, Rankin, Sterling City, Sands, Eldorado, Colorado City, Monahans' junior varsity, Greenwood, Coahoma, Midland Christian, Brady and San Angelo Central's junior varsity.

Play begins Thursday morning and concludes Saturday with the girls' championship game at 6 p.m. at the boys' title game at 7:30.

Coyote Christmas Tournament

A resurgent group of Borden County basketball players hope to be not-quite gracious hosts at their holiday tournament this year.

It's been a few years since the Lady Coyotes won their tournament, and the boys' team hasn't claimed a title in more than 30 years, but things might be different this year.

Both Borden County teams are fresh off championship honors at last weekend's Coahoma Invitational.

"It was kind of a nice finish to a pretty good weekend," said Borden boys' coach Trev Ritchey.

Joining Borden at the tournament will be Southland, Grady, Klondike, Forsan, Jayton and Post in the girls' bracket. Those schools, plus Spur, will join Borden in the boys' bracket.

The tournament concludes Saturday with the girls' championship at 7 p.m. and the boys' title game at 8:30.

Bulldogs, Buffaloes renew rivalry

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma and Stanton may no longer be in the same district, but they still have a beautiful rivalry.

The two schools, separated by 35 miles of interstate, put on a show for the fans Tuesday night: The Coahoma Bulldogettes used a second-half offensive surge to down Stanton 49-35 in the girls' game, while Leo McCalister scored 28 points to pace the Stanton Buffaloes to a 76-69 victory in the boys' contest.

Boys' game

McCalister and the Buffaloes got the run-and-gun tempo they wanted, but it almost wasn't enough to put away their arch-rivals.

Stanton (9-1) led by as many as 12 points in the second half, but Coahoma (5-4) rallied to make a game of it behind a barrage of three-pointers.

The three-pointer was the weapon of choice for the Bulldogs a few years ago, and the old friends became reacquainted after it became clear that simply trading baskets with McCalister and Co. wasn't going to get the job done.

"We wanted to get into a half-court game," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "But we did do a better job of running our offense than we did in our tournament (last weekend) ... We just need to learn to be a little more patient."

The Bulldogs' patience wore out after Kyle Herm sank a pair of free throws to give Stanton a 45-33 lead three minutes into the second half. That's when Coahoma dusted off its long-range arsenal.

Blake Nichols started the air show with a trey 12 seconds

after Herm's free throws, then Josh Collum did the same about a minute later to cut Stanton's lead to 58-49. Matt Hamilton and Robert Lain also canned three-pointers down the stretch to make it a six-point ballgame heading into the final quarter.

Lain again connected from long-range with seven minutes remaining, and Collum's three-pointer with 6:22 left cut Stanton's advantage to 59-56. Momentum, it seemed, had swung Coahoma's way.

But Marcus Washington swung it right back in Stanton's corner with consecutive baskets, and Herm added a three-pointer of his own to push the lead back 10 points with 5:11 remaining. McCalister then sandwiched a pair of baskets around two free throws by Collum to make it a 12-point game, and the Buffs were able to hold off a late Coahoma rally for the win.

"All in all, it was a typical Coahoma-Stanton game, the Buffs' coach said.

"The only missing element from last year is that we won't be playing for the district championship," Doug Gordon said. "When you've got two teams that are on their way up, you're going to have one of these games."

Washington had 15 points and Herm 12 for the Buffaloes, while Blake Nichols had 22 points, Collum and Lain 13 and Hamilton 10 for Coahoma.

Girls' game

It took the Coahoma Bulldogettes more than a half to figure out the riddle of Stanton's defense, but once that happened, the Lady Buffs' chances at victory disappeared.

With the Bulldogettes trailing 26-25 five minutes deep into the second half, Shana Earnest put

Coahoma in the lead for good with consecutive baskets, then teamed with Tara Sterling to score her team's first seven points of the final quarter to earn some breathing room over Stanton.

Randi Simer, who led Stanton with 16 points, cut the lead to 40-33 with a basket at the 3:46 mark, but the Bulldogettes went on a 9-2 run down the stretch to ice the win.

Sterling and Earnest led Coahoma with 18 and 12 points, respectively.

"The things they were doing on defense kind of got us out of our rhythm in the first half," Coahoma coach David Cox said. "But we talked at the half about settling down, and that kind of worked."

Despite the ragged first half, Cox is more than pleased with his team's 8-2 start this season.

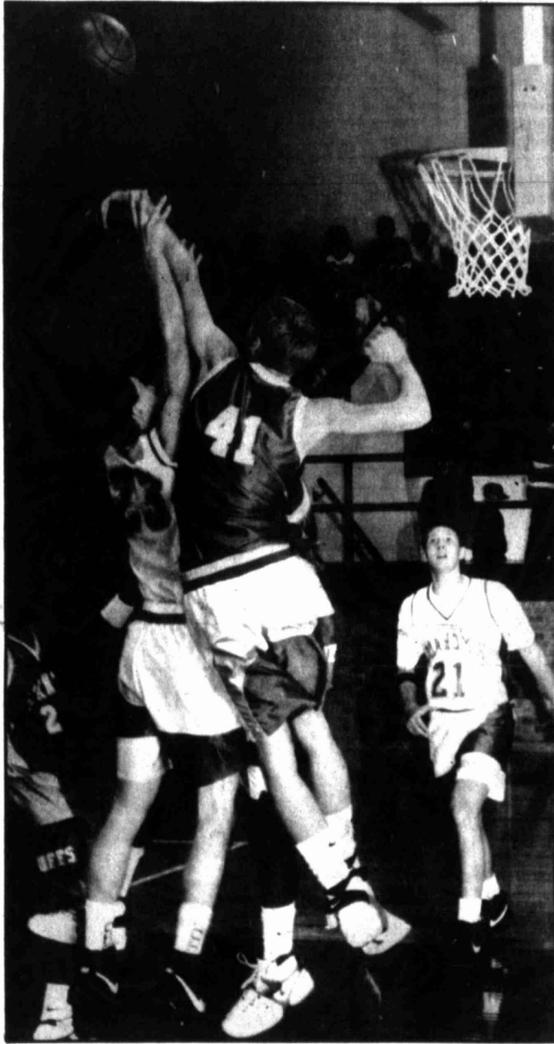
"We've played exceptionally well against some tough teams, then there's been times when we had some lapses when we didn't play well," he said.

Lapses, especially on defense, were on Stanton coach John Lane's mind.

"We just lost our intensity on defense," he said. "To me, defense takes the initiative, but we lost our defensive intensity in the second half ... You didn't see the real Stanton Lady Buffaloes out there tonight. This was the worst we've played all year."

But Lane was pleased with the Lady Buffs' overall play this year, considering that he's a first-year coach with a team without seniors.

"They've shown outstanding improvement," Lane said of his 5-6 team. "With a young team that lacks confidence, you're going to have nights when you're on fire, and then you'll have nights where you lack some intensity."



Stanton's Marcus Washington (41) rejects a shot by Coahoma's Aaron Barr (23) during the first half of their game Tuesday in Coahoma.

Swimmers eye 2nd crown

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School boys' swim team knows it can never recapture the electricity from last year's squad, but they might equal the results.

A year after the team broke down a long-standing barrier and grabbed the District 4-7 championship, coach Harold Smith is attempting to equal that feat with a team that is younger and not as battle-tested as his previous squad.

But this year's team, while showing its youth at times, has a good chance to bring home a second straight district title, he said.

"Our depth in our younger kids has kept us in meets this year," Smith said. "We haven't gotten the big first places that we did last year, but when you're second or third swimmers are faster than their second or third swimmers, you'll score some points."

Four returnees from last year's team lead the Steers this season: Juniors Stephen Smith and Manfred Robinson; and sophomores Slate Broyles and Billy Beckwith.

What has coach Smith optimistic about a district championship is that the Steers have defeated all their league opponents at least once this season.

"We've beaten every team in our district at one point this year, and what we're hoping to do is peak ... in January, so we can beat all of them at the district meet."

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'The Admiral' returns, but Spurs still sink

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Even the Admiral couldn't right the listing Spurs.

David Robinson's first appearance this season didn't make much of a difference for San Antonio, which lost for the 10th time in 11 games with a 93-76 loss to the Phoenix Suns.

Robinson's return also coincided with the debut of general manager Gregg Popovich as the Spurs' interim head coach. Popovich replaced Bob Hill, who was fired earlier on Tuesday.

"I felt like I was brought out of mothballs, and I'm sure in some ways it probably hurt them," said Popovich, a former Spurs assistant. "I could have made some decisions quicker, but I'm sure the mothballs had something to do with it."

So did Wesley Person, who tied his career-high with 29 points for the Suns, who won their fourth straight.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 85, Washington 73; Utah 110, Indiana 86; Golden State 101, Toronto 91; Atlanta 89, Denver 88; Miami 76, Cleveland 74; Houston 96, Minnesota 94; Detroit 93, Milwaukee 85; Orlando 99, Portland 93; the Los Angeles Lakers 92, Sacramento 90; and Dallas 100, the Los Angeles

NBA

Clippers 95.

Robinson's return is the first good thing to happen all season to the Spurs, who began the season 3-15 while their All-Star center rested his ailing back.

Robinson had nine points and nine rebounds in 20 minutes — nine in the first half, 11 in the second. He left the court several times during the game to stretch his back in San Antonio's locker room.

"I thought we played better," Robinson said. "We were more competitive. We just have to put the whole game together and get our confidence back."

Knicks 85, Bulls 73

The boos got worse before Patrick Ewing got better.

Ewing, playing for the first time since he criticized New York fans, heard some of the loudest boos of his career as New York defeated Washington for the 13th straight time at Madison Square Garden.

Ewing was booed during player introductions and nearly every time he touched the ball, but he scored four straight baskets after an 0-for-8 start.

"That's their reaction," Ewing said of the boos. "I said what I said and I meant what I said. I'm not sorry."

The 12-year veteran finished

with 15 points on 7-for-21 shooting.

Jazz 110, Pacers 86

At Salt Lake City, Utah set a franchise record with its 15th consecutive victory, getting a career-high 21 points and 15 rebounds from Greg Ostertag.

Karl Malone scored 14 of his 22 points in the second half and Jeff Hornacek added 15 points as the Jazz improved to 17-2 for the season.

Warriors 101, Raptors 91

Joe Smith had a career-high 36 points and a season-high 17 rebounds as Golden State won at Toronto.

Latrell Sprewell added 23 points, Chris Mullin 16 and the Warriors outrebounded the Raptors 51-32 in ending Toronto's four-game home winning streak.

Damon Stoudamire had 19 points for the Raptors.

Hawks 89, Nuggets 88

Steve Smith made a jumper in the lane with 3.9 seconds left to cap a brilliant second half.

Smith managed only two points in the first half, but scored 18 in the final two quarters as Atlanta won its seventh straight at home.

After Dale Ellis missed with 10.5 seconds left, the Hawks set up a play for Smith, who took a pass from Mookie Blaylock, spun in the lane and sank an

11-footer.

Heat 76, Cavaliers 74

At Cleveland, Voshon Lenard banked in a wild shot at the buzzer.

After Bobby Phills tied it at 74 with two free throws with 24 seconds left, the Heat set up a 3-point attempt that Dan Majerle missed from the top of the circle.

The rebound bounced toward the sideline, and after chasing it down, Lenard dribbled through defenders before making a double-clutch jumper.

Rockets 96, Timberwolves 94

At Minneapolis, Clyde Drexler made an off-balance, driving layup with 1.3 seconds to play as Houston improved to the NBA's best record to 18-2.

Drexler scored a season-high 36 points, and Hakeem Olajuwon had 29 for the Rockets.

Chris Carr had a chance to tie the game in the final second for Minnesota, but missed the first of two foul shots.

Pistons 93, Bucks 85

At Milwaukee, Joe Dumars scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter and Grant Hill added 26 as Detroit won its fifth straight.

The Pistons opened the final quarter with consecutive 3-

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Grambling president wants coach Robinson to step down

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) —

With his team dogged by scandal and a losing record, 77-year-old coach Eddie Robinson wants one more season, a 56th year at Grambling, and a chance to go out a winner.

"Then that's it. Then, I'll walk away as a coach. If I win, fine. If I don't, well, then I'll feel OK that at least my concerns had been considered," Robinson said in an interview published Tuesday in the Ruston (La.) Daily Leader.

However, Grambling president Raymond Hicks wants Robinson, college football's winningest coach, to step down and assume a vice president's post.

Robinson's wife told The Associated Press on Tuesday that her husband hoped to meet with Hicks to discuss the situation. Hicks returned Tuesday from an out-of-town meeting and said that, while he had met with Robinson, he denied demanding the coach's resignation.

"Coach Robinson and I have met and discussed his future role at the university, but I have not issued any ultimatum. To speculate on the outcome at this time would be inappropriate," Hicks said in a

statement issued by the school.

Last week, Hicks sent Robinson a letter conveying his wishes, then informed him in person that he wanted the coach to relinquish his job.

"He called Eddie into his office and told him what's what," Robinson's wife, Doris, told the AP.

Robinson has a record of 405-157-15 with only seven losing seasons. However, four have come in the last 10 years and, for the first time, he has had consecutive losing records.

Last April, the NCAA began investigating allegations of rules violations in the football program. And last month, four players were arrested and charged with the dormitory rape of a 15-year-old girl after Grambling's homecoming victory against Alabama State.

Robinson, regarded as one of college football's best teachers, sent more than 200 players to the NFL.

Hired in 1941 at what was then Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, Robinson initially worked as coach, trainer and bus driver before transforming the school into one that played before sell-out crowds in the nation's largest stadiums.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lady Steers fall to Lamesa

The Big Spring Lady Steers dropped a 62-54 decision to Lamesa in non-district basketball action Tuesday.

Kara Hughes led the Lady Steers (5-8) with 17 points, while teammate Maggie Haddad added 10 points.

The game was close throughout, with neither team leading by more than four points until the final 45 seconds.

"We just turned the ball over too many times," BSHS coach Ron Taylor said. "It just boiled down to whatever team wanted to win it the most, and obviously they wanted it more than we did."

The Lady Steers return to action at 7 p.m. Thursday against Clint in the first round of the Seminole tournament.

JV second at tourney

The Big Spring High School boys' junior varsity basketball team finished second at the Big Spring JV Tournament here this weekend.

Both Big Spring and Lamesa finished the tournament with 2-1 records, but because Lamesa defeated the hosts head-to-head, it claimed the title.

Big Spring opened the tournament with a 68-53 victory over Lake View before dropping a 59-42 decision to Lamesa. The JV Steers then closed tournament play with a 68-50 win over Andrews.

Top offensive players for Big Spring were Chauncey Ford (63 points in three games), Travis Womack (38 in three games) and Jason Gonzales (22 in three games).

Coach Mike Ritchey said that

defensive standouts for the team were Bandy Rollins, John Watson and Chello Williams. The JV Steers' record is now 7-3.

Seven Bulldogs honorable mention

Seven Coahoma High School players received honorable mention status on the recently released All-District 8-2A football team.

On offense, senior offensive lineman Joe Best, junior receiver Jerry Mann and senior center Stephen Lopez won honorable mention status, while junior end Robert Lain, junior cornerback Kurt Bennett, senior linebacker Marshall Wright and senior safety Matthew Hamilton were named to the honorable mention defense.

Hoops clinic planned

A free camp style basketball clinic will be held each Saturday between Jan. 11 and Feb. 22.

For more information, contact Charles Hall at 263-0159 or Billy Rollins at 267-4959.

YMCA hosting ski trip

The Big Spring Family YMCA taking reservations for a three-day skiing excursion to Keystone, Breckenridge and A-Basin, Colo.

Price is \$250. For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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CENTRAL DIVISION

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Chicago 17, Detroit 15, etc.

SPORTS EXTRA

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BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired C Ryan Luzzinski from the Los Angeles Dodgers for OF Rolando Avila.

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KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Extended the contract of Bob Boone, manager, for two years, through 1999.

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RETAIL STORE for lease, approximately 3000 sq.ft. located at 119 E. 3rd. Call 263-5000. Owner/Broker.

Furnished Apts. 521

\$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer. 263-7811.

EFFICIENT APARTMENT. Utilities paid. \$225/month. Call 267-7163 until 3:00pm, after 3pm Call 267-5857.

NOW AVAILABLE... Largest, nicest one bedroom apartment in town, 700 square feet, FREE gas heat and water, front door parking, private patio, beautiful courtyard with pool and party room, furnished or unfurnished and "REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST". Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 Marcy, 267-6500.

ONE-TWO bedroom apartments, houses, or mobile home. Mature adults only, no pets 263-6944-263-2341.

Furnished Houses 522

CLEAN 1 BEDROOM HOUSE. \$275/month, \$100/deposit. References & lease required. Suitable for individual or couple. Sorry No Pets. 204 E! 22nd. Call 263-4922.

Unfurnished Apts. 523

NOW AVAILABLE... Largest, nicest two bedroom apartment in town, 1300 square feet, FREE gas heat and water, two car attached carport, washer-dryer connections, private patio, beautiful courtyard with pool and party room, furnished or unfurnished and "REMEMBER... YOU DESERVE THE BEST". Coronado Hills Apartments, 801 W. Marcy, 267-6500.

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\$199 Move In Special w/6 month lease
1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
Lighted Tennis Courts
Pool & Sauna
538 Westover
263-1252

1 BEDROOM garage apartment, newly remodeled, suitable for individual or couple, references and lease required, \$275/mo, \$150 deposit, water and gas paid. 267-6667
2 BEDROOM, unfurnished apartment, central heat/air, washer/dryer connections. Call 263-7303.

Unfurnished Apts. 532

ALL BILLS PAID
1-2-3 Bedroom
Refrigerated Air, Laundry
Adjacent to
Marcy Elementary
PARK VILLAGE
1905 WASSON 267-6421

Unfurnished Houses 533

100 JEFFERSON, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large utility/storage, large fenced backyard, nice neighborhood, none smokers only. \$435.00 plus deposit. Extra deposit for pets. 264-6453 days, 263-2644 after 4:00pm.

1 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1102 Sycamore. No pets. 267-3841, 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM, den, fireplace, nice area, no pets. \$450, 267-2070.

500 GOLIAD, 3-bedroom, 1 bath. \$250.00/mo. \$125.00/deposit. Call 267-7449.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, 2529 Gunter. 267-3841, 556-4022.

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath, full brick, central air, attached garage. 267-5855.

FOR LEASE, 2620 Albrook 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Available December 23rd, \$295. month, \$150. deposit. Call Home Realtors, 915-263-1284.

FOR LEASE, 2612 Albrook. Two bedroom, one bath, \$275. month, \$150. deposit. Call Home Realtors, 915-263-1284.

HOUSE FOR Sale or Rent. 2603 Lynn. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central air and heat. Will be available December 1st. 264-0850.

NICE 2 bedroom, stove and refrigerator, washer and dryer. \$350/monthly and \$200/deposit. 267-4000.

NICE CLEAN 2 bedroom, 1 bath house, good location, HUD approved, \$275/month, \$150/deposit. 267-1543.

RENT OR SALE: 3 bedroom brick, 1 1/2 bath, carpet, fenced, carport. \$350/month & deposit. Call 1-915-697-2275.

SMALL 2 bedroom, newly remodeled mobile home, washer & dryer, stove, refrigerator and in the Midway area. Call 393-5555 anytime or after 2:00 267-3114.

SUBURBAN BRICK, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Coahoma schools. \$575/month, \$300/deposit. Agent 267-2656 or 267-3613.

TOO LATES
Too Late To Classify 62%

14 X 32 Portable red barn, overhead door, heavy duty floor, delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

1990 FORD 8 cylinder pick-up, 82,000 miles, recent 2 tone brown/beige paint job. \$1300. Call after 5:00pm, 394-4874.

1991 AEROSTAR VAN. \$7,000/OBO. Call 915-263-1728.

1 BEDROOM, furnished apartment. Clean. \$225/month, deposit. No bills paid. 805 E. 13th. 263-7648.

1/2 PRICE SALE. 5 to 6 person hot tub with gazebos, free cover, financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

AKC Pomeranian puppies, 2 female 8 weeks old and 1 male 15 weeks old. 915-573-2322.

BEST MESQUITE IN THE COUNTRY! Firewood for sale. Call 915-695-5638 or 673-2060.

CLOSEOUT on all large portable storage buildings. 30 year warranty. 563-3108.

EXTRA NICE large 2/bedroom, single garage, central heat, R/A/C, dw, stove, no pets, no smoking. \$400/month, \$350/deposit, owner/agent. Sue 263-7615 or 263-7537.

GILL'S FRIED Chicken is now hiring for part-time day shift. 1101 Gregg.

House for rent: 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fenced yard, fire place. Call 263-6932.

NEEDED COOK To Work 5 hours per day, cooking for large group of children. Apply at Rainbow Christian Preschool, 409 Goliad.

100 WASHINGTON BLVD.: Saturday, 9:00am-1:00pm. Ladies designer clothes size 6 to 10, linens, dishes, and lots of Decor. Items and more.

TRADE IN Spa. Call for details. 563-3108.

WHATABURGER NOW HIRING. All Shifts & all positions. Apply with manager between 2:00pm & 5:00pm at 1110 Gregg St.

NICE CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath house with carport. 2510 Carlton. \$575/month, \$300/deposit. 267-1543.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE BIG SPRING POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON DECEMBER 18, 1996 AT 10:00 AM IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING TO COMMENT ON THE GRANT MONEY THAT IS BEING REQUESTED.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for our Food Service Department until 2:00 p.m., January 7, 1997, in the following areas:
Caterina Food
Fresh Produce
Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 Eleventh Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4610, phone number (915) 264-2620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. (No received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be considered for consideration to the Board of Trustees on January 15, 1997, at 8:15 p.m. at the regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
1128 December 9 & 11, 1996

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 12:

You gain financially through your decisions this year. Those in position of power push you very hard. However, in the long run, the challenge serves you. Maintain your integrity. If you are in an artistic or aesthetic field, it is helpful to pull back and take frequent breaks for thinking. Increasing physical exercise adds to inspiration, reduces stress and keeps creative juices flowing. If you are single, romance could be special, but something you want to keep private. Just be sure that is what you want. If attached, escape with your loved one. Special weekends keep romance blooming. CAPRICORN helps you make money.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There is much going on with a parent or boss, who wants to confer great honors. Be positive about work and a partnership. If you go with the flow, all turns out fine. You are optimistic and can accomplish a lot. Go for what you want. Tonight: Go out with co-workers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Good news comes forth. A partner is nothing less than adorable. Be more in touch with your feelings and desires. Now is the time to ask. Others love your ideas, approach and charisma. You walk on water for just a day. Tonight: Go for a daydream!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) One-to-one relating is key to determining choices. At work, you make what you want happen. A family member shares his feelings with you. Carefully check out a piece of real estate or investment. Funds flow through a partnership. Tonight: Go for snuggles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Defer to another. Check out his opinions. Imagination and creativity can turn conflict into a winning situation. Don't hesitate to ask for what you want. Express what you feel. Take the initiative. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Plunge into work. You get a lot done. Decide to spend some money on an important item. It could make your life far easier. Examine different options. Be determined to succeed. A loving gesture means a lot. Tonight: Head off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Understand what is up with a close friend. Make the first

move. He will be open to your gesture. Discussions help you find a solution. If single, a flirtation could become a lot more. Be direct and self-assured. Tonight: You might have to turn off the heat!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Follow through on what is bothering you. Be clear about your needs. You possess a lot of style. What you say is easily heard. This may be a bigger deal to you than others, who are more than willing to go along with you. Tonight: You are happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Reach out for another, and open up conversations. Someone feels tightly connected to you, and wants to be accommodating. View what is important in the long-term. Treat friends with candor. Keep your eye on the ball. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Expenditures are important. Pull back, and consider what is important for you. You feel more in control than you have in a while. You have a secret admirer or feelings about another that you choose not to share. A boss understands you. Tonight: Balance your budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your presence is dynamic. Others clearly let you know how they feel. Adoration flows between you and a key friend. Understand what is happening with those who are at a distance. Get feedback from someone you trust. Tonight: Be personality-plus.

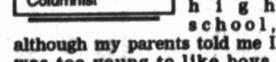
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Take a deep breath. Let another let you know how great you are. Stay on top of work, even though another thinks you are doing more than your share. A partner criticizes you, but means well. Your smile eases pressure. Tonight: Take a nap.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Focus on a friendship and long-range plans. It is the secret to success and fulfillment. News from a distance is important, and offers you a new option. Discussions are active. Others make it clear they want to pitch in. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (800) 000-0000, 99 cents per minute. Also featured are The Spoken Tarot and The Runes, which answer your yes-or-no questions. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. © 1996 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

Woman haunted for 30 years by love lost in high school

DEAR ABBY: When I was in the eighth grade I didn't "like boys." Building forts was much more interesting. But when my first love walked into our classroom, I knew I loved him the second I saw him. We liked each other all during high school, although my parents told me I was too young to like boys. When he gave me gifts, I had to give them back. When he offered me his class ring I wasn't allowed to take it. It silently broke my heart. In all those years, I didn't ever tell him I loved him - or how much.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

He was the valedictorian of our class, and after high school he went on to Stanford University. I went to nurse's training. His life prospered; mine disintegrated. At age 30, I married a man to please my father. That marriage ended in divorce eight years and two children later. After being a single parent for seven years, I longed for a husband and family. I married a man who had my first love's name. This marriage ended a year later after a lot of trauma to me and my children.

Two years ago, I realized that my true love was "missing in action" in my heart and that I hadn't been able to go on with my life. I located him through the Stanford Alumni register and after 30 years, talked with him - for 42 minutes. He's happily married with four children.

WEDNESDAY

DEC. 11

Table with 32 columns (KMD, KPEJ, KERA, FAM, KOSA, WFAA, KWES, WTBS, UNI, DISN, NASH, TMC, SHOW, HBO, KMLM, A&E, DISC, TNT, FSN, ESPN, AMC, BET) and 12 rows of program listings.

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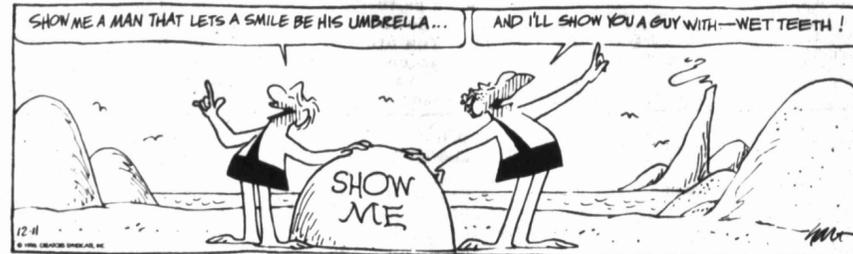


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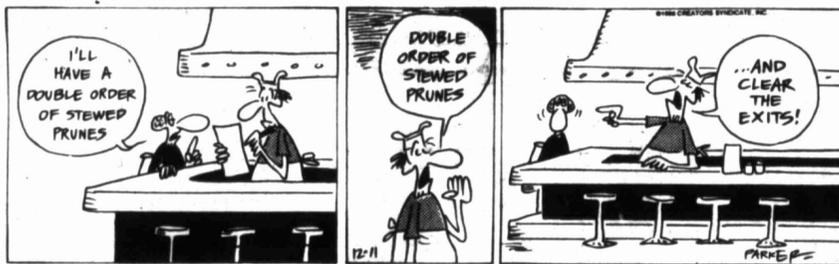
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SNUFFY SMITH



BETLE BAILEY



Know what the McCormicks have on their front lawn? An activity scene!

You're supposed to know if I've been naughty or nice. So how come you always ask me if I've been a good boy?

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 11, the 346th day of 1996. There are 20 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Dec. 11, 1946, the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) was established.

On this date: In 1719, the first recorded sighting of the Aurora Borealis took place in New England.

In 1792, France's King Louis XVI went before the Convention to face charges of treason. (Louis was convicted, and executed the following month.)

In 1816, Indiana became the 19th state.

In 1872, America's first black governor took office as Pinckney Benton Stewart Pinchback became acting governor of Louisiana.

In 1928, police in Buenos Aires, Argentina, thwarted an attempt on the life of President-elect Herbert Hoover.

In 1936, 60 years ago, Britain's King Edward VIII abdicated the throne in order to marry American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson.

In 1937, Italy withdrew from the League of Nations.

In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; which responded in kind.

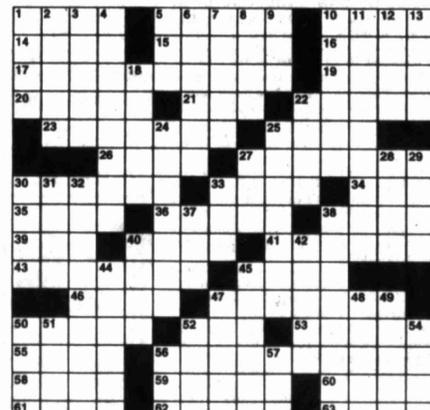
In 1961, a U.S. aircraft carrier carrying Army helicopters arrived in Saigon — the first direct American military support for South Vietnam's battle against Communist guerrillas.

In 1981, the U.N. Security Council chose Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru to be the fifth secretary-general of the world body.

Ten years ago: The government of South Africa drastically expanded its 6-month-old media restrictions by imposing prior censorship and banning coverage of a wide range of peaceful anti-apartheid protests.

THE Daily Crossword

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by Norma Steinberg 12/11/96

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:



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