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Council again faces extending assignment of Cornell employees

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Members of the Big Spring City Council Tuesday will revisit an issue they have dealt with three times before — a resolution authorizing Mayor Tim Blackshear to execute an indemnity agreement temporarily assigning Cornell Corrections employees to the city of Big Spring.

If the council approves this latest request, it means the city will again assume temporary assignment of 30 Cornell employees until March 12.

In December, Big Spring Correctional Centers Chief Financial Officer Bruce Gilmore indicated that the licensing process for Cornell guards to carry weapons had not been completed, meaning Cornell needed an additional 30-day extension of its prior agreement with the city.

Since the council was only scheduled to meet

once in December, Cornell requested the extension until Jan. 15.

According to the proposed extension agreement, the city is willing to accept the responsibility on the expressed promise by Cornell Corrections to reimburse the city for any and all costs including but not limited to salaries, insurance, benefits to employees, attorney's fees and other costs associated with the temporary assignment.

This fourth requested temporary assignment of Cornell employees is again due to the fact that guards at Cornell were certified to carry weapons when the city was still the official operator of the Big Spring Correctional Centers, but when management changed hands, the Bureau of Prisons required the new management company to undergo a recertification process, a process Cornell officials have been unable to speed up with state licensing officials.

Paving project also to be discussed

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One of the items city administrators will discuss with the Big Spring City Council Tuesday night is the city's street paving project to be funded with bond money approved by Big Spring residents in the early 1990s.

According to Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard, the city recently met with GSW Engineering to discuss the project and decided where to start.

Council approval is being sought on phase one of the project so the city can proceed with survey work.

Paving improvements to be done as part of phase one include the following streets: the

Rebecca & 25th intersection; Settles and Sixth to Ridegoad; Douglas Street in front of McDonald's; the intersection of 18th and Scurry; and Johnson and Third to Fourth.

Phase two of the project includes street that have been in need of repair for quite a while.

The council is not expected to vote on phase two of the project Tuesday, but members are being asked to review the streets included and add their own suggestions to the list or delete streets from the current list, and have them turned in to City Hall by Feb. 7.

According to Bogard, as cost projections are worked up they will be brought to the council

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Financial institutions facing crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — With private markets taking the economic lead in the developing countries, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund are facing identity crises.

Critics say the 50-year-old sister institutions should be cast aside as useless anachronisms in the post-Cold War world. Others think they will redesign themselves, adapt to the mentality and culture of the free market and maintain their traditional roles, particularly in the poorest countries that private investors ignore.

Created for a world that no longer exists, the two organizations judge governments and make decisions that can affect millions of people. They lend billions of dollars a year and indirectly control tens of billions more.

Housed in 17 buildings two blocks west of the White House and employing more than 10,000 people, the bank and the fund are among the least-understood and least-examined institutions in the capital.

One hard-line critic, James Bovard of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, said they "should be phased out or shut down because there's no reason for them to exist."

At the Overseas Development Council, another research group, president John Sewell, recognizes the problem but thinks it can be fixed. The two organizations, he said, "were not designed to operate a global economy and must rethink their roles."

All that considered, economist Morris Goldstein at the Institute for International Economics said the world still needs the World Bank and the IMF. Vast amounts of private investment go to developing countries, but "these flows are volatile," he said. "There still will be a need for official money that only these organizations can provide."

The private sector has \$230 billion invested in underdeveloped countries, four to five times the amount of government aid. But 80 percent of private money goes to countries such as China, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, where economic prospects are good. Sub-Saharan Africa gets only 2 percent.

The World Bank and the IMF are known as the Bretton Woods institutions for the town in New Hampshire where a con-

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GRATEFUL DONATION



Marian Buzbee her third donation to United Blood Services during the UBS blood drive at Big Spring Mall Saturday. Buzbee said she donates with a sense of gratitude for the assistance UBS offered her son. Sherry Flanary, right, was on hand to assist the donors.

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Senator predicts independent counsel to investigate Democrats' fund-raising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno eventually will have to appoint an independent counsel to investigate foreign contributions to the Democratic Party, GOP Sen. John McCain predicts.

"I think the evidence is going to mount," the Arizona Republican, who twice tried and failed to have a counsel named, said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"I think it's very likely that over time the attorney general will see that there is an accumulation of evidence that will drive her to appoint an independent counsel. I think we are getting very close to that."

The Justice Department rejected in November a second request from McCain and four House members to appoint an independent counsel, saying it found no "specific, credible evidence" to move forward under the law.

The decision did not preclude the department from appointing an independent counsel in the

future. A department task force already is conducting a wide-ranging review of political fund-raising by both parties for last year's election.

A key issue has been to what extent political donations have provided contributors with access to government officials and influenced their decision making.

While the focus has been on Democratic donors, Republican fund raisers also have been wooing big-time contributors with promises of special access to the Republican-controlled Congress, according to a published report.

The New York Times said Monday that there were 75 elite donors — individuals and corporations — who contributed \$250,000 or more to the Republican Party last year with promises of special access to Republicans controlling Congress.

The elite group of contributors were known within the GOP as "season ticket holders" and included individuals and

corporations with interests pending on Capitol Hill, according to the Times.

On Sunday, White House spokesman Lanny Davis, appearing on CNN's "Late Edition," defended White House functions that have come under fire, such as presidential coffee meetings with big campaign contributors and a get-together with a group of bankers and government regulators.

"No action ever resulted from any contributor giving money to the president's campaign," Davis said. "He's made decisions in the national interest."

Asked whether it was just a coincidence that some of the bankers later made contributions to the Democrats, Davis responded: "Well, in fact many of the bankers in the room were Republicans who gave more to Senator Dole. If in fact they heard something from the president in the Q-and-A session that causes them to support the president, then they give money."

Republicans disagree on penalty given to Gingrich

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator says House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who complains he is a victim of an ethical double standard, was prolonging the issue by blaming his punishment on others.

"I understand why Newt would go down and try to shore up support in his own district," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said Sunday of Gingrich's self-defense Saturday before a hometown crowd in Georgia. But "I think that he probably may have contributed to the debate and extended it rather than

shortened it."

The House reprimanded Gingrich for ethics violations Tuesday and ordered him to pay \$300,000. The speaker admitted he failed to seek and follow legal advice concerning the use of tax-exempt contributions to further partisan goals.

Gingrich, at a town hall meeting in his congressional district, acknowledged mistakes but blamed his lawyer, the media and a double standard he said subjected conservatives to tougher scrutiny than liberals. Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La.,

Senate, House seats to be filled in races

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The Legislature's 1997 session is only two weeks old, and already two elections are being held to fill vacancies.

Voters in the 19-county 5th Senate District on Tuesday will choose a successor to Democrat Jim Turner of Crockett. Turner was elected to Congress last November.

At the same time, voters in the Bryan-College Station area will elect a member of the Texas House.

That election is being held to replace three-term state Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, who is resigning from the House and

running for the Senate.

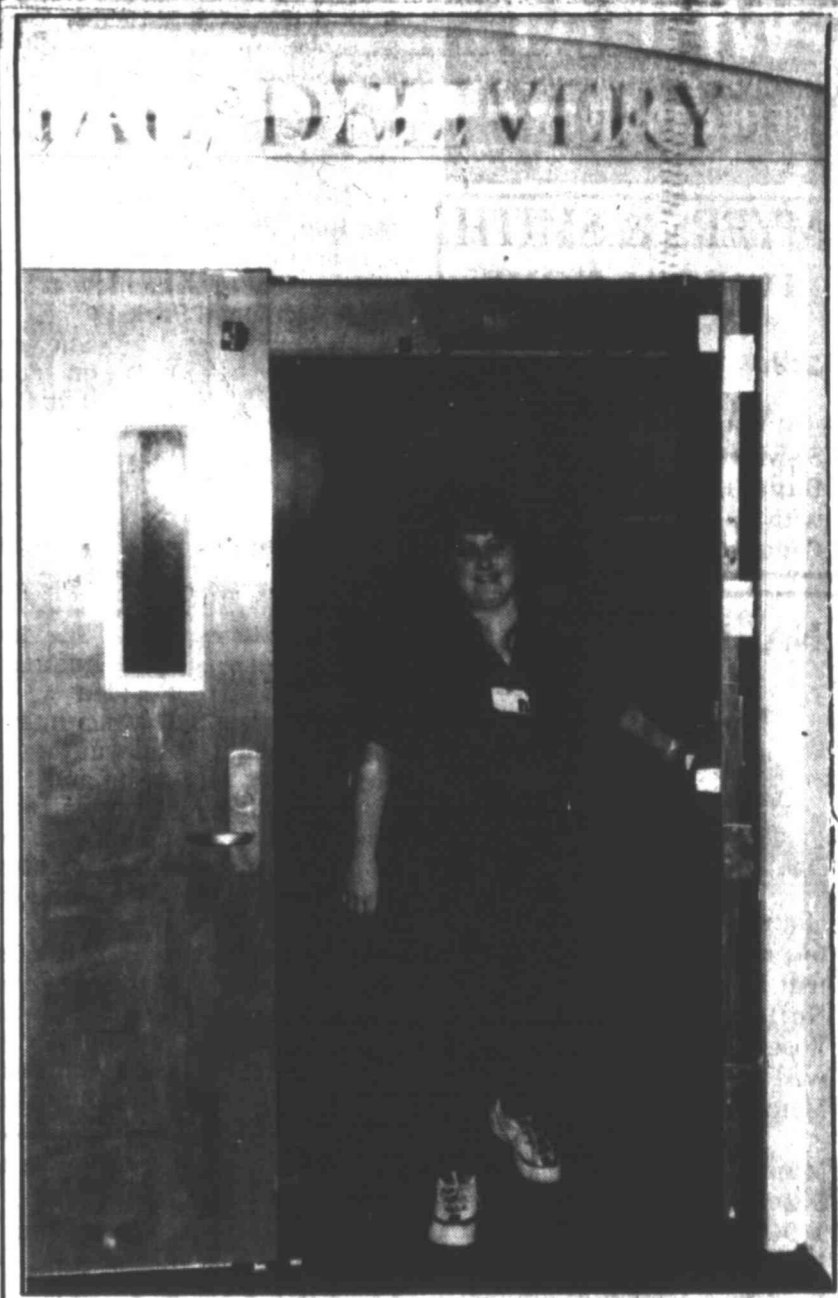
He faces Bryan accountant Mary Moore, a Democrat. She is the daughter-in-law of former Sen. Bill Moore, who was known as "the Bull of the Brazos" during a 31-year career in the Legislature.

In the House race, two Republicans are running: former state Rep. Richard Smith of Bryan and Dr. William Roman, a retired College Station physician.

The Senate race — being held in district that stretches from around Corsicana into East Texas and west to near Waco — could have been pivotal but

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NEW WARD



Rebekah Jackson exits the new obstetrics, delivery and gynecology ward at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a look around the facility that will soon be open. Due to many changes and setbacks, progress has been slow but the end is in sight.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

▲ Highs **65**
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Today: Partly cloudy, High in the mid 60s. Tonight, decreasing clouds, low in the lower 20s.

Tuesday: Sunny with a high around 50. Becoming partly cloudy with a low in the 20s.

Extended outlook: Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the 60s. Low in the 30s. Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s.

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More agents head for border, fanning policy debate

McALLEN — For Arturo E. Moreno, the key to stopping illegal immigration from Mexico is simple: More federal agents. But others are looking deeper, saying the border woes are only a symptom of larger problems.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service says it will surpass 26,000 employees this year, with most of its new inspectors going to the Texas-Mexico border.

"With more agents, we'll be able to stop illegal immigration," Moreno, a Border Patrol agent in Brownsville, told The Monitor of McAllen. "If we can't stop it, at least we should be able to bring it under control."

Border Patrol administrators in the Rio Grande Valley predict the arrival of 150 new agents — one of the largest increases in the history of the McAllen sector — will eventually trim illegal crossings.

Defense witnesses taking stand in Routier trial

KERRVILLE — Darlie Routier's attorneys hoped to use police testimony today to help bolster her claim of innocence in the stabbing deaths of her two young sons.

Defense attorney Doug Mulder wouldn't say what testimony he hoped to elicit from Rowlett police officer Jimmy Patterson or whether he considered him a hostile witness.

"I don't know if he's hostile or not," Mulder said. "He might be hostile when I'm through with him."

Mrs. Routier is charged with capital murder in the June 6, 1996, stabbing deaths of 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon Routier.

Mrs. Routier contends an intruder attacked her and her sons with a kitchen butcher knife then fled through the garage of the family's suburban home near Dallas.

South Texas officials splintering over I-69 study

CORPUS CHRISTI — A regional coalition to put South Texas on the proposed Interstate 69, billed as the "NAFTA Superhighway", are suspicious about a new federal study that leaves them out of the loop.

The findings assume a route that would bypass Harlingen, Raymondville, Falfurrias, George West, Alice and other cities.

Many highway advocates in the bypassed areas are up in arms, with billions of transportation dollars and thousands of jobs at stake.

"We're not at all pleased about it," said Alan Johnson, chairman of Harlingen's Transportation Committee. "It files directly in the face of the (the Transportation Department) recommendation."

That proposal was that all of U.S. 77, from Victoria to Harlingen, be part of the superhighway system.

Health-care information council crippled by conflict

AUSTIN — Hospitals that are expensive for delivering babies or risky for surgery are no easier for consumers to discover after the creation of a state information clearinghouse.

That's because the new Texas Health Care Information Council is hobbled by a costly feud between its chairwoman and its former executive director.

The agency to provide consumers with inside information on the health care industry was the brainchild of state Rep. Glen Maxey.

Presidents set tone for jousts with media

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's President Clinton vs. the press. Live on television. But not exactly the Super Bowl.

Reporters will no doubt throw tough questions about fund raising and how Clinton plans to balance the budget. The policy wonk president will respond with a blizzard of detail, his answers running on and on.

The fact is, most presidents easily control the tone of these jousts with the news media.

"It's hard not to be in control," said George Christian, who was White House spokesman for Lyndon B. Johnson. "You've only got a handful of questions, 18 maybe, and the president controls who asks the questions."

Johnson did not like formal news conferences, said Christian. He preferred to summon the 40 or so reporters regularly assigned to the White House in those days into the Cabinet Room and let them ask questions without live television coverage.

Clinton, on the other hand, gives the impression of a man who enjoys the give and take. His last two news conferences ran about an hour each.

He looks like a president who likes to talk. Ask about criticism that his effort to cut the budget deficit is making life harder for the poor and he responds with a long dissertation packed with references to legislation and statistics.

"We doubled the earned income tax credit, raised the

minimum wage, increased the availability of immunizations to poor children, dramatically expanded the number of poor children in Head Start," Clinton said.

Not only did he spew out an impressive list of actions, but in his impromptu response he never used the same verb twice.

Clinton's first formal news conference of his second term is Tuesday and press secretary Mike McCurry says the president wants to start meeting with reporters regularly.

That plan may represent a bit of re-election euphoria. Having won an endorsement for a second term, presidents feel they can take on tough challenges.

"It may be that he thinks he can woo the press, charm the

press," said Brookings Institution scholar Stephen Hess, who worked in the Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford administrations. "After you get re-elected you're feeling pretty up about your powers."

"In fact, he can't. The press' interests are otherwise. Its interests are in getting a good story and he'll get irritated by it."

Marlin Fitzwater, White House spokesman under Presidents Reagan and Bush, wrote in his memoirs that Bush "could not understand how the press could be so bad to him when he had been so good to them. He held 280 press conferences, at least 20 minutes long and open to questions on any subject."

Cohen, Albright say U.S. will stay engaged around world

WASHINGTON (AP) — The two newest members of President Clinton's Cabinet are promoting an assertive foreign policy, saying the United States must remain prominent both militarily and diplomatically in world affairs.

"I don't think we have any choice but to be engaged," William Cohen, the new defense secretary, said Sunday. "That's the only way in which we can continue to be an effective superpower in this world, help in to shape and influence events so that they really work

to our benefit." New Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that specifically meant an active effort to expand NATO to Eastern European countries.

"We need to do for Central and Eastern Europe what was done for Western Europe after the Second World War — that is, try to provide some sense of stability, try to make sure that ethnic conflicts and border disputes don't overwhelm, and that is what NATO expansion is about."

Albright reiterated that the expansion was no threat to Russia, which has objected to the inclusion of such former Warsaw Pact nations as Poland and Hungary in NATO.

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Cohen, on ABC's "This Week," and Albright, on NBC's "Meet the Press," were making their inaugural appearances on the news programs after their unanimous confirmations by the Senate last week.

Cohen, a former senator from Maine and the only Republican in the Clinton Cabinet, stressed his support for administration policies, including a compromise plan that would put off until at least 2000 a decision on deploying a national missile defense system.

Massive religious procession supports Serbian protests

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — More than 100,000 people today joined the biggest religious procession in Belgrade since World War II, an outpouring of national pride and sentiment symbolizing 10 weeks of peaceful protest against President Slobodan Milosevic.

The Serbian Orthodox church is closely linked to traditional Serb identity, and Monday's procession was the biggest led by the church since Communist rule was imposed more than 50 years ago.

Although a religious celebration, it amounted to the latest protest against Milosevic's government, which sparked protests by annulling opposition wins in local elections in November.

In contrast to the noisy pro-democracy demonstrations of students and opposition parties, the procession to mark the holiday of St. Sava, the founding father of the Serbian Orthodox church, wove silently through the heart of the capital.

The only sounds were the chanting of St. Sava's liturgy by the dozens of Orthodox priests in flowing robes who headed the procession, and an occasional burst of applause for Patriarch Pavle, head of Serbia's Orthodox Church.

for the students and, four hours later, for Pavle and the hordes who followed him.

Protests against Milosevic and his neo-Communist Socialists, who have ruled since Communist rule formally ended in 1990, started after authorities denied the opposition its local election victories in Belgrade and 13 other cities.

Demonstrations have spread to some 50 towns across Serbia, in the biggest challenge to Milosevic since he took power in 1987.

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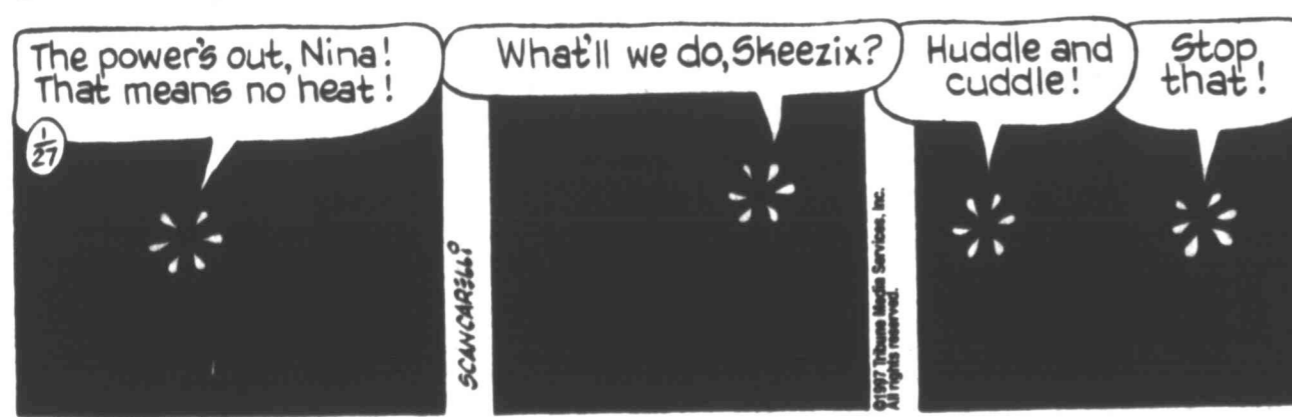
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Monday, Jan. 27, the 27th day of 1997. There are 388 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
Thirty years ago, on Jan. 27, 1967, astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, Edward H. White and Roger B. Chaffee died in a flash fire during a test aboard their Apollo spacecraft at Cape Kennedy, Fla.
On this date:
In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born in Salzburg, Austria.

In 1880, Thomas Edison received a patent for his electric incandescent lamp.
In 1943, some 50 bombers struck Wilhelmshaven in the first all-American air raid against Germany during World War II.
In 1944, the Soviet Union announced the end of the deadly German siege of Leningrad, which had lasted for more than two years.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

by Vivian O. Collins
Saturday's Puzzle solved:
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In 1945, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.
In 1951, an era of atomic testing in the Nevada desert began as an Air Force plane dropped a 1-kiloton bomb on Frenchman Flats.
In 1967, more than 60 nations signed a treaty banning the orbiting of nuclear weapons.
In 1973, the Vietnam peace accords were signed in Paris, formally bringing to an end the longest foreign war in U.S. history.
In 1977, the Vatican reaffirmed the Roman Catholic Church's ban on female priests.
Ten years ago: In his State of the Union Message, President Ronald Reagan said he had "one major regret" — his administration's failure to win freedom for American hostages in the Middle East and establish contacts with Iran.

Five years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton and Gennifer Flowers accused each other of lying in a renewed dispute over her assertion that they'd had a 12-year affair. Aileen Wuornos, a Florida highway prostitute, was convicted of slaying the first of seven men she admitted killing, claiming self-defense.
One year ago: A man invaded a convent in Waterville, Maine, stabbing and beating four nuns, killing two of them (Mark Bechard was later found not criminally responsible because of mental illness). Soldiers seized control of Niger's government.

Today's Birthdays: Musical conductor Skitch Henderson is 79. Actor Troy Donahue is 61. Singer Bobby "Blue" Bland is 67. Actor James Cromwell is 57. Ballet star Mikhail Baryshnikov is 49. Country singer Cheryl White is 42. Country singer-musician Richard Young (The Kentucky Headhunters) is 42. Actress Mimi Rogers is 41. Rock singer Margo Timmons (Cowboy Junkies) is 36.
Thought for Today: "If we die, we want people to accept it... We are in a risky business and we hope that if anything happens to us, it will not delay the program. The conquest of space is worth the risk of life." — Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom (1926-1967).

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