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Council hears update on water line breaks, Moore Development

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Recent cold spells have increased the activity of the city's Utility Department, especially where water-line repairs are concerned.

Tuesday, City Manager Gary Fuqua told the Big Spring City Council that the cold spell between Jan. 10 and Jan. 17 caused approximately 40 breaks in four-inch, six-inch, eight-inch and 10-inch pipes around the city, and during that time the city handled approximately 100 calls per day about pipes.

As a result of that cold spell, several business and residents along Scurry Street and Gregg Street will be without

water pressure for about 10 hours late Thursday and early Friday due to maintenance in those areas.

The city's Distribution and Collection (D&C) Department and the Utilities Division will be working to install two water main valves during this time and water pressure will be lost from the 2000 block to the 2300 block of Scurry and from the 1800 block to the 2200 block of Gregg.

The city estimates that the service interruption will begin around 10 p.m. Thursday and should last no longer than until 8 a.m. Friday.

D&C Supervisor Rick Boiles said a broken valve during the recent cold spell is part of the reason for the maintenance, which is not considered to be

an emergency job.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, Moore Development For Big Spring Executive Director Danette Toone gave council members a quarterly report on Moore's activities.

Toone said she received several calls about Signal Homes, for which she wanted to thank the various entities around town and especially the citizens of Big Spring.

Most of Toone's report was an update on Signal and the progress being made on getting the Eleventh Place Manufacturing Facility ready for Signal to begin production.

Moore currently owns the building and during the first three years Signal is in Big Spring, it will occupy the

building rent free and then will have the option of renewing a long-term lease or purchasing the building.

If Signal decides to purchase the building in three years, Moore will carry the note for an additional four years.

According to Toone, Signal is putting \$1 million in equity in the building and has secured a loan with local banks in the amount of \$750,000, which Moore is not involved with, but will pay the interest on up to 9 percent for three years.

"The \$750,000 loan Signal took out is to get the building ready for manufacturing," Toone said. "Moore is spending an additional \$150,000 for painting and basic renovations to the building

because it owns the building, but is not spending money on anything industry specific where Signal is concerned."

Signal has promised to produce up to 100 jobs and a \$1.5 million payroll the first year it is in Big Spring; 120 jobs and a \$2 million payroll the second year; and 150 jobs and a \$2.5 million payroll the third year it is in Big Spring.

"If Signal does not meet these minimum requirements, they will have to pay penalties based on the differences," Toone said. "But they don't seem to be worried that they can't produce these numbers. Hopefully this will give the community some peace of mind."

Six-peat for Lady Steers!

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

It is an occurrence almost as dependable as those two other reliable standbys, death and taxes.

Every January, it seems, Big Spring High School Principal Kent Bowermon trudges to midcourt at Steer Gym and presents a district championship trophy to the Big Spring Lady Steers.

Bowermon and the Lady Steers had their annual reunion Tuesday after the girls' team clinched its sixth straight District 4-4A basketball title — its eighth in the last 10 years — with a 46-43 victory over Andrews.

If the routine is becoming commonplace, however, neither Bowermon nor the players seem to think it is boring.

"This," Bowermon said, holding the championship trophy, "is something I could get used to."

The principal's sentiments were echoed by the team members, who look at the district title as something close to a birthright.

Last week, as the team was closing in on another championship, junior guard Kara Hughes spoke about the motivation that has driven this year's team.

"We don't want to be the first ones to lose district," she said.

They weren't — but it wasn't easy.

The Lady Steers began district play with a sub-.500 record, and head coach Ron Taylor was wondering if the streak might be in serious jeopardy.

"I was very concerned," said Taylor, architect of the Lady Steers' streak. "We had lost to some teams we shouldn't have



HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Big Spring's Lady Steers celebrate at center court of Steer Gym Tuesday night after taking their sixth consecutive district championship with a win over Andrews. Please see related story and photos, page 1B.

lost to ... and we had lost some games that we had led right to the end, so I was very concerned. I knew we weren't playing very good basketball at the time."

Adding to Taylor's fears was a stronger district field. Aside from perennial rival Andrews, Sweetwater rejoined 4-4A this season, and the Lady Mustangs were coached by C.E. Carmichael, who led Big Spring to its first two district titles in 1987 and '88.

But Taylor's worries soon disappeared when the team began district play. They opened defense of their crown with a

62-36 victory over San Angelo Lake View, and have not been bested since. Except for a five-point victory at Sweetwater Friday and Tuesday's score, nobody's come within 10 points of the Lady Steers since district play began.

"I think, for some reason or another, we came together as a team," Taylor said. "It just took this team longer to get in sync than some of the other's I've had."

The championship was especially sweet for the team's two seniors — point guard Brandi Purcell and post Kim Robertson.

"Definitely (this title was more meaningful)," Purcell said. "We just knew when district started that everyone had to step up and play better — and we did."

The faces have changed over the years, but the results haven't. And as she talked about how happy she was for the team, Robertson also hit on the legacy her and Purcell will leave next year's team.

"There was a bit of pressure this year," she said, "but you know you just have to win district."

"It's not a choice," Purcell added.

City hiring pro from Roswell to head course

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The position has not been officially filled, but the city of Big Spring has named Jack Birdwell of Roswell, N.M., to replace retiring Comanche Trail Golf Course Superintendent Al Patterson.

Patterson's final day on the job is Friday.

Birdwell was introduced at Tuesday's city council meeting and will assume supervision of the golf course on Feb. 24.

Birdwell's experience includes managing the Spring Rivers Golf Course in Roswell for the last five years and serving as pro/superintendent of the Coleman Country Club in Coleman from 1987 to 1992.

He has a bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture from Texas Tech University.

Birdwell's professional and community activities include being an active member of the West Texas Golf Course Association; member of the Lone Star Turf Grass Association and a member of its by-laws committee; a member of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America; and a member of the New Mexico Golf Course Superintendent Association, having served as secretary of that organization.

Fuqua said while in Roswell, Birdwell has increased the use of that course from 25,000 rounds annually to approximately 50,000 rounds a year.

"He knows he will have a shoestring budget," Fuqua added.

The estimated \$172,000 annual budget for Comanche Trail Golf Course is far less than what Birdwell had to work with in Roswell.

Birdwell was selected from a list of two final candidates after a list of nine applicants was narrowed by Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard.

The other finalist for the position was Sterling Miller, a golf course superintendent from Lubbock.

Miller and Birdwell were interviewed within the last two weeks, and both Bogard and City Manager Gary Fuqua were pleased with the entire interviewing process.

"We've had some very qualified people apply for the position," Fuqua said. "They have been people who seemed very knowledgeable."

"At this point," Bogard said, "the city is not sure what the position will be called, golf pro or course superintendent."

According to Fuqua, when Birdwell arrives in Big Spring he will assume supervision of the course under the same basic benefits package as Patterson, with a few adjustments, during his first year.

Birdwell will manage the pro shop at the golf course and will be in charge of golf cart rentals, but instead of the same base salary of about \$20,000 Patterson made, the city has decided to increase that to \$30,000.

Fuqua said Birdwell was originally looking at a base salary of \$40,000, but the city didn't feel that was in its best interest.

After his first year on the job, Fuqua said the city will look at renegotiating the package.

The city also has other items to consider where the golf course is concerned.

"We appear to be losing money on annual fees," Fuqua told the council. "We're also looking at rider fees on carts."

Fuqua told the council that the city's research has shown that some courses charge a \$5 fee for friends riding on carts.

The Parks and Recreation Board met earlier this month and decided to recommend maintaining the same form of management previously used at the golf course, which was a course superintendent.

Despite what the position is called, one area the Birdwell will have to tackle is how to get the course on track to becoming self-sufficient.

Comanche Trail Golf Course made \$4,699 during the 1992-93 fiscal year, bringing in \$184,064 in revenue and having \$179,365 in expenditures.

Each year since, the course has lost money; \$44,145, in 1993-94; \$93,424 in 1994-95; and \$87,402 during the 1995-96 year, for a total revenue shortfall since 1992 a total of \$224,971.

According to Fuqua, the city

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Area sending 146 to Houston Livestock Show

HERALD Staff Report

A total of 58 4-H members and 88 FFA members from the Howard County area and surrounding communities will participate in show ring competition at the upcoming Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Feb. 14 through March 2 at Houston's Astros Hall.

Many of these participants recently won awards at their local junior livestock shows.

These 4-H and FFA members will showcase their animal pro-

jects during the second week of livestock competition — the junior show.

Participants from Howard County and surrounding areas will be part of 930 Texas 4-H clubs and FFA chapters, which will allow the junior show to exceed 15,000 entries. Junior show entries will include the following divisions: market steers, market barrows, market lambs, market poultry, beef and dairy heifers, breeding sheep, goats, commercial steers and breeding rabbits.

The four market animal categories (steers, lambs, barrows and poultry) represent animals raised by the exhibitors as food sources and the top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions.

Last year, junior market auction sales totaled more than \$4.4 million.

"Sure we're proud of the generosity of our auction buyers, but we're even more proud of the thousands of Texas students who spend significant

hours of energy, resolve and persistence in working with animal projects," Don Jobs Jr., Houston Livestock Show and rodeo assistant general manager, said.

Area participants in the Houston show include:

Howard County 4-H: Brennan Bailey, Nick Bailey, Trevor J. Bibb, Terrell Bibb, Jerod Johnston, Audra Johnston, Megan Knight, Lauren Middleton, Lindsay

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Death, taxes certain and, sometimes, simultaneous

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both death and taxes may be certain, but business and conservative interests are arguing they need not be simultaneous.

Senate Republicans — and to an extent, Senate Democrats and the Clinton administration — are listening. All three are fielding proposals for relief from the tax most associated with death — the estate tax.

Defenders of the tax point to its turn-of-the-century roots in reformers' desire to break up the concentrated wealth of the Vanderbilts, Rockefellers and

other moneyed families. And they say only the richest 1.2 percent of estates owe the federal government anything.

But advocates of relief argue the tax, as much as 55 percent on the largest estates, is so high that it forces family-owned farms and businesses to sell out to big corporations. "Confiscatory" is the word Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott uses.

C.L. Tart, a 62-year-old Dunn, N.C., farmer and shopping mall owner, said he worked 20-hour days and borrowed heavily to

hold onto the family business when his grandfather and father died in the 1960s and hopes to spare his own son, Clarence L. Tart III, 34, the same ordeal.

"It's a terrible thing for the next generation to feel like they have a loaded gun at their temple as soon as my heart stops beating," he said.

Lott, R-Miss., included an \$18.6 billion reduction over five years in the symbolically important first 10 bills introduced this year.

House Ways and Means

Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said it was too soon to say whether estate-tax changes would fit into the budget. "I'm not even thinking that far down the line," he said.

But because President Clinton and Senate Democrats have their own proposals — though far more modest than the Lott plan — there's a good chance of a compromise by the end of the year.

"Both parties recognize the importance of ... maintaining

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TODAY'S WEATHER

62 ▲ Highs 28
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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the lower 60s. Tonight, mostly cloudy with a low in the upper 20s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 50s. Low around 30.

Extended outlook: Friday, mostly sunny. High in the 60s. Low in the 30s. Saturday and Sunday, fair and warmer. Highs both days around 70. Lows near 40.

OBITUARIES

Floyd Anglin

Floyd Anglin, 68, Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, in a local hospital. No services are planned.

He was born on May 28, 1928, in Mexia. He came to Big Spring in 1968 from California. He had worked in yard maintenance most of his life. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one sister: Sallie DeGrate, Houston; three nieces and three nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lydia "Billie" Knappe

Graveside service for Lydia "Billie" Knappe, 100, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, 1997, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

Mrs. Knappe died Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born on Aug. 15, 1896, in Goldthwaite. She moved to Howard County with her parents T.W. and Margaret Hooten in 1905 from Merkel. They first lived in West Knott and then moved to Big Spring in 1910. She was a homemaker and a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by two daughters: Teckla Dally and Dorothy Fay Neece, both of Big Spring; two sons: Roy Knappe, Mohave Valley, Ariz., and Carl Knappe, Big Spring; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Bobby J. Brown

Private family interment service for Bobby J. Brown, 64, Big Spring, will be at a later date.

Mr. Brown died Wednesday, Jan. 29, 1997, at his residence following a long illness.

He was born on April 1, 1932, in Big Spring. He was a long time resident of Big Spring and was a veteran of the US Army, serving in the Korean War. He had worked in construction most of his life as a roofer. Mr. Brown was a member of Crestview Baptist Church.

Survivors include one brother: Leonard J. Brown, Big Spring; six sisters: Ella Fay Edens, Dorothy Martin, Joyce Howell, Jerri Brown, all of Big Spring, Rose Cass, Odessa, and Eva Ruth Gillian, Carson City, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.



HERALD photo/Dan Green

A one-vehicle accident on Highway 87 sent one person to a Lubbock hospital. The wreck occurred one-half mile south of mile marker 366 on north Highway 87. The car was severely damaged and the Jaws of Life had to be used to gain access to the driver.

Accident near Ackerly sends one to hospital

HERALD Staff Report

A one-vehicle accident one half mile south of mile marker 366 on North Hwy. 87 around 11 a.m. Tuesday sent one man to a Lubbock hospital.

According to Stanton DPS Trooper Todd Snyder, 36-year old Douglas Heisterkamp of Lubbock was airlifted to Lubbock Methodist Hospital in critical condition after he

rolled his car several times in the center median of Hwy. 87.

Snyder said there were no brake or skid marks at the scene, and estimated that Heisterkamp's car struck the southern-most corner of the culvert after sliding along the concrete embankment and flipping over.

The Jaws of Life were used to free Heisterkamp from his vehicle.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Taxes

Continued from page 1A family farms and small businesses ... and we hope to find a way to do that," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

The GOP estate tax cut is three times larger than the \$8 billion package included in the balanced budget vetoed by Clinton in 1995. It would gradually raise the floor on estate values subject to tax, from \$600,000 to \$1 million, in \$50,000 annual increments.

It also would help family owned businesses and farms by exempting from taxation the first \$1.5 million in assets and halving the tax on the value greater than that. And it would allow whatever tax is assessed on family-owned businesses and farms to be paid over 24 years, up from the 14 years in current law.

Former Republican Sen. Bob Packwood of Oregon, now a lobbyist after resigning in 1995, is advising lumber and other interests pushing for an outright repeal of the estate tax.

The former Finance Committee chairman moderated a Dec. 10 meeting with lobbyists and lawmakers in a high-ceilinged room, steps from the Senate floor. At that meeting, Lott said he favored repeal but advised lobbyists to be ready to accept something less.

However, the Packwood-led interests, organized under the name, American Business is Local Enterprise, or ABLE, haven't given up on repeal. Packwood said a "groundswell from the bottom up" may yet persuade lawmakers.

"This is my bones speaking," he said in an interview. "There's a growing movement in the country that finds the death tax, the estate tax, somehow unfair."

Meanwhile, the Kill the Death Tax Coalition — an amalgam of conservative, anti-tax groups, led the senior citizens group, The 60 Plus Association, — also urged repeal.

The National Federation of Independent Businesses and National Cattlemen's Association lead a third aggregation — the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition — that emphasizes targeted relief.

Clinton last year proposed expanding eligibility for the existing program, which permits heirs of family-owned businesses up to 14 years to pay. It would have shaved only about \$1 billion over six years from estate tax collections, which are expected to reach \$17 billion this year.

Senate Democrats would go a bit further, excluding the first \$900,000 of the value of a family owned farm or business from an estate, in addition to the standard \$600,000 exemption.

But liberals criticize the failure of any of the plans to address the proliferation of escape hatches — such as sophisticated trust arrangements — that allow many well-off estates to escape the tax.

"The problem with the tax is ... its application is very uneven," said tax economist Max Sawicky of the labor-financed Economic Policy Institute. "If you reform it the right way, it would be possible to lower the rate without losing money."

Texas Lottery

BRIEFS

THE GREAT TEXAS SOUP Cook-off is Saturday at the Stanton Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m. The fund raiser benefits the monastery and convent restoration project. The public has a chance to vote on the best soup by purchasing three votes for \$3 and additional votes are \$1 each. There will also be a bake sale auction starting at 6:30 p.m.

A FUND RAISER FOR Christina Saucedo, College Height fourth grader, will be Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Thomas in the fellowship hall. This is to help pay expenses for cancer treatment.

The following items will be served: menudo, breakfast plates, burritos, desserts, coffee and milk.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

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.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday: RAMONA ALVAREZ, 20, of 1107 E. 15th, was arrested for having an expired motor vehicle registration, no insurance and failure to identify.

ANGELA MILLER, 17, of Rt. 3 Box 318, was arrested on local warrants.

JOSEPH MURPHY, 18, of 1101 Birdwell, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

JIMMY WRIGHT, 18, of 1101 Birdwell, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

RICKY WINTERS, 43, of 309 N.W. Ninth, was arrested for assault.

RITA BRUMLEY, 41, of 406 1/2 Dallas, was arrested for assault.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 500 block of Westover.

PUBLIC LEWDNESS in the 700 block of E. 11th.

STALKING in the 300 block of N.E. 9th.

DISTURBANCE/FIGHT at 14th and Galind.

THEFT in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa; 600 block of Circle; 900 block of Willis.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

GEORGE BAEZ GARCIA, 53, of Lubbock, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

DEBORAH (DEBBIE) PURGASON RIOS, 40, of 4206 Parkway, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

ROSALINDA RIOS, 19, of 4206 Parkway, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

GARY LEE MILLER, 20, of 2706 Williams, was arrested on DPS warrants.

MATILDA RODRIGUEZ, 50, of 804 Lancaster, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

MARKETS

March cotton 74.90 cents a pound, down 21 points; Feb. crude oil 24.51, up 61 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 56; slaughter steers steady at 66; Feb. lean hog futures 75.55, down 72 points; Feb. live cattle futures 64.22, down 35 points.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 48
Tuesday's low 20
Average high 58
Average low 30
Record high 61 in 1987
Record low 7 in 1948
Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.16
Month's normal 0.55
Year to date 0.16
Normal for the year 6.35
Statistics not available

118th District jury verdict rules Porter wasn't negligent

Herald Staff Report

A 118th District Court jury took about two hours to decide that Dr. Melvin A. Porter was not negligent in November 1993 when he performed a hysterectomy on Darlene Allred.

Allred was suing over the procedure claiming physical pain and mental anguish between Nov. 19, 1993, and April 28, 1995, and for the costs of medical care between Nov. 19, 1993, and April 28, 1995.

In making its negligence case against Porter, the prosecution attempted to prove a failure to use ordinary care; meaning Porter failed to do that which an obstetrician/gynecologist ordinarily would have done under the same or similar circumstances or doing what an obstetrician/gynecologist of ordinary prudence would not have done under the same or similar circumstances.

In answering its first charge, of whether there was negligence, the jury's answer was no.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
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906 Gregg St.
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Albert Herd, 75, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

Lydia "Billie" Knappe, 100, of Big Spring, died Wednesday. Graveside services are 10 AM Friday at Trinity Memorial Park. Family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday at the Funeral Home.

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City

Continued from page 1A also plans to have a plan outlined as to what to do with the course within the next few days.

In recent council meetings and in meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board, local golfers and supporters of the course expresses a variety of concerns about the course and how it should be managed and maintained.

One concern on the mind of Mayor Tim Blackshear is the conditions of the course greens.

"If I had a concern about the course at this point, it would have to be the horticulture and of things, especially how the greens are kept," Blackshear said. "I'm not an expert, and I know it does take an expert to keep the greens in the condition they need to be in."

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senate, House seats filled in special election

BRYAN — Add another Republican to the GOP's majority in the state Senate. State Rep. Steve Ogden got a promotion to the Senate on Tuesday, defeating Democrat Mary Moore in a Senate District 5 special election.

Ogden, a three-term House Republican, polled a 55 percent majority to advance to the Senate. With 100 percent of the ballots counted, unofficial returns showed him with 21,242 votes to 17,252 for Moore, a Bryan certified public accountant.

In a race of Republicans to succeed Ogden in the House District 14 seat, retired College Station physician William Roman defeated former state Rep. Richard Smith of Bryan 4,809-4,425 in unofficial returns, drawing 52 percent of the vote.

State Republican Chairman Tom Pauken hopes that the addition of a 17th Republican to the 31-seat Senate translates into immediate leverage with Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

Mexican American Chambers list top legislative issues

AUSTIN — Access to state government, education and fair consumer laws should be the Legislature's top priorities this year, according to the Texas Association of Mexican American Chamber of Commerce.

"The one issue is access. We have to continue to keep the doors open," said Massey Villarreal, chairman of TAMACC.

TAMACC, with 27 member chambers, on Tuesday listed a renewal of affirmative action programs; homeowner's equity borrowing; initiative and referendum legislation; and utility deregulation as key issues for the 1997 Legislature.

Villarreal said Hispanic-owned businesses are the fastest growing business segment in the Texas economy "in spite of the obstacles we've faced which are lending, diversity and access."

Nursing homes drop lawsuit; Senator concerned by rates

AUSTIN — Higher Medicaid payments to cover indigent patients in Texas nursing homes mean the end of a federal lawsuit against state welfare officials, but they could be the beginning of a budget battle.

A nursing home industry group, the Texas Health Care Association, sued state welfare officials last year over state-approved Medicaid payments. The group said the payments approved last year weren't enough to properly care for residents, in light of costs including last year's minimum wage increase.

After the Texas Department of Human Services board Monday approved a proposal to raise the average daily nursing home rate by about 7 percent, association Executive Director Tom Suehs said the lawsuit will be dropped.

But Texas Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff voiced concern Tuesday over the future cost of the agreement.

"I encourage them to re-look at the formulas, because we can't keep on with these nursing home rates going up like they are. As a matter of fact, I think we have to start looking at options of reducing eligibility if it keeps on going at the rate it's going."

Southwest wins lawsuit brought by former flight attendant

DALLAS — A former Southwest Airlines flight attendant says she has no regrets about quitting her job despite losing a lawsuit that alleged the airline refused to accommodate her religious practices.

Vanessa McCauley said her lawsuit was about religious freedom while airline chief executive Herb Kelleher said it was motivated by greed.

Jurors Tuesday deliberated about the lawsuit in favor of the airline on Tuesday.

McCauley told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Tuesday that "there've been great victories" in pursuing her case.

"I'm honored to have stood for Christians across the nation" against corporate America, she said. "I refused to sell my faith in Jesus Christ for a paycheck."

Bush presents plan amid praise, caution

AUSTIN (AP) — State legislators and others say Gov. Bush's call for cutting property taxes is easy, but finding new taxes to help make up the difference is another story.

"No one's ever been in my office saying, 'tax me more,'" said House Speaker Pete Laney, D-Hale Center. "All taxes have their ramifications. We need to look and see all of those."

"As far as the property tax relief side of it, you'll probably get 181 votes in this building for that," said state Comptroller John Sharp. "The debate is going to be, as it always is, over the taxes that replace it."

In his second State of the State address, the Republican governor on Tuesday laid out an ambitious proposal to head off what he sees as a looming crisis. Local school taxes now total about \$10 billion a year.

"Property taxes are too high. They are among the highest in the nation," Bush said.

He argued that property taxes hurt the economy and average Texans alike. He said lawmakers can't afford to stand idly by.

"Failure to act will hurt our elderly, failure to act will squeeze our middle class, failure to act will cause rents to go up and failure to act will place Texas at a competitive disadvantage to attract and keep jobs," Bush said.

The governor's plan would: — Increase the homestead exemption for school property taxes from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

— Cut the school property tax rate in each of the state's 1,044 school districts by 20 cents.

— Raise the state's 60 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent.

— Create a new, 10 percent

tax on total business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested. The levy would replace the corporate franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory. — Provide a \$1 billion tax cut funded by the current state budget surplus.

The proposal would tax many businesses that currently escape the franchise tax — lawyers, architects and others organized as professional associations or partnerships.

Texas' 6 1/2 percent sales tax rate already ranks among the nation's highest, and critics said the levy hits the poor harder by taking a larger portion of their income.

And renters would be hurt, said Dick Lavine, a tax analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities. He said he doubted that many landlords would pass

on tax savings. GOP Chairman Tom Pauken applauded Bush's call for a tax cut, but voiced worries about the new levies being added.

"I have serious concerns about the Texas Business Tax which increases taxes in the billions on businesses and consumers. Plus, should we be raising our sales tax rate which already is one of the highest in the nation?" Pauken asked.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes responded, "This plan is an overall tax cut, and we would expect that grassroots Republicans as well as all Texans would overwhelmingly support it."

Bush's office estimated that the plan would reduce property taxes an average \$290 on a \$40,000 home; \$333 on a \$61,500 home; \$410 on a \$100,000 home; and \$610 on a \$200,000 home.

Governor's tax proposal receives mixed reaction

AUSTIN (AP) — Everyone agrees that a property-tax break sounds good.

But after Gov. George W. Bush announced his proposal Tuesday to cut property taxes by creating a business activity tax and raising Texas' sales tax, some of the state's most powerful lobbies went on the defensive.

Groups representing retailers, restaurants and doctors, to name a few, said they would fight because the new taxes would drive down their operations.

"We want to work with the governor in securing property tax relief, but from the outset we have expressed our opposition to a value-added (business activity) tax," said Mickey Moore, president of the Texas Retailers Association.

The group represents 1,500 companies in the state, ranging from local merchants to chain food and drug stores.

Bush's proposal would raise the state's 60 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent. It would also replace the corporate franchise tax with a new "business activity tax" — a 10 percent levy on total business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested.

Doctors, lawyers and others

organized as professional associations don't pay franchise taxes, but would be subject to the business activity tax.

"If the costs go up too much, there is a very real risk in which physicians with a low-reimbursement, high-indigent patient load may be forced to leave those kinds of practices," said Kim Ross of the Texas Medical Association.

"We get hit with an increase in sales tax and then a value added tax on top of that," said Richie Jackson, executive vice president of Texas Restaurant Association. "I don't know who the great untaxed is, but it's not restaurants."

Others, including energy companies, small businesses and farmers announced support.

"The Bush proposal implements a much more balanced approach in taxing business," said Bob Stallman, president of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"The current system places an onerous burden on capital intensive industries such as manufacturers, oil and gas companies and farmers and ranchers.

"At the same time, labor intensive industry, which generates a much higher percentage of economic activity, shares a much smaller tax burden," Stallman said.

Reversing school tax trend key to Bush's proposal

AUSTIN (AP) — School property taxes grew by an explosive 143 percent between 1984 and 1994, and Gov. George W. Bush made a promise to reverse that trend a key part of his campaign.

In laying out a plan to cut nearly \$3 billion in property taxes and raise state taxes for schools, Bush on Tuesday took his "most dramatic step" yet toward keeping that promise.

"Property taxes are threatening the American dream," Bush told lawmakers. "Discontent over property taxes runs deep

and wide in Texas." The Republican governor already has presided over the first decline in the local share of school funding in years.

Last school year, the state share of school funding reached \$8.1 billion, while local property taxes, kicked in \$9.1 billion, according to a Texas Association of School Boards study.

That made the state share 47.1 percent, bigger than the previous year's 45.5 percent.

If Bush's plan were approved by the Legislature, the state

share would increase to about 55 percent when fully implemented, in the 1998-99 school year, said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

The last time the state share of school funding increased, it was from 50.5 percent in the 1983-84 school year to 52.2 percent in 1984-85.

Advocates of property tax relief point to the burden property owners now bear. About 13 percent of a homeowner's mortgage payment goes to pay the levy, the governor's office says. In Texas' 1,044 school dis-

tricts, school property taxes approach an average \$1.40 per \$100 valuation, with \$1.28 of that for maintenance and operations. State law generally limits taxes for maintenance and operations to \$1.50.

The property tax rate ranged from 90 cents to \$1.75 in the 1995-96 school year, including debt service, according to the Texas Education Agency.

Bush is proposing a 20-cent cut in every school district's rate, plus an increase in the homestead exemption from property taxes.

Plans for DPS training center take lawmakers by surprise

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas Department of Public Safety proposal to build a \$15 million training center in Central Texas has taken many state lawmakers by surprise, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal reported today.

Without letting the Legislature in on the idea, the DPS already has bought 1,000 acres of rolling, tree-covered land for the center in Williamson County just south of Fort Hood. It also has hired an engineering firm to draw up a master design.

The proposed DPS center would feature a 2 1/2-mile track to practice high-speed chases, a shooting range and a small lake to train underwater rescue teams.

Agency officials say they would finance the center with federal forfeiture funds, proceeds from property seized from drug dealers and other criminals.

The Journal said lawmakers liked the idea. The existing shooting range in North Austin can't handle shotgun and rifle practice, and there is no place to train recruits in high-speed pursuit techniques.

What lawmakers resent is not having known about the pro-

ject. "If we don't give you permission to build a building or buy a computer or a phone system, it's because we don't want you to have a building or a computer or a phone system," says Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine and a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee in charge of the DPS budget.

DPS officials said they hadn't meant to keep details from lawmakers. The land purchase was listed in a report on seized-fund purchases filed with the gover-

nor's office. But agency officials said they don't need legislative approval for the land purchase because it was paid for with funds received under the federal forfeiture program. Those funds must be used for law enforcement, and state legislatures cannot decide how they will be spent.

Furthermore, the funds must supplement an enforcement agency's budget, not replace appropriated funds. The department only needs to report to the

state a detailed list of seized assets and how money from the account is spent.

"This has not been a secret," said DPS Director Dudley Thomas. "It's not anything we're doing behind closed doors."

Indeed, the House Public Safety Committee, which oversees all DPS operations, was told of the project last fall, long before the site acquisition, according to committee Chairman Keith Oakley, D-Terrell.

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Quote of the Day

"I was born modest; not all over, but in spots."
-Mark Twain

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OUR VIEWS

Stanton cook-off offers good soup, good cause

This Saturday is a chance to enjoy some good soup and at the same time, donate to a worthy cause. Make plans to attend the Great Texas Soup Cook-off in Stanton from 5-7 p.m.

The public will serve as judges when they purchase three votes for \$3. Organizers say each person who attends the cook-off will get to taste the soup then use their votes to decide the winner. Of course, ballot stuffing is highly recommended at the cost of \$1 for every extra vote you wish to cast. You can satisfy that sweet tooth by bidding on desserts during the bake sale auction that starts at 6:30 p.m. The event is at the Community Center in Stanton.

The money will benefit the Convent Monastery Restoration Project. The plan is to refurbish the area with the project getting under way this summer. The renovations are to restore the building back to its original look.

The building itself dates back to 1881 when four Carmelite priests and a German Catholic farmer organized the school and church. At the time, it was the only boarding school between Fort Worth and El Paso. In 1887, a drought forced the priests to relocate and the Sisters of Divine Providence moved in. In 1894, the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy acquired the property and operated a school and convent until 1938 when a tornado destroyed several buildings on the campus as well as records.

Some of the renovations include removing a concrete porch and replacing it with a wooden like the original. Another porch on the north end was turned into a walkway then a lean-to throughout the years and it will be turned back into a porch.

The windows are to be replaced and the clapboard will be removed and replaced with original whitewash adobe. The banisters and railings will also be restored. When the renovations get started, the area will be closed to visitors for a time period of about 18 months.

Make plans now to attend the cook-off this Saturday at the Community Center in Stanton.

OTHER VIEWS

A 300-page report has now been released and a hearing of more than five hours conducted, and it's still something of a puzzle why Newt Gingrich's college course has landed him in so much trouble.

A widespread expectation was that withering details would become available in the hearing and report. Finally making it clear why some people thought this course the sort of partisan undertaking that would render it ineligible for tax-exempt funds. Details were in fact placed on the table. But none of them withering. It's true that Speaker Gingrich thought the course might be a power move by persuading a power base of the truth of certain principles of democratic government.

That it seems to us a reasonable rejoinder. The Republic miserably short of philosopher-statesmen in the 20th century. Finally has one who thinks a televised 30-hour lecture series as opposed to propagandistic 30-second soundbites is an appropriate means for accomplishing political objectives.

We've watched segments of the course, and we often found Gingrich wonderfully knowledgeable and lucid, though at other times a touch shallow, like one of those self-improvement books that gives you seven quick and easy rules for achieving perfection. The main point is that Gingrich never tells anyone to vote for Republicans. He was political in the same sense

that hundreds of tax-exempt Washington organizations are political. If he was in violation of IRS rules, IRS must not be making its rules very clear.

James Cole, the House ethics committee's independent counsel, seems to be everyone's hero these days. He is no doubt very bright and very diligent. But he played dirty pool when he said the committee could have proved Gingrich intentionally misled it, only it didn't want to spend the extra time. Cole should either have made the case that incorrect letters from Gingrich were purposively deceptive, or he should have shut up. You almost got the feeling listening to Cole that he was experiencing pain because Gingrich wouldn't defend himself instead of immediately hurting his wrists.

At any rate, Gingrich has agreed to a reprimand and the latter urges demand that he pay the committee \$500,000 for the extra time it took perusing some of his letters. Republicans and Democrats alike seem satisfied, at least as long as Gingrich pays the \$500,000 out of his own pocket instead of from campaign contributions, and it looks as if Gingrich will continue as speaker of the House. There's that much of a happy ending here, anyway. One of the few members of Congress who manifestly appreciates the life of the mind will remain in a leadership role.

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HOW MANY TIMES DOES IT TAKE TO GET IT RIGHT?

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GOOD QUESTION.

Lose the illusion we're caring for our children

By BILL MAXWELL
St. Petersburg Times

By now, most people in the Tampa Bay area who keep up with the news have heard of Emory Everet Carter, the 17-year-old who set fire to Trinity United Methodist Church in St. Petersburg during a night of race rioting last October.

The church, which Carter had attended, is in an economically depressed area and survived the flames, but Carter nearly died after his gas-soaked clothes caught fire. Bystanders saved him by rolling him on the ground.

Carter's story is big news because Trinity's pastor, the Rev. Joseph Teague, a white man, accompanied the arsonist, who is black, to court and pleaded for leniency in the form of professional help. Prosecutors want Carter imprisoned.

My first thought was that Carter, who has certified mental problems, nearly died that night. But, in truth, this troubled boy may have lost his life years ago, when he was born to a poor black family with no realistic chances of upward mobility, when he became trapped in a dehumanizing street culture, when he entered a public school system that shunted him aside.

What brought me to this conclusion is the contrite letter that Carter wrote to Teague, a letter bearing the soul of a child condemned to hopelessness, ignorance and functional illiteracy.

The letter

"Dear Mr. Paster: This is Emory Carter. This letter is to let you no that it was not your fault what I did the only person to blame is me and I can't say it in words But if I could I would rebuild the church ... It's sad that this world so full of hate But it's the truth theres an even Bigger crime than we notice so many young are going to waste. So many strong young men full of pride But they just Don't care that there dieing for no resan ... all I can do is ask for forgiveness and god, and I hope that you say yes ... it's so hard to Believe a young man could holed up so much waight and till it explodes. that's all I got to say for now All got to say now is that I am truly sorry please forgive me."

Does this letter reflect the academic skills expected of a 17-year-old? What chance does he have to succeed in a world that grows increasingly technological and electronic by the minute, that demands effective oral and written communication?

Is success in his future? For sure, prison will not help this young victim. Neither will merely slapping him on the wrist.

Indeed, St. Petersburg's riot-torn sector needs jobs, better housing and better schools. But the area also needs something more essential: a spiritual and intellectual transformation, without which nothing good will ever happen there. This transformation will have to flow from adults who, instead of perpetuating an ethos of dependence and anger, should

inspire achievement and real self-respect, not the false pride that Carter alludes to in his letter.

Why did Carter try to destroy the church that night? Because he was lost and egged on by a handful of adults who believe that burning, looting and shooting guns will solve problems.

The National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement in St. Petersburg is one group that has the potential to save youngsters such as Carter. But instead of helping them adopt positive attitudes toward life and develop a love of learning, Uhuru members — naively believing themselves to be revolutionaries — are leading black children astray by filling their heads with empty rhetoric and useless ideas from another era.

The Uhurus cannot change St. Petersburg with guns and Molotov cocktails. The real revolution is one of the mind, books, computers, pencils and paper. It is one of education and teaching. But education is not glamorous, and teaching is hard, nitty-gritty work. It does not attract satellite trucks and talking heads from around the globe.

Carter's letter is a heart-breaking reminder that many black children need the constant, personal touch of caring, mature adults committed to truth and service.

But we adults cannot help as long as we hold onto the old illusions, illusions that society owes us, that others are to blame for our problems, that white people will change for

the better if we march on city hall often enough and torch our own neighborhoods.

Our worst enemy is our addiction to illusions. Human communities succeed or fail to the degree that they part with or hold onto their illusions. Listen to commentator Vladimir Pozner of the former Soviet Union, who knows something of illusions:

"Parting with illusions is a painful process, for those illusions are drugs to our thought processes. They change our perception of reality — sometimes only slightly, like marijuana and cocaine, sometimes profoundly, like heroin and LSD. We become addicted to illusions, for they give pleasure. But when reality forces its way in, we discover that we are no longer capable of dealing with it. Like crack, illusions can kill."

"Parting with illusions is painful because there is no medication, no rehabilitation center. You do it on your own, and you do it cold turkey. And because of the pain involved, some of us never do. The pain is caused by doubting what seemed undeniable, by questioning what seemed sacred, by contemplating the possibility of being wrong."

Carter's letter, a product of long-held illusions, is itself no illusion. It is hard evidence of our dismal failure to care for our children, our refusal to face reality.

(Bill Maxwell is an editorial writer and columnist for The St. Petersburg Times. Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.)

Bill Cosby's loss comes home to parents everywhere

By SHARON RANDALL
Scripps Howard News Service

It was a moment I'll not soon forget. Thursday afternoon, I was packing a birthday box for my oldest child, who is turning 25. He's not a child anymore, of course. He's been out of college for more than a year, making a life for himself in Los Angeles. I don't even know the color of his toothbrush anymore.

My mother used to say that your child never stops being your child, regardless of age or distance, even if he's 25. I guess, and living in L.A.

Before packing the box, I tumbled it all on the floor. Things I'd saved for weeks. Two books, a journal, a dozen pens. A box of Cap'n Crunch and a bag of animal cookies. A prepaid calling card so he can phone home anytime, anywhere. Some old columns he had asked me for, and a fake mouse on a string for his

roommate's cat.

And socks. Lots of socks. When you sweat as much as he does and don't own a dryer, you can't have too many socks.

I also had to pack all the things he left here when he was home for Christmas.

Christmas. I closed my eyes remembering how good it felt to have him home, to have us all under one roof again. It's funny. I was ready to let the boy grow up. Ready to get on with our lives. But I still go in his old room at times, half hoping to find him there.

I was about to go look for a bigger box when the news came on the radio: Bill Cosby's son, Ennis, 27, had been shot to death on a Los Angeles freeway where he had stopped to change a flat tire. Ennis. I thought. So that was his name. I'd never heard it before. I knew him, however, or rather, felt that I did. Wasn't he "the boy" in Cosby's monologues?

The one who drove his parents crazy doing exactly the same kinds of things that my boys did?

I knew his mother. She was a smart and beautiful woman. Cosby said in one of his videos, until motherhood took a toll. I identified with her wholly, felt just as she felt.

And yes, I knew Ennis' famous father. Who doesn't know Bill Cosby? Who hasn't laughed out loud or bought Jell-O because of him? Who hasn't been touched by his humanity and his refusal to take himself too seriously?

I am no celebrity groupie. I don't even get People magazine. But like you, perhaps, and millions of other Americans, my family and I watched every last episode of "The Cosby Show" together, laughing just as hard at the reruns, because in truth, we were laughing at ourselves.

I don't know the Cosbys, but

I "know" them. And so my heart reaches out to them in this unfathomable loss, as if we were old friends.

Every day, every hour, somebody's child is shot to death on our streets. This time it was Bill Cosby's boy, his "hero." Next time, God forbid, it may be yours or mine. When will we demand serious gun control? Why can't we say "enough" and mean it?

Setting aside the birthday box, I picked up the phone and dialed a number in L.A.

"Hello," said a familiar recording, "you've reached Josh's voice mail ..."

"Hi, son," I said to his machine. "It's Mom. I just wanted to hear your voice." (Sharon Randall, winner of the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors and Best of the West commentary awards, writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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Investing in our Community

Agents who worked on Oklahoma bombing removed from FBI crime lab

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three supervisors who evaluated evidence from the Oklahoma City bombing are out of their FBI crime lab jobs because of criticism in a Justice Department report, law enforcement officials and other sources say.

And because of the probe, one of them is no longer among the expert witnesses on explosive residues that prosecutors plan to call when Timothy McVeigh goes on trial in March for the 1995 truck-bombing that killed 168 people, officials said.

FBI Deputy Director Weldon Kennedy acknowledged Tuesday that "the FBI and the Department of Justice have together taken significant steps to ensure" that "problems identified by the inspector general's inquiry" have not compromised past, present or future prosecutions. "We have chosen to err on the side of caution."

But McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said, "It's the worst self-inflicted wound since President Nixon released the White House tapes" during the

Watergate scandal. Justice Department officials expressed confidence other experts can present all the forensic evidence they need in the Oklahoma City case.

The FBI announced late Monday the removal of four lab workers "who had major responsibilities in explosives investigations," but did not identify them.

One was scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst, a whistleblower whose allegations of co-tampering and pro-prosecution

bias in the lab prompted the investigation by the department's inspector general.

Whitehurst was suspended with pay, his lawyer Stephen Kohn said.

After meeting Tuesday with Kennedy and other FBI officials, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said, "I want to know why the FBI lumped the individuals who committed possible wrongdoing with the individual who spoke up about it. I have major questions about whether punishment of Whitehurst is appropriate, and I will follow up on this" in discussions with the inspector general.

The draft reports of both investigations are still secret. The FBI said all four would receive pay and benefits while it decided whether they had engaged in misconduct.

Federal law enforcement officials identified the others as:

- Dave Williams, a supervisory agent in a lab explosives unit.
- Roger Martz, chief of a lab chemistry and toxicology unit.

—James T. "Tom" Thurman, chief of a lab explosives unit.

They were transferred to other work but not suspended, officials said.

Officials described their roles in the Oklahoma City case this way:

Williams supervised collection of explosives evidence in Oklahoma City and its removal to the FBI lab here.

Thurman was quoted in an FBI affidavit supporting the arrest and search warrants against McVeigh.

Clinton urges bipartisan push to balance budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is challenging congressional Republicans to embrace his fiscal 1998 spending plan as a first, bipartisan step toward balancing the federal budget.

Clinton said Tuesday that his budget proposal, to be presented in his State of the Union address next week, allocates funds for the entire agenda he laid out at the Democratic National Convention in August.

That included a capital gains tax cut of up to \$500,000 for homeowners, tax credits and grants to generate jobs for former welfare recipients, a literacy campaign for children and revocation of a ban on public assistance for legal immigrants.

"I have tried to practice what I preach here," Clinton told a White House news conference Tuesday. "They know what my priorities are. I know what theirs are on the taxes. What we need to do is to meet each other in good faith."

Clinton said he can see Democrats and Republicans coalescing around the budget as a start toward the bipartisan cooperation he is seeking as a hallmark of his second term.

"The most encouraging thing has been, to me, the way that my budget proposals have been received," Clinton said. "Even in criticism, they have not been rejected outright. ... So on balance, I'm still quite hopeful."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said while Republicans were not adverse to working with Clinton on a budget agreement, the president must realize bipartisan cooperation won't be an easy thing to achieve.

"We keep talking about holding hands and jumping off together," Lott said. "But we're still saying, 'You first.'"

Indeed, Clinton himself drew the line on amending the Constitution to require a balanced federal budget, something Republicans in Congress long

have advocated. "What we ought to do is follow prudent policies, balance the budget and move forward," he said.

"When you amend the Constitution, you do it forever," Clinton said. "No one can foresee the circumstances that will come up a generation from now. ... I just think that the Congress has an obligation to think of what could happen here in the future and ask themselves whether they really want to straitjacket the United States."

During his 55-minute session in the White House's elegant East Room, Clinton was peppered with questions about questionable Democratic fund raising. But he also addressed some foreign and domestic concerns, saying:

- He believes Republicans and Democrats alike have to fix a campaign finance system that has not been updated since Watergate-era reforms.
- He still anticipates holding a March summit with Russian

President Boris Yeltsin, who is slowly recovering from open heart surgery. Clinton said he had no information to contradict Moscow's statements that Yeltsin was steadily recovering.

- He believes his policy on China "is the correct one" even though it has not yielded the progress on human rights issues that he wants. He said he hopes China would not crack down on civil liberties when it takes control of Hong Kong.
- He is confident that Saudi Arabia will cooperate with the FBI investigation of the Dhahran bombing that killed 19 American servicemen. Attorney General Janet Reno and FBI Director Louis Freeh have raised concerns about the Saudis' cooperation.
- Clinton acknowledged that his White House made mistakes in helping raise millions of dollars for his re-election bid, but denied that deep-pocketed donors were able to buy access to his administration.

GOP party chief's \$1 million challenge lands in court

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Republican Party chief Haley Barbour offered \$1 million to the first person who could prove Republicans were cutting Medicare, 80 people accepted the challenge. They wound up not with money, but legal notice that they'll have to go to court in Mississippi if they want to collect.

"People responded and now they're being sued," said Amy Isaacs, national director of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action. "They had absolutely no intention of pay-

ing anyone."

Most of the people who took the challenge settled for a rejection letter. But one, Robert M. Shireman, filed a lawsuit in District of Columbia Superior Court. That prompted the Republican National Committee to file its own pre-emptive lawsuit in federal court in Jackson, Miss. — just in case anyone else tried the same method.

The court papers say the Republicans "are subject to the potential of piecemeal litigation" and want one "complete, consistent settlement of the

matter."

A party spokesman said Mississippi was picked because it is Barbour's home and one of the claimants, Democratic Rep. Gene Taylor, is from there. Barbour ended his four-year term as party chairman this month.

Those who submitted claims got a summons by mail two weeks ago to respond to the Republican Party's lawsuit in 20 days.

"This is the only means we have from a legal standpoint to let everyone who responded

know that if they choose to make a legal claim for \$1 million, they have to do it at this particular time in one court," said Mary Crawford, the RNC spokeswoman.

Furthermore, said Crawford: "We are completely confident that no one has or could possibly prove us wrong."

According to the suit: "The RNC denies that under terms of the publication, it is obliged to pay any of the claimants \$1 million. Barbour denies that he is obliged to pay any of the claimants \$1 million."

Some of the world's richest meet for deals, Alpine fun

GENEVA (AP) — Many of the world's power brokers and power seekers will wind their way up a narrow, avalanche-prone Alpine valley in the remote eastern resort of Davos this week for six days of deal-making, deep thinking and fun.

Headliners at this year's World Economic Forum, which opens Thursday, include Microsoft billionaire Bill Gates, U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, top Russians and key players from the Middle East.

The group of illuminati, including top scientists, will have their pick of a bewildering array of meetings, discussions and dinners, many of them held simultaneously.


For some of the guests, however, the confabs are just an excuse to come.

"If you look at the subjects of most of the debates, you can't imagine most people sitting through them," said British author Bryan Appleyard.

Many of the government and corporate bigwigs will spend their time outside the Congress Center, in one-on-one meetings, cultivating potential partners in a deal or future contacts.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has blocked out hours of time for sessions with other participants, including Gates and British Foreign Secretary Malcolm Rifkind.

Women's Care Update



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MATTERS OF FEMALE HEALTH

Whatever myths, stereotypes or perceptions surround women, they possess a unique physical nature that requires certain specific needs and understanding. To address the concerns that arise from matters of female health maintenance, related disease and reproductive well being, a branch of medical science known as Obstetrics/Gynecology has emerged. This field of medicine confines its focus to women, but the benefits of its endeavors ultimately touch us all, regardless of gender. As human beings, we are concerned with the reproductive fitness of our species and the health of our entire population. To this end, this column will devote itself to making general information related to women's health available to all its readers. While the material may be most relevant to women, men concerned with the well-being of women and children should also find it interesting.

Welcome to our new weekly column. At our office, your views and satisfaction are most important elements of our work. As health care providers, we take the time to discuss your questions and concerns; and offer sound, experienced advice. I look forward to a pleasant relationship as we become partners in your health care. If you are looking for a Physician, we are currently accepting new patients at our office in Big Spring. For more information about our services or to schedule an appointment for our office in Big Spring at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg St., call (915) 522-2222. Happy Valentine's Day.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
is pleased to announce

Mara DeLaVega, M.D.
has joined our medical staff



Dr. DeLaVega is Board Certified in Family Practice and is practicing full-time in Big Spring.

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QUICK TRIVIA

◆ Many frogs can leap 20 times their body length.

◆ In 1898, Valdemar Poulsen, a Danish engineer, invented the first machine for recording sound magnetically. He called his invention the telegraphone.

Do you have a good story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, January 29, 1997

Training program available for food service managers

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is offering a Food Protection Management training program for Food Service Managers beginning March 3 and continuing each Monday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. through April 14.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

This course seeks to better educate food handlers to reduce the risk of food-borne illness and food managers who participate in the course will receive in-depth training in all areas of food safety. The course will cover the latest information in food safety, including: personal hygiene; how to use food thermometers and keep temperature logs; how to store

food safely; how to prepare, serve and hold food safely; and methods of cleaning and sanitizing.

Food service establishments that participate in this program will receive numerous benefits. Good food safety practices provide a proactive defense against costs that are related to a food-borne illness outbreak. Food service operations can increase the quality of their food and improve profitability by reducing waste with safe food storage and transportation.

Today the public is very concerned about food safety issues. Eating out has become popular with almost 50 percent of the food dollar being spent away from home.

This training and certification is designed for managers of any establishment in Texas involved in preparing or serving food to customers, including restaurants, cafeterias, hospitals, nursing homes, school lunch programs, day care facilities, grocery stores, conven-

ience stores and mobile vendors.

One of the benefits of the Food Protection Management Training Program is that it is a train-the-trainer course. Managers who complete the program are urged to teach food safety to their employees.

Training materials for the course are provided by the SERVSAFE program from the Texas Educational Foundation of the National Restaurant Association.

The cost of the training program is \$85, and the registration deadline is Feb. 10. For complete registration or other information contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

This training program is an effort of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in cooperation with the National Restaurant Association, Texas Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association and the Texas Department of Health.

JUST PLAYING AROUND



Jesse Franco, nine months old, is one of the many children at the West Side Community Day Care Center. He's shown here playing with his favorite rattle.

Ask Betty

Dear Betty,

I'm a single dad who looks forward to spending weekends with my six-year-old daughter. She really enjoys cooking, but the only supplies in my kitchen seem to be take-out menus. Any ideas for me? — Ledyard, Conn.

If you can come up with a bowl, skillet and a box of all-purpose baking mix, you're in for a great Saturday morning. One of the simplest and most heartwarming kitchen experiences with children is making pancakes. Little ones like mixing and spooning batter onto a griddle and watching with a parent as bubbles form and the time comes to flip the pancakes over.

Let your daughter choose an addition to the batter: blueberries are good, so are chocolate chips, bananas or peanuts. Children take great pride in serving, eating and enjoying something they have created.

Dear Betty,

Because I travel a lot during the week, make-ahead meal preparation is a must for my family of teenage sons. I'm concerned about food safety. Should I keep cooked meat dishes in the freezer, or will they be fine in the fridge? — Long Beach, Calif.

Keep cooked ground meat in the refrigerator no longer than three days and uncooked in the refrigerator only two days max. Since all teenagers love to forage in the fridge, when refrigerating the containers, mark them with the preparation and "consume by" dates. Speaking of dates, I think your sons should treat you to a nice meal on the town.

Smashing Success: An easy

way to peel

a clove of garlic is to give it a good whack with the broad side of a knife. The skin slips off easily. Chopped garlic packed in oil, and most likely found in the produce department of the supermarket, is a first-rate convenient substitute for garlic cloves. Use 1/2 teaspoon of chopped garlic for each clove of garlic.

Write Betty at "Ask Betty Crocker," One General Mills Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn.; 55426, or call toll free 1-888-ask betty.



Betty Crocker

Easy microwave dinner recipes for one

Scripps Howard News Service

You live alone, and you start thinking about how nice it would be to have a bowl of fresh, homemade mushroom soup, and maybe an apple crisp, right out of the oven, for dessert. You could, of course, make a big pot of mushroom soup — and freeze the leftovers, eat it every day until you're sick of it, or invite the neighbors for dinner.

With the microwave, though, there's another choice. You can make many dishes for a single diner, with little effort, and in just a few minutes.

The recipes here for mushroom soup and apple crisp are for two servings. A big eater might consume them all in one night, or they're just as good heated up a second night.

The vegetable recipes are all for one serving. If you want more, double the ingredients and increase the zapping time just a little at each step. For the vegetables in each recipe,

check the salad bar at the supermarket. That's where you can find cauliflower and other veggies, already cleaned and sold in small amounts.

Or plan to make two recipes with similar ingredients. The mushrooms in the soup one night, and in the peppers and mushrooms another night, can come from the same package. One green pepper can stretch to two or three recipes when you're cooking for one. The recipes are all adapted from an old copy of Betty Crocker's "Microwaving for One or Two."

MUSHROOM SOUP FOR TWO

- 2 T. chopped green onion, with top
- 1 T. margarine
- 1 T. flour
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 tps. instant chicken bouillon
- Dash of white pepper
- 1/2 cup of half-and-half

Place onion and margarine in 4-cup measure. Cover tightly

and microwave on high until onion is tender, 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Mix in flour. Stir in water mushrooms, dry bouillon and pepper. Cover tightly and microwave until boiling, 2 to 2 1/2 minutes. Stir in half-and-half. Microwave uncovered until hot, 1 to 1 1/2 minutes. Makes 2 servings.

PEPPERS AND MUSHROOMS FOR ONE

- 1 1/2 tsp. margarine
 - 1/4 tsp. red pepper sauce
 - Dash of salt
 - 1/2 medium green pepper, cut into 1/4-inch strips
 - 1/8-inch slice medium onion, separated into rings
 - 3 mushrooms, thinly sliced
- Place margarine in 12-ounce shallow casserole. Zap uncovered on high until melted, about 15 seconds. Mix in pepper sauce and salt. Stir in remaining ingredients. Cover with vented plastic wrap and microwave until green pepper

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SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widov/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local

restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

•Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- Diabetes support group, sec-

ond 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, 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 educa-

tion program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Aylford.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.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.

FRIDAY

- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

SATURDAY

- 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.
- West Texans 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.

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Leg pain:

(NAPS) - Symptoms of peripheral arterial disease:

If you've noticed the loved ones you care for at home are having more difficulty walking, it would be unwise to consider it as something normal that comes with age. This difficulty is often caused by a condition known medically as intermittent claudication, a painful symptom of peripheral arterial disease. It's a condition that occurs frequently in certain people such as those with diabetes or high blood pressure.

The symptoms include:

- Cramping in calf after walking or exercise (intermittent claudication).
- Cold feet and toes.
- Sensations of numbness, prickling and tingling in the feet and toes.
- Color changes in feet and toes.
- Hair loss on feet and toes.
- Delayed healing of minor injuries on the feet and toes.

Should your elderly parent or loved one experience any of these symptoms, he or she should see a doctor before the problem advances to more serious stages.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Looking for volunteers

Rape Crisis/Victim Services is currently recruiting individuals who want to make a difference in the community and someone's life. The agency depends on volunteers to be the initial contact and support of victims of crime, such as assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Those interested must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, interview and 40-hour orientation, be willing to commit to a minimum of three "on call" 12-hour shifts per month and pass a criminal background check prior to becoming a volunteer.

Orientation for volunteer advocate trainees will be held each Saturday in March from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Farley Addy, assistant director, by calling 263-3312.

THE LAST WORD

Absence is one of the most useful ingredients of family life and to dose it rightly is an art like any other.

Freya Stark

The need for absolutes may be nothing but a want for love.

Jean Rostand

Total abstinence is easier for me than perfect moderation.

St. Augustine

The more abstract the truth you wish to teach, the more you must allure the senses to it.

Friedrich Nietzsche

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A Cowboy's Prayer

Oh Lord, I've never lived where churches grow,
I love creation better as it stood
That day You finished it so long ago
And looked upon Your work and called it good.
I know that others find You in the light
That's sifted down through tinted window panes,
And yet I seem to feel You near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains.

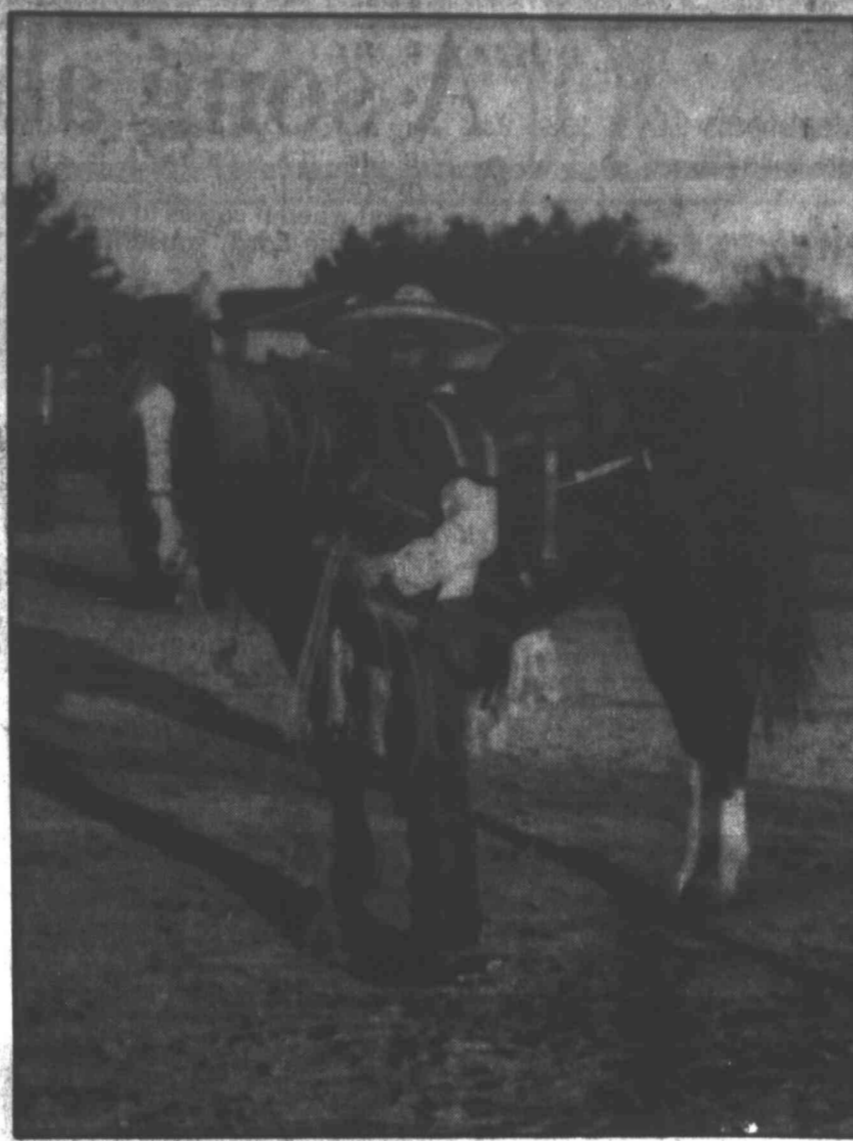
I thank You, Lord, that I am placed so well,
That You have made my freedom so complete;
That I'm no slave of whistle, clock or bell,
Nor weak-eyed prisoner of well and street
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner of the wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.

Let me be easy on the man that's down;

Let me be square and generous with all,
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let 'em say I'm mean or small!
Make me as big and open as the plains,
As honest as the hoos between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze!

Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget,
You know about the reasons that are hid,
You understand the things that gall and fret;
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said,
And right, sometimes, when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.

By: Badger Clark
In loving memory of David G. Moreno, April 29, 1954 to Sept. 27, 1995.



DAVID MORENO
Picture was taken Sept. 21, 1995

Ain't God Good to Big Spring

Ain't God good to Big Spring
If we stop to count the ways
Every one would feel so lucky
We'd sing and shout His praise

Sometime we feel self pity
When there's sickness in the home
but we've had no epidemic
like the one in San Antonio

If the weather doesn't suit us
this we all can boast

the hurricanes don't bother us
like they're having on the coast

We've only known God's kindness
and not His mighty wrath
No tornado has struck the city
destroying all that's in its path

Some may criticize the young

folks
if a few wild oats they sow
but compared to other places
the crime rates mighty low

When I think of all His blessing
With thankful tears the vision dims
Yes, God is good to Big Spring
So let's all be good to Him.

By: Louise Beverly Burgess

Reuben's Mom

It was a typical January day,
Cold, gloomy, dull and gray.
I stood in the church as she knelt to pray.
It was not a good day for a funeral.

Another mother saying goodbye,
To another child too young to die.
I held out my arms as she started to cry.
It was not a good day for a funeral.

We share a bond, Reuben's Mom and I,
With the Mother of He who reigns on high.
As mothers all, we've said goodbye.

There is no good day for a funeral.
By: Clara Justice

To a Friend
I sought a harbor from the storms of life,
I was like a ship lost on the raging sea.
I needed you and you were there, my friend;
A shelter safe and warm you offered me.

I needed you and you were there; you cared
And your caring made me feel less alone.
You held me close - you anchored me, my friend;
You gave me courage to try it on my own.

I only wish I could find the words to say
How much your friendship really means to me.
I needed you and you were there, my friend;
A shelter from life's storm you gave to me.
By: Clara Justice

A Child of Promise

Dear Lord, I ask forgiveness
for any fear or doubt,
for by your gracious kindness,
I never am without
Always, Lord, I have been fed,
and by your wisdom I am led
into paths—some yet unknown,
Yet, somehow God, I'm sometimes prone
to wonder why, or where, or when,
then you reach out to me—again.

Forgive me for the many times
I'm not obedient—as your child.
A child of promise—wealth untold
As Israel, in the days of old!
I do not know where I would be
Without your love to set me free
from bondage, in this world of sin,
and lead to back to you—again.
By: Dorothy McCauley

So Much Is Mine
So much is mine—the quiet dawn,
and faith to ever lead me on.
How could I ever meet each day

With doubts and fears that come my way—
Without His gracious kindness shown,
I am sometimes alone when I'm alone.
So much is mine, this day, this hour,
the wonder of His love and power,
the happiness I share with friends
the recompense that each day brings.
Just knowing He is always close—
through hours when I need Him most.

This, too, is mine—this lonely night.
When I can't sleep, and pray for light.
For dawn will come, and there will be
a brand new day to welcome me,
And someday in Is home above—
I'll be again with those I love.

So much is mine—and yet I feel
such loneliness, and as I kneel—
I ask that God will keep me strong,
and give me strength to carry on,
and in His heaven from above
will gently guide my way—with love.
By: Dorothy McCauley

A Learning Lesson

I wondered how long the rain would last
As I stood watching it, falling fast
Like my tears running down my cheek.
Or my headache lagging at my feet.

Oh how life is filled with pain...
Just like the earth has lots of rain;
But we as men have little to gain,

If we, cannot mend; after the pain.
Sorrow, pain, tears and strife,
Are part of how God fills our life,
To make us grow, and turn to Him,
As our body's age and eyes grow dim.

"But, fear not," is His loving word.
Remember always what you've heard.

He's always there to guide you through,
He cares how you feel, and what you do.

Just hold tight to the faith you know,
And He will help your life to grow.
With all His love He gives so free,
It's there to take, for you and me.

By: Eunetta McAnally

Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by Jan. 20. The next Recipe Corner is scheduled for Jan. 29.

Readers are encouraged to submit poems, short stories and photographs. Some photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things. We also accept five-generation pictures. Please print legibly or type all submissions.

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is crisp-tender, 2 to 3 minutes.
Serve as a vegetable side dish,
or over grilled steak. Makes 1
serving.

APPLE CRISP FOR TWO
1 1/2 cups sliced tart apples
2 T. all-purpose flour
2 T. quick-cooking oats
2 T. packed brown sugar
2 T. margarine or butter, soft-

1/8 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
Spread apples in 24-ounce
casserole. Mix remaining ingredi-
ents until crumbly; sprinkle
over apples. Microwave uncov-
ered on high until apples are
tender, 5 to 6 minutes. Serve
warm with cinnamon or vanilla
ice cream, if desired. Makes 2
servings.

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My Jingle Bear

A big jingle bear, just standing there,
firm, but cuddly soft.
I was scared to death, I just held my breath,
I could fall fur that big bear paw.

I had not a clue, what I would do,
but I knew, he'd bear fur it.
Guess I'll take a chance,
and do a bear dance,
and woo it.

Every since I saw him standing there,
I've been thinking about some where,
I might conjure up a den,
built just fur us, to snuggle in.

A big jingle bear, just standing there,
looking so furry and might,
I could sure feel fur, or a cold wintry night,
snugglin in his arms fur tight.

This big burly jingle bear was hard to find,
and he is just my kind,
so I'll settle in, fur a long winter's nap,
cause I want this jingle bear fur mine.
By Mozelle Osborne

Love Is

Love is a river
In a dry thirsty land.
A neighbor always willing
To lend a hand.

The strangers kind words
In a moment of despair.
The brothers sweet voice
Lifting my name in prayer.

Rest at the close

Of a long hard day.
The words "well done"
At the end of life's way.

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Love is.

By: Martha Anderson Peugh

Wings; A Dreamer

Wings

I look in awe at the grandeur
of the sky.
Oh how I wish, that I had
wings to fly.

I would fly like a bird in the
magnificent, beautiful sky.
Oh how I wish, that I had
wings to fly.

I would fly over the vast
oceans and the mountains so
high.

Oh how I wish, that I had
wings to fly.

A Dreamer

Do you ever wish you could
sail in a ship upon a foreign
sea?

Do you ever long to be places
you can never be?

Do you love the forests the
mountains and the seas?

Do you love adventure and
places you have never seen?

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like me.

Both by Fannie Price

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I went down my friend to see.
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said, "Dar is no use,
I went to church last
Wednesday."

I said, "Willy, you is a back
slider.

You didn't gib de Lord a
chance.

Come on now and do as I did,
Give up that old song and
dance.

I know, Willy, you is good,
And youse have a big heart,

But when it comes to working
For the Lord, youse just fall
apart.

Your trouble is, you is in a
rut, and you need to turn
about.

You know a rut is same as a
grave with the end kicked out.
I'm not saying you is all dead,
But you sure ain't got much
life for God, dats what I said.

Let God fill you with His
Spirit, 'you won't feel so loose
And run around them dar
honky tonks, drinking like a
goose.

You'll quit that old tobacco
and all that other stuff.
God don't want His children

dipping old dirty stuff.

He'll clean up your life and
make it worth liven.

And when the plate is passed,
you won't mind giving.

He'll fill you till you overflow
If you give Him a chance and
only go.

I'll pick you up Sunday morn
and we'll go eat."

Willy says, "Now you is talk-
ing; where do we meet?"

"Down to the church house,
dats where I'm fed.

The Lord has a table there
already spread."

Jesus says now, come on and
dine.

Come and dine the Master
calleth, come and dine (Song)

Willy said, "Now this is fine,
I'm glad I came to dine.

There's too much here for
me,

If you don't mind, I'll get my
family."

I said, "Willy, dats what de
good Lord meant.

As He as sent to be the chil-
dren's bread.

It will never give out, never,
never.

Just keep on coming; it will
last forever."

Come and Dine (Song)
By: Sig Rogers

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Lady Steers maintain mastery of District 4-4A

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Every spring the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano. Taxes are due every April 15. People are born, they grow old and die. And the Big Spring Lady Steers chalk up another District 4-4A title. Some things, it seems, are meant to be. The Lady Steers, as sure as death and taxes, reached the inevitable climax of another season Tuesday night when they claimed their sixth straight district title with a 49-46 victory over Andrews in Steer Gym. If the results are the same every year, however, the team

Big Spring takes sixth straight league title with win over Andrews

that accomplished these results is different from past Lady Steers squads. Unlike past Ron Taylor teams that specialize in pounding the ball inside, this team claimed Tuesday's victory in large part because of its outside shooters. Juniors Kara Hughes and Maggie Haddad fueled the Lady Steers' attack with a barrage of three-pointers that gave the team a lead Andrews couldn't overcome. Hughes and Haddad had six three-pointers between themselves to finish the game with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Senior post Kim Robertson also finished in double figures, scoring 10 points.

Keitha Ramsey and Kacey Connolly led the Lady Mustangs (20-8 overall, 6-3 in district play) with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Andrews owned a brief 2-0 lead early in the first quarter, but Haddad responded with consecutive three-pointers to give the Lady Steers (17-9, 9-0) a lead they never relinquished. Haddad didn't spend much time after the game analyzing her team's strategy. "We just did it," she said. "I was open and I took the shots." Taylor said the team's outside shooting was a direct result of Andrews' defensive strategy. "I kind of felt that they were going to try to shut down our

inside game," Taylor said. "I knew Maggie would be open, so we gave her the opportunity to hit some threes, and thankfully, she did." With Haddad and Hughes hitting from outside, things gradually opened up a bit for Robertson and the other inside players, and the Lady Steers built a 16-point lead late in the third quarter. But Andrews wasn't quite ready to join in Big Spring's coronation. The Lady Mustangs cut their deficit to 11 points going into the final quarter, then clamped down on the Lady Steers' offense, allowing only five points and forcing seven

turnovers in the final eight minutes. "We just started doing things we hadn't been doing," Taylor said. "We hadn't had trouble with their press all night long, then all of a sudden, we just start lining up wrong. It was frustrating that we let them crawl back into the game. It wasn't anything they did, it was just our mistakes." Andrews cut Big Spring's lead to 48-44 on a Ramsey jumper with 33 seconds remaining, but Hughes hit the front end of a one-and-one 20 seconds later to give the Lady Steers adequate breathing room. "I just knew (the foul shots)

had to go in," Hughes said. "When the second one didn't go down, I thought, 'Oh, no, coach Taylor will have something to say about that,' ... but overall, it was a good game." Big Spring also won the junior varsity game, taking a 52-44 victory over Andrews. Jaclyn Owusu and Nina Evans scored 13 points each to lead Big Spring, which improved to 15-6 overall and 7-1 in district games. The Lady Steers close out the regular season Friday at Pecos (game time is 6 p.m.), then have a first-round bye in the playoffs. Their likely opponent in the area round of the playoffs will be either Hereford, Frenship or Canyon Randall.

Bulldogs stay in 8-2A lead; Buffs in second

HERALD Staff Report

ROSCOE — Blake Nichols scored 22 points to lead the Coahoma Bulldogs to a 68-52 victory over Roscoe Tuesday night. The victory allowed Coahoma (17-8 overall) to remain in first place in District 8-2A with a 7-1 league mark. Other leading scorers for the Bulldogs were Josh Collum (9 points) and Aaron Barr and Robert Lain (8 points apiece). Coahoma returns to action Friday night at home against Well. Game time is 8 p.m.

Coahoma girls 47
Roscoe 43
ROSCOE — The Coahoma Bulldogettes battle back into contention for a playoff spot with a 47-43 victory over the Roscoe Plowgirls Tuesday night. The victory moved the Bulldogettes (20-6 overall, 7-3 in district play) to within a half-game of Roscoe for the second and final playoff spot from District 8-2A. Tara Sterling and Cassie Tindol led the Bulldogettes with 12 points each.

Forsan boys 46
Winters 40
FORSAN — The Forsan

AREA GAMES

Buffaloes kept pace with Coahoma in the District 8-2A standings with a 46-40 victory over Winters Tuesday night. The victory keeps Forsan a game back of Coahoma in the district standings with a 6-2 league mark. The Buffaloes trailed 21-16 at the half, but outscored Winters 15-9 in the third quarter to retake the lead for good. Daniel Davis scored 11 points and Steve Osburn added 9 to lead the Buffs, who return to action Tuesday at home against Roscoe. Game time is 8 p.m.

Winters 55
Forsan girls 41
FORSAN — Winters broke open a close game in the second quarter to take a 58-41 decision over the Forsan Queens in District 8-2A girls basketball action Tuesday night. The score was tied at 11-11 after one quarter, but Winters grabbed the lead for good early in the second quarter. Marlena Light scored 12 points and Nicole Johnson added 8 for the Queens, who return to action Tuesday at home against Roscoe. Game time is 6:30 p.m.



Big Spring's Greg Wollenzien (42) jumps for a rebound during the Steers' game with Andrews Tuesday night in Steer Gym. Big Spring won the game, 70-63.

Steers cruise to win

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Steers have proven time and again that they are more than capable of coming from behind late in the game to win. Tuesday night, they didn't have to. The Steers took an unaccustomed route to victory Tuesday, grabbing an early lead and hanging onto it en route to a 60-53 victory over Andrews at Steer Gym. Unlike several of the Steers' games this season, there was no need for late heroics. Big Spring jumped out to an early 16-9 lead, avoided some scares in the second and third quarter, then cruised home in the fourth with the win. Afterward, head coach Gary Tipton sounded relieved that late fireworks were, for once, unnecessary. "I thought we started out great guns ... and were able to get another lead (late in the game) and hold onto it," Tipton said. "Andrews has a lot of pride and character, so yeah, I was very thankful for it not to come down to a last-second shot." Things got a bit scary for the Steers in the second quarter, as Andrews cut its deficit down to

Mavs suspend Gatling for one game

DALLAS (AP) — Chris Gatling, the Dallas Mavericks' leading scorer and rebounder, missed the game against the Los Angeles Lakers after he was suspended without pay for one game for leaving a team practice. Gatling, a leading contender for the NBA's Sixth Man Award, left practice before it began Monday, then was called by management and told not to show up for work Tuesday. Gatling watched from the bench as the Lakers defeated the Mavericks 102-83 in a come-from-behind effort in the second half. "I know what I did was wrong. I was just frustrated. I was upset with myself and the way the team was going," Gatling said before Tuesday night's game with the Lakers. "I'm a very emotional player but I'll keep my head up and go on and put this behind me," he said. "I did something wrong. I made a mistake. But I'm probably the first player who ever was suspended to come sit on the bench to watch his team play." Gatling said he will be back at practice today. The lost day's pay was between \$20,000 and \$30,000 of the \$21.5 million, five-year contract he signed last summer. "I don't want to discuss his unhappiness or what is going through his mind," Mavericks coach Jim Clemons said.

"We've taken our action and we expect to see Chris (today) at practice." David Falk, Gatling's agent, did not return a telephone call from The Associated Press. Gatling showed up to Monday's practice still bitter about Saturday's 92-81 victory over New Jersey, during which he missed the final 9:33 and played only 20 minutes. It was the third time in seven games that Gatling was visibly upset about his playing time. After a Jan. 15 loss to Orlando, he loudly told Falk that he didn't come to Dallas to sit on the bench. Two nights later, after playing only 11 minutes in a loss to Houston, Gatling said: "If I had known I was going to play this many minutes, I would have stayed home. I'm mad ..."

Gatling, who is just as emotional on the court, has been one of the top subs in the league this season. His 18.8 points and 7.3 rebounds in 26.2 minutes per game have him on pace to become the first NBA player in 40 years to lead his team in both categories while playing fewer than 28 minutes. Yet, Gatling is not angry about coming off the bench. He has asked to remain the sixth man because he enjoys providing a spark. He's called "The Energizer," and even has a pink bunny tattooed on his left bicep. Lately, Clemons has been

fiddling with his rotation. At times, the odd man out has been Gatling, the most significant free-agent signee in team history. When asked Tuesday about the difficulty of splitting playing time, Clemons said that shouldn't be an issue if everyone is focused on the team concept. He didn't mention anyone by name. "I think that if you're trying to win, (winning) should be important," said Clemons, in his first year with the Mavericks after seven seasons as an assistant with Chicago. "Whatever your part in winning is, you should revel in that because there are enough games that minutes, statistics and all those things ... will even out. ... If you don't have commitment, then I think these things flare up." Some Mavericks were disappointed by Gatling. "Gat is my teammate; I have a lot of love for Gat," guard Derek Harper said. "Most of the time, I'm going to support him. But I'm not going to support something that's wrong. As tough as wins have been for us, I think any time we win, everybody should be happy and find a way to build on it." "I think he demands a lot of himself," forward George McCloud said. "So when he doesn't do well, it upsets him. But I think the timing is what is bad in this situation."

Raptors, Nets set records; only Toronto happy about the fact

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Toronto and New Jersey came up with record-setting performances. That was good for the Raptors and bad for the Nets. The Raptors got the most lopsided victory in their two-year history, 120-84 over Portland on Tuesday night. Doug Christie led Toronto with 33 points, tying a career high. "They just came out and jumped us," Portland guard Kenny Anderson said. "They outthrustled us and hit their shots. They did everything right and we did everything wrong." Meanwhile, New Jersey was held to its lowest point total since joining the NBA in 1976, losing to the Cleveland Cavaliers 84-62. "We have to get better as individuals and get better as a team," Nets coach John Calipari said. "Today we took a giant step backwards, and it was a team effort." The Cavs' stingy defense held the Nets to 10 points in the first quarter and 11 in the fourth. "We've all had our nights where we can't make our shots," Cleveland coach Mike Fratello said. "There's 82 games. It can happen to any of

us." Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 109, Boston 107; Washington 102, Orlando 82; Charlotte 98, Indiana 97; Detroit 93, Milwaukee 84; Sacramento 91, Minnesota 88; Los Angeles Lakers 102, Dallas 83; Utah 114, Denver 99; Chicago 111, Vancouver 96; and Atlanta 112, Los Angeles Clippers 96.

Bullets 102, Magic 82
At Landover, Chris Webber had 17 points and 14 rebounds as Washington snapped Orlando's four-game winning streak. Juwan Howard had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Bullets, who won for only the third time in nine games. Anfernee Hardaway scored 22 for the Magic.

Knicks 109, Celtics 107
At New York, Chris Childs made a 3-pointer with 8.4 seconds left — his only basket of the game — and the Knicks beat Boston for the 18th straight time. Allan Houston scored 25 points and Charles Oakley had a season-high 20 for the Knicks, who shot a season-high 58.4 percent from the field. Boston rookie Antoine Walker

had 27 points and a season-high 16 rebounds.

Kings 91, Timberwolves 88
At Minneapolis, Mitch Richmond celebrated his fifth consecutive All-Star selection with 28 points and nine assists for Sacramento. Minnesota got 25 points and eight rebounds from Tom Gugliotta, who was selected to his first All-Star game.

Pistons 93, Bucks 84
At Milwaukee, Grant Hill scored 22 points and Detroit held its opponent under 100 points for the 22nd straight game. The Houston Rockets are the only team to score 100 points against Detroit this season, in a 115-96 victory on Dec. 12. Glenn Robinson scored 15 points for the Bucks.

Hornets 98, Pacers 97
Glen Rice scored 30 points, including a pair of clinching foul shots with four seconds left. Reggie Miller scored 26 points for the Pacers, who have lost three straight at home.

Lakers 102, Mavericks 83
Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles won at Dallas. The

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STEERS

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28-25 at halftime. But Big Spring took care of that uprising early in the third quarter.

After the Mustangs cut Big Spring's lead to 35-32, Justin Myers launched a 9-2 run with a pair of free throws. Chad Warren added a couple of inside baskets, then Myers hit from three-point range to give the Steers a comfortable 44-34 lead with 2:24 remaining in the third. Andrews never significantly cut into the lead after that.

Myers led the Steers with 17 points, while Warren and John Smith added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The victory leaves the Steers (13-14 overall) in a tie for second place in District 4-4A, and it's a spot the team is happy to be in.

"I like our situation," Warren said. "Since we're starting to play together, I know we're going to go to the playoffs now. I've got faith in my team."

Big Spring also won the junior varsity game by a 71-53 score. Travis Womack scored 20 points, Bandy Rollins added 13 and Chauncy Ford and Andy Hurrington scored 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Big Spring, now 17-5 for the season.

The Steers return to action Friday at Pecos. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

IRS takes issue with Jones over taxes

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service claims Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his wife owe \$8.3 million in back taxes and penalties from 1992.

Jones and his wife, Gene, are contesting the matter in U.S. Tax Court, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

Tax lawyers for Jones said that such tax disputes with the IRS are not uncommon and won't affect the team.

An IRS spokesman would not comment on the case, but an IRS lawyer told the newspaper about 95 percent of tax disputes are settled before they reach a tax court judge for a ruling.

The dispute apparently involves differences in accounting procedures, the newspaper reported.

The IRS told the Joneses in October that they were liable for \$12.8 million in total taxes in 1992, but said they only paid less than \$5.9 million.

The government agency said the Joneses understated their 1992 income by \$23.4 million when they listed their income as \$19 million when it should have been \$42.4 million.

The disputed income involved the sale of 49 percent of the stock in Texas Stadium Corp. to Pro Seat Limited Partnership and dividends from Texas Stadium Corp. and its subsidiaries.

In a statement issued through a team spokesman, Jones said he and his wife are "confident they will prevail" in the dispute.

"This is a personal tax dispute that will have no impact on the Dallas Cowboys or Texas Stadium," the statement continued.

Jones has married the team since 1989 when he purchased 10 percent of "Bones" Bright

NBA

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Mavs, playing without suspended star Chris Gatling, led 51-49 midway through the third period before the Lakers took control with an 18-2 run. Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points for Dallas.

Jazz 114, Nuggets 99
At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 28 points and Jeff Hornacek added 27 as Utah defeated Denver. Hornacek scored 10 points during a decisive 19-6 third-quarter run. Denver's Mark Jackson had 20 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds.

AREA

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Grady girls 70 Westbrook 62

The Grady Lady Wildcats improved to 2-1 in district play

with a 70-62 win over Westbrook Tuesday night.

Allison Cooper scored 22 points and Tarah Schuelke had 21 points and seven assists for Grady, who host Sands Friday at Lenorah. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Bulls 111, Grizzlies 96
At Vancouver, Michael Jordan scored 28 points and Scottie Pippen added 24 as the Bulls won the matchup between the NBA's best and worst teams. The Bulls have won four straight and 13 of their last 14. The Grizzlies have lost six straight and 11 of 12.

Hawks 112, Clippers 96
Mookie Blaylock scored 34 points and tied a career-high with seven 3-pointers as Atlanta won at Los Angeles. Christian Laettner added 16 points and eight rebounds for the Hawks, who have won 12 of 13.

Grady boys 69 Westbrook 67

The Grady Wildcats hung on down the stretch to take a 69-67 victory over Westbrook Tuesday night.

The victory keeps Grady perfect in district play with a 3-0 league mark.

Cody Peugh and Brad Cox led the Wildcats with 20 points each.

The Wildcats return to action Friday at home against Sands. Game time is 8 p.m.

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Freshmen girls win

The Big Spring High School freshmen girls' basketball team took a 70-22 win over Colorado City Monday night.

All 13 girls on the BSHS roster scored, led by Heather Gibbs and Candice Fryar, who had 11 points apiece. Monica Rubio added 10 for Big Spring.

The freshmen Lady Steers (10-8) conclude their season at 6 p.m. Feb. 3 at home against Sweetwater.

Freshmen down C-City

Big Spring High School's freshmen boys' basketball team took a 46-32 decision over Colorado City Monday.

Jason Brock led the way for Big Spring with 21 points, while Jacob Bavin had 9 points and Doug Tipton 7 for BSHS.

The freshmen boys return to action Feb. 6 in Sweetwater.

Forsan 8th downs Coahoma

Forsan's eighth-grade boys' basketball team rallied from a 22-15 halftime deficit to take a 46-42 victory over Coahoma's eighth-graders Monday.

Taylor Bristow scored 15 points, and Andy Neel and Jerod Johnston had 11 points apiece for Forsan, which improved to 8-3 with the victory.

Forsan returns to action next Monday at home against Grape Creek.

Jackson vouches for Rodman

CHICAGO (AP) — Jesse Jackson, after counseling Dennis Rodman, wants the NBA to immediately reinstate the misbehaving Chicago Bulls

forward

The civil rights leader planned to meet with commissioner David Stern today in New York to plead the case for Rodman, who was suspended at least 11 games for kicking a court-side cameraman on Jan. 15.

NBA spokesman Brian McIntyre said, "No such meeting is scheduled."

"Like everybody else, I don't condone Dennis' action," Jackson told the Chicago Sun-Times on Tuesday. "I want to convey to the commissioner my sentiment and the sentiments of a growing number of people that Dennis has already been punished enough for the very act in question."

The Bulls' 111-96 victory Tuesday night at Vancouver was the sixth game of the suspension, which will cost Rodman more than \$1.1 million in salary. He also was fined \$25,000 by the league, and he has agreed to pay a \$200,000 out-of-court settlement to Minneapolis cameraman Eugene Amos.

Stern has insisted that before Rodman is reinstated, he must undergo psychiatric counseling and assure the league that he will adhere to acceptable standards of behavior.

"It's one thing to punish a man. It's another thing to take away his dignity," Jackson said.

Parcell, Pats negotiate

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — Bill Parcells is playing another game three days after the Super Bowl: the waiting game. Parcells, coming off a Super

Bowl loss Sunday night to Green Bay, is waiting for NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's decision on whether Parcells is free to coach elsewhere next season.

Tagliabue was expected to issue his decision as early as today after presiding Tuesday over a conference call in which Parcells and Patriots owner Robert Kraft aired their contract differences.

"There's nothing I really can't talk about anything because I don't know," Parcells, rumored to be headed to the New York Jets as coach and general manager, said Tuesday after arriving at Foxboro Stadium.

At issue is a provision added to Parcells' contract in 1996, which the team claims gives it exclusive rights to Parcells' coaching service in 1997.

But Baylor's Damond Mannon sent a jolt through the Longhorns' court boss Tuesday night by banking in a 3-pointer with 21 seconds to play to give the lowly Bears a 76-72 win over No. 23-ranked Texas.

Mannon launched his bomb from about 23 feet and banked it home off the glass. Penders could only stare in wonder of how a possible victory was lost.

"When something like that goes in, you know it wasn't meant to be," he said. "I don't know, the basketball gods. ... I've never seen anything like it."

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Packers may find life at top tough

By TOM SILVERSTIEN Milwaukee Journal Sentinel... The Packers have 10 unrestricted free agents, who will be able to negotiate with any team in the league beginning Feb. 14... Quarterback Brett Favre is expected to receive anywhere from \$10 million to \$12 million up front when he signs a seven-year contract extension...

Vets, newcomers mingle on All-Star rosters

NEW YORK (AP) - Shaquille O'Neal, Karl Malone and Clyde Drexler expect to be All-Stars every season... The starters for both teams were announced previously... For the East, it's Jordan and Penny Hardaway of Orlando at guard, Patrick Ewing of New York at center, and Grant Hill of Detroit and Scottie Pippen of Chicago at forward.

Wife lacks Ginger to join husband's Fred Astaire act

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'Iron Mike' sets out to revitalize Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Before he left football in 1982, Mike Ditka developed a reputation as a tough guy who put up with little from players, management or the media... Ditka, the latest coach to shake off burnout and return from the broadcast booth to the sidelines, is the new coach of the New Orleans Saints... Ditka said he plans multiple-set defenses with an emphasis on pressuring the quarterback. Offensively, he wants to concentrate on the running game, a weak point for the Saints for years.

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7:00 Grace Under Coach	Party of Five (CC) (78320)	Great Performances	Highway to Heaven	Norway Paarl	Grace Under Coach	Frasier Chicago Sons	NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at San Antonio Spurs	Sentimientos at San Antonio Spurs	Close Encounters	Life and Times of... (CC) (1957828)	Movie: The Showboat	Movie: Virtuosy (239148) (307310)	Biography (307310)	Wild Discovery (256320)	Discover Magazine	Movie: Broken Trust	FOX Sports: NHL Hockey	Providence Connecticut	Providence Connecticut	Providence Connecticut			
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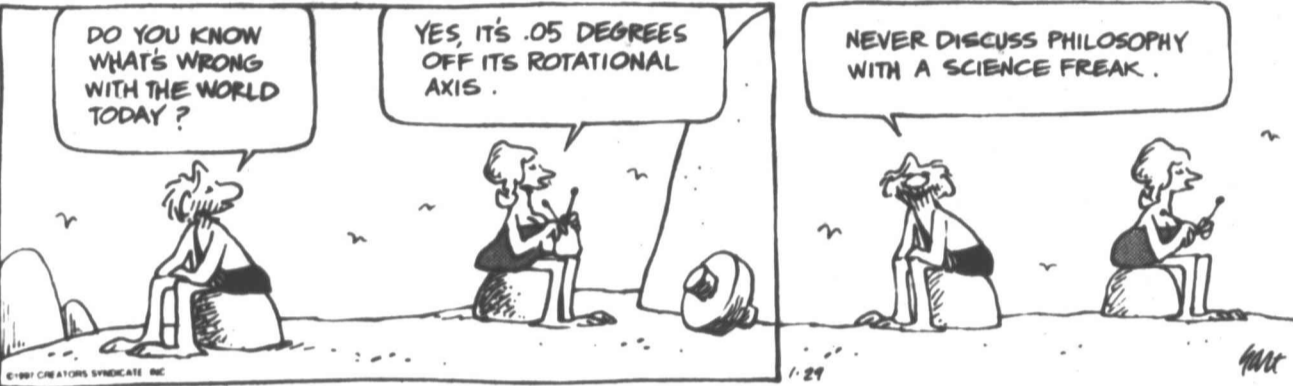
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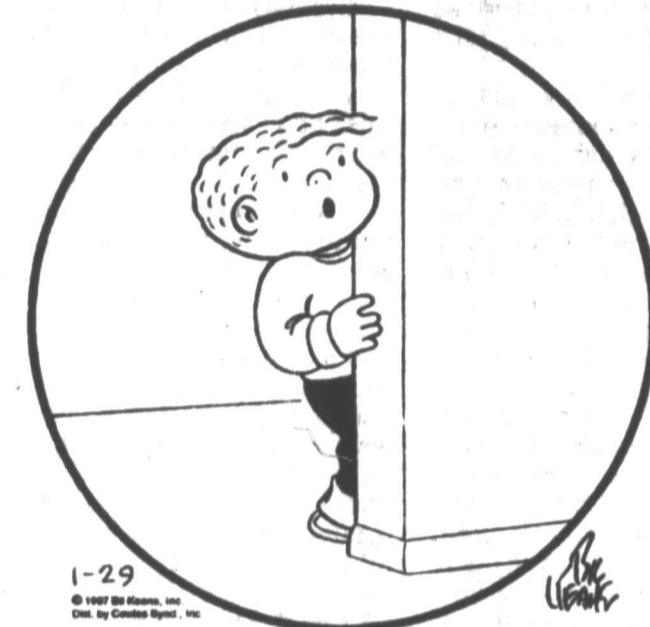
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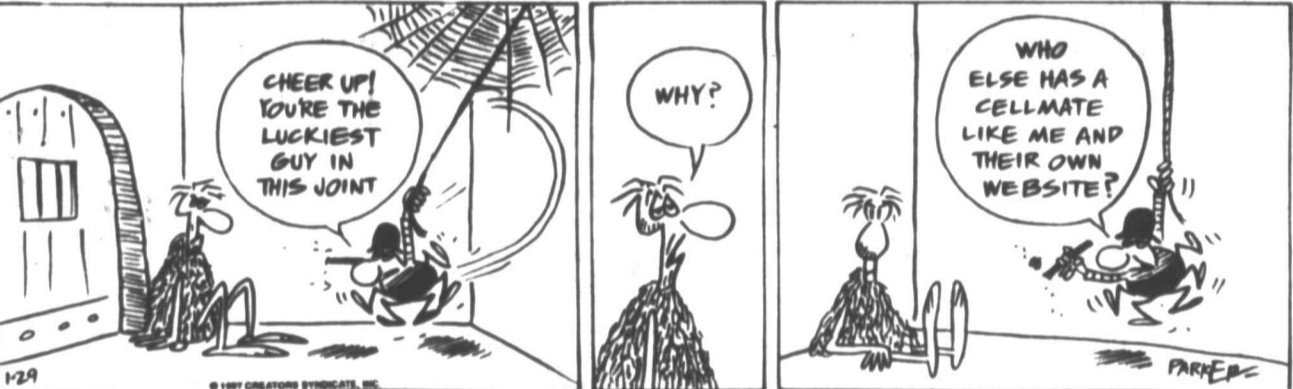
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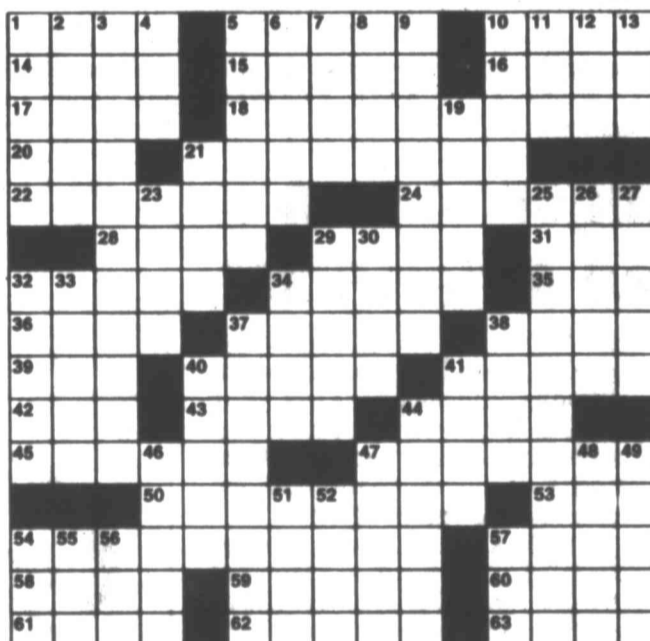
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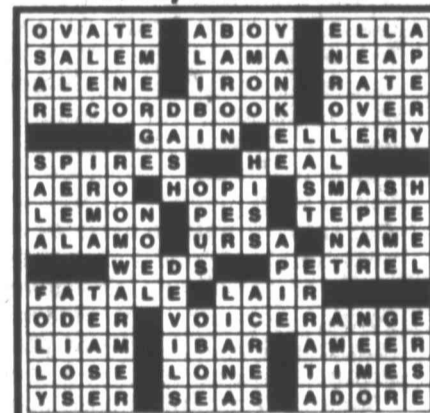
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- 5 Appraised
- 10 Wise
- 14 Hodgepodge
- 15 Dodge
- 16 Nautical term
- 17 Fasting period
- 18 Nonalcoholic drink
- 20 Work unit
- 21 Toledo's waterfront
- 22 Unruffled
- 24 Of greater size
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- 53 Born
- 54 Certain rhizome
- 57 Mountain lake
- 58 Sports arena
- 59 Extinguish
- 60 Egyptian sacred bull
- 61 Sunrise
- 62 Witch town
- 63 It's clear to me



by Harold B. Counts 01/29/97

Tuesday's Puzzle solved:



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Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died insane at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that saw both the American and French revolutions.

On this date: In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate a compromise bill on slavery which included the admission of California into the Union as a free state.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1900, the American League, consisting of eight baseball teams, was organized in Philadelphia.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1963, poet Robert Frost died in Boston.

In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

Ten years ago: The State Department barred deposed Philippines President Ferdinand E. Marcos from returning to his homeland from Honolulu amid reports he was preparing to rally supporters trying to topple the Aquino government.

Five years ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin unveiled an ambitious plan to cut nuclear weapons spending and said his republic's weapons would no longer be aimed at any U.S. targets. A multinational Middle East peace conference ended in Moscow with participants sounding upbeat.

President George Bush presented a \$1.52 trillion budget plan.

One year ago: A Navy F-14 fighter jet crashed in Nashville, Tenn., demolishing three houses and killing five people. French President Jacques Chirac ordered an early end to underground nuclear tests in the South Pacific. Fire destroyed Italy's opera house La Fenice.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian "Professor" Irwin Corey is 85. Actor Victor Mature is 81. Actor John Forsythe is 79. Author Germaine Greer is 58. Actress Claudine Longet is 55. Actress Katharine Ross is 54. Actor Tom Selleck is 52. Actress Ann Jillian is 46. Rock musician Louie Perez (Los Lobos) is 44. Talk show host Oprah Winfrey is 43. Country singer Irlene Mandrell is 40. Actress Judy Norton Taylor ("The Waltons") is 39. Olympic gold-medal diver Greg Louganis is 37. Actor Nicholas Turturro is 35. Actor director Ed Burns is 29. Actress Sara Gilbert is 22.