ssioners tell VFD to stay out of ambulance business

By CARLTON JOHNSON

After discussing the matter at length with Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan, Howard County commissioners told him that his department needs to get out of the ambulance business and stick to fighting fires.

In the past, the volunteer fire department has been rolling its Rescue 10 unit on all emergency calls in the county, which, according to commissioners, has resulted in a much higher than normal fuel consumption by the department.

According to papers documenting the 11-day period of Jan. 26- Feb. 6, the volunteer department used 110 gallons of

Commissioners are concerned that this is becoming quite expensive and because the county contracts for ambulance service with the city, the volunteer department duplicating those ser-

Sullivan said the department on occasion will respond to calls, including recent major accidents, at both ends of town.

He added that Rescue 10 also helped guide in the medivac helicopter that airlifted a man to Lubbock Methodist Hospital a few weeks ago after he rolled his vehicle several times on north U.S. Highway 87.

"There have been times when we were the only unit on the scene for 15 minutes," Sullivan told commissioners. "Those minutes could cost lives if no one else is there."

"Are we in the ambulance business or the firefighting business?"

"We need to do something because its becoming too expensive," County Judge Ben Lockhart said. "We'll end up being subject to a lawsuit that won't

Lockhart added the county does have a contract with the city and despite a couple of the volunteer members being medically qualified to handle certain situations, the city is doing a good job of handling ambulance service needs. Sullivan then asked commissioners,

What are lives worth?" Commissioner Bill Crooker, not particularly happy with that comment, said, "We don't know what lives are worth, but what you're telling us is hearsay (referring to arrival times).

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore asked, Let's get the documentation and see who is getting where first."

Sullivan told commissioners that all of the runs made by the volunteer fire department are logged.

"In the meantime, I think you need to get out of the ambulance business," Crooker added. "That's why we contract with the city.'

Commissioners have also decided, in a 4-1 vote, to deny Sullivan's request that the department be allowed to host bingo games at the Third Street bingo hall.

Commissioner Sonny Choate cast the lone vote in favor of granting the request, saying if Sullivan felt like the department could make money on the venture it should be given a chance.

"If they can raise a few thousand dollars a year, it's money in the depart- years ago.

ment's pocket," Choate said.

Lockhart said he is not in favor of the county being involved with anything associated with gambling and added there is also the question of control of funds and of the bingo operation itself.

Crooker was not totally opposed to the idea, but wanted County Auditor Jackie Olson to oversee the project funds, but state law prohibits the county auditor from being involved in such a project.

Commissioners were also skeptical about the project because of the high startup cost, which commissioners learned of from the Big Spring Fire Department which needed almost two years to recover its initial startup costs when it got involved with bingo a few

Fuqua wants team to review Cornell's plans for expansion

By CARLTON JOHNSON Staff Writer

The negotiating team that helped iron out details of the city's restructuring of contracts with Cornell Corrections for management of the Big Spring Corrections Centers (BSCC) last summer may be called back to

During Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, City Manager Gary Fuqua informed the council that Cornell is in the process of expanding its operations in Big Spring. I'd like to call back our neg

eam to help with lo tion plans, discussions with the FAA and agreement with the city of Big Spring," Fuqua said. The negotiating team, which

was headed by Fuqua last spring, included Eddie Cole, Max Green, Jim Purcell and Chuck Williams.

According to Fugua, the members he has contacted so far have agreed to serve on the committee again.

Cornell is in the design phase of developing plans for the possible construction of a 516-bed facility it hopes will be located at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

"This is great for Big Spring,"

Fuqua said. "If means revenue for the city and good jobs as

As a result of last summer's restructuring, Cornell currently operates the three correctional centers and a new facility would increase the inmate level from 1,333 to 1,849, and add approximately 83 more employees to the current workforce of

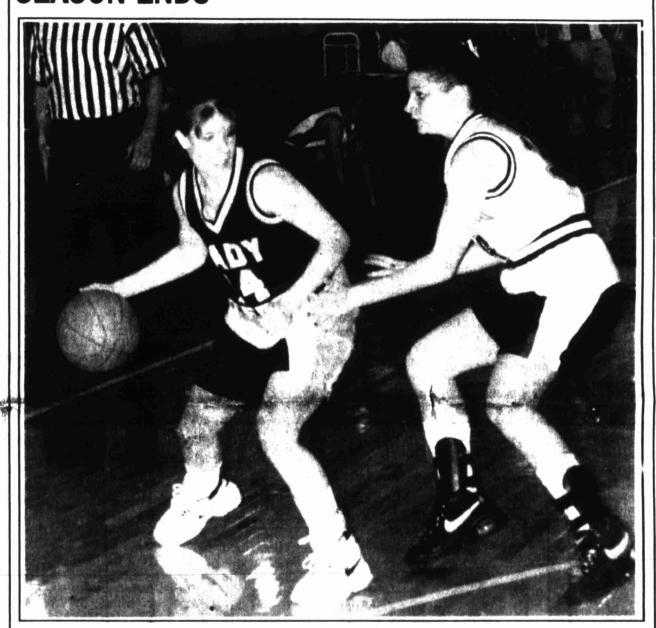
Two other issues on the council's agenda included awarding the bids for the first two of four phases of roof repairs to damage which resulted from last year's May 10 hailstorm and another dilemma involving a l**ocal truck dr**iver.

According to City Engineer Ralph Truszkowski, the city roofs were divided into like categories such as style and composition and were bid out in that manner with approximately 15 to 20 roofs per package.

L.D. Tebben Company Inc. of Austin was the low bidder on the first package with a base bid of \$667,277. Bids for phase one ranged from the low presented by L.D. Tebben to a high bid of \$979,494.

The low bid for the second

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Brandi Purcell (14) of the Big Spring Lady Steers dribbles the ball downcourt under defensive pressure by Hereford's Makesha Rives during their Class 4A area basketball playoff game in Wolfforth Tuesday. Hereford won, 71-43. See related story, page 1B.

RENOVATION



Quinn Long (standing) and Scott Downing remove metal grillwork during renovation work at the Boy Scout Hut.

Stanton trustees eye election, contracts

By CHRYS GOFF

Staff Writer

Stanton Independent School District trustees met Monday evening in regular session to discuss several topics including the upcoming May 3 trustee election.

The seats for districts 2, 6 and 7 currently held by Sonny Garza, Pinky Jones and Bobby Holland, respectively, are up for election. None of the board members have decided if they will seek re-election.

To run for the election, one must sign up between Feb. 17-March 19. Applications may be picked up at the school district

During the meeting, trustees also discussed the Acceptable Usage Policy, allowing the schools and service center to be hooked up to the internet. The policy passed, and now provides every student and teacher with access to the internet.

However, Superintendent Jim White noted that "students do have to get their parents permission and follow the rules."

Trustees evaluated the performance of High School Principal Jack Gaskins, Middle School Cindy Principal Elementary Principal Lance Morton, Athletic Director Mark Cotton, Business Manager Rob Roberson, Curriculum Director Frank Riney and 87-20 Special Education Director Gary Allen and then voted to renew all their contracts.

The board accepted a resignation from David Lord, a high school math teacher, who says he wants to pursue his interests outside of education.

Crooks gets 10 years for DWI trial in quite some time in ally had about five DWI

Wilkerson says trial is meant to be 'message'

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A 118th District Court jury took 10 minutes to return a guilty verdict in the felony DWI (driving while intoxicated) trial of 38-year-old Big Spring resident Darren Crooks.

Grooks was given the maximum sentence of 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

According to District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, there hasn't been a felony DWI

Howard County.

"I thought it was about time we had a trial like this to estab-

lish a benchmark for the people of Howard County," Wilkerson said. "I think you have to look at DWI's very close in order to safeguard the community."

As for the penalty imposed on Crooks, Wilkerson said it was the maximum and, therefore, definitely adequate.

Wilkerson added he hopes Tuesday's verdict against Crooks sends a message to people that DWI laws will be enforced.

Crooks was put on trial as a result of being convicted of

a felony in Texas. Wilkerson said Crooks actu-

charges against him, but an accident in November 1995 involving Crooks was his third conviction

School's officials checking 'incident'

By KELLIE JONES

Features Editor

Big Spring High School officials are investigating an incident that occurred during last weekend's regional swim meet in Lubbock involving four students.

Principal Kent Bowermon said he couldn't comment about the specific incident at this time because of the ages of the students.

He did say the incident involved three males and one female and two are seniors, one is a freshman and one is a sophomore.

Bowermon said at this time, he can't say if any of the students will be suspended from the team or school because it is still under investigation by Athletic Director Dwight Butler.

"If a incident did occur, a suspension or disciplinary action would take place," Bowerman said. "Coach Butler will look into the matter first and his decision is based on athletic punishment then he informs me and I determine if a school violation took place and it moves into the school punishment

Swim Team Coach Harlan Smith heard about the situation and reported it to Butler. At this time, no law enforcement officials are involved pending the outcome of the school's investigation.

Bowermon said Smith and Butler are working together as a team to look into the matter.

He added that it depends on what the situation is as to what the punishment will be. "If they are involved with alcohol use, drinking alcohol on school trips, use of drugs, or if they violate a state law or school policy, we have punishments for that ranging from a first to third offense," he explained.

"The students are representing Big Spring High School and we are expecting the very best behavior," Bowerman continued. "The first offense punishment, depending on the situation, could be a suspension

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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Today: Cloudy and rainy. High in the upper 40s. Low in the upper 20s. Thursday: Cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the upper 40s. Low in the upper 20s.

Extended outlook: Friday, cloudy with a chance of rain or snow. High in the 30s. Low in the 20s. Saturday and Sunday, clear. Highs in the 50s. Lows in the upper 20s.

OBITUARIES

Bessie May Bigony



Ed **BIGONY** Williamson, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 27, 1897, in Delta County, Texas and married Dorsey Francis Bigony on March 11, 1918, in Cooper, Texas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 13, 1964.

She met her husband while they taught school together in 1917 and 1918. They moved to Big Spring in December 1927 from Snyder. While she had her teaching certificate, she always wanted a college degree. After her husband's death in 1964, she attended Howard College and Texas Tech University. At the age of 72, she was attending Texas Tech with her grandchildren. She and her husband moved to the farm in 1946. She then moved back to Big Spring in 1984 and lived at Canterbury.

Mrs. Bigony was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and was a member of the Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class and the Women's Missionary Society. She was also a member of the Red Bud Garden Club, Social Order of Beauceant, the World War I Ladies Auxiliary, and was a 50-year member of the Home Demonstration Club. She had received many ribbons for various entries in fairs and she enjoyed painting and gardening.

Survivors include: one son, Weldon D. Bigony, Miami, Fla.; four daughters, Reta May Spradling, Big Spring, Myra Lee Pierson, Frances Fay Shepperd, both of Lubbock, and Mary Ella Cherry, Carmel, Ind.; one sister, Fannie Kent, Crane; 14 grandchildren; and 19 greatgrandchildren.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to: Family Hospice of Big Spring; 3210 E. 11th Place; Big Spring, Texas; 79720. Arrangements under the

direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Paid obituary

Swan Cramer

Funeral service for Swan Cramer, 95, Granbury, will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, 1997, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel, Colorado City, with Kery Cain officiating. Burial will be in the Colorado City

Mrs. Cramer died Tuesday, Feb. 11, in Hood General Hospital in Granbury after a five-month illness.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1902. in Erath County. She had lived

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home



Bessie Mcv Bigony, 99, died Monday. Services will be 10:30 AM Thursday at First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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in Colorado City for 37 years. She married Boone Cramer on Dec. 25, 1928. He preceded her in death in 1966. Mrs. Cramer was a school teacher for many years, having taught in Mitchell and Howard Counties for about 50 years. She was a member of the Colorado City Church of Christ and the Retired Teachers Association. She was a graduate of Abilene Christian University. She had taught three generations. Her husband had operated the gro-

cery store in Coahoma. Survivors include: two sons, Rodney Cramer, Los Fresnos, and William F. Cramer, Granbury; one sister, Cleo McCreigh*, Sweetwater; six grandchildren; and six greatgrandchildren.

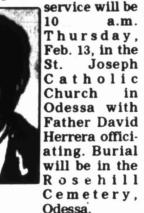
She was also preceded in death by two brothers. Nick Farrar and Flavil Farrar.

Pallbearers will be Alan Cramer, Gary Cramer, David Cramer, Daniel Cramer, Bobby Wheeler and Lonnie Anderson.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City. Paid obituary

Natividad "Snydo" C. Nunez

Rosary for Natividad "Snydo" C. Nunez, 62, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1997, in the Martinez Funeral Home Chapel, Odessa. Funeral



NUNEZ

Mr. Nunez died Sunday, Feb. 9, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

He was born May 24, 1934, in Marfa to Jose and Felicita Nunez. He married Irene Thelma Moreno. He was a selfemployed carpet layer. He retired in 1983 after 28 years of service. Mr. Nunez was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic bring someone with you to Church in Big Spring. He was a carry your commodities; you Church in Big Spring. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He was a resident of Big Spring for the last 25 years, previously living in Odessa. He enjoyed golf, pool, bowling and was a sports fan.

Survivors include: his wife, Irene Thelma Nunez, Big Spring; two sons, Natividad Nunez, Jr., Elko, Nev., and Armando Nunez, San Antonio; two daughters, Veronica Esquivel and Velma Torres, both of Odessa; his ex-wife, Manuela Salgado, Odessa; four sisters, Eva Lechuga, Socorro Garza, Eduviges Orona, all of Odessa, and Consuelo Bersosa, San Angelo; and five grandchildren, Ralph Anthony Torres, Jr., Brittany Nicole Patino, Patricio N. Esquivel, Josemanuel Esquivel and Andrew Rene Torres, all of

Odessa. Pallbearers will be Ralph Anthony Torres, Jr., Ralph Anthony Torres, Sr., Fred Salgado, Gigi Villa, Jimmy

Marin and Gilbert Reyna. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Felicita Nunez.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home in Odessa from noon to 10 p.m. tonight, 9 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, and from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Arrangements under the direction of Martinez Funeral Home, Odessa. Paid obituary

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from the sport or team for one semester, which is 87 days. The second offense is a one-year suspension and the third offense, you are removed from the team."

The punishments would be more severe if the student violated a state law or district pol-

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FREE DELIVERY

Continued from page 1A phase was awarded to Port Enterprises Inc. of Manchaca for \$622,620. Bids for phase two ranged from the low of \$622,620 to a high of \$917,920.

According to Truszkowski, each project could take approximately nine months to com-

The council gave Fuqua permission to execute all contract documents involved with the projects, but not to proceed until money for the work is guaranteed by the city's insurance company.

As for the trucking question, truck driver Raymond Waite addressed the council at the end of the meeting saying he felt like he was right in protesting a parking citation issued to him for parking his truck, a hazardous cargo vehicle, in a residential area.

Waite said zoning maps show that he was parked in a light commercial area.

According to Waite, Chief Building Inspector Todd Darden told him that since he didn't own the land, he had no right to park where he was parking.

Waite told council members that his truck was empty and that he was not within 150 feet of any residence.

Wait said he is not trying to make a "big deal" out of the citation because it's only \$25, but he is fighting it based on principle. City Attorney Jim Finley, told council member that Waite was doing the right thing by going

through the court system. Waite has already pled not guilty in court and is awaiting a court date,

Mayor Tim Blackshear did ask Finley if he would review the ordinance concerning hazardous cargo vehicles.

BRIEFS

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNI-TIES, INC. will distribute commodities at the commodity distribution center, 1607 East Third, Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m. All recipients that were certified through Feb. 12 may pick up their food. Please will he receiving about 17 pounds of food. For more information contact West Texas Opportunities at 1000 Eleventh Place or call 267-9536.

BIG SPRING STATE HOS-PITAL Volunteer Services Council is sponsoring their fifth annual Valentine fund raiser. Remember someone special with two carnations arranged in a bud vase, a balloon bouquet, or bear and balloons, \$8 each. Delivery service is provided by BSSH volun-

Want something really special? Volunteers will deliver a singing telegram and carnation for \$20.

Something new this year is a volunteer-operated valentine stand located at the front of the campus. Everyone is welcome to come out and shop for valen-

THOSE WHO ARE INTER-ESTED in participating in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16 and 17 can contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee

needs help with on-site events. It is now time to assemble walking teams for the relay. Information is available from Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

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SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205. TODAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12

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 Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small Alcoholics Anonymous, noon

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

 American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

·Christmas in April, noon, 1607 East Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147. West Jerds Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main. ·West Texas Opportunities,

Inc., will distribute commodities, 1607 East Third, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Call 267-9536. Those certified through Feb. 12, may pick up their food. FRIDAY

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

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Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a •Big Spring Gospel Opry, 7

Howard College p.m., Auditorium. Free admission. SATURDAY

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

 Alzheimers support group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 West 17th St.

Texas Lottery

Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday: · ROMANA ALVAREZ, 20, of 1107 E. 15th, was arrested for no insurance, no seat belt, no

• BELINDA VASQUEZ, 28, of 1216 Mesquite, was arrested for inhaling volatile chemicals.

 BEN JOSEPH GARZA JR., 17, was arrested for local war-

· JAMES WILLIAM LEF-FLER, 25, of No. 6 Highland Heather, was arrested for driving while license invalid and evading arrest or detention.

 SHARON WEST THOMP-SON, 46, of 407 E. Seventh, was arrested for no seat belt, no insurance, expired registration and a Midland County warrant. STEFANIE DAWN GIB-

SON, 27, of HC 76 Box 144B, was arrested for local warrants. CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 200 block of Jefferson; 300

block of Washington; 1400 block E. 14th; and the 100 block of Washington. • THEFTS in the 2300 block of Wasson; 2000 block of Goliad; 1000 block of Stadium; Town and Country in Coahoma; and

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of Bluebird. • FORGERY in the 800 block of W. I-20. UNLAWFUL ENTRY on

SHERIFF

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

DARRIN JAY COOKS, 37, of 4200 Bilger, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 52 Tuesday's low 37 Average high 60 Average low 31 Record high 86 in 1916 Record low 10 in 1981 Precip. Tuesday 0.16 Month to date 0.66 Month's normal 0.19 Year to date 0.82 Normal for the year 0.80 **Statistics not available

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MARKETS

The Big Spring Police March cotton 73.85 cents a pound, no change; Feb. crude oil 22.47 up 5 points; Cash hogs steady at 53; slaughter steers steady at 63; Feb. lean hog futures 74.65, up 30 points; Feb. live cattle futures 64.40, up 40 drivers license and no registrapoints.

> Courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Senate passes education bills, lawmaker introduces charter measure

AUSTIN (AP) — Parents would be ensured a say in whether public schools require student uniforms and college students would find it easier to transfer course credit under bills approved Tuesday by the Texas Senate.

Both measures passed 30-0 and go to the House for consideration.

other action, Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins has filed a bill to raise the limit on the number of independent charter

The publicly funded schools are independent of school districts, free from many state regulations and able to enroll stu-

Bivins also is author of the college transfer measure, which he said would allow students who stay on a degree track to be given credit for successfully

dents regardless of district

transfer between institutions. When those courses do not transfer, the student has to take

completed courses when they

schools in Texas from 20 to 100. the course again, pay tuition courses, it said. and fees again — and the worst of it is that you and I, the taxpayers, have to pick up some 80 percent of the cost of doing that course one more time," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Currently, 20 percent of students who begin at a public community or junior college transfer to four-year institutions to complete their education, according to a bill analysis. Many find it difficult to transfer a majority of their credit hours and must repeat

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Bivins' bill would require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop a core curriculum for community colleges and universities consisting of at least 42 semester hours.

Credit for such courses would transfer between institutions, although the receiving university could opt not to accept a 'D' grade for credit, Bivins said. Each university also would con-

tinue to control admissions. The school uniform bill

headed the team of pathologists

R-Arlington, would require a petition by parents for a school to consider requiring uniforms.

A uniform plan would be developed and approved by a campus-level planning committee, then approved by the superintendent. The plan then would be voted on by parents before going to the school board.

The bill is backed by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers, said Sandy Kibby,

representing the group. "We have got some PTAs in

authored by Sen. Chris Harris, the state who have had a problem with the school board frankly going about mandating uniforms on certain campuses without what we call adequate parental involvement," Kibby

While there is not widespread opposition to uniforms, she said, "It's a very important deci-

"You're taking away the freedom of the good kids to wear what they want to wear to try to punish the gangs or the kids who are out of line," Kibby said.

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Bessie does it again with 10th set of twin calves

SAN ANTONIO — Bessie the cow was listed in Ripley's Believe It Or Not after she gave birth to a ninth set of twin calves. Guess what?

That's right. Believe it or not, she's now had a 10th set of twins. Officials at the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in College Station say no one is sure if it's a record, but cattle breeders agree it's unusual.

"We've never had to help her (give birth) and she's never lost a calf and that is very unusual," Arnold Bredewater, owner of the prolific 14-year-old bovine, said Tuesday.

Bill would repeal motorcycle helmet law

AUSTIN — The state law requiring motorcyclists to wear a helmet would be repealed for adults under a bill approved by the Senate State Affairs Committee.

The committee voted 9-2 to repeal the 1989 state law requiring motorcyclists — age 18 and older — to wear head protection. The measure now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The bill died in the Senate in 1995, but on Tuesday bill author Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, attributes that to the political pressures of the time and not the merits of the bill.

"Passage at that time would have put in jeopardy or restricted usage of federal highway funds," Patterson said. "That is no

Patterson, backed by a room full of bikers dressed in black leather vests, chaps and jackets, cited safety reasons in support of the bill. The senator said decreased visibility and hearing while wearing helmets caused more accidents than they pre-

Utility celebrates first year free of bankruptcy protection

EL PASO — A year to the day after emerging from bankrupt cy, El Paso Electric Co. is showing the signs of a comeback: its books are in the black, its stock is trading well and debts are being paid off.

But analysts are reluctant to declare the turnaround complete "There are still a lot of warts on them, still a lot of risk," said

Andrew Levi, an analyst with Furman Selz in New York. The utility filed for Chapter 11 protection on Jan. 8, 1992, after

years of struggling with a growing stake in the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station near Phoenix and other poor investments in real estate and thrifts.

The company still has a large stake in the Palo Verde plant and t's fighting to retain the city of Las Cruces. N.M., which wants to break away because of high rates.

Woman who helped friends assault niece sentenced

SAN ANTONIO - A woman who held her 9-year-old niece down while three female friends sexually assaulted the child has been sentenced to 37 years in prison.

It took a jury only an hour Tuesday to convict Elizabeth Ramirez, 22, on charges of aggravated sexual assault and indecency with a child. It took them three more hours of deliberations to set the punishment.

During closing arguments, prosecutor Phil Kazen characterized Ramirez as an evil, wicked woman who should not be cod-

Defense lawyer Freddy Ruiz had asked the jury to forgive his client and allow her to go on with her life and raise her young child. He sought five years probation.

"That girl has the right to start over, just like everyone else," Ruiz said.

ing trial on similar charges.

The girl testified that her aunt and another woman held her down by the legs and arms while they all fondled and kissed her and later sexually assaulted her.

The other women who took part in the sexual assault are await-

Man's 1993 death now ruled homicide THE WOODLANDS (AP) after leaving a Christmas party. The mysterious 1993 death of a Dr. Joye M. Carter, Harris Spring man, previously ruled County medical examiner,

two gunshot wounds to the that re-examined the body. head, has been reclassified as a She reported that the pathology team's lone dissenter from Montgomery County Justice the new homicide finding was of the Peace Edie Connelly

Dr. Vladimir M. Parungao. reversed her 1993 ruling on Paul Parungao is the Harris Jerome Beauchamp's death County pathologist who deter-Tuesday after three of four mined in the original autopsy pathologists who re-examined that two shots were fired into his exhumed body agreed that Beauchamp's head on Dec. 26, 1993, after Beauchamp drowned Beauchamp's family had in a private pond in south rejected the official finding by a

Montgomery County. Parungao stands by his accidental drowning conclusion, but also believes that "circumstances are questionable between homicide and accigered into a pond and drowned

dent," Dr. Carter said.

A Spring auto mechanic who lives near the pond always contended that he fired two shots from a .22-caliber rifle into Beauchamp's head in the belief that he was shooting at a turtle.

Montgomery County authorities said the mechanic is not a suspect, but Beauchamp's family believe he should be.

Detectives theorized Beauchamp, who had been drinking earlier, drove into a remote area and got his pickup truck stuck in mud not far from

His parents question why their son's shoes were found about 200 feet apart near the pond and how he could have been lucid enough to walk 600

feet from his truck to the water but so disoriented or drunk that he drowned in the chilly pond.

The level of alcohol in Beauchamp's blood was .27 percent. The legal limit for intoxication is .10 percent.

Sheriff's investigators surmised that Beauchamp, who earlier had been drinking heavily at a Christmas party, was so intoxicated that he got his pickup truck stuck on a remote road about 600 yards from the pond, became disoriented and stumbled to his death.

Neither Carter nor Parungao could be reached to elaborate on the report, which said that "all doctors agreed that the initial and follow-up investigation was severely flawed.

Bivins' bill would tighten no-pass, no-play rules

year wouldn't mean a new slate aren't held over from one school for students participating in year to the next. But Bivins, Rextracurricular activities under a bill by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins.

Under his bill, a student failing a course during the last sixweek grading period of the school year would be suspended from extracurricular activities the following fall.

It would apply even if a student ends up with a passing grade for the course overall. Suspensions under the no-

AUSTIN (AP) — A new school pass, no-play rule currently Amarillo, said Tuesday he wants to "keep the focus on academics."

> The no-pass, no-play rule was modified in the 1995.

Under the current rule, failing students' suspension from extracurricular activities is as short as three weeks, if they can bring up their grades to passing in that time. Students can practice or rehearse during the sus-

pension period. The bill, which includes the three-week suspension period, "might ensure that those students during the summertime not only practice band or debate

... but also do a little work in the summertime to get ready to get their grades in good shape in the first six weeks of the next school year," Bivins said.

If students do well in summer school, Bivins said his intention is that would keep them from being suspended in the fall.

In addition, he said, "Once they know what the rules of the game are, it will be I hope an incentive for them to work harder in the springtime." The bill is opposed by Eddie Joseph of the Texas High School Coaches Association, who said,

"Obviously, the object is to pass

the course. Joseph said a student could do well in the other grading periods, then hit a slump or traumatic event and make a 69 in the final six weeks, but still

pass the class. A passing grade is 70 out of 100. "When the springtime comes, all youngsters have a hard time staying focused on what they're

Three men to be tried for selling unapproved prescriptions

March 18 trial date has been set for three men accused of operating a mail-order operation in which unapproved prescription drugs from Mexico were made available to senior citizens.

"You have to be a licensed physician to prescribe, and have a license to fill, prescriptions," assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Lou Castillo said Tuesday after a hearing in the court of U.S. District Judge George Kazen.

Ronald Haas, 54, of San Antonio, and Jorge Guzman and Guadalupe Palos, both of Laredo, will be tried in Laredo. The operation was based in San Antonio, officials said.

The operation was based in San Antonio, officials said.

The men face up to five years

in prison without parole and a fine of up to \$250,000 on charges of conspiracy to defraud and

mail fraud. The case is an example of how federal and state authorities can tive," Brinkley said Tuesday. work together to deal with a

Pharmacy in Austin.

"U.S. citizens have no assurance that Mexican-produced drugs have been properly manufactured and are safe and effec-

The indictment said advertiseserious problem, said Fred ments began appearing in 1994 Brinkley Jr., executive director in magazines catering to the for the Texas State Board of elderly, promising to fill pre-

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North American **Pharmaceuticals** Antonio. The indictment alleges that the company operated out of Haas' home.



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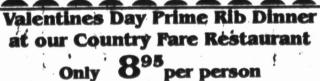
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OUR VIEWS

State day of prayer worthwhile effort

e applaud a group of state officials, including our own State Rep. David Counts, on V behalf of their efforts to have Thursday officially designated as Texas Day of Prayer.

The event is being coordinated by the House Bible Study Group, which is composed of legislators who meet weekly for Bible study and fellowship during each legislative session.

The designation will be officially observed at a prayer breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Four Seasons Hotel and will be the second State Day of Prayer.

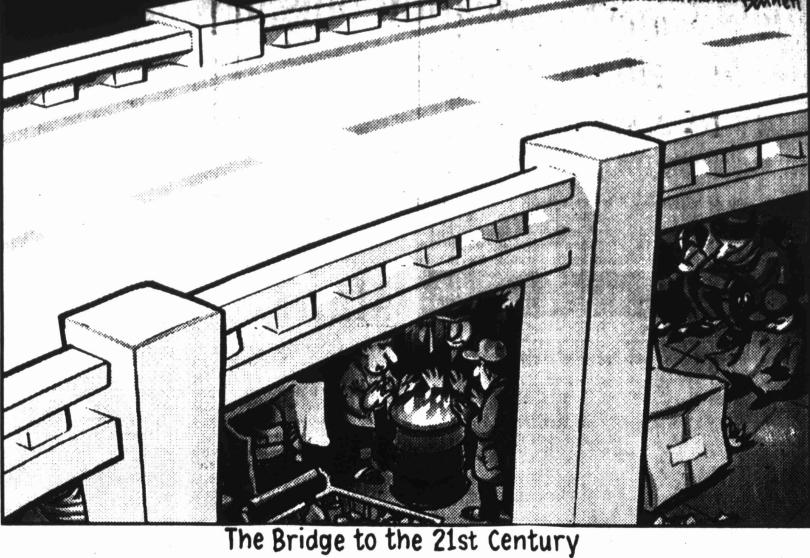
Rep. Counts will issue the welcome and explain the purpose of the prayer breakfact while State Sen. Robert Duncan will offer the New Testament reading.

We share that belief of Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Sen. Duncan and Rep. Counts that throughout our state's rich history, prayer has remained a constant in our lives, giving us hope and uplifting our spirits.

While our elected officials gather in Austin, we would encourage local government, civic, church and business leaders to gather here at home ... men, women and children from all faiths ... to share our belief in the Almighty; to give thanks for our blessings; to realize that who we are is a gift, not an achievement; to remember the role of servant leaders and to ask God to guide our actions and bring us

We are prayerful that the Almighty will watch over and guide our leaders in Austin, just as we wish the same here at home as we all work to bring about an understanding that focuses on the positive and exciting petential of a people who can unite to promote increased hope, faith, and understanding through the strength of their shared convictions and prayers.

We share Gov. Bush's wish that Texans of all faiths will gather together for inspiration Thursday morning; to share with one another our spiritual roots and values; to specifically pray for all national, state, and local officials; and to turn to Almighty God for strength and guidance.



Does anyone know what true sex education is? What is true sex education? moral people and get prayer pills that set is true sex.

No one really knows because the arguments for and against sex education are too broad.

On the one hand, you have those who think it shouldn't be taught at all and then you have those who think it should be taught. but be limited as to

the con-

Carlton **Johnson** Staff Writer

tent. While we make up our minds, our teens are on a fast track to parenthood, eventhough that's not the original intention where most teen pregnancies are concerned.

I applaud the Big Spring Independent School District for

its efforts in trying to select a sex education curriculum as part of seventh and eighth grade health classes, but we can't possibly hope to solve this issue with a two-week, optional program that will be woven into the current health curriculum.

Our teens are in trouble because we don't have enough guts to mobilize as concerned, and bible study reinstated into our public school systems.

The separation of church and state in the biggest joke since War of the Worlds had people thinking they were being invaded by aliens. We continue to put to much

blame on other things and other people when the blame squarely rests on our own backs.

Our children will be what we make them, and to this point what our children know is that sex makes you feel good.

The mind can convince itself of almost anything, and if you think our children aren't having sex, look at the number of pregnant girls at any school

This is not just a Big Spring problem, or a Texas problem, but its a problem all over the

The dumbest thing I've ever heard concerning sex education is this: "I would prefer my children didn't have sex until they are married, but that's an unrealistic goal.

Christ's resurrection probably fit into that category as well almost 2,000 years ago, but guess what — it happened!

Another concern is that some people would rather supply teens with condoms or put young girls on birth control

holds barred, straight forward ongoing sex education curriculum.

Anything worth having is worth working for!

Is saving a building that's deemed too dangerous to teach in more important than sex education — preventing our children from dying from some horrible virus or disease that didn't even exist 30 years ago.

And I don't even want to discuss peer pressure. Peer pressure is the adult excuse for not taking control of our children's lives until they demonstrate the ability and responsibility to do it for themselves.

It's old-fashioned, but what my father and mother did for me was tell me "no."

If I didn't understand "no," my father and I went into another room and he explained the situation a little further.

For some reason, I couldn't always sit down after one of those discussions, but the point was made and never once did I feel unloved or abused.

Some people may look at my ranting and raving about sex education as a personal crusade and that's fine.

I've been around too many teens who have traveled the "I'm old enough to do what I want to do," or the, "I didn't know it could happen to me,"

When we as adults can't solve our children's problems, much less our own, it's time to turn the floor over to God.

What bothers me the most is that the one sex education program that we should be using in the schools, "True Love Waits," is one we can't use because it violates (the myth) of the separation of church and

True Love Waits is a Christian based program that has had phenomenal success at Big Spring's Hillcrest Baptist Church.

If you don't believe me, contact Hillcrest Youth Director Gary Phillips.

It's not a crime to be uninformed, but doing nothing about it is not only lazy, but just plain dangerous.

Teen sex not only destroys God's plan for us to procreate. malso eliminates something very special — purity at the beginning of marriage.

Laugh if you want to, but once innocence is lost, it's lost. God will forgive our indiscretions, but you never know what you could have had if you don't do it the right way the first time.

(This is the second of three, opinion columns regarding sex education.)

Given a choice, public education president opts for private classrooms

Scripps Howard News Service

Professor Bill Clinton (current holder of the Education President Chair first occupied by George Bush in 1988) chose public schooling as his subject for this year's State of the Union lecture.

A nation tuned into the presi dent's televised classroom to hear his solutions to our vexing public education problems. He bristled with ideas. He urged our states and local school boards to adopt national standards, encourage better public school teaching, give parents the right to choose among public schools and repair public school infrastruc-Somehow the lesson rang a

little hollow coming from a guy who sends his child to Washington's most exclusive private school

For it is what Clinton practices, not what he preaches, that underscores the problems in public schools. The president did what any good parent would and sought out the school best suited to his daughter. He chose Sidwell Friends, a parochial institution run by Quakers, a point no doubt

important to Clinton because it means her rigorous academic studies will be buttressed by strong religious and moral instruction.

Like the president, many par ents would prefer not to send their children to sub-standard public schools. But they do not have the financial means to do otherwise. By endorsing the idea of education vouchers, the president would give every parent - regardless of income the opportunity to choose, and he would lift all schools by compelling them to compete for their students.

When a Newsweek reporter once asked Clinton whether we can have a successful public school system when the elite's kids are segregated out by choice, the president replied that he had to make the decision that was right for his child. Fair enough. Chelsea Clinton should not be forced to attend a public school just to prove a political point. And no child should be sentenced to a public school just to satisfy the ideology of "egalitarian educa-

In the president's adopted home town of Washington, D.C., many poor families yearn to send their children to a

parochial school. Some children require special education that only smaller religious schools can offer. But their families cannot even afford these schools' bargain annual tuition of \$2,000. A transferable public voucher valued at or below the cost of public schooling (the District spends more than \$7,000 per student) might give them the choice. But President Clinton will not

Last year the president threatened to veto the federal government's appropriation bill for the District unless Congress removed a modest pilot program allowing needy students to attend the school of their choice, public or private. The program was noisily opposed by the National Education Association, one of the biggest bankrollers of Clinton's Democratic Party.

The Rev. Rosilyn Carroll, a school principal, led 200 poor children to Capitol Hill to support the program. President Clinton and Democrats are "filibustering the educational needs of these children," she declared.

Sniffed the teacher union's lobbyist, "It is much bigger than D.C.

"Bigger" interests won. The kids lost.

Ironically, many of the reforms the president endorsed in his State of the Union address already exist in D.C. not that anyone would notice.

"Every district should give parents the power to choose the right public school for their children. We should make it possible for more parents and teachers to start charter schools," the president told the nation. For the Clinton family, the wish has been granted. D.C. already has open enrollment. Clinton has the choice of any public school in the District, including charter schools. He chose a private school instead.

This writer is a resident of Alexandria, Va., a city across the Potomac from Washington. It lacks even D.C.'s open enrollment option. The government has chosen the school for my children. When my first child turned school age, I attended a school fair to study the education menu. A veritable buffet of private schools of all sizes, styles, religions and costs was available to me - and one pub-

The shallowness of the president's opposition to school

choice — that it would unconstitutionally mix church and state funds and destroy public schools — is best demonstrated elsewhere in his own State of the Union address.

"I propose ... two years of a \$1,500 tax credit for college tuition," he boasted. Free from the demands of public school teachers' unions, Clinton's higher education proposal is unburdened by distinctions between public and private schools, some of them religious. His tax credit is accepted tender at any accredited institution. A voucher, in other words. So much for mixing church and state

As for destroying public education, federal college loans and Pell Grants subsidizing students in private colleges have hardly weakened state universities. If anything, they have thrived in a climate of competition for student applicants.

Clinton's double-standard on education choice fits his party's current brand of elite liberalism. It is a liberalism whose proponents preach to people about what they should do - and then exempt themselves from the lesson. It is the liberalism of a Democratic

Party that ruled Congress for 40 consecutive years and exempted itself from every workplace and civil rights law that it passed. It is the liberalism of a president who decried the 1980s as the decade of greed, and then organized White House coffee klatches to squeeze rich bankers for \$50,000 campaign donations.

At the Brookings Institution, just five blocks north of the White House, two honest liberals have drafted an egalitarian choice program that would benefit all Americans. In their book, "Politics, Markets, and America's Schools," scholars John Chubb and Terry Moe present a simple plan to open the public school system to all accredited schools. The proposal would eliminate top-down bureaucracy, encourage school creation and free parents to choose where to spend their education dollars. If their plan is enacted.

Chubb and Moe may still choose to enroll their kids in expensive private schools. But they can sleep at night knowing that everyone else has a choice as well.

(Henry Payne is editorial cartoonist and occasional essayist for Scripps Howard.)

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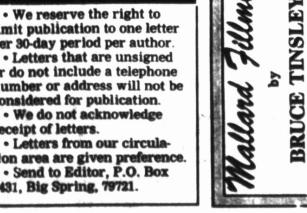
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United States' leading human rights official ready to visit Belgrade

avoiding high-level contacts officials, Serbian America's top human rights official plans to visit Belgrade to encourage democratic reforms and a growing inde-

pendent media. Assistant Secretary of State John Shattuck said Tuesday he also would press Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to give up war-crime suspects during the visit, which he hopes to make next week.

"The issue of war criminals is always at the top of the agenda," he said. "That, along with freedom of movement, freedom of the press, many of the lingering issues of the Dayton peace accord that haven't been resolved.''

Shattuck's comments came as the Serbian parliament voted to reinstate opposition victories in municipal elections in Belgrade and 13 other major Serbian towns, handing Milosevic foes a major democ-

ratic triumph. Milosevic's initial reluctance to recognize the Nov. 17 election led to daily protests in the streets, during which thousands of people tried to drown out the nightly state-run televi-

sion news with noisy chants. White House press secretary Mike McCurry told reporters the Clinton administration was

"encouraged that the neces Reversing a U.S. policy of sary step towards recognizing the expression of free will by the people of Serbia has occurred."

McCurry said the next step is for the new council members to take their seats, including in the capital Belgrade, where the opposition won control. "We are now looking to see what of implementation

occurs," he said. In Belgrade, the opposition leaders said their next step in the struggle to topple Milosevic at elections due later this year is to free the media.

Shattuck, attending a symposium on the Balkan press, agreed that Milosevic's authoritarian government must stop controlling the media.

"Where there is more opportunity for a free media there is more opportunity for democra-Shattuck said at the forum, cosponsored by the Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty.

On Jan. 13, the State Department announced that it had ruled out high-level contact with Serbian officials as part of a series of measures to pressure Milosevic to respect opposition victories. Shattuck said it's time to renew contacts.

"The issue of elections appears to be resolved," he

Child support system lacking \$1.5 billion later

WASHINGTON (AP) - A 16year federal effort to build computer systems to track parents fleeing child support payments has cost the government \$1.5 billion, yet just a dozen states have fully operational systems, an Associated Press review shows.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have flowed to computer companies, state workers and numerous consultants, who were to design systems, write software and make sure the money was spent appropriately.

Their goal was to modernize the collection of overdue payments — a figure that has grown to \$35 billion owed to 29 million children.

Three states have met all federal requirements, and nine others are close. When federal officials are asked why more has not been accomplished, finger pointing abounds.

State officials say they received bad technical advice from consultants, vendors say federal requirements were tough to meet, federal officials say some states managed the projects poorly and government auditors say federal agencies didn't keep a close watch on spending.

"Money has been wasted through false starts and the failure to manage it," said Vicky Turetsky, an attorney with the Center for Law and Social Policy, which tracks child support and welfare issues.

The computers are expected to deliver big payoffs. They'll store all case data, process and distribute payments, connect to tax and welfare agency computers and share information with

The last is a crucial component because one-third of all child support cases involve outof-state parents.

States with only parts of their systems in place already are reaping benefits. Nationwide. collections were \$12 billion last year, compared to \$8 billion in

Building the systems has been no easy task, say state and federal officials. Hundreds of thousands of case files must be converted from old computers, and data from offices must be linked.

The complexities account for the huge price tag, they say. But audits and interviews show that bad planning and blind reliance on contractors added to costs in some states.

"The vendors see this as a golden cafe," said Geraldine Jensen, president of the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support Inc., a Toledo, Ohio-based group that has been highly critical of the spending.

Michigan went \$35 million over budget because of poor contractor practices and other problems, state auditors found.

The state gave several consultants noncompetitive contracts that essentially allowed them to earn full payment even if they only worked 85 percent of the hours promised, auditors found.

The consultants are still on the job with new, more stringent contracts. Officials say they're needed to fix the system, which handles only 20 percent of the state's 1.4 million child support cases. The state has

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spent \$116 million so far.

Nevada's system was delayed because its vendor, IBM, failed to meet most of its deadlines and changed project managers frequently, officials said. The state fined the contractor \$700,000 for missing deadlines, but renewed its contract.

Illinois has had substantial delays in its system and missed the 1995 deadline because of problems with software developed by IBM. The system is expected to be ready this fall, at a total cost of \$36 million, including \$12 million for IBM.

Success stories include Washington, which developed its own system, without using consultants, for \$30 million and met all federal requirements.

Virginia, which jointly developed a system with a contractor for \$21 million, and Wyoming, which built a system in three years for under \$10 million. have also met all federal requirements.

States that have conditionally certified systems: Louisiana, Montana, Mississippi, Georgia, Delaware, Connecticut, Arizona, West Virginia and Utah.

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Senate panel prepares subpoenas in investigation of DNC fund-raising WASHINGTON (AP) — The rivals the Watergate probe,

Senate's investigation of cam- which spent \$7 million and had paign finance is poised to issue 90 staffers working at the peak a flurry of subpoenas for documents - mostly related to Democratic Party fund raising request is excessive and unjusfor the 1996 election.

being apprepared on for orithe National Committee, the Commerce Department and an ex-DNC fund-raiser who once worked for the agency, said Senate aides, who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee has also prepared a subpoena for the Republican **National** Committee, sources said.

Among other things, the panel wants to know whether the assignment of coveted spaces on U.S. trade missions led by the Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown was used to raise Democratic Party donations from businesses.

Under committee rules, Democrats have until Thursday to review the subpoenas and raise any objections. The committee, which Republicans control by a 9-7 margin, could vote to issue the subpoenas over any Democratic objections.

Discussions about the subpoenas took place Tuesday as Senate leaders tried to end a partisan stalemate over how much to spend on the investiga-

Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., the panel's chairman, wants \$6.5 million to hire 80 lawyers, investigators and support staff for the investigation. That

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of its investigation.

But Democrats, arguing the tified, propose spending \$1.8 Demands for documents are million for one year. They say the panel's budget can always be expanded if the facts warrant further investigation.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., who has threatened a filibuster, sounded a conciliatory note, saying discussions with Republicans to try to resolve the gridlock had been productive.

"We're still negotiating and

we're still hopeful that we can find some resolution here," Daschle told reporters.

Subpoenas being prepared by the committee include a demand for documents from John Huang, the former who became a DNC fund-raiser.

sands of dollars from Asian-American business interests after leaving the Commerce Department.

Commerce Department official A former executive of the Lippo Group, an Indonesian conglomerate whose owners contributed to the Democratic Party, Huang played a key role in raising hundreds of thou-





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MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) - tell investigators Iranian ally in the 1991 Gulf War buy needed food and medicine. Hugging Iran's coast, smugglers are making an end run around U.S. destroyers in the Persian Gulf, shipping thousands of tons of Iraqi fuel in violation of U.N. sanctions, says a top U.S. admiral.

The embargo busters do occasionally come face to face with U.S. 5th Fleet ships. In one case, two weeks ago, an American frigate came out the loser, taking a punch in the bow from a defiant tug.

Fleet commander Vice Adm. Thomas B. Fargo told The Associated Press the smuggling is a "rather sophisticated effort, centrally controlled within Iran."

Crews of intercepted vessels avoided criticizing the UAE, an

authorities are taking a cut of the profits, he said in the interview at his Bahrain headquarters Tuesday.

The "Iran connection" is one visible sign of cooperation between the two former enemies in trying to foil American efforts to enforce U.N. trade sanctions imposed in 1990 to punish Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait.

But U.S. friends are also involved.

Fargo said some smuggled diesel oil eventually is unloaded at ports in the United Arab Emirates in the southern Persian Gulf.

The American commander

against Iraq. But he said U.S. officials are "working very closely with the UAE government" to ensure enforcement in **UAE** waters.

The Emirates says it doesn't have the capability to monitor its entire lengthy coast for smugglers. But its government also has vocally opposed continuing the sanctions on Iraq.

The sanctions have been maintained because Iraq apparently has not abandoned efforts to develop weapons of mass destruction.

Since mid-December, however, an exception has been made for selling limited amounts of Iraqi petroleum, under U.N. supervision, to allow Iraqis to

As legitimate shipments have begun to leave Iraqi ports, the diesel smugglers have stepped up their work, too.

'Through our reconnaissance capabilities" - satellites and U.S. aircraft — "we can image these guys as they're loading up," Fargo said.

The diesel smuggling "has increased to 60,000 metric tons per month, due to the fact that there's a significant profit to be made," he said.

The operation, which buys the fuel cheaply from a desperate Iraq, can net \$150,000 on a 2,000ton shipment, Fargo estimated.

After picking up the fuel at ports on Iraq's Shatt al-Arab waterway, the ships — small flood their ballast tanks and compartments with the cargo skirt the Iran coast as they steam southward.

tankers and other vessels that

Both international law and treacherous coastal shoals keep deep-hulled U.S. destroyers on sanctions patrol out of Iran's 12mile-wide territorial waters.

"We can see them out there, but we can't go after them." said a watch officer aboard the destroyer USS Cushing as it steamed in the northern Gulf. Fargo said roughly 30 vessels

have been identified on the "Iran connection" run, one having traversed the route at least

"A protection fee is paid to the Iranians that guarantees them safe passage through territorial waters," the admiral said.

Last summer, the United States complained to a U.N. sanctions committee that Iran has been helping Iraq smuggle oil and other goods. President Clinton made similar allegations in a report to Congress released in May.

Fargo said an Iranian Revolutionary Guard maritime station at the mouth of the Shatt appears to be the "gatekeeper" for the illicit shipments.

On Feb. 4, Iran's interest in the trade became clear to destroyer crews when the USS Nicholson cut off and boarded a diesel smuggler in international waters, and an Iranian patrol boat sped to the scene.

New Chechen president takes oath of office

GROZNY, Russia (AP) -Chechnya's new president Aslan Maskhadov took the oath of office under heavy security today, pledging to strengthen the self-proclaimed independence of his Muslim republic.

Hundreds of armed Chechen fighters guarded the 500-seat Khimik Palace of Culture, the only building in the largely ruined capital, Grozny, that could accommodate the inauguration ceremony.

Packed inside the building were religious officials, political Russia.

Chechens in traditional dress guarded the green Chechen flag, emblazoned with a black wolf and the republic's slogan: "Freedom, equality, peace." Banners with such slogans as "Islam and freedom" hung over the stage.

"I'm handing into Aslan Maskhadov's hands a free, independent Chechnya," outgoing Chechen leader Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev said in a brief speech that opened the ceremony, held in the Chechen lan-

Swearing on the Koran, the Muslim holy book, Maskhadov

cer led rebel forces in the war and then negotiated a peace agreement with Moscow in

pullout of the defeated Russian while Chechen leaders consider

He became prime minister in Chechnya's separatist government and won a landslide victory in the Jan. 27 presidential elections.

His most urgent tasks include rebuilding Chechnya's shattered economy, providing social support to the tens of thousands of refugees and the needy and somehow achieving a working relationship with Russia.

Russia has recognized any progress in resolving their fundamental dispute.

Moscow insists that Chechnya August that provided for the must remain a part of Russia,

the tiny republic fully independent and have been running their own affairs for months.

To drive home its point, Russia has blocked the arrival of foreign guests to the ceremony, saying all such visits had to be approved by Moscow. It also threatened to cut diplomatic ties with any country that recognizes Chechnya's proclaimed independence.

Some foreign representatives attended privately, and there were officials from several Russian regions. Moscow was formally represented by a delegation led by the national security chief, Ivan Rybkin.

Alexander Lebed, Russia's former national security adviser,



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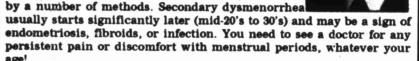
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By Michael S. Phillips, M.D. Diplomate, American Board Obstetrics & Gynecology PRIMARY AND SECONDARY

DYSMENORRHEA Women who experience menstrual pain known as primary dysmenorrhea need not be concerned, but also should not suffer. Typically beginning within two years of the onset of a girl's period, these cramps range from a dull ache to queasy pressure in the lower abdomen and are often accompanied by bloating or low back pain as the uterus contracts to expel menstrual discharge. Primary dysmenorrhea starts in the teenage years, and is usually easily controlled



Some women sail through their menstrual cycle without skipping a beat. Others have to skip out on their regular routine to deal with the pain and misery of menstrual cramps. This is not necessary! As a specialist, I concentrate on the treatment and diseases of the reproductive organs of women. If you would like more information about this week's would like to schedule an appointment to be seen at our ne location in Big Spring (at the Medical Care Plaza, 1300 Gregg St., available each Tuesday), please call our main office at (915) 522-2222.

pledged to defend "the constitu-Maskhadov's victory, and tion, the laws and freedom of and military leaders and par-President Boris Yeltsin sent an ents of separatist fighters killed the Chechen state." envoy to today's ceremony. But The former Soviet army offiin the nearly two-year war with the two sides have not made

Serbia's striking teachers, students join in protests BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) Striking teachers, students and independent union workers demonstrated today against President Slobodan Milosevic despite the opposition's first triumph over his authoritarian

On Tuesday, after three months of non-stop demonstrations, Serbia's parliament acted on Milosevic's instructions and passed a law that finally conceded local election victories won by the opposition last ing Serbia's workers.

This afternoon, some of the tion, Zajedno (Together), called opposition wins and developed

tens of thousands of teachers on supporters to an evening event strike in 1,800 schools across Serbia surrounded the parliament building in downtown Belgrade to press their demands for overdue pay and higher

Some 20,000 students who want their pro-Milosevic university rector ousted went on their 82nd daily protest march. while independent union leaders set up a soup kitchen aimed at feeding the hungry and rally

The main opposition coali-

that was to feature launching an unmanned red boat into the Danube River to symbolize the desired departure of Milosevic's neo-Communists from Belgrade.

Bowing to pressure from home and abroad, the parliament controlled by Milosevic on Tuesday reinstated opposition election victories in the capital of Belgrade and 13 other cities and towns.

Milosevic apparently was hop-

into a grassroots revolt against his rule. Coupled with foreign pressure, it created the biggest challenge to his power.

"The mood is extremely tense, people are not satisfied with crumbs." said a top opposition leader and head of Democratic Party, Zoran Djindjic.

"I expect protests to continue in all of Serbia until larger changes than the return of stolen votes happen. ... Serbia is in a mature stage of protests. ing to end street protests that Djindjic said."Serbia will not began when he annulled those calm down until the government is changed.'

Ecuador's new president facing severe economic problems Rosalia Arteaga, the former appeared in Congress for the

QUITO. Ecuador (AP) -Congress chose its own leader as Ecuador's interim president, ending a governing crisis that has threatened this small Andean nation's political stability since the ouster of its elected president last week.

Fabian Alarcon — the country's third president in a week faces a huge budget deficit, inflation that could hit 50 percent this year and a public up in arms over recent austerity measures.

The 49-year-old Alarcon, the leader of Congress, replaces

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vice-president who took over lawmakers after sacked President Abdala Bucaram for mental incapacity.

Fellow lawmakers voted 57-2 Tuesday night to elect Alarcon in a deal engineered by the powerful armed forces.

"The entire country is breathing easier because we have put this crisis behind us," said armed forces chief Gen. Paco Moncayo.

Moncayo, a key figure in the was widely applauded when he swearing-in ceremony.

When Congress' Bucaram on Thursday, it appointed Alarcon interim president. Arteaga objected, claiming the top job herself.

The dispute over power generated fears that, if no one was in charge, the military would seize control. In response, military leaders persuaded Congress to appoint Arteaga until it could elect another president.

On Tuesday, Arteaga threatnegotiations to end the dispute, ened not to respect Congress's authority to replace her, arguing the constitution makes no provision for an interim president. She changed her mind and resigned later that day, after

military officials intervened. Alarcon will govern until August 1998. He must set a date for new elections within 12 months. Usually somber, he smiled when he received the yellow, blue and red presiden-

tial sash after being sworn in. In his acceptance speech, Alarcon defended the decision to depose Bucaram, saying "the country was on the verge of collapse" because of his policies.



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By CHRYS G Staff Writer

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40 centers of every food dollar is spent on food eaten **Extension Agent** away from home;

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Americans are on the move. four of every 10 meals eaten away from home eating establishments

> Eating out is here to stay! And, while eating out is not bad, it does create special problems for people who must control their weight.

Selecting lower calorie foods from the Daily Food Guide Pyramid can be difficult because the menu items at many restaurants are limited and eating high calorie meals away from home frequently can hamper any weight control pro-

In order to stay on your weight control program and still enjoy a meal out follow some simple tips:

• Determine how often you will eat out and figure this into

your daily caloric intake;

• Never starve yourself - you will probably eat a lot more than you need when you finally do get to food;

Eating a smaller meal before and after going out to eat will help control caloric intake; Never omit a meal because this can cause excessive

hunger resulting in gorging at

the next meal. Selecting a restaurant that allows some choice of low calorie foods so that your weight control efforts will be effective. Choose restaurants that offer crisp salads, and grilled or broiled meat. Buffets usually

It is wise to select the lower

offer a variety of foods you can

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choose the dessert until you means avoiding fried and foods salads with low calorie or no with creamy sauces, instead

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restaurants one in their weight.

If possible, review the menu before going out to eat - then you can plan you meal ahead of time and have a little longer to make the wiser decision.

Read the menu carefully, many restaurants offer lighter menus for those watching their weight.

Wise lower calorie selections calorie items first - do not from the appetizer sections

restaurants offer lighter menus for

Select entree or main dish items that have been roasted, baked, broiled or grilled. Avoid extra sauces or gravies and remember the Food Guide Pyramid recommends a two to three-ounce serving of meat twice a day.

If your entree comes with a vegetable again avoid sauces. butter and cheeses. Eat crisp

dressing.

Avoid overeating bread or chips that are many restaurants' specialty items.

Remember to stop eating when you are full and ask the waiter or waitress to remove the food from the table.

Eating out has become an American way of life. With a little advanced planning and some will power at the table, you can plan your family meals to include these meals eaten away from home.

Be sure to follow the Food Guide Pyramid to make sure your family is getting the number of recommended servings needed from each food group on a daily basis.

Kids Day set for Saturday

By CHRYS GOFF Staff Writer

As tragic as it sounds, kidnapping does happen. Officials with Taco Bell, 2311 S. Gregg St., is wanting to help stop it. They are sponsoring a Kids Day Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

The Big Spring Police Department and the Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will take the kids' fingerprints, and talking to them about how to walk away from a stranger. The information gathered from your child will help in finding and identifying your child if there ever was a need. You are responsible for keeping your child's fingerprints and to take your own photo.

Ages for those who can have their prints taken range from



Taco Bell is the sight of Kids Day Saturday afternoon where members of the Big Spring Police Department and Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association will join Taco Bell employees in fingerprinting children and giving away desserts and balloons.

newborns to 18 years. BSPD officer Terry Hudson encourages, "Everyone come out, it's a free service and that they will be happy to have you." Although, she did add that the parent or guardian will have to be present to give permission.

Taco Bell employees will give children who attend a free balloon and an order of cinnamon

This is the first year the local Taco Bell has done this and not every Taco Bell restaurant participates in it. The BSPD has done this before at grade schools, health fairs, the mall and other businesses.

For more information, contact Taco Bell representative Yvonne Acuff at 264-7706 or the BSPD community services division at 264-0264.

SUPPORT

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 survivors 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

Widow/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). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. 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, 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

April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-

·Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

*Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverty Rice, 268-5077.

 "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdw ane. 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

•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 *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

•Gambiers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Nonley, Midland. Call 263-8920. noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12

·Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, adolescent counseling and women's

issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144. THURSDAY

*Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles,

noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy

building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

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

 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

*Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Gollad. Open to all substance abusers.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book SATURDAY

 Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10

weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

Please see SUPPORT, page A8

Some recipes for corn bread in the microwave

Scripps Howard News Service

Microwave cooks develop some strange habits — like peering up through the bottom of a pan of hot corn bread.

Awkward as it is, it's a good technique to remember if you want to bake in the microwave. Even though the corn bread, other quick bread or cake does not brown on top, it's done if you see no unbaked batter in the center when you look up

through the bottom. That's one reason why clear glass utensils are invaluable when cooking by microwave. Only clear glass allows a good look at what's happening inside.

Other tips for zapping corn • Use only recipes designed

for the microwave. Don't overmix the ingredients, and don't grease or flour

the pan A round glass baking dish is good; place a glass in the center and it becomes a tube

pan, and it's even better. · If you prefer muffins, use custard cups or a microwavesafe muffin pan. Use two paper liners for each muffin.

 To vary a basic corn bread recipe, add a half teaspoon of chili powder and 1/4 cup of chopped jalapeno pepper; or add a cup of shredded Cheddar

 A cup of whole kernel corn fresh, canned or frozen can be added to basic corn bread batter to add a little crunch.

BUTTERMILK CORN-BREAD

4 T. butter 1 cup yellow cornmeal

1 cup flour

3 tsp. baking powder 3 T. sugar

1/2 tsp. salt 2/3 cup buttermilk

2 eggs, lightly beaten 1 (7-ounce) can corn kernels with red and green pepper bits, drained

Put butter in 1-cup glass measure and cook on high 1 minute, or until melted. Let cool slightly.

In a medium bowl, combine cornmeal, flour, baking powder, sugar and salt. Whisk gently to blend. In a small bowl, whisk together buttermilk and eggs. Add liquid to dry ingredients. Add melted butter. Mix just until barely blended. Add corn and stir to mix.

Turn batter into a 6-cup ring mold or an 8-inch round cake pan with glass in the center. Cook on medium (50 percent) 14 to 15 minutes, or until corn bread begins to pull away from outside of pan and a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Set pan on a solid, heat-proof surface and let stand for 10 minutes before unmolding. Serves 8 to 10.

This corn bread could also be a main course. Add a salad and call it dinner.

SAUSAGE CORNBREAD 1 pound bulk pork sausage 3/4 cup all-purpose flour

3/4 cup yellow cornmeal

1 T. sugar 1 T. baking powder

another dish.

1/2 tsp. salt 2 eggs, beaten 1/2 cup milk 1/3 cup sausage drippings,

Crumble sausage over bottom of 9-inch round glass baking dish. Zap on high 4 1/2 to 7 minutes, stirring after half the time. Drain off fat, reserving

1/3 cup for the corn bread.

melted shortening or cooking

Combine remaining ingredients in mixing bowl. Stir only until smooth. Pour over sausage in baking dish. Crumble reserved sausage over top. Center dish on inverted saucer on microwave turntable. Microwave at medium (50 percent) 6 minutes. If your oven does not have a turntable, rotate a quarter turn every 3 minutes.

Increase power to high. Microwave 2 to 6 minutes, rotating every 2 minutes if you do not have a turntable. Check for doneness by looking through bottom of glass baking dish.

No unbaked batter should appear in center. Let stand 10 minutes before removing from dish. Serve warm. Makes one 9inch loaf.

Woodene Merriman is the author of "Zap It Again," featuring more than 400 ways to use your microwave.

To order, send your name and address and a check for \$10.07 (\$8.50 plus \$1.57 for postage and handling), payable to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, to Zap Cookbook, Box 476, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230. Allow two Reserve half the sausage in weeks for delivery.

Dear Betty,

On these cold winter after- that fit noons I long to pull my kids away from the video screen and get them involved with projects I remember fondly from my own childhood.

We used to make a bird treat remainto hang in trees during the winter, but I can't remember the recipe. Betty: Make bird treats with

two pounds fresh ground suet (available from the meat department), 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter, and 1/2 cup coarse-chopped shelled sunflower seeds. Just melt suet in a saucepan over low heat.

Add peanut butter, stirring until melted and well blended. Stir in the sunflower seeds. Mix thoroughly. To keep squirrels from chas-

ing away the birds, add hot pepper sauce or hot pepper flakes to the mix—rodents find it distasteful but it won't ruffle the birds' feathers in the least. Pour into 9-inch by 13-inch cake pan and cool. Cut into

your suet feeder; individually wrap t h e

ing cakes and store in freezer.

Children can make their own suet feeders from empty halfgallon milk cartons by cutting a rectangular hole in one side. Hang it from a tree branch,

or simply attach it to the side of a tree with a nail or tack. Make sure it's within sight of a window and let the show

begin. Watching colorful birds chew the fat is at least as amusing as some of the afternoon talk shows, and probably a lot more wholesome.

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

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Send in your submissions

The HERALD is currently seeking submissions to its monthly Readers Corner that runs the last Wednesday of each month.

Stories or poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark. Make sure you identify who or what

is in the picture and who took the photograph. When space is limited, submissions will be held over for the next month. Photo suggestions: children or pets doing funny or interesting things and five-generation family pictures.

The next Readers Corner is scheduled for Feb. 26 and the deadline to turn in your submissions is Feb. 17. If you have any questions, contact Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 235.

THE LAST WORD

Silence is one of the hardest things to refute. Josh Billings

Genius does what it must. Talent does what it can. **Edward Bulwer-Lytton**

To my extreme mortification, I grow wiser every day. **Lord Byron**

The important thing is not to stop questioning. **Albert Einstein**

integrity has no need of rules.

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Some recipes from past Herald readers

Editor's Note: The following recipes were submitted by Opal Deau. She wrote that the recipes belonged to her sister-in-law Lois Madison. Ms. Madison had a collection of recipes from a Big Spring Herald supplement called "Tastes O Texas" published Nov. 11, 1962. Here are some of the recipes that were featured in the supplement. The names of the ladies who submitted the recipes to the Herald in 1962 are also listed.

Frosted salad 1 pkg. lemon Jell-o 1 cup boiling water

1 cup 7-up

2 large bananas 1 cup miniature marshmal-

1 small can pineapple, drained pineapple juice

Add hot water to Jell-o. Then add 7-Up. Chill until set. Fold in pineapple, sliced bananas and marshmallows. Frost with topping.

Whipped Cream **Topping**

1/4 cup sugar

1/2 cup pineapple juice

1 T butter 1/4 cup grated cheese

1 T flour

1 egg, beaten

1/2 cup whipped cream

Combine flour and sugar. Stir in pineapple juice and egg. Cook until thick, remove from heat. Add butter and let cool. Fold in whipped cream. Pour over Jell-o. Sprinkle with grated cheese Submitted by Ruth Carpenter

Cream Pie

1/4 cup cornstarch

2-3 cup sugar 1/4 tsp. salt

3 slightly beaten egg yolks

2 cups scalded milk 2 T butter

1/4 tsp. vanilla

1 9-inch baked pie crust

3 stiffly beaten egg whites

6 T. sugar Mix cornstarch, sugar and salt. Gradually add mflk and cook about 10 minutes in double boiler, or until thick. Stir constantly. Slowly add small amount of hot mixture to egg yolks, then stir eggs into

remaining hot mixture. Cook 5 minutes. Cool and add butter and vanilla. Pour into cooled pie shell and top with meringue made by adding sugar gradually to the stiffly beaten egg

degree) oven 12 to 15 minutes. Variations: Banana - slice 3 or 3 bananas into crust before pouring in fill-

whites. Bake in a moderate (350

Caramel - caramelize 1/4 cup of sugar and gradually add scalded milk.

Chocolate - increase sugar to 1 cup; add 2 one-ounce squares

bitter chocolate, melted. Coconut - add one cup moist shredded coconut to filling, and sprinkle coconut on top of

meringue. Pineapple - add 1/2 cup well drained crushed pineapple to cooled filling.

Submitted by Mrs. J.R. Kilgore of Pecos

Overnight Oatmeal **Pancakes**

2 cups buttermilk 2 cups quick-cooking oatmeal

2 eggs, beaten 1 tsp. baking powder

1 tsp. soda

1/2 cup sifted flour

2 T sugar 1 tsp. salt

4 T melted shortening

Soak buttermilk and oatmeal overnight. Add eggs and sift together the flour, baking powder, soda, sugar and salt. Mix with buttermilk mixture, and add melted shortening.

Spread thin with spoon on hot griddle. Batter is thick, but bakes very light.

Submitted by Mrs. John W. Wilson Jr.

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Homestyle Meatloaf

1 lb. lean ground beef

1 cup plain bread crumbs 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

1/4 cup finely chopped onion 1 T Italian dressing

1 tsp. Ac'cent flavor enhancer

1 (14 oz.) jar marinara sauce

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, mix all ingredients except marinara sauce.

Add 1 cup marinara sauce; mix

2. Press mixture into ungreased 8x4-inch loaf pan.

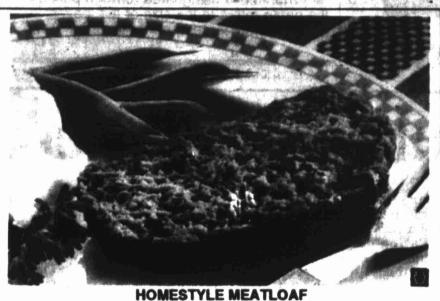
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Pour remaining marinara sauce over meatloaf. Bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes or until meat is well browned and firm. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 servings.

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By: Derus Media Service, Inc.



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South of the Border Casserole

water - 1 to 1/2 cups added

One (1) pound ground round or substitute ground turkey

One (1) large onion chopped Two (2) to three (3) stalks of

celery chopped 1 to 2 T red chili powder

1 to 2 tsp. cumin About 3/4 tsp. salt About 1/4 tsp. black pepper

1 can diced tomatoes 1 large can chopped green chilies (drained)

1 large can black olives sliced 1 - 16 ounce package or box of

when needed 8 ounces cubed Monterey **Jack Cheese**

8 ounces cubed cheddar

First: In medium to large sauce pan cook the macaroni separately, drain and set aside.

In large skillet, brown ground round, onion and celery. Drain. Add chili powder, cumin, salt

and pepper, diced tomatoes, green chilies, black olives and water. Simmer all of this for about 20 minutes. Then all macaroni and mix together and heat. Then last while mixture is hot add all of cubed cheeses and toss with cheese partially melted.

This make a large casserole. It is delicious served with a salad and some fresh bread.

By: Verna Robertson

Big Spring Woman's Club recipes

Cowboy Stew

1 lb. ground meat 1 large onion, chopped

1 bunch green onions,

chopped 1 large green pepper, seeded

and chopped 1/2 tsp. garlic powder

salt and pepper to taste

1 T chili powder 1 T sugar

1 c. tomatoes (whole) 1 c. whole kernel corn

1 c. Ranch Style beans

2 c. water 1 small potato per person Brown meat in large pot and drain. Add the other ingredients and stir over low heat, letting meat juices cook out. To this, add onion, green pepper, green onion, chili powder, sugar, salt and pepper. Cook thoroughly. Now add tomatoes, corn, beans, and water. Simmer until vegetables are tender and flavors have blended. Peel and cube potatoes. Ad to pot and

cook until tender. By: Debby Hajovsky

Recipe Corner

If you have any recipes

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at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431;

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79721; attention: Kellie

Submissions need to be

in the Herald office no

later than March 3. It is

scheduled for March 12.

Cherry Cheesecake (low fat)

1 (8 oz.) pkg. light cream cheese, softened

1 (15 oz.) nonfat Ricotta 1 (8 oz.) ctn. plain nonfat

yogurt 1 c. sugar

5 T flour

2 T lemon juice

1 T vanilla 3/4 c. egg whites (6 to 7)

1 can light cherry pie filling Combine cream cheese and Ricotta in large mixing bowl. Beat with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Add yogurt, sugar, flour, lemon juice, and vanilla. Beat on low speed just until combined. Add egg whites; beat on low speed

minutes or until center appears nearly set when gently shaken. Cool 15 minutes. Loosen crust from sides of pan; cool 30 minutes more. Remove sides. Cool completely; chill 4 to 24 hours.

Top with pie filling to serve. Yield: 12 slices. By: Donna Armonett

Editor's Note: These recipes are from the Big Spring Woman's Club new cook book, "All-Time Favorite Recipes from the Kitchens of the GFWC-TFWC Big Spring Woman's Club and their friends and families." The cook books are \$ 13 each and can be ordered through the mail by sending a check for (plus \$2 for shipping until combined. Pour into for a total of \$15) to: Big Spring springform pan (8 inch). Bake Woman's Club; P.O. Box 3094; in a 325 degree oven for 55 to 60 Big Spring; 79721-3094.



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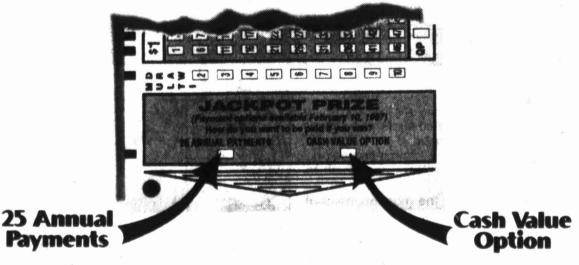
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Hereford rides defense to win over Lady Steers

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

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WOLFFORTH — Same song, different verse.

For the eighth time in the past 10 years, a Panhandle team proved to be the Big Spring Lady Steers' undoing in the state basketball playoffs.

Tuesday, it was the Hereford Lady Whiteface's turn to show Big Spring the playoff exit as they took a 71-43 victory in a Class 4A area matchup at Frenship High School.

The thing that BSHS Coach Ron Taylor feared most is exactly what happened: Hereford's full-court press played havoc on the Lady Steers, turning a close firstquarter contest into a one-sided affair by halftime.

The Lady Steers, who finished the season with an 19-10 record, never solved the riddle of Hereford's press until the fourth quarter, but their 23point performance in the final eight minutes was not enough to turn the tide.

The Lady Whitefaces (23-7) advance to face Levelland in the Class 4A regional semifi-

determined.

With Big Spring trailing by only two points late in the first quarter, the Lady Whitefaces turned up the defensive pressure, forcing three turnovers and not allowing a score in the final 2:26. On the offensive side. Hereford, meanwhile, got threepointers from Catie Betzen and Julie Rampley en route to a 17-7 edge after one quarter.

Things went from bad to worse for the Lady Steers in the second quarter. Makesha Rives hit consecutive threepointers to key a 17-0 run that put the Lady Whitefaces in firm control of the game. Big Spring, meanwhile, turned the ball over on nine of their first 10 possessions of the second quarter and managed to hit only 26 percent of their shots in the first half.

"We couldn't afford to have a flare-up and turn the ball over five or six times in a row and give them some easy baskets but that's what we did," Taylor said. "If we had made our easy shots in the first quarter, we'd have been ahead, and that would have changed the complexion of the game. But you

nals at a time and date to be have to give Hereford credit. They're a very good team, and they play great defense.'

Kim Robertson, playing in her final game for Big Spring, led the Lady Steers with 12

Taylor found plenty of good things to say about his team, which won its final 13 games of the regular season en route to its sixth straight District 4-4A

"I'm very proud of this team," he said. "From where they started to where they are now, they've done a great job ... I'm really going to miss (seniors) Brandi (Purcell) and Kim (Robertson). They really stepped up and took control. "

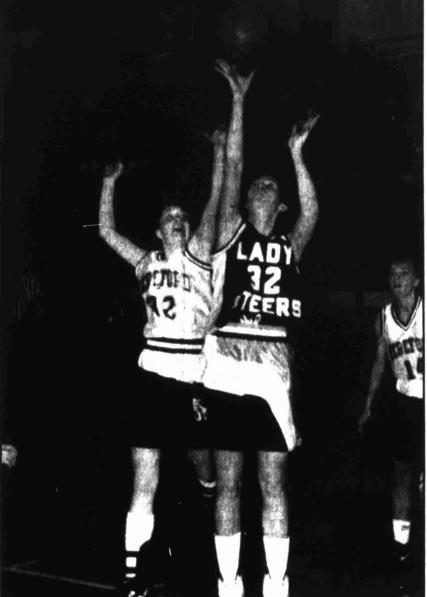
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Big Spring's Kim Robertson (32) scores two of her 12 points during the third quarter against Hereford Tuesday in Wolfforth.

Buzzer-beater allows 'Dogs to squeak by Forsan, 54-53

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

FORSAN — After 31 minutes, 59 1/2 seconds of in-your-face action, Tuesday night's basketball war between cross-county rivals Forsan and Coahoma came down to a single, splitsecond shot at the buzzer.

And after battling back from a 14-point deficit late in the second period, Forsan's Buffaloes (21-9, 7-4) had to stand on the sideline and watch as Coahoma (20-9, 10-2) celebrated a 54-53 win that allowed the Bulldogs to clinch the District 8-2A championship following Aaron Barr's put back of a teammate's

While Coahoma is guaranteed a berth in the playoffs, Forsan needs to win at Wall on Friday after losing back-to-back district games. The Buffs are guaranteed no worse than a second place tie and beat Wall by five points earlier this season.

After missing out on the playoffs on the final day of the season the past two years, Coahoma seemed intent on taking control early.

In fact, it took the Bulldogs just six seconds to take the lead on a Robert Lain 3-pointer from jumper that made the score 5-0

and Forsan looked rattled. said Forsan Coach Terry McDonald. "We were on the verge of getting blown out in the first half, but they stuck

But it took a while for the Buffs to battle back.

Four 3-point baskets in the first period staked Coahoma to a 19-8 lead and the Bulldogs seemed to have everything going their way.

That trend continued in the second period as Coahoma opened its biggest lead at 14, 30-16, when Steven Lopez hit both ends of a one-and-one with 2:46 left in the half.

Less than a minute later, however, Coahoma's Blake Nichols twisted his ankle and left the game — opening the door for a Forsan comeback fueled by Josh Gaston.

Gaston's first basket came on a lay-up after a block and brought the Buffs to within 12 30-18 — with 1:55 left in the half. Forty seconds later he hit crowd either on the edge of its a short jumper to cap a fast break following a Coahoma turnover and just 14 seconds

the right wing. Half-a-minute later, with 1:02 left, he scored later. Adam Batson hit a on another lay-up after stealing

Gaston ended the half with "I think our guys did a super yet another lay-up with just 18 job of not losing their composeconds left to cap an 8-0 Forsan run and bring the Buffs to within six points, 30-24, at the half.

"They wouldn't go away." said Coahoma Coach Kim Nichols of Forsan. "I thought we did a really good job, but they just kept answering ... we were fortunate we came out hot.'

Coahoma managed to stifle the Forsan run a bit in the third period, stretching the lead to nine at 38-29 when Jeremy White scored inside off a deflection with 3:40 left in the period before Forsan came clawing back vet again.

Four of six free throws down the stretch, coupled with a Daniel Davis 3-pointer, fueled a 7-0 Forsan run and brought the Buffs to within two — 38-36 at the end of the third period.

And for a game that had seemed to have been over at several points, the final eight minutes kept the overflow respective seat or on its collec

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Lady Hawks move up to No. 7

By JOHN H. WALKER Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks have parlayed a 13-game winning streak, including 10 in a row in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, into a No. 7 national ranking in the latest national

The poll was released Tuesday afternoon in Colorado Springs, Colo. by the National Junior College Athletic Association.

The Lady Hawks opened the season ranked as high as No. 6 in the national poll, but three losses in the team's first 12 games dropped them completely out of the rankings.

Howard began its climb back up the rankings with a 96-73 rout of then-No. 3 Midland College on Jan. 16 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and continued with a blow-out win over then-No. 16 South Plains a week later, also at Dorothy

The Lady Hawks then parlayed back-to-back-to-back wins over Western Texas, Frank Phillips and New Mexico Junior College into a No. 12 ranking heading into Monday's game at Midland's Chaparral Center against No. 5 Midland.

A 36-point performance by Kyna Cosby keyed Howard's 81-77 win that propelled the Lady Hawks into sole possession of first place in the WJCAC with just four games remaining.

Howard plays host to Odessa College (3-11, 4-22) this Thursday before hitting the road to face South Plains (10-2, 22-2) next Monday.

Howard and South Plains have split games this year, with South Plains taking a 79-56 win on Dec. 3 and Howard an 85-65 win on Jan. 23. Cosby led Howard scoring in both games, connecting for 26 points in the first game and 34 in the second meeting.

After South Plains, the Lady Hawks return home to face Western Texas on Feb. 20 before closing out the regular season at Frank Phillips in Borger on Feb. 27.

The regional tournament will be held at Cisco Junior College March 4-6 with the national tournament set for Tyler March

BSHS softball squad blasts Monterey, 27-1

Forsan's Daniel Davis (24) lays the ball in during the Buffaloes'

game with Coahoma Tuesday in Forsan.

By CHRYS GOFF Staff Writer

Big Spring's Lady Steers entered the softball era in a big way Tuesday night, pounding Lubbock Monterey 27-1 at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex in a game shortened by the 10run rule.

But Lady Steers Coach Wes Overton cautioned against thinking every outing would be this easy.

"They (Lady Steers) were very eager and excited and it made this a very easy game ... but not all games are going to be this easy.

But, for the record, this one

Monterrey managed its only run in the first frame, taking a brief 1-0 lead before Big Spring quickly retired the side and came to bat.

The flood gates opened on the Lady Plainsmen in Big Spring's bottom half of the first.

Opening a double-digit lead after the first inning, the Lady Steers went on the defensive again and shut out Monterrey

in the Lady Plainsmen's second at-bat before going on to claim the win.

All nine starters had at least two hits — Melissa Mouton had three — and all nine had three RBI according to Overton.

"It was pretty much a team effort," Overton offered. Freshman Jessica Sisneros

started and got the win for the Lady Steers. Outfielder Mandi Lance said

the team is ready for whatever comes their way.

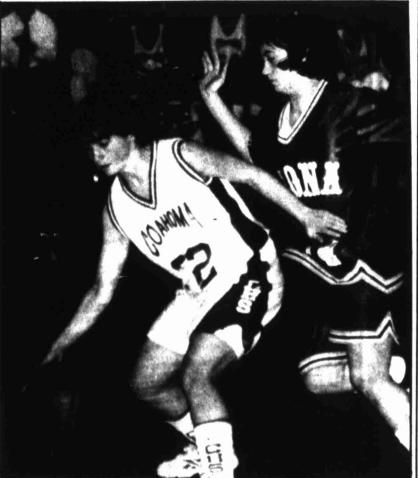
"You have to have a positive attitude about it all," she said. "That's exactly what these softball players have, and that is why we have a strong chance to make it to state this year."

The Lady Steers play at Greenwood Friday at 4:30 before facing Monterrey in a scrimmage rematch on Feb. 20.

Overton said he thinks Monterey will be ready the next time the two teams take the field.

They'll be ready, I know their coach and he won't give up. Monterey just lost their concentration tonight.'

night in Coahoma.



Coahoma's Tonia Sparks (22) appears to be shooing away an Ozona defender during their basketball game Friday

Garden City boys falter in district title contest

HERALD Staff Report

MILES — Irion County's boys team broke open a tight game in the fourth quarter to take a 56-43 victory over the Garden City Bearkats in the District 30-1A championship game Tuesday night.

The Hornets led 33-29 heading into the final quarter, but outscored Garden City 23-14 the rest of the way to earn the win and the district title.

The loss dropped Garden City to second place in the district. The Bearkats will face District 29-1A champion Balmorhea in the first round of the boys playoffs at a time and site to be

Kelly Lankford led the Bearkats with 22 points.

Spur 50 Sands girls 29

POST — Spur raced out to a 10-point lead after one quarter and was never headed after that as it took a 50-29 win over the Sands Lady Mustangs in a Class 1A practice game Tuesday night.

AREA ROUNDUP

Spur led 18-8 after one quarter and stretched that lead to 31-11 at the half.

Shauna Nichols led the Lady Mustangs with 12 points.

Sands begins the playoffs against Miles Friday at Sterling City. Game time is 7 p.m.

Canyon 56, Andrews 16 Levelland 50. Sweetwater 26

LUBBOCK - The Andrews Lady Mustangs ran into a buzzsaw Tuesday night, dropping a 56-16 decision to No. 1 Canvon in a Class 4A area playoff Canvon, ranked third nation-

ally by USA Today, led 11-4 after one quarter and never allowed Andrews to score more than five points in any quarter. Andrews finished second to

Big Spring in District 4-4A. Also Tuesday, the Levelland Loboettes eliminated Sweetwater 50-26 in a Class 4A

area game. Sweetwater was the thirdplace finisher in District 4-4A.

Jordan, overlooked in Rodman sideshow, scores 43 points to lead Chicago to win

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NBA returned to work with injured All-Stars Charles Barkley and Patrick Ewing back on the job. Allen Iverson failing to back up his boast, Shawn Kemp on the bench and Michael Jordan doing his usual magic.

And, of course, there was the requisite sideshow featuring Dennis Rodman.

Back from an 11-game suspension, Rodman played in front of a United Center crowd that included his father, Philander, who flew in from the Phillipines at the expense of a television tabloid show. Dennis Rodman is one of 27 children the man says he has fathered.

The opening of the second half of the season offered no rest for the weary or the overexposed - especially considering the cases of the two most visible members of the Chicago

Jordan scored 43 points and made a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Chicago a 103-100 victory over the Charlotte Hornets. Rodman added 14 rebounds and had a playful reaction — patting the man on the chest when he tumbled over a courtside cameraman in the fourth quarter.

'Are you happy David Stern?" Rodman said, referring to the NBA commissioner who suspended him for kicking cameraman Eugene Amos on Jan. 15 in Minnesota.

"It would have been a classic if I kissed him, but he probably

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would have sued me for slobbering all over him.'

In other NBA games, Houston defeated Vancouver 106-97, New York downed Washington 97-92, Cleveland beat Philadelphia 105-94, Seattle drubbed Denver Utah clobbered Sacramento 120-98, Miami beat Detroit 104-91, New Jersey surprised Orlando 104-98, San Antonio beat Dallas 111-97, Portland edged Phoenix 111-108, the Los Angeles Clippers defeated Boston 116-112 and

Milwaukee beat Toronto 101-96. Rodman, who has not seen his father in 30 years, took a few shots after the game at the teammates who criticized him over the weekend at the All-Star game.

Included in that mix was Jordan, who insisted the Bulls could win without Rodman. But after the game ended, Jordan hugged Rodman as he walked off the court and said:

"Welcome back." Muggsy Bogues made a 3pointer with 9.5 seconds left to tie it at 100. The Bulls didn't call timeout and quickly got the ball upcourt. Scottie Pippen passed to Jordan, who pulled up from 22 feet and hit the straightaway shot over Dell Curry as the clock ticked to

The Bulls' 15th consecutive home victory gave them a league-best 43-6 record.

Glen Rige, coming off his All-Star game MVP performance,

scored 32 points, but the Hornets still had their fourgame winning streak snapped. Rockets 106, Grizzlies 97

At Houston, Barkley returned from the ankle injury that forced him to miss the All-Star game and finished with 13 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

"My ankle was a little sore, but I feel good to be out there,' Barkley said. "It will take a couple of weeks for me to be back. There's nothing you can do on the side to help you get prepared."

Brent Price and Kevin Willis outscored the Grizzlies' reserves 40-9 with 20 points each as the Rockets ended their six-game losing streak. The Rockets used a 16-0 run beginning late in the third period to pull away.

Knicks 97, Bullets 92

At Landover, New York coach Jeff Van Gundy pulled his entire starting five after Washington scored 20 of the

game's first 28 points. The tactic seemed to fire up the Knicks, who rallied in the third quarter to defeat **Washington** for the 20th time in 21 games and send new Bullets coach Bernie Bickerstaff to a loss in his debut.

Cavaliers 105, 76ers 94

At Cleveland, Iverson failed to do what he predicted — get even with Cavs fans who booed him when he won the MVP award at the All-Star rookie

Iverson scored 21 points but shot 5-for-22.

BASKETBALL **JUCO** women

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) - The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll, records through Feb. 10 and total

points.		
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1. CentralFlorida	26-0	125
2. TrinityValley	23-1	120
3. ConnorsState	21-2	115
4. KansasCity	22-1	110
5. Louisburg, N.C.	23-1	105
6. CentralArizona	22-1	96
7. Howard, Texas	22-3	88
8. Tallahassee,Fla	a.22-3	86
9. Hiwassee, Tenr	1. 23-1	85
10. Casper, Wyo.		
SewardCo.	24-0	76
12. Sullivan, Ky.	21-2	72
13. Midland	21-4	71
14. SouthPlains	22-2	56
15. WaltersState	21-2	48
16. Northidaho	21-2	47
17. Copiah-Lincol	n 20-2	45
tie. Westark, Ark.	18-4	45
19. MobertyArea	17-4	27
20. Weatherford	21-4	

College scores

George Washington 68, Dominion 63

Massachusetts Princeton 74, Penn 59 Rhode Island 110, Fordham 72 Rutgers 76, Loyola, Md. 65 St. Joseph's 63, Drexel 62

SOUTH Duke 62, Virginia 61 W. Kentucky 80, SW Louisiana 78 MIDWEST

Indiana 81, Penn St. 57 N. Iowa 75, Evansville 63 SOUTHWEST

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L.A. Clippers at Sacramento.

Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Indiana at Miami, 6:30 p.m.

Portland at Utah, 8 p.m.

BASEBALL

New Jersey at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m

Seattle 108, Denver 81

Utah 120, Sacramento 98

Wednesday's Games

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Tuesday's Games

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HOUSTON ROCKETS-Activated St. John's. Loaned LW Dennis

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Robert Pack on the injured list. Activated F Reggie Williams and G Kevin Edwards from the injured list. Signed F Jack Haley to a second 10day contract.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Signed G-F Jeff Grayer for remainder of the season. Activated F Billy Owens from the injured list. Placed C Kevin Salvadori on the injured list

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS-Activated G Nate McMillan from the injured list. Placed G Greg Graham FOOTBALL

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS-Named Fred Hoaglin tight ends

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS-Named Bob Karmelowicz defensive line

MINNESOTA VIKINGS-Named Ivy Williams tight ends coach.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS Named Carl Smith to the coaching SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS-

Signed QB Dave Barr

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS-Recalled D Ruslan Salei and RW

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FLORIDA PANTHERS Beceller C Craig Ferguson from Carolina of

HARTFORD WHALERS-Sent D Jason McBain to Springfield of the

NEW JERSEY DEVILS-Acquired C Peter Zezel from the St. Louis 1999 draft choice

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The final eight minutes saw six lead changes and three ties as the two teams gave each other their best shot.

Forsan took the lead for the first time in the game - 39-38 with 7:49 left when Robert Hillger hit a 3-pointer to stretch the Buff's run to 10-0.

Seconds later, Nichols hit the second of two free throws to tie the game at 39-39 and then scored on a lay-up following a Josh Collum steal to put Coahoma back on top, 41-39, with 6:47 left.

Josh Gaston then tied the game at 41-all on a lay-up after a Coahoma turnover with 6:06 left and Hillger gave the Buffs the lead again when he hit the first of two charity tosses with 5:28 left in the contest.

Steve Osburn gave the Buffs a bit of breathing room at 44-41 when he scored off a spinning drive to the basket following a Coahoma turnover but Nichols answered with a three on the return trip up the court to tie the game at 44 44 with 4:26 left.

put Coahoma up 47-44.

A 3-pointer by Lain with 3:31

The two teams then traded baskets before Collum hit a pair of free throws after being fouled when he stole the inbounds pass with 2:24 left. Collum's free throws allowed Coahoma to open a 51-46 lead and capped a 10-2 run.

But just like McDonald said, the Buffs wouldn't quit.

Gaston and Osburn hit a pair of quick baskets to pull Forsan to within one, 51-50, with 1:44 left before Barr hit the first of two free throws to make the score 52-50 with 1:21 on the clock.

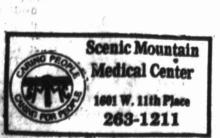
Davis hit his second 3-pointer of the game with 49 seconds left to give Forsan a 53-52 lead and set the stage for the wild finish.

With 26 seconds left, Coahoma's Matthew Hamilton missed the front end of a oneand-one and Forsan came up with the ball on the possession arrow after a tie.

The Buffs couldn't take advantage, however, as Osburn missed the front end of a oneand-one when Collum fouled him while trying to grab the

ball with just 14 seconds left. It was then that Barr scored the game winner after a series of misses underneath the bas-

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have a twinkle in your eye, but keep matters under wraps for now. Keeping a secret involving someone who is at a distance is very important. However, don't be surprised when an associate tries to lure it out of you. Tonight:

Mum's the word.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A surprise could come in the form of a check or someone else's indulgence. Be willing to explore an opportunity. Remain anchored about what you want above all. A work project needs a partner's support, and your attention. Tonight: Go out with

good friends.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

A partner needs you and your feedback. Consider exactly what you expect from another, and be clear. Be realistic about the implications of mixing business with pleasure. Although right now doing so is delightful, the consequences are long-term. Tonight: Go for closeness.****

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

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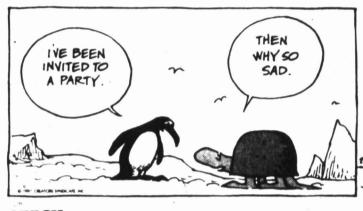
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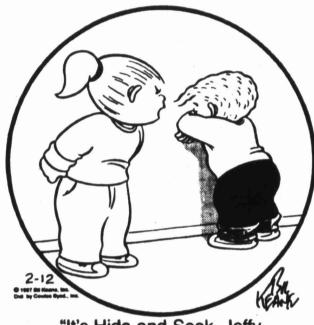


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Five years ago: Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton released a letter he'd written as a student in 1969 in which he said he had decided to give up a draft deferment in order to "maintain my political viability." President Bush formally announced his bid for reelection.

One year ago: Bob Dole eked out a victory in Iowa's Republican presidential caucuses, while Pat Buchanan came in a surprisingly strong second.

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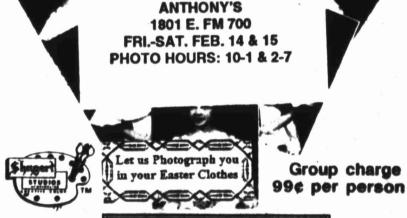
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