Reflecting A Proud Community

March 4, 1997

BSISD trustees award bids for \$2.59 million HVAC project

News Editor

For now, heating and air-conditioning system improvements will be made on only five Big Spring Independent School District campuses, as trustees will wait until their budget workshops later this year before deciding whether or not to expand the project. .

Meeting in special session Monday, the school board opened bids for the heating and air conditioning improvements at the five schools — Bauer, Marcy and Washington elementary schools. Goliad Middle School and the Anderson Kindergarten Center — and awarded the contract to SkiHi Enterprises Inc. of Fort Worth.

Only two companies submitted bids on the project that the district's consultants had estimated would cost about \$2.5 million.

In approving SkiHi's bid, the board was able to include two of the four alternate bids they had requested — air conditioning the middle classroom wing at Goliad and installing a lay-in ceiling at Marcy — for a total contract of \$2.59 million.

SkiHi submitted the lowest base bid, \$2,470,000, compared to the \$2,583,200 bid from Lee George Construction Inc. of Big Spring.

In addition, the Fort Worth company's Please see BIDS, page 2

representative told trustees the company would be willing to guarantee its bids on the two additional alternatives air conditioning Steer Gym at the high school and the Lakeview Headstart building - until Aug. 1, giving the board a chance formulate a proposed budget for the 1997-98 school year before deciding on the additional \$501,000 worth of work.

That decision was not unanimous and it took more than an hour of discussion before the board reached its decision with Trustees Larry McLellan and Al Valdez dissenting in a 4-2 vote.

Superintendent W.A. McQueary's recommendation to the board called for approval of three alternatives in addition to the base bid.

That recommendation suggested that the board also approve air conditioning the high school gymnasium, which would have increased the cost of the overall project to \$2,851,000.

McLellan voiced immediate concern that voters who approved funding for the project with passage of the \$12.5 million bond issue last year had responded to the board's assertions that air conditioning classrooms was paramount.

"I'd like to be able to do all four of these (alternatives)," McLellan said. "But if we vote to air condition an athletic facility and leave classroom facili-



Today, to kickoff Texas Public Schools Week, students at the Anderson Kindergarten Center joined their parents and teachers in a group pledge to the United States and Texas flags.

Sentencing for Reeder postponed

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Thursday's scheduled sentencing of G. Wayne Reeder, a partner of convicted Big Spring businessman Charles Chris Christopher, has been postponed until March 26, according to a clerk in the federal courthouse in Providence, R.I.

Reeder was convicted last November on five counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods and six counts of wire fraud, and faces five years in prison on each of the five counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods and 10 years in prison on each of the six counts of wire fraud for his part in looting two insurance compa-

Reeder's sentencing date was originally set for Thursday following the completion of a presentence investigation by the probations department.

In December, Christopher was sentenced for his part in looting Diamond Benefits Insurance Company of Arizona and American Universal Insurance Company.

Together, Christopher and Reeder looted more than \$30 million from the two compamaking : American Universal (110,000 policyholders nationwide) the largest insurance company to fail in Rhode Island history.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Providence, the illegal transactions on which Reeder was convicted total about \$16 million.

Reeder's first trial last summer ended in a mistrial. He was convicted in the November retrial.

Reeder's attorneys have filed a motion for a new trial and U.S. District Judge Frances Boyle has scheduled a hearing on the

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Medical expenses fund established for owner of Forsan's Soda Shop

Pam Christian's condition critical in ICU at SMMC

HERALD Staff Report

Pam Christian, 34, owner of the Soda Shop in Forsan, suffered a massive heart attack Sunday. She is listed in critical condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She and a daughter were traveling down Rex Street in Forsan when the attack occurred. The vehicle in which they were traveling crashed into a vacant gasoline station, but their injuries from the crash were negligible.

According to reports, there is a history of heart disease in her family.

To assist the family, which reportedly has no insurance, with mounting medical bills, a fund has been set up at Security State Bank, 1411 Gregg St., to help pay for medical expenses. The account number is 9-300-436 and those who wish to donate to the fund may do so by contacting the bank at 267-5555.

Pam and her husband, Johnny, opened the Soda Shop in November 1994 after they, their two children, and some friends remodeled a run-down



HERALD file photo

Pam Christian, seen here with her signature smile and making one of her famous old-fashioned milk shakes, suffered a massive heart attack Sunday. She is listed in critical condition at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and a fund has been set up at Security State Bank to help the family with medical expenses.

building on Rex Street.

the restaurant was always greeted by Pam's smile and takes the time to go by each porarily closed.

table to make sure everyone is Anyone who has ever visited enjoying their food, shakes and

Because of her hospitalizafriendly spirit. She always tion, the Soda Shop is tem-

Clinton facing bipartisan opposition on Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) - By certifying that Mexico is fully cooperating in the battle against drugs, President Clinton united lawmakers across party lines.

Outraged senators from both parties joined Monday to introduce resolutions to overturn the decision, and the Senate could vote as soon as Wednesday.

"I stand here as a friend of Mexico and the Mexican people, but I believe the actions on the many others are working with part of the administration were a resounding endorsement of the status quo and the status quo is unacceptable," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga. "We are losing this war. That's what the status quo represents."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who sponsored the reso-Coverdell, with lutions acknowledged that Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo "and

us in good faith and making their best efforts. But have we received full cooperation? Not even close."

Certification was not intended "to deliver merit badges to nations whose leaders have good intentions," she said. "The act was designed to uniformly measure the actions taken by countries to assist the U.S. in anti-drug efforts."

Hangar 25 Committee planning future events to raise project funding

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Preserving a piece of Big Spring's history is one of the easons behind the efforts to Hangar McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark.

The Hangar 25 Advisory Committee met Monday to discuss progress on the project, which is estimated to cost a little more than \$500,000.

"We had a brainstorming session Monday and we plan to begin more fund-raising events in April, like a static display and another USO show," Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan added. "If we get all of the confirmations for the static display. we plan to have the World War Il bomber Tinkerbell, as well as locally owned private planes and planes from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene.

The projected construction time on the project is about nine to 10 months after contracts are let, something the Department Texas Transportation wants done locally

Hopefully, the contracts will be let sometime this fall, according to Reagan.

The project could receive a major boost once the city finds out what the insurance settlement will be for hail damage to the hangar's roof which occurred May 10 last year.

Estimates of the settlement have ranged from as little as \$20,000 to as much as \$80,000.

When the legislature passed the ICETEA Act in 1991, the city was able to secure a \$500,000 grant for the hangar project, which falls into the granting category of transportation related non-traditional historical type projects.

According to Reagan, with enhancement funds from the state, Hangar 25 could be

The airpark is still in the

midst of raising its 20 percent of

the estimated project cost

approximately \$114,000, which has come through various fund raising events "To date, we have raised about

26 percent of our goal," Reagan

committee City/County Grant Writer Leigh Corson will also begin looking at various foundations as funding sources for the project, Reagan said.

The idea behind the restoration project is to make good use of some of the empty buildings at the airpark. Because the city itself does not have the money it takes to such a project, Reagan said, taking advantage of programs like the ICETEA Act is a good solution.

Hangar 25 was built in 1941 for the bombardier school, which trained thousands of men for the eventual destruction of Axis forces in the war.

Part of the history of the hangar is the bombardier school graduated its first group of cadets the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The base closed in 1946, but when the Korean Conflict erupted in 1951, the base was resurrected and produced jet pilots for more than a quarter of a

"It became known as Webb AFB home of the 3560th Pilot Training Wing," Reagan said, and for a while was the base for the 331st Fighter Interceptor Squadron."

In the end, the hangar began to turn out pilots for Allied nations such as Jordan, Israel, China, Thailand and Vietnam, achieving one of the most distinguished records in the Air Training Command. "The Airpark still holds very

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Tonight: Fair, low around 40. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 60s. Low in the upper 30s.

Extended outlook: Thursday, sunny. High around 70. Low near 40. Friday, partly cloudy with a high in the 70s.

Senate confirms lawyer to Parks and Wildlife Commission

AUSTIN (AP) - Houston lawyer Carol Dinkins has won confirmation to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission despite concerns raised by a senator that her firm's environmental cases might pose a conflict of interest.

Dinkins, and the Vinson & Elkins law firm of which she is a partner, "have represented various parties with incrests that are adverse to that of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department." Sen. Carlos Truan, D-Corpus Christi, said

"It concerns me deeply . .. I our state agencies to a higher think Parks and Wildlife has a major responsibility to protect the environment," he said.

Among Dinkins' defenders was Sen. John Lindsay, R-Houston, who said, "She is a woman of honor. ... When she tells you something, you can take it to the bank.

Others said political appointees shouldn't have to meet a different standard than state lawmakers, who are parttime public servants and hold

outside jobs. "We ought not to be holding standard than we are willing to set for ourselves," said Senate Committee Nominations Chairman Frank Madla.

Dinkins, who was named to the commission by Republican Gov. George W. Bush, was confirmed 27-3 by the Senate. Joining Truan in opposing her were Democratic Sens. Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin and Gregory Luna of San Antonio.

In an interview, Dinkins said she doesn't believe her work presents a conflict. She said her practice is gener-

cases involving Parks and Wildlife make up a "very, very, very small percentage" of her law firm's caseload. "I examined this before I dis-

ally at the federal level, and that

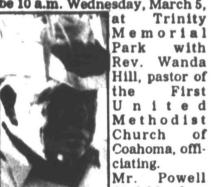
cussed the appointment with the governor. ... I am very pleased to have the appointment and confirmation, and I look forward to doing a good job as a commissioner," Dinkins said.

Dinkins said, in a letter released by Truan, she will exclude herself from resolving any commission cases in which Vinson & Elkins is involved.

OBITUARIES

R.L. Powell, Jr.

Graveside service for R.L. Powell, Jr., 81, Coahoma, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5,



died Monday, March 3, at his residence on the Powell Ranch.

He was born on Jan. 4, 1916. on the Powell Ranch in Howard County, and he had been a lifelong resident. He attended Feb. 23, in Phoenix, Ariz. school at Coahoma, graduating from Coahoma High School in 1932. He had been a rancher all of his life. Mr. Powell was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma and was a member of the Cattle Raisers Association and the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association.

Survivors include: one brother. Bobby Powell. Coahoma: and three nieces.

als be made to the donor's favorite charity. Arrangements under the

The family suggests memori-

direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Earnest Jordan

Service for Earnest Jordan, 73, Big Spring, is pending with one great-grandchild. Myers & Smith Funeral Home. He died Monday, March 3, 1997, in a local hospital.

Pedro H. Martinez

Funeral service for Pedro H. Martinez, 65, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with Father Cornelius Scanlan officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial. Park. A rosary will be recited 7 p.m. tonight at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Martinez died Sunday, March 2.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1931, in Austin. He married Maria Isabel Ontiveros on Sept. 22, 1956, in Big Spring. He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Maria Isabel Martinez, Big Spring; four sons, Joe Martinez, Pete Martinez, Jr., Robert Martinez and Demetrio Martinez, all of Big Spring;

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home** Trinity Memorial Park



and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

R.L. Powell, Jr., 81, died Monday. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Warnell Avants, 70, died Sunday. Services were 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Burial in Trinity Memorial Park.

Charlie Easter, 82, died Friday. Services 2 PM Tuesday, Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memorial Park.

Pedro H. Martinez, 65, Rosary 7 PM Tuesday Myers & Smith Chapel with Mass 10 AM Wednesday St. Thomas Catholic Church with interment at Mount Olive.

Earnest Jordan, 73, died Monday. Services pending.

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four daughters, Patsy Torres, Josie Martinez, Lucy Garza, and Virginia Zambrano, all of Big Spring; three brothers, Lupe Martinez, Coahoma, Antonio Martinez, Stanton, and Victor Martinez, Big Spring; two sisters, Juanita Herrera, Big Spring, and Concepcion Ruiz, Dallas; and 19 grandchil-First dren.

Arrangements under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home, Midland.

R.G. Clennin, Jr.

A memorial service for Richard G. "Dick" Clennin, Jr., Rye, Colo., will be Saturday, March 8, 1997, at 3 p.m. in the Rye Home Methodist Church with a reception immediately following.

Mr. Clennin died Sunday,

He was born on Nov. 20, 1926, in Tulia. He was a graduate of Tulia High School and Kansas State University. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy as a Medical Corpman. After graduating from KSU, he ranched with his father in the Greenhorn Valley and eventually bought the Diamond Slash Ranch from his father. He married Velma Riddle, and she preceded him in death. He then married Mary Helen Yater, formerly of Big Spring.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Helen Yater-Clennin; his children, Richard Clennin III, Jim Clennin, Linda Hadden and Roy Clennin; two sisters, Lucille McNitt and Marie Whitlow; 11 grandchildren; and

Donald Lee Murphy

Funeral service for Donald Lee Murphy, 64, Lewisville, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 am. Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at the Northview Baptist Church in Lewisville with Rev. Kenneth Wells officiating. Burial will be in the Restland Memorial Park in Dallas.

Mr. Murphy died Sunday, March 2, in Lewisville.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1932, in Mount Vernon, Ill. He tharried Lavell Davis on Oct. 15, 1979. in Stanton. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Mr. Murphy worked as an electronics Technician and retired from American PetroFina after 30 years. He then worked for DFW Airport Operations for seven years. He was a member of the Northview Baptist Church in Lewisville.

He is survived by: his wife; Lavell Murphy, Lewisville; two sons, Michael Murphy. Albuquerque, N.M., and Stephen Murphy; a step-daughter, Kim Dean, Flower Mound; a step-son, Randy Burchell, Abilene; two sisters, Pat Kenesey, St. Louis, Mo., and Betty Artis, Mount Vernon, Ill; one brother, Ralph Murphy, Ridgecrest, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

The family request memorials be made to the Northview Baptist Church Building Fund; c/o Northview Baptist Church; 1981 N. Mill St.; Lewisville, Texas; 75057.

Arrangements under the direction of Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home, Lewisville.

Town Hall Meeting with Counts, Junell is Thursday at 7 p.m.

This week's Town Hall Meeting featuring State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City) and State Rep. Rob Junell (D-San Angelo) is in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Collseum at 7 p.m. Thursday.

A major item on the agenda is a discussion of the governor's tax reform proposal and how it will affect Howard County residents and businesses.

RECORDS

Monday's high 78 Monday's low 46 Average high 66 Average low 34 Record high 90 in 1974 Record low 4 in 1917 Precip. Monday 0.00 Month to date 0.03 Month's normal 0.00 Year to date 3.61 Normal for the year 1.29

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Bids

Continued from page 1 ties as they are, we're going to have some serious problems.

McQueary explained his recommendation noting that the Lakeview Headstart program is federally funded and has to be renewed annually.

"I'm not saying that I think the federal government is going to do away with the program, he said, "but I am saying that it's better to make these kinds of improvements to facilities we are absolutely certain will be used for a long time."

McLellan made a motion to approve a \$2.83 million package that included the base bid and three alternatives, excluding only the gymnasium from the project. That motion failed on a

Once SkiHi officials had agreed to guarantee their bid on the remaining alternatives until Aug. 1, Trustee Donnie Baker's motion to award the bid was approved.

In other business, the board approved the BSISD Textbook Committee's recommendations for the 1997-98 school year; discussed a number of policy updates; and set the groundbreaking ceremony for the new junior high school for 11 a.m. Thursday at the Boydstun site.

Reeder

Continued from page 1 motion for March 20.

Federal authorities say that because of Christopher and Reeder, more than 3,100 Diamond Benefits annuity holders, many of them senior citizens, had payments cut off.

For his part, Christopher was convicted in July 1995 on 11 counts of wire fraud and 10 counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods.

He faced a possible 155 years in prison and \$60 million in fines, but was given 121 months in federal prison on the 11 counts of wire fraud and 120 months in federal prison on the 10 counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods. Both sentences are running concurrently.

Christopher was also ordered to pay \$18 million in restitution to Diamond Benefits and \$8.7 million in restitution to American Universal Insurance

Because there is no parole on federal sentences, Christopher will have to serve at lease 85 percent or 8 1/2 years of the 10year sentence.

To date, Christopher has not raised the \$500,000 full-surety bond needed to release him pending appeal of his sentence. and is currently serving his time at the Wyatt Detention Center in Central Falls, R.I.

Christopher's appeal, which was filed with the First Circuit Court of Appeals in December. was based on all rulings pertaining to his case including denial of a motion for new trial and his order to pay restitution to Diamond Benefits and American Universal.

Project

Continued from page 1 sentimental feelings for a number of retired residents in Big Spring," Reagan noted. "The enthusiasm of the possibility of restoring the hangar is very

According to Reagan, Tinkerbell will be on display in Hangar 25 if all restoration efforts are successful and the Confederate Air Force has confirmed that it would like to

store Tinkerbell in the hangar. Several years ago when efforts were being made to have Tinkerbell restored, Big Spring played a vital role by providing a place for the work to get the

plane flying again. Today, Tinkerbell still sports the city of Big Spring logo on either side of the plane.

"With the restoration, we would like to be able to provide for the public a walking museum where residents can bring their kids and share grandkids and share with them a little history of the base," Reagan said. "This would also preserve some of our heritage.

Reagan recently traveled to Burnet, which also has a restored hangar there. "Their hangar is exactly what we want here, complete with planes and all." Reagan said.

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ROUND THE TOWN

MARKETS

March cotton 73.50 cents a pound, down 48 points; Feb. crude oil 20.34 up 9 points; Cash hogs steady at 50; slaughter steers steady at 70; April lean hog futures 74.30, up 22 points; Feb. live cattle futures 69.10, down 15 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. WEDNESDAY

·Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

·Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 ·Line Dance Festival, 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m., Big Spring Senior Citizen Center **THURSDAY**

·Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is wel-

come 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.

Furniture & Appliance Co. FREE DELIVERY & REMOVAL OF OLD GOODS

Texas Lottery CASH 5: 2, 6, 22, 24, 27

POLICE The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday: • ROBERTO OLIVAS, 53, of

1103 Lamar, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. WANDA PETERSON, 23, of 2519 Hunter, was arrested on

outstanding local warrants. KENNETH LLOYD HOP-PER, 46, of 1605 E. 17th, was arrested for burglary of a build-

• DWAYNE RENTERIA, 27, of 604 W. Fifth, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. AMANDA EGGLESTON.

18, of 702 E. 15th, was arrested on outstanding local warrants. · ERNEST KERR, 32, of Coahoma, was arrested on an

outstanding local warrant. • ERNESTO RODRIQUEZ, 37, of 1406 Virginia, was arrested for driving while license

invalid. • PAUL RAMIREZ, 31, of 110 Carey, was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving

with an invalid license. MICHAEL EUGENE SHU-BERT, 18, of 809 E. 14th, was arrested on outstanding local

WILLIAM LANE ROTHELL, HC 63B Route 35B, was arrested for public intoxication.

warrants.

• THEFTS in the 700 block of Willia, 1400 block of Runnels and 1100 block of N. Lancaster. BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING in the 1800 block of E. FM

• THEFT OF SERVICE in the 2500 block of Fairchild.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHI-CLE in the 1700 block of Nolan. INVESTIGATING SUSPI-CIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1400 block of Bluebird, 100 block of N.W. Fourth, 600 block of Aylesford, 1200 block of Ridgeroad, 900 block of Gregg, 100 block of S. Main, 900 block of Highland and 2500 block of Albrook.

· LOUD PARTY in the 500 block of S. Goliad.

The police department also reported the following activity from the weekend: · Six thefts (four from conve-

nience stores) · Six criminal mischief reports

· Four criminal trespass

Nine information reports

· Two burglaries Two assaults

warnings issued · One driving while license invalid and one driving while intoxicated

 One runaway · One possession of drug paraphernalia

· One failure to identify himself to a peace officer

· Two minor accidents 23 people arrested

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Tuesday: • JOSE PEREZ JR., 21, of

4000 E. Highway 90 No. 0, was arrested on his first offense of driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 30 days in ANTHONY GARCIA

ARISTA, 37, of 306 N.E. 10th, was arrested on his third offense of driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, one year in a substance abuse facility and five years probation.

JAMES EDWARD THWEATT, 19, of Cookeville, Tenn., was transferred from the police department after being arrested for harboring a runaway and an outstanding Tennessee warrant. His bonds were set at a total of \$12,000.

• FAMILY DISTURBANCE at residence on Adams St.

 LOUD MUSIC at residence on Lorilla St.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING STATE Hospital Volunteer Services Council is sponsoring its 11th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala, Friday, April 4. A reception and complimentary food and drink will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the home of Bob and Carol Scott, 3107 Mountain Shadow, and a dance at the Stampede from 8 to midnight with music provided by Jody

Benefactor \$200 - up, Patron \$100 and sponsor \$50. RSVP by Friday. All proceeds go toward patient needs and special hospital related projects. Donations are tax deductible. For more information call 268-7271.

A LINE DANCE FESTIVAL is at the big spring senior Citizens Center Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.,. Line dance groups participating are from Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene, Sweetwater, Kermit, Seminole, Midland and Big Spring. The dancing begins immediately following lunch (about 12:30 or 1 p.m.) The public is invited to come and have lunch and watch the line danc-

THERE HAS BEEN A medical expense fund set up at Security State Bank (account No. 9-300-4346) for Pam Christian on medical expenses incurred by a massive heart attack.

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UT must release names of unsuccessful white applicants

AUSTIN - The University of Texas must reveal the names of white law school applicants who were put on a waiting list and

The ruling by a state district judge could mean more lawsuits that challenge the school's admissions decisions.

Steven Smith, the attorney who sued LIT in the Hopwood case, which ended racial preferences for Texas college students last summer, made the open records request in September. He asked for the names of white and "non-preferred minority" applicants on the waiting list in 1995 and 1996.

At the time, race was still a consideration in evaluating applicants for admission.

When UT refused to release names, Smith sued and Travis County Judge Jeanne Meurer ruled on Feb. 18 that the list was public information that must be released.

GTECH: 'This contract should not be rebid'

AUSTIN — The Lottery Commission was expected to consider rebidding on the lucrative contract to run Texas' numbers games today, with current contract holder GTECH arguing that such a move will cost millions.

"This contract should not be rebid, and we intend to dramatically and demonstrably make that point," GTECH spokesman Bob Rendine said on the eve of today's commission meeting.

Rendine said at least three other state lotteries have been hurt by rebidding contracts.

"I'm pretty sure some of the commissioners still don't understand the full scope and complexity of services provided here and what's happened elsewhere," he told the Austin American-

The three-member commission, including two members who have said they want to cancel GTECH's current five-year deal, was scheduled to discuss whether and how to rebid the contract.

Bill would increase penalty for selling alcohol to minors

AUSTIN - Convenience store clerks, restaurant waiters and others who repeatedly sell alcohol to minors could face up to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine under a bill pending in a House

Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio, on Monday said juvenile drinking is a big problem and those who make alcohol available should be held responsible.

"If we are going to have zero-tolerance with the juveniles that are drinking, isn't it only consistent that we raise the stakes for those who voluntarily break the law?"

Corte's bill would make it a state jail felony for knowingly sell ing alcohol to a minor for a second time. That carries a minimum punishment of 180 days in jail.

A first offense is a Class C misdemeanor. A second offense currently is a Class B misdemeanor.

Lubbock DA's office computer system leads to backlog

LUBBOCK - A \$500,000 software package in the Lubbock County criminal district attorney's office has helped create a million-dollar headache for prosecutors, judges and police.

"We're working harder than ever; we're just not getting as much done," District Attorney Bill Sowder said. "Because of the computer problems, we're not able to file cases and get them into the system as fast as we could. And, essentially, justice delayed is justice denied."

Users complain that data entry and data searches have been slowed by the new system. More than 1,100 unfiled criminal charges are lying fallow on desks and in boxes, waiting to be entered into the system.

More than a month's worth of warrants and pleas are caught in the system, which poses a threat to the community, Lubbock Police Chief Ken Walker said.

Republic of Texas 'citizen' files suit for \$27 million against San Angelo

izen" of the Republic of Texas has filed a \$27 million lawsuit against the city of San Angelo over three traffic citations that could have been cleared up with

John Albert Crain of Crane was given tickets for driving with an expired driver's license, an expired license plate and no insurance while in San

Angelo on Dec. 20. Instead of paying for the tickets or contesting them in city court, Crain told the city attorney's office that the traffic tickets violated his rights as a "citizen of the Republic of Texas."

Republic followers claim Texas was annexed illegally by

SAN ANGELO (AP) - A "cit- the United States and remains an independent nation.

In documents submitted to the city, Crain declared he has "never surrendered his inalienable/unalienable rights or his personal sovereignty to the government of the United States or other private corporate creations such as the state of Texas.

He is seeking \$1 million in compensatory and \$1 million in punitive damages. He's also requesting \$25 million for "pain and suffering" from the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

The lawsuit also claims Crain "lives in constant fear" that he will be "kidnapped.

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McVeigh's lawyer says confession contrived

calling Timothy McVeigh's reported confession a hoax, the defense team for the Oklahoma City bombing suspect said it had faked the statement and accused The Dallas Morning News of stealing it.

The defense team said the document was concocted to persuade a witness suspected of being involved in the bombing conspiracy to talk to defense investigators.

Stephen Jones, McVeigh's lead attorney, said it was among hundreds of computer files stolen by the Morning News. He demanded an investigation of the newspaper, and accused the Morning News of breaking into the defense's computer files to obtain documents for McVeigh and co-defendant Terry Nichols, as well as 25,000 FBI files.

Jones offered no proof that

DENVER (AP) — Three days theft was committed and said he could not disclose precisely what documents had allegedly been stolen. Federal prosecutors said no one had formally requested an investigation.

The newspaper denied breaking any laws. Its lawyer, Paul Watler, said the paper used "lawful newsgathering techniques" and "did not hack into Mr. Jones' computer system and it did not assist anyone else in doing so."

"We have no fear of criminal repercussions," Watler said.

In a story published online Friday, the newspaper cited a defense memorandum that said McVeigh admitted to driving the explosives-laden truck that demolished the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in April 1995, killing 168 people and injuring more than 500.

The memo said he chose a

daytime attack to ensure a fession or even a "legitimate" "body count."

Jones responded within hours, saying the document was either a hoax or had been stolen; he suggested the paper had been duped by one of its critics.

On Monday, the defense elaborated. It said the confession was a ploy to elicit statements from someone else the defense suspected.

"The defense believed that this person was willing to talk if the individual believed that he was not suspected by the defense of being a participant in the bombing," the defense said in a statement.

That person, the defense claimed, "had a history of incitement to violence and criminal activity."

Jones denied that the state ment from McVeigh was a con-

funds for private school tuition.

defense memo, but said he could not characterize it further because of a gag order by U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch. He said he found the document in his files after the newspaper published excerpts.

"They knew or should have known that they had stolen documents," Jones said. "They knew or should have known they had no authorized release from Tim McVeigh, Judge Matsch or myself. There is no justification whatever for this criminal act."

Nichols' attorney, Michael Tigar, said none of his client's confidential memoranda or privileged materials have been compromised. He said Jones computer records included some of Nichols' defense files. but only witness statements shared with the prosecution.

Group claims voucher idea gaining

AUSTIN (AP) — With House treasurer for a political action bills already filed to allow government-paid private school tuition, and the Senate **Education Committee chairman** poised to file his own plan, a school choice group says momentum is on its side.

"Clearly there is movement on this issue," Joe Christie, a former state senator, said Monday. "There is a genuine effort by a disparate group of elected officials to try some new ideas in order to make our educational system better in

He was joined at a news conference by Austin businessman Jimmy Mansour, who also is

committee, the A+ PAC for Parental School Choice. The PAC has raised money to elect religious conservatives to the State Board of Education.

Mansour said his effort with Christie, called Putting Children First, is separate from his work for the PAC. "I'm not here as a Republican.

Joe's not here as a Democrat.

The issue of school choice should not be about politics," Mansour said. Putting Children First sup-

- A pilot program to allow children in low-performing pub-

lic schools access to public

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, has filed such a limited school choice measure. It would allow students at low-performing schools, who can't transfer to another public school, to use public funds for private school tuition.

Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, has filed a broader school choice measure, dubbed the child-centered scholarship program.

Chairman Teel Bivins, R-

Senate Education Committee

Amarillo, plans to file a bill providing for a pilot program for the so-called school vouchers.

pendent charter schools, which are publicly funded, separate from school districts, free from many state regulations and able to enroll students regardless of district lines.

Other groups oppose using public funds for private school

"The current public education system in Texas already is dramatically underfunded. Average spending per student lags behind average national spending by nearly \$1,000 per student per year. To divert any funding form our public schools would widen further this already unacceptable gap," said the Removing the cap on inde- Coalition for Public Schools.

Lawmakers say governor's property tax plan lacks votes the state sales tax and motor House committee studying the AUSTIN (AP) - The state \$9 billion a year for schools -

would pay 80 percent of the cost less than half of the \$19 billion of educating Texas school children under a goal set by a House committee.

Some lawmakers on the panel, which is considering Gov. George W. Bush's plan to lower local property taxes by raising some state taxes, said they don't think the governor's plan has the support needed to pass.

are committed to providing a better source of school funding and enacting some tax cut.

Currently the state pays about tax, a one-half cent increase to

spent each year.

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson and chairman of the committee, on Monday said he wants the state to pay as close to 80 percent as possible. He said the target could be lowered if committee members can't find a way to raise the money.

Bush's plan would lower the They added though that they \$10 billion raised by local school taxes each year by \$3 billion. To do so. Bush has proposed a new, 1.25 percent business activity

vehicle tax and the use of \$1 billion in extra state revenue.

Reps. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, and Tom Craddick, R-Midland, have introduced a bill and a proposed constitutional amendment to enact Bush's idea.

Mark Stiles, D-Rep. Beaumont, said too many people are being nice about Bush's is not enough. plan because they don't want to upset the governor. He said Bush's plan doesn't have the needed votes.

Stiles, a member of a special both priorities.

issue, urged fellow lawmakers on the panel to thank Bush for starting the conversation and "then stab (this plan) in the

vote this thing out." Stiles said. "It will be like a rose picked last winter — it will be DOA." Sadler said cutting taxes alone

"I'll make a motion that we

"You cannot give a short-term tax break and not impact school

funding," he said. Bush said he's focused on

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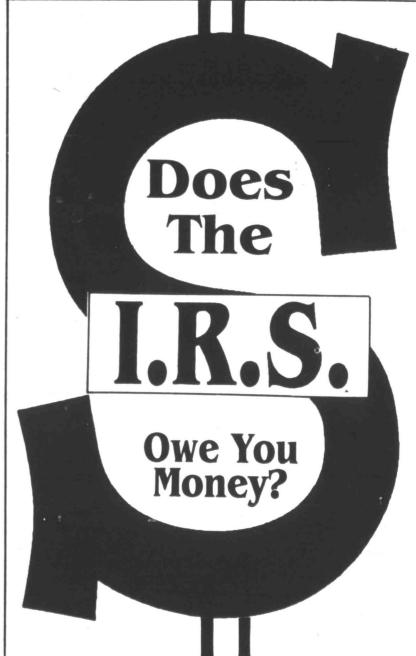
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OTHER VIEWS

Widen the probe into fund-raising

uring the Vietnam War, Premier Nguyen Cao Ky once confided to a Western journalist that, while a few politicians in Southeast Asia refused bribes, the great majority were corrupt. Smiled Ky: "And I am one of these." Congress should take a similarly philosophical approach to probing presidential campaign fund-raising, broadening the inquiry to include its own questionable practices.

There is stiff resistance to this idea. Democrats on the Senate panel that bankrolls such probes aren't keen on laying bare their president's more creative money-making schemes — turning the White House into a bed-and-breakfast for the rich and famous, hobnobbing with various Asian Croesuses, etc. — to Sen. Fred Thompson's Governmental Affairs Committee sleuths. Their unlikely new ally is Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who objects to any investigation that includes congressional campaign practices.

McConnell — just coincidentally head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, a fund-raising organ — grouses that a wider investigation would (1) soften the focus on President Clinton's truly heroic contribution grubbing and might (2) melt into a general call for campaign-finance reform, a somewhat separate issue. McConnell should relax a little. The first objection is preventable, the second far from inevitable.

An investigation of both branches and both parties would indeed give many people some explaining to do. For example, the National GOP Congressional Campaign Committee last year told top corporate donors that their gifts would go only to House campaigns, possibly flouting election laws. And Scripps Howard's Lance Gay notes that three Democrats on Thompson's very committee got substantial "soft money" from Clinton's fund-raising juggernaut. But let the chips fall. From appearances, the president's solicitations dwarfed all others, at least in their brazenness. McConnell should trust Thompson to keep the spotlight trained mostly on the prime offender.

And of course campaign-finance reform is intimately related to the probe. "Politics has got so expensive that it takes lots of money even to get beat with," said Will Rogers, who died 61 years before Mark Warner spent \$7.1 million losing a Senate race in Virginia. When it takes a mountain of cash to obtain public office, the temptation is to climb it unhindered by such superfluous gear as propriety and respect for the rules.

Also a very practical reason exists for looking at Congress, too. Unless the whole political gang comes under scrutiny, the public will read the investigation as just one more episode of partisan sniping at the president. Then McConnell won't have to fret about the probe being watered down. It will be washed away.

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O.J. is no Othello — and shouldn't be confused as such

How many dozens of times during the endless O.J. saga have you heard a glib TV announcer compare the ordeal of the former football player



of the former football player to Shakespearean tragedy?

the television announcer probably and more specifically means to evoke the play "Othello." (The commentator may not know exactly which play he means, of course. Maybe he is repeating on the 11 o'clock news what was said at 6, or what he read in the paper. But never mind that. Most of us could use a refresher course on Shakespeare.)"

By "Shakespearean tragedy"

"Othello" is the tragedy that

— superficially, at first blush

— seems to fit O.J. like a size

12 Bruno Magli shoe. It is the ultimate tale of the jealous husband, a dark Moor, who first strikes, then finally kills his sexy white wife. It's widely acknowledged as Shakespeare's most intense, passionate play and is the source of the phrase, "the green-eyed monster."

"'Othello' has laid hold of people, primitively, in a way that no other Shakespearean tragedy could hope to do," scholar Julie Hankey once wrote. "Women have shrieked and fainted, old men have laid their heads down on their arms and sobbed, young men have lost their sleep and gone about for days in a trance. The story comes very near to ordinary people's lives."

Sounds like the O.J. melodra ma so far.

I am no Shakespeare expert, but A.C. Bradley was. His lectures on "Hamlet." "King Lear." "Macbeth" and. "bod Othello" were first published in 1904 and still are regarded as brilliant criticism.

And Mr. Bradley contended that one component of

Shakespearean tragedy is justice. The fallen hero dies. He falls on his sword, not hard times. He claims remorse, not bankruptcy. He makes an appeal for forgiveness, not to a higher court.

Without death or remorse or

both, there is no justice.
Without justice, there is no
Shakespearean tragedy.
"Speak of me as I am, nothing extenuate, nor set down in
malice," Othello says shortly

before killing himself. "Then must you speak of one that loved not wisely but too well...."

O.J.'s story might have been Shakespearean tragedy.
Bradley's description of Othello

seems to fit the O.J. we used to know.

"Othello," he said, "is, in one sense of the word, by far the most romantic figure among Shakespeare's heroes; and he is so partly from the strange life, of war and adventure which he

has lived from childhood. He

does not belong to our world,

know not whence - almost as

and he seems to enter it we

colossal, Bradley writes, poetic and physically powerful — but his mind "is very simple."

And then there's O.J. — a

if from wonderland." He is

superstar jock who comes from poverty and lands in Brentwood, who runs like the wind and looks like a Greek god. And his mind, well, read his crude, illiterate notes to Nicole.

Yet Bradley spoke of a "moral order" that is present in all Shakespearean tragedy. He said that prevailing moral order is why audiences are able to accept the catastrophes, why sometimes they exult in a fallen hero's death.

If O.J. had confessed to an insane jealousy and crime of passion and then killed himself the day of the white Bronco chase, maybe then we'd have the stuff of Shakespearean tragedy.

Instead we have a common, sordid, police blotter orine—unpunished, unresolved, definitely un-Shakespearean.

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Clinton's improbable topic: Better car seat attachments

By WALTER R. MEARS

AP Special Correspondent

In President Clinton's
Saturday morning radio serial,
the episodes feature miniature
proposals with worthy goals,
low costs and topics that sometimes seem improbable for
White House microphones.

All of the above apply to his latest broadcast, a presidential pledge to help make children's car safety seats easier to hook up properly. Under federal regulations he proposes, the seats would come with standard buckles and new automobiles would have latches to fit them, effective in 1999.

"As the president has said, the era of big government is over," Clinton's \$1.69 trillion, five-volume 1998 budget notes, in outlining broad federal roles, which don't get to the car seat level.

That is not to suggest that new federal standards aren't a good idea.

"We're moving closer to the day when safe, well-attached car seats will be the rule of the road," Clinton said Saturday. Safer for children, simpler for parents often frustrated by the mechanics of widely varying car seats, which now are required in every state.

"Anyone who's ever wrestled with a car seat knows what I'm talking about," said Clinton, the first president to wrestle with the topic in a nationally

broadcast address.

In a way, his proposals for limited federal programs, persuasion and sometimes advice on topics from education to crime control to safe driving are attuned to his era of smaller government. In another way, they're attuned to a broadened Washington reach.

Clinton has said, repeatedly, that there is not a program for every problem, that government doesn't have all the answers. His minf-menu offers some, but with limits, especially on costs. He is, after all, pledged to a balanced budget in five years. But even low-priced proposals require rules, standards and the regulators to enforce them.

The strain between the two sometimes is evident, as when Clinton pushed the idea of requiring uniforms for public school pupils as a step to instill discipline and to reduce jealousy and friction that can stir violence.

violence.

"Let me be clear: Washington will not tell our schools what to do," he said in that Saturday radio talk, just about a year ago. He said parents, teachers and local school officials will have to make the decision, and the federal government can only advise.

So he told the Education
Department to distribute a
manual to each of the nation's
16,000 school districts on the
advantages of making uniforms
mandatory.

The five-minute weekly radio talk, usually live, at 10:06
Saturday mornings, has become Clinton's forum for offering and often repeating such ideas.
It is a presidential format

dating from Richard Nixon's time, although only Ronald Reagan and now Clinton made it a weekly fixture. Reagan delivered 331 of them; most were presidential sermons for his programs and philosophy. "Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same," he said

in the last of his weekly talks.

George Bush used the medium sporadically. Clinton not only revived it, he made it into a production, usually broadcasting live from the Oval Office with an invited audience, sometimes featuring people affected by the measures he is discussing.

For his push to expand the family leave law to permit working people up to 24 hours, unpaid, a year, for things like school conferences and children's medical appointments, he invited three families who got emergency time off under the existing law, the first he signed as president.

Early in his presidency, Clinton concentrated his talks on his major proposals to Congress, particularly on economic matters. He still does so some Saturdays. But more often, he adds to the catalogue of cautious proposals that have been his style since the Republicans took over Congress in the 1994 elections.

The Republicans get broadcast time for a Saturday radio talk of their own. But with different voices and without the White House pulpit, it is an unequal match.

It always has been difficult to calculate the size of the listening audience, but replays, clips and news accounts magnify the impact, especially on quiet weekends.

Just the thing for modest proposals, among them:

 Clinton's announcement of a \$14.3 million first installment for school equipment and training to link classrooms to the Internet.
 Word of an administration

handbook for police on dealing

with witness intimidation by street gangs.

• His directions to federal agencies to save surplus food from their cafeterias for distri-

bution to the hungry.

• His preview of changes in automobile air bag rules to reduce the risk of harming

children.
And, of course, easy to install car seats.

car seats.
One of these Saturdays, perhaps, there'll be instructions

on how to program a VCR.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.



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Tech's Battie muscles way onto All-Big 12-hoops team

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Raef LaFrentz of Kansas, the top player on the nation's No. 1 team, and Colorado's versatile Chauncey Billups are unanimous selections to the first Associated Press All-Big 12 basketball team.

Joining them on the first team in balloting by a panel of 24 media observers, two per conference school, were center Tony Battie of Texas Tech. guard Dedric Willoughby of Iowa State and guard Reggie Freeman, who led Texas in scoring, rebounding and assists. Battle came within two votes of being unanimous on the first team.

LaFrentz, a 6-foot-11 junior forward, burst to stardom in January when a foot injury sidelined center Scot Pollard. The Jayhawks maintained the national No. 1 ranking as LaFrentz, a native of tiny Monona, Iowa, became the first player in Roy Williams' nine years as coach to top 20 points in eight straight games.

Although frequently doubleteamed, LaFrentz proved an unstoppable force offensively and defensively as the Jayhawks went 7-1 in that key stretch. He goes into postseason

AUSTIN (AP) — The Dallas

Independent School District has

the rare opportunity to win

three state championships this

weekend at the University

Interscholastic League boys

Four of the tournament's 20

teams are either from the

Dallas Independent School

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Class 4A runner-up, to drop

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Defending Class 5A champion

Dallas Kimball (36-2) returns in

hopes of helping Dallas pull off

"I think it would be a first.

That's how unusual that is,"

UIL Assistant Athletic Director

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averaging better than 19 points and nine rebounds.

Billups is the reason Colorado is on track for its first NCAA tournament berth in 28 years. The 6-3 sophomore point guard finished fourth in the Big 12's inaugural season in scoring with 20.2 points per game, second in free throw percentage (.851), third in assists (116) and third in steals (2.3 per game).

Big 12 scoring champion Cory Carr, a junior from Texas Tech, leads a guard-laden second team in the guard-rich league. Other guards named to the second unit were Kansas senior Jacque Vaughn, the player of the year in the Big Eight last year who got off to a slow start this season after missing the first 10 games with a wrist injury; Nebraska's super-quick sophomore Tyronn Lue: and Oklahoma senior Nate Erdmann.

Also named to the second team was junior center Brian Skinner of Baylor, who had the Big 12's best rebounding game of the year when he pulled down 20 against Hardin-Simmons.

Many point to LaFrentz as Kansas' finest player since Danny Manning was a two-time 43 against Fresno State.

Dallas has shot at three UIL titles

I think it would be

a first. That's how

unusual that is.

The closest would

be in 1990 when

Kimball won 5A

all-American in the late 1980s. "LaFrentz has stepped up to be one of the premier players in America," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said. "Last year, he was a solid Big Eight player. Now he's an All-

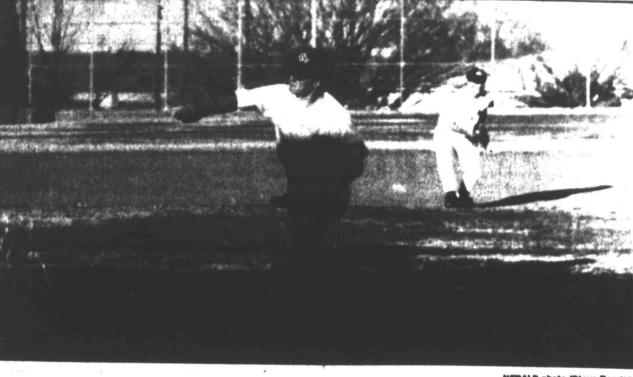
American." Billups is a threat everywhere on the court. He went 5for-5 from 3-point range in one game this year and hit 15 free

throws in another "He wears a of har s," Williams said. 's different. He's not like se te other guys because he ca. do so many things."

Battie, a 6-11 junior, led the Big 12 with almost 13 rebounds a game while astonishing fans and foes with his rapid improvement

"He's the real deal. Tony Battle is the best center in this league, hands down," Baylor coach Harry Miller said. Wher you get past (Wake Forest's) Tim Duncan, I don't knew that there's anybody in the country any better. He's quick, agile and can run."

The biggest scoring game in the Big 12 season belonged to Freeman, a 6-6 senior who hit



Big Spring pitcher Jeff Denton warms up between innings during the Steers' game with Snyder Tuesday at Steer Park. Snyder defeated Big Spring, 11-7.

Five-run fourth marks beginning of end for Big Spring vs. Snyder

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

The dreaded big inning stood between the Big Spring Steers and their first baseball win of the year.

The Steers woke up their bats for their home opener Monday against Snyder, but a five-run fourth inning by the Tigers gave them the lead and they never let go, downing Big Spring 11-7 at Steer Park.

Big Spring (0-7) looked nothing like a winless team early, as they took a 5-2 lead in the third off Snyder starter Clay Berryman. But pitching woes of their own finally laid the Steers low - three pitchers combined to issue 12 walks and allowed

"This was our best game of the year, no doubt. The guys never gave up," BSHS coach Bobby Doe said. "But what it all boiled down to was walks ... We haven't walked a lot of people all year, but we came out and couldn't find the strike

The Steers flirted with disaster the first three innings, but escaped bases-loaded jams each

On offense, meanwhile, Big Spring experienced its biggest offensive explosion of the young season in the third.

Lang 3b Border dh Beck If P. Cumbie 1b Berryman p Hernandez rf S. Cumbie c Thompson ss Murray ph Totals BIC SPRING (7) Aguirre dh Boadle 3b

Gee rf Lopez ss Mouton 2b Bowermon 1b Wright If Hyatt cf 200 511 2 - 11

E-Lang 2, Berryman, Smith, Lopez, Wright. DP-Snyder 2, LOB-Snyder 16, Big Spring 2. 2B—Border, Murray, Pate, Gee, Lopez, SB—Lang, Berryman, Smith IP II R ER BB SNYDER

7 7 7 1 0 8 BIG SPRING Wilson L,0-1 Hull pitched to 3 batters in the third.

sending nine batters to the plate and scoring five runs.

The big blows were a leadoff double by rightfielder Brock Gee and run-scoring singles by Blake Wright and Aaron Boadle. The fireworks gave the Steers a 5-2 lead, and that elusive first win of the year looked like a definite possibility.

But the roof figuratively fell in on the Steers the next inning. Snyder (3-1) tore into relievers Danny Wilson and Jeff Denton for five runs on four hits. Compounding the damage in the inning was three

Once the Tigers regained the lead, they never let go, although the Steers did close to within 8-7 in the fifth on an error by Snyder centerfielder David Smith and doubles by Clayton Pate and Luis Lopez.

Snyder coach Roland Herrera was happy with the win, although he was flabbergasted to learn that his team had stranded 16 runners in the

"We left way too many runners on base," Herrera said. "I know Big Spring hasn't won a game this year, but they're real competitive, and when Snyder comes to town, they get very competitive."

The Steers return to action Thursday at the Brownwood Invitational Baseball Tournament. Big Spring faces Odessa Permian in a 2 p.m. first round game.

Be good to each other, it's Sportsmanship Day

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) - A just cheated to win a game, player spits on an umpire. Angry parents demand more playing time for their children. College football players invade a fraternity and assault three

Aggression that should be unleashed on the field too often is being directed at referees, coaches and fans, and many young athletes are learning the wrong lessons, many sports officials believe.

To address the issue, the Institute For International Sport at the University of Rhode Island has organized its seventh annual National Sportsmanship Day on Tuesday. About 8,000 schools in 75 countries are expected to participate to raise awareness about the ethical demands of

"When you're playing a sport you get caught up in the emoion, the heat of the moment," said David Brennan, national coordinator for the event. "The adrenaline is running hard. But you've got to remember you're representing your team, your school, not just yourself."

Sportsmanship Day grew out of efforts by Dan Doyle, a former basketball coach at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., who in 1986 founded the insti-

Doyle was inspired by a conversation with a high school basketball coach who, under pressure to win in the last minutes of a game, secretly witched players to get a better shooter on the foul line.

"The coach brought it up. He said, 'I just feel terrible. I've never done this. Basically, I

and Lincoln won so partly from the satisfied A Peter Contreras Peter Contreras said. "The closest would be in 1990 when Kimball won 5A and Lincoln won 4A."

If Kimball successfully defends its championship, it will mark the first time a 5A boys team won back-to-back

titles since Bryan in 1983-84. The last teams to win consecutive championships were 2A

Doyle said. "I left the discus-

sion feeling that dialogue is a

very important element for

On Sportsmanship Day,

schools will hold essay con-

tests, poster contests and

assemblies, and high school

and college athletes will visit

elementary and middle schools

to speak on how to balance aca-

Morocco, Paraguay, Finland,

Australia, Germany, Ghana

and Switzerland, among other

countries. Many of the foreign

schools are to gather team cap-

tains for talks on sportsman-

ship and will have players act

as referees or coaches in games

to understand the challenges

violence in sports, with a spe-

cial panel to discuss an inci-

dent last fall in which Rhode

Island football players stormed

into a campus fraternity and

Five players were charged by

police, and all either pleaded

guilty or were convicted.

Doyle believes professional

athletes by example have

encouraged such behavior and

are obligated to undo the dam-

"One of the problems is the

players' unions," he said.

Dennis) Rodman kicked a pho-

tographer and was suspended,

the players' union objected.

They should be saying, 'When

one of our players is out of

line, we're going to be as upset

as the commissioner is."

When (Chicago Bulls forward

beat several members.

The University of Rhode

Events are planned in

demics and athletics.

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improving sportsmanship.'

Troup and 1A Laneville in 1992-

For Duncanville, the boys' task will be to equal what the girls accomplished Saturday when they won the Class 5A state championship.

Duncanville missed accomplishing the feat in the early 90s when the boys won the 5A crown in 1991. The girls, who had won championships in 1988-90, lost in the 1991 semifinals to Victoria.

The last school to win the boys and girls championships in the same years was 1A Sudan in 1995. The field also includes the return of 4A Houston Wheatley

but its first since 1986. In the lower classifications, defending 3A champion Sinton (23-14) is back.

(30-9) which is making its ninth

trip to the state tournament,

Umpires vow not to take any lip this year

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) -Arguments could go the way of the dead ball, if umpires go through with their latest threat. Managers and players could get tossed before they finish their first sentences.

"Tolerance in baseball is leading to total anarchy," umpires Jerry Crawford and Don Denkinger said in a statement Monday. "The rules of the game will be rigidly enforced."

Umpires are still angry over the Roberto Alomar incident. Baltimore's All-Star second baseman received a five-game suspension for spitting at umpire John Hirschbeck last September and will serve it this April - with pay. Umpires wanted a longer suspension, wanted it be without pay and wanted him to serve it during the postseason.

"Umpires will no longer bend over backwards to keep players in the game," umpires union head Richie Phillips said from

his office in Media, Pa. "The umpires, who have been oft-criticized for being too confrontational, will engage in less arguments on the field. Players who engage in aberrant behavior can expect an immediate ejection and little conversation, so that should lessen confronta-

"If players get out of line, they will be ejected. Arguing with the umpires at any time is grounds for ejection.'

Baseball official were angered by Phillips' threats.

'We expect they will not make a travesty of the game," acting commissioner Bud Selig said in a statement. "If they do, appropriate action will be

"This is not a time for divisive statements. Rather, it is a time for umpires and players to come together in the best interests of the game."

Union head Donald Fehr, for once, agreed with Selig.

"When we're trying to put the game together, this is about as confrontational as can be," Fehr said. "I assume they're starving for press coverage. I think the umpires would understand their purpose isn't to effect the outcome of games by their own behavior. They will do whatever they will do. The owners and the players will take care of themselves."

Phillips said umpires decided in their meeting 10 days ago at Palm Springs, Calif., that players will be ejected for even minor violations.

'There are many rules that while they do not require ejection, allow ejection for even the slightest violation," Phillips said. "The umpires feel they've been too tolerant."

As an example, Phillips said the rules on the speed of the game will be rigidly enforced. Pitchers are required to throw a pitch within 20 seconds when no runners are on base, but the rule hasn't been followed for many years.

"They will tell players to get in the box," Phillips said. "If they player doesn't get in the box, they'll call for the pitch. If the player objects, he will be ejected."

Umpires called for a code of conduct to be developed at a meeting last month, but the players association will not agree to specific penalties.

Fairfield newest 'winning loser' to qualify for NCAA tourney Island will hold a seminar on

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Now it is Fairfield's turn to chase the Bradley Braves.

Forty-two years ago, Bradley became first team to qualify for the NCAA tournament despite a losing record. And its 7-19 mark is still the worst of the 12 teams to carry sub-.500 marks into the tournament.

Bradley also is the only losing team to win a game. In fact, the Braves won two before losing to Colorado in the Midwest Region final.

Since then, losing teams are 0-10, and by margins ranging from Missouri's loss in double overtime in 1978 to San Jose's 38-point defeat to eventual champion Kentucky last year. Fairfield (11-18) became the

fourth losing team in three sea-

sons to barge into college basketball's premier show by beating Canisius 78-72 Monday night in the championship game of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament. The defeat was even more galling because it occurred on the Golden Griffins' home floor.

"I went to Mass this morning and prayed for a miracle." Fairfield coach Paul Cormier said. "There is a God."

That may be, but there is also Kansas, the nation's top-ranked team and Fairfield's likely firstround opponent.

Tournament MVP Greg Francis scored 26 points and Shannon Bowman had 22 as Fairfield held off Canisius (17-

The Stags used an 18-2 sec-

what had been a tight game. Francis scored seven points during the 8:03 stretch that put the Stags out front 64-54 with 3:02 left.

"The story of the whole game was they were getting pretty easy shots, and we were making tough shots," Canisius coach John Beilein said. "Then Francis made a couple of leaners and fallaways, and they started to pull away.'

Three other NCAA tournament berths were settled Monday night. Old Dominion needed overtime to beat James Madison 62-58 in the final of

Colonial Athletic Association tournament, Illinois State beat Southwest Missouri 75-72 to comple sweep of the Missouri Valley's

ond-half run to take control of regular season and tournament titles, and St. Mary's beat San Francisco 66-59 in the West Coast Conference final.

> In case Cormier thinks Fairfield has a corner on divine intervention, he should first look at Monmouth, which for the second year in a row pulled off an improbable last-gasp victory in the Northeast Conference tournament.

Last year, Monmouth overcame a five-point deficit in the last 17 seconds to beat Marist. This time, the Hawks, down 20 in the second half, overcame a four-point deficit with 16 seconds left in double overtime to beat Fairleigh Dickinson 73-72.

That earned Monmouth a spot in the final on Thursday ainst Long Island University. which beat Rider 90-76.

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and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit: A tract of land containing 9.89 acres of land out of and part of the East part of Section No. 36, Block No. 33, T-1-8, T & P Ry. Co Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by meets and bounds on the attached Exhibit A, Pages 1 & Which said property is delinquent

vention said property is desiripative to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$603.40, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in additional states. tion to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon lowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that sult has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against JAMES W. GRIFFIN, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 1997, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JAMES W. on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file num-ber of said suit is T-97-02-4411 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove describe, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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appear and defend such sult on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 24th day of March, 1997 before the Honorable let Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the consti utional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this

lasued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 11 day of Feb., A..D. 1997. Clerk of the District Court Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS Sealed bids addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager, Colorado Pilver Municipal Water District, will be rejeived at the District's Post Office Box 869, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0869, or at the District's office at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, Until 11:00 a.m., March 7, 1997, for the following

UTILITY TRACTOR & FLEX WING CUTTER Copies of the minimum spe tions for these items are on file at the office of the District and may be obtained by calling 915-267-

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT John Currie, President 1264 February 25, 1997 & March 4, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: OSCAR LEE FOSTER and any and all other unknow owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property definquento Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit Lot Twelve (12). Block B. Moore Heights Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, according to the proper plat on file in the office of the County Clerk of Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$447.50, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit

has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against OSCAR LEE FOSTER. as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 5TH day of FEBRUARY, 1997, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. OSCAR LEE FOSTER for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file ber of said suit is T-97-02-4414 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove describe, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law. All parties to this suit, including

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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 4:

Focusion what you want this year, with every expectation of attaining it. Friends assume added importance. As a result, you will dedicate much of your time to interests that involve them. Network, broaden your horizons and go for what is most desirable to you. You are extraordinarily verbal. If you are single, a friendship may develop into much more. It could become a special relationship. If attached, working together toward a common goal brings you closer. You will experience much happiness together. CAPRICORN is a pal

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

Difficult. ARIES (March 21-April 19) Accepting responsibilities with grace could be important to the finale of a story. You see more than others, and handle matters differently. Your leadership characteristics make others envious. Intuition is right on. Trust it. Tonight: A business dinner could be fun.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Get past an immediate limitation that is causing you a problem. You refuse to see the whole picture; a friend will help you. You need some work on this path. Don't take comments personally. Tonight: Go for what is odd!*****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take your bows, as another looks up to you. A partner does everything to support you in fulfilling your desires. Establish a better understanding with others by asking questions. Get to the root of a problem. Tonight: Go for togetherness.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Others seek you out. News from a distance could avail unusual opportunities and open doors. Your ability to read between the lines helps you respond to another's requests. Travel is more than likely. Play amateur psychologist, and seek to understand others better. Tonight: Be popular.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Work calls. You find that, at first, you are simply not in the mood. A constructive attitude with a co-worker builds a better business situation and relationship. Do the needed public relations work, to make you happy and more together. Tonight: Take advantage of an opportunity.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Listen to your imagination, as things seem to get out of control. Others and partners are clearly drawn to you and want to have an important discussion. Listen with care when others share their ideas. You

don't have to agree. Tonight: It's time for play. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Think about how you mix together your work and home life. You may not have the balance you feel you need. Consider alternatives. Brainstorm with a friend, and come up with new ideas that could ease your burden. Someone is being testy. Tonight: Make it a quiet night.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are overwhelmed by the amount of messages and news you get. You might be on overload because of all that is going on. Be curious, and ask questions. You devise unusual ideas and solutions. Tonight: Hang out at a favorite spot.***** SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

Your more possessive side emerges when dealing with others and with a domestic matter. How you see what is going on could make a difference in the outcome. Understand your finances before you make a commitment that affects home and family. Tonight: Compare prices.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Go for what you want; don't rest on your laurels. Much that comes out helps you tell others exactly what you want. Make the first move, and trust in your abilities. Others respond to you in a far more positive manner than you thought possible. Tonight: Do what appeals to you. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What you observe is interesting and important. However, you still need to gather more information. Worry less about letting others know where you stand. Your actions and instincts enhance financial security. Go with what feels right. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.*** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Aim for the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow; you'll be pleased. Others step out of your way to make what you want happen. This is the time to zero in. Gather friends for a meeting or get-together. Having fun midday is OK. Tonight: Enjoy what is good about life.**** BORN TODAY

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Abigail Van Buren Columnist

working a full day, dealing with the kids, fixing meals, doing housework and rarely receiving a kind word, gesture or kiss from her mate, will somehow be sexually excited the minute they hop into bed and will want to attack her husband with those uncontrollable desires. I'm afraid the opposite is true.

My husband had no idea that foreplay begins in the morning and lasts all day. Of course, we had to talk about the definition of foreplay - which I described as helping me out around the house, with the kids, the laundry, the housework. I also let him know it would be nice to receive compliments like he used to give when we were courting and first married. Along with that needs to go some kind of physical contact like hugs and kisses, which I know I need to let me know that he still cares. All of these things begin to get us in the mood so that when the opportunity arises, we are as willing as they are.

Some nights I'm just not sexually motivated, but if my husband has made the effort to for, then I'll do the same for him. I have a car that's 20 years

old and I have to start it 10

minutes before I get ready to leave because the engine needs to warm up. After it's warm, it runs great. If I try to drive it cold, I don't get far. Well, the same goes for me in reference to intimacy and sex. Men need to be reminded to treat their wives the way they did when they first met them

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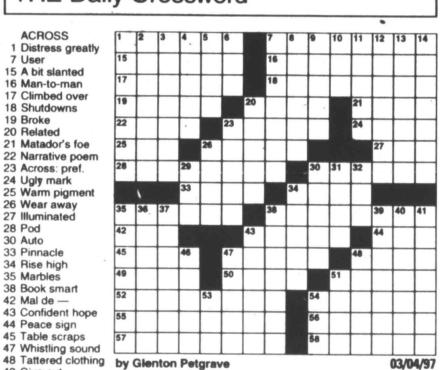
Today is Tuesday, March 4, he 63rd day of 1997. There are

302 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for the lack of a quorum.)

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In 1681, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1797, 200 years ago, John Adams was inaugurated as the second president of the United States.

In 1829, an unruly crowd mobbed the White House during the inaugural reception for President Jackson.

In 1897, 100 years ago, William McKinley was sworn in as the 25th president. In 1902, the American

Automobile Association was founded in Chicago. In 1917, Republican Jeannette

Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the House of Representatives. In 1933, the start of President Roosevelt's first administration brought with it the first woman to serve in the Cabinet: Labor Secretary Frances Perkins.

In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, Calif.

In 1977, more than 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe. Ten years ago: President

Reagan addressed the nation on the Iran-Contra affair, acknowledging his overtures to Iran had "deteriorated" into an arms-forhostages deal.

Five years ago: Another round of Middle East peace negotiations concluded in Washington, D.C., with Israel rejecting a plan for Palestinian elections.

One year ago: A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a Tel Aviv shopping center, killing 13 people in the fourth deadly attack in nine days. Jury selection began in Little Rock. Ark., in the trial of President Clinton's Whitewater partners, James and Susan McDougal, and the man who succeeded him as Arkansas governor, Jim Guy Tucker (James McDougal and Tucker were later convicted of fraud and conspiracy: Susan McDougal was convicted of fraud). Country comedian Minnie Pearl died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Folk singer Miriam Makeba is 65. Actress Paula Prentiss is 58. Singer Bobby Womack is 53. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 49. Actress Kay Lenz is 44. Musician Emilio Estefan is 44. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 43. Actor Steven Weber ("Wings") is 36. Rock musician Jason Newsted (Metallica) is 34. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 30. Actress Patsy Kensit is 29. Chastity Bono is 28. Rock musician Fergal Lawler Cranberries) is 26.

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