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BSISD stages groundbreaking for new junior high

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

A crowd of more than 100 people were on hand for Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony officially kicking off the construction phase of the new Big Spring Junior High School (BSJHS).

Glynda Mouton, president of the Big Spring Independent School District (BSISD) Board of Trustees, addressed the crowd saying Thursday's occasion would not have been possible without the dozens of people who worked hard to bring about passage of last September's \$12.5 million bond issue.

Mouton thanked the many groups of people who had a part in getting the bond issue passed, including past school board members, administrators, volunteers and even opponents of the bond.

"As a result of the failed 1991 bond issue, this project is even more in tune with the needs of our community," Mouton said.

She added the district has dozens of files documenting the hard work of past boards and administrators as they tried to tackle the issue of structural problems at Runnels Junior High School.

"The real beneficiary of this project is the community," Mouton said. "Parents and students will know that they have a secure facility as well as a dynamic learning center. People looking at us can say

this community puts education first."

Mouton and the current board were the first group to break ground for the new facility, which a month ago was still the old Boydston Elementary site.

Monterey Construction Co. Inc. of Wolforth was recently awarded the \$9.4 million contract to build the new junior high school, a process estimated to take about 13 months.

School board member Al Valdes recently spoke to the contractor about construction on the new facility and said work should begin quickly.

"According to the contractor, it will take about two weeks or so to get all of the crews together to begin construction," Valdes said. "They're anxious to get started."

According to district officials, the new facility should be ready to open for the 1998-99 school year.

One group receiving much praise from Mouton and BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary for making Thursday's ceremony possible was the Action to Build for Children Committee (ABC).

ABC was instrumental in getting the word out to Big Spring voters concerning the importance of passing the \$12.5 million bond issue.

School board member Steve Fraser, a member of the ABC Committee, said enough can't be said of the work the

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School board members help turn the first shovels of dirt in the groundbreaking ceremony for the new junior high Thursday. Pictured from left are: Glynda Mouton, Irene Bustamante, Larry McLellan, Al Valdes, Steve Fraser, Larry Hollar and Don Baker.

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A crowd of about 65 to 70 people were on hand at Thursday's Town Hall Meeting at Howard College to ask State Rep. David Counts a variety of questions about the issues concerning the Big Spring area. Counts also addressed the crowd on the issues of property tax reform and school finance reform.

Counts centers meeting on tax reform

Businessmen show concern on proposals

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

District 70 State Rep. David Counts flew solo at Thursday's Town Hall Meeting at Howard College because State Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, was unable to attend due to conflicts with the appropriations bill.

The bill, which was approved by the committee late Thursday night, will make it to the House floor for a vote on March 17.

According to Counts, the appropriations bill is necessary before the governor's property tax reform proposal can be debated.

A crowd of about 65 to 70 people asked Counts questions on a variety of topics including deregulation of electricity,

salary increases for state employees, prisoners paying for a portion of their room and board, privatization of state facilities and Texas' future where water is concerned.

The majority of Counts' comments focused on the need for eliminating the current school funding method and how the governor's tax proposal would affect Texas residents.

Counts said he has high praise for the governor for putting the property tax question on the table, but he has a hard time agreeing to an increase in the sales tax.

According to Counts, the current biennial recommendation is for an \$83.2 billion budget, including \$36.7 billion for education; \$278 million for the judiciary; \$6.8 billion for public safety and criminal justice; \$1.4 billion for natural resources; \$9.8 billion for business and economic development; \$402 million for regulatory agencies; \$241 million for the legislative budget; \$1.8 billion for general government; \$200 million for contingency appropriations case load; and \$25 billion for health and human services.

Counts said property tax reform is necessary because, as the system stands now, ad valorem taxation is the primary source of revenue for Texas.

"Cities account for 16 percent of taxes levied, counties account for 14.9 percent, special districts account for 10.5 percent of the tax levy and school districts account for 58.5 percent of the taxes levied in Texas," Counts said.

"The key drives of the school property tax rate (problem) are a stagnating tax base, lagging state aid and recapture — the Robin Hood funding method," he added.

According to Counts, in order to give tax relief, "we have to reform school funding because both issues are joined at the hip."

"The state's share of public education funding should be about 60 percent. Currently the state's share is down to 47 percent," Counts said. "Before Robin Hood, the wealthiest school districts were paying about 50 cents per \$100, now the wealthiest district are more in line with the poorest districts and the 50 mid-wealth districts,

and are paying somewhere around \$1.35 to \$1.40 per \$100."

District 70 school districts such as Borden County, Forsan and Guthrie were severely hurt by the Robin Hood plan, according to Counts.

A total of 1,058 school districts tax at various rates ranging from 70 cents to \$1.50 per \$100.

"Things will get worse over time unless we do something," Counts said.

House Joint Resolution 4 is the constitutional amendment that would have to be passed by voters if the governor hopes to increase the homestead exemption from \$5,000 to \$25,000.

The governor also wants to exempt business inventories and rollback the tax rate by 20 cents, which is an average rate cut of 15 percent for most Texans.

According to Counts, the average Texan with the \$25,000 homestead exemption (based on ownership of a home valued at \$61,500) and a tax cut from \$1.30 to \$1.10 per \$100, would see the tax burden go from \$734.50 to \$401.50.

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SMMC opens new OB unit

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**
News Editor

Six months' construction and approximately \$1 million worth of work was unveiled Thursday, as Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC) staged an open house and ribbon cutting for its new obstetrics (OB) unit.

Planning for the unit began 18 months ago, SMMC Administrator Kenneth Randall.

"We've been hard at work upgrading as much of the hospital's facilities as possible and this (new unit) is something we're very pleased to be able to offer our obstetrics patients," Randall said.

The OB unit's opening follows on the heels of last week's ribbon cutting for SMMC's clinic.

Currently averaging 30 births per month, about one per day, SMMC hopes to see that number increase in the near future as a result of the new facility, according to Director of Women's Services Tanya Rodriguez.

"We're really proud of this new unit ... it seems

like we've been waiting on it to be finished for a long time," Rodriguez said as she conducted a tour of the new facility.

"The closer we got to finishing, the slower it seemed like it took to get things done," Rodriguez added. "When they first started and the walls were going up, you could really tell they were getting things done. The last few weeks, when they were taking care of the smaller details, it was difficult to see that things were getting done and the more impatient we got to have it finished."

In creating the new second-floor unit, workmen literally gutted the hospital's obstetrics ward, replacing it with a state-of-the-art facility that includes a classroom; four LDR (Labor, Delivery and Recovery) rooms; two emergency operating rooms for C-section and difficult deliveries; a nursery; viewing nursery, examination room and lounges for both doctors and nurses.

"Everything here is new from the equipment to

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Scenic Mountain Medical Center Administrator Kenneth Randall gives a tour of the hospital's new obstetrics ward during the open house of the remodeled wing Thursday.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low in the 40s.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Sunday, partly cloudy. High near 60. Low near 40. Monday, partly cloudy. High in the 70s. Low in the 40s.

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Seniors dance, Hawks' game, Coahoma meet in spotlight

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big

WEEKEND TICKET

Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the

area are invited.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

• Little League registration, 5:30-7 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the International Little League Park. Those wishing to register,

boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 15, should bring copies of their birth certificates. The Little League fee is \$15 and the fee for Junior Senior League participation is \$20.

• Region V JUCO Men's Basketball Tournament, Friday through Monday, at Baylor University in Waco. Howard College's Hawks open tournament play facing McLennan at 8 tonight.

• Bulldog Relays, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, at Coahoma High

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OBITUARIES

Ray Davis

Funeral service for Ray Davis, 54, Colorado City, will be 10 a.m. today in the Christian Temple Church with Rev. Matt Matlock and Rev. Stephen Grace officiating.

Mr. Davis died Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at Valley Fair Lodge.

He was born on Aug. 31, 1942, in Colorado City and was a lifetime resident of Colorado City.

Survivors include: one sister, Helen Bell, Colorado City; and one brother, Paul Davis, Big Spring.

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

Alvin Harrell

Funeral service for Alvin Harrell, 59, Coleman, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 1997, at the Stevens Funeral Home Chapel with James LeFan officiating.

Mr. Harrell died Thursday, March 6, at Coleman County Medical Center.

He was born on Oct. 21, 1937, in Coleman County. He grew up in Coleman County and graduated from Coleman High School.

Survivors include: his wife, Fay Harrell, Coleman; one son, David Harrell, Snyder; his mother, Oleta Harrell, Ft. Stockton; one brother, Ernest Harrell, Graham; two sisters, Elaine Johnson and Faye Pounds, both of Ft. Stockton; one grandson; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, Coleman.

Lucretia Joy Felts

Graveside service for Lucretia Joy Felts, 57, Amarillo, will be 2 p.m. today at the Llano Cemetery with Rev. Dale Travis, Family Life Fellowship Church, officiating.

Mrs. Felts died Wednesday, March 5, 1997, in Amarillo.

She was born in Lelia Lake. She married Jim Felts in 1967 in Big Spring. She started nursing school in 1977 and graduated in 1979.

Survivors include: her husband, Jim Felts, Amarillo; two daughters, Brenda McFarlane, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Renee Petruschin, Victorville, Calif.; one son, Greg McLeod, Glendale, Ariz.; one step-daughter, Connie Fletcher, Austin; one step-son, Jim Felts, Jr., Amarillo; her mother, Brownie Jester, Amarillo; a sister, Carolyn Mahaffee, Amarillo; her grandmother, Harriet Parsley, Amarillo; 17 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, Amarillo.

Richard E. Martin

Funeral service for Richard E. Martin, 66, Sweetwater, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, 1997, in the Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Jay Simpson officiating.

Mr. Martin died Thursday, March 6, at Hendrick Medical Center, Abilene.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1941, in Prescott, Ark. He married Janet Bell on Oct. 17, 1974, in Sweetwater. He was a Baptist. He was a market manager for 23 years with Winn Dixie Grocery.

Survivors include: his wife, Janet Martin, Sweetwater; one son, Ricky Joe Martin, Denver, Colo.; four daughters, Rejeana Martin Frazier, Denver, Colo., Melissa Martin Boren, Guymon, Okla., Sebernia Martin Rangel, Pecos, and Gwen Martin Noble, Guymon, Okla.; his mother, Dale Cox, Waco; three brothers, Charles Martin, Sweetwater, Troy Martin, Laurens, S.C., and Billy Martin, Branson, Mo.; four sisters, Mary Clark, Houston, Dorothy Austin, Virginia Conatser, both of Waco, and Carolyn Goldman, Waxahchie; and nine grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home, Sweetwater.

Meeting

The governor's proposed business activity tax is what concerned a number of people attending the meeting.

Counts said some businesses would be helped by the tax and it's likely that some would be devastated.

The formula used to see how a business would be effected includes:

- Federal taxable income.
•Plus business payroll and employee benefits.
•Plus depreciation.
This equals the business activity.
•Less expenditures for capital.
This equals total business activity.
•Times the ratio of Texas to national sales.

This equals Texas' business activity.
•Less a \$500,000 standard deduction.
•Times 1.25 percent
This equals the Texas tax liability.

Counts said there are many professionals who are experts on a variety of issues, some of which are being debated in the House. It's those people he said he'll count on to tell him how certain issues are impacting the areas in which they live.

Ticket

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School. It is the first time in three years that Coahoma has hosted a track and field tournament.

College baseball, noon Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday, Jack Barber Field on the Howard College campus.

Ceremony

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group did.
Other groups participating in Thursday's ceremony by turning soil included past school board members, current and former district administrators, the ABC Committee, members and staff of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, city and county officials, Howard College officials, the architect and contractor, former Rannels teachers and administrators and other members of local civic organizations.

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the furniture," Rodriguez added.
Rodriguez praised the unit's nurses for their efforts in making do with make-shift quarters during the construction phase.
"We'd moved everything down into the postpartum area and crowded everything and everyone together," she explained.
"The nurses around here have done a great job of making do with what they had while the work was being done. We really appreciate the way they pitched in and cooperated to make this project work."

SMMC

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The hospital already has plans to expand its services to expectant families.
Registered nurse Mary Dennard is currently conducting Lamaze classes in the unit's new classroom, and Howard College instructor Rebecca Mouhan will begin holding "Baby Basics" parenting classes, a sibling class and breast feeding classes in April.

Rodriguez said the hospital is also planning on monthly "Mother To Be Teas" to give prospective parents a tour of the new facility and meet the obstetrics staff.
Those monthly events, she says, have a two-fold purpose.
"First, it gives the families a chance to familiarize themselves and become comfortable with the surroundings before they arrive here in labor," Rodriguez explained. "And second, we hope it gives us a chance to let them see the facility before they go to other hospitals throughout the area."

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Man indicted for sexual assault

HERALD Staff Report

A Big Spring man has been indicted by a Howard County grand jury for sexually assaulting a teenager.

Phillip Veron Trammel, 49, of 3304 W. Highway 80 No. 34, was indicted this week on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child. The victim, a 15-year-old girl, told authorities in January that she had been repeatedly assaulted by Trammel for the past 18 months.

The charge is considered aggravated because the victim was 14 years old or younger when the alleged assaults began. The grand jury set Trammel's bond at \$50,000 and he remains in the Howard County Jail.

Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first degree felony punishable by five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 2, 1, 9 CASH 5: 4, 19, 20, 31, 33

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

• SANTOS UVALLE, 38, no address given, was arrested for violating a protective order.

• CRISPIN SANCHEZ, 24, of 1902 N. Monticello, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 38, a transient, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

CHRISTOPHER VANOVER, 19, 603 Circle, was arrested on outstanding local warrants and disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

• GARY WAYNE KINARD, 47, of 1800 Donley, was arrested for driving while license invalid.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES in the 500 block of S. Lancaster and 400 block of Dallas.

• THEFTS in the 900 and 1500 blocks of Johnson, 1100 block of Douglas and 1600 block of Cardinal.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 700 block of W. Seventh and 600 block of E. 17th.

• INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 4800 block of W. Highway 80, 700 block of West Interstate 20, 2000 block of W. Second and 1300 block of Lexington.

• HARASSMENT in the 700 block of W. Seventh.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

• WILLIS FLOYD GILLETTE JR., 30, of Route 1 Box 574, was arrested for driving while license invalid. He was later released on a \$1,500 bond.

• LAMAR D. COMER, 24, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested by DPS for unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana under two ounces. His bonds were set at a total of \$3,000.

• JASON L. MORRIS, 25, of Columbus, Ohio, was arrested by DPS for unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of marijuana under two ounces. His bonds were set at a total of \$3,000.

• JOSE RESENDEZ, 35, of 2308 Marshall Dr., was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• STRANDED MOTORIST on Interstate 20.

• CONTROLLED BURN near Elbow.

MARKETS

May cotton 76.65 cents a pound, up 60 points; March crude oil 21.18 up 24 points; Cash hogs steady at \$2 lower at 47.50; slaughter steers steady at \$1 lower at 68; April lean hog futures 69.90, down 25 points; March live cattle futures 68.22, up 5 points. Courtesy: Delta Corporation.

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Thursday's low 42
Average high 66
Average low 35
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Judge dismisses Southeast Texas flood lawsuits

CONROE — A judge has dismissed most of the lawsuits seeking damages from the 1994 flood in Southeast Texas that inundated Montgomery County, killing seven, displacing hundreds and caused millions of dollars in property loss.

District Judge Lee Alworth last week granted a request for a summary judgment filed last September by the San Jacinto River Authority, which had been sued by hundreds of home and business owners in connection with the devastating flood.

In the lawsuits, the river authority, which is in charge of operating the Lake Conroe Dam, was accused of causing the flooding by opening the floodgates.

River authority officials said they had no choice but to widen the floodgates after it became apparent that the lake would begin to spill over if they didn't.

"We're very pleased," said Jim Adams, the river authority's general manager, said. "We felt like we were doing our job the way we were supposed to be doing it, and so we're very pleased that the judge has granted the motion."

Noted historian to disclose backgrounds of Alamo heroes

SAN ANTONIO — Historian William C. Davis says Texans may not like what he's going to say about some Alamo heroes, but he thinks they will be glad to know more about them.

In a speech today to mark the completion of a new book he finished on Wednesday, the nationally respected Civil War historian will talk about the darker side of some of the Alamo heroes.

He plans to reveal that Jim Bowie swindled the federal government out of land and sidestepped laws banning the import of slaves, William Travis left a pregnant wife to escape debt and come to Texas and that Davy Crockett killed a lot of animals.

Davis spent two years researching the background of the Alamo's biggest names and will speak at a meeting of the Alamo Battlefield Association.

"Some people may object to the portrait of Bowie. It takes nothing away from his bravery or sacrifice, but he was a crook or a confidence man," Davis said.

Opinion mixed on bill aimed at restricting no-fault divorce

DALLAS — When the 35-year-old nurse decided that a broken nose and jaw was enough, she left her husband in the middle of the night, her two young children and two garbage bags full of clothes in tow.

She sought a no-fault divorce, citing irreconcilable differences, when he didn't want to call it off.

The Palestine woman sees proposed legislation to make it harder for a husband or wife to walk away from a marriage against the other's wishes as a "red flag to an obsessive control freak if they don't want to let their spouse go."

Current law allows a divorce with only one party's consent and a 60-day waiting period. Neither party has to be found at fault for the breakup.

Bullock challenges committee to pass water legislation

AUSTIN — Five water conservation bills have come and gone from the Texas Legislature in the last 60 years. Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock stressed the importance of not letting a sixth get away.

"There have been an number of bills that have gathered dust. I'd say now it's time to fish or cut bait," Bullock said. "To me there's no bill more important to our state and to our future than Senate Bill 1 because it deals with such a precious commodity and that's water."

Bullock was the first to give testimony Thursday at the Senate Natural Resources Committee's hearing for the water conservation bill authored by Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson.

The legislation would create a statewide drought management plan created by the coordination of existing city and county plans.

Israeli Cabinet OKs West Bank pullout

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu overcame right-wing opposition to win Cabinet approval early today for withdrawing Israeli troops from more West Bank land.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said the 9-percent pullback fell far short of expectations and violated the Middle East peace accords.

More than 2,000 Palestinians, meanwhile, held a peaceful prayer march today to denounce Israel's decision to build a new Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem. That sector of the holy city is claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

Waving Palestinian flags, they chanted "Shame and disgrace on the Israeli government!"

When the muezzin called for Muslim noon prayers from a

nearby mosque, worshippers spread straw and plastic mats between bushes on the rocky ground and knelt in devotion.

"If we do not succeed in stopping them from building... it means that the peace process will be stopped," warned Faisal Husseini, Arafat's top official in Jerusalem.

The rally was seen as a veiled warning to Israel that Arafat could mobilize his people any time he felt Netanyahu was not keeping his promises under the peace accords.

Today's 10-7 Cabinet voted on the West Bank withdrawal came after a contentious seven-hour debate between Netanyahu and hard-line lawmakers. Netanyahu told his critics he had given up "the necessary minimum" of land to keep peace process on track.

The withdrawal appeared to

meet the expectations of the Clinton administration. The pullback is the first of three to be completed by mid-1998.

Arafat complained today that the Cabinet decision was "a clear violation" of the peace agreement. "This decision was taken by one side, without any discussion with us," Arafat said.

Palestinians say each stage of the pullback is to be negotiated, while the United States sides with Israel's view that Israel alone has the right to decide how much to pull back each time.

Israel and the Palestinians also have widely divergent views on how much land should be handed over. Israel wants to remain in control of 50 percent of the West Bank after the third stage of the agreement, while Palestinians want to control 90

percent by then. Final borders are to be set in negotiations on a permanent peace agreement beginning March 15 and ending by May 1999.

Nicholas Burns, the U.S. State Department spokesman, said today's decision demonstrated Israel's commitment to peace but added "we hope the government of Israel will do more in the second and third phases."

Netanyahu looked weary but pleased after the Cabinet meeting that ended just before 3 a.m. today. "The important thing is that we created a good chance to continue the peace process," he said.

Palestinian control will be established or upgraded in 9 percent of the West Bank, a 2,300-square-mile area captured from Jordan in the 1967 Middle East War.

Senate gives approval to managed care bills

AUSTIN (AP) — More information, protection and coverage options would be available to people in managed health care plans under bills passed by the Texas Senate.

The measures were sponsored by Republican and Democratic senators who cited the importance of protecting Texans enrolled in the growing number of managed care plans.

Such plans generally limit patients' choice of doctors, thus offering lower out-of-pocket costs than patients get under traditional health insurance.

One facet of such plans is a "gatekeeper" to coordinate

treatment and determine its medical necessity.

The bills, which now go to the House for consideration, would: create a rating system and report card to allow consumers to compare health care plan; allow a bigger variety of HMO coverage options; and give doctors in HMOs greater ability to provide prompt emergency treatment to a patient in obvious trouble.

Some senators said the need for a health-plan report card is exemplified by the case of one HMO — Kaiser — which obtained a temporary court order to prevent state insurance

officials from releasing information about it.

The judge who issued the order said an insurance agency draft report on the company appeared to contain medical inaccuracies, misstatements of law and information that is to remain confidential by law and agreement.

"I wonder what in the world they've got there that they don't want the folks in Texas to know about," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco. "I've just never heard of a state official being restrained from speaking. It's extraordinary."

Gov. George W. Bush said he

was troubled by the matter.

"I wish that (Insurance Commissioner) Elton Bomer would be able to have his say in the public arena about an HMO that apparently needs to be held accountable for its behavior," Bush said.

Bomer agreed, saying that's what the Legislature intended in current law.

"Generally speaking, I think an enforcement action should be conducted in the light of day, and not in secret," he said.

Representatives of the company didn't immediately return telephone calls from The Associated Press.

GOP compromise on fund-raising probe heads to Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over Democratic objections, Senate Republicans scheduled a vote next Tuesday on a proposal for a limited investigation of campaign fund-raising.

But Thursday's action by the Senate Rules Committee gave Democrats much of what they wanted: a cheaper investigation, a deadline and inclusion of congressional along with presidential fund-raising.

However, the GOP largely removed two of the most abused areas of campaign fund-raising from the probe: party-building

"soft money" donations and independent expenditures that special interest groups make without consulting candidates.

These categories, which have no donation ceilings, rarely are illegal. Therefore, they would not meet the narrow investigative criteria set by Republicans, who decided that only illegalities would be covered.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, speaking before a vote, said that attempting to define illegal activities could cause "very serious" problems. But he did not threaten a filibuster and acknowledged: "We do need to get on with something."

Meanwhile, The Boston Globe reported in today's editions that President Clinton allowed major contributors to fly with him aboard Air Force One during last year's campaign, in addition to the White House sleep-overs and coffees.

"Apparently, it wasn't a widespread practice, but it did happen from time to time," White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry told the newspaper. It quoted an official speaking


on the condition of anonymity as saying White House aides were combing manifests to assemble a list of contributors who made the flights.

The legality of soft money also was discussed with reporters at the Justice Department.

Chief spokesman Bert Brandenburg suggested the federal law prohibiting solicitation of donations on federal property may not apply to large soft money donations, such as a \$50,000 contribution given to the first lady's chief of staff at the White House last year.

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Quote of the Day

"The truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil."

-Grover Cleveland

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

- Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments. We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play. This week we salute:
- **HOWARD COLLEGE'S LADY HAWKS**, on taking the Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball championship and advancing as the top seed in the Region V tournament.
 - **HOWARD COLLEGE'S HAWKS**, who earned a Region V men's tournament berth by knocking off Frank Phillips, 82-71, in the final WJAC game of the season.
 - **SARAH SANGHAVI**, the Runnels Junior High School eighth grader who won the Howard County Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Herald* at Howard College Tuesday.
 - **HOWARD COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. CHERI SPARKS**, on being awarded Rotary's Service Above Self Award. Rotary International confers the award on just 150 people worldwide each year.
 - **DRS. CARLOS E. MERCADO AND MARA DELEVEGA**, on the opening of their family medical practice at Scenic Mountain Clinic.
 - **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL'S LADY STEERS TRACK TEAM**, on taking the Class 4A division championship of the Concho Belle Relays in San Angelo by a whopping 80-point margin.
 - **BSHS' LADY STEERS SOFTBALL TEAM**, on chalking up its first ever District 4-4A game with a 9-5 decision over San Angelo Lakeview in both teams' district opener.
 - **Former Howard College instructor DORIS HUIBREGTSE**, on being presented a Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Community College Teachers' Association.
 - **Howard College student athletes SAMUEL MARONEY AND SANDRA GONZALEZ**, on being named to the Texas All-State Academic Team. Maroney earned a first-team spot, while Gonzalez was a second-team selection.
 - **GARY ALLEN**, director of the 87-20 Special Education Cooperative located in Big Spring, on being recognized by the Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education as a recipient of its Hall of Honor Award.
 - **Howard College's KARLA ROPER**, on being honored for outstanding employee safety by the Texas Public Junior and Community College Employee Benefits Consortium.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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"J.B., THERE'S A PERSON OUT HERE CLAIMING THOSE GENES WE PATENTED WERE INVENTED BY HIS BOSS!"

The Captain, God and cash tacos that beat MREs

Captain Kangaroo is being called back to duty. That's right, seems the producers of the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" and Anheuser-Busch have teamed up to revive the show most of us grew up watching. As a result, hundreds lined up this week seeking the commission Bob Keeshan held from 1955 through 1984 on CBS and then through 1993 on PBS. This time, the Captain will be aimed at the 2- to 7-year-old children of baby boomers who watched the original show. Producers are planning 26 half-hour episodes for the first season, starting in September. Some of the new series will be filmed at Busch Gardens theme park near Tampa, Fla., where the tryouts were held. Keeshan, 69, who made famous the original kindly,



John A. Moseley

mustachioed seafarer, will not be associated with the show. He says he won't take part in a production that does not allow him to have artistic control. However, producers are negotiating to bring him on board, said Barry Stagg, a spokesman for Saban Entertainment. "Maybe we'll have him elevated to admiral and make periodic appearances on the show," Stagg said. My question, of course, is, "What about Mr. Greenjeans?" As a matter of fact, it was a pretty busy week in the wacky, absurd world of unused Associated Press wire copy. Especially in the Tampa area. Seems American Family Publishers found God in Sumter County, Fla. And He may be very, very rich. A sweepstakes notice arrived at the Bushnell Assembly of God recently announcing God, of Bushnell, Fla., was a finalist for the \$11 million top prize. "God, we've been searching for you," American Family wrote in the letter, as first reported by the local weekly newspaper, the Sumter County Times. The message was centered between two round seals

requesting God to "come forward." If God were to win, the letter stated, "What an incredible fortune there would be for God! Could you imagine the looks you'd get from your neighbors? But don't just sit there, God." The church's pastor said his 140-person congregation is considering whether to mail in the entry. The church could use the money. And if American Family chooses a different winner? "God would be disappointed," the pastor joked. Paul Reid a native of Scotland and 27-year-old golf pro probably thought some deity of another liked him pretty well the other day when he stepped off for chicken tacos at a Taco Bell in Waterford Township, Mich. Instead of tacos, he got enough dough to buy the whole enchilada. Reid was digging into his take-out order when he noticed that instead of Mexican food, he received a bag of \$10, \$20 and \$50 bills. It turned out that manager Ricky Jones had planned to take the \$2,480.80 in cash to the bank, but accidentally handed

it to Reid. Reid turned around and brought the money back, a move that Jones said likely saved his job. Finally, they may not lock criminals away and throw away the key in Chehalis, Wash., but life's certainly not a bowl of cherries for inmates at the Lewis County Jail. Television is gone. So are salt, pepper and coffee. The next thing to go for the inmates just might be prepared meals. Well, not quite. Instead, they'll be getting military rations known as Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs. As part of a campaign to improve efficiency and make the jail less attractive to prospective occupants, Sheriff John McCroskey was delighted to be able to buy 27 pallets of surplus MREs recently. "Whatever is adequate to feed military people is good enough for our inmates," he said. McCroskey estimates the cost at 33 cents to 35 cents a meal, about half the current 60 cents to 75 cents per feeding cost. John A. Moseley is news editor of the *Herald*. His column appears on Fridays.

Rewriting fund-raising rules part of campaign game

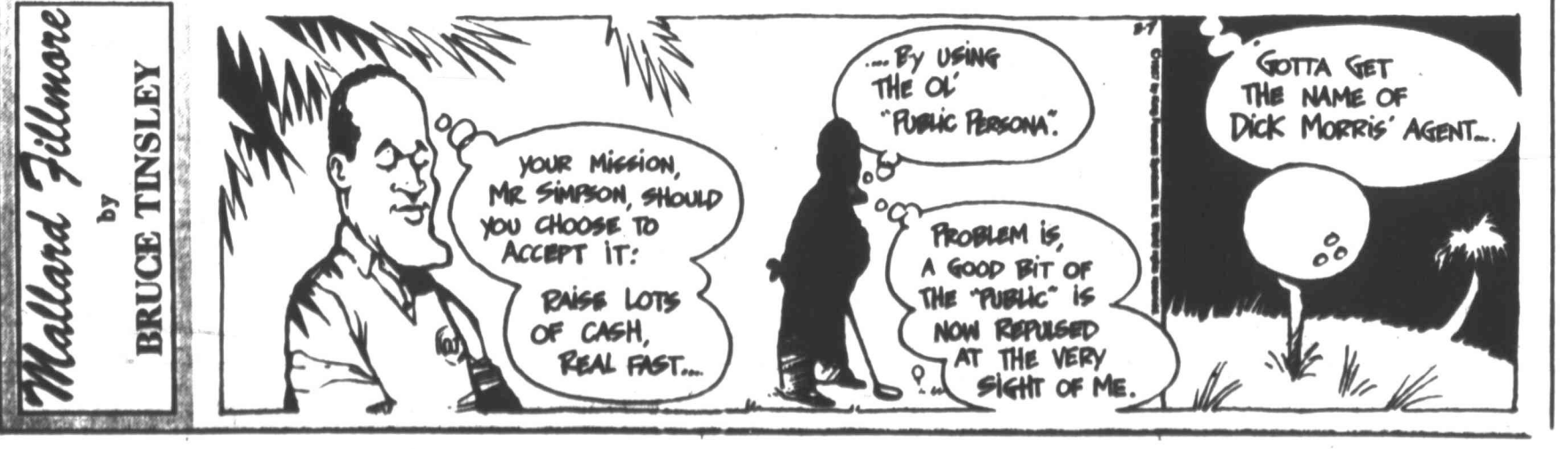
By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Democrats are rewriting the rules of their fund-raising game with self-reform pledges to prevent a replay of past excesses — even the ones they deny were improper. There's been nothing quite like this game of the rules. It features a new, detailed manual for Democratic National Committee fund-seekers, a new policy to govern who'll get seats on Commerce Department foreign trade missions, and Vice President Al Gore's insistence that he did nothing wrong in dialing donors from the White House and won't do it again. President Clinton insists that his only regret is that the DNC didn't check the checks. But he was pushing hard before and during his 1996 campaign to clone contributors, no questions asked at the time. Gore went to the point of saying he was proud of what he did to raise funds for the campaign. That included telephone calls from his White House office, which he said were legal but Republicans say were not. "I have decided to adopt a policy of not making any such calls ever again," Gore said. Not from the office, although

he certainly will have to make fund-raising calls again, on his own behalf, in seeking to take the vice out of the title and succeed Clinton as president. The money mess now is a liability that could affect the 2000 campaign, although Gore has time to get past the problem. The only confessed mistakes and admittedly illegal donations were those to the DNC, which has returned about \$3 million in illicit or undocumented contributions, most of that arranged by Asian-American fund-raisers, friends and often visitors to Clinton. Conceding error, the new chairmen of the committee pointed out that it happened before they got there. Clinton said the party money should have been rigorously reviewed, and he didn't know at the time that it wasn't. But White House memos reflect his drive for campaign dollars, which could flow to the party without the limits that apply to candidates. "I don't regret the fact that we worked like crazy to keep from being rolled over by the biggest juggernaut this country had seen in a very long time," the president said, noting that the Republicans raised \$200 million more than the Democrats. Clinton and the Democrats are demanding reforms that

would include a ban on the kind of donations involved in their troubles, the unrestricted amounts that can be given to the political parties. As a down payment on reform, the new chairman of the DNC, Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, said the party would limit those contributions to \$100,000. But other party campaign committees, with 1998 looming, are not subject to the voluntary ceiling. Romer has issued an 18-page memo on legal and self-imposed guidelines for fund raising. He's set up a new compliance division to process and review contributions. There are detailed instructions for checking out donors, a reminder of the national committee's voluntary rule against contributions from noncitizens or U.S. subsidiaries of foreign corporations, and there are donor cards and reporting forms. No cash over \$100, although they do take credit cards. Fund-raisers can't imply that a contribution would lead to government favors, which would be illegal anyway. That meshes with the new Commerce Department policy — 17 pages of guidelines to prevent the use of official trade missions to reward political donors or activists. The Democratic rulebook also bans fund-raising events at

religious institutions, which are off-limits under current law. Gore attended one at a Buddhist temple in Hacienda Heights, Calif., in 1996, and eventually acknowledged that it was a mistake. There can be no DNC fund raising in government buildings. That's at issue in the controversy over Gore's office calls to contributors, long-distance tolls, he said, charged to a campaign credit card, not the government. Under the Democrats' rules, contributions can't be solicited in exchange for invitations to White House events. They have been, usually by indirection and tacit understandings. Clinton's own instructions have linked donations with White House visits. For all the Democrats' new rules, propriety, applying existing laws and plain common sense would have avoided most of their unfolding woes. There are logical as well as legal boundaries. As in one of the Democratic guidelines: "The DNC cannot legally accept any contribution from any person receiving welfare." (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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Raiders slide by K-State

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas coach Roy Williams is glad his success in postseason tournaments in Kansas City does not mirror his record on the Jayhawks' home floor.

In eight trips to the Big Eight tourney under Williams, the Jayhawks have won only once.

"If I was 1-for-8 in Allen Fieldhouse, you'd be talking to a different coach right now," Williams said.

But with a remarkable post-season behind them, the No. 1-ranked Big 12 regular season champions (29-1) got a chance to atone for past Kemper Arena disappointments with a noon tipoff today against Oklahoma State in the second round of the inaugural Big 12 tournament.

The Cowboys (16-13) reached the second round with an 80-66 victory over Baylor on Thursday when Chianti Roberts and Adrian Peterson scored 17 points apiece.

In other second-round action today, No. 16 Iowa State (19-7) meets Texas Tech (19-8), Missouri (14-16) goes against Texas (16-10) and Oklahoma takes on No. 18 Colorado (21-8).

Texas Tech guard Cory Carr scored 22 points and led a second-half surge Thursday to help the Red Raiders beat Kansas State 73-57.

In the two night games, Missouri's Derek Grims scored 20 points as the Tigers snapped a four-game losing skid to beat Nebraska 78-72 and Oklahoma beat Texas A&M for the third time this season, 67-58.

"The best thing about it is we get to stay and play tomorrow," Tech coach James Dickey said. "I didn't really care how pretty it was. I just wanted to survive and get it behind us and get another win."

Carr had eight points in a 14-4 run that gave the Red Raiders a 54-40 lead with just over 13 minutes to play.

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Howard College's LaTraica Spencer (50) fronts Weatherford's Olga Firsova on defense during the first half of Thursday night's Region V championship game in Cisco. The 6-foot Spencer is towered over by the 6-6 Firsova.

Weatherford stops Howard's run at national tournament

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

CISCO — Howard College's Lady Hawks season came crashing to an end here Thursday night in the championship game of the Region V Tournament as Weatherford College took a 90-74 win behind Reda Kakerenaite's 34 points.

Weatherford used its size advantage to control both the offensive and defensive backboards and, as a result the game.

"Size ended up being a big key," Howard head coach Matt Corkery admitted after the game. "The rebounding difference was tremendous."

Referring to his shot chart, Corkery added, "We gave them 26 offensive rebounds... To give somebody that many second opportunities certainly makes it difficult on yourself."

Just as they had all tournament, Weatherford relied on the size and abilities of its international connection to control the tempo of the game.

With 6-foot, 1-inch freshman Reda Kakerenaite's 34 points leading the way, Weatherford broke open a see-saw game with a 17-1 run late in the first half to lead by 14 points, 43-29, at the half.

Kakerenaite, a Lithuanian, was most effective on the defen-

sive wing, laying back and then making a steal and driving to the basket, as well as in driving the lane.

Weatherford jumped to a quick, 4-0 lead off a pair of baskets from Andy Holubova, the Northern Junior College Athletic Conference's MVP from Bratislava, Slovakia, but Howard came back to take a 5-4 lead off two quick baskets by Kyna Cosby.

For the first 13 minutes, there were three ties and six lead changes as neither team could open more than a four-point lead — which both were able to do, only to see the other battle back.

But with Howard leading 24-23, Weatherford's Olga Firsova, a 6-5 1/2 freshman from Kiev, Ukraine, connected on a basket from inside the paint to start the Lady Coyote's run.

Traci Bosley hit a 3-pointer after a Howard miss, then Kakerenaite connected on a three to cap a fast break after Holubova blocked a Shawnta Johnson drive on the other end.

Holubova then scored from inside on an assist from Firsova and Weatherford led 33-25 as Howard called time out with 2:55 left in the half.

But this time for Howard, the time out had no calming effect and there was no regrouping

that could allow for the free style of physical play on the court that fit Weatherford's game plan to a "T."

In less than a minute after the time out, Holubova, Kakerenaite and Peruvian guard Patty Cantella hit three baskets to run the lead to 40-25 with 1:29 left in the half.

A jumper by Niki Sherlock and a pair of free throws by Johnson brought the Lady Hawks back to within 11 at 40-29, but a steal off the wing by Kakerenaite resulted in a driving lay-up and free throw to push Weatherford back up by 14 at the half.

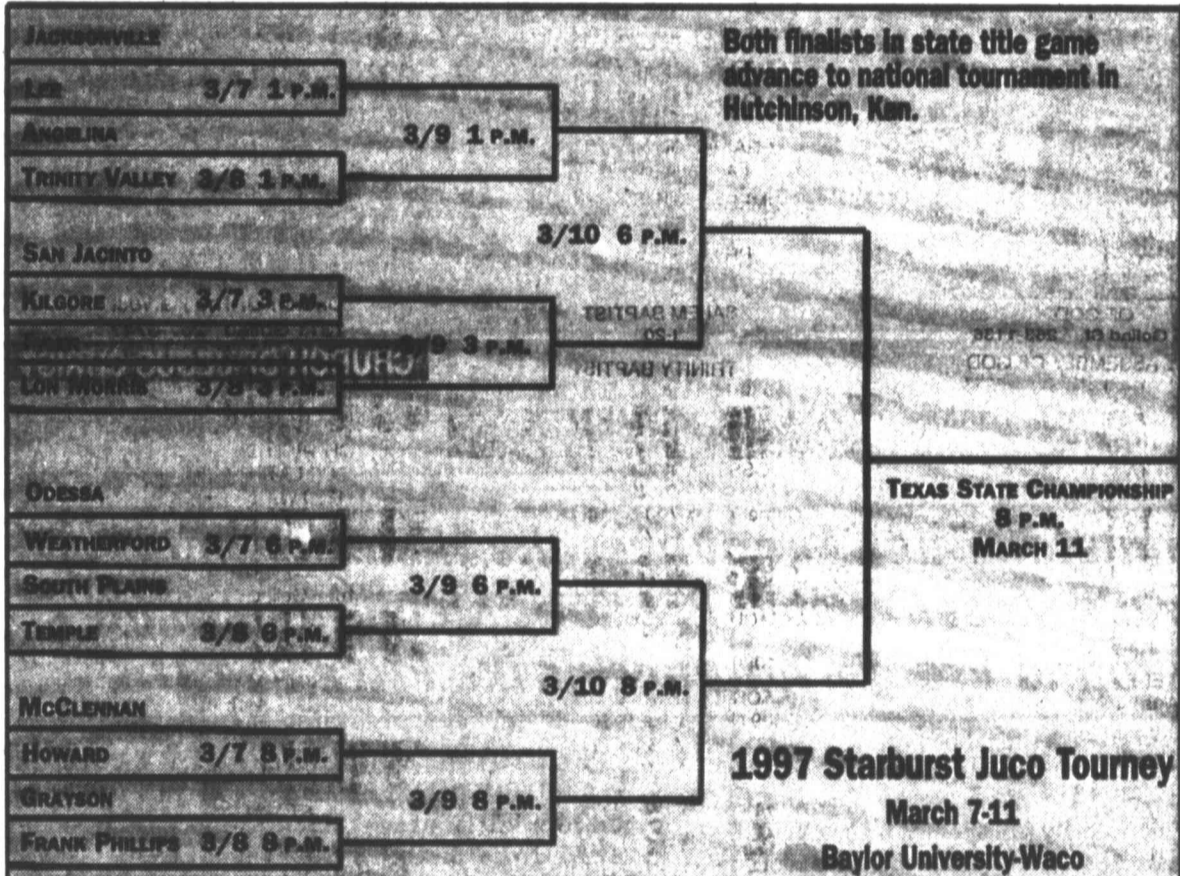
And looking back after the game, Corkery knew that 17-1 burst was the key to the game.

"They made a run on us and got up and that was all they needed," he said. "They have an excellent team and they're really tough when they have the lead."

Weatherford maintained the pressure in the second half, scoring six points in a 29 second span of the first minute to lead by 20 for the first time, 49-29.

The Lady Hawks managed to battle back to within 15 — 58-43 — when LaTonya Kinde went back up with a rebound with 13:52 left in the game, but then

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Short-handed Hawks begin Region V play

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The last few weeks have provided the Howard College Hawks with one of the most extreme examples of good news-bad news you'd want to find.

On one hand, the Hawks rebounded from an early 2-4 slide to win five of their last six Western Junior College Athletic Conference games and earn a spot in the Region V men's tournament, which begins today in Waco.

On the other hand, however, the team lost five players — including the No. 1 and No. 2 scorers — for a variety of infractions, thus robbing the team of depth and casting a pall over the team's late-season heroics at

the same time. But don't fit the Hawks for a funeral shroud just yet — there's still this little matter of a basketball tournament to take care of.

Howard (19-10) opens play at the Starburst Junior College Tournament today at 8 p.m. against McLennan Community College. The Hawks enter the tourney as the fourth-seeded team from the WJCAC, while MCC is the top team from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

The biggest question for Howard fans, however, is what type of team the Hawks will field, not what opponent they'll face.

The Hawks averaged more than 83

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Gun and bow safety course to begin March 13

Local hunter education instructor Boyce Hale will teach a gun and bow safety course at the Chamber of Commerce conference room March 13-15, beginning at 5 p.m.

Anyone born after Sept. 2, 1971 is required to successfully complete this course before legally hunting in Texas.

Cost of the course is \$10 and covers a lifetime certification. For more information, call 267-6957 or preregister at Dibrell's Gun Shop at 1307 Gregg St.

Coahoma hosts track meet

COAHOMA — After a three-year absence, the Coahoma Bulldog Relays return to the CHS track this weekend.

Varsity competition begins at 9:30 a.m. Saturday with the field events. Track preliminaries begin at 11:30 a.m., with finals starting at 3:30 p.m.

The boys' division includes: Coahoma; Forsan; Greenwood; ninth-graders from Midland and Midland Lee high schools; Roscoe; Stanton; and Ozona. Competing in the girls' division will be those teams, plus: San Angelo Glenn; San Angelo Lee; San Angelo Edison; Big Spring Junior varsity; and Sweetwater.

Robles records ace

Local golfer Stephen Robles recorded a hole-in-one during recent play at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Using a 6-iron, Robles aced the fourth hole at Comanche Trail. Witnessing the feat were Ben Garcia Jr., Ben Garcia Sr., and David Klaus.

Finalists selected

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Athens, Rome, Stockholm, Cape Town and Buenos Aires were selected as finalists today in the race to host the 2004 Summer Olympics.

The selection by the IOC contained no upsets but kept alive the chances, however remote, of Africa or South America hosting the Summer Games for the first time.

The United States did not have a city bidding to host the 2004 games.

"I always thought the best solution was three from Europe, one from the Americas and one from Africa," IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch told The Associated Press.

The five cities were chosen from a record field of 11 candidates by a panel of the International Olympic Committee.

The six cities eliminated from the race, the most crowded ever in picking an Olympic host, were Istanbul; Lille, France; San Juan; Seville, Spain; St. Petersburg, Russia; and Rio de Janeiro.

The winner will be selected by the full IOC on Sept. 5.

There were no surprises among the five cities selected. Rome and Athens were front-runners.

Women's top-seeded teams go a-tumbling down

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — How the mighty have fallen. Top seeds No. 9 Kansas and No. 12 Texas both were upset in the semifinals of the Big 12 Tournament on Thursday.

Kansas State defeated Kansas 73-58, and Colorado upended Texas 64-50.

Kansas State (19-10) and Colorado (20-8) will play in the championship game Saturday night. The two teams split their regular season series, with the Buffaloes winning 71-58 in Boulder and the Wildcats winning 68-62 in Manhattan.

Andria Jones scored a game-high 28 points to lead four Wildcats in double-figures in the win against Kansas. "Our execution was key,"

the same time.

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Report: Tarkanian's team involved in point-shaving

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Fresno State coach Jerry Tarkanian says there's no truth to a newspaper report that suggests some of his players might have shaved points this season.

College and law enforcement officials were looking into the allegations, The Fresno Bee reported Thursday.

"There's no basis to the article," Tarkanian said before his Bulldogs lost to Texas Christian in a Western Athletic Conference quarterfinal game Thursday. "The newspaper asked the FBI to look into it."

"I've never even heard anything about it until coach came up to me," Young told the Bee. "That's ridiculous. I don't even understand how a rumor like that gets started."

The rumors began after a home victory over Wyoming on Feb. 20 when a 19-point Bulldog lead evaporated to seven points in the final 3 minutes. Young, who makes 77 percent of his free throws, missed three of four during that stretch, including one airball.

Tarkanian, who was investigated several times by the NCAA over recruiting violations when he coached UNLV, said a friend from Las Vegas

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But Young claims he has never been asked to keep a winning score under the point spread. Point-shaving by a college athlete is a federal crime.

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Howard

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Weatherford was off on an 11-0 run to lead 69-44 with 10:54 remaining.
- Still, Howard would not quit. Cosby scored on a layup following a Weatherford turnover, then hit three of four free throws and another field goal to draw Howard to within 21-72-51.

Paige Mitchell then connected on a 3-pointer and Kindle, Cosby and Johnson all scored baskets after Weatherford turnovers to pull the Lady Hawks to within 14 at 74-60 with 6:14 left.

But that was as close as Howard would come.

"It takes a lot of energy to close a deficit," Corkery admitted. "We were fighting an uphill battle the last 30 minutes and it was too much."

Weatherford opened as much as a 23-point lead again before a 7-0 run by Howard over the last 44 seconds allowed the Lady Hawks to close to within 16, 90-74, at game's end.

Cosby led Howard with 18 points while Kindle had 15 and Jenny Bland-Hodnett 10. In addition to Kakerenait's 34 points, Weatherford got 26 from Holubova and 12 from Cantella.

Howard finishes with a 28-5 mark — the eighth straight year the Lady Hawks have won as many as 25 games — while Weatherford takes a 29-4 mark into the national tournament March 18-22 in Tyler.

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Halftime score — Weatherford 43, Howard 29. Rebounds: Weatherford 55, Howard 46. Turnovers: Weatherford 37, Howard 34. Total fouls: Weatherford 19, Howard 28. Fouled out: Weatherford (Cantella), Howard (Sherlock, Kindle). Technical fouls: None. Attendance: 450.

Women

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ond half that allowed Texas (21-8) to close to within 43-48 with 8:11 remaining. But Scott responded with a pair of acrobatic moves on back-to-back baskets, and Colorado closed the game with a 16-7 run.

"Today's game was more a defensive battle than an offensive one," Colorado coach Ceal Barry said. "Our goal was to not let (Danielle) Viglone and (Kim) Lummus get 3-point shots and to contain (Angela) Jackson."

"This game was definitely won on defense."
LaShena Graham added 11 points for Colorado.
Jackson paced Texas with 14 points, and Amie Smith scored 12.

Unlike Kansas State, Colorado is no stranger to the conference championship game. The Buffaloes have played in every Big Eight title game since 1994, when they lost to Missouri 79-71 in overtime. Colorado won the championship in both 1995 and '96.

"We're definitely playing our best basketball," Barry said. "Throughout the season we've talked about playing our best basketball in February and March. Our philosophy is 'Defense wins championships.'"
Colorado has been at its best — especially on defense, where the Buffaloes allowed Texas and quarterfinal opponent Iowa State a combined 89 points.

Texas led the conference in scoring, averaging 76.1 points per game.

Hawks

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points this season, but that was with top scorers Will Jones and Clifton Cook still in the lineup. But those two are gone — Jones for violating athletic department rules; and Cook for becoming athletically ineligible — as are three other players who were dismissed.

That leaves Tommy Collins, Hawks with only seven players,

almost no depth and not enough warm bodies to form any kind of substitution strategy.

Other first-round games tonight include: Odessa College vs. Weatherford, 6 p.m.; South Plains vs. Temple, 6 p.m.; and Grayson vs. Frank Phillips, 8 p.m.

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"We made shots in the second half and got comfortable," said Carr. "The game was played in spurts. They took advantage of our mistakes. In the second half we turned it around and got comfortable with our offense."

Tony Battie had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Red Raiders.

Kansas State (10-17) shot miserably in the second half.

"We didn't do it at the offensive end. Anytime you shoot 30 percent at this level, you are going to lose," Kansas State coach Tom Asbury said.

Missouri, the best free-throw shooting team in the league, hit every crucial foul shot in the decisive minutes.

"I'm happy for the seniors," said Norm Stewart, closing out his 30th year as Missouri coach. "They could have packed it in, but they did not."

The Huskers were without two reserves, Larry Florence and Alvin Mitchell, who were suspended earlier in the week for violating unspecified team rules.

"The suspension of the two players definitely had an impact," said Nebraska coach Danny Nee, who expects to get an NIT bid. "The depth factor. So I'll never suspend another player."

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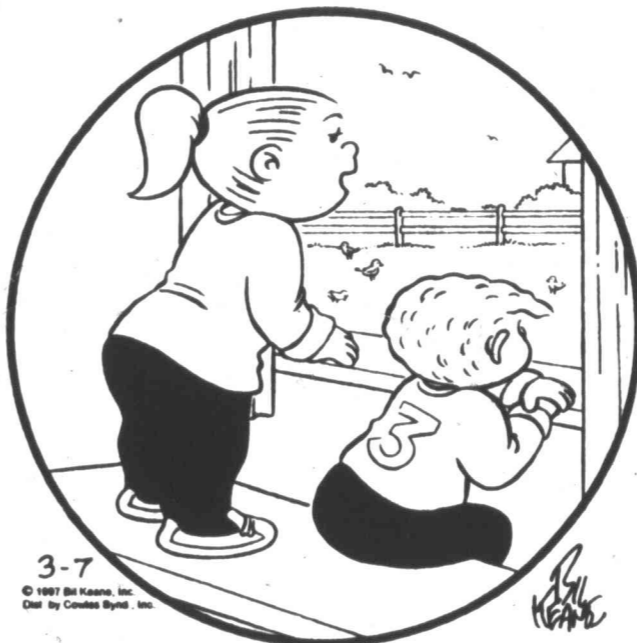
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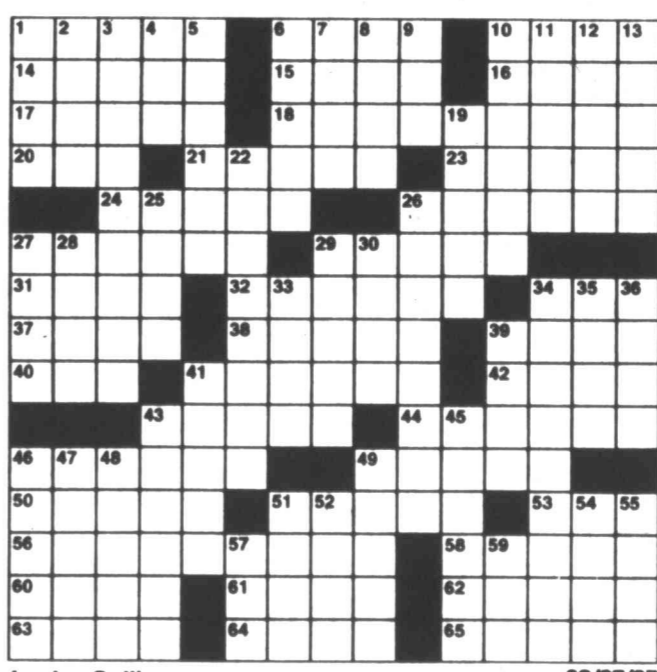
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Mass. In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union. In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourene, France. In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone. In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution. In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London. In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

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