

Business After Hours sessions continue Thursday

By CABLTON JOHNSON The third Business After Hours function of 1997 is scheduled to begin at 5 p．m． new location at 2309 Scurry． Thursday＇s business mixer is being hosted by Elrods owners
Dee and Lynda Elrod and is Dee and Lynda Elrod and is
expected to last about an hour to an hour an a half．
Business After Hours is a
program of the Big Spring and is specifically designed to

For More Information WHAT－Thir Business Atter Hours of 1997 WHEN－Thursday， 5 p．m． WHY－To allow individuals， 2309 Scurry agers to network and to showcase sponsors
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ncourage netwo showcase sponsors． The program is one that has been popular across the coun－
try for years and is intention ally scheduled after normal business hours for people to
meet and visit in a semi－social

Business After Hours func－
tions also gives area business owners a chance to discuss issues such as the local eco－ nomic outlook and to pick up
ideas as to how to increase ideas as to how to increase
their appeal to local shoppers．

Business After Hours was
revived by the chamber in revived by the chamber in
1996 and enjoyed great success with programs at Norwes Bank，Big Spring Mall，Bes
Western Mid－Continent Inn and at John Wesley＇s Pick Pocket Billiards．
Participants are always
encouraged to encouraged to bring a frien
and plenty of business cards． The year＇s first two Business After Hours program were in March at Security State Bank
and June at Signal Homes and June at Signal Home ticipants per gathering．

## Red Cross on－hand in times of emergency

EDITOR＇S NOTE：This is the first in an 11－part series looking
at the member agencies of the at the member agencies of the
Big Spring｜Howard County United Way and the servicus they provide．TODAY：American Red
Cross．NEXT WEEK：Boys Club of Big Spring．

By DEBBIE LIENSEN
Features Editor
In Big Spring，the American Red Cross may never have been
more visible than it was in the days and weeks following May
dit was in the 10， 1996.
The huge，devastating hail and volutteers too town within hours，with plastic sheeting，
nails and other building mate－ rials． They set up a base of oper tions here，and began case man agement for local residents who
lost property in the storm．For iost property in the storm．For
some，temporary residences had to be found． Others were housed with
their families，and received their families，and received
assistance for food costs．There were many requests for build－ ing and repair work．
When all was said and done the Red Cross spent abou
$\$ 200,000$ in the local area on dis aster relief for that storm alone． ＂We came in with a recovery Ellen Pate．Her Midiand chap－ ing Howard County in October 1995，after a local chapter
returned its charter． returned its charter． her office and the community has not been a roadblock to se ＂It．hass＇t been difficult for
us，＂Pate said．We established local phone number，and we have an 800 number．We have a presence although we＇re not
there all the time．If we hate there all，the time．If ex have
disaster，we＇re notified． Red Cross workers communi－
cate with the National Weather Service，local Emergenc Management Coordinator and
other entities，Pate．said． The agency retains a board
member from the local area－ member from the local area
Don White． ＂I think they do great work，＂ White said．＂saw the work
they were doing out in


California（after an earth－ it at that point．＂
White traveled to California and volunteered with the Red Cross for earthquake relief，
then joined the local board after returning to Big Spring． ＂I＇ve done other disasters with them，and the work they do is just phenomenal，＂he said．H
added that he hopes the agency＇s allocation of United Way funds will increase in coming years．
IIt＇s not subsidized by the gov


HERALO Mle photo
The American Red Cross has helped many times following an omergency，but never moreso in Big Spring than after the May 10， 1996 hallstorm．
said．＂People don＇t always．real－Howard County has received needs something they＇re than any of the other counties there．＂＂And they are most often During the hail storm，the total loss，＂Pate said，attribut－ Red Cross was based firrst in a ing the fact in part to the rural a local church．The agency does Spring．
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { not maintain an office here．} & \text { Other services of the Red } \\ \text { not }\end{array}$ But the Red Cross does plenty Cross include emergency com－ of work locally． Pate said Howard County has
had more single－family home had more single－family home agency＇s 11 counties－includ－ ing the more highly－populated
Midland County．Therefore，
munications for active military personnel，some financial sup－ aster education，and health and afety courses including life See RED CROSS，Page 2

## City offices open in Polly Mays Municipal Annex

 By CARLTONBig Spring residents will be
able to start taking advantage of
services offered in the Polly
Mays Municipal Annex this
week by paying water bills，var－
ious city fees and for building
permits at one location．
The city began moving a num－
ber of offices into the former
Energas building Friday and
hopes the move will make
things more convenient for cus－
tomers as well as free up some
much need office space in city
hall．
The Big Spring City Council
decided last v．ek，by a unani－
mous vote，to rename the build－
ing in honor of Polly Mays．
Mays，a longtime resident，
historian and community vol－
unteer，lost her battle with can－
cer in July．
It was her service to the Big
Spring community that prompt．
ed Counciman Chuck Cawthon
to suggest haming the building

Who＇s in the new building：
Water department，bulliding permits，grant witter， fire chief，RSVP，ambulance billing
in her honor．
ty here to recognize one of our of the city should have most leading citizens，＂Cawthon told time today complete some－ the council in August．＂She was involved in the move had a great lady and devoted so
much time to this community．＂ Mays＇was Big Spring＇s first female member on the city
council as well as being the first woman to serve as Mayor Pro－
Tem of the city． Among the city offices mov－ ing into the renovated building include Retired Senior
Volunteer Program（RSVP），city grant administrator Leigh
Corson the water biling offoe，
the permits and code enforce－
ment offices，ambulance billing ment offices，ambulance biliting along with Big Spring Fire
Chief Frank Anderson and his
secretary． last weekencerk through thi ＂Employees were working the weekend to get their work envi－ ronments created and we
should also have the parking areas paved this weekend， Fuqua said．
As for city hall，Fuqual said will be in the annex，which cre－ wits in the annex，which cre
ates some room for moving
around and refurbishing． around and reffrbishing．
There will also be more room
for municipal court and the
HUD program with the wete HuD program with the wate
office moving to the annex，
Fuqua added． Fuqua added

In the annex itself，the per－
mits department and the ambu－ lance service billing office will be housed on the first floor，
making them more accessible to residents．
The reason for Anderson and
his secretary moving into the his secretary moving into the
annex is to create more office annex is to create more office
space at Fire Station No． 1 fo Emergency Medical Services Coordinator Mrian Jensen and
deputy chiefs． deputy chiefs．
According
According to Fuqua，
Anderson wants to get more Anderson wants to get more
involved with the ambulanc

## Sex education

Orientation programs to begin tonight at Runnels， then continue Tuesday at Goliad Middle School By CARLTON JOHNSON

Parents will get to see the actual product result from the District＇s（BSISD）Health Advisory Council recommenda－
tions for seventh and eighth tions for seventh and eighth
grade sex education curricu－ All parents of eighth grade students are invited to a 7 p．m． public meeting at Runnels
Junior High School cafeteria today to discuss＂Choosing the Best，＂the curriculum selected
for instruction to BSISD eighth for instruction
grade students．
A second meeting will be held Tuesday at 7 p．m．in the Goliad
Middle School cafeteria for par－ Middle School cafeteria for par－
ents of all BSISD seventh grade students，who will get to dis－
cuss＂Sex Respect，＂the curricu－ cuss＂Sex Respect，＂the curricu－
lum selected for seventh grade students．
BSISD Director of Curriculum
Helen Gladden said during both meetings parents will get to ask questions．
＂Parents will get to hear from
the teachers of the programs， who will be going over the who will be going over the
lessons．＂Gladden said．＂We＇re very pleased with the curricula． ues of the community＂ ues of the community．
Gladden added the tion programs are optional and student without signed parental consent forms will
allowed to participate
Both programs
nence－based，which is what the Health Advisory Council＇s sub－ two－year study on the issue，
which involved a series of pub－ lic hearings and open－houses to study several proposed pro－
According to BSISD adminis－ tration，many of the teachers of the sex education curricula， who volunteered to teach the
programs，believe abstinence is prograly recommended lifestyle for unmarried people．
The consequences of promis－
cuous activity as well as a unit on AIDS will be explored． subcommitt requirements the subcommittee and parents
agreed upon taught separately to classes be girls at both the to boysth and eighth grade levels．
Classes for Runnels eighth grade students．at will begin on
Sept． 29 for boys and Sept．
girls．

## WEATHER



with a chance of rain．Lows mainly in the 60 s．Highs in the 70 s
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## Obituaries

## John Lopez

Tucson, Ariz., formeriy of Big
Spring, is pending with Nalley Suring, is pending with Nalley
Prickie \& Welch Funeral Home. He died Saturday, Sept. 20 . hen, in Tucson.
Ed Terrell Graveside service for Ed
Terrell, 88, Carrolton, was 11 a.m. today in the family's pri vate cemetery in Greenwood.
Mr. Terrell died Saturday,
 He was born Nov. 19, 1908, in Big Spring. He was an auto mechanic for Montgomery
Wards in Brownwood. He mar ried Willie Opal Huli on April
1932, in Portales, 1932, in Portales, N.M.
Survivors incluce: his Survivors include: his wife oons, Tom Terrell, Carrollton; Carroliton and John Terrell, San Angelo; wo daughters. Dee Curry
Greenwood, and Ann Wilder Palmer; two sisters, Docla
Preston and Luclle Merrick, oth of Big Spring: 12 grand hildren; and 14 great-grand Arrangements under the
direction of Coker Funeral

Simpson's sister says 'stand up' to violence Nicale Brown Simpson stood at
the site where a young mother of two died during a 1990
domestic dispute Sunday and issued a call for Texans to
stand up against domestic vio-
lence lence
Denise Brown, who despite
oJ simpson's acquittal on murder charge belleves the
football star killed her sister was in West Texas to appear at planned family violence shel
ter.
The shetter is planned for the
ite of the 1990 murder
"If more people will get
nvolved, I think we'll be able involved, I think we'll be able
to stop domestic violence," Ms.
Brown sald at the site. Brown sald at the site.
Ms. Brown later fundraising dinner and is grams on tomestic violence
Monday. Monday
One of the Initiatives, aimed
at children from kindergarten through sixth grade. is called
"Hands Are Not Por Hitting." The program has children
place their hands on a plece of place their hands on a plece of
paper and take the pledge, "My
hands are not for hitting: my hands are not for hitting, my
hands will not commit vio
lence." "This is program that
should be in every chool yag
tem It is very simple and very

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Trinity Memorial Park.


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- Beginning line dance class
will be taught at 9 a.m. at the senior Cltizens Center. Cal All ages welcome. information All ages welcome Settles, noon to $1 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ope meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical
-Big Spring Alliance for the
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-Scenic Mountain Medical AROUND THE TOWN



## THE BIG SPRING HiOH School class of 1922 is having reunion class of 1902 is having a during the

 Homecoming celebration oOct. $3-4$. The following list is of Oct. 24.4. Thes Toliowinf yist hav
misaing classmates. If you hav any information on any or the
people listed, please call Pat people listed. please call Pat
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her at : 2101 E .25 h St., Big Spring.
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BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB is observing National a display at the Howard County a display at The Howard Count Heroes of Fact and Fiction.
Other Kennel Club informa Ion avallable at the library are a particular dog breed, and the
AKC Gazette.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY Coahoma at St. Joseph' Catholic Church, and will con tinue overy Tussay untl
Easter. Starting time is $7: 30$
Sunlor Lopez, holding Ryan Lopez, lis shown onjoying the
woather setursey with com tine tagether at Kide' Zone.


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This is with a heartielt thank you for all of the and caring that was given to us after the lose of oue oved one. No real amount of words that come from flowers. can express our appreciation for the food, encouragement \& prayers. A special thank you to the Administrator ox employees of Scenic Mt. Medical Center, the Sand Springs C
Schools and Dr. Bruce Cox.

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p.m. in the center's main lobby.
scenic mountain med. ICAL CENTER will have a
community blood drive community blood drive
Tuesday, Sept, 23, from 10 am . to 3 pan. in the firrot floor class-
room. Please call $263-1211$ ext 463 for an appointment.
THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as teers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per
week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the can volunteer, please call 263 4016 before $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

## VIRST United Methodist Church will have a garage sale sale. Anyone wishing to for the REGIS SALONS WILL BE ffering Clip for the Cure saturday, Oct. 4. Haircuts a 10 each will benefit breast cancer research. During the $m$ <br> Regis will donate 10 percent of all product sales to foundations researching breast cancer as well. <br> MARKETS

Oct. cotton 73.05 cents a pound. 19.55 22 points; Oct. crude ofi steady at 81.50 lower at 50.50 cash steers steady at $\$ 1$ lower at 65; Oct. lean hog futures 69.45,
down 20 points; Oct. Iive cattle down 20 points; Oct. IIve
futures 67.9 , up 7 points. Nobiritayy Dulld Conporation. Nuoteo provided by Elward D. Jow act.
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Class-action suits demand monitoring for fen-phen diet-drug users


## Texas briefs

The ASSOCITED PRESS
HOUSTON - The former owner of United Savings Assodiation
of Texas faces millions in fines if an adminitrative ules against him in a hearing over the events that led to the col lapse and subsequent $\$ 1.6$ billion ballout of the thrift.
Charies Hurwitz is accused by the federal Office of Thrift
supervision of reckless banking practices that the led to the 1988 supervision of reckless banking practices that the led to the 1988
collapse and subsequent bailout of the thrift that cost taxpayers more than 81.6 billion.
 last as long as threemonths
The hearing is not a formal trial but could result in Hurwitz The hearing is not a formal
belng fined millions of dollars. It will conclude when the administrative law judge issues a rec.
ommendation, which is forwarded to the director of the Office of ommendation, which is forwarded to the director of the Office of
Thrifi supervision. The directur" will ultimately issue a ruling in
the case

DALLAS - A private investigator says embattled Dallas school Superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez hired him to launch a secret spy.
ing operation on one of her top district lieutenants, television station WFAA-TV reported.
Larry Steging also claims in a 114 -page deposition that the super intendent's assistant told him to falsify bills and use lax dollars to pay for his operation, WFAA reported Sunday night
sexual-harassment lawsuit filed against Gonzalez earlier this month by the district's chief financial officer. Matthew Harden. Gonzalez asked the Dallas school board last week to accept the esignation amid controversy triggered by the lawsult, but the Steging told WFAA that his survelllance of Harden, including
notes on telephone calls and Harden's meeting with a newspaper notes on telephone
reporter, cost $\$ 2,800$.

HOUSTON - Conservative San Antonio businessman James $R$.
Leininger, among the 100 wealthiest Texans, has spent millions of ollars trying to influence elections and public policy.
Through the years, Leininger has spent more than $\$ 1.4$ million
of his personal fortune on Texas elections and another $\$ 3.3$ million on issues such as tprt reform and private school vouchers, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday
Leininger was among the largest contributors in the 1996 elec-
tions, giving more than $\$ 50000000$. By comparison, the political "He belleves in putting his time, effort and money behind thing he believes in," sald Tox Lezar, the 1994 Republican nominee for lieutenant governor and former president of a Leininger-backed
think tank. "I've never sensed an ulterior motive for JIm. It's all
philosophical."
Leininger's money mostly comes from his holdings in Kinetic Concepte Inc., which manufactures speciallzed hospital beds. His
77 percent ownership of the company's stock is worth more than 47 percent ownership of the compan
8350 million, SEC documents show. DALLAS - More than 53 percent of all traffic deaths in Texas
last year were alcohol-related, well above the national average and
more than many states with comparable populations, statistic
There were 3,741 traffic deaths in the state in 1996 and 1,991 of them were considered alcohol-related, according to the National
Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Highway Traffic Safety Administration.
'These are incidents which we could "These are incidents which we could do something about," sald
Oary Taylor, NHTSA's senior reglonal program manager.
Texas' ear. However, it is atill far worse than the national average of 40. ercent.
"Even though we had a percentage decrease in Texas, we still MERCEDEES - U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa says higher education institutions wit. large Hispanic enroliments aren't getting enoug federal money , remedy that, Hinolosa has proposed a bill that would redirect
Tol zovernment funds to those colleges and universities, His plan also
would focus on institutions with large numbers of Native Americans.
"It would provide additional resources to help them recruit, to lower dropout and offer programs that help students graduate,
Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, told an audience full of oducators at South Toxas High on Saturday.
Hinojosa, chairman of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus edus
cation task force, introduced the Higher Education for the 21 st
The Food and Drug
ofdministration urged millions
of dieters to immediately stop
taking both drugs.
The FDA sald phentermine,
which combined with fenflu-
ramine to make the once.popu-
lar fen-phen combination,
appears safe when used by
itself. But phentermine has only
mixed results taken alone.
"Thousands of peopele will
now need regular medical atten-
tion for which the drug.makers
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The lawsuiteld said.
was put," Hausfeld said.
The lawsuits seek medical
monitoring, emergency notifica tion and updated patient warnings for class members, Mason
naid. Some suits seek specified monetary damages for dieters. Mason, whose law firm
Cohen, Milstein, Hausfeld Toll is coordinating the class.
action suits, said similar actions would be filed
states in the next few w
Corp.; Pharmaceuticals,
Teva Pharmace Corp.: Abana Pharmaceut

## Clinton's new tests - just how would they work?

WASHINGTON (AP) - If week to block them. The Senate returned to parents and schools
President Clinton has his way, has given them the green light, before the end of the school President Clinton has his way
millions of fourth- and eighth graders will soon sit down in
their classrooms to take tests read or do math
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questions. They'il write questions. They'11 write
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the other widely used, commer clally avallable tests now found
in many American schools.
And if the Education Department can fron out techni-
cal problems, the math result will be compared with how stu dents in other countries do.
Whether the voluntary test are given in the spring of i999
as planned depends on on
Congress. The House voted last


Surgeons re-attach woman's face, ripped off by farm machinery
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP)
In a rare, 25 -hour operation, surgeons in Australla reat-
tached the face of a woman
after a farm machine tore much
of her scalp and face after a farm machine tore much
of her scalp and face from he
head, doctors sald today. head, doctors sald today.
The 28 year-old woman Shepparton, in central Victoria state, had virtually her entire
face and scalp ripped off wher her hair caught in machinery in a milking shed on Sept. 16 . "I have never seen anything so ghastly, so macabre as this,
sald Dr. Wayne Morrison, who
headed the St. Vincent' headed the St. Vincent's
Hospltal team that reattached her face. He was referring to The exposed bones and muscle.
"The tlissue that was sent to us was packed in ice, and when we unraveled it and lald it out, here was a face looking at us,"
Morrison told Australian Morrison told Australla
Broadcasting Corp, radio today The woman, whose name was not being released to protect
her famill's identity, was found her family's identity, was foun by a friend after the accident.
Morrison sald he had never operated on a patient with such extensive injuries.
The surgeons intian two
Australians, one Indian wo Japanese - used micro copes to magnify tiny blood vessels up to 30 times in order
to match the vessels in the
amputated tissue with the remaining tissue.


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Tbut perhaps the reasons to give to the United Way, the campaign, you're really giving something to yourself.
How many Howard County residents haven't availed themselves at one time or another to the various agen
cies served by the United Way? How many haven' played basketball at the YMCA, or had a son or daugh ter in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts? How many haven't received a helping hand from the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Northside Community Center or the Westside Day Care Center?
Rape Crisis/Victim Services? And how many people recovered from illness or injury because of the staff at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center?
All those agencies help and serve local people, and hey are all heavily dependent on the United Way for help. And
your help.
The annual Howard County United Way campaign is Campaign chairman Carroll Jennings reported that, as of Thursday, slightly more than $\$ 40,000$ has been collected, which puts the
1997 goal of $\$ 212,500$.
Jennings said collections are matching those of last year, when the campaign reached its goal. To see
Howard County residents responding like they have in past years is very gratifying
The bad news, however, is that there is so much more
to do. During the next few months, it is likely that some one connected with the United Way will contact you and ask for a donation. We urge you to give.
If you need further persuading, just remember - you
You ll be giving to yourself.

## Other views

## Norfolk jury whose common

 sense verdict this week tem often works.The jury took only 30 min
utes to reject the suit of a man who cut off his own doctor to reattach the sev
limb. The man filed suit. alleging obtained a court reattach the hand over his own objections
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sue himself over the amputa tion. Perhaps that's next.
Odd lawsuits like this are the fodder of late-night talk show monologues But thank to a conscientious, steady jury, this particular legal odd monetary award to the plain-

The Virginian-Pilot
inancial bomb on the American taxpayers. Under the guise of building up the
nation's high-tech weapons nation's high-tech weapons
stockpile, both Democrats an Republicans, it would appear are trying to make defense contractors happy, happy happy.
They They want more B-2 Stealth
bombers. combers....The B-2s, which can drop both nuclear and conventional bumbs
According to the According to the nine more bombers would cost $\$ 27$ billion to build and operate over the next 20
years. Pent Pentagon officials have sald the money could be better spent elsewhere, and Defense Secretary William Cohen has said he would rec-
more B-2 funding.
Because of their various ail-
ments, the planes can't be
operated from overseas bases
in areas of unrest. They are


When the federal govern-
ment says that it wants to set national standards for educa-
tional achievement, taxpayers should hold onto their wallets. ment's tendency is to offer 10 cents' worth of advice, but expect
results.
So it is with President
Clinton's proposed nation testing program of student achievement. The president believes that residents
Florida, California or Florida, California compare data on how well their children are performin Beginning in 1999, fourth graders would be tested for reading skills, and eighth
graders would be tested for their math ability The government proposes to Its spending on the program if approved by Congress, would be miserly at best Historically, state govern ments have had greater responsibility for setting
schools' educational stand - and for good reason. What works in Provo, Utah, may not work in Hialeah, Fla. The blitzkrieg of opposition that greeted the Clinton proposal how deeply ingrained that idea is across the country. The Herald


Bob Kerrey's get-rich-slowly plan for the future

By MARSHA MERCER


WASHINGTON - If you
want to be taken seriousty in
politics these days, you have politics these days, you have to
run for president -or at least look like it.
That's one
That's one reason so many
Democrats are letting people think they might run in 2000. Rep. Dick Gephardt of
Missouri has been stumping the country, courrups.
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Gephardt certainly lo serious contender when talk
of world trade and of world trade and asks, "Is
this country going to stand for
something besides making
money?"' Sen. Bill Bradley of
Former Sew Jersey has written books New Jersey has written book meeting with high tech execu
tives in San Francisco-sure ly the action of a presidential
contender to draw attention to his views.
Nobody's ever paid attention to Sen. Paul Wellstone of
Minnesota, who's on the Minnesota, who's on the
party's left wing. But now that
he's in lowa. he's in lowa, looking like a
presidential candidate, people are listening to his thoughts It's even the right time It's even the right time for
Democrat to float a get-rich-
slowly scheme for the middle
class.
That's what Sen. Bob Kerrey
of Nebraska did last week in a
Privating pisons
speech outlining his economic
agenda. He ran for president
briefly in 1992 and sess briefly in 1992 and says he has
$n^{\prime}$ 't decided whether to rum in ${ }^{2000}$ Many political reporters showed up to hear Kerrey, entitlement reform for years. He has proposed privatizing Social Security or at least rais-
ing the eligibility a ge and curb ing the eligibility age and cur
ing cost-of-living increases. A bona fide Vietnam war hero who isn't afraid to ruffle feathers. Kerrey, 54 , wants to
extend health care to every American, but to require everyone to pay for it accord. ing to their ability to pay.
He also has some uncon He also has some unconven-
tional ideas about how to cope with middle class anxiety tha the rich are getting richer, the poor poorer and those in the
middle are just treading wate middle are just treading water
Unlike some Democrats who want to share the wealth. Kerrey's idea is for the gover
ment to help low- and middle income people accumulate

His model is Osceola McCarty of Hattiesburg, Miss
who worked as a washer. who worked as a washer-
woman for 73 years. When sh woman for 73 years. When she
finally retired at the age of 87 , McCarty gave a cash gift of $\$ 150,000$ to the University of
Southern Miss issippi for Southern Mississippif for scho
arships for African-American students.
Asked how she had managed

| to build $\$ \mathbf{\$ 0}, \mathbf{0 0 0}$ on a four-fig. ure income, "Osceola McCarty said simply, it was the magic of compounding interest. A woman at the local bank helped her put away a few cents, sometimes a few dollars, a week and compounding interest did the rest. | and open a $\$ 1,000$ investment account for each of the babies born every year. That's about 4 million babies and accounts. <br> Third, extend the $\$ 500$ per child tax credit to every child and require that the money be placed in the child's investment account for the first five |
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| American the chance to own a | Let Social Security run |
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| each save a million dollars. <br> "Remember, for all the | a median family income over the 45 years of the average |
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| payroll tax," Kerrey says. "A | there's an easy solution to the |
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| points and place the savings in | ed to the idea of $r$ |
| a personal investment plan. | for president. |
| Second, take one-tenth of 1 percent of the payroll tax - |  |
| about $\$ 4$ billion annually - | Howard News Service.) |

Privatizing prisons isn't necessarily good public policy

By JOHN KANELIS

## Amarillo Globe News

## Privatizing our correctional

 It might bring revenue to casIt may be good business strapped government entities.
But it isn't necessarily good public policy An incident in Brazoria
County, on the Texas County, on the Texas Gulf
Coast, brings to mind many of the concerns of those who
believe that the public has a responsibility to incarcerate bad guys. It's the same respo
sibility that we take when police arrest them and the
courts try them for their
crimes - all at public expense Most of us have heard the
story. Video cameras captured
bizarre images of jail inmates being beaten by guards, force to crawl on their bellies like
animals, being set upon by animals, being set upon by
German shepherd dogs and shocked repeatedly with stun guns. The state of Missouri, which
contracted with the company to house the inmates, canceled the
> ure income, "Osceola McCarty
said simply, it was the magic woman helped her put away a few cents, sometimes a few dollars, Kerrey's plan "to give every American the chance to own encourage middle income peo ple to invest small amounts of compounding int the magic investors would eventually get

> With three changes in federal of Americans who orrrently have no hope of wealth could each save a million dollars. rhetoric that you have heard about the income tax, the
biggest drain on working fam ly's disposable income is the payrou tax," Kerrey says.
family of four earning median household income of lost $\$ 5,300$ to the payroll tax and $\$ 2,700$ to the income tax. First, reduce the employee's share of the Social Security
payroll tax by 2 percentage points and place the savings a personal investment plan.
Second, take one tenth of 1 percent of the payroll tax
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#### Abstract

account for each of the bables born every year. That's about million babies and accounts. Third, extend the $\$ 500$ per and require that the money be placed in the child's investLet Social Security run the eled after the federal employees thrift savings plan. Kerrey return of assuming a median child's $\$ 1,000$ account would b $\$ 2,500$ added during the first tax credit would be worth $\$ 470,000$. Investing 2 percent of the 45 years of the average $\$ 400,000$. Elan, he says, it proves tha problem en thy silution to th rictier and poor poorer. painful than realizing that yo just after the opportunity has passed," Kerrey said. but the same lesson could be applied to the for president. (Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service.)


## Wallard Fillmare <br> :



Would Jerry Jones really consider being Cowboys' newest coach?
The ASSociareo press
DALLAS - Tom Landry, Jimmy
Johnson and Barry Switzer have all
coached the Dallas Cowboys to Super
Bowlitites. Could Jerry Jones?
Jones told the New York Times in
an interview published Sunday that
he's considered trying it, but hasn't.
made the move because "there are just
too many coaches who have the expe.
rience to get it done better than I
could.",
Jones, who played football at
Arkansas and has been Dallas' general
manager since buying the team in
1989, once said 500 people could take
the Cowboys to the Super Bow. He
has hinted before that he considers
himselif among the other 499.
"I consider it sometimes, yes," Jones
told the newspaper. "But first and
foremost I want to be successful and
not selifish, and the best chance for
this organization to win is by having
full-time head coach who is qualified,
so that's why I probably won't do it.".
Neither Jones nor other team off.
cials could immediately be reached for
comment Sunday. A message left at
the team's headquarters Sunday was
not returned to The Associated Press.
The last NFL owner to coach his
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"It
"as y know of Jones' interest in mov-
from the front office to the sidenes.
"It cou
eague It could definitely happen," said a Jones on the subject. "I'm not sure if Jones on the subject. "'I'm not sure if
it will, but don't laugh it off because he has talked about it increasingly the
last few months and even the past few weeks.
because he would not be good at it,
but because he alreaty but because he already has so many Jones relishes the ch breaking the mold and showing a new,
aiready done it with contracts that get
around the salary cap and through deals with Nike and Pepsi that "In general league deals. "In general, in life, you have to go
for it," said Jones, who made his Money in the crapshoot world of oil. "You live life to the fullest. But I have
to admit it would be exter o admit it would be extremely self-
centered if I did coach the team. Still, he desire is sometimes there. Jones feeds that desire by prowling the sidelines nearly every Sunday. He often attends practices at Valley
Ranch and even has several television Ranch and even has several television-
and radio shows where he lets Xs and

## Stanton runners prepare for first Soreheads meet

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| Stanton's Buffaloes and Lady |  |
| Buffaloes cross country teams |  |
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| Country Meet at the Martin | div |
| County Country Club this weekend. <br> Two runners from the Lady | ory |
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| to take part in the Seminole meet, the most glaring loss being Lacy Chandler's inability to compete due to an injury |  |
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| Coaches hope to have her back in the team lineup in time for the District 6-2A meet set for |  |
|  | However, 10 Forsan |
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| Oct. 20. <br> Erika Benavidez paced the | junior varsity race, as Tonnie |
| Lady Buffaloes varsity during the Saturday race, her time of 14:02.78 shaving 39 seconds off |  |
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| her previous best. Wendy | Patterson, 30 |
| Woodfin was 15 th with a 14.23.03, 46 seconds than her | Alexander, 32nd; |
|  | Brown, '41st; Kristen Thi |
| $14.23 .03,46$ seconds than her PR, \|while her sister, Emily. was 28 th with a clocking of | th; Kori Hughes, 45 |
|  | Stacey Anderson, 46 |
| was 28th with a clocking of 15:06.20 that was more than a minute better than she had | Amanda Epley, 50th; Mel |
|  | Crouch, 51st; and Je |
| ever run before. <br> Tiffany Madison rounded out | Hogg |
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| the varsity girls' showing with a 44th-place finish of 15:46.05, taking 38 seconds off her PR. | afer noted there w |
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| Christy Salgado was 12th in the junior varsity girls' division, |  |
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| taking more than a minute off her personal best with a time |  |
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| of $16: 01.89$. <br> Julio Cazares was 17th in the |  |
| boys' varsity race with a $19: 24$ | The next meet for the |
| time that knocked 16 seconds off his best time, while David | Forsan distance runners will |
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| Butler was 22nd with a 19:52 clocking that was 15 seconds off his best | and a 10:15 a.m. for the high |
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| The 20:46 time J.D. Ramos | Teams from Sands, Grady, |
| posted in finishing 26th equaled his best time ever, while Angel Salazar made the |  |
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| Stanton runner by taking 2 minutes, 8 seconds off his per- | Approximately 55 runners |
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| Waters rounded out the | course. Another 45 |
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| ever run before. <br> This weekend's first ever | Trophies will be awarded |
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ly lost. Tonight: Do for yourselfist VIRGO $^{*}$ (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Aim for sucess, but don't get upset when matters don't tumble your way. This is an occa-
sion when intentions are sion when intentions are
important. Focus on what you import; onnt dismiss anything as
impossible A friend comes through for you. Tonight: Gei together with the gang. ****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Schedule what you want to
do, but count on unusual
demands coming from out demands coming from out of
the blue. Be sure about what the blue. Be sure about what
you want. Proceed carefully
with a boss. Others push you hard but know they can count
on you. Tonight: Plan on a late night."**
SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Instincts are off
Rationalizing a course of action
might not work might not work. Detach fromy
what is happening; gather as much perspective as possible
Show your caring in a way that Show your caring in a way that
others can hear. Listen atten
tively to what someone offers tively to what someone offers,
Tonight: SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Deo,
21) Your objectives get tossed to
the wind, but you have no one to complain about but yourself. cerns involving partners. There
could be a misunderstanding where you least expect it.
${ }^{19)}$ Defer to another, and listen to feedback. There is a strong conbut you will resolve it. It is an
excellent day to network and
handle the social aspects of handle the social aspects of lots of ground to cover.
Tonight: The party begins with AQUUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You feel surrounded by work,
work and more work. You
might have to cancel plans that take you out of town. Avoid
office gossip. and remain direct. Confusion surrounds
long-distance communications.
Be sure about what you want. Be sure about what you want.
Tonight: Take a drive to clear your mind.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Use your creative, dynamic Use your creative, dynamic
think ing to formulate a new idea that could improve a part-
nership. You might find a nership. You might find a
financial matter too heavy for
you. Regroup, then make a you. Regroup, then make a
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 Dempsey in the famous＂long．
count＂fight in Chicago． In 1949 ，the Soviet Union
exploded its first atomic bomb exploded its first atomic bomb．
In 1958，Sherman Adams In 1958，Sherman
assistant
to President
Eisenhower，
resignied amid charges of improperly using his
influence to help an ist．
In 1964，the musical＂Fiddler
on the Roof＂opened on on the Roof＇opened on
Broadway，beginning a run of 3，242 performances．
In 1975，Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President
Ford outside a San Francisco Ford outside a San Francisc
hotel，but missed． In 1980，the Persian Gulf con－
flict between Iran and Iraa fict between Iran and
erupted into full．scale war．
In 1989，songwriter Irvin In 1989，songwriter Irving
Berlind ded in New York City at
age age 101．
Ten years ago：On Wall Street，
the stock market surged higher the stock market surged higher． The Dow Jones industrial aver
age rose 75.23 points（the largest
one age rose
oneday gain recorded to tha
time） time．，closing at $2,568.05$ ．
Five years $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Five years } \\ \text { Secretary of } & \text { Former } \\ \text { State } & \text { Formenry }\end{array}$ Kissinger denounced as a＂flat out lie＂an allegation that
and other officials had known American servicemen were left behind when the war in Southeast Asia ended．Presiden
Bush vetoed a family and med Bush vetoed a family and med
ical leave bill（similar legisla
tion was tion was later enacted）．Th
U．N．General Assembly voted to U．N．General Assembly voted to
expel Yugoslavia． exped Yugosiavia．
Martha Scott is 83．Aaseball
manager Tommy manager Tommy Lasorda is 70
Actor Eugene Roche is Musician King Sunny Ade is
Captain Mark Captain Mark Phillips is 49
Rock singer David Coverdale Rock singer David Coverdal
（Deep Purple，Whitesnake） 48．Actress Shari Belafonte is Country singer June Forester （The Forester Sisters）is 41 Napolitano singer Johnette 40．Singer－musician Joan Jett is 37．Actress Catherine Oxenberg
is 36．Actor Scott Bat Actor Rob Stone is 35 ．Rhy is 36 ． and－blues singer Big Rube and－blues singer
（Soclety of Soul）is 26.
Thought for
Thought for Today：＂One of
the great lessons the fall of the leaf teaches，is this：Do your work well and then be ready to depart when God shall call，＂
Tryon Edwards，American cler gyman（1809－1894）．

