San Angelo Diocese says missing \$200,000 won't affect Big Spring churches

By STEVE REAGAN

Officials with the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo say that the apparent misappropriation of more than \$200,000 in church funds will have no affect on local parishes.

Diocese spokesman Rev. Maurice Voity confirmed last week that at least \$200,000 in church money was deposited in accounts belonging to former bookkeeper David Mayrand, who handled the organization's finances for more than 20 years until his death in

In addition, diocese officials say they can't account for about half of \$4.5 million in diocesan financial assets.

Voity said the unaccounted-for money is comprised of "very significant percentages of listed cash and investment assets, which may possibly amount up to approximately \$4.5 mil-

The Rev. Michael Pfeifer, bishop of the diocese, said the organization is pursuing legal relief.

Webb, Stokes and Sparks as additional counsel in this matter," Pfeifer said in a statement released late last week. "We are already pursuing civil and criminal actions to return all monies lost by alteration or by any other means.

Both Pfeifer and Voity, however, avoided blaming Mayrand for the financial mess.

"It is simply an incomprehensible shock to all of us that altered checks, or any activity against the church, would bring us to the actions that we "We have engaged the law firm of have been forced to take," Pfeifer's

Voity told the Herald that the financial troubles afflicting the diocese would have no affect on any local parishes within the organization's 29county boundary.

'We have fully guaranteed any savings they have with us," Voity said. "We also have a line of credit from Norwest if we need it ... The main account and our cash flow is fine."

Voity admitted that the situation was a giant headache for himself and everyone else at the diocese, but wanted to reassure individual parishoners that local operations will continue unabat-

"The parishes really have no great worries," Voity said. "They're not going to lose a cent. That was our main concern from the beginning."

The Rev. Cornelieus Scanlan, pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Big Spring, said he has received reassurances from the diocese that local operations would not be affected, but declined further comment on the issue.

A pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring declined comment.

Commissioners establish 1998 holiday slate

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

County employees will get to enjoy 12 holidays for the 1998 calendar year, but after that things could change as one **Howard County Commissioner** thinks 12 holidays is too many.

Commissioners voted 3-1, with Sonny Choate voting no and County Judge Ben Lockhart not voting, to approve the 1998 holiday schedule.

"We have a \$13 000 a day pay roll for our employees, Choate said. "If we shut down (meaning extra holidays) we're charging the county's residents for something they are not get-

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, for a long time county employees had on 11 holidays a year, but that changed when it became a federal law that counties have to take Martin Lutner King Day.

Olson said County Attorney Mike Thomas looked into the federal law which basically says if you take one federal holiday, you have to take the oth-

"This is an expense," Choate said. "And I think we ought to set the limit at 11 holidays a year and stick with it."

Before approving the 1998 holiday schedule with 12 holidays, commissioners debated on which holiday to drop in order to get back to an 11 holiday calendar. The days being considered for deletion included Good Friday (April 10); July 3, which is the Friday preceding Independence Day; and Nov. 27, the day after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Emma Brown was against dropping any of the holidays and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore said he was not in tavor of getting no of the day before Independence Day or the day after Thanksgiving because both holidays are heavy travel periods and would not help the county employees who opt to travel during these holidays.

"If I'm going to drop something, I'd rather drop a day around Thanksgiving," Choate

As a result of the commissioners 3-1 decision, county employees will receive the following holidays in 1998: Jan. 1, New Year's Day; Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Day; Feb. 16, President's Day; April 10, Good Friday; May 25, Memorial Day; July 3 with Independence Day; Sept. 7, Labor Day; Nov. 11, Veteran's Day; Nov. 26-27, Thanksgiving; and Dec. 24-25, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



16 shopping days left Snoopy's Christmas Countdown sponsored by **Barcelona Apartments**

NEARLY DONE

Employees of **Quality Glass** work on the eighth floor of the Settles Building tower. The window proiect is now more than two-thirds complete.

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South county blasting worries residents

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Dynamite blasting in Howard County has more than a few residents worried about being rock right off their foundations.

County Howard Commissioner Bill Crooker acted as a liaison Monday between the concerned residents and Bobby Price of Price Construction, which has been blasting from a caliche pit in Southern Howard County for

"People have been concerned for several years now about this problem," Crooker said during Monday commissioners' court meeting, which eventually turned into a separate meeting in the county courtroom.

'After every blast, we have muddy water coming into our houses and things are tumbling off my cupboards," one resident

"A couple of years ago, we had some pretty good blasts which left cracks in my walls and knocked out the fluorescent lights in my shop," another resident added.

Resident Donna Love told commissioners that sometimes the blasts can change the formation of the water table underground, limiting the amount of water residents get from their

"Since a blast on Feb. 17, I'm down to less than 100 gallons a day of water from my well," Love said. "More than that I also get brown water. My well was unlimited before this and people were coming to my house to get water."

material The Construction receives from blasting is being used on the North Highway 87 project.

"It's the closest base material around," Price said.

Price told concerned residents that his company was trying to make the situation a livable one for all involved by trying to minimize the number of blasts,

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Parking

Council to face citizens when parking on grass ordinance is considered today at 5:30 meeting

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

Several citizens concerned about a proposed ordinance to restrict parking on grassy or unpaved surfaces have indicate ed they will be in attendance at tonight's meeting of the Big Spring City Council to voice their opposition of the measure.

The council will meet at 5:30 in the council chambers at city hall. The ordinance is one of the first items listed on the agenda. One council member who

voted for the ordinance on Nov. 11, says he has changed his mind and probably won't vote for the ordinance in its current

Jimmy Campbell said the people who oppose the ordinance have raised some good points just as those who favor it have.

"I'm afraid that the way it's presented now will not allow it to be enforced equitably," Campbell said. "The way it is now, it has some real sticklers in it."

The gist of the ordinance would make it unlawful to park a vehicle on grassy or unpaved surfaces and make violations subject to a fine of between \$25 and \$500.

"I don't think it can be enforced throughout the whole city because a lot of old neighborhoods were built when onecar families were the norm," Campbell said. "I really don't know what the answer is, but it's not about taking rights away.'

People who have a choice are basically in agreement with the according ordinance, Campbell.

"Everyone in the community has the opportunity to participate (in the decision making process)," Campbell said. "It's no secret when we meet and people know we have a city government, a master plan and a volunteer code enforcement group (Code Patrol)."

"We've made a lot of headway in cleaning up our city and in hindsight, maybe this is a situation where we felt it was just a routine matter," Campbell added. "Maybe we should have spent more time on education where this issue was concerned." "What changed my mind was

a friend getting into the car with me and us driving around

and looking at properties, options and choices," Campbell

As for tonight's meeting, Campbell said he thinks the issue will either live or die because it's too hot an issue.

'I'd like to see it brought back with options," Campbell said. "I believe in the intent of the ordinance, but I also realize you can't legislate pride."

Councilman Greg Biddison believes the ordinance is a good one, but admits it could be reworded a bit.

"The ordinance is good and is a part of the long range plan in terms of visual pollution, hard to enforce but you need to start somewhere. We're not trying to take any right away, we're trying to improve the look of the city."

"People who live here get used to how things look, but people who come in to Big Spring tourists and business people will take notice," Biddison added. "The long range plan addresses apathy and attitude, but you can't force people to have pride in the city.

Councilwoman Stephanie Horton continues to oppose the issue saying the ordinance is still a matter of government going too far.

"I feel like Pat Simmons (Code Patrol) has done enough, Horton said. "We should not go into people's homes and direct traffic. We have enough traffic in the streets that we can't direct."

"We have code enforcement, which the citizens pay for," Horton added. "We don't need volunteer code enforcement. Beautification (referring to visual pollution) is a part of the master plan, but it's not a part of the master plan to go into people's yards and tell them when, where and how to live."

Councilman Chuck Cawthon says you get more flies with honey than you do with vinegar and feels like the council may have made a few mistakes in the past. "I think we need to ask people

to help rather than try to force them," Cawthon said.

According to Cawthon, he has already asked City Manager Gary Fuqua to post sign on dumpsters asking people to help

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VEATHER









Tonight, partly cloudy. Becoming much colder toward sunrise. Lows from 25-35. Wednesday, cold with a few flurries. Mostly cloudy with highs 35-45. Wednesday night, cloudy and cold. A chance of snow. Lows around 20. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, cloudy and cold with a chance of snow. Lows 20-25. Highs in the 30s.

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TU power outage blamed on high winds

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

High winds were blamed for a power outage in the Sand Springs area that left almost 300 electric customers without power for most of Monday evening.

Jim Clements of the local TU Electric office said the outage occurred at about 6:30 p.m. Monday, and affected 295 customers in the Sand Springs area. In addition, Sid Richardson Carbon Co. was without power during that time.

Full power was restored to the area by 9:30 p.m., Clements

Clements said a phase conductor on a power line came loose in the high winds Monday night and fell into a tree, catching the tree and surrounding grass on fire.

The resultant fire broke the conductor and melted the power line in the immediate area.

"They had to go out there, get the fire out, then we had to replace about 500 feet of wire," Clements said. Fire department units had the grass fire out in short order, he added. Six TU Electric repair person-

nel worked to restore power to the area. Clements said their efforts were hampered by the winds, darkness and safety concerns working around downed lines.

"People see a downed power line, and they automatically think it's dead," he said. "That's not necessarily the truth. We were slowed down by the dark and the wind ... and we had to make sure we were safe.

Clements said the incidents was unavoidable.

the size of the blasts as well as

the vibrations. "We have subcontracted with Straun Explosives to do the blasting because we don't do our own blasting anymore," Price said. "They are the

experts in the field. "They will see that we don't damage your property and do anymore inconveniencing that we have to," Price added. "Straun will have a third party on site to oversee the operation. I'm not unconcerned with your problems."

Price told residents that he is not overblasting, but is trying to get the material down to a size where it will fit into his equipment (crushers).

Price also told residents that he didn't want to crack any foundations, windows or water pipes.

Crooker suggested that the group, which filled the commissioners' courtroom, select a couple of people to act as liaisons between Price and the concerned residents.

"There are ways we can blast out of a pit without bursting water pipes or cracking foundations," Price said. "Straun can do a preblast survey and totally inspect your house. After the blast they go back through and a do a follow up."

"I could care less about the noise, but there's something wrong when you can feel the vibrations through a waterbed," Love said.

Price said he's concerned about the sonic blasts and wind direction.

"Seismic vibrations are virtually nill," Price said. "But, some air blasts (shock waves) are pre-

Residents in the area will be contacted by Straun in the next few days to establish monitoring of their homes and try to prevent further damage.

PARKING

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keep the alley's clean.

As for the parking ordinance, Cawthon is sticking to his guns. "I put 21 years in to service (military) for my country and I didn't do it to get on the city council and start taking people's rights away," Cawthon said. "That's how I feel."

Councilman Tommy Tune says he can see the validity in both sides of the argument, but will probably not vote for the issue based on what he's heard and the input he's received concerning the ordinance.

When it first came up, I wanted to table the issue and give the community a chance to

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Ethel Alice (Peppy) Howie died Saturday Services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Trinity Memoria

Clarence Pollard Jr 41 died Thursday Services are

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH



Maryos Hutto Barber 88 died Saturday Services were 10:00 AM Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring Interment followed at

Mt. Olive Memorsai Park. Jesus Gessiei Ortega 84 died Sunday Services were at Tursday a immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Interment followed at Trinity Memorial

respond," Tune said.

According to Tune, the intent of the Code Patrol is to continue the cleanup program.

"The problem I have with some of the comments against the ordinance is that people are making this an ordinance with malicious intent," Tune said. "Property rights are one thing, but responsible use of property is subject to limitations, which is based on the rights of surrounding property owners."

Tune believes the ordinance would better serve Big Spring if it was rewritten in some other form and says he has heard suggestions that the issue may be better handled through the and Zoning Planning Commission.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING BANDS WILL perform their Christmas concerts Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium.

Sixth grade begins playing at 6 p.m., followed at about 6:45 p.m. by the 7th grade band. Eighth graders perform at about 7:15, followed at 8 p.m. by the high school band.

The public is invited to attend the concert. Baked goods and refreshments will be offered. Call Rocky Harris at 264-3641 for more information.

THE COAHOMA LIONS **CLUB** invites all to celebrate Christmas in the Park. Saturday, Dec. 13. Bring a decoration to the park at 3 p.m. and help us decorate the community Christmas tree. Return at 6 p.m. to hear the band, chorus groups, see Santa Claus and have free refreshments. For more information, call Jim or Irene at 394-4424.

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MED-ICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive Tuesday, Dec. 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 263-1211, ext. 463 for an appointment.

DANCING LINE OFFERED at the Big Spring Family YMCA, Fridays from 11 a.m.-noon. This is a great way to get exercise and have fun at the same time. Call for more information, 267 8234

IT'S RECYCLE DAY IN

Coahoma.

Coahoma, Clean and Proud will be accepting recyclable items in the empty lot West of Little Sooper grocery store Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to noon. We will be collecting newspaper, cardboard, feed sacks, aluminum and steel.

We will also be collecting Campbell Soup labels for the schools and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. For more information, call Irene at 394-4424.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will offer flu shots to those 18 and over every Wednesday of the winter months (October through February). The injections are available from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. at 501 Birdwell Lane.

For those on Medicare, there is no co-payment, but the card must be presented at the time of the injection. For others, the fee is \$5

FREE EYEGLASSES WILL BE available for adults Saturday at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club Bingo Building, 1607 E. Third St. from 9 a.m.-noon

All adults needing glasses who don't have income to purchase them are welcome. A doctor's prescription is recommended. Call the Lions at 267-3068 for more information.

PARKS CONVENIENCE CENTER IS having a food drive to help the hungry of Big Spring. Bring three cans of food and receive a free Express Plus Car Wash as our gift to

For more information call 263-4498

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRING-BOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CON-TACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY

·Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615

Settles. •Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to

7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. •Beginning line dance class

will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

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

•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education & Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

WEDNESDAY •Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821. ·Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

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

THURSDAY

 Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

·Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older. •Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic

Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria. NA meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

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

 American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084. ·Christmas in April, noon,

1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147. ·West Texas Republican

Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club. •Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30

p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

·Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a

SATURDAY

•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

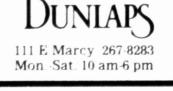
•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st & Lancaster. Breakfast served, \$4. All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

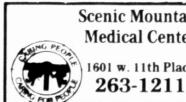
·Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th

·Lions Club Eyeglass clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, Evening Lions Bingo, 1607 E. Eyeglasses will be given away and fitted to needy persons. SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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ROUND THE TOWN

Texas numbers

Government releases

state's 'vital' statistics

WASHINGTON (AP) - The government's bean counters are at it again, releasing statistics that measure the American way of life in details great and small — from the number of births and deaths per year to the amount of ice cream and broccoli consumed annually.

Each year since 1878, the federal government has issued its weighty Statistical Abstract of the United States, pulling together an array of statistics from dozens of government agencies and trade associations.

Dry-sounding in name and in fact, the 1997 edition issued a few days ago nonetheless offers some interesting nuggets of news to those willing to pore through its 1,023 pages.

Take the Lone Star State. In its 267,277 square miles of space (a territory second only to Alaska's 615,230 square miles), Texas packs 19.1 million residents who drive 13.6 million registered vehicles on

rural highways. Those Texans eat at 16,621 restaurants and shop at 27,354 food stores, pumping their gasoline at 11,053 service stations. Overall, the state has 2,906 of the nation's 42,130 shop-

296,186 miles of urban and

ping centers. Texas was one of the 10 fastest growing states between 1990 and 1996, its population rising by 12.6 percent. During that time span, Texas nudged New York aside to become the second-largest state in the nation behind California.

" As of last year, the Texas population stood at 19.1 million a 71 percent increase over the 11.2 million people living in the state in 1970.

The state boasts one of the country's youngest populations, with only 10 percent of its citizens 65 and older compared with a national average of nearly 13 percent. Only four other states have a lower percentage of senior citizens.

Among the other Texas-related tidbits:

-Some 5.8 million Texans drive alone to work, while another 1.1 million carpool. Just over 2 percent of Texans use public transportation to get to work — half the national average. The typical travel time to work in Texas is 22.2 minutes, almost exactly on par with the national average of 22.4 minutes.

-Texans spent nearly \$22 billion on public elementary and secondary schools last year, an average of \$5,593 per student. The national average is \$6,103 per pupil.

-The 1995 median household income in Texas was \$32,039, slightly below the national average of \$34,076. Seventeen percent of Texans had incomes Aylsford, medical call, patient below the poverty level that year, compared with 14 percent nationally.

-Of the 26 million people who self-identify as being of Latino origin, just over 5 million live in Texas.

PICK 3: 9,9,3 Texas Lottery CASH 5:6,13,25,34,38

MARKETS

March cotton 67.95, down 52 points; Jan. crude 18.76, down 8 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.50 lower at 43.50; cash steers steady at \$1 lower at 66; Dec. lean hog futures 80.72, up 55 points; Dec. live cattle futures 67.05, up 15 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones

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RECORDS

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports:

Monday 3:33 a.m. — 1900 North Lamesa Highway, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:29 a.m. — Highway 87 and Hearn, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC. 7:29 a.m. -500 block

transferred to SMMC. Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PM

Saturday 9 AM-5 PM **CLOSED SUNDAY** MEDICAL CARE PLAZA

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9:30 a.m. - 2000 block Virginia, medical call, patient

transferred to SMMC. 10:16 a.m. — 3200 block E. 350, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:05 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

11:44 p.m. - 800 W. 18th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incident between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

· SCOTTY BRYANT, 20, arrested on local warrants. · TIMOTHY RIOS, 19,

arrested on local warrants. MARIO QUINTANA, 43, arrested on charge of public intoxication.

 MARISELDA CARRILLO, 34, arrested on charge of driving while license invalid. • JONATHAN PIERCE, 21,

arrested on charge of no driver's license. • DON ATKINSON, 17, arrested on a charge of unau-

thorized use of a vehicle. • PHILLIP BERRY, 17, arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle.

• REBECCA ISBELL, 19, arrested on local warrants. DANNY ISBELL, 22,

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block of N. Lamesa. THEFT on the 1200 block of Gregg, the 2300 block of Wasson, 18th and Gregg, and the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

arrested on local warrants.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday

 STEVEN MADDUX, 21, 2902 Cactus, arrested on a charge of making alcohol available to minors.

 JULIO NAVARRO, 34, 2902 E. Cherokee, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. · ROBERT GREEN, no age

given, Colorado City, arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated. · RAYMOND TATE, no age or address given, arrested on a

charge of public intoxication. · ANCIETO AGUINAGA, no age or address given, arrested on a charge of driving while

license suspended. WAYNE CLAY SHINDEL, no age or address given, arrested on local warrants.

CLARIFICATION

In the Nov. 21, 1997 Sheriff's Log, it was reported that Jason Michael Mundell, 20, 1502 E. Sixth, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces. Sheriff's records indicate he was released on Nov. 20 after serving a 30-day sentence for possession of marijuana under two

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Monday

House Republicans still want probe of Ambassador Lawrence WASHINGTON (AP) - The widow of est in questions concerning the State American ambassador, even as he suf-

former Ambassador Larry Lawrence plans to remove his body from Arlington National Cemetery, but her decision failed to quell the controversy over the waiver allowing him to be buried there.

Rep. Terry Everett, R-Ala., said Monday that his House Veterans Affairs oversight subcommittee wanted to know how Lawrence received the waiver in the first place. Lawrence, a major contributor to the Democratic Party, was ambassador to Switzerland at the time of his death in 1996.

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Department's actions in the granting of waivers for Mr. Lawrence," he said.

Earlier in the day, Shelia Davis Lawrence told President Clinton in a letter that she would have his body removed from Arlington and taken to San Diego, where he owned the landmark Hotel del Coronado.

Her decision followed questions about whether Lawrence really served in the Merchant Marine in 1945 and was wounded in action, as claimed.

"I remain convinced that Larry's wish to be buried at Arlington was justified by his courageous service as an

fered from a most painful and ulti-mately fatal blood disease," Mrs. Lawrence wrote. "I realize, however, that the controversy of the past few days precludes his resting there in peace.

Clinton responded with a letter telling Mrs. Lawrence that he would make sure the Defense Department abided by her wishes.

"I will always remember Larry for his friendship and for his service to his community and our country," Clinton said in the letter. "And I will never forget Larry's remarkable success as a anthropist and his skill as a diplomat."

The Army said in a statement that the Arlington cemetery superintendent 'will work with the family to honor their request."

Lawrence died after three years as ambassador, and his Merchant Marine service was cited to help him receive a waiver to be buried in the nation's most prominent military cemetery. But congressional investigators said last week they had searched military records and found no evidence that he served in the Merchant Marine. In addition. the New York Post reported

Saturday that Lawrence was a full-time college student in March 1945, the same month he claimed his ship was torpedoed off the Russian coast.

On Friday, White House spokesman McCurry acknowledged Arlington'was "a place of sacred honor to all Americans, and no one should be buried there who has falsified records.'

McCurry, asked late Monday whether anyone in the White House had tried to influence Mrs. Lawrence's decision, said, "She has many friends in the administration, but this was her **decision** to make." McCurry said.

Former cop says he guarded Biko, but sought no medical help

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — A former apartheid policeman said today he stood guard over a beaten, chained Steve Biko but neither wiped the blood from his face nor sought medical help.

The testimony before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission provided more details on the final days of Biko, one of South Africa's leading anti-apartheid heroes when he died in police detention in 1977 at age 30.

Jacobus Beneke, 48, is one of five former security policemen seeking amnesty in the Biko killing.

He described how Biko, injured and semiconscious from an assault during a police interrogation, was chained to a gate and left standing for hours.

"I saw that he was standing there with open staring eyes and seemed he was not aware of what was going on," Beneke said.

Although Beneke said he thought Biko should get medical care, he took no steps to clean the blood off Biko's face or treat other injuries. A doctor who examined Biko the next day found his head injuries had caused incontinence that left Biko's clothes and blankets soaked in his own urine.

Beneke stared down when lawyer George Bizos; representing the Biko family, accused the policemen of beating Bike and letting him suffer out of hatred.

"May I suggest it was evidence of the utter contempt of Mr. Biko as a human being and pure hatred for him" that led to such negligence, Bizos said.

The officers have testified that Biko's death was unintentional, resulting from a scuffle after Biko refused to stand during interrogation.

Bizos, who also represented the Biko family at a 1977 inquest that absolved police of responsibility in the killing, called that account a lie.

"Isn't it that you and your colleagues decided on the morning of Sept. 6 that you were going to teach him a lesson and punch out of him that a black man should have the cheek to think he was as good as a white person?" Bizos said.

Biko's death provoked international outrage and mobilized the anti-apartheid struggle at home. In 1987, Denzel Washington portrayed him in the film "Cry Freedom."

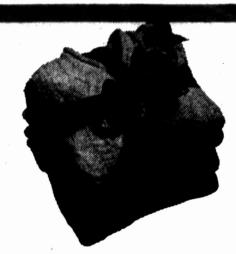
On Monday, former Capt. Daniel Siebert testified he drove Biko, naked and dying, more than 600 miles from Port Elizabeth to a prison in Pretoria.

Earlier testimony, when the amnesty hearing began in September, described how police butted Biko's head into a wall while interrogating him in Port Elizabeth.

The September hearing, interrupted for a national commemoration of the 20th anniversary of Biko's death, resumed

Monday. The Truth Commission has approved amnesty in about a third of the cases decided so far. More than 5,000 applications are pending. To receive amnesty, applicants must make full confessions of political crimes.

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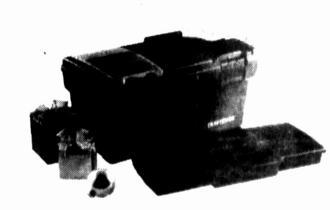
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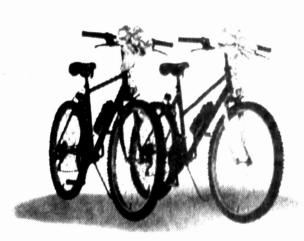
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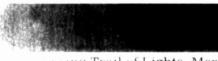
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TO THE EDITOR:

I know only what I have read in the paper these last few days regarding Mr. Ron Logback. I don't think a lot of rambling of who did what is doing us any

From what I have read this was a problem some years ago so why are we upset with Mr. Logback?

Yes, the dollars brought in would definitely have been a boon but again this is a problem that we faced years ago and no one, for one reason or another, took action. It is not right that we pin this on Mr. Logback. We know what the problem was, how about we con rect that problem with those that can make the changes. If we want the changes made we need to take action instead of blaming Mr. Logback or BSISD. If we want these playoffs here The VELA at our stadium, let's find out what is necessary to get it done or at the very least determine if it is feasible

Let us act instead of react, let us have positive thoughts. Those complaining should at the very least bring this to the school board. Working together on a solution is far better than making accusations.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: As pointed out by Mr. Logback in the original story, he has requested (without success) of his employer on several occasions to train someone to work in his absence.

We agree with Mr. Settles ... if we think we want playoffs, let's work toward that goal. If not, let's let the Lamesa's and Plainview's continue to host them and move on.

Here's a holiday for folks who are fed up

You've heard of Lent. Well, I observe Bent, and I give up stuff for Bent just the way people give up

stuff for Lent. Bent is short for "bent out of shape, which is a polite way of saying highly annoyed, to use still another



Columnist euphemism for vulgar language.

I've decided to give up airports and airlines because both have become a pain in the chakra of annoyance, which is located in the vicinity of that part of us that we use to sit.

I gave up Greyhound buses a long time ago (early 1950s) because they too closely resembled cattle cars. I know we all do a certain amount of role playing, but the part of a steer en route to somewhere is one I will gladly forgo. Being confined in a crowded, enclosed, poorly ventilated space with

strangers who are hawking, spitting, coughing, sneezing, chattering, snoring, crying and occasionally emitting noxious gases into an already saturated atmosphere is not my idea of fun. Especially when I'm asked to pay for my own discomfort.

Well, airlines in their greed, have attained the Greyhound Bus status. The only differences are a few thousand feet and a few hundred miles per hour. It is certainly convenient to travel long distances at a high rate of speed. No question about that. But airlines have succeeded in making it uncomfortable.

And airports are the Siamese twins of airlines. Most American airports seemed to have been designed by an architect intent on reproducing existential hell in various forms and shape. They all tend to look alike, sound alike, smell alike. Most have achieved the egalitarian goal of perfect equality in bad food and inconvenience.

I never have flown bargain airlines or commuters because you don't sell tickets at low prices without saving money

somewhere. And on an airplane, there aren't a heck of lot of places to save money except in maintenance and pilot train-

Now the big airlines are into affirmative action. I not only oppose affirmative action in principle, but I especially oppose it at 30,000 feet and 600 miles per hour. When it comes to pilots of planes in which I sit helpless, I am a believer in strict meritocracy. Damn diversity, give me competence, experience and judgment.

But I don't run airlines, and those who do can do anything they want. But now I don't fly on airlines because I, too, can do anything I want. The airlines have now managed to achieve the same level of annoyance as network television ads for menstrual pads, hemorrhoid remedies and vaginal douches shown during the dinner hour. True, giving up airlines and

airports for Bent will limit my destinations, but I have also given up a lot of destinations for Bent, too. I cannot think of a single reason why I would ever want to visit New York

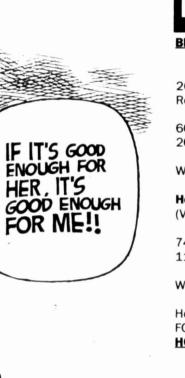
City, Chicago, Los Angeles or Washington, D.C. I've seen them, and in my opinion they don't rate a return visit. Most places I want to visit I can get

to by car, boat or train. I don't expect you to observe my own holiday, Bent, but sometime you ought to make a list of things you can do without. A lot of what annoys us in the new dark ages of America, sometimes called the postmodern world, we really don't need. We just never stop to think that about it.

But I find that the mad-merchant culture, in which in every conceivable manner and in every conceivable form we are screamed at to buy something, has become tiresome. The marketing mania in American has gone over the top. I can hardly find my bills for all the advertisements, catalogs, brochures and come-on letters stuffed in my mailbox.

I may decide to make Bent a year-long holiday.

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Racial reconciliation in the South

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our destination "The first time Lever came here, I felt as it I was on hallowed ground," Ethelene Jones says. Ethelene is Grover's wife, a retired librar in and local historian, the counthor, in fact, of a hetty Fannin County history in its fifth printing.

And the old graveyard is beautiful, the way nigh-forgotten cemeter jes often are. We tiptoe about on wet leaves and burial spots. Perhaps it's the company, but I think of the old Baptist hymn, 'Higher Ground

Ethelene explains the genealogy, a string of begets, in her

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patient way. This is the final resting place of the George Dickey family and extended family. George and his wife, Hannah Taylor Dickey, lie beneath marble tombstones. All around them are slaves as many as 26, the graves marked only with fieldstone.

George Dickey was the great great grandfather of the poet James Dickey. In the 1840s he moved his wife, possibly a niece of President Zachary Taylor, and a number of slaves from North Carolina to North Georgia. Whatever his plans, they were cut short by his death months later. Hannah, however, lived until 1868, when she died a wealthy old woman.

The Dickey family has known about the cemetery for decades. Through the years one family member or another has hacked away at the weeds; one built a boundary wall. James Dickey, born in Atlanta, visited once in the 1970s

Now a California cousin, Fred Dickey, wants to go another step. He wants to use the old cemetery as a symbol to promote racial reconciliation. Nobody can ever know for sure, but Fred wants to believe that the inclusion of slaves in the family plot is a positive sign. He thinks it shows "family affection," that the Dickeys were on the more benevolent end of the slave-owning abomination. Most of Hannah's slaves listed in the census were women and children, and one expert has thrown out the suggestion that the mistress may have run a school for them.

"I can't think of anything more teeth-gritting than having some Californian come in and telling African-Americans in Georgia how to observe slave graves," Fred admits.

But so far reception for his ambitious idea has been good. Dickey has involved U.S. Rep. Cynthia McKinney's (D-Ga.) office and Atlanta poet Herbert W. Denmark. The family plans restoration work in the spring and a graveside ceremony in June.

Already Fred has written the inscription for a new monument at the remote site near Mineral Bluff: "Here, among familiar pines, are two pioneers of these hills, and twenty-six slaves, nameless here, though not the sweat and grief they gave to this soil. They worked the land unequally. There are here together equally. — The Dickey Generations."

And, from his cousin James Dickey's work, this: "That is where it has to start: With the simplest things. More kindness will do nothing less/Than save every sleeping one/And nightwalking one of us.

Whatever else, he hopes to bolster the simple stones over the graves of the unknown slaves so that they don't disappear, dust to dust, over time. And he will ask poet Maya Angelou for permission to use this:

"History, despite its wrenching pain, Cannot be unlived, but if faced/With courage, need note be lived again.'

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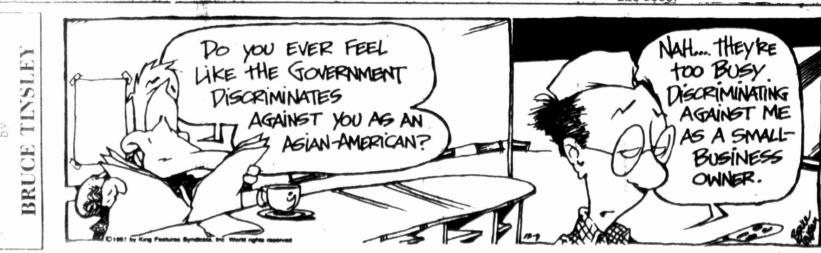
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Past record with state privatization raises concerns about welfare

AUSTIN (AP) - Problems with private vendors that run Texas Lottery and the Lone Star Card for welfare recipients has legislative budget writers worried about privatizing a system to determine welfare eligibility.

"It appears to me that we have two and maybe three situations in Texas today where we have privatized a massive system" and then run into problems, said Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of Senate Interim Finance Committee. "We find that we are virtually captive to this company because there is nobody else out there to do it or it's so expensive or changing companies would be too disruptive.'

Ratliff was referring to the operators of the Lone Star Card which have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract. Transactive Corp., a. subsidiary of GTECH Corp., has com-

plained that because its profits are tied to the number of welfare recipients, the company is losing money as the number of poor Texans receiving welfare declines.

Ratliff said the dispute threatens Texas' ability to deliver food stamps.

The state also has run into problems with GTECH, which runs the lottery. GTECH has sued the lottery to prevent it from considering new bids for the work it's done for the agency since the inception of the numbers games.

Ratliff's Senate Finance Committee heard testimony Monday about the progress of the Texas Integrated Enrollment and Services (TIES), a computer system being designed to determine eligibility for welfare benefits. Lawmakers approved the develop-

ment of the system earlier this year. The Texas Heath and Human

Services Commission is planning to fied," he said. "So if we actually get it award the contract for the automated out in three years, I'd be tickled." system by November 1998.

HHS Commissioner Mike McKinney he is closely watching the problems with the operators of the Lone Star Card and the lottery.

"I've tried not to make the same mistakes," he said. "We're going to make sure we make a computer system that gives us what we want.'

McKinney said the commission is aiming to have the plan for the system completed by February 1998 and submit it to Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislative Budget Board by April. The first pilot programs should begin

in November 1999, McKinney said, adding that it will take about two more years to fully implement the system.

"There is a potential for small mistakes, small problems, to be magni-

Ratliff said he expects the TIES computer system contracting to be closely scrutinized.

"I will want them to tell me that whatever system that they adopt that there are backups or there are other companies and other mechanism that we can turn to if we have any type of problem," Ratliff said.

But Ratliff added that problems with the state's new child support computer system illustrate that there could be problems even if the system were not contracted to a private company.

The state's new computer system for handling child support collects was delayed for years, cost well over estimated and has caused many families to go without payments for weeks.

"That system is just about to crash

and burn," he said. "My office is being inundated primarily with women who are trying to take care of children and their (ex-)husband have sent in their child support, but its not getting back to them," Ratliff said. "It's disappearing into a black hole. And that's not a privatization problem, that's an internal problem.

"They are doing that one in in-house, so I guess what it illustrates is that inhouse has its problems too," he said.

Supporters of the TIES system say it will coordinate and streamline programs, including Medicaid, food stamps, cash assistance, public health services, nutrition assistance and workforce development, currently operated by multiple state agencies. The system is intended to provide onestop shopping for state assistance and

Inmate with death sentences in three states heading for lethal injection today

Michael Lee Lockhart has been duty in 68 years. compared to serial killer Ted Bundy, a comparison Lockhart

What they likely will share is a common fate, their lives ended by execution.

Lockhart, 37, who at one time claimed to have murdered more than two dozen people, now acknowledges three murders — in Texas, Indiana and Florida — and has death sentences to show for them in each of those states.

Today, the drifter from Toledo, Ohio is set for lethal injection in Texas for killing a police officer, Paul Hulsey Jr., while Hulsey was on patrol March 22, 1988 in Beaumont, about 85 miles east of Houston. "The man was doing his job," Lockhart said in an interview last week. "And I'm

responsible for his murder." And the murder of Windy Gallagher, 16, of Griffith, Ind., tortured and fatally stabbed at her home in 1987. Eight months after his Texas convic- at Lockhart's 1988 Texas trial. tion, a jury in Indiana sen-

And the murder of Jennifer Colhouer, 14, of Land O'Lakes, Fla. A judge in Dade City, Fla., gave Lockhart his third death sentence in December 1989 after he pleaded guilty to a similar mutilation slaying at the victim's home in January

The self-described smoothtalking con man was once a door-to-door salesman and had a knack for getting unsuspecting young girls to allow him into their homes.

Miss Gallagher was found raped and stabbed in her bedroom Oct. 13, 1987. The victim's younger sister discovered her disemboweled body tied to a bed, hands tied behind

Miss Colhouer was found by her father in an upstairs bedroom Jan. 10, 1988. She had been abducted after getting off a school bus, raped and fatally

stabbed. "I am guilty for those three cases and take full responsibility for those cases," Lockhart said. "I wish I could give my life in place of theirs. I have been praying for this since

That's when Lockhart, heading for California, raced into Beaumont on the way from Louisiana, driving a red Corvette stolen from a car salesman. Hulsey, son of a Texas police chief, spotted the streaking car and gave chase, lost it, then tracked it to a motel. When Hulsey confronted Lockhart, he was fatally shot with a .357-caliber Magnum pistol.

His slaying was the first of a derer.'

Beaumont officer in the line of

"I wasn't going out looking to kill no Beaumont policeman," Lockhart said. "He was just checking me out. The car had Florida tags. I was in a drug neighborhood."

"I should have stuck to robbery," he added.

Traveling the country, he'd support himself by robbing banks, pulling 20 to 25 heists by his own estimate. He got around by stealing cars, mostly expensive sports cars like Corvettes and Porsches.

"I looked like a little rich brat kid," he said. "I don't know what's wrong with me but there's something wrong that makes me do the things I

"I realize how many people I've hurt and how many lives' I've destroyed. I realize way down, deep inside, I wanted to get caught. And I think that's why I'm here. I didn't want anyone else to suffer.'

A psychologist who testified which was moved from because of publicity, said Lockhart was haunted by homosexual impulses that led to anxiety, that he had been molested by a family friend and neighbor at the age of 5 or 6 and also was the victim of incest from the time he was 9 until he was 12.

The psychologist also said that Lockhart's anger was directed at younger women and that he was not a threat to men unless cornered, like when Hulsey confronted him.

Lockhart last week brushed. aside questions to explain his murder spree.

"It's way too complex for you and me to sit here in a short time and discuss that," he said.

"There are many many factors in my life that led me down the path I left. Even though there are things that happened in my childhood that were very devastating to me and beyond comprehension, as an individual we are all still responsible for the choices we make. Bottom line is: You cannot blame those factors. They can answer questions, but you have to face responsibility to be accountable for your own actions.

"I'm not willing to give a sound bite for the news media. We all know you're not going to get these answers in the newspaper. There has been a lot of books written that people can study and understand how a person like myself might have went down the path I went down. One thing is certain, God did not create a mur-

Many deformed children in Texas go untreated because of claim denials by insurance companies

DALLAS (AP) — Two-year-old Jace Lackey was born with a skull deformity that doctors said would cause his tiny head to swell to two times its normal size, expanding only from front to back.

The deformity didn't interfere with his breathing and was not life threatening, but his parents were convinced he would never lead a normal life.

The Lackey family was surprised and hopeful after doctors assured them that the little boy's deformity could be repaired with surgeries over the course of several years.

All they needed to do was make a claim to their health insurance company for the several hundred thousand dollars the procedure would cost.

Days later came the insurance company's response letter.

It informed them that the surgery Jace wanted was "cosmetic" so their claim was denied. The boy's head was left to grow abnormally for months.

The Lackey family's experience is representative of what many American Medical Association doctors say is a growing problem — insurance companies that purposefully deny claims for reconstructive surgery, even in the cases of

deformed children.

The company that denied American Medical Jace, Security, sometimes lumps surgery on deformities into the same category that includes nose jobs, which aren't covered by Lackey's policy either.

Many insurance companies take the same stance, leaving hundreds of children without the reconstructive surgery that could repair a deformity, said Dallas Dr. Kenneth Salyer, the surgeon who was scheduled to , perform Jace's surgery.

"It is an outrage that families must also have to worry about obtaining insurance coverage for medically necessary procedures during this already stressful time in their lives,' Salyer said. "Battling with insurance companies for coverage only adds to the tragedy of the situation.'

Doctors at the AMA's bienhial House of Delegates meeting are fighting for a resolution that would ask for legislation on the

surgery should be defined as a procedure to improve normal structures of the body to improve the patients self

Reconstructive surgery, how- Surgeons, says the denials fol- don't have to," he said.

ever, should be defined as a procedure performed on abnormal structures — sometimes to improve function, but also to approximate a normal appear-

The delegates were set to vote on the issue today.

"The insurance companies 'the surgery doesn't improve a function,' but isn't the function of the face to appear normal," Salyer said. "What about the emotional lives of these patients that are destroyed.'

After several months of pressure, the insurance company did pay for Jace's initial surgery. The company says it follows guidelines by an industry group on when to offer coverage and when not to.

"Anytime that we are declining coverage for a certain medical treatment we will always bring in a physician to substantiate our position," said Charles Bowers, vice president of the public relations department.

"Finally, I will note, there is They say that cosmetic an appeal process. These are not whimsical decisions, there has to be protocol."

Dr. Dennis Lynch, president of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive

low a trend of "penny-pinching" by insurance companies at the patient's expense.

"From decreased hospital stays to an increased number of insurance denials, companies rather than medical professionals are determining the quality of patient care," Lynch said.

Teenager Mike Hatfield, who was born with a deformed face, has also had difficulty with an insurance company. His famicompany, Administration Services, paid for most of the surgeries he has needed over the years, but has refused to pay the full amount of the final_surgery.

In a letter to the company, the boy's mother, Laura Hatfield, told the company, "I understand the intent of your policy is to avoid frivolous claims and unnecessary procedures. I appreciate that effort, but Mike does not fall into that category."

A spokesman at HAS did not immediately return a call for comment.

Salyer said patients like Mike Hatfield can wait for years before companies decide to pay for the surgery, if they ever do.

"It is a true tragedy that some people are forced to live with these deformities when they

SAISD votes to require school uniforms

SAN ANTONIO (AP) Trustees in the San Antonio school district have voted to require the city's 60,000 public school students to wear uniform clothing beginning next

San Antonio becomes the largest school district in the state to do so.

Trustees took the action unanimously Monday night.

"We think it's going to reduce the amount of distraction and increase the focus on learning," said David Splitek, associate superintendent.

The Northside School District in San Antonio approved a tough dress code in August that banned shorts and baggy clothes. Despite the unanimous vote,

some trustees expressed concerns about forcing uniforms for high school students. "We might have some prob-

lems enforcing this," trustee Tom Gaffney said.

"I'm kind of embarrassed that we're telling our upperclassmen students how to dress when this is something they ought to be learning for themselves," trustee Sylvia Ward

Evelyn Sanders, a teacher in the Twain Middle School, where uniforms were required this fall, says teachers are treating students more fairly.

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Carolina ends Dallas' five-year NFC East reign with 23-13 win

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IRVING - The young Carolina Panthers put two crushing losses on the old Dallas Cowboys twice in one year. The end of an era may be close at hand.

Carolina whipped Dallas 23-13 Monday night to end the Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champion. Only longshot mathematical possibilities keep Dallas, winners of three Super Bowls in the 1990s, in the wild card race.

"There's no question it's the most disappointing game we've had," Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "It's extremely disappointing. We'll have to examine some things in the off-season. We

made too many mistakes. We didn't Bay next. The road doesn't get any give ourselves a chance to win."

Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes and Fred Lane rushed for 138 yards as Carolina stayed alive in the

"We're still in it, we're still in it," Lane said. "This was big for us to beat the Cowboys on Monday Night Football. We were confident we could run the ball, and we did."

Carolina evened its record at 7-7 while Dallas dropped to 6-8. With two games left, the Cowboys have only a remote chance of making the playoffs for a seventh consecutive year.

"The NFL is funny in that you can hit rock bottom one week, like we did last week, and reach the top next week." Collins said. "We go to Green

easier.' The New York Giants have an 8-5-1

record in the NFC East, and Dallas can't catch them.

"It's frustrating for everybody," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "It's frustrating on the coaches, on Jerry Jones, on myself. Free agency has brought about the end of an era. It's happened to every team."

Switzer lost his third game in a row for the first time in his career as a college and pro coach — a span of 359

"It's hard to watch this team become average." Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman said. "Nobody is willing to concede that we had a good run early in the decade and now it's over.

Something has to be done." Carolina knocked Dallas out of the

NFL title contention last season with a 26-17 victory on Jan. 5 in the NFC divisional playoffs.

We have a legitimate shot at the playoffs now," guard Greg Skrepenak said. "We just played our best game of the year." Carolina coach Dom Capers agreed.

"We really bounced back and played

a tremendous game," Capers said. "We've still got a playoff chance." Collins, who threw a 15-yard TD pass to Rae Carruth in the second quarter, guided Carolina on a 69-yard drive to open the second half. Collins put the Panthers ahead 17-6 by hitting

John Kasay kicked a 40-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, making it 20-6, then added an 18-yarder with 53 seconds left to finish off the Cowboys

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 52yard touchdown to pull Dallas within seven points with 6:33 left.

However, with a fourth-and-1 on the Carolina 45, Aikman rolled to the right, got in trouble, circled back under heavy pursuit and finally fell down for a 25-yard loss with 3:27 left. Safety Chad Cota got credit for the

"I was just trying to make something happen," Aikman said. "It was a busted play. I rolled out but they cov-Scott Greene on a 1-yard touchdown ered it well. I couldn't get around the

Big 12 falls short of filling six-team bowl commitment

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

For the second straight year, the Big 12 has landed two teams in alliance bowls, guaranteeing a payday of about \$14 million for the conference, or \$1.3 million per school.

And a Big 12 school is in the hunt for the national championship as undefeated Nebraska (12-0) heads into a Jan. 2 Orange Bowl matchup against No. 3 Tennessee (11-1).

That's the good news. But the league billed as the country's premier football conference failed for the second year in a row to fill its six guaranteed spots in bowl

And if it weren't for the Cinderella seasons of Missouri and Oklahoma State, the league would have been flat out embarrassed because of collapses by Texas (4-7), Colorado (5-6) and the self-imposed postseason ban by Texas Tech (6-5), which has been notified by the NCAA of rules violations.

Big 12 Commissioner Steve Hatchell and senior associate commissioner Donnie Duncan were in meetings in New York on Monday and didn't immediately return telephone mes-

Of course, Big 12 officials will put the best spin possible on the situation, focusing on the alliance bowl berths of Nebraska and Kansas State (Fiesta Bowl) as well as the Huskers' undefeated season.

But the depth of football in the Big 12 has fallen short of the Big 10, which for the second year in a row has put seven teams in bowl games.

John Stockton got a hero's

welcome when he returned to

the court after missing the first

18 games of the season follow-

Then he showed his gratitude

to the Delta Center crowd by

helping the Utah Jazz beat the

Indiana Pacers 106-97 Monday

out there," said Stockton, who

finished with 10 points and

seven assists. "It's even better

Although he played only 20

minutes, the NBA's career

assists and steals leader played

a key role in ending the Pacers'

Stockton, who received ova-

tions before, during and after

six-game winning streak.

"It was a great atmosphere

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ing knee surgery

because we won.

The Southeastern Conference has six teams in the postseason and could have had seven, if Mississippi State (7-4) had been given an at-large bid.

Nebraska's 54-15 rout of Texas A&M in the Big 12 title game Saturday also lends proof to the notion that there is a cavernous dropoff between the best teams in league's north and south divisions.

Last year, a 7-4 Texas team scored a stunning 37-27 upset of then two-time defending national champion Nebraska to win the first Big 12 title and save some face for the beleaguered south division. But the Aggies' loss will give

critics of the south fodder for an argument that Nebraska was simply overlooking last year's title game and that this year's game represented the real prowess of the north The North Division — com-

prised of Nebraska (12-0), Kansas State (10-1), Missouri (7-4), Colorado (5-6), Kansas (5-6) and Iowa State (1-10) was 40-27 overall this season.

The South Division — Texas A&M (9-3), Oklahoma State (8-3), Texas Tech (6-5), Texas (4-7), Oklahoma (4-8) and Baylor (2-9) went 33-35.

More importantly, the north was 13-6 against the south, including the title game. The only south team with a winning record against the north was Oklahoma State (2-1, with victories over Colorado and Iowa State).

Two south division teams were winless against the north Baylor and Oklahoma. No

Stockton returns to Jazz with winning performance

third-quarter confrontations, Los Angeles Lakers 105 99

in the first 5:37, showed his 86, Miami defeated New Jersey

featured the ejection of Pacers all night," said Utah's Shandon

star Reggie Miller for bumping Anderson. "It's a different

Elsewhere in the NBA, Stockton in the third quarter,

him down.

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back on the court.

the game, scored eight points. Orlando beat Philadelphia 95- but the slightly-built, 6-foot-1

105-97, and Portland downed the

Stockton converted a three-

point play on Utah's first pos-

with his early scoring burst.

Even a bloody nose, courtesy of

Rik Smits' elbow, couldn't slow

"He led us, and we responded

Karl Malone, who led the Jazz

"Don't expect too much too

The Pacers got physical with

see his longtime teammate

soon," Malone said. "I think

you got what you expected

session and sparked the Jazz

north team was winless against

scrappiness in a couple of

and provided the Jazz with cru-

cial floor leadership down the

"He got them going right off

the bat," Indiana coach Larry

Bird said. "He made an imme-

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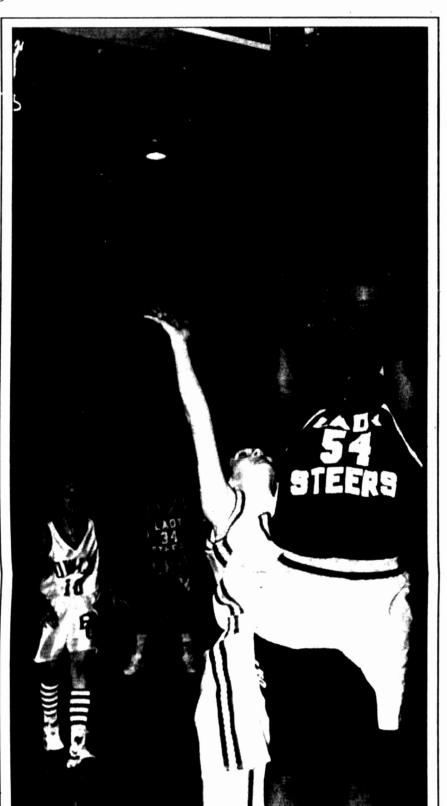
else," said Stockton, who wore

a light brace on his left knee.

"It was a brutal game in some

It was a physical game that

diate impact.



guard didn't back down.

Stockton protested.

With about eight minutes left

in the period, Stockton set a

pick on Indiana's Dale Davis.

Stockton fell to the court and

got tangled up in Davis' legs.

Nothing was called and

About a minute later,

Stockton attempted the same

pick and fell to the floor again.

This time, Davis appeared to

kick at Stockton while the

point guard was on the ground.

shoving ensued. Davis was

given a personal and technical

back down, that's for sure,'

Malone said of Stockton. "He

handled the pushing, shoving,

bumping and all that.

"He's not going to be a guy to

Malone and Greg Foster of

Big Spring post Nadia Cole (54) puts up a shot from the paint and draws a foul from a Reagan County defender during the Lady Steers 66-31 opening round win in the Coahoma Invitational Tournament. The Lady Steers, who took third place in the Coahoma tourney, play host to Midland High's Lady Bulldogs tonight at Steer Gym with varsity action slated for a 6:30 tip.

Forsan trio grabs first-team honors in all-district vote

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Sports Editor

As might be expected Eldorado and Winters dominated selections to the District 8-2A all-district football team, but the league's coaches also placed players from Forsan and Coahoma in 11 spots on the first and second teams.

Forsan's Buffaloes, who enjoyed one of their best seasons since moving up into the Class 2A ranks, grabbed three first-team selections and four second-team spots.

Buff running back Justin White, a 180-pound junior, earned double honors — joining Winters' Marshal Scates and Eldorado's tandem of Lance Mitchel and Mark Fryar as a first-team running back, as well as being a second-team selection at defensive end. While none of Coahoma's

Bulldogs earned first-team honors, four second-team spots went to three players with 215pound senior lineman Shawn Rye leading the way, named to both the offensive and defensive units.

Joining White as first-team selections were Forsan teammates Logan Gamble and Paul

Gamble, a 160-pound senior. earned first-team honors as a defensive lineman, while Kinsey, a 165-pound senior, was one of four first-team lineback-



Not surprisngly Eldorado's stellar 180-pound senior running back Garrett Bounds was the coaches' unanimous choice for most valuable player honors and Winters'



junior quarterback Whittenburg was a unanimous pick as the district's offensive player of the year.

Defensive player of the year honors went to Winters' Dennis

In addition to Gamble and Kinsey, the first-team defense included ends Jady Underwood of Roscoe and Bear Nitsch of Winters; linemen Craig Conner of Winters and Randy Spears of Eldorado; linebackers Kyle Hollow of Wall, Michael Pritchard of Winters and Mark

See 8-2A TEAM, page 7

Lady Steers frosh improves to 6-1 with win over C. City HERALD Staff Report

Fresh off taking the championship of the Colorado City freshman basketball tournament during the weekend, Big Spring's Lady Steers made a return visit Monday and took a 41-26 win over the Lady Wolves, chalking up their fourth consecutive victory and improving to 6-1 on the season.

Melissa Forth and Robin McClinton paced the Big Spring effort with 12 points apiece, while Melissa Flenniken added 10 markers. Forth and McClinton added five rebounds apiece,

while Flenniken cleared the boards four times. Coach Mike Wallace also praised the play of Scarlet Ashley and Britania Perez, who also played pivotal roles in the Lady Steers' thrilling 51-50 tournament championship win over Jim

While Forth led the Lady Steers with 16 points in the win over Jim Ned and Flenniken added seven points and a like number of steals, Erin Matschke and Ashley allowed Big Spring to over

come a late deficit. With four minutes remaining in the game, Big Spring owned a 10-point lead, but Jim Ned managed a furious comeback and forged a 38-35 lead with 30 seconds left.

Matschke ripped a 3-point shot to deadlock the game, but Jim Ned made it a 40-38 lead on its next trip down the floor. When the Lady Steers missed their next show as time rolled

off the clock, it looked as if they'd suffer their second loss, but Ashley picked up the rebound and deadlocked the game.

With 1.8 seconds left on the clock, Flenniken was fouled and hit a free throw to provide the win.

Maryland suffers upset, Kansas gets back on track thumping Penn

with 31 points, was happy to the Jazz confronted Davis and

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With Kansas and Maryland in the field, George Washington was everyone's third choice to win the Franklin National Bank Classic.

It would have seemed like a sound prediction, especially given that the Colonials had been blown out by previously winless Texas Tech a few days earlier. But it was that defeat that forced GW to regroup, and it paid off with a 70-66 victory over No. 19 Maryland in Monday night's champi-

onship game. In Monday's consolation game, No. 3 Kansas bounced back its loss to tion," he said. "They rededicated tool." Maryland a day earlier to beat Penn

ways, and I had to concentrate when he was in, though.

"What helped us more than anything was losing to Texas Tech after three lousy practices," GW coach Mike Jarvis said. "The kids went back and looked at the team compact they had drawn up and decided they weren't living by what they said they were going to do.'

Jarvis said the compact lists several goals, and "one of those things involved coming to work every day, every practice.'

themselves to try and live up to the

principles that they had set up. Maryland coach Gary Williams will now be looking for the same kind of rededication from his team. His players confessed to suffering a letdown after the emotional victory over Kansas, an excuse that didn't sit well

with the coach "If we're going to be a good team, we have to learn how to go out, back-toback each night and play well and play with emotion," Williams said. 'We didn't do that. Sometimes a loss

In the only other game involving a ranked team on Monday, No. 6 Arizona beat Baylor 83-68

The victory for George Washington (7-2) avenged the loss to neighbor Maryland (4-3) in last year's title game. The Colonials were led by 5foot-4 Shawnta Rogers, who stole the ball from former Baltimore high school rival Rodney Elliot to set up a

After George Washington took the lead 63-62 on Alexander Koul's 14-foot-"It was like a New Year's resolublike this is a pretty good teaching or off the glass with 2:07 to play, 16 from the field

crucial four-point play in the final two

Rogers stripped the ball from Elliot in the paint on the Terrapins' next pos-

Elliot immediately grabbed Rogers for an intentional foul. Rogers hit one of two free throws and the Colonials retained possession, with Seco Camara hitting a 3-pointer to make it 67-62 with one minute remaining.

"Rodney Elliot's a good friend of mine," said Rogers, who led GW with 23 points, one shy of his career high. "It's bragging rights when we go

Rogers also had four steals, was 7-of-

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Dykes to be football banquet speaker Texas Tech Head Football Coach Spike Dykes

will be the featured speaker for the Big Spring Steers Football Banquet scheduled for 6:30 p.m Dec. 16 in the Big Spring High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are priced at \$9 per person and can be obtained by calling Quarterback Club president Randy Gee at 267-7424 or 263-1889.

Since seating for the banquet will be limited, tickets should be purchased as early as possible.

Registration under way for youth league

The deadline for registration for a youth basketball league being formed by the Big Spring YMCA is Dec. 6.

No tryouts will be held for the league, which organizers say will have an emphasis on participation and fundamentals, not winning. For more information, call 267-8234.

TP&WD officials offers recommendations

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding local landowners and hunters that the white-tailed deer season continues through

The bag limit is four deer with no more than two bucks. Deer population surveys in Howard County have resulted in TP&WD officials recommending that hunters not harvest antlerless deer north of I-20 and recommend that they take one doe per 800 acres and one buck per 1,300 acres south of I-20.

For more information, contact wildlife biologist Bill Del Monte at (915) 798-3152.

Special Olympics in need of coaches

Local Special Olympics officials say they need volunteers to serve as coaches for athletes involved track, soccer, equestrian events, aquatics, basketball, softball, gymnastics and bowling

Those interested should attend the Special Olympics Texas Coaches' Training Clinic set for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6 at Odessa College.

Anyone with questions concerning the training school or about registering an athlete may call (915) 684-5024.

Local chapter needs softball umpires

The Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association needs umpires to work high school softball games throughout West Texas, including the Big Spring area, this

For more information, contact Mack Gipson at (915) 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at (915) 520-6502.

Junior hoops program slates registration

Registration for participation in the Big Spring Junior Basketball Association has been scheduled for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 11-13 at Big Spring

The program, which will be conducted on Saturdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21, will give fifth- and sixth-grade boys and girls a head start on the basic fundamentals of basketball.

A free camp, games and a tournament are scheduled for participants.

For more information, contact Charlie Hall at 263-0159 or Billy Rollins at 267-4959.

Steers frosh falls to Colorado City

Big Spring's Steers freshmen, after having finished third in the Colorado City tournament over the weekend with a 36-22 win over Abilene Wylie, were no match for Colorado City when the young Wolves paid a call on Steer Gym

Colorado City returned home with a 64-37 win, despite the 16 points scored by Isaac Willborn and Jason Choate's eight points.

The lopsided loss was not as bad as the Steers suffered at the hands of San Angelo Lee during the second round of the Colorado City tournament, however, as Lee romped to an 81-30 win.

In that Saturday morning loss, the young Steers were paced by K.C. Cross, who had seven points, and Jaroe Parnell who scored five.

Parnell rebounded in the Saturday afternoon game and scored 11 points in pacing the Steers frosh to the win over Wylie.

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Fryar of Eldorado; kicker Jason Skelton of Wall; and the secondary quartet of Roscoe's Roddy Alexander, Walls Cory Braden, Eldorado's Kyle Hunter and Winters' Ricky Luz.

Underwood, Nitsch and Luz were two-way first-teamers Underwood picked as the district's top offensive center, while Nitsch earned an offensive line spot and Luz joined Eldorado's Kyle Hunter as the district's top receivers.

In addition to Nitsch, the first-team offensive line included Eldorado's Beau Sallee. Winters Michael Prewit and Roscoe's duo of Marcus Herrera and Shane Tomlin. Eldorado's Jason Richters was the pick for first-team tight end.

Eldorado's Casey Snelson was the first-team quarterback, while Bounds was the first team punter.

In addition to White and Rye. the second-team defensive unit included Coahoma linebacker Walt Bordelon and Forsan defensive back Ferrol Voight.

Forsan's Gary Simer was the second-team center, while Coahoma's Jerry Mann was a second-team wide receiver.

DISTRICT 8-AA All-District Football Team

Most Valuable Player: Garrett Bounds senior, Eldorado Offensive Player of the Year: Kenny Defensive Player of the Year: Dennis

First Team Defense

Ends: Jady Underwood, senior, Rosco Bear Nitsch, senior, Winters Linemen: Logan Gamble, senior, Forsar Craig Conner, sophomore, Winters, Randy Spears, senior, Eldorado

Linebackers: Mark Fryar, senior, Eldorado Kyle Hollon, senior, Wall; Michael Pritchard, senior, Winters: Paul Kinsey, senior, Forsan. Secondary: Roddy Alexander, junio Roscoe; Cory Braden, junior, Wall, Kyle Hunter, senior, Eldorado; Rick Luz, senior, Kicker: Jason Skelton, senior, Wall

First Team Offense Center: Jady Underwood, senior, Roscoe Linemen: Beau Sallee, senior, Eldorado Bear Nitsch, senior, Winters: Michael Prewit junior, Winters; Marcus Herrera, senio Roscoe; Shane Tomlin, senior, Roscoe

Tight End: Jason Richters, senior, Eldorado Wide receivers: Kyle Hunter, senior Eldorado; Ricky Luz, senior, Winters Running backs: Marshal Scates, senior Winters; Justin White, junior, Forsan; Lance Mitchell, sophomore, Eldorado; Mark Fryar, senior, Eldorado

Quarterback: Casey Snelson, senior

Punter: Garrett Bounds, senior, Eldorado Second Team Defense Ends: Justin White, junior, Forsan; Armando Villavicencio, junior, Eldorado.

Linemen: Shawn Rye, senior, Coahoma, Jody Underwood, senior, Roscoe; Tony Martinez, junior, Eldorado. Linebackers: Lance Mitchel, sophomore Eldorado; Donnie Bullard, senior, Ozona; Jamle Stewart, senior, Roscoe; Walt Bordelon,

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Kicker: Cory Reeves, senior, Eldorado Second Team Offense

Center: Gary Simer, senior, Forsan Linemen: Shalon Rye, senior, Coahoma: Dustin Shafer, sophomore, Ozona; Brian Hooper, senior, Wall; Dusty Nolen, junior, Eldorado: Dale Dolloff, junior, Forsan; Tony Martinez, junior, Eldorado.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your financial acumen is instrumental at this time of year. You are surprised at the cost of a special gift. Remember, you can always go back to the drawing board and start all over. Plans involving networking are subject to Tonight: Play change.

Santa.**** TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have a lot of charisma, stamina and direction. But a boss could do something unexpected, forcing you to regroup. Consider what is going on here. Use your energy, and settle things down. New insights open doors. Tonight: Spread cheer.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take a back seat, and observe

rather than participate in life. Reach out for another, and be open to conversations. What you were sure of, isn't certain at all. Greet variety and a shift in plans, instead of getting stuck. Take time just for yourself! Tonight: Easy does it.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You might think that your finances are erratic, and you are not far from wrong. You need precision and feedback. Go to an expert. Be flexible; don't fight. Avoid rigidity, even if it makes you feel secure. Tonight: Find the crowds.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ressure is intense. It's hard to determine limits. Evaluation is hard, with control lacking over authority figures and workrelated matters. You might view others as difficult; could that also be you? Be honest with yourself. Tonight: It will

be a late night.***

on what is going on. Consider alternatives and different paths to your long-term dreams. Nerves are frayed, and tempers are short at work. Take a stress-reducing walk at lunch. Tonight: Buy a favorite piece of

Visualize the future. Read up

HOROSCOPE

music for a gift.**** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Close relating is instrumental to making strong decisions. You aren't always right, and a child lets you know it. A relationship takes a quirky turn. Are you ready for the excitement? Allow others the space to be. Let opinions flourish. Tonight: You like the atten-

tion.** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) It doesn't take much to put tremors in your life; you seem unusually susceptible. Maybe the universe is suggesting you need to be a more open, effective thinker. You might feel the need to tiptoe around a family

display their colors.*** **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec.

member. Tonight: Let others

Write a "to-do" list, but realize there could be interference. Be amenable, but keep an eye on the projects that you must complete. You discover that a letter or message doesn't reach its destination. Don't question; just catch up on missing details. Tonight: Run errands.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Find a way around a problem, rather than confront it. Be inventive and nonconfrontational right now. Money and security could be at the crux of this problem. A flirtation could be building into more; be sure you both want this. Tonight: Stoke the fires of friend-

ship.*** AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can get stubborn, but you might still manage to get over a personal or domestic matter. Be willing to break past this pattern. You might need some time for inner reflection, in order to make a decision. Know that you are often misinterpreted. Tonight: Take a

night off.*** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You could jinx yourself with wild reactions and a lack of control. It would be better to stay even and keep conversations moving in a key direction. Listen to your inner voice with a friend. Make discussions nonjudgmental, creative and

open. Tonight: Tend to chores

with a buddy.**** **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Woman's cooking is bone of contention with fiance

DEAR ABBY: My flance hates my cooking. Every time I make a meal and ask him what he thinks, he has a different complaint. If I correct what he complained about, he finds a new

complaint. I made a meatloaf. He said the onions overpowered it. I

made romantic, candlelit dinner of chicken and roasted potatoes with a cream sauce. He called it weird. When I prepare a



Columnist time-consuming dinner, he smothers it with ketchup or salad dressing. It's always "too much salt." bland," "needs something," or 'not like my mother made,'

Abigail

Van Buren

Abby, I have told him this is hurtful, but he still complains. He has even called my cooking 'gross." I'm sure it isn't that I can't cook — other people love what

prepare, and my mother says

I'm a natural. I have been cooking since I was 11 years old. My fiance also cooks occasionally, and when he does, I always compliment him on whatever he makes. Is it too much to expect him to express appreciation for my efforts? —

CRUSHED IN ARLINGTON,

TEXAS **DEAR CRUSHED: Since you** can't please your flance and he knows how to cook, turn the chore over to him. When you feel the urge to cook, do it for your friends who appreciate

your culinary skills. Your flance may get his fill of cooking if he has to do all of it, and then he may be glad to let vou take over. However, refuse

unless he promises not to criticize, to give you a compliment now and then, and share his recipes and culinary secrets.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a letter about people carelessly opening car doors in parking lots, marring adjacent cars. Paint nicks and surface dents barely scratch the surface of this issue. But car doors opened into traffic cause much worse damage — to bicy-

clists. Most states require cyclists to ride on the right, beside parked cars. No cyclist is psychic enough to anticipate when a car door is about to open infront of him, and many serious injuries have resulted from such an action. A growing number of people

commute by bicycles, and most cyclists will tell you that their most constant fear is getting 'doored." It's happened to me, and although it was painful, I was fortunate that my bicycle was damaged more than my body. Vehicle occupants have the

benefit of rearview mirrors. This is why most states require drivers to check those mirrors and only then carefully open the doors without impeding traffic — including bicycles. If you drive, please remember that cyclists aren't just "care-

less kids." Many of us are responsible adults who've speeded up your commute by keeping our cars off the road. In return, please realize that we are vulnerable, and check your mirror carefully before reaching for your door handle. -MICHAEL KATZ, STEERING BICYCLE-COMMITTEE, FRIENDLY BERKELEY COALI-

DEAR MICHAEL: You've given voice to a small but important group who care about the environment as well as their own safety. More pedal power to you!

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THIS DATE **IN HISTORY**

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1907, Christmas seals went Wilmington, Del., post office. Proceeds went to fight tubercu-

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. In 1942, the Aram on sale for the first time, at the Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, Robert H.W. Welch Jr. and 11 other men met in Indianapolis to form the anti-Communist John Birch Society.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet. In 1979, Archbishop Fulton J.

Sheen, the religious broadcaster, died in New York City at age

In 1995, Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to head the NAACP.

Ten years ago: On the second day of their White House summit, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev grappled with differences over Afghanistan and cutbacks in long-range nuclear

arms. Five years ago: Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (Their divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.) Former CIA spy chief Clair George was convicted of lying to Congress about the Iran-Contra affair

(President Bush pardoned him).-One year ago: More than four months after the Olympic Games bombing, the FBI posted a \$500,000 reward. The United Nations gave Iraq the go-ahead to resume oil exports for the first time since 1990 to buy food and medicine. Archaeologist and anthropologist Mary

Leakey died in Kenya at age 83. Today's Birthdays: Actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. is 88. Actor Kirk Douglas is 81. Actress Dina Merrill is 72. Actor Dick Van Patten is 69. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 67. Talk show host Morton Downey Jr. is 64. Blues musician Junior Wells is 63. Actor Beau Bridges is 56. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 55. Rock singermusician Rick Danko (The Band) is 54. Actor Michael Nouri is 52. Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 50. Singer Joan Armatrading is 47. Actor Michael Dorn is 45. Actor John Malkovich is 44. Country singer Sylvia is 41. Singer Donny Osmond is 40. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 39. Actor Joe Lando is 36.

Thought for Today: "Originality and a feeling of one's own dignity are achieved only through work and struggle. Feodor Dostoyevsky, Russian author (1821-1881).

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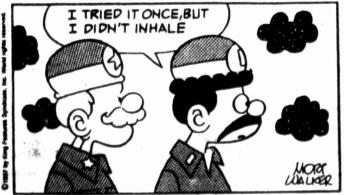
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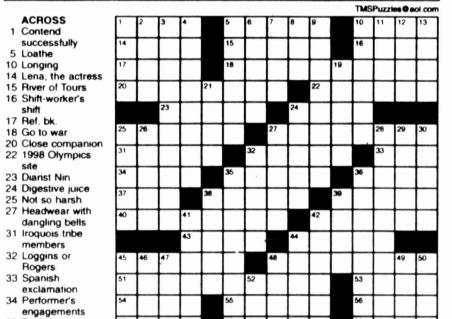
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