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## Parole board denies Tucker request for commutation

## AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles toda

 aye Tucker, moving the condemned pickax killer a step closer o exetution Tuesday night.The board's decision was not unexpected. The 18-member panel was 160 , with two board members abstaining Tucker, condemned for her part in an attack that left two peo ple dead in a Houston apartment in 1983, needed at least 10 votes In favor to send the case to Gov. George W. Bush. Bush then could have agreed with the panel he appoints or reject its rec-
ommendation.
The board's rejection means Bush only can issue a 30 -day The board's
reprieve.
The board, however, also recommended Bush not grant either a 30 - or 60 -day reprieve, which Tucker also was seeking.

Manhunt on after Glasscock County State Bank robbed
HERALD Staff Report



Erica Hector, a sophom class The Forsan Independent School District has invested about \$400,000 into new technology since August 1996.

## Forsan students, parents have access to web

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer
Imagine clicking a button and your high school student's homework assigments for he week appear. C Cick another and the Click a third to send a message to a teacher. Parents living in the Forsan Independent
School District don't have to imagine it School District don't have to imagine it
they can do it right now. Thanks to the di
trict's 18-month technology drive its web Internet at home. School officials hope the
site, http:||forsan.esci 18.net, debuted this new web site will "enhance communication
week. week.
It's part of the district's master plan to between school and home," Rotan added.
 nology and to prepare their students for the
21st century. ${ }^{21 s t}$ century. ${ }^{\text {We're tickled to }}$ death and love it" Assistant High School and Junior
High Principal Wayne Rotan said. Forsan surveyed the district recently and found
trict is currently wor
posals, officials said. Forsan capped off more than a year of See FORSAN, Page 2

Rain
First measurable rain of year comes at right time for farmers, ranchers

| Features Editor <br> Early Saturday morning, area farmers received just what they needed at this time of year rain <br> Although many said they could have used more that the half-inch to just over one inch they received in the early morning storm, most agreed the rain would help. <br> "It was beneficial," said Howard County Agent David vation for ag producers."You heed a little moisture during wintertime." <br> The U.S. <br> Agriculture <br> Department in Big Spring gives the official report as 1.47 inches of rain received. <br> Most cotton farmers in the area are now shredding stalks, preparing the ground and putting out fertilizer, Kight said. It's a time when rain would be welcome, he added. <br> "This rain was perfect," agreed Rob Haney, who was working on his farm this morning. "Any moisture in the winter helps us in the coming crop year." <br> But, Haney added, "it's still a long way from August September." <br> Kight said the weather system nicknamed El Niño was predicted to cause a wetter than nor- mal winter for the area, when actually, it has been a bit drier that usual. |
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Fanuary and Februany are histor
ically dry months."
during wintertime," he said.
"But January and February are historically dry months." Typical reports from through three-fourths inch received
Saturday Kight said. Saturday, Kight said. Lanny Fryar, who is current farm just west of Big Spring said the three-fourths inch it received was a big help.
"It made the ground a lot soft er," he said. "My tractor's er," he said. "My tractor's
pulling a lot better." Fryar said reports of rain
expected later this week been good news for him as well 'The ground's dried out mor than we thought," he said. "We A half-inch. A half-inch was about what Van Gaskins, who is shredding and putting out fertilizer. Any time we get rain, we'd
love to have more," he said. ${ }^{\text {We }}$ We

## Ricky DeWayne Howell to go on trial Feb. 23 for sexual assault

Already facing consecutive life sentences for aggravated
sexual assault in Lubbock Snyder construction worker Ricky DeWayne Howell is set to face similar chafges in Howard Monday, Feb. 23. 118 bh District Attorney Hardy
Willerson said the trial is defiWilkerson said the trial is definitely set and he's ready to pro-
ceed. The Big Spring Police
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { Department was able to gather } & \text { what Lubbock County ed in Lubbock on Feb. } 10 \text { on a }\end{array}$ Police Department last spring resulting in evidence that conassaults that occurred on Dec. 20, 1996 and Dec. 28, 1996 in Big Spring.
Howell pleaded guilty to the Howell pleaded guilty to the
Lubbock chargers last summer and was sentence on Aug. 19 in Lubbock's 99th District Court.
Officials in both Officials in both Lubbock and Howard County sought to have
Howell's sentences stacked to be served consecutively rather
than concurrently which is

BSPD investigating sexual assault in city HERALD Staff Report
Big Spring Police Department are investigating an aggravated
sexual assault that was reported at $7: 15$ p.m. Friday
Police officials said the
assault occurred in assault occurred in the south-
western part of the city and that the suspect and victim knew each other.
She was taken to Scenic Mountain Hospital where med ical personnel performed exam
and released, police chie Lonnie Smith said.


To reach all departments, please call 263-7331
occurred on Feb. 8, and for
aggravated assault with a der aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
Howell has also been implicated in assaults in Sweetwater and Abilene. A description of Howell indi-
cates that he is a white male, 5 feet, 8 -inches tall and weight 156 pounds.
In the assaults in Big Spring and Odessa, the victims described their perpetrator as described their perpetrator as
someone being dressed as a e returned later on burglary

## Green concerned with serving citisens

## OBITUARIES

 Robert "Bobby" Bell Service for Robert "Bobby"Bell, 48, Lewisville, formerly of Big Spring,
Wednesday,
Nalley-Pickle Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Bapist minister, officiating.
Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.
31, in a Dallas hospital.
He was born on Nov. 29, 1999, in Austin. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1967 and then from Sam Houston university in. 1973. He was Degree until his health prevent-
ed him from completing his ed him from completing his Church in Big Spring and was currently a member of Trinity Presbyteri
Lewisville.
Survivors include: his par-
ents, E.C. and Jessie Bell, Big ents, E.C. and
Spring; one brother, Guy Bell,
Dallas; one sister, Ann Carter Dallas; one sister, Ann Carter,
Coleman; three aunts; three nephews; and a sister-in-law. Arrangements under the
direction of Nalley-Pickle \& Gene Lockhart Service for Gene Lockhart,
65, Luther, is pending with He died Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, Hospital. T.J. Godwin Service for T.J. Godwin, 82,
ckerly, is pending with Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral Home.
He died Monday, Feb. 2, 1998, Paul Pauline A. Bauer 77, Big Spring, is pending with
Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Funeral $=$ died Sunday, Feb. 1, 1998,
cal hospital. FORSAN
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heir web pages this week. In the past 18 months teachers
also received fully networked omputers on their desks

MYERS \& SMITH FUNERAL HOME 24th \& Johnson 267-8288 26. dirisd friday. Memoriai oday at Myers $x$ smit
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NALLEY-PICKLE \& WELCH Funeral Home

Mrs. Edward "Vera"
Crabtree. 90, died Saturday
Graveside services will be a 2:aveside services will be a
2:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Robert "Bobby" Bell, 48,
died Saturday. Services will be at
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Nalley-Pickle } \\ & \text { Rosewood Chapel. Interment }\end{aligned}$ Went

Wer will follow at Trinity Memorial | Paullne $A$. Bauer, 77 , died |
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| Sunday. Services are pending |




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Spring, Texa 79720; bring it
by the office at 710 Scurry:
or fax it to 264-7205. or fax it to ${ }^{264-7205 .}$
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Cluig Spring Evening Lion's
Club $6: 3$ p.m., 1607 E. Third. Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
Call Al Valdes. 2633610.610.
'Project Freedom, Christian
support group, 7 p.m. Call 263 -
5140 or 263-2241. -TOPS Clubs (Take Off
Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m.
weigh in and $6: 11$ p.m. meeting,
Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open
meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the
VA Medical Center on fourth VA Medical Center on fourth
floor.
Gospel singing, ${ }^{7}$ p.m. Gospel singing, 7 p.m.,
Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.
Call 267 Ch64. Guest singers
from Stanton, Midland and from Stanton, Midland and
Colorado City,
TUESDAY
-Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267 -
1424 after 5 p.m. or $263-3168$
between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. S

## -Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to Chap p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call

 Senior citizens Center. Callall ages welcome more information.
-Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open
meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed
meeting at the VA Medical me plan, Fishback said. "Most to get money for technology, he
explained. "This is exciting. Every day it's something new." Future plans for the district
include a microwave tower to nclude a microwave tower to
provide Internet access to Elbow Elementary School, two way video interactive technolo-
gy to bring collegelevel classes straight to the high school, and
email access for all students.

## GREEN

cases, small claims issues, traf-
fic laws and misdemeanor crim-
inal cases.:
fair, ${ }^{\text {Gereen said. } \text { "I enjoy work- }}$ ing with people and if elected I ing with people and if elected I
hope to be an asset to the people
of Howard County."
Corving with the Howard
County Sheriffs Department for
the past 15 years has also given the past 15 years has also given
Green a different perspective of juveniles in the community. Green said he is happy about
several new laws now on the several new laws now on the
books that pertain to juvenile II understand that a 30-day
license suspension is mandat license suspension is mandato-
ry for teens arrested for MIP minor in possession," Green
said. "If we don't stop people at an early age, the older they get,
the worse the crimes are that
they commit later."
New laws are fine, but Green
said he doesn't think juvenile
said he doesn't think juvenile
laws overall are tough enough.
"Most of the time juveniles are
scolded rather than forced to
face jail time," Green said. "I've
been very fortunate with my
children. I've tried to raise them
in the right way and i go to
church and take y
church and take my kids."
The position of $J P$ takes a
siderable load off of the county
judge, commissioners and the
district court and is a very
important position for the coun-
Seeing laws change where
domestic violence is concerned

## also makes Green happy -Domestic violence

 serious and can be dangerous to all parties involved," Greensaid. "As an officer, I hate sald. As an officer, I hate
domestic violence calls because
you never know what you never know. what you're
going to get into. If we see evito jail."
"My desire, if elected, is to run an efficient and professional
office," Green added. "I want to continue to serve the public in

## Springboard

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANG ITEM OR FOR
BOARD
MORE INFORMATION, CON TACT GINA GARZA, 263

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## Briefs

PUBLIC COMMENT IS sought on the Texas
Department of Housing and Community Affairs 1998 State Plan and Annual Report. Hearings will be held in Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston, Harlingen, San Lubbock hearing will be held Feb. 9 at the South Plains
Association of Governments. Association of Governments,
132358 Sth St at 2 p.m. Call 806 1323 58th St at 2 p.m. Call 806-
$762-8721$ for more information, or contact the Department's Housing Resource Center at
$512-475-3972$ or read their 512-475-3972 or read their web
site at www.tdhca.state.tx. us. Written comment is encouraged and may be sent to TDHCA/HRC, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX $78711-3941$
Jgarvin@tdhca.state.tx.us.

VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP Wirst income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th
and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon beginning Feb. Thntinuing until March 30 . This program is open to all
senior citizens, and those who have inceme from wages; thps, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned ncome credit. There is no
charge. Call $263-4211$ or $398-5522$ for more information.
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIA Alive/Mature Driving Course will be Tuesday and
Wednesday, Feb. 10-11, at Canterbury
Lancaster.
Classes are set for the activi-
ties room from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m} .-2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Attending both sessions entitles.
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three years. Tultion is $\$ 8$ per
Reserve a spot in the course
by calling 263.1265 during busi-
ness hours. Call Mary Louise
Traczyk at 267-2070 for more

## information

THE BIG SPRING eyeglasses for all adults the secfrom 9 a.m. to noon at the Big
Spring Evening Lions Cfub bingo building, 1607 East Third All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to
purchase the exam or purchase the exam or glasses
are welcome.
For more information call
Tom Mills, Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.
THE HOWARD COUNTY the Big Spring Herald, has been set for March 17 at Howard The bee features school winners in grades $1-8$, including
home school students. For home school students. For
information on receiving bookinformation on receiving book-
lets, which contain practice words and rules for the bee,
call Pat Williams at the Herald, 263-7331.
A FREE COMMUNITY 6 p.m. In the first floor class-
room at room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Dr. Guido
Toscano
will
discuss headaches. The public is invited.
THE MOBILE MEALS
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Johnson, medical call, service

## Police

The Big Spring Police ing incidents between 1 p.m.
saturday and 8 a.m. Monday: - STEVEN SOLIS, 20, was - JULIAN DIAZ, 23, was - RUSSELLE MOTLE M Public 40, as arrested on Tarran - ERNEST CLARK was

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- ${ }^{\text {Sted for public } \text { intoxication. }}$ CHRISTOPUER B. LEZ, 23, was arrested for dri-- LEE FULLBRIGHT, 32, cation. JOE SANCHEZ, 58, was - ROSS ADAMS 25 wa rested for public intoxication.
ROBERT ADAMS, 26 , was - JOE FUENTES, 23, was rested for public intoxication. block of Johnson; the 2000
block of E. FM 700 and the 300 block of Gregg $\underset{\text { MISCHIEF/VEHICLE }}{\text { C }}$ reported in the 1800 block of E. Marcy.
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WARNING reported in the 500 block of Gregg and the 300 block of Aylesford.
- ASSAULT ${ }^{-00}$ block of Airbase. ASSAULT Reported in the ASSAULT reported in the
southwest section of the city.


## Sheriff

Figlowing is a summary of
$\begin{gathered}\text { Bpring } \\ \text { Dig } \\ \text { Direartment/EMS }\end{gathered}$ Friday
2:15 a.m. -500 block W. 17th trauma call, patient transferred
to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. 11:39 a.m. - 600 block N .
Goliad, medical call, patient
ransferred to SMMC trinsferred to SMMC.
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McGregor Road, trauma call 9:03 p.m. - 2400 block Gregg trauma call, patient transferred 10:15 p.m. - 300 block NE
10th, medical call, patient
transferred to SMMC. Saturday
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a.m 2:43 a.m. - 400 block
Johnson, medical call, patient
transferred to VA Medical Center. a.m. -2500 block
2:21 Central, medical call, service 10:22 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, traffic accident, service refused.
Hillside, medical call, patient 7:25 a.m. -1500 block entucky Way, medical call
patient transferred to SMMC 9:50 p.m. - 3800 block
Highway 80, trauma call, atient transferred to SMMC. 3:11 p.m. - 900 block Goliad medical call, patient transferred p.m. - 2300 block ransferred to SMMC 7:06 p.m. - 3300 block Marcy, raffic accident, two transport $d$ to SMMC, service refused by

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epartment reported Sheriffs ing incidents between $8 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.
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CHRISTY RAINS, 20, was heck - JOHN MILL HOUSTON

## Records

 Sunday's high 65Sunday's low 37 Average high 56
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Record low -11 in 1985 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.00
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Normal for the year


Iraq's National Assembly holds session over U.S. military threats



Marines return to Rio Grande - this time without weapons



 are gone. Military vehicles rum- Marine who was injured three
bled in the shadow of the Sierra
Madre late last week in south- As many as 250 unarmed Madre late last week in south- As many as 250 unarmed
ern Presidio County to build. Marines will be working along
and improve about 40 miles of the border in Presidio County. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { road along the river to help the } & \text { They are active-duty personnel } \\ \text { U.S. Border Patrol catch drug from Camp Pendleton, Calif., } \\ \text { traffickers. } & \end{array}$ The shooting last May of $\begin{aligned} & \text { and Wisconsin. } \\ & \text { Esequiel Hernandez Jr., 18, by a } \\ & \text { A tent city is set up on the } \\ & \text { four-man anti-drug patrol at at } \\ & \text { grounds the school in }\end{aligned}$ Redford triggered a national Candelaria, a tiny impover-
debate about troops on the bordebate about troops on the bor
der His death led the Pentagon to
suspend use of armed troops in suspend use of armed troops in
anti-drug patrols along the U.S.-
Mexico Mexico border.
The road construction site
near Candelaria is about 175 miles southeast of El Paso and
about 70 miles northwest of Redford. can happen, but this has been County Judge Jake Brisbin Jr. commented to the San Antonio
Express-News about the project, which began last month and the north aren't even on some
could wrap up by June. ble confluence of events. where,", he said of the
Hernandez killing $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Marine } & \text { Cpl. } \\ \text { Banuelos } & \text { Clemente } \\ \text { said }\end{array}$ Hernandez to save the life of sage will help them reach deso-
another $\quad$ Marine with a .22-caliber rifle and $\begin{aligned} & \text { each other up in emergencies } \\ & \text { and spotting the tracks of peo- } \\ & \text { raised his weapon as if to fire }\end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { ple entering the area }\end{aligned}$


| TEXAS BRIEFS |  |  |
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| The ASSOCIATED PRESS | ian seemed to hurt his own case when he was asked what facts he had to back up a claim he had made that mad cow disease could make AIDS seem like the common cold. <br> Lyman said he was relying on his own experience in un 48-year cattle ranching | "It is part of a criminal investigation," Larry Zunker, an IRS agent, said. <br> Demetrio Duarte, Ticknor's attorney, said that days before Murray, his mother and Robin Murray O'Hair disappeared, Murray bought $\$ 600,000$ in gold coins. |
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| AMARILLO - A vegetarian activist being sued along with Oprah Winfrey for slandering U.S. beef in an April 1996 talk show about mad cow disease was expected eback on the witness rstand when the defama- |  |  |
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|  | career that ended in ${ }^{1 / 9983}$ and added. "I | PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Guy"Snowden, ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| Howard Lyman endured difficult questioning on Friday by attorneys for Texas cattlemen who are suing him, Ms. Winfrey and her production company for $\$ 10.3$ million, contending that an "Oprah" show on | believe there are a lot of ways of educating other than facts." | Rhode Island tycoon and chairman of the world's leading lottery vendor, is no stranger to controversy. |
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|  | SAN ANTONIO - When atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, her son and adopted daughter disappeared more than two years ago, they left almost $\$ 100,000$ in gold coins behind, according to a newspaper report. | Over the years, Snowden's GTECH Corp. has fought off accusations it used sleazy tactics to land lucrative contracts to set up and operate lottery systems. |
| April 16, 1996, pushed already slumping beef prices to 10 -year lows. |  |  |
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| Lyman, who has yet to face questioning |  | Snowden has steadfastly denied any wrongdoing and correctly points out no |
| his own attorneys, appeared to hurt Ms |  | wrongdoing and correctly points out no indictments have ever been returned |
| nfrey's case when he said that reassur | report. <br> The San Antonio Express-News said it |  |
| pro-beef comments that were edited ou | learned of the coins when the IRS published a required legal notice of the Dec. 10 seizure of Canadian Maple Leaf coins still being held for Jon Murray by San Antonio rare coin dealer Cory Ticknor. | against him or the company - much less a conviction. GTECH has also been praised for its speed in setting up lottery systems and making them profitable for state governments. |
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Pennsylvania groundhog sees shadow; more winter on way

| PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) | Thomas Jobe, 20, was one of <br> Brrrr! The world's most |
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-How can you earn higher interest rate on CD's an treatment you want utilized or withheld? -How can you guarantee that your wishes and desires will be carried out should you become incapacitated? -How can you avoid probate and the related fees and expenses involved? How can you be sure your will is up to date and consistent
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| "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the freg exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." <br> -First Amendment |  |
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## Our Views <br> Other options to Sierra Blanca radioactive dump

Tere is the saying that only two things in life are certain - death and taxes - but there ould be another. There could be a saying government
Near Sierra Blanca, some 80 miles east of El Paso and just 15 miles north of the Rio Grande - the gov(TMV) have decided to establish a low-level radioac tive waste dump.
In the eyes and minds of the politicians, this waste dump is what they call "a win-win situation."
Those in Austin who pushed this project through cite economic development, increased revenues and controlling the state's own destiny - as one of the tac tics employed to encourage support of this dump was eral government would was a high probability
For Maine and Vermont it certainly is "a win-wi situation," since those states no longer have to worr about containing their own radioact
they'll simply dump it on another state
Several things about this Texas-Maine-Vermont com pact concern us.
First, the governments of the three states developed
and agreed to this plan with little or no input - other and agreed to this plan with little or no input other
than opposition - from the people in and arouind than opposition
Sierra Blanca.
Sierra Blanca.
Not one local or regional government body supportNot one local or regiona
ed this project. Not one.
Second, the geological structure of the region - and makes the selection of the location of the TMV dump questionable at best
While the Rio Grande is already a heavily polluted river by the time it moves past EI Paso and Juarez,
why risk the additional danger of adding radioactive waste to the water supply of hundreds of thousands of Thersons downstream
Third, why develop yet another low-level radioactive dess than 10 years ago, the common folks over in Mitchell County beat back an effort for a Pittsburgh near Iatan Flats. It was a dump that looked to be a done deal from the government's point of view until
we the people stepped forward with a resounding

Where to put the waste?
Well, we think Maine and Vermont should worrv Well, we think Maine and Vermont should worry
about their own problems, but there already is a lowevel radioactive waste site in Andrews County wher A year ago, the Andrews County site was proposed approved and developed as a low-level radioactive boost to the local economy

Sierra Blanca site down the in attempting to ram ing citizenry?
Is it because there are just a few hundred people in the area or is it just to prove government can inflict its will on the people and say to hec
pleople and for the people?
Whether the citizens of Sierra Blanca and Hudspeth County can stop the wheels of government before they But whether government learns to listen to the peo ple ... to follow their collective will ... is an even big. ple $\ldots$ to follow
ger question.

## How to reach us

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## Scandal? Did someone say scandal?

By MARSHA MERCER
 85 percent approved
Clinton's proposals.
These stratospheric numbers are unexpecte.
unbelievable.
Take the State of the Union Take the State of the Union
speech: What wasn't to like? speech: What wasn't to like?
Clinton is a master at being Clinton is a master at being
presidential and personal at the same time. While the politi cians and pundits were obsessing on his problems, Clinton seemed to ignore them all and
spoke directly to the American people.
One of the most dramati parts of his speech was his pe

## higher education "If you-know a

 "If you know a child from apoor family, tell her not to give up - she can go to on to college. If you know a young couple struggling with bills, worried they won,t be able to send
their children to college, tell their children to college, tell
them not to give up - their children can go to college' If
you know somebody who's you know somebody who's caught in a dead-end job and
afraid he can't afford the clas es necessary to get better jobs for the rest of his life, tell him
not to give up.." And by the way, he might well have said, If you have a president who's afraid he'll lose your conf
not to give up.
The speech was an upbeat
melange of campaign-style promises to appeal to virtually Like the insurance
that advertises it's "like a good neighbor," Clinton was there
for minimum wage works for minimum wage workers, tobacco farmers, children in
crowded classrooms, environ mentalists and everyone in mentalists and everyone in
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tions.
If you
If you were a baby boomer
anxious about Social Security anxious about Social Security
a soccer mom worried about the cost and quality of child care, an irate taxpayer fed up
with the Internal Revenue Service, Clinton had a solution

## And that may be the solution lightning rod for criticism, has to his. Think of your own fami- become her husband's

 in, not mine, Clinton is saying strongest asset. She was calm in a thousand different waysThe public's mood could change in a hurry if the pres dent gets indioted on perjury
or obstruction of justice charges. Or if Congress hold chelgesed hearings into the scandal.
But for
But for now, with the invest gations continuing mostly in
private, the White House is ing desperately to act like everything's fine.
trition strategy,", in which the president would admit wrongdoing and beg the country for
forgiveness.
That makes Bill Clinton on of the few people in America who's not airing Clinton's dir Hillary Rodham Clinton made it clear last week that the
public denial stage is over. Her husband intends to shut up about whatever did or did
happen in the Oval Office. They will tough it out as lon as they can.
Silence is the way people al problems, pre-Geraldo, and some will be grateful for even the illusion of dignity in this very undignified situation
Others will see it as stone
walling.
Hillary Clinton, always

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Polls found three in four people say Hillary is doing a goo Job handling the crisis. More tioned agreed that she's doing a good job. Clinton of course, helps Bill seems look presidential, He seems to be following her
advice that everyone tak deep breath and get on with their lives.
This week, the president sends Congress his budget, returns to host Britain's Tony Blair at the White House. There'll be plenty of photo ops to show him doing his work.
As Hillary Clinton told ABC's Good Morning America last week, "In the kind of job that my husband has, you cannot afford to be distracted ... And really says to himself, you know, I'm going to do the bes I can for my country today."
Did someone say scandal?

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As WJCAC's leaders midway through season, Hawks prospering

With the Western Junior College Athletic
Conference race ood time to assess the state of the Howard college Hawks.
The Hawks, the surprise leader in the WJCAC, finish the first half of their conference schedule at home tonight when they host Frank Phillips .m. game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. A first look at the Hawks' pecord indicated a team mired in a mediocre season. At 12-10,
Howard's overall record does not immediately Howard's overall record does not immediately
inspire awe or fear in opponents. But the Hawks' season has been a two-act play so far.
since conference play Since conference play began, Howard has been
different squad than the one that went $7-9$ in the early going. In WJCAC action, the Hawks have gone 5-1, and could very well be 6-0 if not for a econd-half collapse against New Mexico Military nstitute
Sandw Sandwiched around that loss - in which
Howard blew a 17 -point lead in the last eight minutes - have been convincing wins agains
Odessa College, South Plains, New Mexico Junior Odessa College, South Plains, New Mexico Junior
College and Clarendon, as well as a one-point
uspet victory at nationally ranked Midland College and Clarendon, as well as a one-point
upset victory at nationally ranked Midland
College.

Corkery: Lady Haweks' intensity crucial
By JOHN H. WALKER
Howard College's Lady Hawks (21-1, 5-1) wrap
up the first half of the Western Junior College up the first half of the Western Junior College
Athletic Conference season at home tonight against Frank Phillips College (5-12, 1-5).
The Lady Hawks, in sole possession of second The Lady Hawks, in sole possession of second
place in the WJCAC, remain at home Thursday place in the WJCAC, remain at home Thursday
to face Odessa College to start second half play.
Howard enters tonight' 6 pm Howard enters tonight's 6 p.m. tipoff averaging
83.2 points per game - 24.4 points per game better than FPC's 58.8 average.
The Lady Hawk are
The Lady Hawks are paced in scoring by
sophomore Shawnta Johnson at sophomore Shawnta Johnson at 16.7 points per
game and freshman Karlita Washington at 13.6 points per game.
In addition,
In addition, four other Howard players are
averaging 7.8 points per game or better averaging 7.8 points per game or better
Latraica Spencer at 9.1 , Donelle Jones at 8.3 and
Latas Latasha Moore and Ricka McKee at 7.8 ppg each Latasha Moore and Ricka McKee at 7.8 ppg each.
Howard Head Coach Matt Corkery hopes his
team maintains the intensity level team maintains the intensity level hopes his over final 10 minutes last Thursday a
Clarendon, when the Lady Hawks turned back
three Bulldog chat three Bulldog challenges to take a $67-60 \mathrm{win}$.
"That's the key to winning," Corkery said. Frank phay your type of basketball." Frank Phillips enters the game with sopho-
more Kim Locke leading the team in scoring 10.9 points per game. Locke, from Stinnett, also leads the conference in free throw shooting at 0.9 percent. Through 20 games (FPC has now played 22), Locke was 60 of 66 from the charity
tripe.
In addition to Locke, Shreveport, La. freshman Meoka Alford is averaging 10.6 points per game while Nicole Gutierrez, a 6-1 freshman from Clayton, N.M., averages 9.9 points.
the team in rebounding at 6.6 and 6.2 rebounds per game, respectively.
Howard led the
Howard led the conference in several statisti-
cal categories through games of Jan ing team scoring at 84.3 points per game.
Washington is the Wich.
Washington is the WJCAC's assists leader, averaging 6.2 per game, and also leads in 3 -point
field goal percentage at 40.4 percent. field goal percentage at 40.4 percent.
As a team, Howard led the conferen As a team, Howard led tere conference in field
goal shooting (49.9 percent) as well as 3-point
field goals (35.4 percent).
ward Nate Clover, while the freshman contingent
led by Ron Bartholomew, Lamont Roberts and
Don Peace is living up to preseason potential. Thursday's 102.75 victory over Clarendon is a
case in point. Cook and Brown led the Hawks with 24 and 19 points, respectively, while Cowker
added 12 points from inside. Roberts, meanwhile added 12 points from inside. Roberts, meanwhile,
had his best offensive game of the season, scoring 18 points despite fouling out with 10 minutes remaining.
That kind
To typical Tommy offensive firepower runs counter to typical Tommy Collins.coached teams, A typi-
cal Howard squad under Collins is heavy on cal Howard squad under Collins is heavy on
defense while scoring just enough to win. This
year, however, the Hawks hever year, however, the Hawks have struggled on the
defensive end at times while having a consistent offensive output.
That has Collins both pleased and worried -What if the shots aren't going down? What you going to do at the other end of the floor?," he
asked. "(Thursday against Clarendon) we weren't playing very well defensively. I'm glad we're playing well offensively, but Im disappointed we
were in the position were in the position we were in."
Aside from occasional defensiv
Aside from occasional defensive lapses, the nine players suit a severeaedingth that foul trouble and injuries are a constant concern. But regardless of tonight's outcome, the Hawks
are guaranteed of finishing the first half of the are guaranteed of finishing the first haff or the
conference race in no less than a tie for first, and conerence race in no less than a tie for first, and
that's something that hasn't been boasted about at
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## Sports Briefs

## From staff and wire reports

Lady Steers frosh wins tournament
Big Spring's Lady Steers freshmen had little
trouble in romping to a $55-33$ win over Midland Greenwood's frosh Saturday in taking the Greenwood Freshman Girls' Basketball The Lady Steers The Lady Steers jumped out to a quick 13-0 Forth, Melissa Flenniken and Heather Harris,
while Angela McGee Kristi Gunealm while Angela McGee, Kristi Gunselmann, Robin
McClinton and Scarley Ashley shined defensive.

From there, it was just a matter of coasting to the win that improved Big Spring's record to 12-4 on the season.
nine steals and seven rebounds. Flenniken added 10 points and seven rebounds, while Harris had

## Forsan power lifters shine at Merkel

Dale Dolloff and Daniel Smith led Forsan's
powerlifting team to another strong finish powerlifting team to another strong finis

Dolloff finished second in the 275-pound class
with a total lift of 1,175 pounds, while Smith was with a total lift of 1,175 pounds, while Smith was
second in the 123-pound class with lifts totaling second in the
800 pounds.
Steven Rai
Steven Rains added a third-place finish for the
Buffs, as he lifted a total of 445 pounds Buffs, as he lifted a total of 445 pounds in the
114-pound class. Jerrod Fishback was fifth in the 198-pound class with a total of 840 pounds. Connie Rios also garnered points for Forsan in
the girls' division, finishing sixth with a lifts the girls' division,
American Little League meeting set
 0, at La Contesa, 1508 E. Marcy. All managers, coaches, players
team sponsors are urged to attend.

## Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, required of all
Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, has Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, has
been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Comn
Third and Gregg Streets. Participants must pay a $\$ 10$ fee. Class sessions
are slated for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. $19-20$ and
from 8 a.m. until noon on Feb.
Pre-registration is required. To pre-register
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Baseball, softhall signups scheduled
City wide signups for baseball and softball pro grams in Big Spring are scheduled for Saturday,
Feb. 21, through the following Saturday, Feb. 28 at Big Spring Mall
Programs involving boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18, including the American Little
League, Howard County Youth Baseball Association, International Little League National Little League and United Girls Softtal
Association, will be conducting the registration Association, will be conducting the registration
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
To sign up, youngsters and their parents To sign up, youngsters and their parents should bring the child's birth certificate and reg
istration fee
For more information, contact Kenda Jones at istration fee
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263-8612.
Jones to name new coach by Wednesday Four people are in the running to be the nex
Dallas Cowboys head coach, and owner Jerry

Jones says one them could have the job by
Wednesday
"I'm not going to give his name, but I am very close," Jones said during a visit to Springfield on Sunday, when he was inducted into the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame.
Among those in the running, he said, are three eports: Green Bay Packers surfaced in news Sherman Lewis, former UCLA head coach Terry Donahue and former San Francisco 49ers coach "It doesn't benefit him and it doesn't benefit us, either, frankly," he said.
In making the decision
In making the decision, Jones said he is looking for a dynamic personality who would get Cowboys.
"I'm looking for something that, for the players nd the fans, would give you that spark that would have you up on your seat, Jones said. He the same inspiration to his team that his late father, Springfi
Hes, gave him.
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the selection process to hype the team.

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that destroyed three bank teller machines and blasted a court-
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Today's Birthdays: Actress Elaine Stritch is 72 . Actor
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