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## WEDNESDAY

February 9, 2000
Weather
Tonight:


PARTLY CLOUDY
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { tonight } \\ 40^{\circ}-44^{\circ} & \text { thursdar } \\ 77^{\circ}-82^{\circ}\end{array}$
BSSH volunteers still taking orders for Valentine's Day Big Spring State Hospital
volunters are taking orders now for their annual
 Volunteers
variety
of
mugs. candy, stuffed animals, ballo.ons and
plants, or sing a love song to plants, or sing a love song to
your special someone. your special someone.
Orders will be taken until
Ver Valentine's Dey, but ararly
orders are advised since the gifts tend to sell out.
For an $\$ 8$ donation to volFor an \$8 donation
unter services. you can
arrange delivery of a terra cotta pot containing a living
ivy plant, a holiday mug bud vase with two cut car nations, or a stuffed animal and a small box of Russell
Stover candy. serenade your friend or loved one for aszo donation, choosing from a holiday repertoire of songs, $\begin{aligned} & \text { visiting your } \\ & \text { Valentine at }\end{aligned}$ the office or even while eating lunch at a
local restaurant. local restaurant. While orders will be taken
hrough Friday during business hours, they will also be taken Sunday. Feb. 13 from 1 4 p.m. to accommodate last-
minute shoppers. To place an minute shoppers. To placean
order or get
tion, call 268.7535 .

What's UP...
today
DEayles Lodge Ladies
Auxiliary, 7 .p.m. Eagles Auxiliary 7 p.m. Eagles
Lodge. 704 W . Third.
thursiay Gideons International,
Big Spring Camp No. 4206, Hermans, 7 amp. $\rightarrow$ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes 9.30 to $11: 30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. for 55 and
older older
Jowaranis Club, noon,
Howard College Cactus Room.
$\underset{\text { board of directors in }}{\text { Choon }}$ board of directors, noo
Lion's Bingo Building. $\square$ Friends of the Libwar* noon, Howard County
Library Library
Auxiliary. 7 p.m.
M Masonic Lodge No. 598,
7:30 p.m. 219 Main Club, contact Pat Mireles at 2678741
friday

- Signal Mountain

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your $p a p e r$, please call 263 7335 before 7 p.m. on week-
days and 11 am . on Sunday.

MHMR sets public forum on Home \& Eommunity-based Services By MARSHA STURDIVANT
 $\begin{array}{ll}\text { a person lives in a three-person home, } & \text { ducted by West Texas Centers for } \\ \text { this is going to have an effect on their } & \text { MHMR with the past few weeks, and } \\ \text { Iivis }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { this is going to have an effect on their } & \text { MHMR with the past few weeks, and } \\ \text { living arrangements one way or anoth- } & \text { Brooks said she believes this will be one } \\ \text { er," said Lisa Brooks, community rela- } & \text { of the best attended. }\end{array}$ tions director for West Texas Centers for HCS programs provide individuals MHMR
The forum is set for $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the
Howard
room County Library community room. It is free and open to the public.
"We're going to be presenting to the "We're going to be presenting to these
consumers the different options we have consumers the different options we have HCS services. received from the commissioner of the for the HCS prosram wide waiting lists Texas Department of Mental Health and for the HCS program, because there are Mental Retardation in making the HCS she said. programs more financially efficient,

Public forlu Who - West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation and all consumers, family members. guardians and advocates of persons vith mental retardation
What - Public Forums on Home \&
Community-based Services
When - Thursday, 6:30 p.m.,
Howard County Library community
room

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## City will solicit bids for water well

 to aid drought-scorched golf courseBy BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor
Comanche Trail Park Golf
Course fairways - baked by Course fairways - baked by
the drought - will get some much-needed moisture soon a water well. out there now
is to meet our is to meet our
water needs,"
said Emma
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## said Emma Bogard, assis- tant manager

 for the city o Big Spring. Tuesday approved a recommendation to go out for bids on a water well for the golf course.Estimated cost is between $\$ 10,000$ and $\$ 15,000$, including the pump and other necessary

Calendar for 2000-2001
key topic for BSISD board By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

## Trustees with the Big Spring Independent School District Independent School District meet

 approve the 2000 ,"This was not a budgeted
item, but there are sufficient
funds to do this," said funds to do this," said Bogard. who noted the Comanche Trail
Golf Course Improvement Fund Goif Course Improvement Fund
contains about $\$ 122,000$.
"We "We have some other equip-
ment to come out of there, so we ment to come out of there, so we
don't have unlimited funds, but we can do this," she said. which will come out of the fund are upgrades to the current irri are upgrades to the current irri-
gation system that will return it to automation. "In doing so, we will be savconservative in our water use." said Bogard. "We'll be able to ed. The greens are in need-
put the shape, the tee boxes are in good
shape and when shape and when we get the irrigation system back in place,
that will help that will help the fairways."
Currently Currently, water is pumped
into a holding pond at the
 calendars with various and dif
ferent combinations of start and stop dates and holidays to the
staff staff.
The The staff in turn voted for which will be presented to
trustees, he said trustees, he said
"If the trustees approve this "If the trustees approve this
calendar, we're done. If they
don't approve it, we're back to calendar, we're done. If they
don't approve it, wére back to
the drawing board," McQueary the drawing board," McQueary
said.
Consultants with Energy Consultants with Energy
Education Inc., presented a Education inc.,., presented a
plan to trustees in the January
board meeting that guarantees pland meetes that guarantees
bas million savings for the next seven years in energy costs. Adminisartration in energy cocommend.
ing approval of the proposal ing approval of the promposal.
This is the most pruden
thing we can do," he said thing we can do," hest pruid.
Also on the agenda is Also on the agenda is an
approval for Worksteps, an
employee evaluating tool avail employee evaluating tool avail
able from S̄cenic Mountain able from Scenic Mountain
Medical Center. Trustees may approve this for maintenance,
custodians, food service and See BsIsD, Page 2A

## Traffic

Council approves plan to alleviate congestion at busy city intersection dBy bill McCLELLAN


## full agenda.

Taking a pri- DARDEN council approved 4.1 a traffic
control plan for Randolph Wright and Simer streets.
Work at the intersection wont likely begin for three months. There are currently five stop signs at that intersection, and
this will reduce the number to two," said Todd Darden. city
director of public works. -This is the plan as drawn up by the
engineer. and it is the one we engineer, and it is the one we
are recommending." The plan calls for stop signs
where Wright Avenue enters where Wright Avenue enters
either Randolph Boulevard or Simler Drive, and a stop sign as eastbound Randolph traffic goes into Wright. It allows a free
flow from Simler Drive into Randolph and visa versa. and a yield sign for traffic moving south on Simler on to Wright. Currently, the only free-flow
ing traffic is eastbound from ing traffic is eastbound from
Randolph to Simler. All other traffic must stop at the intersec tion.
Another proposal was submit. Another proposal was submit-
ted by the local traffic commisted by the local tratfic commis
sion. which called for non-stop staffic on Wright to Randolph and Randolph to Simler. It
called for a yield on traffic movcalled for a yield on traffic mov-
ing from Simler west on to ing from Simler west on to
Wright, another yield on traffic
fic moving from Simler east on
Wright.
In a vote. council members In a vote. council members
Stephanie. Horton. Tommy
Tune. Joann Smoot and mayor Tune. Joann Smoot and mayor
pro tem Oscar Garcia approved
the plan as submitted by the engineer. Cunciltman Greg
Biddison voted against the engi. neer splan.
-It just looks like the traffic commission's plan flows better
to me." Biddison said after the Cost of the work will be about
$\$ 4.000$. assuming the city can use $\$ 800$ in moterials it aliready
has. plus another $\$ 1.200$ for the has, plus another $\$ 1,200$ for the
consultant's fee. In other business, the council
members approved a grant
application for the application for the West Texas
Narcotics Force through the Criminal Justice Division in the amount
of $\$ 1,439,355$. In doing so. Big Spring agrees to provide matchCounty has agreed to fund $\$ 185.000$ of the matching funds.
for a total in ma ching monies
of $\$ 203.799$.
Gary Davis, a partner with Gary Davis, a partner with
West. Davis \& Company, presented city council members
with a "clean" outside audit for with a "clean" outside audit for
the previous fiscal year. Davis the previous fiscal year. Davis
lauded city personnel for their excellent work.
Davis also cautioned the coun-
il about three funds that were consistently operating in the red - the ambulance fund
garage fund and occupational insurance fund
In answer to
In answer to council mem-
bers 'questions. he said that bers questions, he said that
approximately 80 percent of the
cities his firm cities his firm audits have
deficits in the garage and occupational insurance funds. and
that all of the cities had deficits in the ambulance fund.
See council., Page 2A
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## Top Web sites brought down in wave of attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) - preventing nearly all its cus- so quickly," said Mitch Hill, money from Internet advertis-

WASHINGTON (AP) - preventing nearly all its cus.
Internet vandils continued an
unprecedented unprecedented campaign of All the companies said hack.
electronic assauls against the ers did not gin access inside
eigest biggest namej in cyberspace, disrupting access for con
sumers to the somet of the
Web's Web's most popular sites.
Flagship sites that fell Flagship sites that fell under
attack Tuesday included those oftack Tuesday included those
of eBy, Amazon, CNN and Buy.Com, all in unusually
forceful assaults similar to forceful assaults similar to one
that overwhelmed Yahoo! a day earlier.
The FBI was investigating, but the attacks were a dramatic vulnerabilities and the ease with which determined hackers can wreak havoc across the eBay Inc., the online auction site with more than 10 million customers, said engineers were able to restore full service just
before midnight EST The company offered to credit any customer whose auctions were affected by the sabotage. was inaccessible for mors site was inaccessible.for more than large amounts of "junk traffic" were aimed at the company'
so quickly," said Mitch hill,
the company's chief financial
officer. He said the attacks
were traced to powertul com: were traced to powerful com- ous financial impact. In fact, its $\begin{array}{lll}\text { officer. He said the attacks } & \text { ous financial impact. In fact, its } \\ \text { were traced to powerfil com: } \\ \text { puters in Bosk rose more than } 5 \text { percent } \\ \text { puter }\end{array}$ and Chicago, and that Buy. Com
planned to contact the FBI planned
today.
These These moves followed a brazen electronic adtack
Monday that for hours crippled Yahoo!, among the most popular sites on the Internet, though it was impossible to know
immediately whether they were related. "It's still in the early stages,
but we're working to see if but we're working to see if
there are any common denomithere are any common denom Kristin Seuell said. The problems also illustrated
again the unique threats faced again the unique threats faced their brick-and-mortar counter parts, these attacks using
remotely controlled "zombie computers" can effectively shut down every Web storefront o an entire corporation. Jeff Mallet, president o
Yahoo! Inc., confirmed Tuesday Yahoo! Inc., confirmed Tuesday
that the FBI also was investigating the sabotage against his company. Mallet said the com-
pany, which makes most of its
\$373.13. Yahoo!'s flagship Web directory handles 36 million visitors
Among the Internet underlicity often craving for pubattacks against fuels dramatic compoters, no one claimed responsibility for the moves
against eBay, Amazon Yod against eBay,
or Buy.Com.
"This is unfortunately one of the outcroppings of being a "Bad company," Mallet said. "Bad people do bad things. It's
going to continue to happen, going to continue to happen,
(but) the penalties are pretty severe." and technical experts
Mallet a
believe that about 50 powerful believe that about 50 powerful
computers were hacked across
the United computers were hacked across
the United States - a fairly trivial task - and instructed
simultaneously to send simultaneously to send falsified
data to "routers"" data to "routers" on the
Internet that, in turn, were Web site with electronic sig-

Deutch volunteers to give up remaining security clearances
who lost his access to agency secrets last summer for violat-
ing security rules, voluntere Tuesday to give up his Defense Department industrial security clearances.
Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Pentagon spokesman Kenneth
Bacon said the clearances Bacon said the clearances
would be withdrawn. Meanwhile, the CIA
announced late Tuesday that it had asked a presidentially-
appointed commission which appointed commission which look into Deutch's CIA behav-
ior, including reviewing ior, including reviewing an
internal inspector general's report that criticizes the current agency director, George Tenet, for acting too slowly in
moving to revoke Deutch's cre moving
dentials.
case involvin unprecedented tor of Central Intelligence and a number of former and current senior agency officials," Air Force Gen. John A. Gordon,
deputy director of the CIA, said deputy director of the CIA, said
in a letter to former Sen.
Warren Rudman, R-N.H. the commission chairman. - -
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mater.
On Monday, Defense
Secretary Willia the Pentagon was considering pulling Deutch's clearances but puling Deutch's clearances but
believed it needed to weigh
legal legal considerations before takThe actions are highly unusual and result from the CIA's discovery last s:ummer that Deutch ments into his unsecured home computer, in violation of secuhe agency.
Deutch Deutch, a former deputy sec actary of defense, has not been
of Pentagon or CIA secrets.
Deutch Deutch said in a letter to Deputy Defense Secretary John
Hamre that he has no need for access to Pentagon classified information and therefore
prefers that his three remaining Pentagon clearances be discontinued. His industrial security clearances gave him access to
classified information about defense technologies, such
clearances commonly are grant clearances commonly are grant-
ed to people working on
Defense Department contracts.

Wholesalers file new lawsuit accusing tobacco industry of setting prices
$\begin{array}{ccc}\text { WASHINGTON (AP) - A fed- } & \text { Texas filed the lawsuit, which } & \begin{array}{l}\text { September, seeking aditional } \\ \text { eral lawsuit targeted the tobac- }\end{array} \\ \text { seeks triple damages and class } & \text { billions of dollars to repay fed- }\end{array}$ eral lawsuit targeted the tobac- seeks triple damages and class.
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andions of dolliars to repay fed accusing it of carrving out a
"longrunning and systematic" plan to fix cigarette prices charged to wholesaletes. prices The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court, asserts that the
major U.S. cigarette manufac major U.S. cigarette manufac-
turers met secretly to make illegal agreements on wholesale prices. Two cigarette wholesalers, Buffalo Tobacco Products of price-fixing. The tobacco industry has been
under mounting pressure for unding a prountuct pressure for
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cause of cancer. All 50 states cause of cancer. All 50 states
reached settlements in tobacco companies will pay them $\$ 246$ billion for the cost of treating smoking-related illnessThe Justice Department also ings of cigarette companiy
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## Del Rio drifter indicted for murder; suspected in deaths of half-dosen others

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { DEL RIO (AP) - A Val Verde } & \begin{array}{l}\text { beds at the Harris family's killings in six states. So far, he } \\ \text { County grand jury has indicted } \\ \text { mobile home near Del Rio }\end{array}\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{lll}\text { County grand jury has indicted } & \begin{array}{l}\text { mobile home near Del Rio. } \\ \text { Sells has confessed to slitting }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { is a suspect in at least three } \\ \text { one in Dear }\end{array} \\ \text { and drifter and former one in }\end{array}$ carnival worker drifter on capital murder and attempted mur-
der:ctiarges five weeks after an attaok that left one girl dead and a second injured. Tommy Lynn Sells, 35, was
indicted Tuesday. indicted Tuesday.
A suspect in at least a half-
dozen more murders in other
states, Sells was arrested states, Sells was arrested Jan. 2 ,
two days after Kaylene two days after Kaylene Harris,
13, was killed and Krystal Surles, 10, was badly wounded.
Both were attacked in their


## Valentine's Special

Do you have a Special Valentine in your life? Show them how much you Love them in the Big Spring derald.



FREE
 Love is in the air and so is affordable wireless service from Cellular One! and get free weekend calling for life and a Nokia 918 phone for only $\$ 9.99$ That means now your sweethear's voice can follow you even on the weekends, and it won't cost you a cent! CELLULAR
cellular for everyone. See your Cellular One store today for details.

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## Our Views <br> Senior center's financial needs

 are wake-up callFor many, financial concerns voiced by officials Mobile Meals program in Howard County came as nothing short of a wake-up call.
While Pat Johnston Edwards, president of the Mobile Meals board, recently noted that current pro ceeds are falling far short of its annual price tag of more than $\$ 65,000$, Bobbie Leonard, the senior center's director, has indicated that its programs have
threatened by frequent cuts in federal funding,
For more than 20 years, the senior center has
Foren place where senior citizens could enjoy a nutritious lunch five days per week, as well as play games, visit and dance with other seniors.
And the Mobile Meals program provides a warm Spring at their homes.
Both are vital links to the outside world for elderly residents of our community, many of whom are wid
owed, living alone and surviving on fixed incomes. owed, living alone and surviving on fixed incomes.
In fact, a great many who benefit from the programs are living at or below poverty level, making their con inued operation of paramount importance
What should be even more sobering are demograph aging society. The average American citizen has been getting older for a great many years, atd concerns egarding senior citizens programs should intensify as those of us who are part of the post-World War II baby boom" near retirement age
Portions of the senior center's $\$ 275,000$ budget and the nearly $\$ 70,000$ Mobile Meals price tag are current y met by private donations, as well as contributions rom Howard County and the city of Big Spring, but they fall considerably shy of covering overall costs.
As most of us inch nearer to becoming members of As most of us inch nearer to becoming members of
the so-called "aging community," our interest in making so-cale the senior center's efforts and Mobile Meals
ing community" our interest in mak program not only survive, but flourish and expand program not only sur
should be paramount
We should be encouraging our elected officials at the national, state and local level to make sure programs ing individual donations wherever possible. In so doing, we're simply looking after ourselves After all, none of us is getting your
something we should all remember

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## McCain picking up tremendous steam

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The New Tork Times

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And as you dig into the comp
sition of Mccain's vote, the
more impressive it becomes. Voters who describe them-
selves as conservatives are

## split about evenly between McCain and Bush. Voters wh gious conservatives gave abo 30 percent of their votes to Bush, but McCain had appeat

 Bush, but McCain had appea McCain scored very heavilamong voters calling themselyes inderpendents, with 60
percent voting for percent voting for McCain. He
thus demonstrated his support across the entire spectrum of The joke goes around that McCain spent so much time in have claimed residence and voted there himself. But I don
think this was the reason for think this was the reason for
what amounted to a landslide over Bush. McCain visited the
state 65 times, Bush 36 times state 65 times, Bush 36 times.
The voters had abundant opportunity to size both opportunity to sizt that more vis its by Bush would have made much difference.
The fact is that The fact is that McCain is a
tremendously attractive candi


To The Edrto
I am writing regarding Big Spring Herald in refer ence to the grant given by the Dora Roberts Foundation
to Mobile Meals. I found the to Mobile Meals. I found the
information given information given to the
Herald reporter by the orgaHerald reporter by the orga-
nization spokesman to be poorly researched and not filled with the proper facts on the subject. Roberts Foundation and the Dorothy Garrett Foundation As a matter of fact, the Dorothy Garrett Foundation
has never and did not ever exist, so this was totally erro neous information. I am sure when ínformíng the public, when informing the public, is only fair to explain the You did not do this and in
fact caused further confusio to the public.
Also, I have never seen it so crudely put as to degrade uing to support you. I know my mother did probably also give to this program, but, I had no knowledge of this an about the problem. I know that the Dora Roberts Foundation has always been a supporter of the Mobile Meals program myself, have always been supportive of helping them

## Your Views

meet their goals and needs
best we can. best we can.
The problem this year received a grant application from the Mobile Meals organization. No one realized this due to the hundreds of appli-
cations we receive from so many varied and worthy organizations for our one annual meeting each year. When someone from the Mobile Meals organization
called to see if they received a grant we all realized that they did not because no application was ever submit ted by them to us. So to trie called a special meeting. Since we had already allocat ed all the money we had to give for grants this year,
had to wait until monies had to wait until monies
were available to give to the program.
We could generate the $\$ 25,000.00$ for a grant soon and felt that it would help would be made an issue. We had to bend the rules and hurried to try to accommodate the program in the best way we could. No one knew
the exact figure of money th program needed, so we did the best we could in a bad situation. Looking back, there has never been a set
amount of money granted to the organization-it has varied on a year-to-year basis. We
have hard and fast rules that





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Big Spring Herald

Boys battling leukemia find support with family, friends
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week the eight-
week period
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logoo miles.
A the first will get teams out and
together.
Prior to the kick-off of "Walk Across Texas, four' healtth breaks have been plannea' ${ }^{\prime}$ 'in
February to educate folk about equipment and benefits gained from a regular fitness program. These short pro
grams, will pe held on
wednesdays, at the Howarty County Library Community Room, during the lunch hour
(beginning shortly after noon). (beginning shortiy after noon) to anyone interested in finding out more about beginning a
walking program and health walking program and health
related benefits. On Feb. 23, Dick Helms of Athletic Supply will discuss
shoes appropriata for walking: shoes appropriate for walking:
including how to determine proper fit. He will also talk
about any óther' that might aid in getting a eef ular program started. March 1, Dr. Guy Owen will ning the exercise program. ning the exerclse program,
warm up, cool down and what, happens between as well, as how long and how often, He will also give us some
help on how to stay motivated

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Kids collecting spare change to benefit leukemia research by debbie l. jensen Features Editor
Students at Elbow and Coahoma Elementary are tak-
ing part in a fundratser tor the ing part in a fundratser for the
Lenikemia Society, in $h$.sor or
 Brorman and dsidro Gonkales
Blake normally attends Elbow, while Isidro was in school at Coahoma before his
diagnosis. Both diagnosis. Both boys have a
home teacher while the home teacher while they
undergo treatment for acute lymphoplastic leukemia (ALL), Glenda McDenald is coordi-
nating the nating the fundraiser at Elbow
where they call it "Coins for where they call it "Coins for
the Cause." The official name is "Pensies for Patientss' and
" the program encourages kids to bring their change to be col-
lected at school from Feb. $7-25$.
of the diagnosis after taking
him to the doctor for a
him to the doctor for a swollen
gland on the side of his neck.
At first the doctor thought it
At first the doctor thought it
might be mononucleosis, and
prescribed certain medications
macy to pick them up, howev-
er, the dosage was missing and
a call to the doctor in Colorat

## When the pharmacist reached

the doctor, he asked if Errest
was there: he had the results Some blood tests. The pharm
cist put Ernesto on the line a the doctor told him they sus-

Io was shocked at how muc
money we collected even on
the first day (Monday)" the first day (Monday)"
McDonald said. "Im so proud and so pleased with the effort Afforts of their work posted on In a ge thermometer displal contest the In a grade-level contestithe
winners will have a pizza par at the end of the fundraising period. Coahoma stadents are ollecting money in the el second grade classrooms. Teachers and administrato have already heard stories
about students cleaning out their piggy banks. "We had one student who hing for herself, and she onated it all," McDonald sa These kids are amazing."

Your cornbread dish could be a winner

entries including your name,
complete address and phone
number to
National Cornbread Cook-Off
2000; 209
2000; 209 Seventh Ave.
Nashville, Tenn.; 37219.
All entries must be post-
marked by March 6 and
received by March 10 .
Now, for the exciting part.
The prizes.
Ten semifinalists will be
invited to prepare their cre-
ations and compete for cash
prizes at the
prizes at the final judging on
April 29 in South Pittsburg
April 29 in South Pittsburg.
Recipes will be judged on the
Recipes wilt be judged on the
basis of taste. creativity, appe
tizing appearance, ease of
preparation and appropriate
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A cash prize of $\$ 1,000$ and a
30-inch FiveStar stainless steel gas range (a $\$ 2,500$ value) from
Brown Stove Works. Brown Stove Works, Inc., of
Cleveland, Tenn., will be Cleveland, Tenn., will be
awarded to the first prize winning recipe.
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## For Your Information

The Last Word
NEWW YORK (AP) - Some questionable Web sites that have appeared since last week's Alaska Airtines crash have prompted charity watch Wanines about dhe daneecsp pdopatijng money ver the Internet. Athyub mast online operations are legitimate, the ease of establ/shing web OWMasters bong gouk the worst ing few people and the best in most people," said gothegx with your head and nie with yourfieart. No matter how you midyty feel that
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| some in the champagne brunch crowd became slightly unnerved | old Andres Campion, dining nearby. <br> "He amazes all of us. He's a |
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| Several lost interest in the boiled shrimp on their plates and stood on tippy-toe to peer down over the sheet music | prodigy, a little Beethoven, only he can hear," Andres said. <br> I take piano lessons. He's looking at the music and not |
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| Their reaction when they solved the piano mystery was one of amused delight. <br> "I couldn't even see him back | looking at his hands. And with all those sharps and flats, h has to hold the keys down because his feet don't reach the |
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| "I couldn't even see him back there. He's so small and so cute, but very, very professional,' | because his feet don't reach the pedals," he said. |
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| but very, very professional," laughed Teresa Snowden, 22, |  |
|  | taking an interest in music when he was 2 , and wanted to join his father's group at San |
| attending a family breakfast. <br> Meet J.J. Gonzalez, pianist, who recently took a Sunday off |  |
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| who recently took a Sunday off from his St. Anthony gig to cele- | Fernando Cathedral. "1 played guitar with the |
| brate his fifth birthday, and who also occasionally plays a |  |
|  | church choir there for 15 |
| North Side steakhouse for tips. Razor-sharp in black slacks, |  |
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| Razor-sharp in black slacks, white shirt, vest and tie, J.J. | wanted to stay with us on thefloor with a microphone, so we |
| played his usual half-hour med-ley, heavy on Christmas songs, |  |
|  | gave him one, but we didn't plug it in,., said Enrique |
| amid the gilded statues and enormous chandeliers of the | plug it in," said Enrique Gonzalez. J.J. graduated to play- |
|  | ing a tambourine with thegroup. |
| enormous chandeliers of the hotel's Peacock Alley. |  |
| 'He's been doing it on and offfor the last month and a half. | One thing we realized was |
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| He played at our annual corpo-rate meeting and for our annual | We looked at each other, allthese guys, and we let him go |
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| Christmas party," said John Gallegos, the hotel manager. | on, and by the end of the songs, |
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| Gallegos, the hotel manager. "It's a loose thing. If he does- | he was making up his own thing," he said. |
| n't feel like coming in, he doesn't come in. We wouldn't do it if he didn't like it," he said. | J.J. has since graduated to |
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|  | public debut came in December when he sat in briefly for the regular piano man at the Old San Francisco Steakhouse |
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Lady Steers finish tied for second in 5-4A; Steers suffer loss by tom ruiz

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In the varsity nightcap. sophomore
guard Arthur Belvin paced the Steers
with 13 points, while junior guard Jason
Woodruff chipped in seven more.
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ty of chances, turning the ball over 26 of
The only problem. of course. was the
Steers' inability to capitalize on the
Spring was able to cash in on just eight
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## Stanton's boys, girls guarantee themselves spots in playoffs








 Blaine Smith and Jeremy Hull scored the win that improved their record to 17 5 overall and $6-2$ in district play. David Butler came off the bench to ad
13 to Stanton's total It was the Buffs.
Plains this season, leaving the Cowboys with a 21.6 mark on the season and $5-3$ in district play with two games remaining
Earlier in the evening. Stanton took an





 win over Sterling City's Lady Eagles.
"It was another one of those that we build a bigig lead and then see them come out and hit six threepointers on us in
the fourth quarter." first-year Lady 'Kats the fourth quarter," first-year Lady 'Kats head coach Mike Wallace said after sur-
viving the Lady Eagles' fourth-quarter iding for an Laty
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Borden County squads sweep Westbrook teams

## WESTBROOK - Borden County's

 Coyotes and Lady Coyotes took no pris-oners Tuestay night in a couppe of
District 18-1A games against

## ints for Garden City. while Summer

 The Lady 'KatIn the evening's opener. the Lady
Coyotes rolled to a $97-48 \mathrm{win}$ over the Lady Wildcats, finishing district play
with a spotless 80 record and denying Lindsey Smith paced the Lady Coyotes with 20 points. while Adrianna Baeza
chipped in 17, Julie Mayes and Amy Copeland scored 14 apiece and Valerie
Wooten rounded out Borden County's Wooten rounded out Borden County's
double-digit scoring parade with 12 points. The nightcap saw Trent Pepper score a awrence add 14, as the Coyotes After getting off to a see-saw start, the
Coyotes fell behind at halftime, $23-17$ Coyotes fell behind at halitime, 2311.
Still trailing by five going into the final Still trailing by five going into the final
eight minutes, Borden County exploded
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Florida posts wire-to-wire win over Kentucky, 90-73

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Sophomore Mike Miller le Sophomore Mike Miller led
the effor with 11 points and a career-high 18 rebounds The victory put Florida (18-4,
$7-2$ Southeastern Conference) into a threeway tie for first in (17-6, 7-2) and No. 8 Tennessee. "Every win in the league is
important," Florida coach Billy Donovan said. "I just want the guys to keep this in perspective
This is one game in the league.
We played well tonight, but We played well tonight, bu there's a long way to go."
The postgame atmosphere The postgame atmosphere
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Dr. S. Subbaraman, M.D., F.A.C.S.


NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF a business separation plan

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Separation Plan filing with the Public Utility Commission of Separation Plan filing with the Public Utility Commission of
Texas (Commission). A summary of the application follows. The Commission has established Docket No. 21950, "APPLICATION OF TXU ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR
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    through the Texas Rangers and on up to FBI special and on up to FBI special
    agents, there is no limit to
    the layers of police in South agents,
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    There There are park rangers and border patrolmen, airpor, drug agents and DPS officer city police and county sheriff's deputies, literally tens of
    thousands of men and women thousands of $m$
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    This newspaper has long been an advocate of city-cour
    ty consolidation. The possibl ty consolidation. The possibl
    unification of local police unification of local police
    forces into a single unit is forces into a single unit is
    one good reason to support one good rea
    the concept.
    In that same spirit, a federal
    commission this week recommended giving the FBI control over the enforcement functions of the Bureau of
    Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (now part of the Treasury Department) and the Drug Enforcement
    Administration, just like the FBI is part of the Justice Department.
    However, the concept likely will die upon arrival on Capitol Hill for the usual rea son: It is substantive change ATF spokeswoman Illa

    Brown acknowledged only that she was aware of the
    report, and Art Resnick, a DEA spokesman, said the pro-
    posal had been "studied and rejected numerous times. Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers
    and Attorney General Janet and Attorney General Janet promised to study the findings of a congressionally appointed commission headed by William Webster, former the CIA. There is are too many law enforcemen layers, both locally and nationally. Combining some
    of them would both save of them would both save dination of law enforcement efforts.
    An anonymous federal offi-
    cial told the Washington Post cial toid the Washington Post the idea is not constructive,
    but admitted that lower eche lon employees think it makes sense.
    Perhaps they see the waste and duplication and that a
    greater percentage of their income goes to support all these tax-supported lawenforcement fiefdoms. Dead on arrival? We hope not. More consolidation, not San Antonio Express-Ngws

